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From the editor

 \mathbf{W} elcome to the 1st edition for 2022.

This looks like being the year for change. A new venue for our meetings at the Maid (Maid and Magpie) as we say goodbye to the European Catering Reception in Chief Street. Many great memories over the last 12 years and thanks go out to Joe and his team for providing us with great meals and service. By the time you read this we will have a new committee as the February Meeting is our AGM. I will update the Committee in the next issue.

The borders have opened up for interstate travel and a lot of the restrictions have been removed but, on the downside, Covid is running rampant. The side effect has created issues with supply of just about everything as workers are stuck down with this virus. Keep safe everyone.

In this issue we have a great article submitted by Robin Butler. I won't give you any clues, you'll just have to read it. Great work Robin. Any other budding writers are welcome to send me articles.

Also, the usual rides pics with write up if supplied. I would like to encourage the ride leaders on the day to submit a report on the ride. Our members would find it interesting and may encourage others to join in. Personally, I have enjoyed the rides I have managed to participate in and commend the ride leaders for the planning that goes into making them interesting. If you can't add your report to the website, please send it to me or Ken via email and we can add it for you.

I would appreciate any feedback on the content of the magazine as to content or lack of. This is your magazine and have a say what should go in. I make assumptions that the content is what members want to see or read. Am I right or wrong, don't know? Tell me either way.

A thankyou to our advertisers as they are the ones that make it possible to produce this magazine along with sales of the hard copies to members. The raffles are our only other income. These funds are used to finance activities to benefit us all.

Cheers

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 **love to hear from you**.

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Adelaide Branch President's Report

The 2022 AGM will see a changed Adelaide Branch committee lineup. Here's hoping members find the new arrangement acceptable. I think the branch will continue on just as well as before.

Despite COVID, our rides and events have mostly kept going. The biggest hits have been the need to check in everywhere, mask wearing, and a greater emphasis on venues wanting numbers of attendees at events. Some branches in SA and interstate now require their members to be vaccinated to attend, either because the branch committee has decided it, or their venue has. At this stage, Adelaide Branch has no such requirement, but that could change. It might not be our choice.

I'm aware of four members who now aren't and may never, come on Sunday rides, due to failing health. One of those is our long-standing tail-end-charlie, Trevor. Of course, we still want to see them at meetings and social gatherings. Meanwhile we fail to get new members in. So, ride numbers are dropping. I don't know what we can do about that, other than to go on rides and appreciate them while we can. And there are always the other branches to ride with as well.

One big difference for us will be a new meeting venue. The Maid hotel. It will really change the flavour of meetings. I trust members will be happy there. It does look good, so we can but give it a try. A very big thanks to Joe and the gang at Chief St for the years they've hosted us, with an open table layout fostering moving about and talking to each other, cheap and cheerful meals, and a friendly face at the bar.

The other change will be some social events disappearing from our calendar.

Sue has quit as dinners coordinator after a long stint. Thanks for your efforts, Sue. No-one has stepped up to take her place, so our monthly dinners are no more. It may be that the new meeting venue serves the same purpose. We should be able to stay on and chat, on the Thursday nights.

Michele has quit as monthly Tuesday morning-teas coordinator. Thanks for your efforts, Michele. Some of those were to very interesting locations, e.g., Dunluce Castle. This was a SA-wide thing, cooked up by Michele, Pam & Sue. Maybe someone from another branch will continue it.

There's no reason why members can't organise a social event on an ad-hoc basis, rather than committing to a role full-time. I hope that will happen. And we will continue with the occasional ride ending at someone's place for lunch. You are welcome to come to those in a car.

While we would all like to see numbers grow rather than diminish, the main factor is that whatever the event, those that come enjoy the friendship and activity.

Rob is taking over from Mike as rides coordinator. Thanks Mike. And thanks to those riders who lead rides and do tail-end-charlie duties. Our rides continue to be pretty well done.

Judy takes over from Ray as raffles organiser. Thanks, Ray, for your long service.

Our *Odyssey* branch magazine continues. \$3 a hard copy, \$2 extra if posted, free on the website. Thank you to Maurice & Michelle.

Here's to a continuing happy branch in 2022.

