

# The Odyssey

Adelaide Branch Newsletter

**October 2025 Issue**



# The Adelaide Branch Committee Members 2025/2026



**President – Maurice Stevens**  
E: [president@ulyssesadelaide.org.au](mailto:president@ulyssesadelaide.org.au)

P: 0407 011 251



**Secretary, Webmaster – Ken Wagnitz**  
E: [secretary@ulyssesadelaide.org.au](mailto:secretary@ulyssesadelaide.org.au)

P: 0417 353 389



**Treasurer - Robin Butler**  
E: [treasurer@ulyssesadelaide.org.au](mailto:treasurer@ulyssesadelaide.org.au)

P: 0419 264 049



**Ray Murray**  
E: [ray@ulyssesadelaide.org.au](mailto:ray@ulyssesadelaide.org.au)

M: 0412 403 822 P: 08 8377 2443



**Gary Priest**  
E: [gary@ulyssesadelaide.org.au](mailto:gary@ulyssesadelaide.org.au)

P: 0413 609 742



**Ian Pascoe**  
E: [welfare@ulyssesadelaide.org.au](mailto:welfare@ulyssesadelaide.org.au)

P: 0410 444 962

## 025/2026 Volunteers



**Raffles – Michelle & Maurice Stevens**  
E: [raffles@ulyssesadelaide.org.au](mailto:raffles@ulyssesadelaide.org.au)

P: 0419 822 717



**Rides Co-ordinator – Rob Hartridge**  
E: [rides@ulyssesadelaide.org.au](mailto:rides@ulyssesadelaide.org.au)

P: 0422 114 225



**Odyssey Editor – Maurice Stevens**  
E: [editor@ulyssesadelaide.org.au](mailto:editor@ulyssesadelaide.org.au)

P: 0407 011 251



**Welfare – Ian Pascoe**  
E: [welfare@ulyssesadelaide.org.au](mailto:welfare@ulyssesadelaide.org.au)

P: 0410 444 962

**Postal Address for all Committee Members – 2 Hughes Court, Craighburn Farm, S.A. 5051**  
[ulyssesadelaide.org.au](http://ulyssesadelaide.org.au)

# Editor / President

Hi to all our members,

Hope this finds you all well.

The Jamestown Odyssey is just around the corner and we have registrations from all branches and even interstate. Looking forward to meeting everyone there.

The Inter-committee lunch was well supported and we had some excellent discussion on various subjects that effect our branches. One was the 4 Captains ride and was deemed a great success. It was agreed to make it an annual event, renamed SA Captains Ride and incorporating the Ulysses Remembrance Day ride. Each branch will take turns hosting the ride with Adelaide Branch's turn in 2026. Frank Pellas produced a video of the event and it can be viewed on our website photo album.

In this issue we have the next chapter of Frank's Two Wheels, A lifetime. Always a good read. Claire's On Any Wednesday report, Sunday ride reports with photos. Reports from the SARV team, Dinners and SABC.

Finally, check What's On for upcoming events or go to our website for up-to-date information.

The Odyssey, Adelaide's Branch newsletter will be changing in the new year to a more simplified format. It takes a lot of time and effort to produce it as is, when most of the content is available on the website. We will trial a monthly newsletter that can be emailed to those who request it but also posted on our website. Requests for the email version will be gathered in the remaining months.

Regards

*Maurice Stevens*



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





# Sunday Ride Round Up 10<sup>th</sup> August 2025 Charleston Ride Leader Rob Hartridge

The forecast was for possible showers, unfortunately they got that part right this time. Not enough to be a problem but a bit of wet roads during the day. We had 12 bikes leave from Pelican Plaza, good to see a few new faces. Morning tea at Mt Pleasant added another 4 riders to the group. The weather did clear up which meant a comfortable lunch in the beer garden of the Charleston Hotel, Judy joining us as well. Thanks to John for TEC duties





Sunday Ride Round Up

24<sup>th</sup> August 2025

Gawler Ride Leader Rob Hartridge





## Sunday Ride Round Up 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025 Meadows Ride Leader Brenton George

After a few drops of rain, it turned into a lovely day for a ride, if a bit windy. Dunno if it was the weather or Father's Day, but the only riders were Brenton, Glenda, Alan and Ken. We had a nice cruisy ride, enjoying the pretty greens of the countryside. I didn't think to take photos, and Peter wasn't with us, so sorry, no photos for this ride. Ken.

