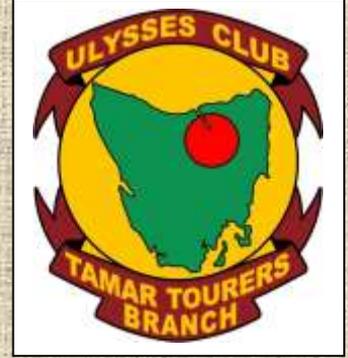


Ulysses Club Inc.

Tamar Tourers Branch

TAMAR TOURERS TIDINGS

September 2014



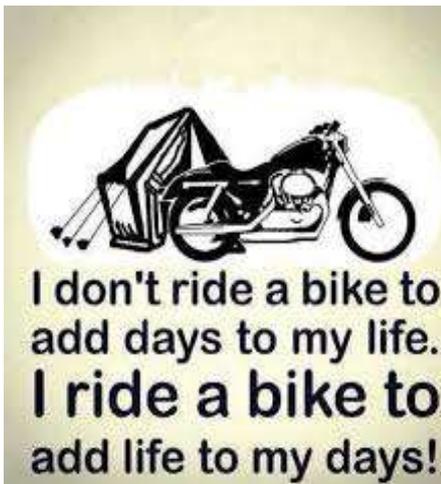
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Hello one and all

Before anyone reminds me that I am late again, I will admit to it and of course I have a really good excuse. The first one is that I have recently, like as in last Monday, started a Diploma in Event Management course and boy, it's going to keep me on my toes. Passed in my first assessment and got a resounding pass so that was a good start.

My second excuse is that I am homesick. So homesick that I am actually moving back to Tasmania about May/June next year for an 18 month extended holiday. We (as in Dave my partner and myself) are calling it an extended holiday as I have a wedding to attend, would love to be with family for Christmas as it will be 8 years by then since being home for Christmas and am also housesitting for friends for 4 months in 2015 and again in 2016 how awesome I hear you say. We are aiming to save some pennies for an around Australia camping trip.

My third excuse is mmmmmm I've forgotten what that one was, was good though ☺

That's all from me for the moment, till next month anyway.

P.S I need someone for the personality profile for next month, who would like to be that person? Email me amanda_hibbs@hotmail.com



Dinner Meeting Venue

Gunners Arms Hotel in Lawrence St

(near Becks – the old Gunns shop)

Last Thursday of each month

6.00 for 6.30pm

The good value menu varies from time to time and currently consists of Entrees, Pizzas, Soups, 'Dishes from the East', Steak Sandwiches, Fish, Grilled meals, Snacks and of course Desserts. Watch for our Specials of the day. Plenty of parking available on either side of the Hotel.



PINK RIBBON RIDE –

SUNDAY OCTOBER 26TH, 2014

DEPARTING FROM: Willows Tavern 9.30am for Campbell Town

Bikes and Riders of all ages welcome

COST: \$5.00 Merchandise available at Campbell Town

VENUE: Campbell Town Memorial Oval – 12.30pm onwards

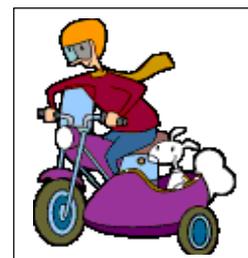
RAFFLE: Tickets available \$2 each – fantastic prizes to be won. [Drawn prior to the event.]

Dress up your bikes and bodies in **PINK** to raise funds and awareness for Breast Cancer

Catered for by the Campbell Town Football Club and Zeps mobile Coffee Van

ENQUIRIES TO: Betty Parssey 0407 501 620

Email: bettyparssey7@bigpond.com



Ride Reports

Ride reports can be accessed online through the Tamar Tourers [website](#).

All ride reports can be found on the website so pop in there and enjoy the read.

