



# Rev'd n Rollin'

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## ANZAC DAY

### Ride to Midge Point Tavern

By the evil one!.....  
Lea Waters-Marsh ☑

We all met at the info centre as we normally do and it was a magnificent day. My wonderful husband & I (who is also known as to some as Swampy or Froggy) got to



ride Brad's bike (the **Y**amaha) as it's for sale and wanted to give it a run. Wow, it was great too!! I offered to ride it and give Ron a rest but I think Brad & Karen nearly had more than a coronary, hee hee I don't know why as I've been practising on Kevy & Audra's farm bike. (That was Audra thinking that and my fingers just happened to type it ha ha.)

Anyway, we all ride up to Midge Point and

Morris rode his **S**pider bike.....wow it looks like a **jet ski** but with wheels, big wheels. Can't wait to see Joyce on the back, excellent and I think you need to be able to operate a computer before you ride one of those, hence turning the ignition on, cool!

We had our usual drink/**chocolate** stop at Bloomsbury and I had a chocolate hazelnut chocolate ice cream (did I mention it was chocolate??), so nice.

Some of us was hungry so we pushed on to Midge Pt and when we arrived, Ma & Pa where there waiting for us.



Here's Ma, Wendy, & Allen having a chat after we ate....all ready to curl up for a sleep. I played a game of pool with my spunky man (the cute froggy) and I won. Ha ha do you

believe I won without cheating? Well, maybe not.



He might've let me win. It was fun though ☺.

Here's a great photo of some suspicious men who may be a bit under the weather hee hee or maybe not! They look very relaxed.



I had to take a photo of this beautiful looking dog. He's related to our **J**ack **R**ussell **W**aters-**M**arsh!....t.awww he's gorgeous.

Well we hope to catch up with you all at the next ride or at the AGM....yahoo, which we can't wait for. Ride safe and have lots of chocolate oh I mean fun and see you soon.



## Camp Conway Beach



For those who didn't venture to camp at Conway Beach certainly missed out on a good weekend camping at the Conway Beach Caravan Park. The service was great and the amenities were clean.

The caravan park is an excellent venue to stay over and those with young children (or at our age) grandchildren, there's plenty of activities to entertain them with a giant air filled pillow to bounce on or a water slide.

A few of the members took the advantage to walk along the beach and Sutto even went fishing.



A few of us went for a ride to Airlie Beach on the Sunday and enjoyed a

lovely lunch at the Yacht Club, then an ice cream from Baskin and Robbins.



You'd be surprised what was packed into this rig. A very large tent with lots of goodies.



We all entertained each other by having our social gathering at each others camp with eating, drinking and many stories to tell. It was wonderful and definitely a place to revisit again.



**Dows Creek Bush Carnival**  
10<sup>th</sup> of May turned out to be slightly overcast day with a ride to the Dows Creek bush carnival.



A total of 8 bikes came for the half day event; a bit down on last years ride but that didn't bother us. It was good to see Wobbly Bob back in Mackay and joining in again on our rides.



Keve lead the ride along the Bruce Highway and turned along the Mount Charlton road just north of Kuttatubul, along the Kungurri range with some very tight cornering but good fun and very steady on the down side as road works where in some tricky spots.

We once again took locals for a ride on our bikes and donated the money raised back to the Rotary Club plus the ride money also.



We had lunch at the venue and the burgers where really nice.



No wonder there was some interest from the local herd about the burgers it was probably one of their mates!!

There was some good entertainment with live country music, wood chopping event, Bush Poet, local stalls and those people who participated in the horse riding from Dame Nellie Melba's house to Dows Creek hall a total of 95 horses and riders.



Next year we are hoping to make this a camp over, as they also put on breakfast for \$5 each, and there are showers and toilets available.

## TOWNSVILLE AGM



Mackay Branch Camping Area

Well the AGM in Townsville has come and gone but it will be a memorable one with all the antics the Mackay Branch members got up to ..... but it was all in good fun of course. Over 3700 people attended Townsville this year with 4 million dollars injected into Townsville over the week. Some following stories to be shared over the next few pages.

Some of our members volunteered their services prior to the AGM to help set up and give assistance to the organisers.



Before the AGM

I believe some hearty stories were told around the camp site and some alcohol may have been consumed during that week.

As the week progressed, our Mackay Branch entered into the Talent Quest, Megsy and Audra as the fabulous 'FABBA'. They got through to the

semis on Wednesday only to win on the Friday!!!! Thanks to all the support from the Mackay Branch and those Megsy had mustered up during the week. It was fun and even if we hadn't had won I'm sure we had the best costumes.