## Sunday Ride Round Up 14<sup>th</sup> September 2025 Taillem Bend Ride Leader Rob Hartridge

Lead by Rob, this was the Adelaide part of the 4 Captain's / Ulysses Remembrance Day Ride. Leaving from Maccas at Magill, he took us through a lot of twisties to Meadows for morning tea where we ran into some of the Wednesday riders. The ride continued to Murray Bridge where we met up with the other branch rides. The group then continued "en masse" to the Taillem Bend Hotel where we paid tribute to the members who had "ridden on" before having lunch. Everyone was pleased with the turn out and it looks like becoming an annual event. Thanks to Rob for ordering great weather and to Ken for Tail end Charlie duties.





**Sunday Ride Round Up** 14<sup>th</sup> September 2025 **Taillem Bend** Ride Leader **Rob Hartridge**





# Sunday Ride Round Up 21<sup>st</sup> September 2025 **Paradise** Ride Leader **Rob Hartridge**

It was around 12°C, with pesky rain most of the way to Williamstown for morning tea. So, we made the decision to ride direct to Gary's place for lunch, instead of the nice twisty way Rob had planned. The forecast was not promising. Maybe that is why only three turned up for the ride, Rob, Peter & Ken. I struggled with my visor fogging up (and we did have some real fog). I had to keep it partly up, which meant rain on my face, and droplets inside & outside the visor. My fault for not fitting my pinlock shield. Peter fared well with his pinlock on. Rob didn't know about pinlock shields. We had a nice lunch at Priest's, with Peter & Carol in attendance too. We were probably crazy to ride in the rain, but hey, sometimes a lousy forecast becomes a few drops of rain followed by sunshine. And as Frank said at the start of one of his rides when he asked if we wanted to ride or go home (we rode to a bike show at Pt Adelaide), "it's good practise". So, it was ride leader Rob, corner marshal & cameraman Peter, TEC Ken. Thanks Gary & Gail for the lunch.



## Up Coming Sunday Rides **All Rides Depart at 9.30am**

| When        | Leader                         | Event                               | Destination    | Departing from  |
|-------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|---|
| 5 October   | Rob Hartridge<br>0422 114 225  | Day Ride                            | Finnis         | <a href="#">McDonalds,<br/>303 Magill Rd, Trinity Gardens</a>   |
| 19 October  | Brenton George<br>0432 535 163 | Day Ride                            | TBA            | <a href="#">Top of Taps, Victoria Hotel<br/>O'Halloran Hill</a> |
| 2 November  |                                | Day Ride                            | TBA            | <a href="#">Pelican Plaza,<br/>1007 North East Rd, Modbury</a>  |
| 16 November | Peter Wood<br>0487 452 200     | Day Ride to<br>Waggies for<br>lunch | Craigburn Farm | <a href="#">McDonalds,<br/>303 Magill Rd, Trinity Gardens</a>   |
| 30 November | Brenton George<br>0432 535 163 | Day Ride                            | TBA            | <a href="#">Top of Taps, Victoria Hotel<br/>O'Halloran Hill</a> |
| 14 December | Rob Hartridge<br>0422 114 225  | Day Ride                            | Pt Elliot      | <a href="#">Pelican Plaza,<br/>1007 North East Rd, Modbury</a>  |



# On Any Wednesday



by Claire Hartley

There has been lots of riding despite the changeable weather. Lester has also organised a couple of spur of the moment Friday rides which are shorter and usually lead straight to lunch at a bakery which have been well attended.

I have received a suggestion about reviewing places that we stop for morning tea and lunch. One of the places where the group are frequently to be found is the Pik-A-Pie at Meadows. Great coffee and lovely food. My suggestion is that you try the cheese and bacon sausage roll, what a winner!

