

Sydney Branch Ulysses Club Newsletter

July 2026

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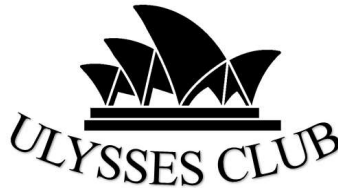
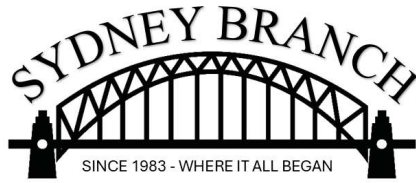
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Branch Meetings are Held on 1ST Tuesday of every month (7 July 2026)
Gladesville RSL 4-6 Linsley St, Gladesville NSW 2111
New members and guests welcome

Branch Meeting :: 7:30pm Tuesday, 4 August 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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Thoughts for the Month

- My winter coat has armour and a rev limiter.
- The colder the air, the better the engine - and the excuses.
- Heated grips: modern engineering's greatest love story.
- Ride first, defrost later.
- Layers on, worries gone.
- Winter roads and rain separate the riders from the talkers.
- If it's too cold to walk, it's just right to ride.
- The bike doesn't mind the cold - so neither do I.
- This is what "cool riding" really means.

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Location: Gladesville RSL

Meeting opened at 7:43pm

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

Number of members present: 21

Acknowledgments: John Robertson

Minutes from previous meeting: No matters arising.

Apologies: Peter Nochar, Kate Robinson, Nick Williamson,
David & Joy Williams, David Reeves,

New Members: none

Visitors: none

President report: spoke about the upcoming Odyssey and awareness raising BBQ on
19 September

Treasurer report: acknowledged

Quartermaster report: Beanie available \$20

Ride reports: Michael spoke about the 26 June ride to Oaks Hotel
Deux Cafe was well attended this month
Dominic recounted his adventures coming home from the National Rally in a
motorhome via Moree and Nambour.

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)

Guest Speaker: Stephen Lam of Sydney West Riders spoke about their activities and growth.

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

Meeting closed: 8:45pm

Next meeting: Tuesday, 4 August 2026, 7:30pm. Gladesville RSL

From your committee

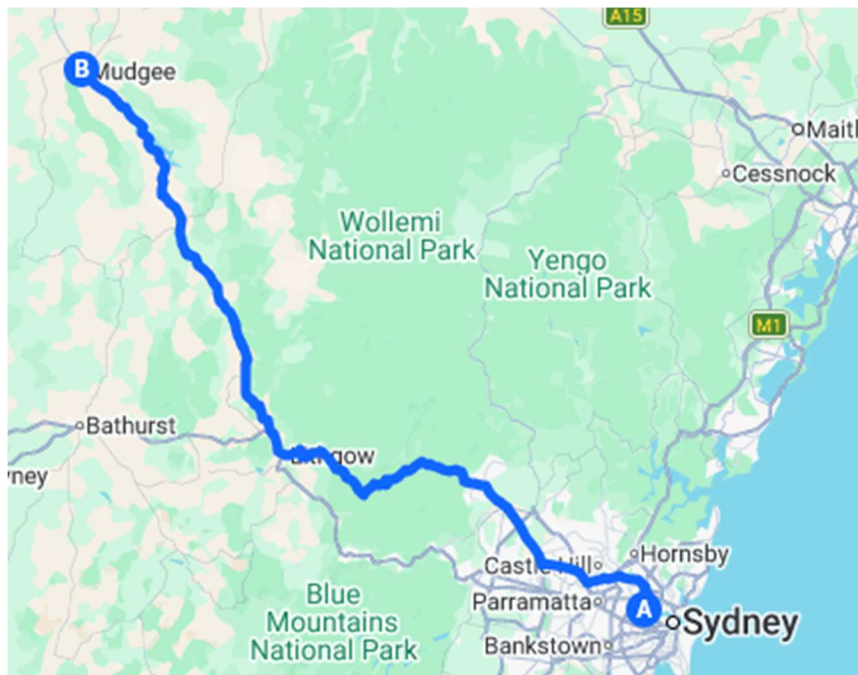
Odyssey: 9 to 11 October in Mudgee, focussed around Club Mudgee 99 Mortimer Street registration currently. via paper or <https://ulyssesodyssey.bike> until 15 September.

