



# RIDING ON TOO

## NEWSLETTER OF THE ULYSSES CLUB

### CANBERRA BRANCH

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**PRESIDENT**

Peter Gibbins  
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G'day again.

**TREASURER**

Peter Higgs  
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A fairly quite month for me with most of my time spent following up with our sponsors to support us for the coming year. Joe from Joe's Motorcycles has come to the party again with sponsorship of our wine raffle and has added a voucher which can be redeemed at this shop as part of each months prize. Mick Owen Motorcycles as well as Gecko are keen to support our Branch. I will be in touch with other potential sponsors in the near future.

**SECRETARY**

Ian Paterson  
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Canberra Motorcycle Centre has continued with their support of the \$100.00 voucher for those who attend the monthly Branch meetings. If you have not attended in the past why not come along and join us and be in the running for this prize.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Ride Coordinator

Gordon White  
gwhite@netspeed.com.au

I had a call from Jamie at CMCC Fyshwick recently to advise that the June sale will be on Saturday 19th June and this just happens to be in conjunction with the our next BBQ. It would be great to see you out there to grab a bargain as well as buy a meal or drink from the BBQ Team. If you are interested in helping out please let Kim know. The last BBQ was well attended and we are hoping to build upon this.

BBQ Coordinator

Kim Gibbins  
gibbinskim@hotmail.com

Social Secretary

Judy Perry  
judyperry@netspeed.com.au

You may have received an email from me with a survey for you to complete. This is your opportunity to provide feedback, suggestions and ideas to the committee to ensure that we deliver more value to you our members. Completion of the survey can be anonymous and your responses will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Flip

flip.dover@incanberra.com.au

Trish Holdsworth

tonkatough10@hotmail.com

Christmas in July is nearly upon us and if it is like previous events this will sure be a lot of fun. The Tattersall's Hotel in West Wyalong is this years venue. More details on this can be found in this months RO2 or by getting in touch with Judy Perry.

**RO2 EDITOR**

Flip  
RO2Editor@live.com

Finally a quick reminder that the branch meeting commences at 7:30pm.

**HISTORIAN**

Peter Newark  
pjnewark@ozemail.com.au

We are endeavouring to have a guest speaker at future monthly branch meetings on various topics surrounding motorcycling.

Anyway that's enough from me. Now to the rest of the RO2.

**QUARTERMASTER**

Jan Wills  
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See you out and about.

--Peter

**WEBMASTER**

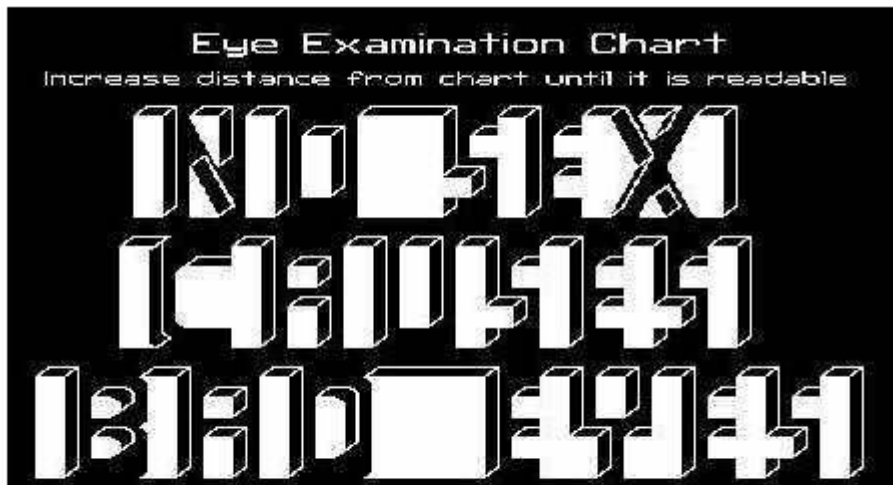
Gary McDonald  
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**MEMBERSHIP IN THE ACT REGION: 400+**

# TREASURER'S REPORT

Ulysses Club - Canberra Branch					
Report for April 2010					
Income				Banked S1	Banked S2
					Investment
15/06/2010	Newsletter	\$ 7.00			
15/06/2010	BBQ	\$15.85			
15/06/2010	QM	\$90.00			
15/06/2010	Raffle	\$88.80			
		\$201.65			
16/04/2010	Banking		\$ 201.65		
<b>Presented cheques</b>					
10/05/2010	Club Shirts	\$1,279.10			
15/06/2010	Qm order	\$95.30			
<b>Expenses</b>					
15/06/2010	BBQ expenses April/May 2010	\$229.71			
<b>Account Balances</b>					
	S1 03409312	\$1,458.63			
	S2 03505049	\$85.66			
	Investment	\$4,174.52			
Note: \$495.00 for Club shirts transferred from S2 to S1.					



