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Ride Reports:

The Downs Ride Fri, Sat, Sun 13,14,15 Oct

On an overcast day, Linda, Ron and I left Bundaberg on Friday 13th October to travel firstly to Kingaroy for lunch. Mid afternoon saw us booked into a motel on the south side of Toowoomba with a short stroll across Ruthven Street to the Southern Hotel for dinner. Next day travelled through Cambooya, Greenmount, Nobby, and Clifton for morning tea.

Lunch-time saw us in Gatton and after waving goodbye to Ron at Blacksoil, Linda and I travelled through Fernvale, Esk, Moore, Blackbutt, Yarraman, Nanango to Kingaroy for our 2nd overnight. Homeward bound on Sunday arriving mid-afternoon. Total distance travelled 1100km. Fantastic weather, ride, food and friendly customer service all the way. Thanks for the company for 1/2 the ride, Ron.

John

The ride was great through pleasant back roads and towns that I should have known about but have never heard of. It was good to ride on quiet roads with some very relaxing countryside.

John's knowledge of the area was really good and his willingness to share his knowledge and his family history made this ride all the more fun.

Ron

Bums on Bikes Sun 22 October

There was quite a roll up of Bundaberg's riders for the Bums on Bikes ride to raise money for Breast Cancer Research. Ulyssians were represented and we made great coverage in the NewsMail. Well presented in the social pages were Rob and Barb Landgraf, Glen McKay and Bill and Lolit Lumsden.

The ride started off in a bit of drizzle with some 120 riders taking part. However, clearing skies presented us with good riding weather and by the time we reached Apple Tree Creek everyone was having fun. After some camaraderie and being joined by riders from Hervey Bay and Gin Gin we were off to Gin Gin. After a stop at that town for a quiet drink and perhaps some tucker, we made our way to Granite Creek for a short memorial and reflection time to acknowledge those who had been affected by breast cancer.

Riders headed home various ways with some more stops along the way.

It was later reported in the NewsMail that over \$5000 had been raised.

Well done all.

Ron

Ladies Ride

Sat 28 Oct

Now this is really a report of a report. Michelle reported at the last meeting that the ladies ride was really good.

There was a clear point made that lunch at the Lowmead Hotel was excellent and that all riders had a good time.

Numbers were good with around 8 riders taking part in the day and the ride making for a longer day than was originally anticipated.

We are still trying to work out Harry's role in the day.

Ron reporting for Michelle from her meeting report.

Motorcycle Expo

Sat, Sun 4,5 Nov

Peter Drummond reported on a weekend of fun and some dreaming.

Peter reported that due to impending inclement weather, he, Ron, Rod and Nick chose to head to Brisbane by car. That was not an easy decision! Accommodation had been arranged at Peter's daughter and son-in-law's place in Sandgate. This turned out to be the Sandgate Hilton with great hosts looking after some ageing bikers. Thanks, Spencer and Jeanette. The Expo was a good presentation of all makes and models. This afforded the chance to look and actually sit on your potential ride.

Nick didn't get far as he liked when he came upon a Ducati which matched his shirt.

There were these prolonged moments of silence and reverent adoration for the smart equipment tucked between his knees as he sat on this bike.



The Ducati Testastretta nearly made it home to Nic's garage.
Peter's dream was ????. Well he had couple really. We think he was really in touch with the TDM 900.



Rod was in no doubt and the BMW GS Adventure was his for the taking.



And Ron has no idea what he aspires to now!!

A great weekend finished off by an exploration of some fine examples of hotel hospitality and the welcoming nature of Peter's progeny.

Ron

The Redcliffe Ulympics

Steve Schreiber spoke about his family's ride to the Redcliffe's Ulympics held at Biker's Dream near Cunningham's Gap.

It was obvious he had a lot of fun and his ingenuity was called upon.

Steve told of the Gold Wing that lost its gear – twice – and fell over, his own trike experienced brake difficulties, and then throttle difficulties and his son's backside trauma from his little 250.

Steve obviously is a valuable person to have beside you when you need help.

He was again the winner of the Longest Ride to the Rally and clearly had a great time.

Steve's recall of the ride was a good story well told and we shared the humour and drama of it all.

