



Rum City Riders
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Welcome to the Rum City Riders

MARCH 2025 Newsletter

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**General Meeting - Rum City Riders
Ulysses Club Inc. Bundaberg Branch**

No Meeting for March 2025

Upcoming Ulysses Rides – Events

- **06/03/2025** - Thursday BYO Ride to Turkey Beach
- **13/03/2025** - Thursday Ride – Coalstoun Lakes Café
- **20/03/2025** - Thursday Ride – destination to be advised
- **27/03/2025** - Thursday Ride – destination to be advised.
- **24 - 30/03/2025** - Ulysses National Rally at Armidale NSW.
- **01/04/2025** - Branch Bi-monthly meeting at Sugarland Tavern
- **11/04/2025** – Ladies Lunch at Sandhills Sports Club - Bargara
- **25/04/2025** - ANZAC Day Memorial – Elliott Heads
- **16 - 18/05/2025** - Gladstone Branch Long Weekend at Big4 Breeze Cania Gorge.
- **6 - 8/06/2025** - Logan Branch Bowls Weekend – Kingaroy

Upcoming Non-Ulysses Rides – Events

- **15/03/2024** – Lost Souls Dice Run – Mount Perry Showgrounds
- **16/03/2024** - Black Dog Ride – 1 Dayer Rides - There is no Wide Bay ride - Closest is the Sunshine Coast
- **25 - 27/04/2025** - Cane Toad Rally – Mount Perry Showgrounds
- **18/05/2025** - Distinguished Gentleman's Ride

Please post Thursday rides, Sunday rides and other event rides on Facebook so members can see pictures – these can also be used to go into the Newsletters. Remember to add ride destination and dates please!!!!!!

Branch Meetings:

Are held on the first Tuesday of every second month which are: February, April, June, August, October and December. Meetings are held in the Avoca Room at the Sugarland Tavern, 52 Johnston Street, Avoca, Bundaberg. The meetings commence at 6.30pm sharp. Feel free to arrive earlier to enjoy a meal and beverages.

Thursday Rides:

We have a ride to various destinations around the area every Thursday of the year unless notified otherwise.

Thursday rides will normally depart from the River Cruz car park on Quay Street at 9.30am. Meet at 9.00am or earlier for coffee and food. There is usually a riders meeting in the carpark at 9.15 to discuss the days destination.

If we are departing from a different venue or at a different time the details will be advised by email, on our Face book page and on our website.

The destination is usually decided on the ride the previous week. Depending on weather conditions, interest, etc there may be a last-minute change. The 1st Thursday of each month ride is usually to a destination which does not have food available so BYO lunch. Most other times there will a cafe or pub to eat at but feel free to bring your own food on any ride.

If you want a pre ride coffee or feed, we have a table booked at River Cruz Cafe.

Sunday Rides:

There is a “formal” Sunday ride to a pre notified destination on the 4th Sunday of each month. Details will appear in the Newsletter, on Facebook and on our website.

Other Rides. There may be other rides organised during the year which will appear in the Newsletter or on Facebook and the Website. If you feel like organising a ride at any time, feel free to put the details on face book or contact the Ride Co-ordinator.

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Remember to add ride destination and dates please!!!!!!

The committee would welcome suggestions from any members regarding either ride destinations or social events.



RIDE REPORTS



6/02/2025 Thursday Ride to Poona

We had five riders on today's ride. Alun and Allen on their Harleys, Derek J on his Yamaha Tenere, Wayne Z on his CF Moto and I was on the now trusty Benelli. We left River Cruz around 9.30 by our usual route then took Elliott Heads Road to Hummock Rd, Three Chain Rd, Darlingtons Rd, Dr Mays Rd, Coonarr Rd onto Goodwood Rd for the run out to the Bruce. We had a comfort stop in the park at Howard then through a bit of rain via Torbanlea Pialba Rd to Saltwater Rd into Maryborough.

After successfully negotiating the CBD, I managed to drop the Benelli in the gutter just up from the Granville pub. Fortunately help was at hand and I was rubber side down in no time with no damage to me or the bike. Thanks to everyone for their help and for being too slow to take a photo.

