

Ride Reports:

BBQ and Tennis Classic – Sunday 25th June

In the lead up to Wimbledon, heroic attempts were made to secure some big name tennis pros, but unfortunately none were willing to challenge the skill or competitiveness of the Rum City Riders!

We left from River Cruz, some suitably armed with tennis gear, some hoping to avoid playing through some half-baked and poorly thought excuse. At Gin Gin we picked up some more hapless players, chatted to the Lady Riders group (who were on their way towards Baffle) and headed off to Childers. Again, we picked up some more doubles likelies and headed off down the Goodwood Rd to Coral Cove. With some carefully chosen gestures and words, the gates magically opened revealing the inner sanctum of Ron's and Lloyd's domain.

An excellent BBQ followed and under Lloyd's gentle persuasion, doubles teams were arranged for a series of knock-out matches. It was a serious affair, with Lloyd taking on the umpire role with gusto. There was no prize for getting the ball into the pool (but you would think there was for all the attempts ...)



After well fought matches, the winners were declared – Ted Navratilova (aka Bowles) and Cathy McEnroe (aka Fritz)! What a team!

Stiff competition from the Mt Perry Bakers, though but style and skill shone through. A very grand perpetual trophy was awarded and the day ended with a special treat – strawberries and ice cream. It was great fun and thanks to Ron and Lloyd and especially Lesley and Barb for organizing the catering.



Club Ride – Silky Oaks – Sunday 9th July

About 19 bikes headed off, stopping for a break at Sexie Coffee at Maryborough. 5 bikes came into the first stop a bit behind the main group after a key issue at River Cruz. Johnny "Pockets" H, what were you up to?

After leaving Sexie Coffee, one player lost the group and tail end lost the player – we'll catch up with him later! The rest of us headed off to the Tin Can Bay



road, eventually heading towards Gympie to Silky Oaks Tea Gardens. There we did catch up with the lost sheep, who on misplacing the rest of the group sped off down the highway, wondering

why he couldn't catch us, happily finding us at the stated destination!!!

All agreed the venue was great – lovely garden setting, good food, good music for those whose tastes tend towards country.

At about 2pm we saddled up for the ride back the way we came, no incidents, no key issues and a good ride. Thanks to Di for leading and Ron for taking care of tail end.



Gladstone – Tuesday 11th July

About 10 or 11 rode up to Gladstone to greet Tiger and Margie as they made their way back to Bundy as part of their Eyes Wide Open, Prostate Cancer Awareness Tour. Can't go past Miriam Vale without a pit stop, so naturally, one was had. Bill led until then and Ken took over and led the group into Gladstone. What is it with you boys? Another key issue nearly had someone hitching home. Find one pocket for the key, always use it!!

After some talk and food, the group headed back with the guests of honour. The Bakers met the group at Granite Creek and joined them for the ride into Gin Gin and another rest stop, then onto Bundy. About 400km for a good day's ride and back into town at about 3.00 pm.

Other Rides:

Peter and Woody had a strap out to Miriam Vale and back – Woody exercising his new steed a ZZR1100. Lloyd, Ron and Peter also took a spin out to Theebine (see if the beers are cold enough). By the way, does anyone know anything about the red claw farm down that way? Maybe it would be a good club ride???

Eyes Wide Open – Prostate Cancer Awareness Tour:

We were all very proud to have Margie and Tiger Bath back among our midst (albeit temporarily) as a part of their around Australia tour, raising awareness of prostate cancer. They have traveled some 20 000 kilometres so far each on their own bike and another 3000 kilometres by train returning from Western Australia to Adelaide. Marg and Tiger both ride their own bikes with Tiger towing their camper trailer for accommodation. They started in Tasmania in March and have since traveled through Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia, Northern Territory and are now coming down from Western and Northern Queensland.

Margie and Tiger presented an interesting, informative and sometimes scary talk about prostate cancer – a disease that kills as many men each year as breast cancer kills women, but one about which there doesn't seem to be as much attention. Margie talked about diagnosis, treatment options, good health and nutrition and screening. The important messages – don't wait until age 50 to be screened, stop being afraid of the rubber glove, and use it or lose it!!!

As a part of their tour, the Baths have been provided with a prize to hand out at talks – a fantastic bag for storing helmets in – "Lid Safe". The lucky winner was John Blane! Good on ya', John.

The Meeting of 11^h July

An early start for a meal and a record attendance to welcome Margie and Tiger Bath on their "Eyes Wide Open" Tour. Welcome to some more newbies – Ross and Bev.