The Long Ride continued – Hendo, Lyn and Mal's Journey – The Southern Cross Poker Run

Tuesday 5 Oct - cont

A long dry trip pleasantly broken by a visit to Longreach Hall of Fame and if you haven't been there before you could expect to spend at least a day without even trying. Hopefully someone took a great photo of a heap of riders and bikes hanging off the stockman at the front of the Hall. There were 309 bikes in a single line which took up the complete main street of Winton and measured by the local cops, a total of 670 metres which was a Guinness Book of Records . It created a great deal of interest with the community. The whole road was blocked off and everyone was walking up and down the main street checking out all the bikes until the cops asked us to remove our bikes and get off the median strip. The cops went either way to move the bikes while someone on a Harley did a great burnout right in the centre and then disappeared. No one saw anything by the time the police returned and with a backdrop of a magnificent sunset we had drinks, tea and entertainment awaiting at the Devils Footy Ground we left.

Wednesday 6th Sept.

It was an early start for a long ride to Mt. Isa and as usual it was straight, long, hot, dry and Mal and I thought we were the easy riders two and three abreast for hundreds of kilometres except when the road trains came along. Imagine 150 bikes pulled up to refuel at Kynuna a couple of hundred kilometres from Winton and then a stop at the famous Walkabout Pub at McKinley where Hoges filmed Crocodile Dundee - there are lots of good photos around the place. A nice coldie and then to Cloncurry for lunch and early afternoon at Mt. Isa where it was hot and dry. Mal and Lyn found the showers but Hendo settled for a splash under the hose. There was plenty of drink and raffles but the food was a bit short by the time we helped do the poker hands and the raffles to help Skids. Lucky Hendo won two raffles which pissed Mal off but he won the left handed arm wrestle which was quiet an achievement. Well done Mal! It was a big ride tomorrow so most of us hit the sack early.

Thursday 7th Sept.

After the usual report the Mayor arrived to lead the ride out of town then back towards Cloncurry for a refuel. Then we had brain fade and decided to blow a few cobwebs out, not one bike passed us for the entire stage. I think Mal reached that club and it wasn't the mile high club. A small stop at Julia Creek, then Richmond and on to Hughenden where we stayed the night and rang Ron to have a chat. For a change we had Chinese, still had a few ales and Lyn stuck with her ciders and she reckons her bum was numb. It was the coldest night of the hole trip. We had a head wind all the way and it really chewed up the juice.

Friday 8th Sept.

Last day of the poker run and there were mixed emotions around the camp, some wanted to keep going and others were biked out. We had a nice leisurely trip to Charters Towers where we had lunch and a stroll around this lovely old town then headed off to Townsville for the final big party at the Station which was about 10ks west of the Cowboys Stadium. It was pretty hot by the time we arrived so a shower and a nice cold drink was in order. The party started about 5pm. followed by the prize giving which included the youngest pillion passenger who was 5, the oldest lady rider at 65, the oldest male 71 and the longest entrant

came from Darwin. The best was a lady with a flush who won \$1000. Not a bad result! We met a couple of kids in their wheelchairs and even had one do a bit of a boogie. The entertainment went to midnight and the next morning there were a few ordinary looking bikers around, the toilet lines were long and lots of coffee being consumed. Mal left a few hearts behind but overall it was quiet a successful ride. All riders were hoping to better last year of \$64000.

Saturday 9th Sept.

Return home with Lyn and Hendo making a stop at Mackay where Lyn was going through withdrawals for the lack of seafood. We picked up some sandies and some prawns and met Mal and another couple from Bundy at Clareview. We arrived just at Happy Hour. We had a few beers, mixed with the locals and Lyn shared around the seafood. Sunday morning we were all up early and hit the road on the last leg. Brunch at Rocky and next stop Gin Gin where Mal continued on to Buxton. The Hendo's did just over 4000 klm. and Mal almost 4500 klm.

Hendo.

The Meeting 7 November

The meeting of 7 November always coincides with the Melbourne Cup. This time we again had casualties due to the frivolity of a great race where you lose all your money.

Apologies were received from Neil and Cathy who were in Tassie, Greg Maddy, Tiger and Marg, Woody and Lyn Woodhead, Harry Siermans and Warren Smith and Peter Litzow. Peter gets his plaster off this week.

We wished all who were suffering some sort of illness or injury a speedy recovery.

We welcomed Rob Bauer, a friend of Rod's and fellow Ulyssian, and it was good to see Steve Schreiber back.

There were 38 present and a well-behaved Frosty.

