

Sydney Branch Ulysses Club Newsletter

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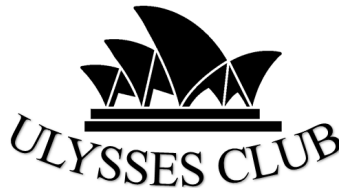
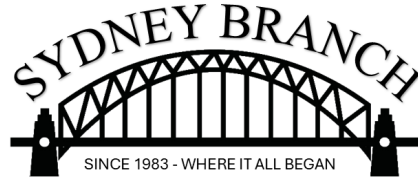
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Branch Meetings are Held on 1ST Tuesday of every month (5 May 2026)
Gladesville RSL 4-6 Linsley St, Gladesville NSW 2111
New members and guests welcome

Branch Meeting - 7:30pm Tuesday, 5 May 2026

Sydney Odyssey :: 9, 10, 11 October 2026

Rides and other activities regularly posted on our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/groups/UlyssesClubSydneyBranch/

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Ph: (02) 9682 2999 www.bikebiz.com.au

Thoughts for the Month

- Falling for riding season all over again
- Leaves may drop, but spirits stay lifted
- Autumn's not about slowing down - just cooling off
- Less sweat, more set — perfect weather for gearheads
- Rake less, ride more

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Location: Gladesville RSL

Meeting opened at 7:30pm

Committee members present: Michael Clarke, Kate Robinson, Kevin Fleming, John Robertson, Nick Williamson, Peter Nochar, Peter Higgins, Dominic Sidoti

Number of members present: 27

Acknowledgments: David Fryar, David Brownlow, Kim Kennerson, Aaron Hayes, Ross Pearson

Minutes from previous meeting: No matters arising.

Apologies: David Reeves, David (& Joy) Williams, Phil Motby, Tim and Jasmine, Roger Bates

New Members: none

Visitors: none

President report: Correspondence from NatCom regarding national rally is still proceeding despite current fuel situation

Treasurer report: acknowledged

Quartermaster report: club shirts \$35 with name
order Ulysses gear from Sydney club to avoid postage fees

Ride reports: David Sipple recounted his week-long dirt-road adventure on a DR650. Taking in locations including Yass, Nowra, Barry Way, Braidwood, Nerriga and camping.

Saturday Sojourn: Pie in the Sky to lunch at Spencer General Store

Saturday Lunch ride: Nick's ride to Nulkaba

Aaron: Ride with Nepean branch to Berrima

General business: Brief discussion regarding Sydney Branch Odyssey

Raffle Prize: Usual fare of wine, chocolates, nuts, bikebiz voucher etc

Special Guest Speaker: David Holroyd enthralled the group with a fascinating insight into the NSW SES (state emergency service). From vehicles and training, camaraderie and service

key takeaways: Apps to install: Emergency +
Hazards Near Me
Live Traffic
BOM (Bureau of Meteorology)

Meeting closed: 8:50 pm

Next meeting: Tuesday, 7 April 2026, 7:30pm. Gladesville RSL

From your committee

Odyssey: 9 to 11 October in Mudgee, focussed around Club Mudgee 99 Mortimer Street

Promo / Fundraising BBQ: Location and date to be determined, looking for volunteers.

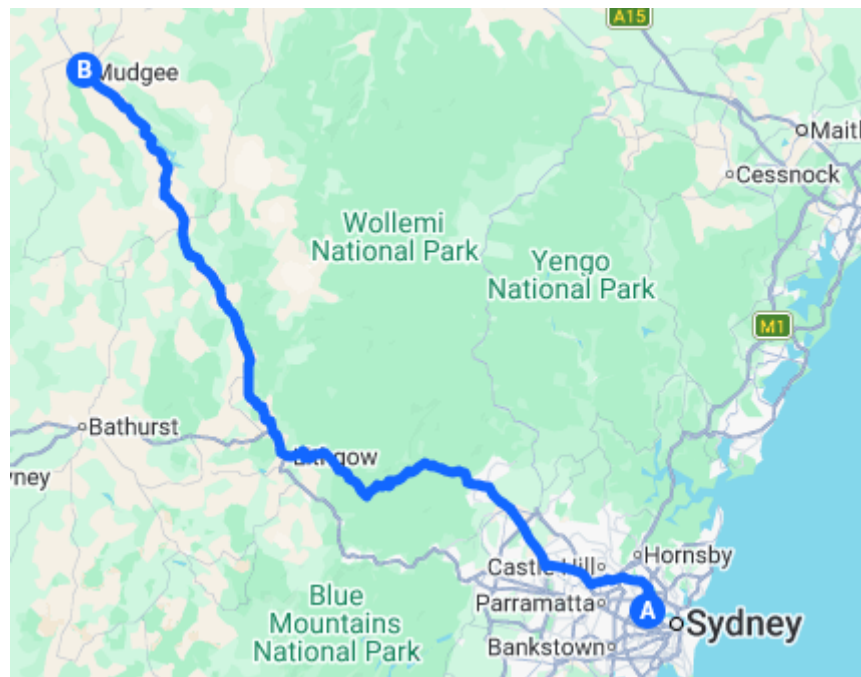
Ulysses Service/Age award arrangements are being arranged.

Guest Speakers: We will be arranging various guest speakers on a wide range of topics.

In 2026, the committee will be meeting monthly, third Tuesday on the month

2026 Odyssey

Located in the broad fertile Cudgegong River valley 260 km north-west of Sydney and is the largest town in the Mid-Western Regional Council, Mudgee is the destination for the 2026 Sydney Branch Odyssey.



With an abundance of country roads, local produce, 19th-century streetscapes, historical buildings, and the Mudgee Museum this is going to be an Odyssey to remember.

Upcoming Rides / Events

May Events:

- 1 May: Deus café Camperdown from 10am
- 5 May: Branch Meeting. Gladesville RSL
- 15 May: TBC: Friday ride to Hunter Valley
- 21 May: Thirsty Thursday at On Cowell Cafe from 10am
- 23 May: Saturday Sojourn from Gladesville RSL to Otford Pantry & Lookout
- 29 May: Ride to Lunch, Tarana Hotel.

Ride Reports

Dave's Deus Delight

We had a smaller group on Friday including Glen Ferguson returning from, not ill-health but actually good health following a second opinion of what was a misdiagnosis! Marion deputised for Pelican Don and we had Daves Sipple (complete with Deus Tshirt) & Fryar, Cobie & Dom, Peter R and Narelle. A good chat and socialising over good coffee.

Thirsty Thursday

The Thursday 16th catch up at On Cowell café in Gladesville was a smaller edition with just 4 members rather conspicuously occupying the big table. Simon won the early bird award. Dave F and Pelican Don made up the number and the usual discussion of weighty matters ensued, including some interesting and topical discussion about ADF conduct in a war zone!!

Ride to Lunch

On Friday 24 th Peter H, Peter N, Nick, Dave R, Phill M and myself left Maccas Dural at 10:30 and travelled up in lovely weather, with minimal traffic interruptions to Wisemans Ferry, then across on the Webb Creek ferry to St Albans. The road here was quite bumpy, with quite a sprinkling of gravel on several corners plus a slippery patch on one corner that Phill thought was diesel, which provided the first subject of conversation at the Settlers Inn! We were joined from the ferry onward by a chap named Geoff on a 1250 BMW GS, who is thinking of joining Ulysses. Excellent lunch outside at the pub, with the usual good social chat & banter, although Bruce had to dash off early to get his rego papers replaced. Everyone took their own way home, with all reporting a safe arrival.