NATCOM minutes are available if anyone would like to read them. Interesting points from NATCOM – as of April this year they had just allocated membership number 43 400, with just over 23 000 financial members! We have a number of members with numbers below 1000 including member number 23!

Ride reports on club and individual or group rides were provided

Money, money, money

The bank balance was a healthy \$1260.81. Donations in aid of the newsletter production are slowly continuing. Remember, we are relying on that donation to keep producing the newsletter and sending it out to members.

A raffle was commenced – the prize is a great roof turbo whirlybird, courtesy of the Roofin' Spot. There are still some tickets available for purchase at the August meeting and the winner will be drawn then as well.

Don't forget that the August meeting will commence a little early – 7pm start. So if you are planning a meal beforehand, feel free to arrive at River Cruz about 30 minutes earlier.

Polo Shirts – we are now onto our third order. We need to have an order for at least 10 shirts (otherwise we pay an additional charge). An order will be placed in the next few days, so if you have not yet advised of your intent to order a shirt, please let Cathy Fritz know the size and quantity ASAP by calling 0418 744 612

Christmas 2006:

Set for the second last weekend in November – the 18th and 19th.

As discussed last meeting, the options were presented to those in attendance and a vote was held. It was decided that the venue for this year's Christmas Party is the Hivesville Pub. Members are advised that the publican DOES NOT want us calling individually to book.

So, if you wish to attend, please call either Lyn Henderson or Linda Scott to advise. To book hard accommodation, we have established a central contact who will manage the bookings and payment processes. Ian Lawley kindly volunteered to undertake this task.

Accommodation - The accom is clean with 7 rooms (3 doubles and 4 singles) in the top floor of the pub and the remainder are "out the back". The single rooms have two single beds in each and the outside ones are air-conditioned; the double rooms have at least 1 extra single bed in them.

Camping - Those camping (including vans) have access to showers, toilets and a small tea room and will be charged \$26.

Parking - There is ample parking and the most bikes can be kept under the windows of the outside accom.

Music - We have decided to have a \$3-\$4 levy to cover the music which will be added to accom (1/2 deaf members bad luck)

There is only one way to book the 'hard' accom, please ring Ian/Helen on 41577727 and leave contact details and how many people/beds you are booking for. Please do not call the pub. There are only 2 double rooms left so book ASAP.

Numbers:

Lyn Hendo – 4157 4272

Linda Scott – 4159 1175

Ian Lawley – 4157 7727

Website – www.rumcityriders.org:

The newsletter will now be published each month in Adobe Acrobat format on our website.

If you have some photos to be published, please send them to webmaster@rumcityriders.org.

Items for the newsletter –

newsletter@rumcityriders.org

Club Flag:

Ron reported that costings are a little higher than expected at \$60 for one and about \$20 for each additional printing. Extra flags are available at \$64

each If anyone has a flag they would like screen
printed, pleas let him know ASAP.

Impromptu Rides – telephone tree:

This was discussed and those present felt it was worth a try. Interested members are to organise themselves into a group if they want, arrange for one of the group to be the main contact and then let Ron know the details. The contact list will then be reorganised to include individual members and groups, with their contact clearly identified. When there is a ride, the contact arranges to call the group members so that as many people as practical know about impromptu rides. Give it a burl, and see how it goes!

Cloth Badges

To commemorate Margie and Tiger's presence at the meeting on their important awareness-raising ride, Ron presented them with cloth Rum City Riders badges. Once NATCOM have approved their ongoing use, Ron will be getting a further 40 badges made. If anyone would like one, he will bring them to the next meeting. They will cost about \$6 each.

AGM 2007

There was an indication that a number of members are intending to go the AGM. It was suggested that to facilitate information sharing, one person could become the main contact for AGM information and Ian Lawley volunteered to do that. Ian will provide regular updates regarding AGM issues.

Ron has purchased a copy the official 2006 AGM DVD and is happy to loan it out for viewing.

Calling all Bleeders (again) – for those with a taste for the blood bank, please lets get together to support blood donation on Monday 31st July. Meet at the blood bank at 6pm.

The Australian Transport Safety Authority is giving 40 000 "Ride On" videos to motorcycle dealers in a bid to improve safety for motorcycle riders. HART training is moving out to rural areas as well.

Name badges/tags – More on this next meeting.

