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## From the editor

Hi well another year is nearly over and what a year. Coronavirus has been creating problems for all of us, especially in the Eastern States and preventing travel both interstate and overseas. I am, as I'm sure you all are, well and truly over it.

I would like to thank the members who have contributed to magazine over the last 12 months. There have been some great articles submitted. I encourage each of you to do a member profile or submit an article next year. I would appreciate if you could give some feedback on what you would like to see in your magazine.

In this issue. The usual roundup of the club's Sunday rides. An interesting letter to the Editor which should spark some debate. Glenda has an article on a recent away trip that sounded fantastic. Details of past and upcoming events. The Odyssey at Berri has come and gone. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend and don't have a report but Ken was able to supply a couple of photos from a ride to the Overland Corner Hotel.

Looks like we will be looking for a new location for our meetings next year. I wish Joe and his staff all the best. I know it was a difficult decision to finish up.

Cover photo: The last of the motor bike photo's that Michelle has enjoyed sourcing for me, is a great image of a **Triumph Trophy SE**. Engine: 1,215 cc inline four-stroke - Horsepower: 134 hp - Transmission: 6-speed. A super touring model with a 1,215cc three-cylinder engine, the Triumph Trophy SE is a mile-chewer. A state-of-the-art motorbike that combines luxury, comfort, and performance, both driver and passenger enjoy 'armchair ergonomics' on this one. This adventure touring motorcycle boasts a complete electronics suite that includes ABS, traction control, cruise control, electrically adjustable windshield and headlights, adjustable seats, ride-by-wire throttle, tire pressure monitor, and an anti-theft immobilizer.

Finally, Michelle & I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year. Let's see if we can make 2022 the best year ever. We have and will overcome all challenges sent to us as a club and individuals.

Cheers

*Maurice Stevens*



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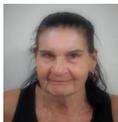
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# Adelaide Branch President's Report

It has been a fairly busy social time of late, as Maurice's photos in this magazine will attest. An Odyssey, rides, dinners, afternoon teas, breakfasts, and an inter-committee gathering. Unlike other branches, if we do have photos, they go on our website at <https://ulyssesadelaide.org.au/piwigo/> under the menu item *Photo Gallery*. If members would prefer Facebook posts, then sing out. Some branches did use Google Groups for photos, but that was pulled by Google. Anything online can disappear for one reason or another.

110 registered for the October Odyssey hosted by Mallee branch at Berri. I think all who attended agreed that it was a success. Some new things were tried and worked out fine, like egg & bacon roll breakfasts and a pizza tea at the caravan park, -along with real coffee. They were a good chance to chat with fellow members in a relaxed setting. For those of us on bikes, Saturday and Sunday saw us riding to pub lunches at Overland Corner and Renmark Club. After our inter-committee lunch at Avoca Dell hosted by Adelaide Branch, I'm pleased to note that the 2022 SA Odyssey will be hosted by Lower Murray Branch, 2023 by Torrens Valley, 2024 by Fleurieu. That is some sort of record, getting the next three Odysseys lined up. (I guess Adelaide will do 2025.)

There won't be an SABC breakfast in January. It would fall on New Year's Day. The December breakfast at the Wallaroo Sailing Club was great, as was the Friday night dinner there. Numbers were boosted by the RVers there for the weekend. Michele and I went with our Avan and stayed in the caravan park along with a bunch of other RV people. A fair amount of port got consumed very late in the camp kitchen, but no tales out of school. Genuine inter-branch communication, with a rep from each of Adelaide, Torrens Valley, and Fleurieu being the last to bed. If anyone wants to put their hand up to organise SABC breakfasts, please sing out. I'd be happy to hand over the baton.

Michele has quit organising Chat n Coffee mornings. These were well attended at times, and like the SABC, a cross-branch event. If someone would like to volunteer to keep these going, that would be terrific. Otherwise, December saw our last regular SA-wide Chat n Coffee.

February will be our branch AGM meeting. Val has set off for a long round-Australia trip, and Gayle will be stepping down. So, the committee will need some new blood. Please consider nominating. We will probably keep our committee meetings to just before the Thursday meetings, as that seems convenient for everyone. They usually aren't long meetings. We also need someone to organise the raffles. They are our only means of branch income.

