

The Odyssey

Adelaide Branch Newsletter

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Editor

Welcome to the 2025 AGM issue of the magazine.

In this issue we have the annual reports from the President, Secretary, Treasurer, Webmaster and the Rides Coordinator. If you have any questions the committee are glad to hear from you. Normally a new committee is elected at the February AGM Meeting but it looks like everyone from the past year has agreed to continue on so, it looks like a formality only. If anyone wants to join the committee, they will be most welcome as the input from more members is valuable.

Also, in this issue we have the usual Sunday ride reports. Unfortunately, there were two cancelled rides due to weather since the last issue.

Claire Hartley's report on the Wednesday Rides is on Pg. 12. I have managed to participate in a couple of these and found them enjoyable as well as challenging. John (who leads most rides) seems to know all the most twisty parts of the Adelaide Hills.

There are photos from the Dinners, Morning teas and SA Breakfast Club. Each of these events have been a great opportunity to meet up with members in a relaxed and happy environment. Hope to see you at the next one.

There is the second chapter of Frank Pellas' life with motorcycles. I look forward to chapter three.

Regards

Maurice Stevens



Please email your story, ideas and contributions for the Odyssey Magazine to editor@ulyssesadelaide.org.au or phone me on 0407 011 251



Adelaide Branch President's Annual Report

2024 has been a remarkable year for the Adelaide Branch, marked by several key achievements and milestones. We successfully reinstated important social events, including our Monthly Dinners and Morning Teas, which have become an integral part of our community. Additionally, we relocated our Monthly Meetings to the Maid of Auckland Hotel, which has proven to be an excellent new venue for our gatherings. We also brought back our raffles, which continue to be a vital source of funding for our activities and events. The Treasurer's report highlights that we remain in a strong financial position, allowing us to continue supporting our initiatives.

One of the most significant updates this year was the revamp of our website. This project, led by Ken and myself with the invaluable contributions of many, aimed to modernise the site and make it more user-friendly. While websites are always a work in progress, the feedback we've received so far has been overwhelmingly positive.

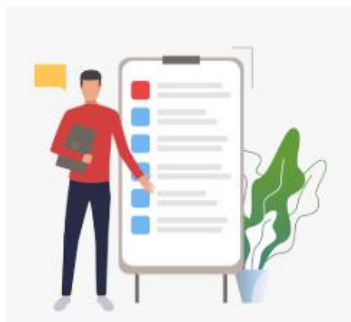
Looking ahead, the committee has already begun planning for the much-anticipated Odyssey in Jamestown. While there's still much work to be done, we are confident that it will come together successfully.

On a personal note, I've made a concerted effort to visit other branches to strengthen connections and encourage greater inter-branch interaction. I've also aimed to participate in as many rides as possible, both on Sundays and Wednesdays, and I look forward to joining other branches on their rides as well. I've also proposed the idea of reinstating the 4 Captains Ride, which has received positive feedback from the Torrens Valley and Fleurieu branches. We are hopeful that we can organise this event later in the year.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks and congratulations to everyone who has contributed to the continued success of the Adelaide Branch. From our Rides Coordinator and Ride Leaders to the Tail End Charlies, Committee members, and those who organise our social events such as the Morning Teas, Dinners, and Lunches after rides, your efforts are what keep everything running smoothly. A special thank you to those who contribute to the magazine and donate prizes for the raffles, your support is greatly appreciated by all of us.

It's always a pleasure to see members from other branches attending our events, and I want to thank everyone who participates in making our gatherings so enjoyable. At the end of the day, it's the members who make the Adelaide Branch such a unique and special community.

Maurice Stevens



Secretary's Annual Report 2025

Adelaide Branch is rolling along nicely, though we still struggle to attract new members.

We minimise the amount of 'formal' stuff, and focus on social. ("We had a committee meeting, but nothing much happened.") To that end, we've reduced the number of committee meetings to six a year. We couldn't have upset too many people, because the same old committee is back in. (Confidence in us, or just apathy?) Michelle and Michele have started up dinners and morning-teas again. -More social. Attendances are a bit spotty, but it doesn't matter. Those of us who go, enjoy chatting with our Ulysses friends.

