



## Newcastle Lower Hunter Branch

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

# Newsletter - September 2010

## It's our 15th Anniversary !!

The Branch is 15 years strong this month. We've come a long way from our beginnings and the first social meeting on 8 September 1995 at the Phoenix Club at Mayfield attended by our founding members the late Max Cameron, Reg Carter and John Peden and a small group of members and guests.

In 1995 our founding members were attending meetings of the then Newcastle/Central Coast Ulysses Group at Morisset which was a long distance to travel. In February/March 1995 Max, Reg and John first talked about forming a new Ulysses group to accommodate members from Port Stephens, Maitland and Raymond Terrace areas. After seeking Natcom's approval a meeting was held at the Phoenix Club, Mayfield to form the new group. The group was originally called Lower Hunter with Max Cameron being the first President.

In 2005 the name of the Branch was changed to Newcastle Lower Hunter to better reflect the area from which our members originate.

There have been many kilometres covered and great friendships formed within our Branch since 1995. Some of those friends are sadly no longer with us but our wonderful memories of times we have shared with each other will always be there.



Members at the first meeting of  
the Lower Hunter Group

Phoenix Club, Mayfield

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Thanks to Edgeworth Bowling Club  
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Hunter Ulysses Branch



# September 2010 Ride Calendar:

11 September 2010	19:00	Edgeworth Bowling Club	Branch Social Meeting
12 September 2010	9:00	Ulysses Club National Memorial Day Ride	Maitland Park
19 September 2010	10:00	Coffee Morning	Starfish Café – Newcastle
26 September 2010	9:00	From Hexham McDonalds	Brooklyn
2-4 October 2010	8:30	From Hexham McDonalds	Weekend Away – Wellington
9 October 2010	19:00	Edgeworth Bowling Club	Branch Social Meeting

See the ride calendar for full ride details

If you're looking for something to do on the October Long Weekend join the Branch weekend away at Wellington staying at the Wellington Hotel. See our ride calendar for more details. You need to book your own accommodation direct with Barbara at Wellington Hotel on 6845 2083 or 6845 4322.

## Bus Shopping Trip

For all you shop-a-holics there will be a bus shopping trip to Sydney on Saturday 30 October 2010 – just in time to start your Christmas shopping. The cost is \$50.00 per person which includes the coach travel with a hostess; tea and coffee; lunch and to help us wind down on the way home, wine, cheese and bikkies. The trip is open to members, their family and friends. The minimum number of people required to run the trip is 35.

A \$20 deposit is required with full payment to be made at our October meeting on 9 October. If you would like to join us, please send an email to [newcastlelowerhunterulysses@gmail.com](mailto:newcastlelowerhunterulysses@gmail.com) or contact Lynne Fitzpatrick on 0419 200 232.

## Recent Rides and Events:

Due to the fall of dates in August, there have been only two events since our last newsletter and social meeting.

The August coffee morning was at Crisada's Café at Morpeth on 22 August with around 30 people for coffee/breakfast. We were joined by Port Stephens Branch on their usual Sunday ride and many from the Branch rode on with Port Stephens Branch to Wangi RSL for lunch.



Greg



On 29 August Kathy Parker lead a ride to Singleton with lunch at the Albion Hotel. See our website for more photos and the full story.



Ed & Sue



Bill & Jeanette

## Some more riding tips .....

From the UK website ([www.bikesafe.co.uk](http://www.bikesafe.co.uk)) from a link on the Ulysses-UK website which you may find interesting:

### Junctions

The most common accident type was another vehicle crossing the motorcyclist's path to enter or leave a side road or private drive.



## Ulysses Club Arthritis Research Fund

As many of you are aware, the Ulysses Club's officially preferred charity is the Arthritis Foundation of Australia which our Branch supports as we will do at the sausage sizzle following the National Memorial Day ride on 12 September. The history behind this is detailed in Stephen Dearnley's book, The Ulysses Story. For those of you that have not had the opportunity to read Stephen's book, following are the two reasons extracted from his book as to why the charity was chosen and which was agreed upon at the 1997 AGM in Wagga Wagga.

"There are two reasons: because arthritis is so slow, insidious and debilitating it does not attract the same publicity as more obvious and 'dramatic' diseases, yet not only is it by far the most common cause of profound and severe handicap in this country, it can also be deadly. In its various forms it affects around 4.6 million Australians and accounts for almost as many deaths each year as asthma; more than multiple sclerosis, AIDS, epilepsy or drug dependency. Because the disease is so diffuse, the Arthritis Foundation does not attract a lot of media attention, preferring to spend its resources on research, education and assistance to sufferers rather than on publicity. The second reason for my proposing the club's adoption of the Foundation was a more personal one.

In August 1996 my lovely wife Jo had lost a 20-year fight against rheumatoid arthritis when the disease finally attacked the tissues in her lungs. At the time of her death she had both hips, a knee, shoulder and the main knuckles on her left hand replaced, yet she had borne it all with great courage and cheerfulness. We had been together for 51 years and her loss was a bitter blow. Although it was some years since she had been able to ride pillion, she had been a keen supporter of the club since its early days. It seemed right that her brave battle should not have been in vain, that perhaps the forces of Ulysses could be mustered to carry on the fight. With the developments taking place in genetic engineering, the prospect of a breakthrough into the cause and cure of this and other diseases of the auto-immune system was a real possibility. It was certainly worthy of our full support."

UCARF supports research to identify causes of and develop treatments for the disease by providing scholarships. Recipients of the scholarship are working at the Sutton Arthritis Research Laboratory – Institute of Bone and Joint Research with the Kolling Institute of Medical Research based at Royal North Shore Hospital. The Ulysses Club scholarships enable Suat Dervish and Vicky Hatzis to continue with ground breaking research in rheumatoid arthritis.

### Latest products, offers etc .....

Each month the Branch receives a number of emails for new products, tours, events and motor cycle related bits 'n pieces. To keep everyone up to date, we've received the following over the last month. See their websites for more information.

SDG Motorsport – billet motorcycle components & custom fabrication – [www.sdgmotorsport.com.au](http://www.sdgmotorsport.com.au)  
Neds Motorcycle Wear – are having a clearance sale for Ulysses members on Kelly Cargoes 2 pairs for \$250 and Ironhorse 2 pairs for \$350. Special available for telephone orders only 0410 137 996. [www.nedswear.com.au](http://www.nedswear.com.au)  
Two Wheel Treads – motorcycle tyres and detailing. Local Warners Bay business. Darren Saxon 4954 2212.

### Fabric required!!

Don't forget, Judy Booyse is in need of material to decorate the Hoekker at the Ulysses Club National 2011 AGM Event. If you are able to assist, please contact Judy on 0414 663 818

## Members in Business:

Chris Garrod - 0410 668 690	Moulded Ear Plugs (fitted)
Dave Brown - 0415 498773	Elders Real Estate
Kathy Parker - 4961 4616	Inside Window Furnishings
Peter - 4969 2466	Custom Cruiser Accessories
Greg Ford - 4954 6343	Cardiff Curtains
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