Get up from your chair and stand as far back as you can to read the above.



# MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING 18 MAY 2010

Meeting Opened: 7:35 pm.

Attendance: 45.

Apologies: Brian Agius, Peter Lord, Al Lohse, Evan Jones, Jim Wadsworth, Maxine & Bryson Holden, Mal Garner, Sharon Costigan.

Welcome New Members & Visitors: Lisa Thomas, Brad & Lee Morante.

Minutes of Previous Meeting, President's Report, Treasurer's Report: As published in RO2. Acceptance: Chas, George. Carried.

Business arising from previous minutes: None.

Correspondence in:

Veteran Vintage & Classic MC ACT newsletter.

Ulysses Club MIA Branch newsletter.

Ulysses Club South Coast Meet & Greet updated flyer

Ulysses national office – volunteer badges from Albany AGM

CMC winter catalogue.

Timor Adventures motorcycle tours in East Timor

Snowy Hydro SouthCare newsletter

Seeing Eye Dogs Australia – request for sponsorship money



Correspondence out: None.

Business arising from correspondence: As decided at branch committee meeting, secretary to write to Seeing Eye Dogs Australia cancelling our sponsorship.

Rider Development:

Gary Mac is still running Rusty Rider training courses – put your name on his list and he will get in touch and let you know what's happening and when. Contact Gary on 0408 434 549 or kurrajong@internode.on.net.

Webmaster Report:

The Ulysses Club national website is about to be revamped, which could change the way we as a branch do things on the web.

Quartermaster's Report:

Buy Ulysses Club merchandise through Jan and save on shipping costs. Order anything that is in gearshop pages in Riding On and pay for the goods when you pick them up. You can also buy and sell second-hand gear at Jan's gear table.

Social Secretary's Report:

Judy Perry said Christmas in July is organised and filling up fast.

The branch Christmas party will be held on the train to Tarago and back (if we can get it) and will cost \$79 per head.

A Ten Pin Bowling night will be held in August – Ian Paterson to organise.

A Go Karting day will be held on a Saturday in September.

Judy called for ideas to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Canberra branch on February 12 next year. The consensus was to repeat the branch's first ride.

# MINUTES FROM GENERAL MEETING CONT.

Our historian and inaugural president, Peter Newark, said the branch's first event was to Shannons Wheels Expo but the first ride was a weekend trip to Nowra, where in those days a caravan cost \$18 a night and a motel \$26 single or \$33 double.

Peter revealed that he joined the club by accident at a rally when he thought he was buying a badge.

"I went to the AGM in Tenterfield – there were about 400 in the club then," he said. "I contacted other people in Canberra and about a dozen people turned up for our first meeting on February 12, 1986. There are still a few of them riding."

Peter Newark was president and Frank Wallace secretary. Within a year the branch had 50-60 members and within five years had grown to several hundred members.

Peter still has the minutes of the first meeting and he wrote a history of the branch's first five years. Jen Woods has the original photo album.

## BBQ Report:

Kim Gibbins said a BBQ would be held at CMC on the following Saturday. She called for volunteers and with Flip's help a roster was drawn up.

## Ride Coordinator's Report:

Our new ride coordinator, Gordon White, thanked Peter Arday for his planning, which takes the ride calendar up to the end of the month.

The Alpine Rally is on June 12-14 and the MRA holds regular rides.

Gordon is happy to take suggestions for future rides.

## MRA Report:

Jen Woods thanked everyone who took part in the Blanket Run, which raised \$4200 in cash and kind for Canberra Community Care. Ulysses will share the trophy for the biggest attendance with the Canberra Riders.

This year's Toy Run, to be held on December 11, will be Canberra's 30th and as such will be an extra special event.

Motorcycle Awareness Week will be held on October 23-30 and will finish with the Pink Ribbon Ride and Bike Fest on October 30.

## RO2 Editor's Report:

The deadline for each issue of RO2 is the Thursday before the branch monthly meeting. Ride reports and other contributions should be emailed (with photos if possible) to Flip for RO2 at [RO2Editor@live.com](mailto:RO2Editor@live.com) and Gary for the branch website at [kurrajong@internode.on.net](mailto:kurrajong@internode.on.net).

