



# IPSWICH BRANCH



## NEWSLETTER #4



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## ADO'S AIR SPRAY

Welcome back to all those who have been on holidays and I am excited with what the branch has in store for us in 2014

Amanda and I, along with Kon and Chris attended the Ipswich Australia Day Award Ceremony where we were honoured to accept the Ipswich City Medallion for the work that has been done so far by the Ipswich Branch to put the name of Ipswich on the map. This year I anticipate a lot more involvement by us in the City activities and I hope that you all will take this on board. I would love to have our name out there for all businesses and residents to recognise who we are, and for us to be a greater part of the community. The theme for Ipswich this year is "Ipswich is a Happy Place" If any member has any ideas how the branch can be involved, then the steering committee would love to hear from you. I am also pleased to let you know that Mayor Paul Pisasale's donation of \$2,000.00 has now been received. This will allow us to bring our ideas to fruition and to start getting the branch rolling. We have sent a letter of thanks to the Mayor for his Nomination for the Australia Day Medallion and also for his kind donation.

The progress of the Shirts and Logos has taken a go slow because of the Christmas holidays but we are hoping that now all the festive cheer has been put aside that we can expedite the progress. I received a draft of the logo selected by the Hard Core Biker Company, which I have presented to the steering committee for perusal. Although I cannot say much at this time I will say I am very impressed with the draft given to us. Smaller details of colour have to be decided in the near future. Once again thankyou to everyone who put forward a design for consideration. I have spoken to Mina from Ipswich Sportswear and she is having two shirts designed and sewn to present to the steering committee. I also spoke to Redland's branch and investigated their new branch shirts, which I felt were quite good and somewhat less expensive than some others we have looked at. I have the name of two more companies who deal with this sort of clothing so our quest for the ultimate branch shirt is ongoing.

It was good to hear that Christine Russell has come through a health scare and is on the way to being her young self again. We wish her a very speedy recovery and look forward to seeing her on the back of Lindsay's bike for the first time. We can only hope anyway. The branch has a few members who haven't stepped out with us on a ride and I can only encourage you to take the step and climb on board a machine for one of our rides. Who else would wrap their legs around a fuel tank and sit over a very lethal motor and still enjoy it but a biker?

Kon and I attended the SEQ Presidents Meeting held at Aratula last Sunday. Good to see a great turnout by the following branches. Warwick, Logan, Gateway, Lockyer, Glasshouse, Redlands, Brisbane and Redcliffe. The only ones missing were Mt Lindesay and Albert Valley. We received plenty of information to bring back to you which I have no doubt will be transcribed onto our web page in due course by Kon. Some events are close and will need to get out to you ASAP and other events are for later on in the year but as just as if not more important than others. Never the less the main theme is for us to get out there and enjoy ourselves and conduct ourselves as disgracefully as we dare.

The branch has had its share of members having spills in the past month or so. Peter Cook (Cookie) is now home and starting his recuperation with the help of his lovely nurse Lois. Cookie had a spill whilst on a ride with some mates and was admitted to Lismore Hospital for a couple of days until he was transported back home to his own house. We wish him a very fast recovery and hope to see him back with us very soon. I also received a call from Margaret Rae asking if our branch could do some visiting to her husband, John. John had a flat tyre in Gladstone and was thrown off his bike with life threatening injuries. At the time of this rant, he is in an induced coma in the Royal Brisbane Hospital I.C.U. with many broken ribs and a punctured lung. I have assured Margaret that we will visit John when he becomes healthy enough for this to happen. Although he has not been a regular on any of the Ulysses rides in the past year or so I find it important to show just what our club is about and hope that others in our branch extend the hand of friendship to another bike rider who needs our help.

The ashes of feisty Gloria Vella who was the ex- welfare officer of Lockyer Branch for a few years are to be spread at the Somerset Dam Ulysses Memorial Gardens on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February. Gloria was a rider with the Easy Riders Social Club and will be escorted to her final resting place by them and all those who wish to come and show their respects to such an interesting woman. The ride is leaving BP Blacksoil at 10am this coming Saturday. There will be a BBQ lunch for a gold coin donation.