Some meeting outcomes and points of interest not reported elsewhere follow:-

- Owen is negotiating to conduct a trivia night with the Enthusiasts some time in the new year. Funds will possibly go the RSPCA.
- Ride rules will be a point of discussion by a small group to bring to the larger group later. Those involved are Di, Bill, Michelle, Ian, John and Ron.
- Our club flags are at the screen printers and will be ready with the club name next weekend.
- The website is going well.
- Fraser Coast have a new acting president and a new meeting place, Urangan Community Centre.
- Gympie Newsletter has been received.
- Cathy has ordered shirts.
- Cathy and Neil and Bruce are negotiating a sister club arrangement with St George Sutherland.
- We will set rides for the New Year break at the December meeting.
- Scotty will think about a Christmas lights ride.
- If you want gear from the national Ulysses gear shop for Christmas, orders must be in by very early December.

Copies of the full minutes are available in the Branch records. Please call Ron if you would like to read them.

Financial Statement

All is well. Our balance at the meeting was \$1028.97 with outstanding income of \$176 for patches and badges and expected expenditure of \$176 for flag and screen printing costs.

We raised \$53 from our raffle of two bottles wine on the night. Many thanks to Janice for her donation of a bottle of wine. Thanks also to all ticket buyers.

And congratulations to our winner, Dave Hertel.

Christmas Party Ride

There was some discussion on the timing of the departure for our Chrissie party. There are possibly TWO rides going.

There will definitely be a ride leaving at 1.30 pm from the River Cruz. This will be led by Owen. A car will be available to take any gear people require being taken. If anyone requires a ride in a car, please call Lesley Henry on 07 4159 3449 well before the day.

Nick Pitsinos has also agreed to carry some gear in his car if required. Just let him know if you have a need.

There could also be a ride leaving around 11.00 am.

This will be led by Bill Lumsden and will depend on numbers of people wanting to go at that time. If you are interested in joining that ride, give him a call soon and talk with Bill about arrangements. If there are few starters for that, Bill may wait till 1.30 pm.

The Christmas Party itself

Remember, Saturday and Sunday 25 - 26 November at Hivesville. Make sure you let Linda Scott, Lyn Henderson know you are coming and Ian Lawley must know about accommodation. I suspect that is now finalised.

Numbers:

Lyn Hendo – 4157 4272

Linda Scott – 4159 1175

Ian Lawley – 4159 6989

Remember, have the right money ready for Ian on arrival at Hivesville.

The Theme: If you would like to be themed up for the party, it is country and western. Nothing flash. You have been reminded to wear good underwear beneath your chaps or preferably some outer clothes. There is no compulsion around theming up.

AGM 2007 NB!!! NB!!!! NB!!!!

Are we ready? Are we ever? We had better be. Coffs Harbour, here we come.

Ian reported that all was progressing and asked that those attending make sure a couple of things happen. Register as soon as you get your next *Riding On*.

As soon as you get your registration back let Ian know your AGM rego number and he will set about getting our camping spots together.

This is really important for us all and to allow Ian to set us up in a group. Your help is required.

Donation to the Blood Bank

The Blood Bank has acknowledged our donation of a cream maker for their rooms.

On enquiry I found that they had acquired a griddle and that their need really was for a commercial cream maker.

I explained that our offer of an \$80 donation stood and we helped out with this purchase. Lorraine from the Blood Bank has sent us a letter of thanks and I am sure all blood donors will benefit when they enjoy their pancakes and scones.

Ron

And then ... visit to the Blood Bank

Those of us who can are up for a visit to the Blood bank again. Last time we made our 8 visitors. Christmas is coming round and blood stocks will be required.

I have booked us in for a visit on **Monday 4 December**, the day before our next meeting. Remember 6.00 pm. If you can make it I am sure the 'bloody' people there would love to see you.

Mac's Well!

A pleasant phone call from Mac McGinn recently informed me of his new ride, a 250 cc Aprilia that he informs me is a great bike. Mac expressed his disappointment that we would not be seeing us at the Christmas party but looked forward to catching up when he could. He passes on his best wishes to all.

Ron

Many thanks to all those who returned their tearaway sections with information about themselves and bikes. This list will be used to compile a new directory for first up in 2007.

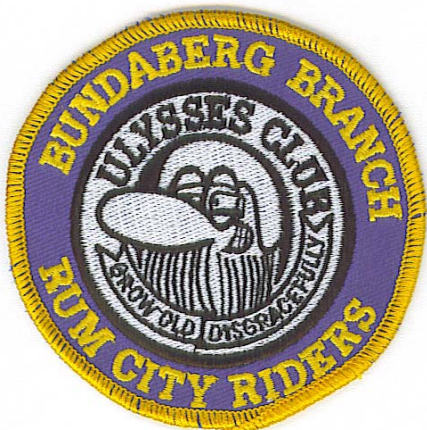
Seems like this year has just disappeared and soon another will be here. Are we getting older or what???

