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From the editors

Welcome. Here we are at the 2nd issue for the year and full of controversy. The corona virus has become a pandemic and effected the whole world. Worse still the government has decreed we must restrict gathering sizes and maintain social distancing to reduce the rate of infections. As a result, our monthly meetings and dinners have been cancelled until further notice. Rides have also been cancelled, not because of riding but the socialising that happens at morning tea and lunch is considered a risk. I know this has a huge impact on us as a social group but we are also, due to age, more vulnerable to serious infection. Keep your chin up friends as this cannot last forever and we will resume our merry gatherings again.

Our President / Webmaster (Ken) has created an online forum for members to keep in contact and discuss various subjects. Details are on page 23 or on the Ulysses Adelaide website.

Glad to hear Ray and Piper are on the mend and Gary is now enjoying his 60th year.

Sadly we lost another Ulyssian, John Robinson (Robo) from Torrens Valley Branch. Condolences go out to his family and friends.

On a lighter note we have elected a new committee with a couple of new faces. There have been some great events, pre Covid19, like the Weekender at Laura. Many thanks to Michele Wagnitz who organised the whole thing and her many helpers who made it the success it was.

This issue we have held back a couple of motorbike stories because we will need content for the June issue as there will be no rides or functions to report on. In this issue on page 21 some tips on keeping sane indoors and page 22 Vicki Mitchell's famous Date Slice recipe. (everyone loved it at the Friday night BBQ at Laura)

The SA Breakfast Club had a great turn out at Clayton Bay and Laura (as part of the weekender). We will look forward to these starting up again.

There are many photos for the rides in February and March to view in the magazine.

Thank you for your contributions to the magazine and we look forward to better year ahead. Meanwhile keep safe and healthy. Will see you soon.

Cheers

Michelle & Maurice Stevens



Please email your story ideas and contributions for the Odyssey magazine to ulyssesadelaide+editor@gmail.com or phone us on 0419 822 717– **we'd love to hear from you.**

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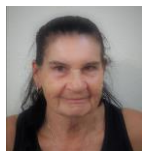
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Adelaide Branch President's 2019 Annual Report

What a change in our branch and club!

Michele has been very active on the food organising front, hosting an end of ride lunch at our place, and organising a weekend and Friday campground dinner at Laura, which was attended by around 65. (Can never tell how many are going to turn up at an SABC breakfast.)

Laura was a great success by any measure. Members came from Whyalla and as far away as NSW. We were looking around the area for the next Odyssey.

Now all the fun is cancelled. No meetings, dinners or breakfasts until further notice. Being old and vulnerable, we have to keep our distance from each other. Plans to ride to the National Rally are down the tube, as are plans of various members to holiday overseas. We are all now just hoping we get our money back on bookings etc.

Michele and I had hoped to spend a couple of months touring WA, buying a small caravan for the purpose, but now it seems they don't want us there (in the Kimberley). Tasmania doesn't want mainlanders. We are all supposed to hibernate in our homes!

Well our Sunday and Wednesday rides aren't cancelled. For those of us still riding, they might be the most fun we can have. We will have to practise "social distancing", but a ride will help stave off stir-crazy feelings. Maybe we take our own coffee and sandwiches, so we can sit in a park and chat (at a distance of course).

I hope you all stay well and see out this crazy period to happier times.

How is your supply of toilet paper?

Ken Wagnitz,



Sunday Ride Round Up

Meadows 9th February Ride leader Rob Hartridge



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Sunday Ride Round Up

Waggies

23rd February

Ride leader Peter Wood

About 19 bikes left Macca's for our ride on a lovely sunny Sunday morning. We were missing one of our regular tail end charlie's (Ray) as he recovers from back surgery. Felix filled the void admirably. It was a pleasant and uneventful ride to morning tea at Strathalbyn, where a large group of fellow Ulysseans also turned up for morning tea on their ride! After a quick catch up and chat, we were on our way to Ken and Michele's for a fabulous BBQ lunch. My SMS to Ken to advise our time of arrival had gone astray, so it was a quick dash to cook the meat when we arrived. All went well, with Ken, ably assisted by a couple of the riders, had us enjoying our tucker in no time. And it was great to see Frank Pellas come up with Bronwyn to join us. Many thanks to Ken and the Michele's for preparing a really great lunch, including desserts, for us. A great day all round!



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Pt Elliot

8th March

Ride leader Dom Carli

A beautiful day for a ride, but only about 13 bikes were at Top of Taps for our ride to Port Elliot. Our guest ride leader, Dom Carli, took us through some beautiful country on roads not travelled to often. It was another great ride, with no issues, and at a comfortable pace. After a pleasant morning tea at Mount Compass, we set off for the Port Elliot pub for lunch. The main roads were quite busy, but as we spent little time on them there was little traffic. Many thanks to Dom for planning and leading the ride. Peter Wood



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Sunday Ride Round Up

Strathalbyn 22nd March Ride leader **Peter Wood**

A cool and cloudy day greeted about 15 members who arrived for our last start from Civic Park. All future northern rides will start from Pelican Plaza, the first being on May 3rd. (Hopefully) We followed the distancing protocols as much as possible and I believe we all had a safe and pleasant ride to Mannum for morning tea and on to Strathalbyn for lunch. There were still plenty of people out and about and although there was some light drizzle in places it didn't dampen our enthusiasm. Peter Wood



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Strathalbyn 22nd March Ride leader **Peter Wood**



