

# Rev'd n Rollin'

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## Bare foot Bowls and BBQ at North Mackay Bowls Club.



End of August club dinner at the North Mackay Bowls Club had a good roll up of members. Some action packed bowling from members with some laughs along the way.

We even had Ulysses visitors, Olga and Alan Letchford from Sale, Victoria join in on the activities.



Olga and Alan Letchford

After a few rounds or ends and drinks, there were clear winners and some actually had some talent for bowling and then most of us it was interesting just where the bowl would end up... some on the neighbours playing field or in the gutter at the end. Who cared who won, it was all in good fun.



Maureen doing it in style

After the bowling we all adjourned into the club house for our ready made Barbeque tea and as we all do consume some drinks, ate a hearty meal and just socialised some more.

## FATHER'S DAY RIDE to SEAFORTH – SUNDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

By Maritta Harvey



Kev lining up his target

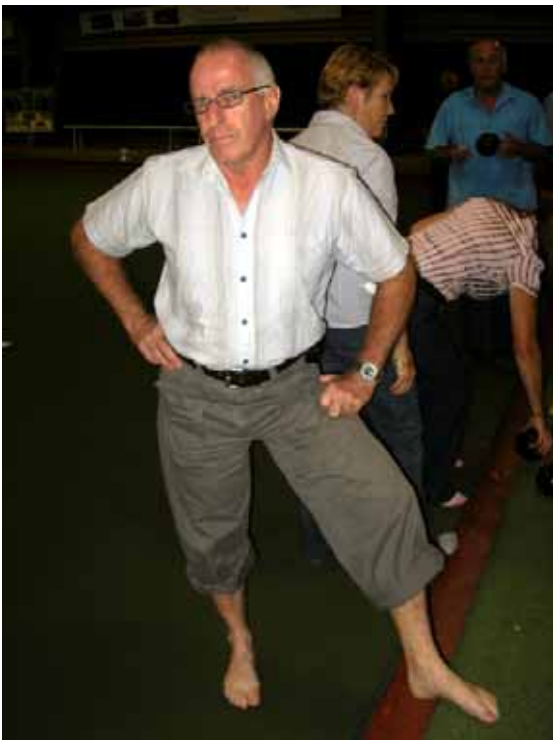


Pictured: The Group (Check out the “immature ones at the rear”)

It started with a bit of a mix up: -  
“Is it for Breakfast?” or “Is it for Lunch?”  
It was decided that, seeing it was Father’s Day, lunch would be the better option.

I led the riders over Hospital Bridge and out onto The Glenella Richmond Road then to Mackay Habana Road. Mark , Lyn, Casey & Sweetpea joined us at the bottom of Lynette Drive. This made up a total of 12 bikes. We continued out via the Farleigh Habana Road and then onto the Bruce (for 5 minutes) then out to Seaforth.

Dennis lives in Seaforth so he nominated himself to secure the picnic table and BBQ. Some smartie asked were the Esky and coldies were. The reply.... “Oh we drank them all for Breakfast. Sorry you missed out mate”. Good one Dennis!!



Paul dressed ready for bowling action on the green



Pictured: Who called the Silly Girl a cook? Who called the Cook a silly girl?

After a feed and a bit of a chin wag we said our goodbyes to Igor (who also lives in Seaforth – he went home for a poppy nap).



Pictured: Wendy, Igor (behind), Beau.

Beau and Wendy, Lyn & Mark also headed back to Mackay. The rest of us rode off to Kuttabul and then headed out to the Pinnacle Pub just in time to see the last hour of the Pioneer Valley “Show N Shine”.

There were loads of people about. But the one that stands out the most was a fellow Mackay Ulyssian, who was spotted leaving the pub. Naturally, the friendly bunch (that we are) stood by the side of the road and waved (and saluted) madly at him (and his gal) as they exited from the car-park. But alas and alack, they didn't see us 😞 and just took off without as much as a wave. Hopefully, we will catch you next time Sutto!!

