



Rum City Riders
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Welcome to the Rum City Riders

May 2025 Newsletter

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

No Meeting for May 2025

Upcoming Ulysses Rides – Events

- **16 - 18/05/2025** - Gladstone Branch Long Weekend at Big4 Breeze Cania Gorge.
- **29 - 31/05/2025** - Bruce Watson Memorial Ride
- **6 - 8/06/2025** - Logan Branch Bowls Weekend – Kingaroy
- **14/09/2025** - Ulysses Memorial Day at Somerset Dam
- **18 – 24/05/2026** - Ulysses National Rally in Nambour QLD
- **05 – 11/04/2027** - Ulysses National Rally at Mt Panorama, Bathurst NSW

Upcoming Non-Ulysses Rides – Events

- **18/05/2025** - Distinguished Gentleman's Ride – Detail for Bundaberg are at <https://www.facebook.com/events/954148353188853>
- **24/05/2025** - God Squad CMC Annual Blanket Run – See flyer
- **01 – 05/09/25** - Southern Cross Association 5 Day Poker Run – See flyer
- **07 – 09/11/2025** - LRTMC Imbil Rally Reunion

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 Facebook 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 Facebook 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



3/04/2025 Thursday BYO Ride to 1770

Cancelled due to wet weather

10/04/2025 Thursday Ride to Mount Perry

The ride to 1770 that went to Mt Perry.

We had a large group at River Cruz and a wiser head than mine suggested that due to school holidays maybe 1770 was not a great idea. (thanks Dave C). Mt Perry was the chosen alternative place so within 2 minutes or so we came up with an "interesting" way of getting there.

16 or 17 of us set off at about 9.30 with our intermediate stop to be the rest area just North of Gin Gin on the Bruce Hwy. We took our usual route out of town across the old bridge and on to Rosedale Rd for a leisurely run up to Bucca Rd. With such a large group it was hard to see how many were following but I don't think anyone was left behind. We travelled through Bucca to Bullyard then turned left onto the Isis Hwy.

Right onto Wallaville Road then right again onto Drinan Rd and back onto the Bruce for a short run up to Skyring Reserve Rd through some very secondary roads to Currajong Farms Rd. It was at the turn off the Bruce Hwy a few members missed the corner marker and continued straight up the highway to Gin Gin. The main group enjoyed their ride to Gin Gin through Tirroan and we all met up at the rest area for smoko, chatting and comfort stops as required.

Once everyone had suitably refreshed themselves most of us continued on to Mt Perry. The group broke up a bit on this part of the ride as there was a little slow traffic. At Mt Perry some riders at the cafe and some BYO'ers ate the park opposite.

From Mt Perry our senior member Kerry L set off home first and the rest of us followed in a couple of informally "organised" groups. When we reached Gin Gin some riders stopped for an ice cream while others continued straight home. Those who continued on were rewarded with a heavy shower around South Kolan.

Thank you all for an enjoyable day's riding and excellent company with an eclectic mix of motorcycles and riders.

Riders: Ron P, Ron H, Alun B, Allan D, Blane G, Graeme M, Greg D, Chris and Cheryl P, Steve J, Dave C, Wayne T, Wayne C, Wayne Z, Ray N, Andy D, John W.

I don't think I missed anyone, if I did my apologies. John W



Rest stop just North of Gin Gin





Some of the bikes / trikes and riders



Lunch in the park at Mount Perry

17/04/2025 Thursday Ride to Gayndah

We had 17 starters leave the River Cruz car park at round about 9.30 leaving town via the old bridge and Hanbury St to Bundy Gin Gin Rd. At South Kolan we took a left through the Cedars and came out on the Isis Hwy. Unfortunately the group broke up in the traffic and some riders missed the turn onto Foleys Rd, so they proceeded directly to Biggenden. The rest of us travelled via a few back roads and came out at Apple Tree Creek before heading up to North South Rd.

We all met up at Biggenden for a comfort stop. Some riders elected to return, while 9 of us rode through to Gayndah. Greg D had lunch in the park while the rest of us enjoyed our meal at the Grand Hotel. After lunch we regrouped at the park on the way out of town, 3 of us decided to ride home through Wetheron while the rest headed back through Ban Ban Springs.