The branch is on our third venue of recent times. Amazing how pubs initially want us, but seem to lose interest. The Maid of Auckland isn't sited too well, but is currently a great venue for our meetings. Friendly staff, good food not too expensive, PA if we want it, and despite problems when we previously did a test-run dinner, parking is fine.

I rode to the AGM/Rally at Mandurah in March 2024. Small numbers but a fun rally. I hope to ride to the Armidale Rally this March with Michele on the back. I do our Sunday rides, and occasional Wednesday rides. With so many dropping out of riding, I'm thinking I need to do it while I can. And as Ulyssians, we need to look beyond just our branch.

Our branch AGM is a non-event this year, with all existing committee members staying in their current roles (there having been no other nominations submitted). Despite the lack of formality, we do record and store minutes of committee meetings. And Robin records the financials, including the annual report to NatCom. I'm pretty ignorant in committee matters, but I try to keep 'legal'. If anyone ever wants to see any records, let me know. They just aren't publicised because no-one seems very interested.

Maurice has been great taking up editing the website in its new look, and continues to do good work with the Odyssey magazine, and as president. You can only take stuff for granted when someone else does the work. Thanks to all our committee and helpers. They keep our branch going.

Ken Wagnitz.



Webmaster's Annual Report

The Adelaide Branch website continues...

The big change has been moving to Wordpress content manager, with a totally new look. This hopefully means a more "responsive" site, ie works on all platforms, including phones. The menu system is totally different, but most of the old content is still there if you click on the right bits. Much of the Wordpress work is down to Maurice. One big advantage is that now there is more than one person across the website. (Though I find Wordpress harder to use than raw code.)

We had a glitch for a week or so, when our SSL certificate expired. This meant you got a scary warning when going to the site, though it still worked if you pushed on. What happened was that our cheap hosting company ceased updating the certificate, normally done for free. I ended up manually refreshing it. The free manual process only lasts three months, so either we keep doing that, or the hosting company will step up again. (Complaints to them went unanswered.) If we have to, we can change hosts, we just have to pay more (four times as much).

Photos still get posted from rides, breakfasts, dinners, morning teas etc. Not as convenient as getting them in a Facebook feed, but better quality, and there as long as we have the site. Same for our Odyssey magazine. We host the SA combined calendar too, and registration for Odysseys. -Still a bit going on under the covers.

Costs last year:

ulyssesadelaide.com.au domain registration for 5 years \$108.35

(We also have ulyssesadelaide.org.au at similar money.)

Hosting \$74.39 (one year) for virtually unlimited storage and lots of flexibility.
In other words, around \$120 a year.

Ken Wagnitz.



Treasurer's 2024 Annual Return

Treasurer Robin Butler

Ulysses Club Inc - Adelaide Branch

Income		
Item	Amount	GST collected
Club Activities		0
Events Activity		- \$ -
Quartermasters Store Ulysses Gear		
Quartermasters Store Branch Gear	\$ -	\$ -
Odyssey Magazine	\$ 139.00	\$ 12.64
Admin		\$ -
Interest	\$ -	
Raffles	\$ 464.00	\$ 42.18
Donation	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ 603.00	\$ 54.82

Expenditure		
Item	Amount	GST paid
Club Activities	\$ 596.41	\$ 54.22
Events Activity	\$ 1.00	\$ 0.09
Quartermasters Store Ulysses Gear	\$ -	
Quartermasters Store Branch Gear	(\$64.41)	
Odyssey Magazine	\$ 30.00	\$ 2.73
Admin	\$ 46.84	\$ 4.35
Raffle Costs	\$ 72.00	\$ 6.55
Club Promotion		
Donations		
Meeting Costs	\$ -	
	\$ 681.84	\$ 67.93

Income / Loss **(\$78.84)**

GST Calculation

GST collected	\$	54.82
GST paid	\$	67.93
GST owing /(refund)	\$	(13.11)

