

Sydney Branch Ulysses Club Newsletter

August 2026

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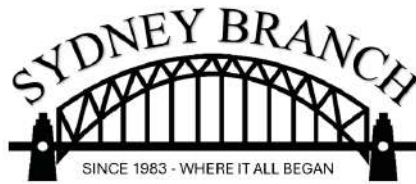
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Branch Meetings are Held on 1ST Tuesday of every month
Gladesville RSL 4-6 Linsley St, Gladesville NSW 2111
New members and guests welcome

Branch Meeting :: 7:30pm Tuesday, 1 September 2026
Dinner from 6pm

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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Thoughts for the Month

- Spring has sprung, and so has my throttle hand.
- Out of hibernation, into acceleration.
- Flowers are blooming, and so is my need for speed.
- Shed the layers, not the cornering lines.
- The only thing sprouting faster than the grass is my urge to ride.
- Warmer days, clearer visors, bigger smiles.
- From cold starts to warm hearts - this is why we ride.
- Less bundling, more throttling.

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Location: Gladesville RSL

Meeting opened at 7:37 pm

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

Number of members present: 21

Acknowledgments: John Robertson, Aaron Hayes, David Sipple,
John Duffield, Dave Reeves

Minutes from previous meeting: No matters arising.

Errata: Apologies from Phillip Motbey not included in July minutes

Apologies: David Williams, Nick Williamson, Monroe Berry,
David & Joy Williams

New Members: none

Visitors: none

President report: Spoke about the upcoming Odyssey : 37 registrations, 5 from Sydney
Nick Williamson co-ordinating accommodation
BBQ at AMX on 19 September

Treasurer report: acknowledged

Quartermaster report: Beanie available \$20

Ride reports: Kate spoke of 'Bikes & Blankets' with 100 bikes participating in the ride from
Penrith to Parramatta. Attendees donated blanks and money for the homeless.
MC: Saturday Sojourn to Broke and home via Putty Road
MC: Adhoc Ride to Morisset and discovered nice food, beers and good weather
NW: Ride to Colo, Dural, Sackville Ferry, Tractor 828
PH: Ride to Denman. McGraths Hill via Putty Road to have pub lunch in Denman
Martin espoused his 10 week European adventure including highlights of:
jazz festival, thousands of kilometres of scooter riding
rides to Germany, Bavaria, Dolomites mountain range

General business: Macarthur Branch Ulysses - Memorial Ride
Date: 13th September 2026
Destination: Cordeaux Dam
Ride Start: MacDonalds Narellan (Cnr Narellan Rd & Camden Valley Way) – 10am
(gather 9.30am for chit chat)

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

Meeting closed: 8:46pm

Next meeting: Tuesday, 1 September 2026, 7:30pm. Gladesville RSL

From your committee

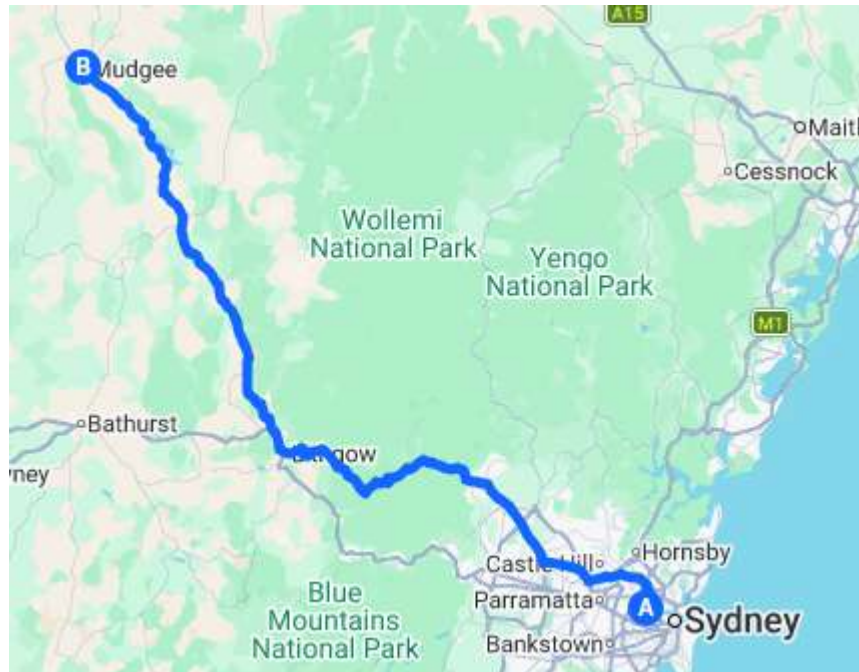
Odyssey: 9 to 11 October in Mudgee, focussed around Club Mudgee 99 Mortimer Street registration currently. via paper or <https://ulyssesodyssey.bike> until 15 September.