## August 6th

Nine riders (including one visitor, Stuart) and seventeen apologies today. To Lobethal via Williamstown in overcast to sunny conditions, on damp to dry roads, with no rain or wind. One new bike and a jolly time had by all. Thanks to all for participating.

## August 13th

Twenty-three riders including two guests today. To Lobethal via Wistow in cool but sunny conditions. I'm pleased to report that all speed limits were obeyed

## August 20<sup>th</sup>

Twenty-six riders and eight apologies today. To Strathalbyn via Myponga. Perfect weather and enjoyable company.

## August 27<sup>th</sup>

Five intrepid riders and multiple apologies today. To Willunga via Macclesfield and circle work around Mount Compass.

## September 3<sup>rd</sup>

Nineteen riders and eight apologies today. To Woodside via Cudlee Creek and almost continuous twistlers via circle work around the hills. Most enjoyable John!!!! It's great to see Suz and Robert return to the ride. We are still waiting for Ross. Also, one new bike was welcomed.

## September 10<sup>th</sup>

Sixteen riders and eight apologies today. To Birdwood via Nairne in constantly changing weather conditions. Lots of dirty but dry bikes.

## September 17<sup>th</sup>

Eleven riders and many apologies today. To Strathalbyn via Wistow and circle work around the hills. Thanks to Fred, Andrew and Buzz for TEC duties.

## September 24<sup>th</sup>

15 riders, 1 pillion today & 1 new bike. To Victor via Myponga, cool conditions but the decaf skinny soy lattes kept us warm. Thanks to Mike & Dave for TEC duties.



## SA Breakfast Club

**6<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

We had 20 for the Sept 2025 SABC breakfast at Plant 4 Bowden. More photos should be forthcoming if the happy snappers remember to email them. Good to see Pam there looking reasonably hale and hearty. Ken.



## Friday Dinners

**15<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

There were eleven for dinner at the House of Tien. Always great food and great company. Some had to take home a doggy bag, such was the size of the servings.







## SARV

### August 2025

What a fabulous weekend we had at Mannum. The caravan park is situated on the banks of the Murray complete with the bird life and the constant flow of river boats. The weather was simply superb. It was great to see how many members rolled up to have a good time, and a good time we had. It is such a pretty town with the shops, museums and the river itself. Friday was a day to take it all in and enjoy the sights and sounds of the area. It was also great to catch up with everyone there and share stories, laughs and one or two drinks.

Some had a more interesting journey than others. Nita, fresh from her GPS experience, use the street name to get there. Unbeknown to her this is a very, very long street. Alas, she ended up at the far end of Mannum! This required driving along a dirt road only to be rescued by a farmer who led them in the right direction back to the caravan park. It was with much laughter that she retold the story and how many other people could relate to the experience of been led astray by our beloved GPS units. It was so nice sitting in the sunshine soaking up the heat and having a good chat with members that came from many branches. It is such a fabulous way of keeping in contact with everybody.

After tea we gathered in the camp kitchen to share more stories and some jokes. Some even clean!



We were blessed on Saturday morning with a beautiful sunrise and no wind. Beautiful one day, perfect the next! With the town only a short walk away many of us went for a stroll through the shops. It is a very busy little town with many interesting places to see. Some just took the chance to just relax and take in the wonderful day at the caravan park. It was just so peaceful. By mid-afternoon we reassembled for a few more drinks and nibbles. It's a tough life but someone has to do it. The pub was so close and such a lovely evening many chose to walk there. The meals were fabulous, the only hitch is I cannot understand why these venues don't take people's names when ordering to assist staff to promptly deliver meals. We had a fabulous time there and don't think we were the noisiest! Back to the park for an evening chat.

Sunday morning came and the poor old Emu Express (Hobbit's fabulous bus) was feeling a little flat. Fortunately, there were many people with jumper leads to get things happening.

Thanks to all who came along to make it such a fantastic weekend.

### Quorn Sept 19th - 20th

We caught up with the Three Peninsular riders and stayed at the Quorn Caravan Park.