Northern Gateway Branch – will be riding to Bundy on the weekend of 22nd and 23rd July. They have dinner planned at Brothers on Saturday night and breakfast to be decided for Sunday am. It would be good if some of us could catch up with them. Contact Di Buchbach (4155 1608) for details of the Saturday night dinner if anyone is interested in attending.

Gladstone Branch – riding down to the Childers Multicultural Festival on 30th July.

Caption Competition:



Suggestions received on the night were subject to rigorous judging by our guests of honour. The winners were Owen and Gayle with the caption:

"I'd rather be on a Greyhound bus"

Well done. The Lambretta as first prize should now adorn the mantelpiece.

Don't forget – next meeting also starts a bit early – 7pm, so if you are coming for a meal, plan to be there around 6.30pm and enjoy!

Members Benefits

Don't forget that being a member of Ulysses Club allows you to take advantage of the huge number of members benefits. Many businesses across the country offer reduced rates or deals to us. Remember though, you must discuss your members benefits rate or deal before negotiating the price.

Have a look on the Ulysses website www.ulyssesclub.org for the comprehensive listing by state. Also new additions to the listing are published in each edition of Riding On. You can get discounts on servicing and repairs, purchase, insurance, accommodation, food, legal services and even earth moving services!!! Well worth a look!

Gear Shop

While you are on the website, check out the gear shop. Current specials include long sleeve grey shirts with a large or a small logo – \$9; Tasmanian AGM Polo Shirts - \$15; scarf – \$5 and black slippy joe - \$18.50.

Date Claimers:

Gin Gin Auto and Machinery Show 19th and 20th August

Including 9.15am – street parade with public viewing commencing 10 am, tractor pull and motorkhana events all day, grand parade and monster auction, entertainment and a bar.

On Sunday 20th the show is open from 9.00 am to noon and includes a huge swap meet and stalls.

Where? At the Football Grounds about 500m outside of town on the north side.

For more information contact Alan Lawson (4157 2899), Paul Allwood (0427 573 428), John Ford (4157 4329) or Anne Bradford (4156 7546)

Bucca Pub Annual Bikes Boobs and Bands Charity Bash 25th – 27th August 2006.

Saturday Charity and Poker run, commencing East End Hotel 10.30am, finishing at Bucca Hotel for:

- Show and Shine (7 Categories)
- Free camping
- Meals and Snacks
- Wet T Shirt Comp
- Band and BBQ Sunday Lunch

4 live bands!!

More info call Scotty at the Bucca pub 4157 8171 or email buccahotel@dodo.com.au

Darwin Odyssey 1st – 3rd September 2006.

For more information log onto the website at:
www.ulysses.org.au/branches/topend/odyssey_2006.html

Gateway to the Rainforest Rally – 9th – 10th Sept,

Border Ranges Branch
Kyogle Showgrounds. Admission - Pre-Paid - \$12.00., At The Gate - \$15.00 (includes badge)
All moneys to charity. Beneficiaries are: Westpac Lifesaver Helicopter, Summerland House With No Steps, Camp Quality and Arthritis Research Taskforce.
Family oriented rally, sealed roads to site.
Fully catered for by Kyogle Rotary Club and assisted by Border Ranges Ulysses.
Camping facilities, showers & toilets on site. All available from Friday night.
www.ulysses.org.au/branches/borderranges/rainforest.htm
Contact: Bill .(0266331293), Peter.(0266331203)
Jack.(0266323767)

Sunshine Coast Odyssey – 15th – 18th Sept,

Registration fee covers tea/coffee/biscuits during the weekend, metal badge and live entertainment.
Hosted by SUNSHINE COAST Branch
Contact: Sandy Ph: 07 5472-7496 or 0409-727-496
Email: aawun@aanet.com.au
Refer to website:
<http://ssulysses.org.au/ssc/SunshineCoastOdyssey2006.pdf> for more information.

Back to the Basics Rally 29th Sept – 1st Oct, email: nifty@skymesh.net.au

Hosted by GYMPIE Branch
Refer to website:
<http://members.optushome.com.au/memeau/rallies/b2basic/backtobasics.htm> for more information.

Olympics – 21st and 22nd Oct

Hosted by Redcliffe Branch.
Bikers Dream Camp Ground, Goomburra
Compete in the tyre toss, Saturday night brew off and the 50 metre stagger.
For more information or to register go to
www.ulyssesredcliffe.org/html/olympics_2006.html
NO GLASS NO BYO & DEFINITELY NO ATTITUDES!

