

Sydney Branch Ulysses Club Newsletter

June 2026

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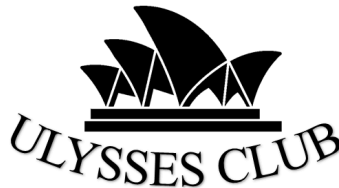
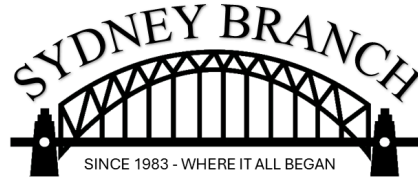
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Branch Meetings are Held on 1ST Tuesday of every month (7 July 2026)
Gladesville RSL 4-6 Linsley St, Gladesville NSW 2111
New members and guests welcome

Branch Meeting :: 7:30pm Tuesday, 7 July 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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THE SPONSORSHIP COMPRISES:

- \$50 Bikebiz voucher to raffle each month at Sydney Branch meetings.
- Contact Mick for Accessories & Spares.
- V.I.P Discounts for Ulysses members

7 Great Western Highway Parramatta and 274 Parramatta Rd Granville

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

Thoughts for the Month

- June is the month your riding gear morphs from 'cool biker' to 'uncomfortable Michelin Man'
- Black ice is just nature's way of testing how well you can control a sudden spike in heart rate.
- There's no such thing as bad riding weather, just an insufficient number of heated layers.
- Nothing wakes you up faster than an early morning blast of air directly down your jacket collar.
- If your fingers still work well enough to turn the key, it's a great day for a ride.
- Winter riding is 20% enjoying the twisties and 80% using hot coffee to thaw out your thumbs.
- June: when maintaining visibility requires a master's degree in helmet visor ventilation
- Crisp winter air means crisp engine performance; just pretend the shivering is extra horsepower

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Location: Gladesville RSL

Meeting opened at 7:36pm

Committee members present: Michael Clarke, Kate Robinson, Kevin Fleming,
Nick Williamson, Peter Higgins,

Number of members present: 24

Acknowledgments: Tim (Natcom) and Jasmine, Lyn and John Tout (Natcom),
Aaron Hayes (Nepean)

Minutes from previous meeting: No matters arising.

Apologies: John Robertson, Peter Nochar, Dominic Sidoti, David Reeves,
David & Joy Williams, Martin, Monroe, Roger Bates, Don Millar,
John Duffield, Christian Raith, Ross Pearson

New Members: none

Visitors: none

President report: Lyn and John Tout spoke of the recent National Rally with almost 700
attendees. Next Rallies are Bathurst 2027 and Bundaberg 2028

Treasurer report: acknowledged

Quartermaster report: none

Ride reports: Other attendees spoke of their rides to and experiences at the National Rally
Kate Robinson: ride over three days and almost non-stop rain
Peter Higgins: first National Rally , great to see so many in attendance, 2600km trip

General business: Nepean branch: meetings commence at 7:30pm during winter months
Memorial Ride: Sunday 2nd September

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

Meeting closed: 8:37pm

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

From your committee

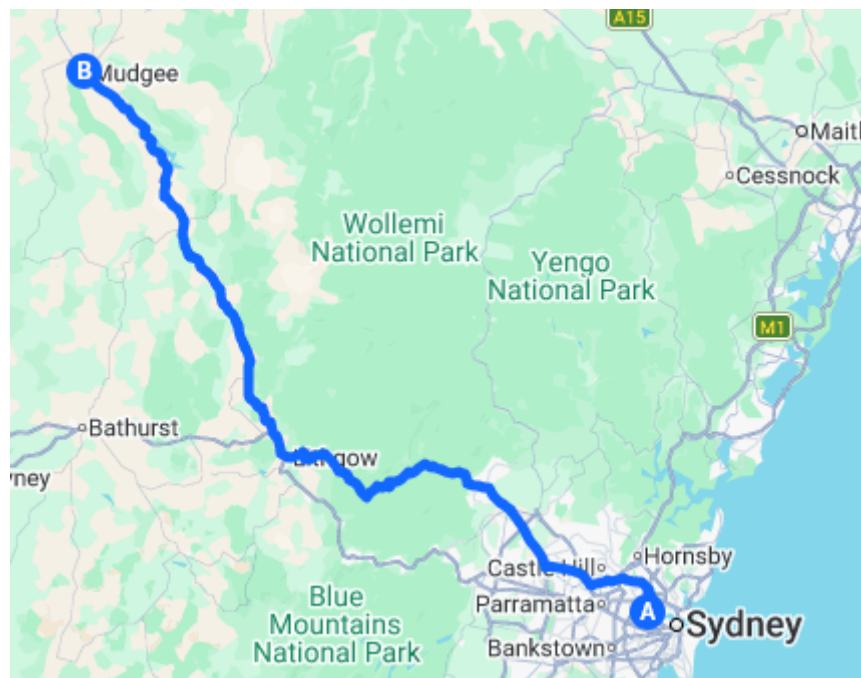
Odyssey: 9 to 11 October in Mudgee, focussed around Club Mudgee 99 Mortimer Street registration currently. via paper or <https://ulyssesodyssey.bike> until 15 September.