## General Business

A survey form aimed at uncovering the feelings and needs of members was handed out. Peter Gibbins will also email the survey form to all members on the branch email list. Completed forms can be posted back to Ulysses Club Canberra Branch, PO Box 387, Curtin, ACT 2605 or emailed to [ulysses.survey@incanberra.com.au](mailto:ulysses.survey@incanberra.com.au).

Ash and Graeme reported on the Loaded Dog Rally at Tarago showground, which was attended by 125 happy campers plus some day trippers. It will be held again next year.

CMC spares manager Geoff Wood said CMC hopes to move into their new premises, currently under construction in Fyshwick, in September.

Stuart Shilton thanked everyone who came to Heather's memorial and ride to Robertson, where a rose was planted in her memory. He thanked Butch and Jan for the rose, a variety known fittingly as Ulysses, which was planted in a secure, safe site. The branch committee will organise the Heather Shilton Memorial Award.

At next month's meeting either Hal from TJ's or another Hal from John McGrath Ford (Moto Guzzi and Aprilia dealers) will give a talk. Sometime in the future, Peter Gibbons (another Peter Gibbons, not our own Peter Gibbins – this is getting confusing) from Gecko Motorcycles will give a talk on tyre pressure sensors.

Tonight's winner: Alex Sloots won the Lucky Door Prize, a \$100 voucher from CMC. Judy Perry won the Joe's Motorcycles wine raffle.

Meeting closed: 8:35pm.

Next meeting: 7:30pm Tuesday June 15 at Italo-Australian Club, Forrest.

## POOF and the light goes off

A 72-year-old man goes for a physical. All of his tests come back with normal results. The doctor says, 'Jerry, everything looks great.

How are you doing mentally and emotionally? Are you at peace with God?'

Jerry replies, 'God and I are tight. He knows I have poor eyesight, so he's fixed it for when I get up in the middle of the night to go to the bathroom, \*poof\*!, the light goes on. When I'm done, \*poof\*!, the light goes off.'



'Wow, that's incredible,' the doctor says.

A little later in the day, the doctor calls Jerry's wife. 'Ginger,' he says, 'Jerry is doing fine but I had to call you because I'm in awe of his relationship with God. Is it true that he gets up during the night and \*poof\*!, the light goes on in the bathroom, and when he's done, \*poof\*! the light goes off?'

'OH MY GOD!' Ginger exclaims. 'He's peeing in the fridge again!!!!'



ride with us...

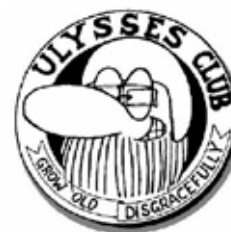
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Used- Yes we Buy and Sell

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Artists of the 60's are revising their hits with new lyrics to accommodate ageing baby boomers ...New Releases Include:

Herman's Hermits ---Mrs. Brown, You've Got A Lovely Walker

Ringo Starr --- I Get By With A Little Help From Depends

The Bee Gees -- -How Can You Mend A Broken Hip?

Roberta Flack---The First Time Ever I Forgot Your Face

Johnny Nash ---I CAN'T See Clearly Now.

Paul Simon---Fifty Ways To Lose Your Liver

The Commodores ---Once, Twice, 3 Times To The Bathroom

Procol Harum--- A Whiter Shade Of Hair

Leo Sayer ---You Make Me Feel Like Napping

The Temptations ---Papa's Got A Kidney Stone

Abba--Denture Queen

Helen Reddy ---I Am Woman, Hear Me Snore

Lesley Gore---It's My Hormones & I'll Cry If I Want To

Willie Nelson ---On the Commode Again

# CANBERRA MOTORCYCLE CENTRE

Visit Canberra Motorcycle Centre for the best deal on all your motorcycle needs.

Discounts on bikes and accessories for all Ulysses card holders.

Canberra Motorcycle Centre, locally owned and operated in Fyshwick for over 20 years and now also located in Kemble Court, Mitchell.

Largest range of parts and accessories in the ACT.



I called your house the other day and was told you were down at your favourite biker bar with some friends. I wasn't sure where that was, but was told I wouldn't have much trouble finding it.

Sure enough, I drove just a couple blocks and there it

# WHAT'S ON

**MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:30PM AT THE ITALO AUSTRALIAN CLUB, 78 FRANKLIN ST, FORREST. DINNER WITH OTHER MEMBERS, BEFORE THE MEETING, FROM 6.00 PM**

**NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 20 JULY 2010**

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## ***Rider Tune Up: A Refresh for Rusty Riders***

'Wanted ... other members who wish to brush up on slow riding skills.

