

Ulysses Club Inc. Lockyer Branch Newsletter May 2020

“Growing old disgracefully in Lockyer Branch”

Important Note: Our next Info Night is scheduled for:

~~**Monday 1st June 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/>

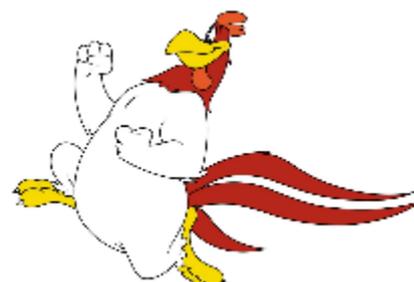
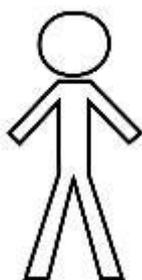
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From Your Committee's "Electronic" Table

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

Dear Lockyer Branch Members: RE Branch AGM 2020.

The Committee would like to advise everyone about our scheduled Branch AGM on the 1st June 2020. As all of you would know by now, the chances of holding the AGM on that night may be slim due to COVID-19 circumstances. For clarification, Binge had directed a query to our National Committee. Below is the response from the National Secretary, Henry Rokx:

“The suspension of standing orders relating to Branch Annual General Meetings - if you have not held your Branch AGM by now, there is no necessity to hold one - you can continue on until the AGM in 2021. If this causes difficulty - for example where a committee member was standing down, please email National Secretary with the details and the national Committee will work with you to address the situation”.

Acting on this advice from Henry, the Lockyer Branch AGM for 2020 is now cancelled and the current committee members are to remain appointed to their various positions till the Lockyer Branch AGM in 2021.

In relation to this, if a current committee member wishes to stand down from his/her current position, the casual vacancy will be filled according to the Ulysses Club's constitution. We would like to encourage everyone of our members who are or may be interested to join the committee this year to contact Mousey and have a chat. There could be a role on the committee for YOU as there are tasks/ activities that may perfectly fit your interests and skills. This is also a great way to learn how your branch committee works. Appointments outside the AGM process are covered under the ex-Officio clause of the constitution. So RAISE up those hands and WELCOME to your branch committee!

Written by Foggy,
for and on behalf of the Lockyer Branch Committee.

From the President's "Mouse House"



COVID19 Lockdown

Well here we are in May and some of the restrictions have been relaxed a little, and while that is welcome, I think it may be a while longer before we all get to go riding as a group, too much of a health risk for us older members.

While I ride motorcycles, (sometimes at speed) contrary to some opinions I do not have a death wish, therefore I shall be more than happy to maintain social distance measures until there is a treatment/cure for covid19.

During the time we have all been under what is commonly referred to as lockdown, I have used the time to do a lot of work around my property, uninterrupted by having to do fun things, like ride my motorcycles and go out and socialize.

I am now able to see my back boundary fence after clearing a lot of small tree regrowth, these were all put into piles and burnt, does this sound interesting, no, I didn't think so either, but it was productive use of time.

After being cooped up at home for a period it was really good to be able to ride to the north coast a number of times, I had a legal reason to do this, as my father is 90 yrs.' old and lives on his own and has very limited mobility, to say that I enjoyed the ride is an understatement, up the coast via Brisbane and home via Kilcoy, Somerset dam, Splityard, for a total distance of 320km, just had to make sure the tank was filled to capacity so no stops other than dads place.

Very mindful of his age and risk factors concerning covid19.

As you all may be aware there have been committee meetings using the platform ZOOM, and we are going to try to have a general information night using this platform on the 11th May, hopeful that many of you will avail yourself of the opportunity to join with us on this occasion.

I think I have bored you all enough now so I'm outta here, c u when I'm looking at ya.

Mousey

Treasurer's Budget



Binge's Report May 2020

Treasury

As you read this, balances of bank accounts are as follows:

General \$3,082.91 Toy run \$2,259.41 Regalia \$952.91

And a GST credit of \$25.34 currently stands.