Riders: Michael C, Alun R, Mark M, Allan D, Blane and Janet G, Wayne C, Wayne T, Wayne Z, Steve J, Derek J, Chris P, Phil G, Kerry L, Brendan W, Greg D, John W



Rest stop at Biggenden



Lunch at the Grand Hotel



24/04/2025 Thursday Ride to Burrum Heads

We had 13 Riders and 2 passengers on this ride. We left River Cruze and travelled to Wallaville via Bucca Road. One of our riders missed a corner marker on the way so Ron H set off in hot pursuit and eventual herded the errant Spyder to Wallaville. Some of us had coffee while the others just enjoyed a break.

From Wallaville it was down the Bruce Hwy through Childers to Howard for a quick comfort stop before proceeding on to Burrum Heads.

We chose the Burrum Heads Hotel for lunch and the meals were more than adequate and reasonably priced. After lunch we returned home via the Bruce Hwy. Thank you all for another enjoyable day and great to see Ken C back on the bike after his ankle injury.

Riders & Passengers: Ron H, Greg D, Wayne Z, Wayne T, Steve B, Kathie B, Blane & Janet G, Chris & Cheryl P, Kerry L, Ken C, Andy D, Alun R, John W



First Stop - Wallaville



Ron H catches up with the others at Wallaville

25/04/2025 ANZAC Day at Elliott Heads

A fine and sunny ANZAC Day saw several members gather at Café 63 at the Kepnock Shopping Town on FE Walker Street for morning tea / coffee. From there we made our way up onto the Ring Road and then out to Elliott Head where the ANZAC Day memorial ceremony is held at Submarine Lookout Memorial Park.

The Memorial ceremony was well attended with this year a fly over of a Yak-52 and a C17 Globemaster III. This year, Mark L laid our wreath on behalf of Ulysses Bundaberg Branch.



27/04/2025 Sunday Ride to Monto

A group of 8 of us set off from River Cruze around 9 am. The weather was extremely kind to us and with great skill the ride leader just managed to time our departure to avoid being held up by a long freight train at the railway crossing at North Bundy. We had an uneventful run to Mt Perry though some riders did report a couple of low flying UFOs passing the group on Mt Perry Rd.

We enjoyed our coffee at the general store and then headed out on the recently reopened Mt Perry - Monto Rd. This is a beautiful bike road and thoroughly recommended if you're looking for somewhere to go. Be careful of cattle as a lot of it is unfenced and a couple of the cattle grids are strategically placed to increase your pucker factor. The Burnett Hwy section through to Monto is not so flash but it's still an interesting ride.

We had booked for lunch at the Grand Hotel but when we got there were informed, they were short staffed and not doing meals. After a quick conference we walked up the street to the Albert Hotel and they were doing meals, so all was good, and I didn't get lynched. We ate out in their beer garden; the meals were good and not badly priced so for our next ride to Monto that will be our destination.

After lunch we refuelled and headed home by the same route. Once again, we enjoyed the Monto - Mt Perry Rd and stopped at the Starburst Diner at Gin Gin for an ice cream and chat.

Thank you to all riders, it was a great days riding in great company with near perfect weather and minimal traffic. Also thanks to Phil G for leading from Mt P to Monto and Greg D for volunteering for TEC duties.

Riders: Ronald P, Phil G, Greg D, Nick P, Ken C, Alun R, Wayne C, John W





God's Squad CMC Annual **BLANKET RUN**

24th MAY 2025

**Supporting our needy
and homeless**

Start: Dorcas Kitchen

Free Coffee from 8:30am

Stands up 9:30am

Finish: Dorcas Kitchen

All Motorcycles and vehicles welcome

Includes lunch
& raffle tickets

\$20

+donation per
person

Venue: Anglican Church
59 Woongarra St,
Bundaberg

Donations include:
Anything to stay warm
in winter.
Blankets, Beanies,
Jumpers, Jackets, Socks,
Tracksuits, Sleeping Bags.



Southern Cross Association

28th Poker Run

Be a part of Australia's longest

5 Day Poker Run

1st - 5th Sept 2025

Meet at Proserpine on
Sunday 31st Aug



**WIN
\$1200**

Mon: Brandon

Tues: Tully

Wed: Ravenshoe

Thur: Mt Molloy

Fri: Rossville

Venues are subject to change

**Catering available,
Bars, Giveaways,
Auctions,
Raffles, and more...**



Scan to see
prices or to
register

This is a charity ride -

No discounts and no hangers on please

All registrations include t-shirt, badge and camping fees

Raising money for Pyjama Foundation

For more information & registration forms:

www.southern-cross-association.org