FABBA wasn't the only entertainment on stage, Tank certainly showed us his talent when was called up to help out in a poem skit of 'The Man from Ironbark'. He and his co partner had the crowd in fits of laughter as they performed their tasks on stage.

Bryce Bathe also claim to fame was coming second in the best butt in pants. We are a very talented crew.

The club went for a ride up to the top of the range for morning tea on Thursday which had excellent view towards Townsville.



Friday and Saturday night tea was great except for the dust bowl inside the tent, and poor Di Jetson broke her foot busting a move on the dance floor, she twisted it on the edge of the floor. Please look at the next pages for some of the photo's.

There was a show and shine to look at, and some of the outfits where unbelievable.



A couple of people purchased new rides. Maritta picked up her new Kawasaki 900 and Lyn picked up her new Honda Valkyrie trike. Both bikes joined in the Grand Parade on Saturday morning.



The Mackay Branch really stood out from the crowd in the Grand Parade with our Mohawks.



So now to follow on with the happenings during the Townsville AGM photos.





Jimmy and Denise



Brad and Karen



Peter and Anne



Tank, Swampy and Megsy



Tank



Bryce



Ross and Julie



Henk and Kev



Di and Mike



Maritta and Jeff



Lea and Ron



Lyn and Mark



Peter and Sutto



Megsy (Lyn)



Lyn and Audra



Lady Di



## The Ghost Who Walks

Once in a while one has the privilege of being present when a man becomes a legend.

Some of our members witnessed such an event on the Saturday night at the AGM in Townsville when the “Ghost” became immortal.

He had tried previously by chucking his bike on the concrete at a petrol pump at Moranbah. His wife had also had a go when she broke a bone in her foot when she pirouetted off the dance floor at the AGM. But on this night he cast off his mantle of respectability and surpassed all previous efforts!

In less than twelve hours:

- He purloined a dozen part empty wine bottles for the pleasure of himself and his friends. “You’d have thought three thousand people would have left more for us!” he lamented.
- Leaning at an unbelievable angle, he, with an imaginary guitar, mimicked Phil Emmanuel for three hours.
- He accused someone of stealing the last of his cache of booze, when it was he, himself, who was the thief.
- He burst out of the traps on the dog track to end up spreadeagled on the gravel. Luckily his face broke the fall.
- He followed up his disappearing ghost act by winding himself falling off a security fence he was trying to scale.
- Two of his mates lifted the said fence out of its sockets and rucked him under it.

- He had a sleep on the grass.
- In the morning he banged his head when he sat up because he had got into bed the wrong way round the night before!

What a machine! Ghost you are a legend!

## Anonymous



Lady Di, Mike Boss-Walker and Mike.

## New Friends Found

Sometimes things just don't go the way we plan and we find ourselves in out of our depth, in an unfamiliar place with no place to go, that's when family and friends are all about.

Kev and I have found out from our own experiences on how an act of something so little means so much in time of need. This was the case of a couple of fellow Ulyssians on their travel home from the AGM.

I received a phone call from Kev's son, Ryan who seen an accident with some Ulysses rider and passenger had come off their Goldwing at Calen. To which I responded by ringing Swampy to see if he could find out information of their condition.

Swampy and Lea both went to the Base Hospital only to find more casualties there as well.

Olga and Alan Letchford from Sale Victoria who rode off their Harley Davidson near Flaggy Rock who where air lifted back to Mackay and Pam and Peter Nagiel from Sydney who came off the Goldwing, which I believe is repairable. Another rider had also been in the hospital but had been discharged.

When Kev and I arrived into the hospital that afternoon to see if all was ok we found Olga and Alan out the front of the hospital discharged and no idea where they where and no accommodation. As we all know Mackay isn't the best place to find any sort of accommodation late in the afternoon, so that's how Olga and Alan stayed with us. They where able to fly home to Melbourne the next day.

Peter wasn't so lucky he managed to break 4 ribs and a collarbone with his

tumble and remained in hospital until Thursday morning, he was cared for that day by Bev and Barry Smith then went to Neil and Megsy. Pam was discharged on the Monday night as well; Swampy and Lea had managed to get a room for her however she stayed with the Sydney crew in Mackay that night.