Ken Wagnitz,

President, Ulysses Club, Adelaide Branch

Adelaide Branch Treasurers Report for 2021 - Peter Castle

2021 Financial Summary	Ulysses Club Inc - Adelaide Branch		
		Income	
			GST
	Item	Amount	collected
	Club Activities		
	Events Activity		\$ -
	Quartermasters Store Ulysses Gear		
	Quartermasters Store Branch Gear		
	Odyssey Magazine	\$928.00	\$84.36
	Interest	\$ -	
	Raffles	\$1,512.00	\$137.45
	Donation		
		\$2,440.00	\$221.82
		Expenditure	
	Item	Amount	GST paid
	Club Activities	\$1,380.39	\$125.49
	Events Activity	\$1,500.59	\$125.49
	Quartermasters Store Ulysses Gear	Ş-	Ş-
	Quartermasters Store Branch Gear		
	Odyssey Magazine	\$590.70	\$53.70
	Admin	\$390.70	\$33.70
	Raffle Costs	\$580.45	\$52.77
	Club Promotion	\$360.43	\$32.77
	Donations		
	Meeting Costs	\$-	\$ -
	Raffles	\$4.75	\$0.43
	Railles	\$4.73	\$0.43
		\$2,556.29	\$232.39
	Income / Loss	-\$116.29	
	GST Calculation		
	GST collected		\$221.82
	GST paid		\$232.39
	GST owing /(refund)		-\$10.57

Webmaster's Annual Report – Feb 2022

I'm happy to report that the Adelaide Branch website continues on as usual. One variation is that we've decided to change its URL to a .org. So, the new website address is https://ulyssesadelaide.org.au. (The .com address will remain for some time, and a www at the front is optional.) -The cost to us of the extra domain name is \$72 for 5 years.

Sunday ride photos continue to be put onto the Gallery by Peter Wood. Thanks Peter. If a ride report is written, that is where you'll find it, along with a map of the ride if I've been on it.

Our *Odyssey* magazine continues to be on the website 'Our Magazine' page for free downloading as a PDF, soon after it is published. Thanks Maurice.

As always, I welcome feedback on the website. (And I'm still waiting for someone to offer to back me up in its maintenance.)



Ken Wagnitz, Webmaster, Ulysses Club, Adelaide Branch.

Cyber Security Tips

Phishing scams are a constant threat - using various social engineering (link is external) ploys, cyber-criminals will attempt to trick you into divulging personal information such as your login ID and password, banking or credit card information.

- Phishing scams can be carried out by phone, text, or through social networking sites but most commonly by email.
- Be suspicious of any official-looking email message or phone call that asks for personal or financial information.

We all have too many passwords to manage - and it's easy to take short-cuts, like reusing the same password. A password manager can help you to maintain strong unique passwords for all of your accounts. These programs can generate strong passwords for you, enter credentials automatically, and remind you to update your passwords periodically.

Sixteen of us gathered at Pelican Plaza for our ride to Nuriootpa, but before we even set off, there was a loud bang as 2 cars had a nasty accident at the nearby intersection. That was the only major incident for the day, which turned out be darn near perfect and it was good to see Doc back on his Harley, which still hasn't been fixed after his minor accident a couple of months ago. Getting parts seems to be taking an awfully long time at the moment. There was a minor concern when we arrived at our morning tea destination (Mount Pleasant), as there was quite a large number of bikes already there, including the Torrens Valley branch ride group, and another group turned up just before we left. I estimate there were around 70 or so bikes in the carpark! Luckily Judy rounded up our group with a quick yell, and without losing anyone we were on our way to an excellent lunch at the Vine Inn, where Ken and Michelle met up with us. This turned out to be a really good ride, and I would like to thank Rob and Judy for taking on the Tail End Charlie duties with nary a whimper, thanks guys.







Sunday Ride Round Up 5th December 2021

Nuriootpa Ride Leader Peter Wood

















Sunday Ride Round Up 19th December 2021 Macclesfield Ride Leader Brenton George





















Sunday Ride Round Up 16th January Ashbourne

Ride Leader Mike Green



















Up Coming Sunday Rides All Rides Depart at 9.30am





When	Leader	Event	Destination	Depart from (click for map)
13 Feb	Brenton George 0432 535 163	Day Ride	Strathalbyn	McDonalds, 303 Magill Rd, Trinity Gardens
27 Feb	Rob Hartridge 0422 114 225	Day Ride	Hahndorf	Top of Taps, Victoria Hotel OHalloran Hill
13 Mar	Mike Green 0419 003 010	Day Ride	Swan Reach	Pelican Plaza, 1007 North East Rd, Modbury
27 Mar	Brenton George 0432 535 163	Day Ride	Meadows	McDonalds, 303 Magill Rd, Trinity Gardens
10 Apr	(National Rally)	Day Ride		Top of Taps, Victoria Hotel OHalloran Hill
24 Apr	ТВА	Day Ride	ТВА	Pelican Plaza, 1007 North East Rd, Modbury

SA Breakfast Club

This was partly due to a conflicting Torrens Valley xmas dinner and a Riverland toy run. No idea why locals and northerners didn't come. However, we were honoured by the presence of Holly and Brian from Victoria. Holly was nursing a sprained ankle from a drop in the sand on the way over. Those of us there had a good time. Some of us got there Friday, so had dinner at the same venue. It was a rowdy night, with a heap of local hospital staff eating and drinking there. (You wouldn't have wanted a medical emergency that night or next morning.) We enjoyed the four-course meal at a reduced price. I sampled all the local craft beers and found them all to be very acceptable.