Ride Calendar for the month of September, 2014

More details and next months calendar can be found on the website

Date	Time	Details	Ride Leader
14/9	10.30am	National Memorial Ride, East Coast, leaves Perth	Tony Benneworth
17/9	9.00am	Mid Week Ride – 1 st Wednesday	
21/9	10.00am	Deloraine	Marty Le Fevre
25/9	6.00-6.30pm	Counter Meal at The Gunners Arms, Launceston	All welcome
28/8	10.00am	Miena/Great Lakes Ride	Tony Benneworth
28/9	10.00am	Dual Sport Ride	Les Reid 0363 918 041
1/10	9.00am	Mid Week Ride – 3 rd Wednesday	
5/10	10.00am	TBA	
15/10	9.00am	Mid Week Ride TBA	

Personality Profile - Amanda Hibbs (Bikergal) #42663

When & where did you first start getting into motorbikes?

My dad Barry first taught me how to ride a motorbike out on the gravel back roads and through the bush at Ansons Bay plus a few other places where we used to go camping when I was a kid.

Tell us about your first real bike on the road

My first road bike was a Honda CB250 that was nicknamed Henry! Awesome little bike but a struggle to get going over 80kms an hour in a head wind. It was a great starter bike for the roads and I'm sure a few can remember me rocking up on the 250 and tagging along at the back 😊

How long have you been riding?

Good question. I think I was about 11 when I got to ride a bike for the first time in a paddock and spent many years doing that sort of riding. Got my road licence just after I turned 41 and was accused of having a "mid-age crisis".

What has been your favourite riding experience? Definitely the big ride from Launceston to Devonport, going across on the ferry to Melbourne and then the long ride to Coffs Harbour or the 2007 AGM.

First bike dropped or pranged? I dropped my brand new Suzuki GS500F the day I bought it. Popped up to see one of my brothers and show off my new bike, went over a culvert and couldn't touch the ground and down she went. I was soooooo embarrassed and then couldn't pick her up, had to get some assistance.

Strangest experience on a bike

Will have to think about that one, nothing comes to mind at the moment

What is the most important lesson riding has taught you?

To be alert, more aware of everything that is going on around you, and it applies to when I am driving a car as well. You become more aware of every vehicle and how close they are, where they are etc.

Tell us about your last bike or current bike

Till about 2 and half years ago, I had a beautiful Vstar650 named Ruby. She had a beautiful sound as I was cruising around the hills and roads of the NSW coast and lovely to ride but due to 2 kids on L Plates and needing to do 120 hours driving each, Ruby was sadly sold to someone who would ride her a lot more.

When were you introduced to the Ulysses Club?

I actually came across the Ulysses online when looking to see what clubs were around for people over 40. Before that I had never heard of Ulysses. I rang the President Rod McCulloch who came over and visited me and told me all about the Club, the people, the fun, the rides etc and he arranged to meet me along with a heap of other people for my very first ride with the Tamar Tourers. It was back about mid 2004.

What is it you like most about riding with Tamar Tourers?

The people, the fun, the laughs, the good times and the sad times. I always felt like I was a part of the group, helping to organise events and outings, even doing the original newsletter. I had found my niche and I was a very happy gal riding with friends when I could and enjoying the company of some wonderful new friends.

Which AGM's have you attended?

I went to Ulverstone AGM for just one day, rode there quite early in the typical Tasmania fog but it was such a great day. Since then I have been to the Coffs AGM in 2007, Mildura AGM 2012, Maryborough AGM in 2013 and Alice Springs earlier this year.

Finally, could you offer a "gem" of advice to fellow Ulyssians?

Nope, but im sure there are plenty who can still tell me a thing or 2 😊



Suzy and Ruby, my 2 girls.

My favourite bike was the Suzuki.



2016 Ulysses AGM Event report

Hi all

Just in case you were wondering . . .

About now the web site for the 2016 AGM Event would be ready to be launched. But unfortunately Michelle Dick has resigned from her positions as National Web Designer and Riding On Editor. This left our web site unfinished. Natcom is of course trying to fix the situation as we speak, but this means our site will not become live for a number of weeks yet.

As they say, keep watching this space.

One thing we plan to have on this web site are separate photo galleries for each branch in the state. This will help show our visitors all the good spots we have available for them to see. So we invite everyone to send in pictures of your favourite local tourist spots, pictures of your rides and pictures of local members having fun. Etc.