For the new Ulyssians to our fold, I feel it would be interesting for you to have a look at the only Memorial Gardens in Australian dedicated to Ulyssians. There is lots of work being done up there at the moment and we as a branch will be asked to contribute some time in conjunction with other branches in cleaning up and doing the small jobs needed to keep the gardens in the condition that they deserve to be. I hope when I ask for that help that it will be forthcoming.

To raise funds for the Memorial Gardens and also for the Ulysses Club Arthritis Research Fund "UCARF" the SEQ Branches will be holding their 2<sup>nd</sup> Cartwheel Ride, which is planned for Sat 21<sup>st</sup> June 2014 . Each Branch organizes their own fundraising event with the end venue being the Aratula Hotel. There is a live band on the night, and room for camping to stay the night if you so desire. Unfortunately, it seems that all hard bed accommodation has been booked already. Our branch will be organizing a fundraiser, and all Branches have been asked to provide a Raffle Prize for the day... so watch this space.

The Interbranch ride is this coming Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2014. We have been invited by Mt Lindesday Branch to join them with Brisbane and Northern Rivers Branch. (Refer ride calendar for information). I cannot stress how important it is that we support this invitation as the Ipswich Branch, because this is the direction I see our branch going. Very social and interactive with other branches. Unfortunately this is the same day as the Social Amanda has been planning since last month being Country Rock - Swinging Blues with Attitude "Poppajack" at the Ipswich Golf Club 2 pm to 6 pm. For those not aware of the history of the Ipswich Golf Club, they are attempting to get back on their feet since an awful 2013. They have Siromet Wines on board to assist them in their regrowth. Amanda has booked a table, and the Manager is really keen to see us there. Please consider this Social as well.... You gotta cook dinner anyway, so why not come along for a BBQ and entertainment for under \$20.00.

Ado

# THREADS FOR THE WEB



## Website or Web site:

*A set of interconnected web pages, usually including a homepage, generally located on the same server, and prepared and maintained as a collection of information by a person, group, or organisation.*

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The time has come for new pictures to be placed on the members slide show. Thanks Spook for your contribution.

Any Ulysses or motorcycle related photos are welcome, past or present.

They don't have to be as professional as these at [www.advrider.com](http://www.advrider.com), now that would be an impressive display...

Don't forget, anything worthwhile you would like to see on the website, please let me know.

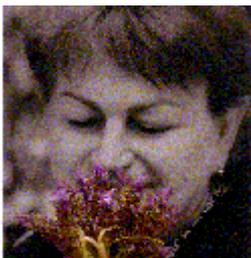
When you are writing a blog on the site, don't forget to click on at least one of the categories. This makes it easier to find at a later date. Yes Ado, that means you...

Only the last 6 Newsletter will be available on the website due to space constraints, so make sure you've got them saved on your hard drive. (they will still be available from your newsletter editor at any time), but any hard drive can fail, even the News Ed! I know, I know, people should back up, but that's another story.

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Hello all. As the temp welfare officer I wish to let you all know that you can ring or email me for a chat, shopping spree or just a cuppa ..

It goes without saying that whatever is discussed is in total confidence.. Christine aka Dolly.



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## RIDE CALENDAR

DATE	DESTINATION	DETAILS	LEVEL & RIDE LEADER
Friday 7/2/2014	Ipswich Branch Information Night	7pm at Karalee Tavern	
9 Feb 2014 Sun	Interbranch Ride / BBQ	Mt Lindesay branch invitation to annual inter-branch ride with Brisbane and Northern Rivers. More info in Lindsays Outlook	Kon Ride leader. Level ...Ride Leaving from Yamanto
9 Feb 2014 Sun	SOCIAL: Ipswich Golf Club	Country Rock - Swinging Blues with Attitude "Poppajack"	2 – 6 pm
16 Feb 2014Sun	Queen Mary Falls	Ride with Julz via Killarney	Julz Level 3 ride Leaving from Yamanto
23 Feb 2014 Sun	Mines Tour Oakey	More info below ** You must register for this ride ** Closing date for registrations Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb – no late registrations can be taken.	Michael Rodgers (Noddy) level 2 ride due to length of ride.
2 March 2014 Sun	Scotty's Museum and Dinner Ride	More info below	Ride leader Lindsay level 3 Leaving Yamanto 8:00 am
Friday 7/3/2014	Ipswich Branch Info Night	7pm at Karalee Tavern	
9/3/2014 Sun	SOCIAL: Ipswich Civic Centre	Glenn Shorrocks and Brian Cadd in Concert. 6 pm Adult \$54.00, 00 Amanda has booked for 12 in the 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> rows (already sold)	Ring the Civic Centre if want to come along or Book online <a href="http://www.ipswichciviccentre.com.au/">http://www.ipswichciviccentre.com.au/</a>
23 Mar Sun	Black Dog Ride		See website for further info
Friday 4/4/2014	Ipswich Branch Info Night <b>AGM</b>	7pm at Karalee Tavern	
12-18 May 2014	National AGM	Alice Springs	
31 May Sat	Lockyer Branch Poker Run	More info to Follow	Ride of Interest
21/22 Jun 2014	Interbranch Cartwheel Ride	Funds raised given to UCARF & Memorial Gardens	Overnighter at Aratula if you choose. Live Band at night.
14 Sept Sun	National Memorial Ride	Somerset Dam	Ado Level 3 ride