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Friday 26th – Sunday 28th January 2007

Boonah, Queensland
Organised by Ulysses Club Inc,
Brisbane Branch
Registration Fee: \$45 (includes metal badge)
Late Registration Fee: \$10 (All registrations received after 8th December 2006 will incur this fee).
Distance To Boonah From: Brisbane - approx 87 kms; Mooloolaba - approx 195 kms; Ipswich - approx 60 kms
Venue
The venue for the rally is the Boonah Show Grounds. Gates open Thursday 25th at 2pm.
Rally Enquiries

Regular updated information will be available from Brisbane Branch Website.

(www.brisbaneulysses.org.au)
Pat Gardner - Email: gardne2@optusnet.com.au or Phone: 07 3848 9018 (between 6pm to 8pm only)
Cherryl Window - Email: cherrylrider@yahoo.com.au or Phone 07 3271 4711 (between 5pm to 7pm only)

Ulysses AGM 2007 – 21st May – 28th May 2007

Book early... It's going to be big...
For all hard bed accommodation contact the Coffs Tourist Information Centre Coffs Harbour NSW 2450. Phone: 1300 369 070
email: tourism@coffscoast.com.au
Hosted by Coffs Coast Branch (NSW)
Contact: Phil Johnson
Ph: 02 6653-6619
Email: coord2007agm@coffscoastulysses.org
Refer to website:
<http://robbyn2450.tripod.com/agm2007.html> for more information.

More Shamelessly Stolen Jokes

A police officer stops a blonde for speeding and asks her very nicely if he could see her license.

She replied in a huff, "I wish you guys could get your ****ing act together. Just yesterday you take away my license and then today you expect me to show it to you."

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Three women die together in an accident and go to heaven. When they get there, St. Peter says, "We only have one rule here in heaven: don't step on the ducks!"

So they enter heaven, and sure enough, there are ducks all over the place. It is almost impossible not to step on a duck, and although they try their best to avoid them, the first woman accidentally steps on one.

Along comes St. Peter with the ugliest man she ever saw. St. Peter chains them together and says, "Your punishment for stepping on a duck is to spend eternity chained to this ugly man!"

The next day, the second woman steps accidentally on a duck and along comes St. Peter, who doesn't miss a thing. With him is another extremely ugly man. He chains them together with the same admonishment as for the first woman.

The third woman has observed all this and, not wanting to be chained for all eternity to an ugly man, is very, VERY careful where she steps. She manages to go months without stepping on any ducks, but one day St. Peter comes up to her with the most handsome man she has ever laid eyes on ... very tall, long eyelashes, muscular, and thin. St. Peter chains them together without saying a word.

The happy woman says, "I wonder what I did to deserve being chained to you for all of eternity?" The guy says, "I don't know about you, but I stepped on a duck!"

Little Nancy was in the garden filling in a hole when her neighbour peered over the fence. Interested in what the rosy-faced youngster was doing he asked, "What are you up to there, Nancy?" "My goldfish died," replied little Nancy tearfully without looking up, and I've just buried him."

The neighbour laughed and said, "That's a really big hole for a goldfish, isn't it?"

Little Nancy patted down the last heap of earth then replied, "That's because he's inside your bloody cat."

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Two priests are off to the showers late one night. They undress and step into the showers before they realize there is no soap.

Father John says he has soap in his room and goes to get it, not bothering to dress. He grabs two bars of soap, one in each hand, and heads back to the showers. He is halfway down the hall when he sees three nuns heading his way. Having no place to hide, he stands against the wall and freezes like he's a statue.

The nuns stop and comment on how life-like he looks. The first nun suddenly reaches out and pulls on his manhood. Startled, he drops a bar of soap.

" Oh look!" says the first nun, "it's a soap dispenser". To test her theory the second nun also pulls on his manhood. Sure enough, he drops the second bar of soap.

Now the third nun decides to have a go. She pulls once, then twice and three times but nothing happens. So she gives several more tugs, then yells. "Holy Mary, Mother of God, hand lotion too!"



