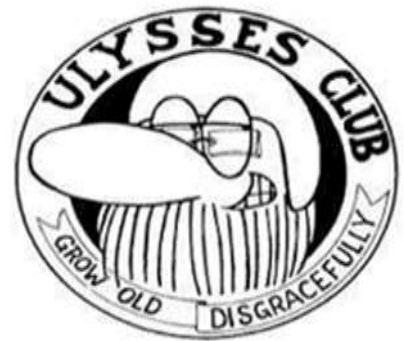




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## CHOPPERS RANT:..... A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Well, I hope this newsletter finds everybody in good health and good spirits, the World is going through a very testing time at the moment with restrictions imposed on our lives that mean we can't do the things we used to do anymore, that's the down side, the upside is that when this is all over and it will end, we will really appreciate what we have, our families, our friends and our freedom. I hope all of you that work keep jobs and incomes, I have been advised to stay home due to health issues but my work will keep my job for me. Uncertain times for sure.

There isn't really a lot to write about this month as we haven't done anything but I will say that our first meeting back won't be the AGM, I think we will deserve a fun night so will have our usual type Branch Meeting and the AGM the month after.

If any Branch members need assistance over this period, please contact the committee and we will do whatever we can to help (No Crash we won't babysit your dog).

WE SHALL RIDE AGAIN!!



Take it easy and stay healthy.  
Chopper



## **BranchComms, April 2020**

### **Dear Branch Contacts**

The National Committee held their scheduled meeting on Saturday 4th April, opting to meet by video conference. As well as the regular meeting items – the presentation of reports and General Business items, the committee members discussed the proposed resolutions which deal with the current situation arising from COVID19.

The resolutions were proposed for the continued good governance of the Ulysses Club and its Branches, in light of the various Laws and Regulations imposed by State and Federal Governments in response to the outbreak of COVID-19 in Australia.

The resolutions are based on the best available information from Government and Agencies, along with our own internal advice from those familiar with all aspects of, and implications of, our current Ulysses Club Constitution.

These resolutions were passed solely for the duration of the imposition of laws and regulations brought about by the State and Federal authorities to control/combat COVID-19, and for no other time or purpose.

This is uncharted territory for all of us (Governments, individuals and of course our Ulysses Club).

It is noted that no Government, no Agency and certainly our own Club Constitution was prepared to deal with such unforeseen situations. The National Committee understand that it is imperative that the consideration and adoption of any or all of the resolutions was done so in the utmost good faith.

Whilst no one individual can claim proprietary rights to propose ultimate solutions, the following resolutions are all based on best available information and with all good will (within an ever changing and evolving environment). This is uncharted territory with no precedents, for all concerned.

Of particular importance is advice received by our Public Officer from the Registrar of Incorporated Associations (NSW). Under a combination of our Current Constitution

and the Model Rules for Incorporated Associations, the Ulysses Club is required to hold its AGM within six (6) months of the end of the Club's financial year (ie: 31st Dec) – meaning that our AGM is required to be held no later than June 30th. The advice received advises that an Incorporated Association may make application for an extension of not more than three (3) months, without penalty. There is no provision for any further extension.

The **National Committee voted unanimously** to immediately suspend all current practices in regard to all sections of the Ulysses Club Constitution that relate to the notice of, dates of, conduct of, including ballots and elections, for the Club's AGM and Branch AGM's, and that the period of suspension of standing orders is limited to the period of all relevant Laws and Regulations imposed by State and Federal authorities for the control of the current COVID-19 outbreak in Australia precluding meetings to be held.

The **National Committee voted unanimously** to hereby cancel the Ulysses Club Annual General Meeting previously scheduled for 9th May 2020 in Lismore NSW and authorises the Public Officer (John Osborne #41785) to lodge Form A11 "Application for extension of time for holding annual general meeting" requesting extension of time to 30th September 2020.

The **National Committee voted unanimously** to reschedule the cancelled Ulysses Club Annual General Meeting to a date, and venue to be determined as and when the restrictive COVID-19 State and Federal Laws and Regulations will permit. The proposed date chosen by the National Committee is Saturday 26th September 2020, in Sydney N.S.W. The venue details will be advised once details are available.

The National Committee shall approve an extension to the period available for members to register their postal vote for the Election of Officers. This will be advised very soon, by enewsletter and on the National website.

In the event that meeting restrictions associated with COVID-19 have not been relaxed by 30th August 2020 the Public officer is to seek guidance from the Registrar regarding the Annual General Meeting 2020.

The current National Committee will remain in place until the Annual General Meeting to be held on Saturday 26th September. The nominations for the following National Committee are retained and will be voted for at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 26th September 2020.