Need a minimum of 3, maximum 6 riders, for Gary to run the course.

Weekend. 3 hours instruction. - to be run when we have the numbers.

Email Gary - on [gajmcdonald@onaustralia.com.au](mailto:gajmcdonald@onaustralia.com.au)

## **AMAZING SIMPLE HOME REMEDIES:**

1. AVOID CUTTING YOURSELF WHEN SLICING VEGETABLES BY GETTING SOMEONE ELSE TO HOLD THE VEGETABLES WHILE YOU CHOP.
2. AVOID ARGUMENTS ABOUT LIFTING THE TOILET SEAT BY USING THE SINK.
3. FOR HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE SUFFERERS ~ SIMPLY CUT YOURSELF AND BLEED FOR A FEW MINUTES, THUS REDUCING THE PRESSURE ON YOUR VEINS. REMEMBER TO USE A TIMER.
4. A MOUSE TRAP PLACED ON TOP OF YOUR ALARM CLOCK WILL PREVENT YOU FROM ROLLING OVER AND GOING BACK TO SLEEP AFTER YOU HIT THE SNOOZE BUTTON.
5. IF YOU HAVE A BAD COUGH, TAKE A LARGE DOSE OF LAXATIVES. THIS WILL MAKE YOU STOP AND THINK BEFORE COUGHING.
6. YOU ONLY NEED TWO TOOLS IN LIFE - WD-40 AND DUCT TAPE. IF IT DOESN'T MOVE AND SHOULD, USE THE WD-40. IF IT SHOULDN'T MOVE AND DOES, USE THE DUCT TAPE.
7. IF YOU CAN'T FIX IT WITH A HAMMER, YOU'VE GOT AN ELECTRICAL PROBLEM.

***(note from the Editor: I fact-checked these on snopes and a couple of other sites. They're for real and totally work! The best part is they cost next to nothing and may already be available!!)***





## TEN PIN BOWLING

Sat 21 August at Belconnen 7:00pm

\$25 shoe hire and a hamburger and beer/soft drink

Pay our treasurer in cash at the July meeting or  
Direct debit to Ian Paterson  
BSB 732 a/c 504 224

We need final numbers by 31 July  
If you don't like hamburgers Ian said he would eat  
it for you

### DAILY THOUGHT:

SOME PEOPLE ARE LIKE SLINKIES - NOT REALLY GOOD  
FOR ANYTHING, BUT THEY BRING A SMILE TO YOUR FACE  
WHEN YOU PUSH THEM DOWN THE STAIRS.

*Editor's recommendation of the month:  
The Illawarra Fly Cafe*

*The Editor and a few foolhardy souls  
went to the Illawarra Fly last weekend  
instead of attending the advertised ride  
to Gunning. The weather was fantastic  
and the scenery even better, but SHIT  
it was a cold ride home! You might  
want to go when it's a bit warmer than  
2\* c on the return trip!*

*PS: After 3 failed attempts to get to the  
fly on a clear day it has been determined  
that the bad weather factor is in fact St  
Pedro... so if you want to go, don't take  
him with you!*





# ***Ulysses South Coast NSW***

## ***Meet & Greet***

**4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> September 2010**

**No Registration Fee**

### **Check In**

- Shoalhaven City Council Car Park
- 10.30 am – 1.00 pm
- Food, cold drinks and coffee available to purchase

### **Rides**

***Saturday 4 September 2010 – depart 1.00pm***

- Nowra to Huskisson
- Lovely spot to shop, dine or just sightsee

### **Entertainment**

***Saturday Night Dinner Dance***

- Bomaderry Bowling Club
- Three course served meal
- \$40.00 per head

***Sunday Morning Breakfast***

- Bacon & Egg Rolls
- Tea / Coffee
- Supplied by Nowra Lions Club (small fee)

### **Further Information**

Tracey 0412 151 585 or 4423 1936, Kerrie 0413 998 716. E – [skeetbr76@hotmail.com](mailto:skeetbr76@hotmail.com)  
Or see the branch website at [www.ulyssessouthcoast.webs.com](http://www.ulyssessouthcoast.webs.com)



As the South Coast Branch is an informal committee and carry no money we ask that cheques or money orders be made payable to:

Bomaderry Bowling Club, and sent to – Ulysses South Coast, C/- Tracey Blacker  
6 Juniper Place, Worrigeer NSW 2540