Promo BBQ: Aiming for 19 September. Volunteers 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

August Events:

Tuesday 4th	Branch meeting Gladesville RSL
Friday 7th	Brunch. Deus Café. 98-104 Parramatta Rd, Camperdown
Friday 14th	Ride. See Facebook page for details
Monday 17th	Committee meeting
Thursday 20th	Thirsty Thursday. On Cowell café. 7 Cowell St, Gladesville from 10:00
Saturday 22nd	Saturday Sojourn. Stands Up from McDonalds Dural at 10:00am
Friday 28th	Ride to Lunch. Leaving McDonalds Mt Annan at 10:30am

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

Saturday Sojourn

Starting from Pie in the Sky (PITS Cowan) to Magooney's Coffee House Broke.
7 bikes, 1 pillion

Depart 10:45, up the Old Pacific Highway to Peats Ridge, turnoff to Wollombi.
Light showers, lots of public servants working on a Saturday (of the police variety). Road conditions were good. Halfway to Wollombi, Dennis pulled out and returned home maybe didn't like the rain, which cleared soon after.

Nice lunch and chat @ Magooney's Coffee House, a few more showers, which stopped after wet weather gear was adopted.

Home via Putty Rd and Windsor, which was a longer trip, but very enjoyable.

1 BMW, 1 Honda ST, 1 Honda Scooter, 1 V Star Yamaha, 1 Kawasaki Versys, 1 Yamaha FJR police lookalike bike, 1 Harley Davidson.

A lovely day had by all.



Dave's Deus Delight

A good number of Ulysseans attended on Friday July 3rd, with again some people confused by the brunch event unusually preceding the Branch meeting! Enjoying the usual good food, coffee and tea, plus the good banter. It was great to see Roger, who walked rather than hobbled through the door, after riding to the café on his bike! Good on you Roger.



Thirsty Thursday

The Thursday coffee catch up was held on the 16th, at the On Cowell café in Gladesville with a small but select group. Thanks to everyone for a good morning.



Ride to Morisset

Nick and Michael had an impromptu ride on a lovely day, the 14th, to Morisset and a smokehouse brewery called The Yard. We had a great ride up the old road and Peats Ridge Rd before turning eastwards to Hue Hue Rd and on to the boozery, which is set up in a rather unprepossessing shed in an industrial area, but with a great interior featuring their brewery tanks at the rear of the eating area. The grub was first class, as was the service. A good find by Nick and well worth another ride!

Ride to Colo Riverside

On Friday 24th, the newly retired Nick arranged a ride to investigate the recently reopened café. After meeting at the Gladesville RSL, Nick, Peters H, N & R and Michael rode via the M2, Pennant Hills Rd,



through Dural to Maroota, then the Sackville ferry to Tractor 828 for a coffee break in the sunshine, then along the West Portland Rd to the café. The service was sadly underwhelming, due to a staff issue,

but given its great location, definitely worth another ride. Thanks to Nick for arranging a good one.



Ride to Lunch

Our usual end of the month ride, on the 31st, was another good ride, this time a return to the Denman Hotel. Sadly, 3 of 6 riders had to withdraw, so Peters N & H plus Michael met at Maccas McGraths Hill for a wake-up coffee, before leaving at around 9:30 via the Putty Rd and Golden Highway to Denman.



Traffic was light, the Putty Rd was good fun and the roadworks were bearable. The weather was crisp but sunny and the scenery along the Putty and around Denman was really nice. The pub was fine, the food was generally good and so fully refuelled men and bikes made their way home via three separate routes – PN 'chose the high road' to get home for guests, PH returned to his daughter's place via the Putty and Michael split the difference through Broke, Wollombi and the old road, all of us arriving at our destinations just before, at and just after 5pm. A really good ride, travelling a total of about 530km.