The National Committee are very grateful for the work, by former Vice President Peter Baulch #27672, Treasurer John Osborne #41785, and Life Member and former National President Gary Vandersluis #186, on researching the issues arising from the COVID19 virus and the resultant restrictions on the population, to advise a solution that is in

keeping with the commitment to good governance and in the best interest of the Ulysses Club

The full text of the Preamble and the Resolutions will be included in the Minutes of the National Committee meeting held 4th April 2020.

Further notifications will be made regarding the Postal Vote extension of time to lodge the Postal Vote, the venue of the Annual General Meeting, Branch AGMs if questions arise.

**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 was standing down, please email National Secretary with the details and the national Committee will work with you to address the situation.**

Please provide the information about the National AGM to members via your branch newsletters or email lists - while we have also sent it out via enewsletter, there is a small number of members who do not receive the enewsletter.

Also and rather obviously, the Extended National Committee meeting (ENM) has been cancelled. We'll look forward to the ENM in Mandurah, W.A. at the 2021 National Rally.

### **Updated banners and Posters**

A reminder about the Banners and Posters that are available for your Branch use – these are especially useful when you are having a stand or event to promote the Ulysses Club, or just to have at your social gatherings.

You will find our new designs for the Ulysses Club posters and pull up banners in the link

[https://www.dropbox.com/sh/s195gbklg3ehkje/AACWN\\_ZIGHZBa5neBgfq5GVNa?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/s195gbklg3ehkje/AACWN_ZIGHZBa5neBgfq5GVNa?dl=0)

Please feel free to download and print off all or any of these posters and banners that you wish.

Stay safe and well.

## The History of the Middle Finger

Well, now.....here's something I never knew before, and now that I know it, I feel compelled to send it on to my more intelligent friends in the hope that they, too, will feel edified.



Before the Battle of Agincourt in 1415, the French, anticipating victory over the English, proposed to cut off the middle finger of all captured English soldiers. Without the middle finger it would be impossible to draw the renowned English longbow and therefore they would be incapable of fighting in the future. This famous English longbow was made of the native English Yew tree, and the act of drawing the longbow was known as 'plucking the yew' (or 'pluck yew').

Much to the bewilderment of the French, the English won a major upset and they began mocking the French by waving their middle fingers at the defeated French, saying, See, we can still pluck yew! Since 'pluck yew' is rather difficult to say, the difficult consonant cluster at the beginning has gradually changed to a labiodentalfricative 'F', and thus the words often used in conjunction with the one-finger-salute! It is also because of the pheasant feathers on the arrows used with the longbow that the symbolic gesture is known as 'giving the bird.'

And yew thought yew knew every plucking thing.  
**Didn't yew!!**



## Dinky's Update

Just a reminder to everyone that we have introduced a Calendar for \$5 with vouchers in  
All committee meeting, info night, social events and rides as well as the usual holiday. We are restor  
shoulder bags, new bucket hats, glasses and Ipswich Ulysses soaps (handmade all natural). Although  
able to get together at this point in time you can still order your shirts and other regalia, if you are in  
anything please contact me .

Membership renewal: If you would like to renew your membership please give me a call and I can o  
for you. Otherwise you can renew directly with Natcom please see website directly or renewal notic

I know we are all keen to catch up again and to the next info night where we can all get together . On  
night did see Chopper lose his locks for a great cause . A big thanks to Gronk for his commentary and  
Chopper for the money he raised for cancer research and his support of "Shave for a Cure".





# Brenda's Welfare



## Check in.

In light of the current global concerns regarding COVID19 , I thought it appropriate to share this .

Why this virus is so dangerous for older people and people with chronic medical conditions  
The risk of serious illness from coronavirus increases if you are older or if you have a chronic medical condition.



The highest rate of fatalities is among older people, particularly those with other serious health conditions or a weakened immune system.

There is currently no cure or vaccine for coronavirus, or immunity in the community, so you need to make sure you protect yourself.