Regalia

If you need anything ordered from NATCOM or want to purchase anything email me on lockyer.treasurer@gmail.com or see me at the meetings.

Regalia items that have been discontinued, according to NATCOM, are braces, carabiner, glasses case, keyring, multi tool, neck tie, toiletry bag, some belts, certain ladies clothing rugby tops, singlets, sloppy joe's with small logo, pink helmet liner and some other things.

Current stocks of Ulysses gear include Stubby Holders both OML and Lockyer, Mini Ulysses Flags, OML Patches in 3 sizes, Stickers, Rockers, Temp Tattoos, the New Ulysses Story book and some.

Lockie and Lockette are waiting for someone to take him on a holiday interstate or overseas.

Lismore AGM – merchandise and fee's

If you bought any merchandise for the AGM, admin will be in contact with you to see you still want it (I'm keeping mine). If you have paid your fees for the AGM, please be patient as admin will get to you in due course about a refund.

Binge

Future National Rallies

The dates of the next two National Rallies remain the same:

2021 National Rally to be held in Mandurah, W.A from 22 March to 28 March 2021

2022 National Rally to be held in Warwick Queensland from 4 April to 10th April 2022

In 2023 the National Rally will be held in Lismore N.S.W, at a date to be announced.

Webmaster's Hyperlink



HI All from Woody and I (Skittles)

Hope you are all staying safe and for those in ISO (isolation) keeping busy. We are both essential workers so have been at working but we were handed an opportunity we could not resist. LOL!

We put a few of our 'New found skills' together and were added into a video that was prepared and made by [Gesto And Lane - A Motorcyclists Diary](https://www.facebook.com/gestoandlane/)
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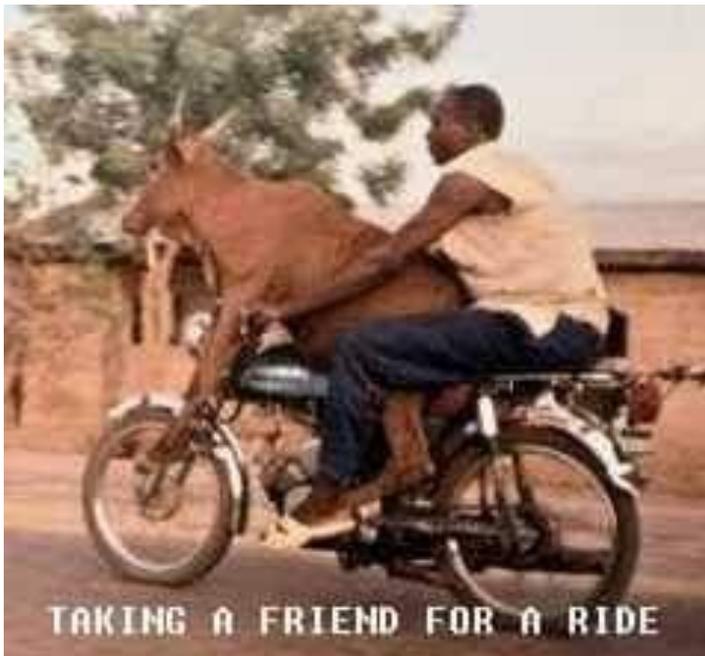
Take a few minutes to check out this original song
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r6x0eoNpAlo> first and then go to this link below and have a laugh at some very and not so very talented (us) actors.

Woody looks good in a Tutu? My Covid inspired Hot Air Balloons even got a part and if you look hard on the backseat of the Tirke you will see our little dog in goggles riding high in the clouds, in our garage. 😊

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PvFt1Mz4ZtU&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR0pdOxVwbqRZuwHffG8ly2ITR2azTDa7PO_PVCdfJLueMZ3BJqVZCf0ef4 .

I hope if nothing else it can bring a smile to your dial. Take care and enjoy your 50km rides.

From Skittles as well:



By Foggy: I think Skittles is missing her trike!!!!