# Ulysses South Coast NSW Meet & Greet

4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> September 2010

## Registration Form

Contact Name

Postal or email address

Contact Phone No

Branch

YES/NO

YES/NO

Saturday Ride

Courtesy Bus

Saturday Dinner (\$40)

Sunday Breakfast

Special dietary requirements or other comments

Accommodation details

For further information contact

Tracey 0412 151 585 or 4423 1936, Kerrie 0413 998 716. E – [skeelbr76@hotmail.com](mailto:skeelbr76@hotmail.com)

Or see the branch website at [www.ulyssessouthcoast.webs.com](http://www.ulyssessouthcoast.webs.com)

If you are mailing this form please make cheques or money orders payable to:  
Bomaderry Bowling Club, and send with this form to –  
Ulysses South Coast, C/- Tracey Blacker  
6 Juniper Place, Worrigeer NSW 2540

# RIDE REPORTS

## Alan and Lyn Munday's trip around Australia

We left Canberra on Saturday 20th February to travel around Australia on our Kawasaki GTR1000, with trailer in tow. We arrived home on Thursday 20th May. The object of the trip was to attend the AGM in Albany, along with 3,220 other Ulysseans, but we decided that we didn't want to come back across the Nullarbor, so the only way to avoid backtracking was to head north. We covered a total of 19,980 km in 89 days.

The greatest distance we travelled in one day was 700km when we rode from Broome W.A., leaving at 6.50 am, and arriving at Halls Creek at 4pm. We had several stops in between to rest the butt and to rehydrate. After unpacking our gear into a very compact motel room, we headed straight to the pool. The most we paid for petrol was 197.5c per litre at a Roadhouse called Renner Springs in NT. We met a lot of interesting people and visited some amazing places.



Australia is a remarkable country and it was great to experience it the way we did. We started our trip by heading south to Lorne where we met up with some other Canberra members for one night. We then travelled along the Great Ocean Road, and followed the coast virtually all the way around South Australia, including stops at Mt Gambier, Mannum (on the Murray River), Port Augusta and Port Lincoln before joining many more Ulysseans at Ceduna, to travel across the Nullarbor and down to Albany.

After the AGM was over, we spent a couple of nights in a cabin in the forest near Pemberton,



with Ian and Sally Paterson. We then headed further west, ending up at Cape Leeuwin where the Indian Ocean and the Southern Ocean meet, then north to Perth, back across to Kalgoorlie, north to Leinster, and west again to Geraldton, where we met up with Maurie Lonnie and his partner, Doris and spent a couple of days with them. From there we travelled up the west coast to Broome, then east to Darwin.

We didn't want to go into Queensland as we had spent a month travelling around there two years ago when we went to Townsville AGM, so we headed due south from Darwin, completing our circumnavigation when we arrived at Port Augusta again. We still had a bit of time to spare, so we then headed to Broken Hill, then, via Cobar, Moree and Tenterfield, ended up in Ballina then Yamba, on the northern NSW coast, before heading south again.



Some of the highlights of our trip included a tour of the Super Pit open cut mine at Kalgoorlie (see picture above). This is 600m deep and spans 1.5 km across the top. The intention is to keep digging until it is 1km deep. We went on a cam-

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el ride along Cable Beach in Broome, a boat trip down the Ord River from Lake Argyle Dam and saw some magic cliffs and scenery.

We decided to go to Uluru by bus from Alice Springs. This was an 1100km round trip which was completed in one day, which is reportedly the longest one day tour in the world. We stayed in an underground motel in Coober Pedy which was different and enjoyable.

We survived the massive storm that hit Perth in March – their worst in 50 years. We happened to be on the ferry, returning from Rottnest Island at the time.

Our tent was flattened by a fallen tree branch and most of our belongings got wet, but no permanent damage was done and everything dried out the next day.

Overall, we were very lucky with the weather. It was actually quite cool when we crossed the Nullarbor, we missed the rain wherever we went (except Perth) and managed to survive the heat of north west WA and Northern Territory (all the caravan parks have great swimming pools).

A lot of these places had received more than their share of rainfall during February, especially Alice Springs, which meant that instead of seeing the “red” centre, we were graced with a very lush green centre – truly a rare occurrence.



## Ride to Cowra - and see something

Flip F800  
Peter GTR1400  
Dave Ducati ST3  
Andrew Big blue Wing  
Chris V-Strom 1000  
Gordon & Trish Tiger 1050  
Judy GT650  
William and Marcela GS650S  
Garry VFR1200  
Chris BIG Cruiser

“It’s Sunday. Yay – ride day. Oh oh, it’s a pea soup fog. Ughhh.

