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### From the editor

Hello to all our members,

Here we are, October already. The 28<sup>th</sup> SA Odyssey is only a few weeks away, so make sure to register now if you intend going. It promises to be a great event and a way of meeting many members from other branches. Socialising is something Ulyssian's do well.

Daylight saving has arrived and for those of us who still work is getting used to waking up an hour earlier. Make sure your clocks are wound forward or you might miss the start of that ride.

A lot has happened since last issue. The Queen has died and the baton passed on to Charles or should I say King Charles. We will start seeing his face on our currency, no more Queens council, ER on letter heads or God save the Queen. Most of us have only known one Monarch or old enough you can't remember the previous one. A great innings as we Australians would say.

The Government has put the fuel excise back up. I can remember a time during the pandemic when petrol was less than a dollar a litre but you couldn't go anywhere. Now all the borders are open you still can't go anywhere because fuel is too costly. Since when does it cost more than \$30 to fill your bike but it won't stop me from riding. Maybe they will produce a decent electric bike. Enough whinging for now.

In this issue there is a great story from Pam Gray on her experience as a Ulyssian. I would like to hear from other members as well. I am sure there are some great stories out there. There are the usual reports and pics from our rides, SA breakfast Club and Meetings. Many thanks to those that take time to write a report and take photo's so I can put them in this publication.

The front cover photo is a Royal Enfield Flying Flea. Some time ago Ray Murray sent me a story on this very bike but having misplaced it I had to borrow from Wikipedia. Sorry Ray, yours was a better story.

I hope you enjoy the magazine and I look forward to seeing some more contributions from our members.

Cheers

Maurice Stevens

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### **Adelaide Branch President's Report**

#### Hello everyone,

As usual lately my participation in club events has been sadly lacking. I do have my ZX10 back but when riding home, found that it had an odd clunking in it. On inspection I found the chain and sprockets were done. Some \$ later it's all fine but gotta think motorcycling is cheap,,,,,said no one ever.

Gail and I went to the Ghost town rally in Copi Hollow. We had a good time catching up with everyone and talking the usual BS (bike stuff) and had the discussion about the best way to travel, trailers for bikes or vans to carry bikes etc with the usual result no one agreeing which is the best method.

Gail and I have just bought a caravan and hope to go touring at some point. Hope to be able to carry a bike or 2 in the transit van.

It was good to see 3 potential new members at the last meeting and it was also good that many of you talked to them and made them feel welcome.

Well, this is starting to feel like I'm writing in my diary. I hope to get out to more events very soon, even if it's just so I have something to write about.

Cheers for now,



Gary Priest, President, Ulysses Club, Adelaide Branch

### Sunday Ride Round Up 31st July 2022

Williamstown Ride Leader Brenton George



### Sunday Ride Round Up 14<sup>th</sup> August 2022

#### Macclesfield Ride Leader Frank Pellas

The weather didn't look good. So, I suppose that's why we only had 9 bikes at Top of Taps this morning. And all but 2 of these went all the way to lunch at Macclesfield. Robyn was nominated as Tail End Charlie because of his bright yellow rain suit. There was no rain all day but some of the roads were still quite wet. The first part of the ride to Meadows had 25 corners requiring corner marshals. It got a bit intense at times with wet roads and a corner coming up every 2.4 km on average. I was very pleased to see that no-one got lost and all corner marshals (ie everyone) performed their tasks faultlessly.

After morning tea at the Pik-a-Pie bakery the next stage was much drier, less complicated and with welcome sunny breaks. Only 18 corners this time, but only 6 riders left, plus me of course. We made good time and finished up at the Three Brothers Arms pub in Macclesfield for lunch at 12:45. Rob has renamed this venue the Six Arms pub, and was awarded Dad Joke of the Day. One of our senior riders forgot to pay for his/her (no names) meal as he/she left, and Rob fixed that up for us. Our senior rider has since been apprehended and will repay Rob in full. Thanks, Rob, for sorting this out.

We all had a great ride. The weather while a bit cold and some wet spots, was fine, and when the winter sun shone through made it all the more enjoyable. Many thanks to Robyn for his TEC role, and to all the corner marshals who worked so well for us.