It was good to meet up with another new member, who joined us for his first ride today. His name is Jerzy (pronounced – just like “a jumper, a coat, a sweater or a milking cow”) (yep, I know my sense of humour is a bit off ) Jerzy rides a new Trumpy Rocket 111. Say Hi from me when you see him.

As I rode along today, through our beautiful countryside in the sun, on Father's Day. I thought about my darling Dad who recently passed away. This was the first Father's Day ever without my Dad in my life. Thanks to some very special people, I had a day that I know my Dad would have wished for me. This Club Rocks....

## Waverly Creek Driver Reviver

By Lyn Jones



This being our first Driver Reviver Mark and I were very excited, we didn't take the bikes as we still haven't got our camper organised, so we packed up the Ute (how the hell am I going to fit all that stuff in a camper) and arrived at Waverly Creek at about 1pm on Friday. We met up with Igor, Jeff and Maritta along the way and had a bite to eat at Camilla Servo.



Lyn and Mark

Jim, Denise, Bryce, Julie and Ross were already there and set up, a steady flow of people arrived throughout the day, and by the evening our customers were looking very tired and were very grateful for the warm drink and happy faces. I was really quite surprised by the number of people that were travelling late at night and obviously very tired.



Bob and Joy

We had about 23 volunteers turn up at various times over the weekend it was great to have Bob and Joy from Townsville join us on Saturday, helping out till Monday.

Mark and his trusty Chain Saw kept the Camp Fire eternally burning, keeping Keith snug at night as he slept beside the hot coals, and a hot bed for some gastronomic delights.



For Breakfast on Saturday morning we had a real treat Marks Banana and Maple Syrup Pancakes they were delicious. Saturday night was Jim's legendary Camp Oven Stew it was scrumptious and a real hit, there were three pots cooked and only a very small amount left. He had the whip out with Denise and Joy peeling the veges. Oh and did I mention the roasting marshmallows.

A couple of interesting people kept some of us amused on Friday night like

the 86 year old that had moved out of his house as the rent had increased and he could no longer afford it so he hit the road in an old 1966 F100 I think he chatted to the Bryce, Mark and Jeff till about 1 am. He had driven up North to get a job in the mines but due to his age he couldn't pick up any work so he was headed back to Victoria just in time for the Grand Final.



On Sunday we had heard that there was a robbery down the road at the Log Cabin servo, and the offender was heading our way, so Mark and Megsy started practising their Kung Fu manoeuvres and their pose's for the cameras when they received their award. Luckily for the robber he was caught by the Police later that day.



We felt that it was a very successful weekend with lots of positive feedback and comments left in the message book.

We met lots of interesting people some with sad stories, but most of all lots of happy ones, with some very interesting trips planned and no idea about booking ahead for accommodation. We also spoke to a couple of prospective new members, who were impressed with the friendliness of us all.



The weather was very mild over the whole weekend, quite warm compared to previous years, so we were told. All of those still there on Monday were lucky enough to be treated to a visit by a Koala Bear.



Our visiting Koala drops in at the Reviver  
A very big thank you to all volunteers over the weekend and a special thank you to those wonderful people (Maritta & Megsy) who gave a couple of kids some much needed love and medical attention.



Up at the crack of dawn (Jeff)



Ross and Julie



Joy and Megs



Denise



Who's the pretty birdy?



Maritta



Dave's camp

## September end of month tea at Pinnacle Pub.

26<sup>th</sup> September was our end of the month tea with about 30 members driving up the valley for tea.

Maritta braved it by riding her bike and the rest of us turned up in our cars.

While we were waiting for our meals we all socialised, then to our surprise the meals turned up. Kev and Mark both ordered Crumbed steak, the size of the large dinner plate was the size of the steak..... to our disbelief Mark managed to eat all of his steak and then lined up for dessert. Kevy took home a doggy bag.