Ron

Natcom Minutes

I have received copies of Natcom minutes with some interesting reads in it.

- Membership: 25 265 financial members
- The Australian Motorcycle Council has many Ulysses members on its executive
- "The much awaited logos page is up and running with a few branches providing their National Committee approved logos for display to date. There is some doubt that all supplied logos have been Natcom approved, these will be checked...."
- "It was discussed and concluded that a Communication Strategy is not something that can be effectively documented because not all situations and needs can be readily identified and addressed."
- Rick Bedford has created a Handbook for Members. This will be distributed to clubs.
- Casual non-members cannot purchase gear from the gear shop.



Toy Runs

ANNUAL SALVATION ARMY MOTORCYCLE TOY RUN

All Motorcyclists are invited to attend the Annual Toy Run on Saturday, December 2, 2006.

This year riders will gather at the "Basin" Bargara Beach from 9am where they can purchase something to eat at the Sausage Sizzle and drinks from the Rotary Club of Bargara.

The riders will leave the "Basin" at 10.30am and will regroup at Kendall's Flats. 11am departure with Police Escort through CBD then out to Sugarland Shopping Centre carpark.

Riders and the general public are asked to generously donate a toy. All toys donated will be forwarded to the Salvation Army who will distribute them to needy children of the area.

Toy drop off points for donations are:

Prior to the day:
Just Cruisin' Autos, Bargara Road

On the day:
Basin Bargara Beach at 9am
Kendall's Flats regroup at 11am
Sugarland Shopping Centre finishing point.

ALL ENQUIRIES
John Smith "Smithy"
Phone 4151 0542 or
0407 628 036

Please note:
This year riders will go into a draw for some great prizes.

Sorry if that is a bit messy!

And the Fraser Coast Ulysses Toy and Tucker Run Will be held on the following weekend.

We will leave at 8.15 am from River Cruz Café.

Ulysses Toy & Tucker Run 2006
Sunday December 10

Assembly 8:30am at the BROLGA Theatre Maryborough, sausage sizzle, coffee etc, will be available.

Riders depart at 10:00am down Salt Water Creek Rd to Hervey Bay to pick up Bundaberg & Bay riders at 10:30am at the United Service Station on Maryborough Rd. The ride will continue into Old Maryborough Rd, left onto Tooth Street, right onto Martin Street, right onto the Esplanade to Kondari Resort, Elizabeth Street where a Monster Auction of donated goods will be held, from toys for the kids, major household items to some time out for Mum & Dad.

Public most welcome. Sausage sizzle, ice creams and soft drinks available.

This is an opportunity for **all riders of all types of motor cycles new or old, big or small** to take part in a ride together, have fun and assist **The Salvation Army** in Maryborough and Hervey Bay to help those in need.

All riders and passengers will be asked for a Gold Coin donation to take part in the ride and to please bring **non-perishable food** or **"new Toys"** to be distributed by the local The Salvation Army

Further information please call Bill Pedler 4124 3433 Mob 0419 143 433

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The **Gympie Toy Run** will be held on **Saturday 9 December** and will leave the Gold Mining Museum, Gympie gathering at around 9.00 am to leave under police escort at 10.00 am. This ride is in aid of St Vincent De Paul with a short parade finishing at Apex Park. Registration is a gold coin.

An Invitation to Food Music and Wine Festival at Agnes Waters

I have received an invitation from Ocean Fox Charters to a Food, Wine and Music Festival to be held in The Town of 1770 at the Golf Course on Easter Saturday 7 April 06.

There appears an extensive program of music with impersonators of all the greats.

Tickets are being sold before the event for \$15 each with a price of \$12 for groups of 15 or more.

We will discuss the matter at our next meeting to see if anyone is interested.

GST !!!!

I have received paper work on our GST liabilities. I will have to read this again to make sure I know what it means.

There may be some implications for us but my first reading is somewhat satisfying as we may not be liable. I will need to read again.

Do we have any Tax or Accountant type people who could help me interpret?

Ron

Date Claimers:

Flight to Fassifern

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).

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)

Valley Rally

This rally organised by the Glasshouse Mountains Branch will be held on the weekend of 30 March to 1 April at the Woodford Showground

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://robyn2450.tripod.com/agm2007.html> for more information.

