



# Newcastle Lower Hunter Branch Newsletter

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**Branch Social Meeting: 2nd Saturday of the Month  
Edgeworth Bowling Club 6pm for Dinner & 7pm Meeting**

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## **Operation of the Newcastle Lower Hunter Branch**

John Evans has been appointed as Administrator by Natcom and is responsible for Administration of the Branch until the Branch AGM election is re-run.

During the period of Administration, the Branch rides and social events will continue as usual. The Branch Ride Calendar will continue to be updated. Please show your support for the Branch by attending the organised rides and social events.

## **A message from the Administrator, John Evans:**

*Hello to all members of the Newcastle Lower Hunter Branch of the Ulysses Club*

*I ask for your understanding and patience at this difficult time.*

*I realise that there is a bit of anger in some quarters about Natcom's decision to declare the Branch AGM null and void and appoint me as Administrator but any reasonable thinking person must agree that the Branch could never move forward with so many doubts over the election process.*

*There have been more nominations received which means that the AGM will now be held at the meeting on June 12<sup>th</sup>. This delay is unfortunate but necessary to abide by the rules of the Ulysses Club.*

*The social meeting as scheduled for 8<sup>th</sup> May will go ahead as normal and so will the rides and other socials functions as listed in the upcoming events list on the website. I urge people to participate in these events as per normal, it is still the same branch with the same people Growing Old Disgracefully.*

*Please feel free to contact me if you have any (sensible) queries regarding what is going on.*

*Kind regards*

*John Evans*

*0419 618 397*

## **Newcastle Lower Hunter Branch AGM Election**

The Newcastle Lower Hunter Branch AGM Election will be re-run on 12 June 2010. The candidates are as follows:

President: Mick Yule and Brian Fitzpatrick

Secretary: Karen Gillanders and Lynne Fitzpatrick

Treasurer: Kathy Parker and Phyllis Wilson

Committee: Judy Booyse, Don Warden, Greg Ford, Chris Parker, Neville Whyte, Graham Solomon, Denise Taunton



Thanks to Edgeworth Bowling Club  
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Hunter Ulysses Branch

# May-June 2010 Ride Calendar

8 May 2010	19:00	Edgeworth Bowling Club	Branch Social Meeting
8 - 9 May 2010		Your home to Gloucester	Gloucester Motorcycle Muster and Show & Shine
9 May 2010	8:30	From Hexham McDonalds	Gloucester
14 - 16 May 2010		Your home to Port Stephens	Port Stephens Meet & Greet
15 May 2010		Your home to Dungog	Thunderbolt Rally (non-Ulysses event)
16 May 2010	10:00	Aroma's Coffee Shop – Stockland Glendale	Coffee Morning
21 - 23 May 2010		Your home to Coffs Harbour	Coffs Capers
23 May 2010	8:30	From Hexham McDonalds	Central Mangrove
12 June 2010	19:00	Edgeworth Bowling Club	Branch Social Meeting

See the Branch Ride Calendar for full details



## IMPORTANT - Email Addresses

To help us update and maintain email addresses for all Branch Members, please **legibly** print your email address in the sign on book or alternatively send an email to the Branch email, [newcastlelowerhunterulysses@gmail.com](mailto:newcastlelowerhunterulysses@gmail.com). Even if you have provided your email address in the past, could you please confirm it as there are multiple email addresses for some Members.



## Christmas in July

It's on again at Valla Beach Tourist Park on 17 July 2010. Please contact the Park direct on 6569 5555 to make your own accommodation booking. See the Branch's ride calendar for further details.

Santa also needs to know if you will be attending, so, please email numbers to: [newcastlelowerhunterulysses@gmail.com](mailto:newcastlelowerhunterulysses@gmail.com).

# Ride Reports:

## Salvo's Tin Food & Blanket Ride by Lynne Fitzpatrick

The day started out great, unlike the last few years for this event which were wet. It was sunny and warm and about 30 bikes from the Branch met at Hexham McDonalds, along with a couple of 4 wheeled varieties, for the short ride to Sandgate Markets. Unfortunately, we were in a 4 wheeled variety as the Rocket didn't want to fire up!