Income and Expenditure Statement 1/1/24 - 31/12/24

Asset Register			
Item	Date Purchased	Cost inc GST	Supplier
PA system	Unknown	\$100.00	Unknown
Gear Shop Float	Cash	\$0.00	
Gear Stock Actual	Stock	\$522.00	
10x HiVis Safety Vests Printed	13th Sept 2018	\$195.00	Safety Shop
6x HiVis Safety Vests Printed	2nd Nov 2018	\$114.00	Safety Shop
2x Folding Picnic Tables	Pre 2018	\$80.00	Officeworks

Assets disposed of in 2024	Income	Write Off	Reason
	Nil	Nil	



Bank Balances 31December 2024	NAB Edwardstown SA		
Main Account No: 085-183	18-276-7973		\$4,586.83
Events Account No: 085-183	73-017-2902		\$1.00
Magazine Account No: 085-183	19-614-7951		\$1,215.00

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Branch Statement

We certify that this Income and Expenditure statement and Asset Statement and other documents included in the Annual Financial Return represent a true and correct extract of the books of account for the Adelaide Branch of the Ulysses Club Inc.

Signed:  Signed: 
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Name: Robin Butler Name: Maurice Stevens
Membership # 68702 Membership # 64998
Date: 20th January 2025 Date: 20th January 2025

Sunday Ride Annual Report

Ride Coordinator Rob Hartridge

Another successful year for the riding group. We've had a lot of great riding weather, unfortunately we did cancel 3 rides due to weather. 2 were heat related, which also knocked out the last ride of the year. The other an August ride with a forecast for high winds and rain. About 10 of us met up for morning tea in our tin tops in Norwood. As we were leaving the wind arrived, which was met with multiple sighs of relief.

We had 4 rides finish with a BBQ; Sue and Don's, Ken and Michelle's, Maurice and Michelle's and our place. These are good for getting some of the retired riders out to lunch with the riding group. Please feel free if you are a retired rider, to catch up for lunch on any of the other rides as well.

Thanks to Peter, Brenton and Frank for leading rides, you always find a way to keep them interesting. Thanks also to all who have assisted with tail end Charlie duties.

Sunday Ride Round Up 1st December 2024 Plympton Park Ride Leader **Rob Hartridge**

We had good riding weather, with 12 of us on 11 bikes leaving Top of Taps. Main Road has just been resealed from Black Rd to Cherry Gardens Rd. For those who enjoy the twisties it is a delightful road in new condition. We actually came back using that stretch of road in the opposite direction to revel riding such a smooth road in good weather. The run to morning tea was amazingly free of Urban Turtles, which was just as well as I had underestimated the time to do the ride and we arrived a little later than usual. It was great to have Bunny and Bev join us until morning tea. At morning tea, we had Bernie, Mike and Carolyn join us for the ride to lunch at the President's and Michelle's abode. Brian and Val met up with us for lunch, good to see people coming along even if they didn't make the ride. Thanks to Felix and Ken for doing TEC details. A huge thanks to both Michelle's for organising a beautiful lunch. Special thanks also to the Christmas Elf (Maurice and Michelle's grandson) for helping to set up and clean up.



