

# VALE STEPHEN DEARNLEY

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The Ulysses Club Incorporated mourns the passing of its founder and member #1.

After completing his Royal Navy service as a First Lieutenant in 1945, Stephen and his wife Jo migrated to Australia in 1947 where he began a long and successful career in the publishing industry.

As well as studying fine arts at East Sydney Tech College he was active in the sport of yachting where he founded the Heron Association and later the Lazy E Class Association. His other great passion was motorcycling resulting in Stephen founding the Ulysses Club, a club for people over 40 whose common interest was motorcycling. In 1999, Stephen was awarded the Order of Australia Medal for his services to both yachting and motorcycling.

The Ulysses Club has grown since it was founded in 1983 and, with a current membership of around 30,000 and branches around the world, has provided many older motorcyclists with a valuable social network.

The Ulysses Club is also active in raising finances for various charities and directly funds arthritis research through the Ulysses Club Arthritis Research Fund.

Stephen Dearnley approached life with enthusiasm and drive. He was a man who got things done and has left lasting legacies that have made a positive contribution to the lives of many people.

Society has lost a very special person who will be sorely missed by his family and many friends.