



# NEWSLETTER

March 2008 15<sup>th</sup> edition

President - Suzanne McDonald, Secretary - Frank Hopkins;  
Ride-Coordinator - Robert Overdijk, Quartermaster - Murray Osborne  
Acting Social Committee Secretary – Steve Jones  
<http://www.ulyssesclub.org/branches/eurobodalla/>

## *ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING*

Don't forget the 2008 Annual General Meeting for the Eurobodalla Branch will be held on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March starting at 10am in the lunchroom of the Council Chambers at Moruya.

Entry is in Campbell Street about 70m from the roundabout heading west.

Coffee and thee will be cheerfully provided.

NOTE: This Sunday is also the end of daylight saving, put your clocks one hour backwards!

After the AGM everyone is encouraged to join and ride along to the O'Briens Pub in Narooma for lunch. (ed)



A great trio at the last Quarterly at Bermagui

## *SECRETARY'S REPORT*

Hi Members

The time for nomination for a position on the Branch Committee has closed and the following have been nominated:-

### *President*

Lyell Jenkins #438

### *Secretary/Treasurer*

Frank Hopkins #29508

### *Quartermaster*

Murray Osborne #42918

### *Ride Co-ordinator/Newsletter Editor/ Webmaster*

Robert Overdijk #32149

### *Social Secretary*

Steven Jones #45672

### *Committee Members*

Neil 'Doc' Adams #13688

Ernie Baddeley #8935

A summary re the background of the nominees will be provided prior to the AGM.

Regards

*Frank Hopkins*

*Secretary/Treasurer # 29508*

## QUARTERMASTERS REPORT

For those of you who may be interested Branch caps and sew on patches are in stock and I always have them with me at our Saturday morning meets. I will be placing an order in a couple of weeks so if anyone out there wants a Branch shirts or jumpers please contact me regarding your size. The closing date for the order will be Saturday 9 March 2008. If you would like your name on the back of your cap (cost \$7) please get it to me by the 9 March . All Branch items and my contact number are displayed on our website

[www.ulyssesclub.org/branches/eurobodalla](http://www.ulyssesclub.org/branches/eurobodalla)  
under Gear Shop.

### ***Remember to gear up to ride.***

*Murray Osborne*  
*Branch Quartermaster*

## RIDE COORDINATOR'S REPORT

### ***Wednesday mid-week rides***

Those who would like to go on mid-week rides don't be discouraged, you are not alone. I received a great ride report from Peter which can be read in the *Ride Reports* section on our web-site. With some coordination these mid-week rides can become popular. Peter and Stuart also suggested to occasionally include an overnigher. One to Gunning has been earmarked for mid April to get the ball rolling.

*Peter's note:*

Stuart and I would like to encourage more members to go on mid-week rides.

Either would be keen to be a contact if folks are interested.

*Regards,*  
*Peter Anderson*

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### ***Meet & Greet the Wallies***

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February six of us set off to Nowra to meet up with the Wollondilly Wanderers at the big M in South Nowra. About 15 or more turned up from the highlands for their Sunday ride.

Afterwards we rode to Basin View where one of their members (Des) had made his home available for a very enjoyable BBQ.



In more ways than one it was a memorable ride. On the way up, just north of Milton on the straight, Steve lost all power just after overtaking several cars at speed, which would have been quite a scare. His handgrip had lost all contact with the white throttle tube as the silicon suddenly decided to stick no longer.



After some quick repairs with red insulation tape ( Hans never leaves home without it) to match the bike, we rode on.

On the return trip I had a slow speed altercation with the back end of John's chair due to a stupid error and it only takes a fraction of a second. I must say it is great to be comprehensively insured, as the damage to chair and bike did not appear that great at first glance but ended up much more expensive than we both thought.

### ***Mallacoota Weekend Ride***

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February Lyell & Helen, Arthur, our member in waiting Ken (he can't wait until he turns 40), Kerry and I set out for the ride to Mallacoota. The weather was excellent for bike riding and we all enjoyed the trip. For Kerry and I, this was our weekend trip to get everything right regarding the gear and trailer for the big ride to Townsville and back in May/June. On the Saturday, Arthur, Ken, Kerry and I went for a ride to Bombala via the Cann River Road which is a great bike riding road despite some very recent re-sheeting in various places. Lunch at Bombala and back tracked some 20k's to take the Imlay Road back to Eden. This road certainly has severely deteriorated since I rode it last several

years ago with numerous potholes and gravel sections. On return to camp Murray and Margaret had joined us for the rest of the weekend..

### ***Lyell & Helen packing up camp***



The Mallacoota caravan park near the lake's entrance is recommended to everyone, even dogs are welcome, with water views from where ever you set up camp.

### ***Parisien transport***

During my recent trip to Holland over the Xmas/new year period I also spent several days in Paris and was again amazed by the very large number of small bikes and scooters they use for their daily transport even in winter and in the rain,



Nearly on every street corner you see dozens parked including many of these BMWs complete with safety belt & windscreen wiper and those dual front wheel Piagios



Robert Overdijk Ride Coordinator

### ODDS & ENDS

I received this e-mail from Steve Smith in Tallabudgera QLD # 32658 (ed)

Robert, an interesting picture.



I work part time one weekend per month as a riding instructor for a company called Wheel Skills teaching learners for the RTA. Casey recently did our course to get his motorcycle

license in NSW. Unfortunately he wasn't my student. Just shows even the best have to start at the bottom.

Steve Smith

### *Why I stopped riding.*

Sunday morning I got up early, dressed quietly, made some lunch, slipped quietly into the garage to get my bike ready and put my gear on. I then proceeded to open the garage door to go out for my Sunday ride.

There was snow mixed with the rain, and the wind was blowing 50 mph. I pulled back into the garage, turned on the radio, and discovered that the weather would be bad throughout the day

I went back into the house, quietly undressed, and slipped back into bed. There I cuddled up to my wife's back, now with a different anticipation, and whispered, "The weather out there is terrible

She sleepily replied, "Can you believe my stupid husband is out riding in that stuff?"

Donor unknown

***You may have seen the picture with the cobweb, but what about this one.***

### ***Parked far too long***



## FOR SALE

### BMW K 100 LT 1986.



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### JIGSAW PUZZLES

If you are looking for a different gift for a birthday or just for anything, a photo of Nan & Pop on their bike, kids, grand kids or anything that is nice and beautiful, have it made into a good quality jigsaw by Ernie

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**ED NOTE:** If you have any articles, photos, interesting bits or motorcycles or related items for sale and wish to have them placed in the next newsletter or on the Eurobodalla Branch Website e-mail me at [robert.overdyk@eurocoast.nsw.gov.au](mailto:robert.overdyk@eurocoast.nsw.gov.au)

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you get to meet new people everyday.

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