Our Thursday night meeting venue has to change. February will be our last at Chief St, as Joe is retiring. We are indebted to Joe, Frank, Rae and Janet for the cheap, convenient and cheerful meals, drinks, and premises we've been using. A search for a new venue is underway. Most likely a pub, not too far out of town. We might even try a couple of places before settling on one. The venue should still be free, but drinks and meals will cost more.

Regards all.  
Ken Wagnitz.

## Letter to the Editor by Craig McDonald 41174

The current logo conveys an image of a SOCIAL CLUB FOR OLD MEN, this is not the case, but that is, the image it conveys, and thus the logo needs to change to be more inclusive of women. How many women are Ulysses members and involved with club activities at a local level whether that be as part of the committee, the social organisers, ride leaders, weekend away, monthly dinners, breakfast clubs, Odyssey organisers or National Rally organisers? The list goes on. How many women have received the Ulysses Dearnely medal, The Telemachus Medal and have served on the National Committee? These questions need to be asked because it will highlight how women are involved in the Ulysses Cub and need to be recognised on the logo.

The Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) of the United States, claims. Women motorcyclists represented:

- 2009 10% of the riding population.
- 2012 12% of the riding population.
- 2014 14% of the riding population
- 2018 19% of the riding population.

Industry experts predict this figure to grow to at least 25%. Among Gen X women make up 22% of riders. Among gen Y women make up 26% of riders. Further to that survey the average age of female motorcyclists in the US is 39 years of age. Whereas men's average age comes in at 48 years of age.

More women are standing up to the establishment, instead of sitting around feeling marginalised choosing motorcycles as a way to assert themselves. In Australia we see a growing trend among young women taking up trades that were traditionally male orientated. I see women taking up motorcycling in Australia as part of that trend.

Australia generally follows U.S trends and I see this as an opportunity to ride the wave of growing popularity of women riders. Our current logo does not reflect current standards and expectations, and if we are to continue to be a strong club, we need to move with the times and change the perception our logo conveys.

So, let's make women feel a part of this great club, lets include women on our logo and let's see this club grow stronger, it's about time we moved with the times, what worked in 1983 does not necessarily work today, just look at today's changing attitudes and let's change our logo, because this club is not just a social club for Old Men, but a club that's all inclusive.

Craig McDonald 41174

# Guess who got married

Congratulations Rob and Judy (16<sup>th</sup> October 2021)



# Sunday Ride Round Up 10<sup>th</sup> October Williamstown

Ride Leader Rob Hartridge

It was one of those days with a splattering of sun with a slight risk of rain. We had 13 bikes and 14 people turn out. A good number considering the weather. We left Top of Taps, using Black Rd to Main Rd to its end. Left onto Grants Gully Rd, Kangarilla Rd, Dashwood Gully Rd, Mawson Rd and Macclesfield Rd (all running into each other negating corner marshals with a very light shower on Macclesfield Rd) into Macclesfield. The only wet roads were during the shower, and all of the roads were reasonably clean which made for predictable riding for the rest of the day. We headed through Echunga to Hahndorf, through Verdun, Balhannah and on to Littlehampton for Morning Tea.

After the break we took the Old Princess Highway to Nairne then on to Inverbrackie, Woodside, Charleston and Mount Torrens. Left out to Birdwood and Gumeracha onto the Forrester Rd., then left at Warren Rd and left again onto Mount Crawford Rd into Williamstown. We mobbed up on the outskirts of town as only 3 of us went to the pub at the other end of town. Kevin from Waikerie had ridden down to meet up for lunch, but went down to the bakery to catch up with a few people there. Judy and I had lunch with Al. It was good to get a chance to find out a bit more about him. Sometimes we skim over the surface a bit in larger `groups` as I found out when Dean passed on. The ride had flowed really well and the weather was quite good by the time we got to Williamstown which made for a good ride home.



# Sunday Ride Round Up 10<sup>th</sup> October Williamstown

Ride Leader Rob Hartridge



# Sunday Ride Round Up 24<sup>th</sup> October Port Hughes

Ride Leader **Brian Cullinan**

We thought we had a huge turnout for the ride at Pelican Plaza but discovered Torrens Valley Branch and the Harley Owners Group had also decided to start their rides there. Still, we had a reasonable turnout anyway with a dozen bikes.