The Sydney lot left the following day and fortunately Megsy had made some friends with the Sydney lot camped next to us at the AGM and one of them (Chris) had her phone number. Which of course they rang her and they happened to be in town at the time, Pam was taken into Neil and Megsy care until they left on Saturday.

Peter also let it slip that it was his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday on the Friday so we didn't let the opportunity of a small celebration before he went home, probably never forget celebrating his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday with a bunch of new friends.



Ulysses is a big family not a just a club, it's great to be a part of it.

## Breakfast at Eungella



15<sup>th</sup> of June was certainly a crisp day for a ride to Eungella with a measurement of 6 degrees at Mount Martin before embarking on the ride.

The ride departed at 7:30am from the Tourist Information Centre and picked up a few of us at Mirani along the way.

When the ride calendar was put together we were unaware that it coincided with the Pioneer Valley Show; which in some areas made the trip up the Valley a bit vehicle logged and slow. Some of us stopped at the show on the way back for a look.

We also had some new members join us on their maiden trip with us to enjoy the lovely breakfast served by the Eungella Caravan Park with a fantastic view of the valley.



## THE LONG WAY DOWN

### Part 1

By Henk Botcher

SAT 23/3. Left Mackay @ 5:30 in the morning. Stopped at old Shell Servo in Marlborough, no tourist and better service. Got to Rocky an hour later with the Fitzroy River only 30cm (12inches) away from breaking its banks. We decided to down to Mundubbera for the night via Biloela and Monto. Arrived in Mundubbera about 3pm, outside temp was 40C, decided not to put up camper, too hot and we where dehydrated. Managed to get the last cabin (ahhhh air-conditioning!!!) That was when the rot set in..... went to open the panniers, left one wouldn't open, broken clip. (Tools, medication and toiletries bag inside). Had to buy all new stuff!. After we had settled into the cabin we went outside to put the cover on the bike, had just finished when the heavens opened up for the next 3 hours.

SUN 24/3. Left fairly early to beat the heat and headed due south to Dalby (about 200k). Good road no traffic. No photos yet as camera decided to play up, continued onto Goondiwindi, Moree and overnighted at Narrabri, where we managed to get an ensuite site, set the camper up and went to use the loo. On the way out of the bathroom I was attacked by some wasps, they got me on the left ear, it swelled up in minutes to such an extent that I could only just get my helmet on. Had tea at a place called 'Georges Diner', great meal and really good price.

MON 25/3. Fairly uneventful trip today, stopped at Gilgandra to ring ahead to Canberra Motorcycles to book bike in to get pannier opened. The land around Canowindra and Cowra was so dry the poor animals are eating rocks. It looke like they had no rain in years, arrived Canberra about 1 pm, spent the

next 3 days with Bernie's family catching up.

FRI 29/3. Left Canberra's northern suburbs at 6 am, (5am QLD time), BRRR fairly cool morning, took 45 mins to get to the other side of town but then had no traffic as it was all going to the city. Had to stop about 50kms down the road for Bernie to put on wet weather pants to keep the cold out. Arrived Cooma at about 9 am and headed to Macca's for hot coffee and to warm up a bit. (Air temp was 5 deg. I also put on wet weathers here). Continued onto Jindabyne, then onto Thredbo. Stopped at Kosciusko Nat Park gate to pay toll (not required if travelling straight thru), lady at toll booth said overnight temp was **-8c**, but it had risen to a balmy **-4c**. The thought of "What the hell are we doing" entered our heads. Continued on over the mountains seeing lots of bikes on their way to Phillip Island (lucky buggers) and arrived at Khancoban about 1:30pm, had lunch, topped up tank (\$1.58/litre). Arrived in Wodonga (Brothers place) at about 4 pm.

**Footnote: I would do that part of the trip again but not towing the camper, too many sharp corners & hairpins etc. Can't get any sort of speed up.**

SAT 1/4 and SUN 2/4 Saturday night was Brother John's 40<sup>th</sup> birthday. My daughter, Son in law and grandson flew in as a surprise for John. Great night catching up with some old friends. Went to caravan and camping show on Sun and then out to Ettamogah Pub. Finally got the camera fixed so now we can start taking photos.



MON 3/3. No early start today as we are not going very far. We had booked in at the High Plains Lodge at Dinner Plains, which is about 10 kms past Mt Hotham in the Vic snow fields. The Lodge is owned by a fellow Ulyssian named Billy Kaylock. We left Wodonga at about 10am and headed to Bright via Yackandandah, Myrtleford and Porepunkah. We dropped the camper off at Smith's Tyres and Brakes in Bright (another Ulyssian), thanks to Adrian, had lunch then went thru Harrietville, Mt Hotham and then onto Dinner Plains.



