

Sydney Branch Ulysses Club Newsletter

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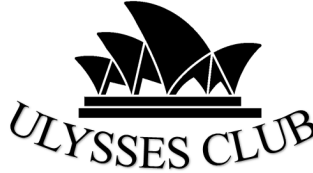
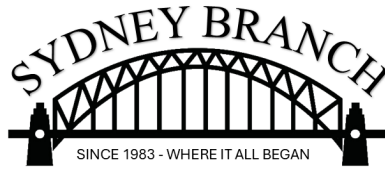
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Branch Meetings are Held on 1ST Tuesday of each second month (1 July 2025)
Gladesville RSL 4-6 Linsley St, Gladesville NSW 2111
New members and guests welcome

member dinner on 3 June 2025
get together with the committee from 6pm

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



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Thoughts for the Month

Have you ever noticed that anybody driving slower than you is an idiot, and anyone going faster than you is a maniac? — George Carlin

The only time I'm on time is when I'm on my bike

I don't need therapy, I just need a ride.

Four wheels move the body, but two wheels move the soul.

I'm not addicted to motorcycles, we're just in a committed relationship.

From your secretary

We all know a committee is the group of volunteers who come together to get stuff done. We are here united behind a common theme and Ulysses makes it easy to 'Grow Old Disgracefully', something we can all identify with. We unite on the paperwork, we unite to put together meetings, and lots of discussions about the best way to tackle a project. It's not always glamorous, but without the committee, the volunteers, nothing would happen and our club would cease to exist.

It heartens me that when called upon, people rise to the occasion. Whether it is to meet with (or become part of) the committee to arrange events, to take on something outside your comfort zone (like leading rides), we recognise that clubs function best with active members and active members breed active members. Whilst we may be Growing Old Disgracefully, we stand united with our brothers and sisters at events and meetings. We are confident and experienced enough to put our own mark on events and outcomes.

So, while a committee is all about the details and the plans, the volunteer is all about the action and the fun that comes from giving. Growing Old Disgracefully doesn't mean giving up, it means we have more to share, we have more to contribute.

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

Our May brunch at the Deus Café on Friday 2nd attracted a good turnout of some 20 + Ulysseans. It was great to see both Dave & Joy in attendance, as well as Bruce and Cynthia, who with Joy were sporting very chic new hairstyles! It was also very nice (literally!) to see so many ladies able to make it.

This month's attendance was an increase from April and March, which is good to see, especially in view of the inclement weather.

Bits and Bobs

Another form of bike racing, which is very popular in Europe in particular, but which originated in Australia, is speedway and the first round of the FIM World Championship for 2025 was held this month in Germany. This year, there are 4 Australians competing at the international level! Jack Holder, Max Fricke, Brady Kurtz and Jason Doyle.

Speedway racing had its roots in Australia from the 1910s and 1920s. The first official meeting is generally agreed to have been held on December 15th at the Maitland Showground.

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Location: Gladesville RSL

Meeting opened at 7:34pm.

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

Number of members present: 20

Acknowledgments:

Minutes from February meeting: No matters arising.

Apologies: Munro Berry, Christian Raith, Roderick Eime, Tim & Jasmine

New Members: none

Visitors: none

President report: Ride to national rally was a total washout

Ride reports: John went on a ride to Austinmer - enjoyable day with bright and sunny weather
Kevin spoke about lane filtering in the M4 tunnel

General business: Branch meetings on alternative months. Our next branch meeting will be held on 1 July
Every month (on the first Tuesday), will still be welcome for a social dinner from 6pm

People with birthdays in the meeting (and prior) month will be gifted a raffle ticket

Roger will donate a bottle of wine for the best 'Tall Story' told at the meetings

Kate (treasurer) together with the committee will be arranging events later this year with the primary focus of recruitment - to spread the word of Ulysses and invite people to join our club. Possible events include a BBQ at which members will be invited to participate. More details to follow.

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

Meeting closed: 8:27 pm

Next branch meeting: Tuesday 1 July 7.30pm. Gladesville RSL

Ride Calendar - May 2025

Friday 30th May: From Heathcote McDonalds 10am to Bundeena.

Catch the 11am ferry to Cronulla for lunch then back to Bundeena on the 2.30pm Ferry.

Saturday 21st June: 11.30am Nepean Dam - Macarthur Ulysses BBQ

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)

Recent Rides

Roger's ever popular Picnic Ride was once again held this month on Friday the 9th, meeting at the Golden Arches McGraths Hill for departure. Despite the weather forecast, it was a beautiful day as we wandered along Pitt Town Rd, Cattai Rd and Wisemans Ferry Rd to the Old Northern Rd at Maroota and then on to the park near to Wisemans Ferry.

Traffic was very light, which together with no sign of any authority made for a relaxing ride. 5 bikes made it to the park, plus a couple of cars, with a total of 8 Ulysseans who all enjoyed the usual great spread and coffee. The many problems of the world were discussed and sorted, with some lively conversation about the recent Federal election!

As usual, everyone made their own way home after a great day, thanks to Roger.

On Saturday 10th, Kevin and Michael went for a fairly impromptu ride along the Old Pac Highway. The original destination was the café at Peats Ridge, however Michael's 'undercarriage' was feeling a tad sore so the café at Mt White provided respite and sustenance.

It was a ride in two parts, the first being the Saturday morning traffic frustrations, while the second was a really pleasant meander through the twisties, with very little traffic.

As mentioned on FaceBook and by John D at our last meeting, a new fixed speed camera has been erected on the stretch from PITS to the Brooklyn Bridge, on the left side of the road.

The ride home was quite good, with not too many tin tops to deal with.

Hopefully everyone took their Mum or Grandma or Mother-in-law out for a ride on Mother's Day!



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