The meals up there would put most pubs in Mackay to shame for value for money, the quality was excellent and I assure you nobody went home hungry. The atmosphere is one of a good old fashioned pub but one that is worth the drive for a meal. If you haven't been there for tea take my advice consider it as you won't be disappointed.



## Coffee at the Station Tea House – Cape Hillsborough



On the 5<sup>th</sup> October a ride was co-ordinated at short notice to the Station Tea House at Cape Hillsborough.



It turned out an enjoyable afternoon with lots of fun and socialising.



Spunk Rats (Wendy and Alan Jung)

**TEN PIN BOWLING – FRIDAY  
10<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER –  
from the keyboard of Turtle (Maritta)**

Jeff and I arrived at BG's early to make sure that everything was OK for our big Bowling night.

No problems – teams were assembled and everyone ran around finding their balls. (Bowling Balls- that is).



Wendy and Bo



Neil and Lyn



Mark and Lyn



Fluffy Smyff on Lyn's Valkyrie trike



All set – here we go then! Lane 5... broke down. Great! So Lynne, Megs, Neil and Ken took their Balls to Lane 9.



Paul, Denis, Janet and Chris in Lane 6 seemed to be very in control of their balls. Bowling very well and obviously very experienced. They came up with a total score of 514 points over 2 games.

Bushy (Jeff), Gail (Tank's other 1/2), Rowan (young Bryce) and I took up in Lane 7. All working? Good. Then we started to lose our balls. (Bowling Balls that is) Seriously, the ally had swallowed all our Balls. Jeff just kept going to the storage shelf to find another couple for his collection.



Rowan's bowling style is similar to his fathers and, like his father, he showed moments of brilliance too. Gail held tightly to her ball all night (We later learned the Tank was in hospital as he had undergone surgery to his nether regions) – so it was understandable that Gail wanted to hold tightly to something familiar.

between the old guy crawling around between the lanes and Bushy and Jimmy grabbing and pushing the balls up the rubber thingy - we got our balls back. Jimmy's team came up with a massive total score of 759. Bush's team on the other hand scored 707.



Linnee (Jones) Neil, Meggs & Ken were all fired up in Lane 9. Mark took the photos – I especially like the one of Lyn with the green ball. (And that's all I have to say about that).



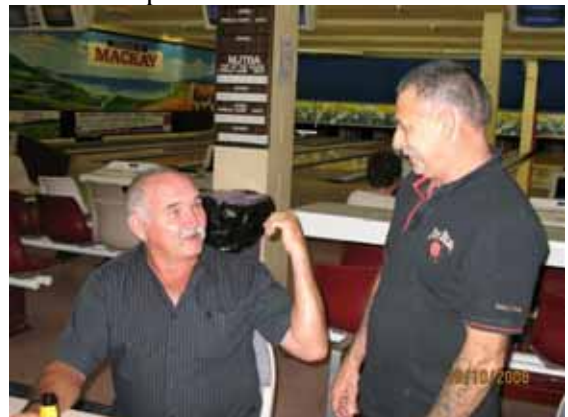
Jimmy (el President), Dale, Deb & John (new members) were looking very polished in Lane 8. Until they started losing their balls as well.



Our Club Treasurer (Bryce), Viv, and husband and wife team Lu (Betty Boop) & George were strategically placed in Lane 10 and came up with a total team score of 753.



Finally, we explained to an employee of the ally that we had lost all our balls. A technician arrived. He opened up the floor and found that our balls were stuck up under the floor boards between the lanes. So,



The best Bowler on the night was George. Second was Bushy, next John and Deb was the best girl on the night.



I would especially like to thank the “supporters” who came along. We know where you live!!



Everyone left their balls at the ally (except for George – he took his in a special bag) and we all went into town for Coffee.

I think it is fair to say –Everyone had a Ball!!!



Lyn, Maritta and Luanne.