**Upcoming Events – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November – Lake Albert Caravan Park Meningie**

**These events are open to Ulysses members and partners**



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

## Chapter Six – A Catastrophe

By Frank Pellas

It was a Sunday in December 1983. A beautiful sunny morning when I set off early from Hope Valley to meet with three others for a ride down into the Fleurieu Peninsula. The plan was to stay off the sealed roads whenever possible. Once we got to McLaren Vale it was pretty much all dirt roads. So, the fun began!

After a furious ride, up Louds Hill Road (now closed), I waited at the junction of Range Road on Willunga Hill while the others caught up. The last one to arrive entertained us with a huge mono, dropped it down at the last moment, locked up the back wheel and slide sideways to a stop, gracefully lying the bike down on its side. Much laughter followed.

Now I can't say we were all that competitive, but the pace was, well let's say it was brisk. The Elephant (TT600) was performing well but I was noticing something strange. A brief noise behind me each time I rode (sideways mostly) away from a corner. It was a strange noise as though there was something behind me. The Elephant had a standard exhaust and was fairly quiet, and no one was close behind me. Then I realised what it was. The bike was throwing up a roost of dirt and showering small stones into the trees and bushes alongside the road.



While I was trying to work all that out the next left-hand corner took me by surprise. Some of you may know how when a disaster happens everything seems to go in slow motion. And so, it did.

This is how it went in my head. If I go around this blind sharp bend at this speed, I will end up on the other side of this narrow dirt road. If there is a car coming towards me then I'll hit it head on. There is some room off the right-hand side of the road. There could be a car there - there wasn't. A tumble into the grass is preferable to a head on crash. Decision made, I braked hard and headed for the grassy space. Now all this happened in a microsecond.

Hit the brakes, slid off the right side of the road, and was flung off the bike which apparently landed on my right leg. A big bang, then a slide along the soft grass. That wasn't so bad, but I did notice curiously that my



right foot encased in a heavy motocross boot was flopping around. When I stopped sliding and rolled over on to my back, I realised I had broken my leg.

The bike landed on my right leg and broke my tibia and fibula. I was the only one with first aid training and a first aid kit. While I was on my back, I asked my mates to prop up my foot with a helmet on each side. The pain was starting to set in so I showed one of the guys how to splint my leg with some sticks he found and bandages from my kit. Another rode off to Willunga to call an ambulance - no mobile phones back then.

The beautiful Sunday morning had turned into a painful demonstration of the consequences of going too fast, while being distracted. The ambulance arrived after 45 minutes, and I was loaded aboard and taken to Flinders hospital. Six weeks in hospital, three weeks in traction, and that was the last time I rode the TT600. It was a kick start only bike, and a bitch to start, especially if it stalled on the side of a hill, or in a dry sandy creek bottom. The kick starter was on the right-hand side.

While I was in hospital Mum called and asked if I was going to fulfil the promise, I made to her when I bought my first bike at age eighteen. Apparently, I promised to give up motorbikes if I ever had a crash I couldn't walk away from. I told her that I didn't remember that, but I did give up for a few years.

Once I got upright again, and still in plaster and on crutches, I had decided to keep off bikes for a while - not forever. I started to look for something else to go that would be as much fun as dirt bike riding but a bit safer. Kart racing was one option, but this was soon rejected as I could only do that on a track on a weekend. I looked at water skiing and after some investigation I decided that was the way to go. So, over the winter of 1984 I built a boat trailer while I was still in a plaster cast from my foot to my thigh. I think I needed a distraction. Then bought a speed boat hull and fitted a V8 engine. For the next four years I went water skiing every weekend from November to February.

Next: Chapter 7 - The Kawasaki Years.







## 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:**

**Friday 3pm** – Register out front of caravan park, later at the camp kitchen.  
(Please park vehicles outside the park unless you are staying there.)