There is no fuel at Dinner Plains, closest is 30kms in each direction, apart of the package was dinner, and it was better than some of the meals you get in the big smoke. If you get a chance go there, it is worth it, Billy and his family do look after you.



TUES 4/3. Early morning start today, the mornings are a little fresh in the high country even in summer. We headed back to Bright to pick up the camper and then turned towards Melbourne.

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Billy wasn't there but we were well looked after by his son Ben. Our room was fabulous, the only other people there where other bikies on their way back from Phillip Island.

Dinner Plains is the highest freehold land in Australia, a block there will set you back \$240,000 for 288sqm.



## **End of the Month of June Dinner**

About 30 members turned up for the end of the month dinner at Farview Tavern. Some new faces as well others we hadn't seen for a while.

It was a lovely quite affair as the Ulysses' where the only ones in the dining area, all the others where at the bar with the Karoke happening.

It was a good evening where we where able to move around and socialise without being disturbed or disturbing others. All went home well fed.

## Presidents Prattle.



As I write this I am watching a DVD that came with the latest Road Rider mag. There is some bloke scooting round the Snowy Mountains with his mates. Wish it was me.....

Well we are all back from the AGM safe and sound. A couple with new bikes and memories of a good week, and the rest of us with just the memories.

I know of one lady who fell off the dance floor then walked around Pararella Park, Cairns and Cooktown with a broken bone in her foot. It was nice of her not to go to a doctor till she got home, thank you, Lady Di....



There is a line from a very old book "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" or put another way "What goes around, Comes around" and four of our branch members have lived up to this by taking in the two couples who came

to grief in the area on their way home from the AGM. Neil & Lyn Craig and Kev & Audra Allan, well done, you have done us proud. It is one of the many good things about our club; it doesn't matter where you are, if you are in need of help there is always some one close by.

The new Ride Calendar is attached to this news letter. You will notice there are some different rides this time around, congratulations to the ride committee for a job well done and please support their effort and go on as many of the rides you can.

I will be posting the roster for the September Driver Reviver weekend at Waverly Creek soon so look out for it and put your name down to do a couple of hours serving coffee and bickies to the travelling public, you can be assured of meeting some "Different People". You can camp down there and there is a shower and toilets for the workers.

Happy Birthday to all those who celebrated one in the last couple of months, and a big welcome to all our new members.

Cheers  
Jim



## Let's meet our new & long time local members!

### *New Members*



**Name:** Ross Oli  
**Nickname:** Ollie  
**Partner:** Julie  
**Rides:** Honda Goldwing  
**Hobbies/Interest:** Bike riding, fishing.

### *Long time Members*



**Names:** Wendy and Allan Jung  
**Nicknames:** Jungy  
**Rides:** Honda Goldwing  
**Hobbies/Interests:** Bike riding, fishing, spending time with his lovely wife Wendy.



**Name:** Allen Bovey  
**Nickname:** Al and Lana  
**Partner:** Alana  
**Rides:** Kawasaki 1100.  
**Hobbies/Interests:** Bikes, cattle.



**Names:** Paul and Maureen Smith  
**Nicknames:** Fluffy and Moo  
**Rides:** Kawasaki Nomad (Snorkle 2), Nifty fifty scooter (Thomas)  
**Hobbies/Interests:** Work, Maureen, Bike riding, travelling and elephants.

## For Sale Ads



2002 Honda Shadow Sabre (helicopter not included), modified pipes, custom seat, footboards, backrest, rack, screen, low kms, classic tow hitch, sheepskin seat covers, very nice to ride. \$10,990. Phone Swampy 0415762476.



1999 Yamaha Venture with intercom , am fm radio , cruise control ,sheep skin seat covers , \$12,000 ono . Phone Brad 4943 1037.

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Next edition due end August, please if you have anything you wish to contribute; have them to me by the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of August at the latest. This also includes ads, thank you for your co-operation.

- **Lunch at St Lawrence**
- **Dinner at the Metropolitan**
- **Nebo for lunch**
- **Christmas in July**
- **Greenhill BYO lunch**
- **The Treasurer's Mystery ride**
- **More members profiles**
- **Story from Mike Boss-Walker**
- **Continuing Henk and Bernie's Journey**



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