## **IMPROMPTU RIDE – to SEDGGIES TEA HOUSE – Pinnacle**

**Photos courtesy of Lyn Jones.**

**Written by Maritta**

**SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER 2008**

Here are some photos of a small group who took an impromptu ride to the Pinnacle on Sunday 12 October.



The Big Umbrellas were great for protection from both the rain and the sun.



President Jim MacDonald, New Member John Van Den Hueval and Paul (Fluffy) Smith (who would like the record to show that he would rather we call him “Thunderbird” or something silly like that).



New members John & Deb in the foreground. What a lovely view. The rain clouds in the distance.

We had our coffee, tea, scones and cake – and played “Ladies and Gentlemen” (as well as we know how).

Then those of us who had time high tailed it, through the rain, to the Marian Pub for cleansing ale. Then home.

## **BIG THANK YOU**

**To those I have pestered to write articles for the newsletter over the past few months, whilst I was unable to attend some of the rides.**

**If it wasn't for you who contributed their time and skills for me, the newsletter would have been a bit on the shabby side and I would like to say I appreciated their efforts. Thank you again.  
From your editor, Audra.**

## **Not the Yeppoon Ride Ride**

By Lyn Jones

19<sup>th</sup> October, 2008

We gathered at the Tourist Information Park at 10 for a 10.30 departure 13 people arrived, Kevy showing off his new bike, and a couple of members that hadn't been on a ride with us for awhile Bob and Marian turned up.



Bob, Marian and Jimmy

The decision on where to ride to was not unanimous with a couple of different ideas being thrown around they were Pinnacles for a Steak or Nebo Hotel for Lunch.

It was decided that Gary and Julie would go to the Pinnacle Pub for a Steak, Kevy and Audra went to the Marian Markets for a squizz and the others would go to Nebo.

Mark and I chose Nebo, Jimmy was the ride leader and we had 7 others along for the ride to. We headed south to Sarina with the threat of a storm and big grey skies looming. I think we may have had a sprinkle or two when we reached Sarina and that was all we got thankfully I didn't relish the idea of the esses in rain and also no wet weather gear on board.

We turned right onto the Sarina Range Road it is such a buzz doing the esses of the Sarina Range, the rest of the ride to Nebo is also very scenic with that Blue Mountain vista you get at the top of the range.



We arrived at the Nebo Pub at the same time as the Mackay Harley Owners Club did, so it took awhile to get served but it was worth waiting for as usual, top pub, good food and great company.



On the way home a few of us came back via the Eton Range and then Homebush and then on to the Jung's at McEwen's Beach for a coffee. Thank you to the Jung's for your hospitality another great day out with Mackay Ulysses.

## The Yeppoon Ride.

by **Henk Botcher**

It started out as a reasonable sort of day, but by the time we got to the info centre, Huey had other ideas, we had to don the wet gear, as the heavens opened up. Our motley crew consisted of George and Luanne, Leroy and Viv, Ross and Julie, Alan Bovey and yours truly Henk and Bernadette.

We got away right on time at 9:30 and headed to Marlborough via Carmilla to top up tanks and remove aforementioned wet gear, arriving at Yeppoon at 2:30, checking in and acquiring the necessities of life.



Later on in the afternoon we were joined by Kasey and Angie, Pat and Joy, Jeff and Maritta, John and Debbie, new members, before going into town to have dinner.

We went to the Pacific Hotel and found we could not get a table as a group of about 16 had just got in before us, enter the big fella, Kasey. As it turned out his sister is the manager of the bistro, and did we mind eating in the bar area, Hell no! One of the best pub meals we've had in a while.

Later on we had some live music in the bar area, and then we called it a night, some of us later than others, hey Luanne, as we had a ride organised for the next day.



I had contacted the Sec. of the Rocky branch, Steve, a while ago about maybe some of their guys meeting up with us and going for a ride, He didn't disappoint, they had about a dozen turn up at 9 am for a ride to Byfield, where two of their members runs an ecolodge. A



very pleasant ride thru Yeppoon and then on up to Byfield national park to the lodge where we were greeted by owners Baz and Jenny, for a morning tea and some of us had a look around the property, beautiful spot.