Second Outback Rally - Winton – Qld – 7th – 9th September 2007

The Ulysses Adventure Riders have decided to hold the Second Outback Rally next year at Winton, in North West Qld, from the 7th to the 9th of September 2007. Just giving some advance notice to members, with more information to come soon.

Alf Lechner

Hosted by Ulysses Adventure Riders S.I.G. Branch (NSW)

For Sale:

(Ed note: Once items are sold, please let me know, otherwise the ads will continue to run. Thanks Cathy)

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

2002 BMW F650GS Mandarin, 22,000 klms, Reg to 9/06, Heated grips, top box, lambs wool seat cover, full service history. Excellent condition. \$8,300 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

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

SENIOR MOMENT

A very self-important college freshman attending a recent football game, took it upon himself to explain to a senior citizen sitting next to him why it was impossible for the older generation to understand his generation.

"You grew up in a different world, actually an almost primitive one," the student said, loud enough for many of those nearby to hear. "The young people of today grew up with television, jet planes, space travel, man walking on the moon, our spaceships have visited Mars. We have nuclear energy, electric and hydrogen cars, computers with light-speed processing and....," pausing to take another drink of beer.

The Senior took advantage of the break in the student's litany and said, "You're right, son. We didn't have those things when we were young.....so we invented them. Now, you arrogant little twit, what are you doing for the next generation?"

The applause was resounding... I love senior citizens!!!

SOCIAL AND RIDE CALENDAR

<u>COFFEE GATHERINGS</u>	<u>RIDES</u> For Riders' Choice days, contact Ron Henry 0417 787 180 in the first instance.
MEETING PLACE RIVER CRUZ CAFÉ RIVERSIDE PARKLANDS 6.30 pm for 7pm start Come a bit early, enjoy a meal and a chat at River Cruz Cafe.	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
River Cruz Café Et Restaurant - Relax in peace and tranquillity overlooking the Burnett River. Open daily from 8.00am for breakfast, lunch Et seafood. Bus tours, individual Et tour groups most welcome. Catering available. Live music Sunday lunch. River Cruz Café Et Restaurant Riverside Parklands, 3 Quay St, Bundaberg Old 4670 Phone (07) 4153 4899 or 0427 099 009	
	Sunday 12th November – Club Ride Toogum with Di Buchbach to lead. Saturday/Sunday 25th and 26th November Christmas Party – Hivesville Pub See newsletter item for details of rides to Hivesville.
Tuesday 5th December	Saturday 2 December Bundaberg Toy Run Ride leaves The Basin at 10.30 am for Sugarland. Gather there at any time from 9.00 am. Sunday 3rd December – Club Ride A Dam Ride This will be a ride to both Paradise Dam and Lake Monduran led by Ian Lawley. Lunch will most likely be taken at Gin Gin. Please ring Ian to confirm details. 07 4159 6989 9.00 am start from the River Cruz Sunday 10th Dec Fraser Coast Toy and Tucker Run 8.15 am from River Cruz to Maryborough. Saturday 16th December Mystery Ride 9.00 am from River Cruz Sunday 24th December Christmas Eve Mystery Ride 9.00 am from River Cruz. Christmas Lights Tour - TBA
Tuesday 6th February 2007	Weekend 17th and 18th February Camp overnight on a big verandah overlooking lovely 1770, more details to come
Tuesday 3rd July 2007	Weekend 7th and 8th July Camping weekender at the Kin Kin Pub, more details to come

And...

Tree Hugger

A woman from Vancouver Island, who was a tree hugger and an anti-hunter, purchased a piece of timberland. There was a large tree on one of the highest points in the tract.

She wanted a good view of the natural splendour of her land, so she started to climb the big tree. As she neared the top, she encountered a spotted owl that attacked her.

In her haste to escape, the woman slid down the tree to the ground and got many splinters in her crotch. In considerable pain, she hurried to the nearest doctor. She told him she was an environmentalist and an anti-hunter and how she came to get all the splinters.

The doctor listened to her story with great patience and then told her to go into the examining room and he would see if he could help her.

She waited three hours before the doctor reappeared. The angry woman demanded, "What took you so long?"

He smiled and then told her, "Well, I had to get permits from the Environmental Protection Ministry, the Forest Service and the Ministry of Land and Water Management before I could remove old-growth timber from a recreational area."