Thanks for coming.



### Sunday Ride Round Up 14<sup>th</sup> August 2022

Macclesfield Ride Leader Frank Pellas



### Sunday Ride Round Up 28<sup>th</sup> August 2022 Port Elliott Ride Leader Mike Green

One of those tricky rides that starts at one end of the city and finishes at the other, these usually appeal to some and not to others, depending on where you happen to live. That's why I was surprised to see Frank and Bron front up at the starting point of Pelican Plaza. Not a bad effort when you live at Victor Harbor! On the other hand, when you finish at Port Elliot, you could leave the bike at the pub and walk home. I guess the rest of us fall somewhere in between. Except of course for Ivan, who cheerfully fronts up week in, week out after riding from Angaston.

On that note, Cas and I were still a bit saddle sore after our trip up to Atherton, but already going through withdrawals, and the weather conditions were absolutely perfect for this ride. We welcomed a new rider, Kevin McConnochie, on his KTM, and noted that Monica brought along a pillion. Brave man, but he'll fit right in! A pretty routine ride via Chain of Ponds, Gumeracha, Mt Torrens, and Woodside to Balhannah for morning tea. There we bumped in to Guzzi Bob & Merilyn Braunsthal, and Dom & Sue Carli, from Torrens Valley and Fleurieu Branches respectively, who had also decided that the day was too perfect not to be out riding.

A pretty smooth run followed from Balhannah via Echunga, Meadows, Kuitpo, Willunga HIII and Crows Nest Rd. The stunning view from up there towards Goolwa and the Coorong was as good as it gets. Earlier on though, I did see out the corner of my eye, Monica almost draw level with me at the T -junction at the top of Willunga Hill, except that she was sliding on the grass and I was stopped on the bitumen! As bike riders, we all have our scary moments, and this time there was no harm done, and it gave us something to talk about over lunch at the Port Elliot Hotel.



### Sunday Ride Round Up 28th August 2022

Port Elliott

Ride Leader Mike Green



### Sunday Ride Round Up 11<sup>th</sup> September 2022 St Marys Ride Leader Peter Wood

There were only 10 of us at the start of our ride on a cloudy but dry morning, including Colin, on his Forza scooter, who hadn't been on a ride with us for quite a while. We wound our way through the hills on mostly dry roads (although there was a lot of runoff water in some spots) to Meadows for morning tea, then on to Don and Sue Freene's for lunch. We had a fabulous selection of food and drinks including BBQ sausages and onion, sandwiches, scones, cakes and plenty more. There were many who met us there to share a great afternoon. Many thanks to Rob and Harry for doing the tail end charlie duties, and especially to Don and Sue for opening up their home (again) for the occasion and to all those who contributed food and drinks for us to enjoy. A terrific day!!













### Sunday Ride Round Up 11<sup>th</sup> September 2022 St Marys Ride Leader Peter Wood



### Sunday Ride Round Up 25<sup>th</sup> September 2022 Mannum Ride Leader Rob Hartridge

We gathered at Top of Taps, under full but not threatening cloud cover. It was of little comfort that it was actually sunny above the clouds. There were 7 bikes, all solo, headed to Strathalbyn for morning tea. A lot of twisties to Clarendon through Kangarilla and into Meadows, Macclesfield and a loop out to Stamps Road back into Macclesfield for the final leg into Strathalbyn. Burnie Gelston caught up with us for morning tea but couldn't join the ride. It was good to have him join us for a cuppa. We lost Peter and Felix at Strathalbyn; heading out through Woodchester, Callington and Murray New City to Mannum for lunch. Judy and I got home just before the rain set in and hope all the others managed to do the same. Everyone seemed to enjoy the ride and the overcast windless conditions actually made for good riding conditions.