**Friday night 6pm** – BBQ at caravan park camp kitchen.

**Saturday morning 8am** – Egg & Bacon breakfast at caravan park camp kitchen.

**Saturday 10am** – Ride to somewhere for lunch.

**Saturday evening 6.30pm** – Meal at Jamestown Football Club rooms.

Entertainment

**Sunday** – Do your own thing. We may organise a pub tea.



## SA Branches & Riding Groups Contacts

### Eyre Peninsula Branch

#### Secretary

Teresa Baddeley – 0403 507 697

### Fleurieu Peninsula

**President** Philip Wilson – 0405 226 284

**Secretary** Marie Wilson – 0413 795 833

**Treasurer** Peter Swallow - 0411 364 940

**Webmaster** Grant Glassman – 0407 799 311

### Mallee Branch

**President** Scott Crockett – 0402 500 037

**Secretary** David Moore - 0438 839 998

### Lower Murray Branch

**President** Terry Phillips - 0401 320 665

**Secretary** Steve Speake- 0455 299 994

### Torrens Valley Branch

**President** Paul Dennes - 0437 789 846

**Secretary** Yvonne Pascoe – 0410 508 828

**Treasurer** Steve Slee – 0412 839 466

### Southern Flinders Riding Group

#### Rides Co-ordinator

Darryl Partridge – 0408 853 886

### Whyalla & Districts Branch

**President** Perry Zimmerman – 0419 134 511

#### Secretary &

**Treasurer** - John Lawson – 0421 170 181

### Welfare Officer - Friendly Reminder



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

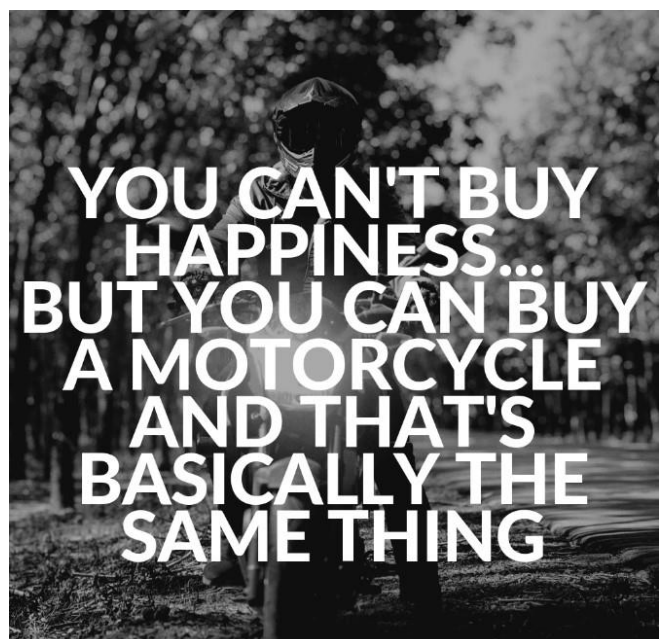
Adelaide's Welfare Officer is a central person in our branch to ensure members in need are assisted in whatever manner is appropriate for that individual.

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.

**Ian Pascoe P: 0410 444 962**

**E: [welfare@ulyssesadelaide.org.au](mailto:welfare@ulyssesadelaide.org.au)**





## Wednesday Midweek Rides

All Rides Depart at 10.30am for more details phone **Steve 0405 120 542** or **John 0407 794 147**. The **1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday** depart from **The Feathers Hotel Car Park Burnside**, and the **3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 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 **1<sup>st</sup> 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: 4<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at 9.30am**

**Where: Palermo Café Ristorante, 8-11/3 Alexa Rd, North Haven**

**When: 1<sup>st</sup> November 2025 at 9.30am**

**Where: Balranald TBA**

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

Contact **Ken Wagnitz** by the Wednesday before either [ken@ulyssesadelaide.org.au](mailto: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 **1<sup>st</sup> 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: 6<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

**When: 4<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

## Morning Tea

Adelaide Branch Mornings Teas have been postponed and may start again later in the year.

## Friday Night Dinners

Friday night Dinners are held on the **2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:president@ulyssesadelaide.org.au) or phone 0407 011 251 at least one week prior.

**When: 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

**Where: Café Buongiorno** Shop5/93 Main South Rd, O'Halloran Hill

**When: 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

**Where: The Red Ass** 2/120 Semaphore Road, Semaphore

**Upcoming Events Details on our website [ulyssesadelaide.org.au](http://ulyssesadelaide.org.au)**