It was the kind of fog where you can’t see the end of your nose, even if you have a small nose. The visor fogs. You lift the visor and then your glasses fog. You can’t get them off, so you take very short breaths of freezing air and feel your lips turn brittle as they snap freeze.

Then all of a sudden you ride out of the fog and into clear air. “Yessss”. Then back into the fog again. “DOH!”

We got to Nichols and were surprised that 10 others turned up too. Judy couldn’t go all the way to Cowra and decided to go to that lovely café at Bowning and back instead of coming to Boorowa for morning tea. Chris went with her on his new V-Strom. At Boorowa we decided to take the scenic trip up through Frogmore. It’s a little back road, bumpy, narrow, with bottoming-out dips, and branches, foxes, and tractors on the road. But it’s very scenic, and fun. If you ever get the chance and you’re there at night, drop in to the Darby Falls observatory. It’s run by an enthusiast and it’s very interesting. We rode right by there because it was daylight.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE for Honda GL1500 GoldWing & Valkyrie owners

Honda has offered a "goodwill gesture" in response to feedback from Ulysses members which indicates some unreliability of GL1500 alternators after 50,000klms. This is a once only \$200 incl. GST for a new alternator, with the rider retaining the original alternator as a spare or to have it rewind. Interested owners are to contact myself [parksy@aussiebroadband.com.au](mailto:parksy@aussiebroadband.com.au) or Kaylene Wilson [kwilson@hondampe.com.au](mailto:kwilson@hondampe.com.au)

Cheers, Ian Parks - NSW bike tester for the Ulysses Club Inc. ‘Riding On’ Journal.

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I've been up that road a few times on club rides, but instead of riding straight through to Cowra as we've always done, we went down and had a look at the dam(s). Yes plural. For those who haven't been to Wyangala Dam, there are two dams there. There's the original small dam, and behind it is the big dam. When the dam is low (like for the last 10 years) you can see both dams. It's quite odd. Wyangala was the lowest I'd ever seen it. The countryside wasn't too brown, but the dam was very low.

The Townhouse Inn in Cowra has a typical bistro menu on the wall. It's all written in chalk on blackboards. You can spend 10 minutes just deciding on what to have. "Sorry mate, it's only roast today. You can have pork or beef." So much for the menu. At least the roast was only \$10.00. So we all chose pork or beef and when they brought out our meals I thought no-one would clear their plate. It was a plate piled high with meat with gravy/aplesauce, and roast and steamed veggies. Much to my amazement only three doggie bags left with us in top boxes. The food was excellent even if there was only a choice of two (roast) options.

Instead of spending a lot of time nagging away, we decided to actually see something on our ride, and so the Japanese Gardens were next. \$7.50 ea for a group ticket didn't seem much when we'd only paid ten bucks for what could have been lunch and dinner. The gardens were pretty, mainly Australian natives, but as we walked around I felt like I should have been putting a golf ball around the paths.

There was one incident to report on the ride. One rider stopped and leant to the side to talk to the other rider and they did a "domino drop" in the gravel. Oh dear. One clutch lever and one gear lever were broken and one screen popped off. Nothing very expensive, and still rideable, but frustrating. Low speed lowers are a pain. We all do it some time, but gravel seems to quadruple the chances of doing it.

We took the quick trip home down the Lachlan Valley Highway instead of the advertised Moppity Road. (And I do mean quick.) We still got home

before dark even though we made two sightseeing diversions and had a BIG lunch. Total distance from my house and back was 448 kms.



## A Real Man

A real man is a woman's best friend. He will never stand her up and never let her down. He will reassure her when she feels insecure and comfort her after a bad day.

He will inspire her to do things she never thought she could do; to live without fear and forget regret. He will enable her to express her deepest emotions and give in to her most intimate desires.

He will make sure she always feels as though she's the most beautiful woman in the room and will enable her to be the most confident, sexy,



# MRA FAMILY RIDES

New to riding and want to ride with others? Interested in a short ride on the "off weeks" to bring your grandchild along on? Like to supervise you teenager and show them the etiquette of group riding? Want to try out a few roads nearby, but out of Canberra? Want to discover a few lovely country coffee shops? New to Canberra and want to meet some folk who can tell you what's on?



Come to MacDonalds in Fyshwick at 9:30am for a cuppa on the fourth Sunday of the month and then join us for a short ride and great company. We'll be leaving at 10:00am.

