

Ulysses Club Inc. Lockyer Branch Newsletter April 2020

“Growing old disgracefully in Lockyer Branch”

Important Note: Our next Info Night is scheduled for:

~~**Monday 11th May 2020**~~

NO MEETINGS TILL FURTHER NOTICE

The Lockyer Branch Info Night is held on the first* Monday of the month at 7.00pm.

**If the info night falls on a Public Holiday, it will be held the 2nd Monday of the month*

Venue:

Falvey's Grand Hotel Yamanto

406 Warwick Rd Yamanto QLD (07) 3288 9123

Opposite “Blue Ribbon Motors”

Info Nights are open to all Ulysses Club members or those interested in joining.

Feel free to call in earlier for a meal, a drink or a chat prior to the start

Lockyer Branch Ulysses Website:

<http://lockyervalleyulysses.webs.com/>

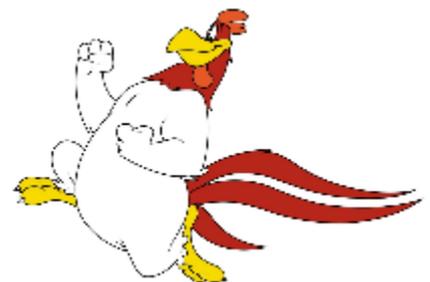
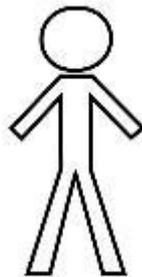
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Lockyer Branch Information

All activities of the **LOCKYER BRANCH** have been suspended till further notice.

This means No Info Nights, No Rides, No Social Gatherings of any sort.

Committee Meetings will be held as necessary and via video link.

There will be no Branch AGM at this stage. We are waiting on direction from NATCOM.

From the Committees 'Electronic' Table



We had an E-meeting last Monday night (30th March) and officially suspended all branch activities. This was inevitable as the Federal and State Governments had done it anyhow by way of imposing restrictions, e.g. banning social gatherings and closing pubs like Falvey's. Hopefully we will soon get through this difficult time. There's something to look forward to soon dear Lockyer members, our 2020 Toy RUN.

We are still unsure about the fate of Lockyer Branch AGM and we are not alone on this Australia wide. The Ulysses National Committee has just sent out an information about the AGM in the national level. Under the rules of the Incorporated Associations of NSW, there is no provision made for this extraordinary situation we (Australia and whole world) are currently in. This applies to any government body, club, organisation and Individual. The only option for the Ulysses Club Inc is to apply for a 3-month extension to hold our National AGM which would be the end of September 2020. The National Committee has voted unanimously to proceed with this option and continue with the current structure of NATCOM until then. I am presuming that there will be clear directions sent to all branches affected by the same advice. What if the COVID-19 lockdown continues till September???. Does anyone have access to a CRYSTAL BALL? Please call Jen Woods and have a discussion with her.

The new date for the National AGM is tentatively set for the **26th of SEPTEMBER 2020**, to be held in Sydney NSW and location to be advised. The current nominees still stand.

COVID-19 has changed our lives. For our own safety and the community, we are not allowed to visit anyone other than our own families or close friends. With social distancing and restrictions, life can be tough and difficult for anyone. If you are not coping or if you know someone who needs assistance, please give us a call. Anyone of us and our chaplains are just a phone call away. This is not the time to be totally alone. WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER.

If you have any contact with another Lockyer member without access to Internet or a Printer who wish to have hardcopies of Natcom communications or this Newsletter, please advise any member of your committee.

Until we can physically be together, your committee will try keep us all amused using e-technology. Be sure to check Facebook, your email and text messages.