Brian was not happy. There were around 300 bikes of all shapes and sizes taking off from the Markets on the ride through Mayfield, into Newcastle and finally to the carpark at Bar Beach. The Salvo's van was quickly filled with blankets and tinned food thanks to the generosity of all the bikers attending. A few quick speeches and it was all over.



Thank you to all those that attended and donated generously to those less fortunate than ourselves.



## Impromptu Ride – 26 April 2010 by Lynne Fitzpatrick

Due to the bad weather and road conditions on Anzac Day the ride was cancelled by agreement of those riders that arrived at McDonalds on the day.

An impromptu ride was held on 26 April 2010. The day dawned fine and sunny with 10 bikes and two pillion passengers showing up for the ride. Judy's pillion for the day was not Bill but a young friend of theirs, Casey, who was on a bike for her first time and Bill had borrowed his old bike for the day.



Today was Brian's first ride as ride leader and we set off heading through Morpeth, Largs and Paterson to Dungog. We had a new rider with us, Steve, who seemed to be having a bit of trouble with some of the bumps in the road as his front end didn't want to stay on the road! Morning tea was in Dungog with question time

by Brian to make sure all were paying attention on the ride so far.

From Dungog we headed to Clarencetown, where a couple more bikes joined us, then to Seaham, along Italia Road, onto Medowie and finally Salamander Bay for a leisurely lunch at Salamander Tavern before heading



home.

It was an enjoyable ride with riders joining and leaving the group as need be and no one getting lost! Our visitor, Casey, enjoyed her first ride and is now thinking about getting her licence, although, she is a little young yet to join the Ulysses Club!



## Sunday 2nd May, 2010 - Branxton

Today saw a foggy morning for some NLH Ulysses riders who met up with the Port Stephens Ulysses Club Branch for a ride. After formal welcomes and handshakes, destination explanation and a short chat we all headed off from Salt Ash.

Our ride leader, Warren, meandered through Medowie to the Pacific Highway where we turned left on to the Buckets Way to Stroud. From here we headed to Dungog where we regrouped. We then rode over the hill through Gresford and on to lovely Paterson. On arrival

we enjoyed each other's company, a nice cup of coffee and the usual required toilet break.

Unfortunately one member of PS Ulysses group did not meet up with us, but after several text messages and phone calls to make sure she did not have a mishap, the call relayed that she was fine and at Ayers Rock, Karuah. The morning saw patches of fog and some good sunny areas with green hills and lovely scenery. From Paterson we headed



through Tocal and then turned off onto the Maitland Vale Road. This area has some majestic hills with lovely sweepers, bringing us out at Branxton where we stopped at the Royal Federal Hotel for some lunch, drinks and good company. Here John Evans and his wife Leo, Brian & Carol, Betty, Pete and Wendy caught up with us as well. All seemed to enjoy the ambience of the Hotel.

Thank you to our ride leaders, organisers and all who attended to make it a wonderful day.

Cheers Sylv



## Members in Business:

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Dave Brown 0415 498773	Elders Real Estate
Kathy Parker 4961 4616	Inside Window Furnishings
John Banks 4953 7585	Newcastle Total Pest Control
Peter 4969 2466	Custom Cruiser Accessories
Greg Ford 4954 6343	Cardiff Curtains
4957 9866	Newcastle Motorcycle Wholesales

### Be careful What You Wish For ....

A married couple in their early sixties were celebrating their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary in a quiet, romantic restaurant. Suddenly a small fairy appeared at the side of their table and declared, "As a reward for being such a devoted married couple who have been faithful and loving to each other for over thirty five years I will grant you each a wish." The wife said, "My wish is to be able to travel around the world with my dear husband". The fairy waived her magic wand and – *poof* – two tickets for a luxury cruise liner appeared before them.

The husband thought for a moment. "That's all very romantic, but this is a chance of a lifetime, so I'm sorry my darling, but my wish is to have a wife who is thirty years younger than me." The fairy waived her magic wand and – *poof* - the husband became ninety three!

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