Sunday Ride Round Up 1st December 2024 Plympton Park Ride Leader Rob Hartridge



Sunday Ride Round Up 12th January 2025 Wistow Ride Leader Peter Wood



Up Coming Sunday Rides All Rides Depart at 9.30am

When	Leader	Event	Destination	Departing from
9 February	Rob Hartridge 0422 114 225	Day Ride	Littlehampton	Top of Taps, Victoria Hotel O'Halloran Hill
23 February	Peter Wood 0487 452 200	Day Ride	Mt Torrens	Pelican Plaza, 1007 North East Rd, Modbury
9 March	Peter Wood 0487 452 200	Day Ride	Meadows	McDonalds, 303 Magill Rd, Trinity Gardens
23 March	Brenton George 0432 535 163	Day Ride	TBA	Top of Taps, Victoria Hotel O'Halloran Hill
6 April	Peter Wood 0487 452 200	Day Ride	Balhannah	Pelican Plaza, 1007 North East Rd, Modbury
20 April	Rob Hartridge 0422 114 225	Ride to Rob & Judy's for BBQ	Forest Range	McDonalds, 303 Magill Rd, Trinity Gardens
4 May	Brenton George 0432 535 163	Day Ride	TBA	Top of Taps, Victoria Hotel O'Halloran Hill
18 May	Rob Hartridge 0422 114 225	Day Ride	Strathalbyn	Pelican Plaza, 1007 North East Rd, Modbury
1 June	Rob Hartridge 0422 114 225	Day Ride	Angaston	McDonalds, 303 Magill Rd, Trinity Gardens
15 June	Brenton George 0432 535 163	Day Ride	TBA	Top of Taps, Victoria Hotel O'Halloran Hill
29 June	Rob Hartridge 0422 114 225	Day Ride	Lobethal	Pelican Plaza, 1007 North East Rd, Modbury
13 July	Rob Hartridge 0422 114 225	Day Ride	Clarendon	McDonalds, 303 Magill Rd, Trinity Gardens
27 July	Brenton George 0432 535 163	Day Ride	TBA	Top of Taps, Victoria Hotel O'Halloran Hill
10 August	Rob Hartridge 0422 114 225	Day Ride	Charleston	Pelican Plaza, 1007 North East Rd, Modbury
24 August	Rob Hartridge 0422 114 225	Day Ride	Gawler	McDonalds, 303 Magill Rd, Trinity Gardens
7 September	Brenton George 0432 535 163	Day Ride	TBA	Top of Taps, Victoria Hotel O'Halloran Hill

*Accurate at time of printing. Please check the Website nearer the time of the ride

On Any Wednesday



by Claire Hartley

Our Annual Christmas Lunch was held on the Wednesday before Christmas at The German Arms. Lester had to change the venue from our usual with very little notice. Great job Lester and I believe we will be lunching at The German Arms again in 2025. It's a great occasion with partners and ROAR members attending. The food was very good.

Our first ride for 2025 was on **January 1st** and perfect, 27 riders attending and perfect weather. Even better, being a public holiday there was very little traffic on the road.

December 4th Twenty riders and twelve apologies today. The planned ride to Mannum was abandoned when we were confronted by ten to twelve motorcycle coppers outside Nairne. Plans changed to Williamstown via Nairne.

December 11th Twenty-five riders and five apologies today. To Lobethal via Birdwood and circle work in the hills. Perfect weather and multiple speed cameras.

December 18th Twenty-three riders and about thirty-eight at our Christmas Lunch. Lester led the ride terminating at The German Arms, Hahndorf, for lunch. John became TEC for the day and experienced first hand the value of our secondary TEC (Michael) who noted JA's mechanical problems and returned to find him. Thanks to Lester for organising and all, including ROAR members, for participating in 2024.

January 1st Twenty-seven riders and five apologies today. Woodside via circle work around Mt Pleasant, Williamstown and Kersbrook. Light traffic and perfect weather. Great ride and good company.

January 8th Twenty-three riders and eight apologies today. To Lobethal via Uraidla and lots of reverse circle work around the hills in warm and sunny conditions. Neil H lost the top box (yes, the aluminium can repository) from his bike. It has been suggested that it got a speedy runway take-off and is still floating in the thermals near the Bird In The Hand winery. Please report any sightings. Thanks to John for his 60th, yes 60th birthday cake with cream at Handorf. He is no longer the youngest member of OAW (On Any Wednesday). We were joined there by Bruce, Derek, Rob B and Newell. Thanks to all for participating. We forget how different the reverse rides can be. Neil's top box was later located intact but the outside was badly scratched from bouncing along the bitumen. The important thing that all the contents were still safely inside. He has since replaced it with a new top box with Neil stating that "I think it's a good testament to the durability. I'm sure that I have given it a good test over the last seven years. I wonder if they float?"

January 15th Twenty-two riders and six apologies today. To Milang via Echunga and circle work through the hills. Started with a drizzle of rain and finished with sunny but windy conditions. One new bike and Italian bikes got wet, forcing the riders to leave early so that they could clean before midnight. We will never hear the end of their complaints. A ROAR member joined us at Meadows for coffee with his mobile library. Dedicated Colin. Thanks to all for participating.