Take care and look after yourselves,
Mousey, Gary, Binge, Woody, FiM, Yowie & Foggy
Lockyer Branch Committee

From the Poultry Section

Dear Lockyer Branch Members,

Before you go off, these rants are MY feelings and thoughts on the matter. You are most welcome to agree or disagree with what I have to say. If by chance, you beg to disagree, then please stand up and write an article for the next newsletter stating your personal position and allow others to judge you and be accepting of their views. Now, continue to read the following:

We are living though a terrible time. We are at war, A WORLD WAR, with an invisible enemy that has the potential to kill us all. The **VIRUS COVID 19** (commonly referred to as Coronavirus) is the invisible enemy. We have been three or so weeks into the battle of defence and to date, not one known to us has succumbed to the infection. Please, let us keep it that way. This pandemic is WORLD-WIDE, and we are at risk just as much as the other billions of humans on the planet so we must band together to defend ourselves as best we can.

In trying to get a message out there, I am using a war type of analogy as I can not see a more appropriate way of putting it. War is simply one party attacking another party for whatever reason with submission or death as its goal. In traditional fighting, Fighter A attacks Fighter B with the expectation of being superior. This can be achieved by way of strength, stealth or speed. Fighter B's goal is to be better at all these variables and win by counter attacking. Simple theory.

COVID 19 in this case is Fighter A and we (the entire population of planet Earth) are Fighter B. Now we need to analyse and understand our attacker before we can begin to defend ourselves. Hence, we have gone into a strategic defence mode. We have gone into lockdown mode to gather more information about our enemy which we can use against it. We are hoping that our strategy will give us some sort of a chance for counterattack resulting in our victory. If this was human against human as in traditional wars, we could chuck a few thousand men/women out on the battlefield, sit back and watch what happens. Our new adversary, Fighter A, is largely unknown. It's method of attack is mostly understood but it has mutated greatly in all facets. It is stronger, quieter and quicker than any other virus we have fought recently. It is already piling up a score before we have even begun to identify any of its weaknesses.

So, what can we do against this invisible enemy – Fighter A? Not a great deal it seems, I'm afraid to say. The best strategy from our Commander is to pull back totally, go into lockdown, run to the hills (or loungeroom) and hide. REMOVE all vessels it uses for attack. Our bodies are its vessel and it knows how to use them. Scenario A: Strength Attack is to Infect and kill with very little warning. Scenario B: Stealth Attack is to Infect with no signs (lurk under the radar) and allow carrier to spread virus far and wide before allowing carrier to feel better and rejoice. Or to develop symptoms and cause fear to hundreds and thousands who were in contact? Scenario C: Speed of transmission is unprecedented for Fighter A. Along with being very virulent and silent, this tiny organism has demonstrated an ability of great speed. An ability to traverse great distances faster than an F1-11. If we remove the vessels this virus uses, then we might have a chance in gaining enough time to develop our own weapon of attack!

OK, this theory and method of defence that has been forced upon us by our Commander may be WRONG and what we are doing is just destroying our society and economy. BUT and it is the BIG BUT, what if these strategies are CORRECT? So much so, they may save our society and what little is left of our economy to rebuild from? Based from this miniscule knowledge of mine about

transmissions (the likes of electricity, 6 speeds, illness, diseases), I therefore conclude that if you block it, it stops! Simple. So, the Commanders direction seems valid.

Not one of us or anyone for that matter (Bill Gates?), could have predicted an event like this nor could have envisaged that the world could shut be down and still spin! We will get through this... we are all in it together. Not one person is immune from it. If you pray, may I suggest you say as many as you can for all of us. If you don't pray but believe in some other positive method, I ask you to continue believing! If you do not believe in any of this, then please do nothing... JUST STAY HOME

Regards, Foggy

"YES, care for your friends BUT also care for all those around you"