For Sale:

(Ed note: I have not received advice that any of these items have been sold since last month's edition. If they have, please let me know, otherwise the ads will continue to run. Thanks Cathy)

Women's Draggin' Jeans, good condition, size 10. Call Michelle Bragg 4151 1078

2003 Yamaha FJR1300 Silver. ABS, 33,000 klms, reg to 7/06. New tyres, factory panniers, top box, lambs wool seat cover, towbar. Full service history. Excellent condition. \$13,750 0418 743 900

Elite Trailer, fibreglass, silver and black. Reg to 4/07. 1400 x 900 x 900 and only weighs 50 kg. Tows a treat. \$1100 0418 743 900

Weatherproof Touring Jacket, full armour, removable liner, and lots of pockets. Size "M". good condition. \$50 ono 0418 743 900

2002 BMW F650GS Mandarin, 22,000 klms, Reg to 9/06, Heated grips, top box, lambs wool seat cover, full service history. Excellent condition. \$8,900 ono 0419 226 567

RJay Ladies Motorcycle Leather Pants. Size 34 (12-14) Excellent condition. \$125 ono 0419 226 567

Honda Goldwing GL1500 late 1995. Magenta. With Premier Sidecar for 2. Leading link. 12 month rego. 97 000 klms. Raked forks. Rear light truck tyre. External tank. Electric fuel pump. New alternator 1800. Intercom and stereo to chair. More than \$2000 in accessories. Towbar. \$25000, Bundaberg-QLD, contact James on 07 4157 7629


10/2003 Kawasaki VN1600 Classic, 4500 klms, Rego to 12/2006, Cobra Pipes & EFI Fuel Management system, Full Service history, Like New, \$14,500 ono. Graeme 0439768840

2003 Honda ST1300, 36,000 klms, Rego to 08/2006, Excellent Condition, \$14,000 ono. Graeme 0439768840



Can't anyone come up with a decent excuse for not playing tennis?

SOCIAL AND RIDE CALENDAR

<u>COFFEE GATHERINGS</u>	<u>RIDES</u> Contact Numbers for Ride Leaders on Back Page For Riders' Choice days, contact Ron Henry 0417 787 180 in the first instance.
MEETING PLACE RIVER CRUZ CAFÉ RIVERSIDE PARKLANDS	STARTING PLACE FOR RIDES RIVER CRUZ CAFÉ RIVERSIDE PARKLANDS Gather at 8.30 am (generally) to leave from <i>River Cruz Café</i> at 9.00 am – with some exceptions noted
<p style="text-align: center;">Monday 31st July Once again, it is the “No Sooks Allowed” – Blood Bank Visit Meet at the Blood Bank at 6pm For more information contact Ron Henry</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 22nd July Escort Ride: Marg and Tiger Bath. Depart at 10.00 am from River Cruz Café for Hervey Bay. We will escort Marg and Tiger then meet the Fraser Coast Branch at Pialba where we will share a sausage sizzle on the beach front. Let us know for catering purposes. Contact Ron on Ph 41593449.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 23rd July Coffee Cruise</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 1st August 7.00pm NOTE CHANGE OF TIME!!!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 13th August – Club Ride Club Ride - Boobyjan Homestead – Janice Horton/Gareme Henderson <i>Boobyjan Homestead</i> - a unique example of a very early pioneer dwelling comprised of slab and shingle buildings which have been continuously owned and occupied by the Lawless Family since 1847 <i>Heritage-listed</i> Boobyjan Homestead is on the register of the Australian Heritage Commission, the National Trust of Queensland and the Queensland Heritage Act 1992. Lunch will be at Goomeri or Kilkivan. Boobyjan entry fee is %5.50 pp Or \$10 pp if morning tea is required. Please ring Janice 4152 1469 to confirm your attendance.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 19th August Rider's Choice</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 27th August Coffee Cruise</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 5th September</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 10th September – Club Ride Gayndah – James Parrott will lead the group, following some of the excellent back roads through Didcott and Gooloogaba. Lunch will be taken at Gayndah.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 16th September Rider's Choice</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 24th September Coffee Cruise</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 3rd October</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 8th October – Club Ride Any suggestions?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 14th October Rider's Choice</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 22nd October Coffee Cruise</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday November</p> <div data-bbox="199 1803 550 2038" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Hivesville</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>Located about 28km north-west of Wondai.</small></p> <p>HIVESVILLE HOTEL Located in the heart of Hivesville, not far from Lake Boondooma. Offers a choice of single rooms in the hotel or new semi motel-style accommodation. Kitchen and laundry facilities are also available. Enjoy a quiet meal at the Hideaway Restaurant. Soak up the old world charm of pressed metal ceilings and extensive woodwork. MAIN ST, HIVESVILLE Ph 07 4168 9876</p>  </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 12th November – Club Ride TBA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday/Sunday 18th and 19th November Christmas Party – Hivesville Pub Refer to earlier newsletter item.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 26th November Coffee Cruise</p>