But is this bike a BULLTACO or a COWASAKI???? Maybe it's a HORNDA or is it the famous brand of BMW (BOVINE Motor Works). Last one, a BEEFED up Harley COWidson?

From the Poultry Section

Dear Lockyer Branch Members,

Not to outdo my fellow committee members this month by their submissions of articles, I shall be succinct in my spiel and only mention important and pertinent items of interest.....NAH, who am I trying to kid? Me do that? To be truthful, I had to look up the Thesaurus to find such humongous words to try and bedazzle you all.

As you can imagine, there are theories flying around about the COVID 19 virus and how it will affect us right now and into the future. My darling wife Ms Prissy has been doing some of her own research as to what the Research Scientists from around the world are saying. Not printed in the mainstream media but looking for scientific journals/articles related to the topic. Some cold comfort can be found in that most of the information being said by governments (with maybe the exception of President Trump's comments) is truthful! A big notation Ms Prissy has noticed is that this VIRUS COVID19 has been able to mutate itself in an extraordinary short time and is leading some to believe that we will struggle to beat it in the short term, with the long term outlook unsure. This is one massively big reason why we believe that international borders will remain closed for the foreseeable future. The greatest strength Australia has always had is being an Island, so let's use it to our advantage.

NOW on a brighter note, we here in Australia and Queensland specifically, are enjoying the relatively lesser effects of COVID-19. This means our lockdown will be over sooner without serious ramifications (hopefully) of a secondary breakout. Whilst everyone has been focused on one issue, do not forget to get your annual FLU shot NOW as the normal lurgy's can be just as dangerous to us ageing bikers. If we do the right things and stay healthy, we can be RIDING and SOCIALIZING again sooner rather than later.

DO NOT FORGET to request your POSTAL VOTE from Natcom. You can either RING or EMAIL to request for the kit to be sent to your home address. We are only voting for the National PRESIDENT position as there are 2 nominated candidates. They are Allan Pratt UC# 9186 DM# 22 and Henry Rokx UC#28636 DM# 45. I know both these gentlemen and either one would do a fine job in the top role. You can read their profiles in your copy of the RIDING ON Summer 2019 edition. All I will say is "Go Queenslander".

Looking forward to our first electronic catchup on Monday night via ZOOM! Who says we are old? when we can still use modern technology? Virtual HUGS to all!

Regards, Foggy

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



Salvation Army- From the Chaplains



To all our dear Friends, Lockyer Ulysses,

By now most of those little jobs that were being put off until a rainy day should just about completed. The larger projects will obviously take us longer to complete.

It would be an interesting venture to see what you've each accomplished during this time of social isolation.

For me (Margaret), I've been working on a 1,000 piece jig-saw puzzle that had never been out of its box since being purchased about 15 years ago. There are days I'd wished I'd left it in the box! A little reading, sewing & painting (art). Nothing that I do is worthy of praise or being shown off, but it's good therapy.

If we are still in isolation in winter, I will endeavour to finish the scarves I've been knitting for our daughters and daughter-in-law and the queen size quilt that I began to crochet nearly 8 years ago - and it's still not even half completed. As you can see, I don't do things in a hurry. I'm also very good at procrastinating. (LOL!)

Most of my projects have been years in the making. When I was working I had an excuse, now? These things help me to keep my mind active and me occupied. It's a positive thing to try to be try to remain healthy in body, mind & spirit.

Bruce, has been working around the house and garden. Our orchids are especially showing the results of being cared for. A passionfruit vine is now bearing fruit, even if a little late in the season, because it's been receiving extra care & attention. Not to mention a new trellis to grow taller on.

If we are in isolation throughout winter, there may be some area of the house that could do with a new paint job. Time will tell.

These days are strange days. For those extroverts who love to be active & to have regular interaction with others, who love to be out & about always 'doing', these are difficult days for you. We really feel for those of you who are extoverts. Being more of an introvert, I'm enjoying my time of isolation and being at home. I guess that those of you who are introverts feel much the same as me.