After breakfast next morning, we were treated to a tour of the pub, including the cellars below, and the "widows walk" up top. Neville the proprietor has only had the pub for a year but gave a us a good commentary on its history. It was built in 1904, and originally had a tunnel under the main road and railway line to the wharf, as did many of the businesses along that side of the street back then. If you visit Pt Pirie, look in on this very historical pub.

After that, Brenton and Glenda led me with pillion Michele, and Les on his recently acquired Tiger 1050, on a ride through Germein Gorge Rd, then along Charcoal Rd to the Bluff lookout. Dirt, gravel, just a tad scary, but we all made it in and out without mishap. On to the Stone Hut bakery for refreshments, then Laura, where Brenton and Glenda were staying for the night. Michele and I visited rellies in Laura. We all met up at the North Laura pub for tea. Les & Christine came in their car. No skippies on the way back to Pt Pirie, to the cabin park where Michele and I spent the two nights. (Modern, clean and spacious.) Having suffered South Rd traffic on the way up, Michele & I took the scenic route home. Blyth, Clare, Kapunda, then Nuriootpa to catch up with the Sunday riders at the Vine Inn. Beautiful weather for riding, and there is nothing like cruising through sweepers on back country roads almost devoid of traffic.

Ken Wagnitz







Monthly Meetings



South Australian Art – A Motorcycle Tour

by Robin Butler

October 2021. Covid restrictions relatively mild as long as you didn't dare leave the state. Consequently, your humble scribe, together with younger brother, set out to spend a week touring around SA with a bit of a leaning towards checking out silo art. Heeding the news that lots of travellers were staying in SA we planned a route and booked accommodation early to make sure we had suitable digs on our travels.

This was the first real run for the shiny new Triumph Speedmaster I'd really only just run in. For the record, apart from a really annoying need to keep oiling the chain, the Triumph performed flawlessly, and attracted lots of admiring attention. It was also the first decent run in a few years for my brother's Yamaha Styker. Needless to say, the Stryker was largely ignored by the Triumph admirers.

Setting out from Birdwood, where we met up at the brand-new Mobile to top off the tanks, we headed north through Torrens Valley territory towards our first scenic stop at Eudunda to check out the painted silo.



Presented as the story of two children, one a young white girl the other a young aboriginal boy, we see a scene of rural life around Eudunda on one pair of silos. A wonderful tribute to local writer Colin Thiele with his much-loved book "Sun on the Stubble" featuring large. On the other silo a story of indigenous culture, presented by the young boy. I remember enjoying Sun on the Stubble, as well as other of Mr Thiele's wonderful books as a kid, with their innocent and fun stories of growing up in

the rural bush.

After a quick climb up to the observation platform on a hill overlooking the town and a couple of happy snaps it was back on the bikes and on to Wirrabara. Wirrabara sits on the Horrocks Highway and their silos feature a rugged "Bushy" as well as depicting the rich history of the area which has strong ties to the forestry industry as well as featuring a nod to the beautiful local flora and fauna for which the area is also well known.



Day 1 ended with us arriving at Quorn and settling into Luxurious digs at the Great Northern Lodge. After an excellent pub dinner at the "Trans" we headed over to take in the Quorn Silos "artwork". Now this is an interesting one. Quorn residents clearly couldn't be buggered going to all the trouble of having an artwork painted on their silos that never changes. Instead, they built a drive-in theatre projector and aimed it at the silo. This allows them to run an amazing range of images on the silo when the sun sets.



This is not a 5-minute stop over. Take the Aeroguard, bring a picnic or takeaway, and enjoy this free starlit audio-visual celebration of the Flinders Ranges, the Pichi Richi Railways, local stories and heritage.

Day 2 and a run from Quorn to Blinman and back. We managed to avoid the rain in the morning, but not the hail after lunch. No silo art at Blinman, but a primitive hut reminds us of the hardship of the early settlers in the area. Hawker to Blinman is reported as one of the more epic motorcycle roads in Australia. If you haven't ridden it, get up there! The Cornish pasty at the Blinman bakery is worth a try as well. Traditional Cornish filling with a bit of apple pie baked in at one end. Mains and desert in one package.