### Up Coming Sunday Rides All Rides Depart at 9.30am

When	Ride Leader	Event	Destination	Departing From
09 Oct	Bob Braunsthal	Day Ride	Milang	<u>Pelican Plaza,</u> 1007 North East Rd, Modbury
23 Oct	Judy Hartridge 0412 164 665	Day Ride (SA Odyssey Weekend)	McLaren Vale	<u>McDonalds,</u> 303 Magill Rd, Trinity Gardens
06 Nov	Rob Hartridge 0422 114 225	Day Ride - BBQ at Rob & Judy's place. All welcome, 225 Deviation Road Forest Range.	Forest Range	<u>Top of Taps, Victoria Hotel</u> <u>OHalloran Hill</u>
20 Nov	Peter Wood 0487 452 200	Day Ride	Nuriootpa	<u>Pelican Plaza,</u> 1007 North East Rd, Modbury
04 Dec	Mike Green 0419 033 010	Day Ride	Goolwa	<u>McDonalds,</u> 303 Magill Rd, Trinity Gardens

\*Accurate at time of printing. Please check the Website nearer the time of the ride

### SA Breakfast Club

Around 28 were at the August 2022 SABC breakfast at the Birkenhead Tavern. It was quite a social affair, at a great venue. Plenty of spare seating in a warm enclosed area overlooking the river.



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

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### **Our Monthly Meetings**



## 2023 Ulysses Club National Rally



#### 1-7 May 2023 8am - 9pm Lismore Showground, Alexander Parade, Lismore



The 2023 Ulysses Club National Rally will be held in Lismore, N.S.W. The Rally will run for 7 days from Monday 1st May through to Sunday 7th May, in the Northern Rivers area of N.S.W. The National Rally organising team is planning to have a variety of activities including Dinners, Entertainment, organised rides, and the Annual General Meeting and Extended National Committee Meeting will be held as well.

The event site is located on 26 acres and nestled amongst the hills of North Lismore and only a short distance of 3klms from the Central Business Area. Lismore is located 45klms inland from Byron Bay and approximately 200klms south of Brisbane. It is easily accessible by road, plane, coach or train. Airports servicing the area are located at Lismore, Ballina and the Gold Coast. All campers including RVs will be accommodated onsite with plenty of space to offer. There are also plenty of options and diversity for those members who require hard bed accommodation throughout the area. The staff at the Lismore Visitors Centre will be more than happy to assist you. Please contact them on (02) 6626 0100or checkout the website <u>www.visitlismore.com.au</u> We are all looking forward to seeing you in the beautiful area of the Northern Rivers of NSW.

### 25 years a Ulyssian - Pam Gray



Neville joined the Ulysses Club a couple of years before me in 1991 and came home after a meeting at the Earl of Leicester Hotel and said "You ought to join". My quick retort was "I am not going to any blokes meeting" and he said "There are lady riders and partners of riders who attend". When I started to attend rides and weekends away, I started to believe him.

Back in the early 90's, the Club was growing at a rapid rate and the Adelaide Branch had to find a bigger venue, then moved to the Terminus Club where I went to my first meeting. There were approximately 150 people, about 15% women. Neville in his inimitable style decided to

buy me a membership and I should be happy as it was gift and I would be doing what he enjoys.

At this point, it may be of interest to know that my first birthday gift from Neville was a helmet. I quickly learnt in the social hierarchy of his life that No.1 bikes, No.2 Ulysses and No.3 was me. Having ridden pillion for a while he announced one day that I was up for the cost of a new back tyre. "Why is that so" I replied. His answer was "You sit on the back tyre".

While at the Terminus Club, we both worked in Merchandising and back then, sales were very brisk at the monthly meetings. I guess this was due to the fact that you couldn't buy on-line. I used to enjoy the weekends away which there were many and by attending I have probably done things I may never have done otherwise. For example, the Broken Hill Mine tour, Smelter's tour in Port Pirie, tour of the Port Augusta Power Station, Blast Furnace tour at Whyalla, Leigh Creek Mine tour and boat tour on Port Lincoln Harbour, chartered by the then Mayor. Also, the Glenelg River Cruise at Nelson and a memorable stay in Parachilna due to a dust storm. Who would not forget the tour of the Golden North Factory at Laura with the free Giant Twins.