But, I must say, I am missing family and friends. I miss attending Church on a Sunday & our meetings with you once a month. I miss having coffee & chats with friends. There are so many things that have changed for each of us and so many things that we are missing.

But, as in by-gone days, these days will pass. What our life will be like after this is all over remains to be seen. The beautiful thing is that this is our life, we can decide what to do with it. It's up to us each to make decisions about what is important and what is not! What do we change and what done keep?

I encourage you each in the midst of this crises that you take the time to analyze your lives - your lifestyle. Evaluate the things that are a priority in your life. Look at what you were doing before being isolated and think about whether or not you still need to do what you've always done when all of this is done. And be strong enough to make those changes.

I've been doing some reading during this time. One of my favourite authors is Max Lucado. Yes, he's a Christian author, and he has some really encouraging words to say about going through times of hardship, carrying burdens, being afraid and how when we place our lives in the hands of our loving God, we can find the strength, encouragement, stamina and faith we need to persevere. Two of his books are 'Fearless & 'Unshakable Hope'. You can purchase them at Koorong Christian Book Stores.

I draw my strength from my faith in a loving and faithful God.

We've just celebrated Easter and commemorated ANZAC Day. Both of these occasions remind us of the freedoms we enjoy in life. One gave HIS LIFE FOR ALL on the cross of Calvary, so we can enjoy spiritual freedom and forgiveness of our sin and the promise of Eternal Life. We find strength, courage & all that we need to be free from fear, death & the penalty our wrongdoings deserve. The other reminds us of the SACRIFICES OF MANY so we can enjoy the freedom to live in peace in this World that we live in - here in our heartland of Australia.

Sacrifice. This is the key word of my message to you today. Sacrifice! At the moment, we are each understanding the meaning of sacrifice in a very real sense.

We stay at home. We social isolate. We wash our hands - a lot! We go without all sorts of things. Some of us are doing shopping on line. We even watch Church on line every Sunday in the comfort of our recliner lounge chairs.. There are places we can no longer travel to. We go without and not mingle with others in the hope that everyone else is doing the same, in the hope that this virus will die a natural death. That those who have it will never have the opportunity to pass it onto us. So that, if we did contract it (God forbid!), we would not be able to pass it on to someone else.

Sacrifice! We sacrifice all that we were use to, all that we did, the plans that we have or had, in the hope that not only we, but every citizen of our locality, our Towns, our Cities, our State and our Nation would be able to reclaim their lives and get into a new routine, a new normal.

So friends, I know that we are looking forward to seeing you all again. I know that we long to hold our families in a warm embrace again and to see their beautiful smiling faces, so to that end, take care! Stay safe! Live your lives to the full - in isolation!

Remember our phone contact: 0407 118 652, if you want to talk. We are also on Facebook.

Until we meet again,
Majors Margaret & Bruce Dobbie
Lockyer Chaplains.

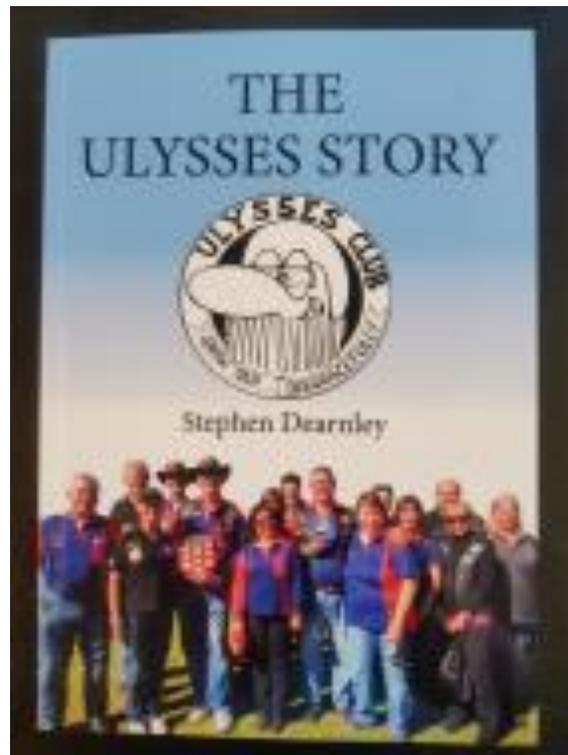
Regalia Items to think about

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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Why the name Ulysses?