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Start Date Finish Date Locations Ride Title Skill Details  
6-Jun-10  
9:00:00 6-Jun-10  
16:30:00 From: Caltex Servo Nichols

To: Cowra Club Ride 2 View Ride Details  
13-Jun-10  
10:00:00 13-Jun-10  
15:00:00 From: BP Watson

To: Gunning - Doo Duck Inn Chomp & Chat 3 View Ride Details  
20-Jun-10  
9:00:00 20-Jun-10  
16:30:00 From: Caltex, Nichols

To: Wagga Wagga Wagga Wagga 1 View Ride Details  
27-Jun-10  
10:00:00 27-Jun-10  
15:30:00 From: BP Watson

To: Decided by group Decide & Ride 0 View Ride Details  
4-Jul-10  
10:00:00 4-Jul-10  
16:00:00 From: Caltex, Nichols

To: Gundagai Gundagai 2 View Ride Details  
18-Jul-10  
10:00:00 18-Jul-10  
16:00:00 From: BP, Watson

To: Majors Creek Majors Creek 3 View Ride Details  
24-Jul-10  
9:00:00 25-Jul-10  
16:30:00 From: Canberra

To: West Wyalong Christmas in July 2 View Ride Details  
Earmold custom made earplugs - Gaye writes:

I am unavailable to make earplugs from 22 April to 22 July. I apologise for any inconvenience but please contact the company owners, Ray & Pat Mack on [info@earmold.com.au](mailto:info@earmold.com.au) or mobile 0418815278 if you have any concerns about your plugs.

They can also direct you to other agents who may be able to assist.Regards  
Gaye McIntyre 0410057748

**THE USUAL SUSPECTS – Wednesday Rides      WINTER CALENDAR      June, July & August 2010**

| <b>DATE</b>    | <b>DEPARTURE TIME &amp; PLACE</b>                         | <b>DESTINATION (All rides are subject to prevailing weather conditions, ie NO guarantee they will occur)</b>                                                  |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>2 June</b>  | <b>10.30am – McDonalds, Dickson</b>                       | <b>Gunning, Crookwell (L), return via Kialla Rd, Range Rd and Gurrindah Rd, Gunning (C) (250 kms)</b>                                                         |
| <b>9 June</b>  | <b>10.30am – McDonalds, Dickson</b>                       | <b>Binalong, Hughstonia Rd to Boorowa (L), Harden Rd to Gallong, Binalong, Bowring (C) (275 kms)</b>                                                          |
| <b>16 June</b> | <b>10.30am – McDonalds, Weston</b>                        | <b>Uriarra Crossing, Cotter, Ororal Valley (BYO C), Moonrock Cafe (L) (190 kms)</b>                                                                           |
| <b>23 June</b> | <b>10.30am – McDonalds, Weston</b>                        | <b>Mountain Creek Rd to Wee Jasper (some good dirt) or Barton Highway, Bowring (L), Yass River Rd (some good dirt) or Barton Highway, Hall (C) (200+ kms)</b> |
| <b>30 June</b> | <b>10.30am – McDonalds, Dickson</b>                       | <b>Gunning, Grabben Gullen, Range Rd to Goulburn (L), Bungendore (C) (240 kms)</b>                                                                            |
| <b>7 July</b>  | <b>10.30am – McDonalds, Weston<br/>(School Holidays)</b>  | <b>Uriarra Crossing, Cotter, Honeysuckle Creek (BYO L/BBQ), Moonrock Cafe (C) (160 kms)</b>                                                                   |
| <b>14 July</b> | <b>10.30am – McDonalds, Dickson<br/>(School Holidays)</b> | <b>Sutton Rd to Queanbeyan, Captains Flat (BYO C), Bungendore (L), Wamboan (170 kms)</b>                                                                      |
| <b>21 July</b> | <b>10.30am – McDonalds, Weston</b>                        | <b>Mountain Creek Rd or Barton Highway to Yass, Dalton, Gunning (L), Hall (C) (220 kms)</b>                                                                   |
| <b>28 July</b> | <b>10.05am – McDonalds, Dickson</b>                       | <b>Gunning, Crookwell (C), Boorowa (L), Bowring (C) (305 kms)</b>                                                                                             |
| <b>4 Aug</b>   | <b>10.30am – McDonalds, Weston</b>                        | <b>Uriarra Crossing, Cotter, Coim Dam (BYO C), Moonrock Cafe (L) (140 kms)</b>                                                                                |
| <b>11 Aug</b>  | <b>10.30am – McDonalds, Weston</b>                        | <b>Mountain Creek Rd or Barton Highway to Yass, Illalong Rd to Bunninjack (BYO L/BBQ), Bowring (C) (300 kms)</b>                                              |
| <b>18 Aug</b>  | <b>9.30am – McDonalds, Dickson</b>                        | <b>Yass, Boorowa (C), Frogmore, Darbys Falls, Cowra (L), Boorowa, Bowring (C) (400 kms)</b>                                                                   |
| <b>25 Aug</b>  | <b>9.30am – McDonalds, Dickson</b>                        | <b>Bungendore, Braidwood (C), Nelligen (L), Braidwood, Bungendore (C) (270 kms)</b>                                                                           |