### Protecting yourself

Good hygiene and taking care when interacting with other people are the best defences for you and your family against coronavirus. This includes:

- covering your coughs and sneezes with your elbow or a tissue
  - disposing of used tissues immediately into a rubbish bin and washing your hands
  - washing your hands often with soap and water, including before and after eating and after going to the toilet, and when you have been out to shops or other places
  - using alcohol-based hand sanitisers (60% alcohol), where available
  - cleaning and disinfecting surfaces you have touched
  - stay 1.5 metres away — 2 arms' length — from other people. This is an example of social distancing
  - stay at home and avoid contact with others
  - avoid non-essential travel
  - consider having the chemist deliver your medicines
  - consider having your groceries and essential items delivered to your home.
- Symptoms  
Symptoms include (but are not limited to) fever, a dry cough, tiredness, a sore throat and difficulty breathing.  
If you develop mild symptoms of COVID-19:

- isolate yourself from others at home and use a separate bathroom, if available
  - use a surgical mask when around other people. If you don't have a mask, practise good sneeze/cough hygiene
  - practise good hand hygiene
  - call a doctor and tell them about your symptoms and whether you have had contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19
- If you have serious symptoms such as difficulty breathing:  
call 000, ask for an ambulance and notify the officers if you have been in contact with anyone with COVID-19.

I do hope everyone is safe and well , please let me know if you need any assistance as I am on working mornings at the moment so I am available to drop things off to you if needed .

Take care xx Smurfett



## The Fox's Den.

The Fox is feeling like he's caged in, only going out for essentials. I've ridden my bike to get vital mower & whipper snipper parts. It was a good tonic to be on the bike again. But through it all I've found an Corona Virus antidote. 24 in a box, flip the lid and wash away the virus. One a day keep the virus away.

If in doubt, drink six a day.

Enjoy, stay safe and we will endure & get through this together.



Bob The Silver Fox

63410

*See you on the rides (when we can get back to them ... can't wait)*



*"Jim finally got a fast bike. Now all he has to do is get used to it."*



*"But tonight is going to be romantic. We'll drink a bottle of wine while I work on my bike."*

### *Floating Café Ride...*

Weather fine, track dry & 15 ventured out chasing the Fox with Wind Sucker playing Tail End Charlie.

Onwards to Rosewood, Granchester & Laidley and then taking a back road towards Gatton. But I missed Pitt Road twice and we all got U turn practice. Sorry about that. Spook to the rescue, his knowledge of which turn should have been taken and bloody Pitt Road was found. The Sheriff was smiling all round with dollar signs in his eyes like Scrooge McDuck.

We rolled into Gatton and onwards to Grantham and parked in the shade. Wall & Margaret met us there. Food & drinks were consumed with the Corona virus the main topic of conversation as it was on everyone's mind and what effect it would have on our Ulysses branch in the coming months.

Stay calm, stay clean & buy plenty of loo paper.

Thank you for attending.

See you on the next ride, when ever that will be.

*Bob, the Silver Fox #63410*

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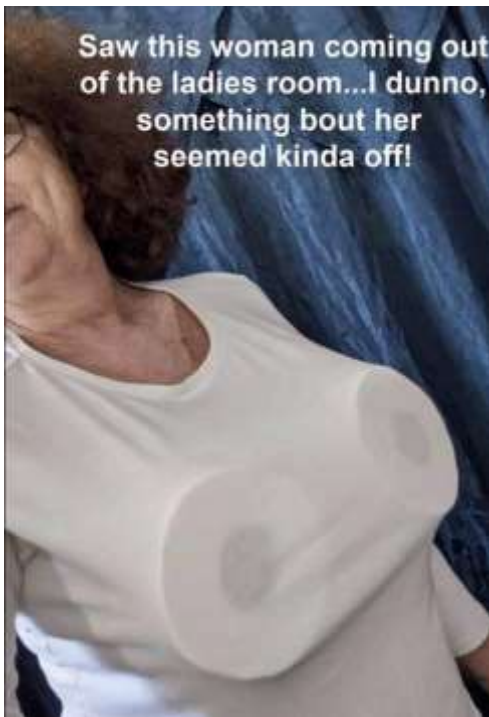




## Lumberjacks Web-talk

Hi all, and welcome to the Corona version of web-talk.

I wasn't meant to be home by now. I was supposed to ride around in the Andes Mountains and other places in Peru but sadly that didn't happen. That will now happen the same time next year if I live that long.



I am one of the lucky ones that still have a job and I get to ride my bike every weekday to and from work so I can't complain. (Nobody would listen anyway).

Unfortunately this situation has brought out some sad sides of some people like people spitting and egging nurses when they are risking their lives to help other people. I would also appreciate if people would stop buying so much toilet paper so there would be some left for me.

Hackers and scammers are also trying to get you via the internet and now is a good time for them to work on their scams as most people are more on the net than ever before so beware of corona related emails with links you can click on. Don't click on them as they may take you to a website designed to take you for a ride. And I'm not talking about a motorcycle ride.

Hopefully this situation won't last much longer, however I think it will but one can always hope and dream. At least that doesn't cost anything. Have a good and (Corona) virus-free month. And see you all on the web.

Cheers,  
Lumberjack

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