"Ulysses" describes the spark for adventure which you seek through riding motorcycles. The name comes from a poem of the same title by Alfred, Lord Tennyson. It tells the tale of the great Greek hero Ulysses, now middle-aged and securely in charge of his kingdom of Ithaca, who is becoming bored in retirement and longs to go adventuring again with his shipmates of old. Sound familiar? It describes very well the sort of person who still has enough spark to go on riding into middle and later years.

Reports in lieu of Ride Reports during the down time

Hi Paul here..#19840.

Lockdown time has been a time of catchup jobs and forgotten projects for me.

Having to cancel a planned holiday in Thailand I immediately cancelled half of my planned yearly excursion leaving me 3 weeks at home in early covid time unable to even go travel interstate.

First week was filled by gardens and home jobs, week 2 was a total clean and restructure of shed space..much was gained there..discovering long forgotten tools..parts smd stashed motorcycle parts and accessories brought home from various countries of visitation.



The beginning of week 3 was showing a highly reorganised workshop and a 10 yr old project being rebirthed and done.

About a decade back an old Railway mate who is an avid collector and scrounging expert gave me an old English stationery engine.

The engine was complete but oil and filth covered Sussex 75cc engine off an Atco rotary blade mower.

First job was a strip down and clean of all parts ..many bits were caked in grease and dirt..all was eventually degreased and cleaned within a day..

Old whitworth spanners not used in years were put back into active service.

Flywheel was removed and points cleaned with a small flat file and set to 15 thou with the help of those old fashioned feeler gauges.

Carburettor was stripped cleaned and reassembly was easy enough.

All was put back together slowly and carefully ..the engine refilled with clean new oil ..a new air filter was built from a left over aftermarket dirtbike one.

Assembly completed the engine was firmly bolted to a plank of wood yet unclaimed for mounting orchids.

Fuel added oil checked ..spark tested ok .. plug cleaned and set ..

Choke was on half ..carburettor primed by small tickler ...

First pull of the cord and pop pop bang

Second pull and it sprung into life at a moderate engine revolution..a quick tweek with screw air and idle adjustments and it was a goer..starts first or

second pull every time now..

Very happy to say the least to have a 1961 british engine living and operational in my shed..

A basic bit of mechanics but so rewarding and filled the best part of 3 days of shed fun..

Stuff that still brings pleasure in a busy world.

Thanks for reading.

Paul W.



From Geoff T if anyone is interested and has an older bike:

Alan (Mousey),

As briefly discussed on 4/05/20, I want to get Club registration for a 1984 Honda motorcycle that I own. It is currently registered in Queensland but does not get a lot of road time. The club registration scheme seems to fit my needs and it is on this basis that I make a request for Lockyer Branch approval to get a Historic Ride Group organised within the Lockyer Branch. I am prepared to abide by all restrictions and conditions as required by Queensland Transport. I don't know how many other members may have suitable machines but a publication in the newsletter would promote the idea.

I am in contact with the Queensland Ulysses Club member who is authorised to do the necessary vehicle inspection and the machine is to be inspected this week. He is Mr Ross Atkinson of the Ulysses Warwick Branch.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.
I remain

Geoff Twiddle
Ulysses Member 19996



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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.

Help the Branch by doing yourself a favour. Support our sponsors and let them KNOW you are a proud member of the Ulysses Club – Lockyer Branch.



Sponsor CIRCLE T PLUG.

As this company gives us a \$30 voucher every month, we can only try to support them back. They sell meat the old fashioned way FRESH and not designed to last in the fridge for a month!

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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