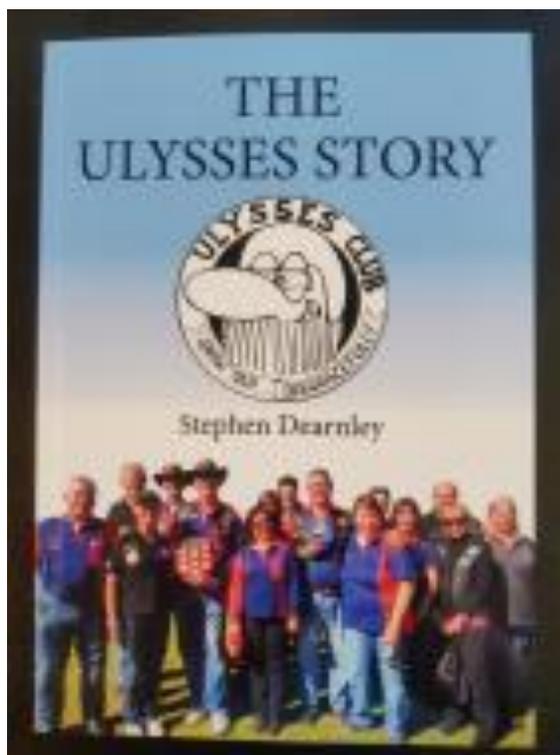
Don't forget to contact Binge for all your Regalia needs. He's not got much to do at the moment so keep him busy! And YES, that is the Lockyer Branch on the cover of the Ulysses Story.

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Ride Reports from March 2020 (and the month before!!)

The Editor acknowledges Chris for his excellent contributions.

TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN - 22 MARCH 2020

We had four riders fuelled up and ready to go by 8:00 at Yamanto for the 200km round trip to Mt Tamborine. Attendees were myself (BMW); Gary Dawson (Suzuki Boulevard); FIM (Triumph Rocket3); and Baz Sticklen (Goldwing).

Our ride plan was quickly agreed to after my suggested route. I was nominated the ride leader. Begrudgingly, (I am not a fan of leading) we set off under a cloudy and cool sky. It was really pleasant as we headed towards Boonah.

Our ride took us to the turnoff to Beaudesert and we headed south towards Waterford. Everyone must have been impressed with my directions, but my new TomTom GPS was leading me. I am still coming to grips with this new version and it does not seem as smart as the old one. (Sometimes they just should leave things alone instead of trying make them better, they just screw it up trying to be too smart!).

We passed through Woodford and then turned off on the Biddaddaba Rd (where in the world would you be able to name a road this but in Oz?), down a number of side roads then intersected the main road to Canungra. Up until this point traffic had been really light but when we hit the Nerang Rd dozens of bikes were going back and forth. We joined the throng of bikes and motored through Canungra and then onto the locally known goat track to Tamborine.

This is where the GPS got it all wrong. I asked it to take me to the town centre and after going down some back streets of the Mountain, it told me that I had reached the city centre. Now I don't normally count a house as the town centre, unless it is the only house! We pulled up had a quick discussion and I pulled out my trusty iphone and looked for a café. Bloody GPS.



We found the North Tamborine Bakery, had a nice pie and drink in a sort of a little park (it was on the median strip with tables and chairs) and mulled over the day so far. We concluded that it was a excellent ride in cool conditions, nice roads that most of us had never been on and good company.

I headed off to a friend's place who lives on Tamborine whilst the other three compatriots headed back home via Greenbank. I found out from my friend that to find the town centre we had to enter 'Gallery Walk' into the GPS!

Chris Ayers - #62892

Day Trip to Old Woodford (?) - Sunday 23 February

There were three intrepid riders who turned up to the meeting point at Yamanto with threatening clouds. We waved our fists at the clouds and cursed the rain gods and set off just after 8:00. Yowie (Suzuki Vstrom) followed by Marmite (Triumph 900) and myself bringing up the rear (BMW R1200RT).

Yowie led us through Walloon and across the highway along Shultz Rd that popped us onto to Fernvale Rd. After several kilometres, Yowie turned off to Glamorganvale and then on to Lowood and then back to Fernvale Rd. A nice ride along this stretch if you have not been this way. Our fist waving at the sky at Yamanto must have worked as we have only encountered light showers so far.