January 22nd Twenty-nine riders today with one new bike ridden solo for the first time by guess who?? To Victor via Normanville and Delamere. Great turnout in sunny but gusty conditions.

Congratulations Suz on your first-time riding solo with the group and Phil was advised during the pre-ride briefing that he will have to up his game in corner marshalling as he can no longer rely of Suz to do the pointing!

SA Breakfast Club

7th December 2024

The December 2024 SABC breakfast at Green Valley Strawberries, Nairne. We had 27 there. Always a popular place, and a good source of nice strawberries.



4th January 2025

We had around 29 at Sorelli Cafe Ristorante, Ingle Farm, for the Jan 2025 SABC breakfast. My Big Breakfast was good, coffee was nice and strong, parking and environment were good. Ken



1st February 2025

We Had 31 turn up to Applesed Café at Strathalbyn. A great attendance representing differing branches and everyone enjoyed the meal, coffee and company.



Friday Dinner

10th January 2025

January's Friday Dinner was held at Café Brunelli and was attended by 12 members. Everyone enjoyed their meal and the coffee was great. Company was exceptional.



Morning Tea's

21st January 2025 Hey George Community

There were 10 who enjoyed the morning tea at Hey George Community, Goodwood.





2025 Ulysses Club 31st SA Odyssey



Hosted by Ulysses Club Inc. Adelaide Branch
Friday 17th – Monday 20th October 2025
Location: Jamestown SA 5491

Accommodation:

There is plenty of accommodation in Jamestown and surrounds.

The Park Jamestown for cabins etc, van & tent sites: ring 08 8664 0077.
Mention Ulysses, ask for G'Day discount (if a member).

If you want hard accommodation or a van site, book early.

Itinerary to date:

More details to follow as they become available.

Most activities will be located in or near:

The Park Jamestown

Friday night - BBQ at caravan park camp kitchen.

Saturday morning - Egg & Bacon breakfast at caravan park camp kitchen.

Organised ride - to somewhere for lunch.

Saturday evening – Meal at Jamestown Football Club rooms.

Sunday - Do your own thing. Breakfast at bakery.

Online Registration will be available later.

Two Wheels, A lifetime, 60 years of Roads, Races and Revelations.

Chapter Two – On the Road, Licensed, Legal and Learning.

By Frank Pellas

I could get my motorcycle Learners permit at the age of seventeen and nine months, but I didn't have a bike I could ride on the road then. My first driving lessons on the road were in a car. My parent's car was an automatic, so I went for my driver's test with my grandfather in his 1952 Hillman Minx just days after my eighteenth birthday. Passed first time - it wasn't hard back then. Parallel Park, start on a steep hill, a short drive around town, answer some questions and it was done.

So, I could now drive a car on the road by myself. I remember my first drive was to deliver my siblings to Sunday School, and pick them up afterwards in Mum's EK Holden wagon. For me as a teenager it was a huge milestone.

I borrowed that car as often as I could, but I really want a motorbike. A friend of a friend had a BSA Lightning 650 he wanted to sell, and I had been scrimping and saving since I started work. The BSA did not impress my father though, and I was relying on him for a short-term loan. He did however offer to finance something smaller and newer.

But first had to get my Motorcycle Learners license. That was very easy, no road test, just answered a few road rules questions and I was set to go and learn to ride on the road. Actually, the process to get my full license was ridiculous. Answer some more questions, ride 150 metres down the road from the police station do a U-turn and ride back.

Soon I was poking around at the local Yamaha dealer, looking for something I could afford. At that time there were a few guys riding around town on Yamaha 80cc trail/farm bikes, and to my highly impressionable eyes this was the way to go.



Dad stumped up some money, I put in the rest and my first Yamaha was bought. I think it cost around \$250. I bought a cheap, daggy helmet, and 'L' plate and I was set. On my first ride I ran out of petrol somewhere out of town. It never occurred to me that I should have filled up first. The real lessons were beginning.