**Please Note:** Departure Time listed above is the actual "departure time". Please arrive earlier for coffee and to attend a ride briefing ten minutes before departure. Distances are indicative only and based on return to nominated departure point.

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***Please make sure you always ride within your own skill level and respect the Road Rules.***

# RIDE CALENDAR

| Start Date            | Finish Date           | Locations                                     | Ride Title        | Skill |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------|
| 6-Jun-10<br>9:00:00   | 6-Jun-10<br>16:30:00  | From: Caltex Servo Nichols<br>To: Cowra       | Club Ride         | 2     |
| 13-Jun-10<br>10:00:00 | 13-Jun-10<br>15:00:00 | From: BP Watson<br>To: Gunning - Doo Duck Inn | Chomp & Chat      | 3     |
| 20-Jun-10<br>9:00:00  | 20-Jun-10<br>16:30:00 | From: Caltex, Nichols<br>To: Wagga Wagga      | Wagga Wagga       | 1     |
| 27-Jun-10<br>10:00:00 | 27-Jun-10<br>15:30:00 | From: BP Watson<br>To: Decided by group       | Decide & Ride     | 0     |
| 4-Jul-10<br>10:00:00  | 4-Jul-10<br>16:00:00  | From: Caltex, Nichols<br>To: Gundagai         | Gundagai          | 2     |
| 18-Jul-10<br>10:00:00 | 18-Jul-10<br>16:00:00 | From: BP, Watson<br>To: Majors Creek          | Majors Creek      | 3     |
| 24-Jul-10<br>9:00:00  | 25-Jul-10<br>16:30:00 | From: Canberra<br>To: West Wyalong            | Christmas in July | 2     |
| 25-Jul-10<br>10:00:00 | 25-Jul-10<br>16:00:00 | From: BP, Watson<br>To: Group decides         | Decide & Ride     | 0     |

## Weekend Ride calendar

Weekend rides fall into one of the following categories:

**(Decide & Ride)** informal ride.

**(Chomp & Chat <250kms)** shorter and easier rides, suited to less experienced riders or those returning to motorcycling after a long break.

**(Ride Days >400kms)** will have a ride leader and be on challenging roads suited to the more experienced riders capable of riding at the speed limit for 6-8 hours.

Most rides will start from either the Caltex Servo cnr Federal Hwy & Antill St., Watson, the Caltex Servo cnr Monaro Hwy and Sheppard St, Hume or the new Caltex Service Station cnr Curran Drive and O'Hanlon Place, Nicholls.

Please Note: Earlier start times to allow runs in the cooler part of the day.

Skill Definitions:

0. Ride skill is undefined.
1. Long and difficult.
2. Suitable for most riders.
3. Short easy ride; an easy day. Suitable for everyone

# BRANCH SURVEY

**What kind of rides do you prefer? Circle preferences:**

long   short   Saturday   Sunday   with meal   without meal   overnighter   any/all

Name others: .....

**What sort of social events would you like to see? Circle preferences:**

meals   dancing   films   trips away   theatre   m/c racing   camping   10-pin bowling  
lawn bowls   go-karts   any / all

Name others: .....

**What would make meetings more interesting for you? Circle preferences:**

industry presentations   bike shop representation   competitions   longer   shorter  
bike debate(s)   member profile interviews   another day .....  
other idea .....

**Should the Canberra Branch have formal involvement in the following ? Circle preferences:**

Bike show(s)   training   Toy Run   Blanket Run   Bike Fest

Other: .....

**\*IF\* you were to participate further, in what area would it most likely be? Circle preferences:**

rides   BBQs   social events   overnighters   RO2 contributions

**\*IF\* you were to contribute further, in what area would it most likely be? Circle preferences:**

ride team   BBQ roster   events organisation   committee   RO2 preparation   website

other: .....

**What do you like most about the Club / Branch?**

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**How can the club better meet your needs?** \_\_\_\_\_

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Your name (optional): .....

Please hand this form to a committee member at the next meeting or post to:

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