

Sydney Branch Ulysses Club Newsletter

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Branch Meetings are Held on 1ST Tuesday of each month
Gladesville RSL 4-6 Linsley St, Gladesville NSW 2111
New members and guests welcome

NO MEETING IN APRIL
just the regular, friendly dinner get together from 6pm

Rides and other activities regularly posted on our Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/groupsUlyssesClubSydneyBranch/

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Thoughts for the Month

I hate when I just miss a call by the last ring (Hello? Hello?), but when I immediately call back, it rings nine times and goes to voicemail. What'd you do after I didn't answer? Drop the phone and run away?

I hate leaving my house confident and looking good and then not seeing anyone of importance the entire day. What a waste.

Sometimes I'll look down at my watch 3 consecutive times and still not know what time it is.

Bits 'n Bobs

It's been a relatively quiet month for our chapter, but that hasn't stopped our members from getting out on the road and enjoying some great rides. With the cooler weather settling in, many have taken the opportunity to explore some scenic routes at a more leisurely pace. A few small group rides went ahead as planned, with plenty of coffee stops and good conversations along the way. If you've been on any particularly enjoyable rides, we'd love to hear about them—feel free to share your experiences at our next meeting or send in a write-up for the next newsletter!

Looking ahead, we're gearing up for some upcoming events that should get the engines revving again. I know many members are planning their trip to Armidale for the Annual National Rally. On a local level, planning is underway for our social gatherings. It's always great to catch up with fellow members, swap stories, and plan future rides. If you have any ideas for destinations or activities, let us know—we're always keen to explore new places and make the most of our time together.

We are planning the Annual Odyssey ride to Merimbula, (likely in October) with the committee doing a scouting ride late May.

Lastly, a big thank you to everyone who continues to support the club, whether by attending rides, keeping in touch, or helping with planning behind the scenes. The strength of our community is what keeps the club going. Stay safe on the roads, and we look forward to seeing you all soon!

Dave's Deus Delight

On the first Friday of the month we meet at Deus Cafe in Camperdown from 10am. Typically, this attracts a good turnout, with lots of members from other Branches; it was good to see the spirit of Ulysses at work.

Deus Cafe Camperdown: 98-104 Parramatta Rd, Camperdown NSW 2050

The venue is conveniently located, with bike & car parking on streets nearby; seating is comfortable and the ambience isn't noisy. The food and service are good, helping make it a really good place to catch up for a good chat.

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Location: Gladesville RSL

Meeting opened at 7:37pm.

Committee members present: John Robertson, Kate Robinson, Kevin Fleming,
Michael Clarke, Roger Bates, Nick Williamson

Number of members present: 22

Acknowledgments:

Minutes from February meeting: No matters arising.

Apologies: Phil Motley, Dave and Joy Williams, Peter Rogers. Dave Williams
Peter Nochar, Joy Williams, Peter Rogers, Dave Sipple,
Monroe Berry, John and Debbie McAveny

New Members: none

Visitors: Lily, Trevor and Barbara Dean

President report: be aware of scam communication regarding the national rally
Executive will be changing over the bank account authority 5 Mar

Ride reports: Multi-Branch ride was attended by more than 80 people
Kevin reported on his month-end ride to Mount Piper Power Station

General business: Approximately 10 members are attending the National Rally
There was a query about our commitment to UCARF (<https://ucarf.com/>),
JR noted a donation will be made to UCARF in March

Raffle Prize winners: Collected the usual fare of wine, chocolates, Bike Biz voucher

Meeting closed: 8:16 pm

Next branch meeting: Tuesday 6th May 7.30pm. Gladesville RSL
no meeting in April

Ride Calendar - April 2025

Friday 4 April. Breakfast with Dave.

Deus Café Parramatta Road Camperdown 10.30am

Friday 11th April. Friday Pic Nic.

Stands up from Heathcote McDonalds at 10.30am.

For a short ride to Austinmer for a Pic Nic by the sea.

Ride Leaders Needed: Want to ride somewhere? Want to lead the group? Not sure what's involved? Not sure how much commitment is needed?

Speak to a committee member and find out (it's easier than you think)

What is UCARF

<https://ucarf.com/>

Rheumatoid arthritis research has been the preferred charity of the Ulysses Club since 1997 when founding member the late Stephen Dearnley OAM proposed the initiative. The impetus for the funding support was the sad death a year earlier of Stephen's wife Jo who had lost a 20 year battle with the insidious disease.

The club has generously and proudly sponsored many scientific researchers over the last 17 years with strong support of the 137 plus branches. A few years ago the club took complete control of the funds by setting up a separate account known as UCARF (Ulysses Club Arthritis Research Fund). With this latter arrangement the club can now fulfil its idea of ensuring that 100% of donations are directed to the scientific researchers in the form of sponsorship. We are currently supporting a postgraduate sponsorship at the Institute of Bone and Joint Research (IBJR) at the Royal North Shore Hospital in Sydney and another at Monash University in Melbourne.

Incoming meets outgoing



Incoming secretary, Kevin Fleming, spent the morning with outgoing secretary, Phill Motbey when Phill took the new BMW electric scooter ([CE04](#)) for a spin around Western Sydney

Thanks to BikeBiz BMW Parramatta for the loan of the CE04 and lunch voucher.

PLEASE SEND PHOTOS and commentary of your rides to scrtysydneybranch@gmail.com for publishing in the newsletter or Facebook page