The next big event was to ride to work. Well, that didn't happen right away as my mother insisted that I continue riding my bicycle to work. I can't remember why that was, but it may have something to do with a promise I made to her so she would allow me to buy the Yamaha. More about that in Chapter Five.

It wasn't long though and I did venture to work on the Yamaha. I was so excited! Most of my work mates had cars, only a couple had motorbikes. And bikes were really second rate according to popular opinion. That first day was eventful as I was about to learn a big lesson. The Yamaha was primarily set up as a farm bike. It had a large rear sprocket to lower the gearing to make plodding around a paddock easier.

Unfortunately, that low gearing was my downfall. As I left work that afternoon, with a lineup of people watching, I gave the throttle a wrench, lifted the front wheel, dropped it down again, bounced twice more and

crashed in the dirt on the other side of the road. Embarrassment! I quickly picked myself up and got away as quick as I could. The howls of laughter, and jeers ringing in my ears.

I really had to pluck up a lot of courage to go to work the next day (on the bicycle). As expected, I had to endure lots of mocking laughter that day.

Anyway, I finally had the road sprocket fitted and got my full license. I went all over the place on that little machine. It had one major problem though. If I was riding fast - 80kmh was fast for that bike - the spark plug would foul, and the engine would stop. I would pull over, take out the spark plug, clear the whisker that caused it to short out, put it back and set off again. Eventually I got so sick of this it was time to get a 'real' motorcycle.

Another Yamaha, another two stroke, but this was a twin cylinder. A YDS 3, a 250. Now I could really go places.



About this time my family moved back to Castlemaine. I was working in Bendigo and during the winter I would live there in a boarding house, and in the warmer months I would ride the 250 from Castlemaine to work in Bendigo and back each day.

There was only one bad crash on that bike when I was rear-ended by another motorbike at speed on a country road. I high sided the bike off the road and tumbled along in the dirt. I walked away that day - more about that in Chapter Five. My friend came off much worse sliding along on the bitumen. My bike was soon repaired and back on the road once I got all the parts I needed.

I eventually did more than 80,000km on that bike. Many trips to Melbourne, a long ride to Sydney via the snowy mountains and the Easter races at Bathurst. Lots of dirt road riding too. It was a memorable motorcycle - the noise was unique, a howling sound from the air intake, the smoke when I let it fly on the highway, the twin leading shoe front brake that worked well enough while going forward, but going backward barely worked at all.

After a while though situations change, preferences shift and choices are expanded.

Next: Chapter Three - Going Backwards.

Honda Gears Up For EV Motorcycle Domination, Sets Up Factory In India

Story by Enrico Punsalang

The manufacturing facility dedicated solely to electric motorcycles is set to open its doors in 2028.

Honda has been one of the biggest names in the motorcycle industry for decades. No matter where in the world you go, chances are you'll see a Honda two-wheeler on the road, be it a small-displacement scooter on the streets of Indonesia, or a Fireblade setting hot laps in the Nurburgring.

You see, India is the largest motorcycle market in the world. And by large, I mean 20-million-bikes-a-year large. At the same time, the Indian government is pushing hard for vehicle electrification, along with other sustainable fuel alternatives. By setting up shop there, Honda is putting itself in the perfect position to take advantage of a market which will potentially have the biggest demand for light EVs in the entire world.

And the goal isn't just to boost local EV sales, either. It's to make India a hub for exporting electric motorcycles all over the world. Honda currently holds 40 percent of the global motorcycle market, and with this move, it aims to push that number to 50 percent, perhaps even higher, over the long run. And given Honda's track

record, that's not just wishful thinking; it's a very real possibility



Honda Electric Motorcycle Concepts

Photo by: Honda

Two Honda electric motorcycle concepts unveiled at EICMA 2024.

But Honda hasn't exactly flooded the market with electric bikes—at least not yet. Nevertheless, that doesn't mean it's sitting still. As we discussed

previously, the company showcased two EV concepts at EICMA 2024. One of them was the EV Fun Concept, a sporty electric bike set to launch sometime in 2025. The other one was the EV Urban Concept, a sleek commuter that previews Honda's vision for electric urban mobility.