Upcoming Rides – Cancelled Until Further Notice due to COVID19

Date	Ride Leader	Event	Destination	Departing From
5th April 9.30am	Brenton George 0432 535 165		TBA	McDonalds 303 Magill Rd, Trinity Gardens
19th April 9.30am	Mike Green 0419 003 010	Day Ride to meet up with Fleurieu Branch	Mannum	Top of Taps, Victoria Hotel O'Halloran Hill
3rd May 9.30 am	Peter Wood 0487 452 200	Day Ride	Birdwood	Pelican Plaza, 1007 North East Rd, Modbury
17th May 9.30 am	Rob Hartridge 0422 114 225	Day Ride	TBA	McDonalds 303 Magill Rd, Trinity Gardens
31st May 9.30 am	Fran Pellas 0411 600 255	Day Ride	TBA	Top of Taps, Victoria Hotel O'Halloran Hill

February SA Breakfast Club – Clayton

There were 40 turned up at Sails Cafe, Clayton Bay on Sat 1st Feb. That was despite the drizzle. (Many arrived in cars.) From Victoria, came Johnny, Deb & Sharryn, who'd sweltered in the Clayton Bay caravan park on the Thursday night, cooled down somewhat by the rain, thunder & lightning Friday night, then facing rain for their return trip Saturday.

Breakfast was a little slow, but worth waiting for. And once they'd opened up for us, a few locals turned up for a feed as well. (The Sails doesn't normally open on a Saturday morning.)



March SA Breakfast Club - Laura



Laura Weekend



Laura Weekend



Photo Gallery



Happy 60th Birthday Gary



February Meeting



Three Wise Men



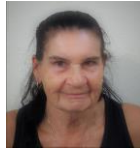
Friendly Reminder

As Ulyssians we greatly value the camaraderie and support that is provided by our fellow members.

Adelaide's Welfare Officer is a central person in our branch to ensure members in need are assisted in whatever manner is appropriate for that individual.

All members have a responsibility to inform the Welfare Officer if you know of someone who needs support. Perhaps they are unwell, had a close relative / companion die, or experiencing any other physical or emotional need.

Let the Adelaide Branch Welfare Officer know immediately so Gayle can organize a hospital visit, home visit, send a card or arrange any other appropriate help.



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Wonders Wisdom

**Confucius Say
Man with broken
condom
Often called Daddy**



Robbo – John Robinson

On 29th February, well over 200 attended the funeral of 'Ratbag Robbo', John Robinson.

Many of those were Ulysses members and partners. Past president, and he was a big influence in Torrens Valley branch, Robbo was well regarded by all. Our condolences to Lorraine and family.

You won't be forgotten Robbo.



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Not to get technical But according to chemistry, alcohol is a solution

The old man was sitting on the examining table in the doctor's office having his hearing checked. The doctor poked his light scope in the old man's ear and said, "Hey, you have a suppository in your ear!"

"Rats," said the old man. "Now I know where my hearing aid went."

Marriage Counsellor: So, what brings you here today?

Wife: He takes everything literally. I can't stand it.

Husband: My truck.

NEVER LOSE YOUR GRANDSON

A small boy was lost at a large shopping mall. He approached a uniformed policeman and said, "I've lost my grandpa!"

"The cop asked, "What's he like?"

The little boy hesitated for a moment and then replied, "Jack Daniel whiskey and women with big tits."

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Tips on keeping sane indoors

You are probably going to have a lot of time to yourself while at home and not out socialising on rides or other Ulysses functions and boredom can set in. See some tips of how to get through self-isolation:

While being stuck in quarantine can make you feel trapped, there are ways to get out and about. Ask your relatives how to set up video calls on your computer and phone so you continue keeping socially active.

If you use social media, that is a great way to keep in contact with your friends, family, and other social groups.

This is the best time to utilise the technology you have or catch up on any TV shows you are behind on.

Try to keep exercising at home because it can help improve your mood. Little or no activity can make you feel more sluggish and lower on energy. If you can, clear a space in your home or in your backyard to do exercise. Consider using an instructional DVD, dancing, floor exercises, yoga or pilates, or using home equipment.

Being at home can give you a lot more time to spend on your hobbies, whether that is reading, arts and crafts, pressing flowers, music, or detailing your bike.

If you are still working, you may be able to get permission from your workplace to work remotely.

Try to keep a little normality in your life and stick to your everyday routine.

Maybe plan a ride or two or three.

Binge watch your Netflix, Stan or Amazon Prime.



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Vicki Mitchell's Famous

DATE SLICE

1 pkt Marie Biscuits
(broken into 4 to 5 pieces)

250gm Butter (must be Butter)

375gm Chopped Dates
(pre pack yellow pkt pitted)

Half Cup Sugar

1 Egg (beaten)

Vanilla

Coconut

In a large pan melt butter & sugar. Remove from heat & cool, add dates, egg & vanilla.

Cook until dates are soft, about one minute.

Add biscuits, mix & spread over greased tray and sprinkle top with coconut and refrigerate.

What's On Page – NOT MUCH

25/3/20 Adelaide Branch Coronavirus Measures:

After the PM's statement on TV last night, all Adelaide Branch rides are cancelled until further notice.

This means ALL Ulysses organised activities have ceased until the situation returns to normal.

It is solo rides or with a mate or two, for the time being.

If you want to keep in touch with fellow Ulyssians online, there is a forum we are trying: <https://ulyssesau.org/forum/>

For the latest update please keep an eye on the website

<https://ulyssesadelaide.com.au>,

Notices will also be on our Facebook page as well.

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babies will be born... and we will
call them Coronials.**



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