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

July Events:

Friday 3rd	Deus Cafe
Tuesday 7th	Branch meeting at Gladesville RSL
Thursday 9th	10.30 am from McDonald's Heathcote to Bundeena . lots of winding roads.
Thursday 16th	Thirsty Thursday ride
Saturday 18th	Saturday Sojourn to Magoony's Coffee House, Broke
Monday 20th	Committee meeting
Friday 31st	Ride to Lunch Denman Hotel, Denman

PCRA - call for volunteers

Post Classic Racing Association (PCRA) has a Ride Day coming up on Saturday 4 July, and once again calling upon the finest group of volunteers any motorsport organisation could hope for.

This is a Ride Day format running on the South Circuit rather than a race meeting, but we still need our dedicated marshals to help ensure the day runs safely and smoothly. As always, your experience, enthusiasm, and willingness to volunteer are what make these events possible.

Agenda for the day:

- Bikes on track: 8:30am
- End of day: 4:30pm

Thank you all for your continued support. Without our marshals there is no racing/riding, and we are incredibly grateful for the time and effort contributed. officials@pcra.com.au / www.pcra.com.au

Ride Reports

Pete's 12 June ride to lunch:

Left from McDonald's Narellan at 10am with 3 bikes and 4 people. Weather overcast and warm, roads dry, perfect riding conditions. Rode down Camden bypass, turned off just before Razorback towards Meangle, winding road over the hills, onto Picton Rd, up the hill, then down to Thirlmere on the back road, through Bargo, turnoff to Yerrinbool and Yanderra, fast open road to Old South Rd, down to Bowral. Lunch at Imperial Hotel, open fire, pizza oven.

Home via Bargo and M5 to be home before peak hour. 270 KMS, enjoyable day's riding, food and good company

Kevin's Terrific Tarana Trip

Saturday, 6th June five riders trekked west to the tiny township of Tarana (pronounced Tarana) where tasty treats of tender types were tucked into. The final stretch from Lithow to Tarana via Magpie Hollow Road was adventurous as we slomed through a minefield of sunken asphalt, the handlebars vibrating with tension as the front tyre skirted the lips of deep, jagged abysses. The local council has taken heed of the situation with the last few kilometers a 40km section of roadworks, from which the dust has permeated the inner most workings of my FJR.

Saturday Sojourn

The quiet social ride, known as the Saturday Sojourn, started peacefully with just two intrepid riders departing from Gladesville RSL travelling to Megalong Valley tea rooms. Pandemonium set in when meeting additional riders at McGraths Hill (Windsor) McDonalds where ~20 fellow Ulysses riders from Hills and other branches joined the ride.

Whilst the core Sydney team were obligated to travel via Faulconbridge, the alternative group chose an alternative route via Bells Line of Road and Darling Causeway. The quiet Megalong Valley echoed to the sounds of motorcycles of all makes and models as we enjoyed the twisty roads beneath a canopy of near-rainforest coverage before opening up to the plains and patches of road-works with gravel and accompanying dust.

Whilst not a true multi-branch ride as we book-ended the ride, when we joined for lunch - it was enjoyed by all; sharing tall tales, lunch and time together. Why don't we do this more often?