From there it was a steady straight run to Poona where Alun and I bought sandwiches and joined the others in the park at the boat ramp. After a pleasant meal and some time spent in discussing how to save the world Wayne Z headed off on his own while the rest of us continued chatting. Eventually we left and returned to Maryborough missing most of the CBD this time. Once we were on the highway it was a steady run through some reasonably heavy rain to Torbanlea where the 4 back markers pulled in while I continued home through some reasonably heavy rain around Childers. Thank you all for a pleasant days ride and Derek J for being TEC. All up about 330ks and despite the rain quite pleasant riding conditions.



A stopover at the park at Howard



Poona Bay Café Carpark

13/02/2025 Thursday Ride to Gayndah

We had 8 bikes and one trike for the ride. We left town by our usual route, out onto the Isis Highway via the Ring Rd. Our first diversion was onto Voss Rd to avoid the roadworks then Newlands Rd, Foleys Rd and Farnsfield Rd through to Running Creek Rd and back to the Hwy. We headed past Isis Mill through to North South Rd until Dallarnil, where we took North Dallarnil Rd and Emu Creek Road to Seccombes Rd into Biggenden for a comfort stop. Wayne Z decided to head home from Biggenden while the rest of us proceeded to Ban Ban Springs and Gayndah.

We consumed a very enjoyable lunch at the Grand Hotel before most of us refueled for the ride home. We came home through Gooroolba back to Biggenden for an ice cream stop. From there it was a good run home, some of us went through Childers and I believe others may have gone by North South Rd. All in all, a very enjoyable day. It didn't get too hot, and we had very little traffic. We had 8 different makes of motorcycle, plus one trike on the ride. Thanks to Chris P for TEC duties and to everyone for a good day's riding

Riders: Ken C (Kawasaki), Dave C (Honda), Chris P (Boom), Phil G (Triumph), Greg D (Yamaha) , Wayne Z (Harley D), Wayne C (Suzuki), Ray N (CF Moto), John W (Benelli).



A stopover at the park in Biggenden





The Gayndah pub does a good-looking Steak sandwich and chips



An ice-cream stop at the BP servo at Biggenden

20/02/2025 Thursday Ride to Woodgate

We had 17 riders leave River Cruz today. Our route out of town was across the old bridge to North Bundaberg then via Hanbury St and One Mile Rd onto Gin Gin Rd to 10 Mile Rd. From there we took Raines Rd, Birthamba Rd to Bucca Rd through Bullyard to Delan Rd and Wallaville Rd taking a right turn onto Drinan Rd. At the Drinan Rd Bruce Hwy intersection our ride leader attempted a 3rd gear start and dropped his bike. The RCR recovery team quickly had him back on his wheels with no damage except to his pride. Once we got underway it was a short ride to Gin Gin for our comfort/refreshment stop.

After the stop quite a few riders/trikers elected to head back by a shorter way. The rest of us rode through the back streets of Gin Gin and through Tirroan to Tablelands Rd and Currajong Farms Rd back onto the Bruce Hwy down to Adies Rd past the Isis Mill to the Isis Hwy. A quick ride back towards Bundy then right onto Knockroe Rd across to Goodwood Rd and back to the Woodgate Rd to the Woodgate Beach Hotel for lunch.

The 7 of us enjoyed our lunch and discussed future rides as well as solving world problems and reminiscing about past rides. We all headed home by the most direct way as the day was starting to warm up.

Thank you all for a great ride and your company.

Riders: Steve M, Greg D, Phil G, Ray N, Kerry L, Derek J, Dave C, Narelle, Wayne Z, Allan D, Chris P, Alun R, Wayne T, Steve B, Ron H, Blane G, John W.



First stop – Gin Gin



At the lunch venue – Woodgate Hotel

23/02/2025 Sunday Ride to Mount Perry

Today we had 7 riders leave River Cruz heading for Mt Perry. As we were heading for Gin Gin, we headed down Elliott Heads Rd and via a few back roads to come out on Goodwood Rd at the Coonarr turnoff. A short run along Goodwood Rd saw us turn right onto Foleys Rd then left onto Farnsfield Rd then another right into Logging Creek Rd to the Isis Hwy.