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## LINDSAY'S RIDE REPORT FEBRUARY 2014

Hello to all. Just a reminder our rides are on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. Summer we leave at 8.00am or at the ride leaders preference. Rides usually depart from Yamanto Shopping Village opposite McDonalds or from Karalee Shopping Centre. Please check the Ride calendar, as it is updated regularly. If you have given Kon your email address, he sends out a reminder of the up and coming rides and any changes, a few days in advance. I am looking for ride leaders and ride destinations. I can help with the details if you're not sure how to go about it or we could do one together if this suits. Come and see me after the meeting or you can contact me via email or phone. If you haven't emailed or called, as you're worried about jamming up the network due to the large volume of calls don't. At the moment both the network and me can handle the influx of calls and emails so step up and have a go.

9th February Interbranch BBQ leaves from Yamanto at 9.00 Kon Ride leader Mt Lindesay branch have invited: Ipswich branch to join them to their annual inter-branch ride with Brisbane and Northern Rivers. It will be held on 9th February at Sharp Park Beechmont Rd, Witheren (near Canungra). Arrival time would be 11.00am. They will be supplying hamburger and drink for \$5.00. (We will need a rough idea as to the number of participants for catering purposes) .

16th February **Mt Glorious Samford ride Julz Ride Leader more information as it comes to hand.**

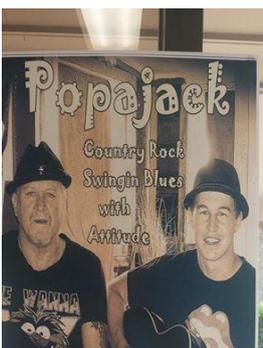
23rd February Mines tour Mick Ride Leader more information on the info night. A ride up near Oakey to a working mine with a 2 plus hour tour around the site via a bus. We must know numbers ASAP as numbers are limited please note you must wear a long sleeve shirt for the tour also agree to a drug and alcohol test if requested of you also for a group photo.

2nd March 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM Scotty's Museum and Dinner Ride leader Lindsay level 3 just touching on level 2 ride 265km Ride leaves from Yamanto Shopping Centre at 8am sharp Locations visiting are: Grandchester, Forest Hill, Gatton, Grantham & Lilydale Morning tea at Scotty's Garage and Dinner Flagstone Creek On to: Kearney Springs, Hamptons & Esk for lunch. A nice easy ride with a few corners for a little adventure

Make Sure you check out the website for Rides of Interest

All the best Lindsay

## WHAT'S COMING UP ON OUR SOCIAL CALENDAR



Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2014. The same day as the Interbranch Ride which Mount Lindesay Branch have invited us to attend.

From 2 pm to 6 pm at Ipswich Golf Club, Samford Road Leichhardt Country Rock - Swingin Blues with Attitude "Poppajack is back at the club on Sunday February 9. Mark this date on your calendar for an afternoon of awesome rhythm and blues entertainment."We have booked a table – but will need to confirm numbers with the Ipswich Golf Club. I will see you at the Info Night on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb or rsvp on the website.

# RIDE REPORTS

## Ride Report Cambooya 5<sup>th</sup> January 2014

By Ado #38905



As most of you are aware I am not the most confident Ride Leader in the branch. For some reason I find it hard to find my way around the country myself let alone guiding a highly excitable group of older motorcyclists. Never mind I had put my hand up so there was no backing out now. It was decided that this was to be the inaugural testing of the BBQ trailer that the branch had purchased and I was confident that it would live up to the hype that I had thrust upon it.

