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Driver Reviver 16th – 19th September 2011

Once again our great team of volunteers gave up their weekend to dispense coffee, tea, biscuits, free travel advice, and the wisdom of the ages, to weary travellers. At times it was hard to tell who was having more fun; the people in the kiosk (and loitering in the near vicinity) or the travellers who were the grateful recipients of our ministrations.

It was easy to see that a good laugh, and a good yarn does as much good, if not more, than the caffeine and sugar that were given out in copious quantities this year. Driver Reviver is not just a good opportunity to meet people from all nationalities, and walks of life, it is one of the clearest demonstrations to the public of what bloody nice people Ulyssesians are. It is also a pleasure to spend a day or two with our club members dazzling each other with facts, or baffling each other with bullshit, whichever it is .

The Road Tek crew deserve a special mention for their help in making the campsite a good one. A bunch of gentlemen.

'News at 5' by Carrot and Carrot Top (a.k.a Calvin and Megs) was one of the highlights of the weekend, as was the damn fine camp oven cooking. I am really looking forward to next year in the new and improved rest stop.

Bones



WAVERLEY CREEK 'DRIVER REVIVER'

16-19th September - by Darryl Shaw (Possum)

Sunny yet cool conditions made for a great weekend at Waverley Creek rest stop for our annual Driver Reviver. Around 30 members, including Pat and Joy from Rocky had a great weekend doing what we do best: enjoying good company, camp oven cooking, drinks and a few laughs around the camp fire.

Although Jim and Denise had a plane to catch to Scotland, they made sure the event was well prepared and were able to hand the show over to a very capable crew, including: Greg and Sandy, Neil and Meggs, and others, to keep the fire burning and the volunteer roster ticking over. Jim and others went down to start the four day stint on Friday and to set up and make sure the fire pit was excavated.

When Mandy and I arrived on Saturday we were warmly greeted by a lot of good mates who jumped in to help us get our tent set up and although we missed the Friday night fare, we really enjoyed the camp oven stew and damper on Saturday night.

The focus of the four-day weekend is to operate the Driver Reviver and provide travellers with a cuppa, a friendly smile and opportunity to rest. These rests stops are sponsored by Queensland Transport which provides tea, coffee, biscuits, etc. Benefactors of visitor donations are the Arthritis Foundation and CQ Rescue Helicopter. The visitor's book makes good reading with comments from Aussie and International visitors confirming that the service we provide is very much appreciated.

The rest area is currently undergoing significant upgrades with earthworks clearly showing the layout of a truck stop, adjacent to the current amenities, and a new amenities block. These upgrades should enhance any future stop-overs and Driver Revivers.

With many hands on deck and a relatively easy roster of two hour cycles there was plenty of opportunity for members to enjoy some R&R of our own. A short walk from the camp ground revealed Waverley Creek at it's best with wet lagoons and clean running water. Abundance of water birds and fish sighted by Bill indicate good water quality.



Dianne and Mandy resting in their 'tree cubby'



Bill's balancing skills on the creek crossing

The creek is well lined with shady trees and the Bottlebrush looked spectacular with a show of red blooms.



Lagoons behind the rest area



Bottlebrush, Casuarina (Sheoak) and Paperbark

Eungella Ride

As we woke this morning to a great Spring day we joined 19 of our great Ulyssian friends and headed off up the valley to the Eungella Chalet for lunch.

After our usual chin wag at the info centre and the fun and frivolity of the group we set off with Mark leading and me on the trusted Harley bringing up the rear. Bryce was on the old girl (his restored Trumpy) just in front of the tail as he said he couldn't keep up. What a joke he took off and we never saw him again till our drink stop at Mirani (The girls went to the op shop and got a couple of bargains).

John was on the newest member of the clan with his new toy Rocket which didn't stay clean for long as the road works dictated other wise and Mark didn't break down.

Lunch was our usual noisy affair with many topics discussed and debated not to mention the "secret" poll for the proposed new club shirt which were modelled by myself and my lovely wife Sandi.

The most popular event was when the singer started playing Happy Birthday and Sonia surprised Poppy and the Ulyssians with a cake and candles for his 70th birthday last week. After lunch most returned via Septimus and Pine Vale to Neil and Megs's where the girls had a cooking demo by our wonder chef Sonia on the art of making scones. These complimented the coffee and tea no end. Also those going to the Mildura AGM discussed the route to take and how long to get there.

All to soon it was time to go and watch the Kiwis get done by the Aussies

YAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAY on ya boys

Ebeda ebeda thats all folks

The Ride Boys



Ainslie started this trend, Thanks Ains!!!! Ainslie`s Army



Happy Birthday Poppy.

Presidents Prattle

Hi everyone it has been a long time since I have put pen to paper. Life is just too busy at the moment.

Good to see John Van den Hueval back home after his back Operation. He is riding a new bike even though it has a faulty fuel gauge. There is a story there if you ask him.

Bryce Bathe took possession of a new Triumph Tiger 800, he hardly had time to run it in when he had an argument with a Cow. Bike 1 Cow nil. Hope to see Bryce and Bike united shortly with repaired or replaced Bike.

We wish Swampy a fast recovery from his argument with a Kangaroo, he is in the Liverpool Hospital and I believe by the time this Newsletter goes to press he will be home again. Swampy was on a support ride to Canberra to commemorate fallen Police Officers in Australia. Good on Ya Swampy, look forward to seeing you back in the saddle.

I would like to thank all of the members who supported the Driver Reviver, this is a very good cause, helping those who are travelling, doing our bit to help with road safety. It's very enjoyable to have a break in your trip and have some friendly people offering a cuppa and a chat to help them get over any fatigue they may have.

Due to my work commitments I have not been on many rides this year, however the ones I have been on have been very enjoyable and were well supported by the members. The roll the dice rally that Bill organised last week was a great day, unfortunately I couldn't complete the ride due to the Battery on my bike giving up on me.

John's Vs rally this year is all set for the 22/10 make sure you get your accommodation booked this is going to be a great run. John has negotiated a really good rate with dinner and breakfast included in the price. John, Deb Greg and Sandy have worked hard to set this rally up please support this event it will be a lot of fun.

Jimmy and Denise Mac are away on holidays travelling all over Scotland, they met with Joyce in a little town there somewhere, I am sure they are having a great time and we wish them a safe return.

The new club T Shirts have been chosen it is a very smart Black T Shirt with a collar and Teal Piping Greg and Sandy wore the male and female version on our last run. Contact Sandy for more information and how to get your hands on one. Apologies to anyone who hasn't been receiving emails, with Jim away I am not sure I am using the correct mailing list. Please let me know so I can fix it.

So until we meet again, ride safe and look out for one another.

Mark





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