The ride took us through the hills via Snake Gully, One Tree Hill to Gawler then onto the flat across to Mallala and Balaklava. Although it was mainly straight roads, the cross winds made sure we kept our concentration. From there we travelled west to Port Wakefield for morning tea where we lost a couple of riders who decided to head home.

With morning tea over we headed north to Paskeville and past the field day site where a left turn took us across to Moonta and finally Port Hughes where we were met by Craig and Gayle at the Port Hughes Tavern for lunch.

Thanks to Tail End Charlies, Robin and Ken/Michelle on a ride made challenging by the wind and length.



# Sunday Ride Round Up 24<sup>th</sup> October Port Hughes

Ride Leader Brian Cullinan



# Sunday Ride Round Up 7<sup>th</sup> November Mannum

Ride Leader Peter Wood

There were about 12 bikes and riders for the start of our ride on an overcast but dry day. Our journey to Wistow for morning tea was uneventful except for the large number of corners (over 30) requiring a corner marshal, which was made worse by having to take a detour around roadworks in Mount Barker. We picked up Bernie at Wistow and carried on to Mannum for lunch to conclude another very pleasant Sunday outing. My thanks to Brenton and Glenda for offering their services as very competent Tail End Charlies



# Sunday Ride Round Up 7<sup>th</sup> November Mannum

Ride Leader Peter Wood



# Sunday Ride Round Up 21<sup>st</sup> November Strathalbyn

Ride Leader Frank Pellas

We had a good roll up of 14 riders and 2 pillions to the start at Top of Taps this morning. The Speedmaster was the centre of attention there for a while judging by the photos. We had 2 new guests with us - Reinhold on his K1600, and John with Viv on his Diversion 900. No rain and later in the morning the sun came out. A perfect day for a ride. The first part was winding up through the hills to Balhannah for morning tea.

Ken and Michelle joined us at Balhannah and we set off winding out of the hills to Strathalbyn via Hahndorf, Mt Barker, Nairne and Callington. A detour in Mt Barker produced a bit of confusion until I could reset my GPS to get us on the right track. Lunch was at the Victoria Hotel in Strathalbyn - another detour with the road closed in front of the pub. Most of us chose to park in front of the security fence on the street as all parking spaces were filled.

Both legs of this ride were about 60km long. There was only one incident that I knew of when Brenton had a lie down after his bike stalled when he was a corner marshal.

Peter Wood did an excellent job as Tail End Charlie. As a ride leader it's comforting to have that support.



# Sunday Ride Round Up 21<sup>st</sup> November

Strathalbyn

Ride Leader Frank Pellas



# Up Coming Sunday Rides All Rides Depart at 9.30am



5 Dec	Peter Wood 0487 452 200	Day Ride	Nuriootpa	<a href="#">Pelican Plaza, 1007 North East Rd, Modbury</a>
12 Dec	MRA	Toy Run	Callington	<a href="#">Victoria Park, Wakefield Rd, Adelaide</a>
19 Dec	Brenton George 0432 535 163	Day Ride	Macclesfield	<a href="#">McDonalds, 303 Magill Rd, Trinity Gardens</a>

2022 Rides TBA (Please refer to the [Adelaide Website](#))



## A weekend away by Glenda George

Thank you to Les, a Ulyssean from Port Pirie, who provided two pieces of information that formed the basis of a plan for an overnigher that included a stay at the recently reopened Carrieton Hotel and a ride on the newly sealed road to the Bluff Lookout at the Wirrabra Forest. Optional extras, added by myself, were breakfast at the Wirrabra Farmers' Market (which happens on the third Sunday of the month) and a ride up to Blinman and back with a stop for breakfast at the Flinders Food Company in Hawker.

I was intrigued when I heard that the Carrieton Hotel had reopened in May after being closed for five years. After passing through Carrieton on numerous occasions my only vivid memory of the place was the rather cross snake at my front wheel as I zoomed through - but no real recollection of what the hotel looked like. The website was enticing but contacting the owners to book accommodation required persistence and I came close to giving up. The minimum stay of two nights was initially off-putting but worked well with that optional extra of a ride up to Blinman that I mentioned.