Amanda and I did the normal pre-ride test in our car (in the air conditioning) on the Saturday before just to make sure that I really did know where I was going, and to check out the fuel situation. The roads were in pretty good nick, no road works for the first part of the journey but some on the highway on the way back from Toowoomba. The main decision being, do we back track down the same hill coming home or take the chance we were not going to be held up too much after the range and take the highway.

The days before the ride had been extremely hot, so I was a little apprehensive as to whether the ride should have been postponed to another more acceptable day but the consensus on the Friday night was to make it a goer so I was duty bound to give it a go.

What a surprise to see 23 bikes turn up on the Sunday morning with another couple to be picked up on the way through Laidley as well. The ride took us through Rosewood, Laidley, Gatton and out to Ma Ma Creek for a spot of morning tea and some idle chat. From there we backed up on ourselves and took the Flagstone Creek Road up to the top of the range before turning left and heading out towards Clifton for another 15 klms and then a right turn after the garage and only a couple of klms into Cambooya.



The park was empty so we were able to park on the lawn under some wonderful shady trees and also set up the BBQ under another. The BBQ was attacked by many hands to get it out of the trailer and with the wind picking up some of us had to stand around guarding the precious flame which unfortunately was not strong

enough to heat the plate sufficiently enough for us to cook at the rate I would have liked. In comes Howza (the elected volunteer) and he starts cooking on the electric BBQ under the cover and saves the day. The fresh



rolls and salad combined with the meat patties added to the ambience of the day. The trailer towed behind my cycle like it wasn't even there and with a few minor adjustments which Eric Hansen is doing I think we are going to get a lot of valuable times in the years ahead.

Thank you to all the members who took the time to join me on my first ride leader allocation for 2014. I look forward to spending lots more time in your company. Please don't let a little under confidence put you off leading one of our rides. The effort you put in is well and truly magnified by the sense of achievements you will receive by a job well done. But if something comes up and

it does not turn out exactly how you planned it, you are the only one to know anyway and the branch will love you for giving them a day to remember.

Make sure you check out the Video on the website which Eric has kindly put together for us. Gotta love the Benny Hill music.

Cheers

Ado



January Birthdays



**"Oh Crap Award"**  
Inaugural recipient is Amanda for her 'off'(Blingsdivet)

## EAGLE ROCK CAFÉ, LAIDLEY 19 JAN 2014

By Spook and Wendy

Clear skies and not too hot early. Looking good for our ride to the Eagle Rock Café in Laidley for lunch. Di and I arrived at Yamanto about 8 am. A little early I know, but I had to fuel up and get my Macca's coffee fix. It wasn't long and there were about a dozen bikes lined up. Great, a good start I thought, but I only recognized a couple of the riders, my first thought was great, a few new members joining us for the day, but after some investigation it was another group heading out for a lazy day on the road.

9 o'clock arrived around and after a short briefing 18 bikes and 1 trike headed off with James "Windsucker" bringing up the rear. Thanks mate. A run out through Lobb Street and Brassall took us to Pine Mountain Road and onto Fernvale for a 30 minute smoko. By now, it's starting to warm up a little, but still not too bad.

We then head off to Atkinson's Dam where we chat up a few of the locals camping for the weekend. A lovely spot to spend some time. Refreshed, we saddle up and head to Esk-Gatton Road which will take us out to the Toowoomba Highway. Some info from Peter "Smurf" about roadworks behind the Ag College, dirt!! Changed my route to Forest Hill via Glenore Grove and into Laidley past Lake Dyer.

We arrived spot on time and Gary from the Eagle Rock Café was on the footpath waiting for us and quickly directed us to parking at the back of the café. We can see the bikes from there while we have lunch. Wal and Margaret were already there waiting for us. Margaret had some damage to her toe and was hopping around like Skippy. We were made very welcome by Gary and his staff, and our meals quickly found their mark.

All fed and watered, we headed home, with most riders finding their own way. Di and I going through Grandchester and Rosewood to Amberley and onto Yamanto, Ray aka "Blue Ray" hot on our heels.