I also enjoyed the breakfast runs because you would be home by late morning and you could make other plans for the rest of the day. Memorable breakfast runs were Balaklava, Cambrai, Williamstown, Two Wells, Mannum and one to the Owen Hotel where 96 members showed up to completely overwhelm the staff.

The biggest Sunday ride I attended was to the Port Broughton Hotel where there were 120 bikes in a huge convoy. Neville started an Annual Rellies Ride, one which attracted 180 members to Victor Harbor with full Club catering.

I have attended 20 AGM Events, 10 of them on the bike, some being more memorable than others. On our trip home from Bunbury in 1998, we endured 3 days of 40+ degrees across the Nullarbor. One memorable AGM highlight was the 2002 Event in Mount Gambier where on the Sunday we participated in a huge ride from the Mount to Portland Victoria - the community support was amazing! The very best Saturday night dinner was at Sea World in 2001 while at the Gold Coast AGM.

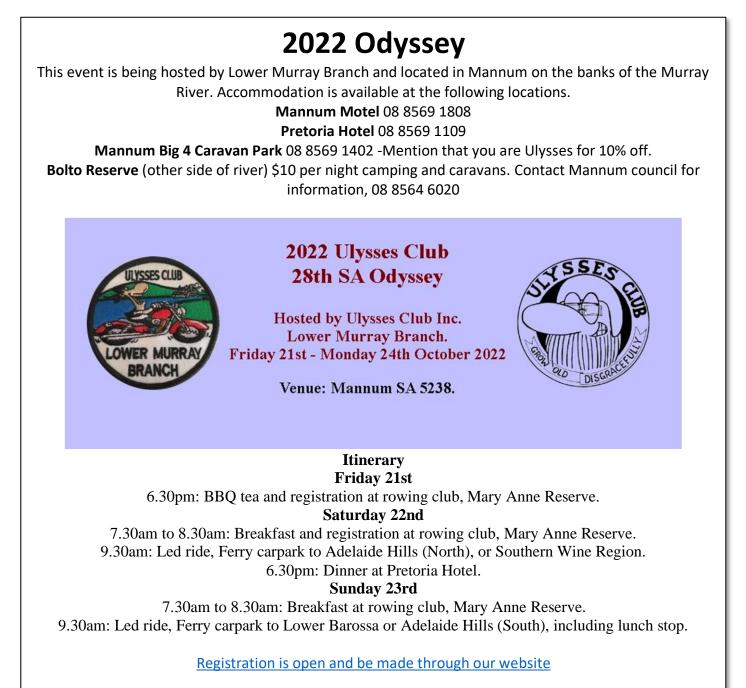
Neville served on Natcom for 10 years and I got to know the intricate workings of the Club and attended many interstate venues (at my own expense of course.) The wives were the caterers.

The Adelaide Branch meeting venue was forced to again move on in the late 90's and we were accommodated at the West Adelaide Football Club for many years where we regularly saw up to 350 attend. In 2004 it was deemed necessary to form another Branch north of the city as the Fleurieu Branch was already well

established. Neville and 1, with other interested members, visited several prospective venues and settled on the Parafield Gardens Community Club which is still our home. The inaugural meeting of the Torrens Valley Branch was held at the Somerset Hotel with 250+ members attending.

I put my hand up for a committee position and conducted the raffle for 5 years and organised the social dinners. I enjoyed spending other people's money and nowadays, I just sell the tickets and enjoy the social aspect.

In the past 25 years I have met a lot of people and formed many new friendships along the way. I hope the Ulysses Club will continue to prosper for many years to come. Pam Gray # 6624



### The Flying Flea

The best-known Royal Enfield produced for the Second World War was the WD/RE 125 cc which was known as the Flying Flea.

After the German authorities stopped the Dutch franchisee of the DKW RT100 motorcycle from receiving any more supplies in 1938, preferring a non-Jewish company, Royal Enfield was contacted by the displaced importer about producing a similar motorcycle. Royal Enfield's version of the bike was produced by Ted Pardoe, who expanded the engine. Two prototypes under the name 'Royal Baby' were shown at Rotterdam in April 1939.<sup>[2]</sup> Using a less sophisticated but increased-capacity two-stroke engine in the same frame, a few of these RE motorcycles were made before the outbreak of the Second World War.