So, two days later we headed out of Adelaide by the most direct route using the Barrier Highway till we got to Hallett where we turned onto Wilkins Way. Wilkins Way was named for Hubert Wilkins who many South Australians may never have heard of. He was born in Mount Bryan East in 1888 and was to become "one of Australia's most daring aviators and explorers", knighted for the first flight across the North Polar ice-cap and recognised internationally for his achievements. A WHOLE 37.7km of highway between Hallett and Jamestown have been named after him. I have since discovered that the homestead where he was born has been restored and can be visited. For more information visit:

<https://explore.history.sa.gov.au/organisation/sir-hubert-wilkins-cottage>

We were soon in Jamestown and turning right onto the RM Williams Way. Reginal Murray Williams, or RM as he was known, was born nearby in Belalie North. He is a household name in South Australia, was awarded an Order of Australia and had 228 km of highway named after him.

Along the RM Williams Way is Orroroo which we usually aren't tempted to stop at. But the town had got behind Mental Health Month in a big way with Out of the Blue Orroroo. The main street was a splash of blue ribbon and was buzzing with activity. There was an over representation of Moto Guzzi's parked in the street and we wondered if they were involved, participating or just stopped by chance.

Carrieton is not quite an hour up the road. It is typical of many small towns in the area consisting of a cluster of houses. When we arrived mid-afternoon, not a soul was in sight. Our host greeted us, drill in hand, and the unanswered emails and phone calls made sense. Renovations.

The building has been restored respectfully and tastefully finished with enough modern touches to ensure comfort. And most importantly the meals were good. Thanks Les.

The caravan park is on the site of the old school, utilizing the buildings for accommodation and facilities. The oval and surrounding shade trees provide a pleasant setting. The \$25 a night for a powered site on grass and a short walk to the hotel (where the meals are good) have earned it a spot on my Places to Remember List.

Carrieton to Blinman is only 180k, so the next morning was a leisurely start. Passing through Craddock we had the answer to where the Moto Guzzi riders were headed. They we camped in the scrub next to the hotel. We were heading to Hawker for breakfast at the Flinders Food Company. We had stopped there earlier in the year and were impressed with the food and the fact that everything was made on site, right down to smoking their

own bacon. Moto Guzzi's arrived in dribs and drabs and disappeared into the main street. We wondered where they were headed.

There is no petrol at Blinman so we called into Wilpena Pound for petrol. The road from the Wilpena Pound turn off to Blinman is high on our Roads to Remember List. The scenery is stunning and the road a pleasure to ride. Parked outside the Blinman Hotel was a small cluster of bikes that turned out to belong to Far Riders who were at various stages in their 1000k Ride to Lunch. We found an outdoor spot to watch the world by....

The beauty of a round trip is you get to do it twice. As we headed back, the Moto Guzzi's flashed by in dribs and drabs in the opposite direction. It was more than a fair bet they were headed for Blinman.

As we approached Craddock we wondered what the attraction was for those Moto Guzzi riders that had camped there and decided to stop and check it out. The accommodation in the historic pub had recently been given some attention and the bathrooms renovated. I was charmed. Somewhere along the line the accommodation has been sidelined and looks neglected but a brand new dining area and playground has been added to cater for the locals from Hawker that still come for meals, and the campers that are welcome to stay for free in the scrub surrounding the pub. An ensuite toilet/showers are left unlocked for the use of the campers.

Back at Carrieton, over a map and a beer on the veranda the route for the next day unfolded. A visit to the main bar confirmed it could be done on sealed roads: Orroroo, Pekina, Murraytown. The Pekina to Murraytown section was a pleasant ride winding from one valley to the next. I've added that one to my List of Places/Roads to Remember.

The Wirrabra Markets open at 9a.m. with the sounding of a bell. We missed that bit but were in time for a breakfast BBQ and an update on the condition of the dirt section of road out to The Bluff. Of the two options we choose the road that heads straight out of the centre of town and through the Wirrabara Forest. That involved about 6k of gravel road, the first few being seriously corrugated, with the rest having the potential to go the same way. The new sealed section snakes up the hill to a carpark and viewing platform at the top. The view out across Spencer Gulf was well worth the effort. Thanks Les. On the return we used Charcoal Road which was a really good unsealed surface. Good enough for me to enjoy the scenery.

Mission accomplished we headed for home opting for backroads where possible to avoid traffic.