Promo BBQ: 19 September. Volunteers are always welcome to flip sausages & talk about the club.
AMX Auburn 1 Parramatta Rd, Clyde NSW 2142

The committee meets monthly, third Monday of the month to discuss club business

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.

Get your Odyssey merchandise from <https://sydneyulysses.theprintbar.com>.

Sydney branch - upcoming rides / events

September Events:

1st Tue	Sydney Branch meeting Gladesville RSL 6 pm & 7:30 pm
4th Fri	Dave's Brunch Deus Café Camperdown from 10 am
9th Wed	The inaugural Hump Day coffee event Spruce Goose Diner Centennial Park from 10 am
11th Fri	Peter H ride: 10.30 stands up from Sylvania McDonalds for Fish and Chips in Kiama.
17th Thu	Thirsty Thursday <i>On Cowell</i> café Gladesville from 10 am
19th Sat	BBQ at AMX Parramatta Rd Auburn 9:30-3:30
21st Mon	Committee meeting Burwood RSL 7pm
25th Fri	Peter N ride to Kiama - details TBA

Macarthur Branch - Memorial Ride

Macarthur Branch of the Ulysses Club wishes to invite all members to our Memorial Ride.

Date: 13th September 2026

Destination: Cordeaux Dam

Ride Start: MacDonalds Narellan (Cnr Narellan Rd & Camden Valley Way) – 10am start
(gather 9.30am for chit chat)

As usual a short Memorial Service will be held along with a 1 minute silence for those ridden on.

A BBQ will be catered for by the Macarthur Branch at the Dam

Ride Reports

Dave's Deus Delight

Another good turnout on Friday August 3rd, with Dave Sipple inviting big Carl from the Hills branch along. It's good to see Ulysseans from other branches joining in and contributing to the conversation. Dave & Joy were there, together with the Higgins clan.

Thirsty Thursday

The Thursday coffee on the 20th, at the On Cowell café in Gladesville, saw an increase in numbers to enjoy the weather, coffee and grub (for some). Kwaka John brought a Hills branch celebrity, Hans who is 90+ years old and has only recently stopped riding under pressure from family & friends! Good to see Glen and Bruce, plus Louis making a welcome comeback and the Peters H & N! Thanks to everyone.



Thursday ride

Nick arranged another good ride on the 13th, meeting at the Loftus Oval carpark and travelling through the National Park in sunny, almost warm weather to Bald Hill where refreshments were enjoyed. Roger had a chance meeting there with an ex work colleague who was parasailing and who gave some of us an interesting chat about his sport. We dragged ourselves away to Altitude 1148 where we were pleasantly surprised to see Dave, Joy, Dom & Cobie already seated. It was a really nice meal in a stunning setting overlooking Wollongong & environs. After a great photo op, we looked at Dom & Cobie's 1 day old Toyota Rav 4, then set off on our various routes home.



Saturday Sojourn

On the 21st, we met at Maccas (coffee, toilets and parking!) Dural. Another good group of 7, with the two Peters (N & H), Norm, Kwaka John, Dave R & Bruce, we set off in glorious weather through Glenorie to Maroota, where we stopped at the corner to regroup after being a bit split up by traffic, but Norm continued on towards Wisemans Ferry.

We then meandered down to the Sackville Bridge where we met with a gang from Hills branch. After much chatting and looking at bikes while we waited for the ferry, 30+ bikes and a couple of cars squeezed onto the ferry.



As the Hills mob was also heading to the Ebenezer Church for tea & scones, we took pity on the lady volunteers and stopped at Tractor 828. After a very pleasant break in quite warm sunshine, we headed back, some via Windsor and the rest back from whence we came! Despite the disappointment of not having scones, it was a good ride in great weather! At least I didn't leave Peter N behind!

Ride to Lunch

Our final ride/event for August was indeed an august occasion! A mighty armada of riders (well 3 of us) left McDonalds Mt Annan at 10:30, heading along the Camden Bypass, Finn & Woodbridge Roads to Menangle, then to Picton and Oakdale (what a great piece of road!), where John 'hijacked' the ride to take us to the Burragorang Lookout, stopping to enjoy the views and the sound of silence accentuated by birdsong!



Then on to the pub at The Oaks for schnitty and pot pies in the outside eating area where we enjoyed the gloriously warm and cloudless weather. Return was via a lovely ride to Wallacia, then along Luddenham Road to see where the race track is, then eventually on to the M4 for a quick zip home. A good day enjoyed by the best people!