Aside from the two futuristic EV concepts, Honda already has some sensible electric offerings in the market. Chief of which is definitely the Mobile Power Pack e:, a swappable battery system designed to make charging quick and hassle-free. Instead of relying on long charging times, this tech could be a game-changer for city riders who need a more convenient way to stay powered up. And it's already powering everything from scooters to construction equipment, and even tourist boats.

It's clear that Honda sees massive potential in the electric motorcycle market with its upcoming EV plant in India. And surely, it's only a matter of time before Honda takes over the electric motorcycle scene—just like it did with gas-powered bikes. Hopefully, other big names in the industry that are now considered “legacy brands” will follow in Honda's footsteps, too. After all, a big part of the future is electric—and it's a truth that we need to accept, as hard as it may seem.

Source: Nikkei Asia

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Welfare Officer - Friendly Reminder



As Ulyssians we greatly value the camaraderie and support that is provided by our fellow members.

Adelaide's Welfare Officer is a central person in our branch to ensure members in need are assisted in whatever manner is appropriate for that individual.

All members have a responsibility to inform the Welfare Officer if you know of someone who needs support. Perhaps they are unwell, had a close relative / companion die, or experiencing any other physical or emotional need.

Let the Adelaide Branch Welfare Officer know immediately so they can organize a hospital visit, home visit, send a card or arrange any other appropriate help.

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**DID YOU KNOW THAT
WOMEN USE ABOUT
30,000 WORDS A DAY
WHILE MEN
USE ONLY 15,000?**

Yes, because
we have to repeat
everything!

What?





Wednesday Midweek Rides

All Rides Depart at 10.30am for more details phone Steve 0405 120 542 or John 0407 794 147. The 1st 2nd & 5th Wednesday depart from The Feathers Hotel Car Park Burnside and the 3rd 4th Wednesday depart from the Top of Taps, Victoria Hotel, O'Halloran Hill. Please arrive with a full tank of fuel.

SA Breakfast Club

The SABC meets at an eatery somewhere around the state, on the 1st Saturday of the month, from 9.30am. It doesn't matter what the weather is. Come by motorbike, bicycle, car, or on foot. The SABC is about socialising with members from other branches.

When: 1st March 2024 at 9.30am

Where: [TBA Please check our website nearer the time](#)

When: 5th April 2025 at 9.30am

Where: [TBA Please check our website nearer the time](#)

When: 3rd May 2025 at 9.30am

Where: [TBA Please check our website nearer the time](#)

Please confirm your attendance as venues require numbers to provide adequate staff.

Contact Ken Wagnitz by the Wednesday before either ken@ulyssesadelaide.org.au or SMS 0417 353 389 with - SABC, your name, how many require breakfast.

Adelaide Branch Monthly Meeting. Official meeting starts at 7:30pm

Held on the 1st Thursday of the month and issues regarding the branch are relayed to the members. New members are welcomed and general business raised. A raffle is held on the night. Come early and enjoy a meal and drink available at the venue: - The Maid of Auckland Hotel, 926 South Rd, Edwardstown

When: 6th March 2025

When: 3rd April 2025

Morning Tea

Adelaide Branch Mornings Teas are happening on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

When: 18th March 2025

Where: [TBA Check the Adelaide Calendar closer to the day.](#)

When: 15th April 2025

Where: [TBA Check the Adelaide Calendar closer to the day.](#)

When: 20th May 2025

Where: [TBA Check the Adelaide Calendar closer to the day.](#)

Friday Night Dinners

Friday night Dinners are held on the 2nd Friday after the Monthly Meeting at 6:30pm. Venues require numbers so please let us know if you will be attending by email president@ulyssesadelaide.org.au or phone 0407 011 251 at least one week prior.

When: 14th February 2025

Where: Arkaba Hotel, 150 Glen Osmond Rd, Fullarton

When: 14th March 2025

Where: Tavern 540, 540 Port Rd, Allenby Gardens.

When: 11th April 2025

Where: [TBA Check the Adelaide Calendar closer to the day.](#)

Upcoming Events Details on our website ulyssesadelaide.org.au