A big thank you to all for supporting the ride. We are looking forward to many more with the great Ulysses family.

Tony & Di aka Spook and Wendy

### **WANTED RIDE LEADERS**

**No experience necessary**

**All on the job training provided!**

**Get advice from seasoned professionals**

**Able to accept direction when geographically embarrassed**

**Able to do uturns in a single bound—more than one is acceptable**

**Able to direct those behind you and to occasionally lose a few riders**

**A feeling of accomplishment is guaranteed**

## Greetings from Kathmandu



Posted to our website by [Bruce Graham](#) on January 8, 2014

Hoping you all had a very joyous and happy Christmas and New Year. Have been in Nepal for just under two weeks now and am preparing to move on to Cambodia tomorrow. Nepal is a wonderful place although the trek up towards Everest is less than easy and, for us, definitely a once in a lifetime event. We didn't go all the way to base camp (had never planned to anyway), in fact we probably only went about half way and stopped at a place called Namchee Bazaar with a day trek from there taking us up to about the 4,000 metre mark and providing a spectacular view of Everest and other parts of the Himalayas. Was pretty happy to get that far and pleased to head back down the hill. Was gobsmacked when we crossed paths with a Sherpa carrying a refrigerator on his back up a steep part of the track we struggled with only days before with nothing more than a backpack on our backs. All in all a good experience and one off the bucket list.

Back to Kathmandu and the hustle and bustle of a crowded and developing (albeit slowly) Asian City of approx 10,000,000 people. Traffic is a nightmare with more bikes that you can poke a stick at. Mostly scooters, 125s and a few 250s but there is a number of Enfield bullets and even saw a Yammy Drag Star. In the short time we have been here we have also seen a few offs although nothing too serious due to the slow speeds and congestion. Enough to draw a good crowd though. Was surprised to see my first 135 cc motorcycle although I have no idea what breed it was. Suspect some form of Indian made machine.

Well, head for Cambodia tomorrow for a bit of warm weather and half pride cocktails at our favourite guest house before heading home around the 17th. Will hopefully catch up with some of you in the 19th or at the February meeting.

Cheers and safe riding

Bruce Graham

## Member Profile

Name: Ulysses Member #

Nickname:

Partners name/nickname:

Occupation:

Current / previous bike:

I got into bike riding when:

Toughest Ride:

My life began when:

I am really good at:

I am really bad at:

My hobbies are:

Major dislikes:

Smartest thing I've done:

Best time of my life:

Advice to new riders:

## Newsletter Deadlines

To give enough time to put the Newsletter together I would need all contributions to be submitted the Sunday night before each monthly information night. Email through to [pamenter@opusnet.com.au](mailto:pamenter@opusnet.com.au). Ride leaders are encouraged to write a report for their ride, however all members are welcome. Anything of interest to the members will be considered, however the name "Newsletter Editor" is just that, and I may need to 'edit' from time to time.

Amanda aka "Bling"

### *Disclaimer:*

*The committee feel compelled to include a disclaimer in this newsletter which states that : We take no responsibility for the content of this newsletter now, before or in the future. The content of this newsletter is largely written and/or submitted by the members at large, and where that content will fit it will be included where possible. However, We will endeavour to publish only that material deemed appropriate to this branch and if any offence has been given then it was not intentional and will be rectified where possible.*



# Ipswich Branch

## 2014 AGM Nomination Form

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### Nominee Details

Surname	_____	First Name	_____
Address	_____ _____	Ph Home	_____
		Ph Mob	_____
Post Code	_____	Membership #	_____

### Nominated Committee Position

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|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> President         | <input type="radio"/> Secretary         | <input type="radio"/> Treasurer       |
| <input type="radio"/> Vice President    | <input type="radio"/> Web Master        | <input type="radio"/> Regalia Officer |
| <input type="radio"/> Newsletter Editor | <input type="radio"/> Ride Co-Ordinator | <input type="radio"/> Welfare Officer |
| <input type="radio"/> Sheriff           |   |                                       |

Nominated By	_____	Seconded By	_____
Signature	_____	Signature	_____
Membership #	_____	Membership #	_____
Date	____/____/2014	Date	____/____/2014

I accept the nomination for \_\_\_\_\_ position

Nominee's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/2014

Nominee, Proposer & Seconder must be current financial members of Ulysses Club Inc.