	Tues 7 Nov Branch Meeting – 7.00 PM Meet 6.00 pm for dinner	Wed 8 Nov	Thur 9 Nov	Fri 10 Nov	Sat 11 Nov Truck Pull at Mt Perry	Sun 12 Nov Club Ride – Toogoom – leave 9.00 am Di Buchbach
Mon 13 Nov	Tues 14 Nov	Wed 15 Nov	Thurs 16 Nov	Fri 17 Nov	Sat 18 Nov <i>NOTE</i> <i>CHANGE TO</i> <i>CHRISTMAS</i> <i>PARTY</i>	Sun 19 Nov <i>NOTE</i> <i>CHANGE TO</i> <i>CHRISTMAS</i> <i>PARTY</i>
Mon 20 Nov	Tues 21 Nov	Wed 22 Nov	Thurs 23 Nov	Fri 24 Nov	Sat 25 Nov Club Christmas Party - Hivesville	Sun 26 Nov Club Christmas Party - Hivesville
Mon 27 Nov	Tues 28 Nov	Wed 29 Nov	Thurs 30 Nov	Fri 1 Dec	Sat 2 Dec Bundaberg Toy Run Gather at the Basin at 9.00 to leave there at 10.30 am	Sun 3 Dec The Dam Ride 9.00 am from Rver Cruz led by Ian Lawley
Mon 4 Dec Giving blood at the Blood Bank. 6.00 pm. Come on now! Ring Ron and let him know you are coming.	Tues 5 Dec Branch Meeting – 7.00 PM Meet 6.00 pm for dinner	Wed 6 Dec	Thurs 7 Dec	Fri 8 Dec	Sat 9 Dec Gympie Toy Run	Sun 10 Dec Fraser Coast Toy Run. See Newsletter.
Mon 11 Dec	Tues 12 Dec	Wed 13 Dec	Thurs 14 Dec	Fri 15 Dec	Sat 16 Dec Branch Mystery Ride	Sun 17 Dec
Mon 18 Dec	Tues 19 Dec 5 more sleeps til Santa comes!	Wed 20 Dec 4 more sleeps til Santa comes!	Thurs 21 Dec 3 more sleeps til Santa comes!	Fri 22 Dec 2 more sleeps til Santa comes!	Sat 23 Dec Last day for shopping!	Sun 24 Dec Branch Mystery Ride <hr/> Put out Santa's treat Put up stocking Clean chimney

COWBOY BOOTS!

An elderly couple, Margaret and Bert, are in California. Bert always wanted a pair of authentic cowboy boots. So seeing some on sale one day, he buys them, wears them home, walking proudly. He walks into the house and says to his wife: 'Notice anything different about me?' Margaret looks him over, 'Nope.' Frustrated Bert storms off into the bathroom, undresses, and walks back into the room completely naked except for the boots. Again, he asks, a little louder this time, 'Notice anything different NOW?' Margaret looks up and says, 'Bert, what's different? It's hanging down today, it was hanging down yesterday, it'll be hanging down again tomorrow.' Furious, Bert yells, 'AND DO YOU KNOW WHY IT'S HANGING DOWN, MARGARET?' 'Nope', she replies. 'IT'S HANGING DOWN BECAUSE IT'S LOOKING AT MY NEW BOOTS!!!!!!' To which Margaret replies... 'Shoulda bought a hat, Bert. Shoulda bought a hat.'

LIFE'S LIKE THAT

Dave returned from a doctor's visit one day and told his wife Doreen that the doctor said he only had 24 hours to live. Wiping away her tears, he asked her to make love with him. Of course she agreed and they made passionate love. Six hours later, Dave went to her again, and said, "Honey, now I only have 18 hours left to live. Maybe we could make love again?"

Doreen agreed and again they made love. Later, Dave was getting into bed when he realised he now had only eight hours of life left. He touched Doreen's shoulder and said, "Honey? Please? Just one more time before I die." She agreed, then afterward she rolled over and fell asleep. Dave, however, heard the clock ticking in his head, and he tossed and turned until he was down to only four more hours. He tapped his wife on the shoulder to wake her up. "Honey, I only have four hours left! Could we...?" His wife sat up abruptly, turned to him and said "Listen Dave, I have to get up in the morning! You don't."

The Toogoom/ Burrum Heads Ride Sun 12 Nov
Watch for this report in the next newsletter.

Did Twinkles really crap on Ron?
Was she the only one?
Did Dorothy really give it all the bike has?
Was that really *another* Linda who joined us?
The answers and more.... Next meeting and newsletter!

This newsletter contains information that is accurate in the mind of the writer at the time of writing and may bear little relationship to the real facts of the incidents being reported on. Apologies to all for anything that is inadvertently reported without complete regard to the facts but we do try to make the news interesting. Just like a real paper.