As we got onto Split Yard Creek Rd, Yowie pulled us up to show us a site at Mt England (more of a bump) which he worked on in the 80's as part of the electricity grid for the dam. We did obligatory waves to the bikes passing as we talked. However, one bike turned around and came back to us. We assumed he thought we had trouble but it turned



out to be Jef Sticklen (Suzuki 109). He had got away late and decided to catch up to us. Lucky, because he would not have known that we were going to OLD Woodford.

We motored off through Somerset Dam and stopped at the Pie Shop on the outskirts of Kilcoy. After some discussions about generally everything we decided to give the pie shop a miss and head on towards Woodford.

Yowie powered off and started to head west. Marmite looked at me and asked where he was going. "He is taking a shortcut around the roadworks I suspect" was my reply. We all followed Yowie and as we departed Kilcoy in a westerly direction, I think we all started to wonder what kind of short cut this was.

After around 20 kilometres, Yowie pulled up in front of a sign that said Woodlands, the name of a farm. "Are we going the right way?" Yowie asked us all. We replied "Depends on where you are going". "Woodford" Yowie said. At that point we all burst out laughing and considered ourselves

lucky to keep our bikes upright. “Woodford is 70 ks in the other direction” I said between my head shaking.

We made an executive decision to keep going west to the next decent town for lunch which turned out to be Old Woodford as Yowie exclaimed. Now, with the exception of Yowie, everyone knows the town we were in, was Blackbutt. Yowie was trying his best to convince us that the town of Blackbutt may have been called Old Woodford at one point. We all shook our heads again and headed over to the pie shop for one of their famous pies. After some chatting and a look at the skies we all agreed that going further west was inviting trouble with the rain and just made our way back through Esk and home.

It was a fun and nice cool ride especially after the heat of the past month and with only a few minor showers. When in Blackbutt, try the bakery for one of their pies, (lamb and Rosemary is pretty good).

Chris Ayers No. 62892

UCARF

Rheumatoid arthritis research has been the preferred charity of the Ulysses Club since 1997 when founding member the late Stephen Dearnley OAM proposed the initiative. The impetus for the funding support was the sad death a year earlier of Stephen’s wife Jo who had lost a 20 year battle with the insidious disease.

The club has generously and proudly sponsored many scientific researchers over the last 17 years with strong support of the 137 plus branches. A few years ago the club took complete control of the funds by setting up a separate account known as UCARF (Ulysses Club Arthritis Research Fund). With this latter arrangement the club can now fulfil its ideal of ensuring that 100% of donations are directed to the scientific researchers in the form of sponsorships. We are



currently supporting a post graduate sponsorship at the Institute of Bone and Joint Research (IBJR) at the Royal North Shore Hospital in Sydney and another at Monash University in Melbourne. The present UCARF Coordinator is Kim Kennerson. The decision to choose award recipients is based on the previous year total donations to UCARF from Branch fundraising activities.

The awards are presented to the winning Branches during the Civic Welcome Ceremony, which is held immediately after the conclusion of the Grand Parade on Saturday morning. Both awards are presented by the Club’s UCARF Coordinator, with support from fund recipients engaged in arthritis research. The two awards presented are the Jo Dearnley Memorial Award and the Good Joint Award.

The Jo Dearnley Memorial Award was introduced as a perpetual shield to be awarded to the Branch which donates the most money to the Club’s preferred charity (UCARF) during the previous calendar year.

The Good Joint Award is also a perpetual shield that was introduced to recognise the generosity of smaller branches that due to their size are unable to compete in raising funds with larger branches. The winner of this award may be either a single small branch or a cluster of small branches that raises an impressive comparative amount of funds during the previous calendar year.

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If you are thinking of a BBQ or just a nice steak for dinner, you can't go past Circle T Meats at Raceview. Pop in for that cut you may not be able to find anywhere else and test Bernie and his wife Karen on their knowledge. Whilst there you'll also notice that there are prepared meals available like Cottage Pies, Mini Roasts & Vege parcels, just bunge in the oven and presto, the MEAL is prepared.



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