As with other British motorcycle manufacturers, the Royal Enfield factory production was turned over to the war effort. Military motorcycles included the Royal Enfield WD/C 350 cc side valve, the Royal Enfield WD/D 250 cc side valve and the Royal Enfield WD/L 570 cc.

In early 1942, the War Office ordered twenty WD/RE motorcycles from Royal Enfield for testing. Based on their 1939 civilian pre-war design, the prototype had a right-hand brake and was fitted with an Amal carburettor and had a low-mounted toolbox. The trials went well and led to some modifications, including fitting a twinbox exhaust system to help silence the noisy two stroke engine, a Villiers carburettor (indicated by a 'V' on the engine), raising the toolbox and fitting a folding kick-start, footrests and even folding handlebars, so that it could be packed into the smallest possible space. A Miller lighting system was added, together with a sealed vent on the fuel filler to prevent spillage when the motorcycle was packed in a drop carrier. The foot brake was also relocated to the left side.

The reason the War Office wanted such a lightweight motorcycle was to establish communications between troops that had been dropped by parachute and the frontline forces, who could be some distance away or out of radio contact. The problem was how to make sure that the Enfield landed without too much damage. In the summer of 1942 experimentation therefore began to develop a protective cradle that would go right round the motorcycle. A number of different versions were tested by dropping them from the bomb racks of aircraft such as the Halifax and Lancaster bombers.

As well as surviving the drop, the cradles also had to be easy to remove on landing. The prototypes met neither requirement as they were too light and bent the wheels on impact but eventually a design was developed that worked with heavier tubing and increased bracing and in December 1942, went into production at the Enfield's Calton Hill factory in Edinburgh.





The first significant orders for the Royal Enfield WD/RE were consequently placed during early 1943, but after all the planning and preparation only a few were actually dropped into the battle zone by parachute, as it was decided to load them into troop carrying gliders four at a time without the protective frames, and secured by a special harness instead. A number of Royal Enfield WD/RE motorcycles were also used for beach landings during 1943 and 1944, and were carried inside landing craft for communication between the beaches and the nearest front-line forces.

Early production bikes were fitted with a small taillight and military-issue headlamp fixtures to help hide the bikes and riders from enemy aircraft. The Flying Flea could run on any fuel and its light weight meant that soldiers could carry their bikes over otherwise impassable terrain.

There was a huge demand for cheap and reliable transport after the war so any surviving models which were disposed of as war surplus were stripped down and repainted for civilian use. Most of this work was carried out at Enfield's Bradford-on-Avon works in Wiltshire. A few military Royal Enfield WD/RE motorcycles remained in limited-service use until the end of the 1940s.

Royal Enfield also produced a civilian version of the bike in the post war years, the RE125, through 1950, when a foot-operated gear change lever was added and the front forks were modified to a telescopic style with internal spring dampening. In 1951 the RE2 was introduced with a redesigned frame and engine. The line ended in 1953 with the introduction of the Royal Enfield Ensign.



\*Story and images from Wikipedia

### 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

The SABC meets at an eatery somewhere around the state, on the first Saturday of the month, from 9.30am. It doesn't matter what the weather is. Come by motorbike, bicycle, car, or on foot. The SABC is about socialising with members from other branches.

When: 29th October 2022 at 9.30amWhere: The Avenue Inn, 17 Fourth Ave, Naracoorte, SAWhen: 3rd December 2022 at 9.30amWhere: Please check our website nearer the time

Please confirm your attendance as venues require numbers to provide adequate staff. Contact Ken Wagnitz by the Wednesday before either <u>ulyssesadelaide+ken@gmail.com</u> or SMS 0417 353 389 with - SABC, your name, how many require breakfast.



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

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022Venue: The Maid Hotel (Maid and Magpie), 1 Magill Rd, Stepney

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**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022 Venue:** The Maid Hotel (Maid Come early and enjoy a meal and drink available at the venue A ratio

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