# Ulysses SA Breakfast Club

## Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> 2021



**WHERE:** Black Pig Bar & Grill  
(previously Fam Hotel)  
134 Ellen Street,  
Port Pirie  
(Phone Neville Lee for  
details & to book  
0476 911 601)

**TIME:** 9.30am Breakfast



- Ride up on Friday and dine with others in Black Pig Bar & Grill 7pm.
- Accommodation available at the venue – bed down with a swag upstairs (with secure parking for bikes) – ring Neville Lee for details.  
OR local motels or caravan parks.
- Opportunity for other activities...
  - Underground tour of this historic hotel.
  - Attend the Saturday night Christmas Show with entertainment & some freebies (book direct with venue).
  - Some good rides Mt Remarkable National Park, Germain Gorge, Alligator Gorge, Warren Gorge, Quorn.....
  - Regional Tourism & Arts Centre.
  - National Trust Museum
  - Port Pirie Molfettesi Fishing Boat Museum
  - Port Pirie RSL Museum
  - Regional Art Gallery
  - Walk on Pt Pirie Beach
  - Ride to Pt Augusta to visit Arid Lands Botanic Gardens, Wadlata Outback Centre.
- You must RSVP by Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November to Ken Wagnitz via email [ken.wagnitz@gmail.com](mailto:ken.wagnitz@gmail.com) or SMS 0417 353 389 for both Friday night and Sat Breakfast.



*Ken Wagnitz has been the CoOrdinator of  
breakfasts for almost 4 years.  
If you would like to volunteer to take  
over it would be greatly appreciated.*



# SA Breakfast Club

The October SABC breakfast was at the Royal Exchange Hotel, Burra. They opened up specially for us. The meal was a "big breakfast" and quite fine.

16 people attended, with lots of chatting, especially when we gathered in the street afterwards for a drone photo shoot by Brenton Williams.

(Fortunately no cars wanted to come through.)

Some rode up for the day, with fantastic weather to go home.

Waggies and Cullinans stayed Friday and Saturday nights in our vans at the Bon Accord Hotel. Seven of us had tea there on the Friday night.



# Events

## Berri Odyssey

Ride to the Overland Corner Hotel.



**Ulysses SA Inter-committee Lunch** was hosted by Adelaide Branch, at the Avoca Dell caravan park camp kitchen. 13<sup>th</sup> November 36 attended, on a relatively fine weather day. Lots of hearty eating and chin-wagging went on.



# What's On Page



**Wednesday Midweek Rides** All Rides Depart at 10.30am for more details phone **Steve 0405 120 542** or **John 0407 794 147**. The **1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday** depart from **The Feathers Hotel Car Park Burnside** and the **3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday** depart from the **Top of Taps**.

**The SA Breakfast Club-** When: **4<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am** Where: Pt Pirie, The Fam Hotel  
**Note:** There will not be a breakfast in January as this falls on New Years Day

**Please confirm your attendance as venues require numbers to provide adequate staff.**  
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**Adelaide Branch Monthly Meeting Official meeting starts at 7:30pm**  
**Thursday 6<sup>h</sup> January 2022 and Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022**

**Venue:** European Catering Reception, 2 Chief St, Hindmarsh. Come early and enjoy a meal and drink available at the venue at very reasonable prices. A raffle is held on the night with numerous prizes.



## Adelaide Branch Monthly Dinner

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021 6.30pm** Venue: **Robin Hood Hotel**, 315 Port Rush Rd, Norwood

**Next years dates TBA.** Please check the [Adelaide website](#) for updates.

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**Chat 'n' Coffee** Fourth Tuesday of the month at 10 am. Venue around Adelaide. Anyone is welcome to suggest a venue. Send suggestions to [michele.wagnits@gmail.com](mailto:michele.wagnits@gmail.com) Ph. 0429 673 381

**No Chat'n'Coffee for December**

**January 2022 TBA** but check the [Adelaide website](#) for next years dates

**Note: In these COVID19 times, the venues want numbers to schedule staff, so please let Michele or Sue know if you plan to come.**

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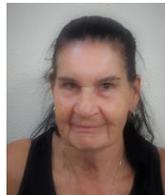
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As Ulyssians we greatly value the camaraderie and support that is provided by our fellow members.

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 she can organize a hospital visit, home visit, send a card or arrange any other appropriate help.

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