We left there refreshed and headed out for the second leg of our day, we were taken on a very enjoyable ride thru the back areas of the Yeppoon district on some very good bike roads, for about an hour ending up at Keppel Sands, where we stayed for a very enjoyable lunch at the Keppel Sands Hotel, and followed by ice cream in Yeppoon.(MMMmmmmm).



That night we stayed at the park and had a cook up at the camp kitchen, with entertainment provided by Jeff and his possums.



The following morning we had a big fry up with all the remaining food and end up feeding some happy back packers. A few of our group had to leave early, whilst the rest of us headed in to town at the invitation of the Rocky group for coffee and chat morning at the Leagues club, leaving at about 11.30 for our return home.

A special thanks to Rocky group for organising a great ride on the Saturday, especially Steve and his lovely wife Marg. Keep the shiny side up, Henk.

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

### *New Members*



**Name:** Rob Moyle  
**Nicknames:** Robbie  
**Partner:** Ingrid (Hippy Chick)  
**Rides:** Both -Yamaha V Star  
**Hobbies/Interest:** Info Tech;  
 Computers, mechanics and riding.



**Name:** George Lenton  
**Nickname:** George  
**Partner:** Bev (aka Libby)  
**Rides:** Suzuki GSXF 750  
**Hobbies/Interests:** Fishing, swimming.

### *Long time Members*



**Name:** Greg and Maree Walton and yes she actually does exist as some of us have met her.  
**Nickname:** Greggy  
**Rides:** Harley 1200 Sportster  
**Likes:** Rum, Harley Davidsons, Live people, dead people, singing.  
**Dislikes:** Lack of Rum, A broken Harley, Politicians.



**Name:** Dave & Elizabeth Cooper  
**Nickname:** Dave & Elizabeth  
**Rides:** Suzuki Bandit (what else) & Suzuki GN 250  
**Hobbies/Interests:** Riding, camping, long distant rides.



## Presidents Prattle

Well another Newsletter is upon us and Audra has had to harass me for my bit, again! Our branch is growing; it's good to see and to meet some of our new friends who have attended our outings in the past 2 months. I would like to welcome you all. We have had some good rides in the past months and I am sure that Audra has them well covered, as she usually does elsewhere in the newsletter.

### Driver Reviver:

We had a great time at Waverly this year and despite the rising cost of fuel we dispensed about 1100 cups of coffee and tea in the 72 hours we were open and also raised approx \$800.00 after costs. The distribution of these donations will be decided at our next committee meeting.

**Birthdays:** in the next couple of months are: -

Alan	Bovey	Bill	Case
Lyn	Craig	Allan	Jung
Gary	Kent	George	Lenton
Gary	Newby	Simon	Schneider
Malcolm	Swanney	William	Wishart
Karen	Wombold	Anne	Hopkins
Mick	McFarlane	Pat	Obrien
Terry	Phillips	Robert	Sandford
Gail	Tozer		

If I have misses any one then **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** and let me know so I can update my list.

### Branch AGM:

Advance notice- The Mackay branch AGM will be held on Sunday the 1<sup>st</sup> of February commencing at 10:00 at the Farview Tavern with lunch afterwards. Nominations close with the Secretary on the 30<sup>th</sup> of December 2008. A nomination form is available to download on our website [www.ulysses.org.au/branches/mackay](http://www.ulysses.org.au/branches/mackay)

### Sponsor:

You will notice an ad for "John Donnelly The Good Guys" at the bottom of this page. He is sponsoring a fund raising initiative we will be holding over the next couple of months. He has been very generous to us, so if you need something electrical then please give him a try...

Remember people, Ride carefully... Life does not come with a spare...

Cheers

Jim

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



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