Day 3 and a shorter run to Cowell, avoiding the main roads a much as possible. Passing through Iron Knob, Kimba and ending at Cowell, today we had a couple of surprises.



Kimba surprised us with a magnificent, and truly large-scale artwork, depicting a young girl standing in a wheat field. She is overlooking a magnificent purple sunset viewed through endless wheat fields which blend into the real thing behind the silos. (Maybe a hint of poetic licence there)

The other surprise in Kimba was the Big Cocky. What could be more Australian than another "Big" thing.





Dodging the serious hail that passed over the bottom of Eyre Peninsula and did heaps of damage across parts of Adelaide this afternoon, we arrived in Cowell. A quick ride to the local footy oval, which adjoins the silo, had us taking in the features of local identity Lionel Deer and his camel Diamantina. Lionel is well known in the Cowell community because (amongst other things) he took his camels to the Cowell Christmas Pageant for over 30 years. But, as the icing on the cake, while admiring the work, who should rock up for a chat but the man himself. Day 4 was a run through Cleve, Lock, and Elliston ending up at Coffin Bay. All away from the busy highways. On the main street of Cleve sits a remarkable sculpture of a Clydesdale pulling a plow.





Crafted entirely from old metal from the sculptor's local farm, Bonnie the Clydesdale was crafted by a local farmer in his spare time and purchased by the town for installation in the main street. Some nice touches include a couple of friendly shingleback lizards also crafted from old scrap metal.

Arriving in Coffin Bay we found our digs and took a walk along the beach. Coffin Bay is absolutely spectacular and my photos simply don't do it justice.

Day 5 took us from Coffin Bay to Port Augusta via the coastal route through Port Lincoln, Tumby Bay, and Whyalla. A stop for coffee and cake at Tumby Bay gave us time to check out the Tumby silos.



The image depicted on these silos is an interpretation of two boys jumping off the Tumby Bay jetty and is spread across 6 individual cells. The two boys' images are loosely based on a couple of young local boys. Cleverly distorted to compensate for the complex curves and gaps in the silo structure the image takes on its intended form only when viewed from the dedicated viewing spot.

Day 6 Port Augusta to Adelaide via Port Broughton, Bute and Port Wakefield. No silo art on this part of the trip. Besides, silo art is so last year that the good people of Bute have stepped it up a notch with "Public Toilet" art.

And so, at the end of day 6, after an uneventful trip, and with as near as makes no difference, an extra 2000 km on the new Triumph, we settle back into normality in Adelaide.



Robin Butler

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Heather Cripps

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A Blast from the Past



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 1st 2nd & 5th Wednesday depart from The Feathers Hotel Car Park Burnside and the 3rd 4th Wednesday depart from the Top of Taps.

The SA Breakfast Club

When: 5th February 2022 at 9.30am Where: The Landing Café, Corner of Aston Parade and Heysen

Boulevard, Mt Barker

When: 5th March 2022 at 9.30am Where: TBA Bordertown (Check the website nearer the time)

Please confirm your attendance as venues require numbers to provide adequate staff.

Contact Ken Wagnitz by the Wednesday before either ulyssesadelaide+ken@gmail.com or SMS 0417 353 389 with - SABC, your name, how many require breakfast.



Adelaide Branch Monthly Meeting. Official meeting starts at 7:30pm

Thursday 3rd March 2022 **Venue:** The Maid Hotel (Maid and Magpie), 1 Magill Rd, Stepney

Thursday 7th April 2022 **Venue:** The Maid Hotel (Maid and Magpie), 1 Magill Rd, Stepney

Come early and enjoy a meal and drink available at the venue. A raffle is held on the night with numerous

Please note the change of venue prizes.



Adelaide Branch Monthly Dinner

Unfortunately, Sue has resigned as dinner coordinator and no one has put up their hand to take over. So, until then, these have been postponed for the foreseeable future.

Note: In these COVID19 times, the venues want numbers to schedule staff, so please let the organizers (not the venue) know if you plan to come.

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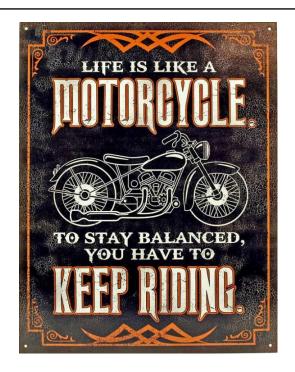
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Adelaide's Welfare Officer is a central person in our branch to ensure members in need are assisted in whatever manner is appropriate for that individual.

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.

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