While we wait for someone to take over the Web Master reins please send your photos to Tim & Bev Stevenson at 2016agmeventsecretary@gmail.com

In other news, we have decided on a Hoecker style of dining arrangement for our Event. Although a dearer option than our main secondary idea, The Albert Hall, the Hoecker has more positives than negatives and the Albert Hall has more negatives than positives. We intend to have this Hoecker in place for the whole week for communal use. We have a number of alternative ideas and prices for different big tents and will be negotiating with all parties in the future.

We have met with local Harley Davidson dealer, Richardson's Harley Davidson, and they have offered their help with our event. So they will cancel the annual HOG Rally in Tasmania for that year in order to help out. More details to follow.

Barry Millwood has agreed to take on the position as Site & Traders Manager. Welcome Barry, we know you will be an asset to the team.

Rod Priestley from North West Tasmania Branch, has agreed to take on the position as Volunteer & Check In Manager. A number of local members expressed their willingness to coordinate various areas when I was there in March this year, so Rod will organise those members locally.

We have had a meeting with Events Tasmania and they have confirmed we will receive a grant of \$40,000 from the Tasmanian Government.

We have had a meeting with the camp ground owner, Joe Penterich, and have started to formalise a letter of understanding between both parties.

We have met with a sales executive from Spirit of Tasmania. This was a very positive meeting and they will be offering all they can to help get people across the water to our Event. Amongst many other things, familiarisation trips were discussed whereby 10 – 12 Ulysses Representatives from the mainland will be invited to sail to Tasmania on the Spirit, view our site and surrounding areas and sail back to Melbourne. All details to follow. A meeting will also follow between us and all relevant departments from the Spirit. Sales, Freight and Sponsorship. More to follow.

Cheers

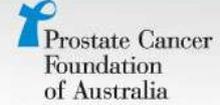
Mike Meyman
2016 AGM Event Director



Long Ride Tasmania 2014



Ulysses Members do not need to be reminded of the consequences of Prostate Cancer and the need for further research into this deadly disease



October 25th and 26th, 2014

History: For the past six years, Tamar Tourers and North West Coast members of Ulysses have combined for a weekend of riding – the **LONG RIDE**. Those of us who have undertaken the round Tasmania trip have thoroughly enjoyed the challenge of the ride, the company and the companionship. Yes, the weather has been challenging (!), but it's still been fun!

The Plan: This year, we are going to do the trip in reverse. The trip will start at **Maccas Burnie** at 8 am sharp, heading for South Launceston **Maccas** to meet the Tamar Tourers. At 10 am we go via Scottsdale to St Helens for lunch. From there it's Bicheno, Swansea, and Orford for a break, then down to Brighton and into our 'digs' for the night at New Norfolk.

Next morning, it's over to Bothwell and onto the Midlands Highway, then north to Campbell Town, where we will join with other Tasmanian Ulyssians for the annual Pink Ribbon Bar-B-Q. The North Westerners will head for home from there.

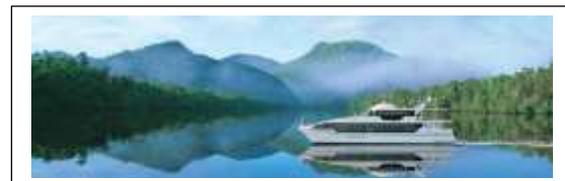
Accommodation: As usual, Tim Last at the New Norfolk Junction Motel will be providing rooms for us at \$80! That's a Ulysses special and his way of assisting the ride. He will also put on a magnificent buffet for us. Please phone him now to book your room; mention the **Tasmanian Ulysses Long Ride**. His phone number is **6261 4029**. Don't leave it till the last minute!

Donation: Your Donation to the Prostate Foundation is **\$20 PER BIKE**. But, try raising some 'sponsorship' for yourself. Wouldn't it be great if we could each raise a \$50 or so? Receipts will be available for all funds raised by you so get a name and address from your sponsors!

Ride Co-Ordinator on the Coast is **Peter Carne with Tony Benneworth the RC in Launceston.**

Tony Benneworth – 0448 820 820

Peter Carne – 0409 567 302



*That's it for me once again, lots of fabulous rides for the next few weeks to join in with. Remember to take a pic or 2 and get permission to be able to use them in our newsletter.
Have fun, keep on smiling and stay upright*

Amanda #42663