After a few kms on the Isis, we turned onto Tardas Rd riding some more back roads through Cordalba to Adies Rd and the Bruce Hwy. We had a quick comfort stop at Gin Gin after having travelled around 120ks. Ron H and Wayne Z left the group at Gin Gin, and the rest of us rode onto Mt Perry where we met Phil G and Stu who had ridden there direct and had lunched at the General store. Chris and Cheryl P, Steve B and myself had an enjoyable meal at the Federal Inn and after a bit of a chat headed home. Steve and the Pusey's stopped for fuel at Gin Gin, while I headed straight home.

Thank you all for another enjoyable ride and good company. The weather was kind to us though it was starting get warm and very windy on the way back.

About 270ks for the day and home round about 2 o'clock.

Riders: Wayne Z (CF Moto), Steve B, (Royal Enfield), Alun R (Harley Davidson), Ron H (Can Am Spyder), Chris and Sheryl P (Boom Trike) John W (Benelli), Phil G (Yamaha FJR), Stu (Harley Davidson).



Steve B, Chris & Sheryl P, at the Federal Inn

27/02/2025 Thursday Ride to River Heads

With a little inclement weather on Thursday morning we had plenty of socialisers but only 3 riders for the run down to River Heads.

The morning was pleasantly cool with just a threat of rain so the three of us headed out on the Ring Rd then down Elliott Heads Rd to Hummock Rd and eventually out onto Goodwood Rd for a steady ride down to Howard for our comfort stop.

After a short stop it was off to River Heads via Burrum Heads Rd and some back roads. We arrived at River Heads at midday and noticed another bike in the parking lot. We were pleasantly surprised to find Alun R waiting for us at the cafe. Meals were ordered and enjoyed, Alun had slept in and ridden straight down.

The trip home was by the more direct route through Torbanlea with the 3 Harleys pulling into the servo at the Buxton turnoff for fuel. I continued on to do a bit of exploring on some of the roads around the back of Childers that we haven't been on for a while. Despite the very blustery wind it was a good ride in great company.

Thank you all for another excellent day out. About 275km and home around 3 pm

Riders: Wayne Z, Allan D, Alun R (all on Harleys), John W (Benelli)



Wayne Z, Allan D, and Alun R at the River Heads Café

All Welcome!

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**LOST
SOULS**

DICE RUN



Sat 15th March

CASH PRIZES

for Highest & Lowest Numbers

Bring a swag

\$15 Registration - Bikes & Cars

BUNDY CQ University Carpark 8am. Stands up 9.15am

DESTINATION: MOUNT PERRY SHOWGROUNDS

Gates open 10.30am - (Gold Coin Donation)

BIKE & CAR SHOW - \$10 per nomination

LIVE MUSIC with **Helen Downs** from **12.30pm**

CONTINUOUS RAFFLE from **1.30pm**

KARAOKE - \$100 best singer

(Worst singer also gets a prize!)

*** DRINKS & FOOD**

*** MARKET STALLS**

*** CAMPING AVAILABLE**

RING JOHN

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FUNDRAISER - proceeds donated to Mount Perry's

*** Rural Fire Brigade * Men's Shed * RSL Sub branch**



The BMW Motorcycle Club of Qld.
invites all motorcyclists to attend

The 31st

CANE TOAD RALLY

Since 1978

WHEN: 25th - 27th April 2025

WHERE: Mount Perry Showgrounds, Qld. – for this year only.

COST: \$30 Entry (includes Rally Badge)
pre-registration can be made on website before April 20,
saves time when arriving, just sign in and pay entry fee.

Camping on large campground with hot showers, flushing toilets and campfires.
Catering for all meals from Friday lunch to Sunday breakfast.

Bar onsite, Friday and Saturday which **closes at 9:30pm.**

Self-guided Bike Tours of the local area or Summit Climb on Saturday.
Light Entertainment (no live music) on Fri. & Sat. night around campfires.

There will be the traditional **Rum Hunt** and **Gymkhana** held at 2:30pm
Saturday, followed by **presentation of awards** at 4:30pm for:

Longest Distance Female Rider (distance straight from home)

Longest Distance Male Rider (distance straight from home)

Longest Distance Pillion (distance straight from home)

Largest Club/Forum Attendance

Hard Luck Award

Oldest BMW

Cars, Caravans etc. only permitted by prior arrangement with organisers.

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Proceeds donated to:



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Local Mt. Perry
Community