

T H E W H A L E R

JUNE 2011



COMMITTEE CORNER

Hobbit's back—lookout!!!! The next meeting on 16th June will be the AGM for the Branch. Mark Seja of Torrens Valley Branch will act as chairman of the AGM.

There are two nominations for President, Peter Symons and Doug Ware. The procedure for a vote is that members attending will have their current membership status checked. **SO BRING YOUR CURRENT ULYSSES MEMBERSHIP CARD WITH YOU TO THE MEETING.** Once verified, you will be issued with a ballot paper for when the vote takes place.

We intend to make candidates known to members in two ways. The first is that they have supplied a picture and a campaign speech to this Whaler. Second, at the Annual General Meeting, they will be asked to verbally present a campaign speech to the members (max 2 minutes). Peter Symons will be overseas when the meeting is held so a member will speak on his behalf.

There are 4 nominations for committee and this will be an uncontested election. We wish Sandy, Jono, Grant and Brian a great year ahead. The two stalwarts (no need to look it up Cheryl, I'm told it's complimentary) Annie and Cheryl have agreed to continue as Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

Our eagle eyed guardian of the Constitution has informed us that Nominations must close 28 days before an AGM so for us to declare them closed at the end of May is unconstitutional. Good pickup!!!! We guess we have always done it that way so we fell into the trap. We have checked that all nominations were received by May 16th so we have no problems this year but will watch out for that provision next year.

COMING RIDES

26 June	Observation Run departs Alma Hotel at Willunga at 10.00 am. Destination Dundees at Murray Bridge.
24 July	ANNIVERSARY RUN leaves Alma at 10.00 led by Crazee. Destination Meadows Hotel.
6th August	Beast Feat at Range Hall. Arrive after 4 for dinner at 6.00. Sleep overnight if you want to.

MIDWEEK RIDE ON FOURTH WEDNESDAY IN MONTH

Definitely a ride going on JUNE 29 —meet at Hector's Café on the Waterfront at Goolwa at 9.30 (or we might just have coffee depending on the day!)

I was at a cashpoint yesterday when a little old lady asked if I could check her balance. Not being one to disappoint I pushed the old dear over.

CONTACTS

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ONCE A MONTH FEED—note change of venue

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Next meal date is Friday July 1st

The OLD Noarlunga Hotel

Patapinda Rd, Old Noarlunga

Book by ringing Doug & Sandy 8384 3540 or 0423763313

Booking must be made by 7.00 p.m. Wednesday night prior

Only those who book will get a seat. If you just turn up—You have to find your own seat which may not be with us!

RIDES REPORT JUNE 2011

I was just going to put “see last months Whaler”, but,

I WAS WRONG ! or is that I IS WRONG !! WHATEVER !!!

I thought that last month’s Whaler was the last rides report. Well we have another, you lucky people and I really do promise this is the last Rides Report from me.

5/6 Captains

What a shithole day. First Off. Waiting at The Alma I purchased a coffee and was drinking it, I had my helmet and clothing on the benches and as there were cars previously parked outside the hotel I parked outside the cafe. I thinks , ah move the bike down, to the normal place. Sit astride the bike and paddle down to the hotel area. Whoop, whoop. “Excuse me sir why are you riding a motorcycle with no helmet” “I was’nt actually “ “Is this your motorcycle ? Is it registered ? Do you have a license ? Documents”. At this point Bulla rides past, “Mate of yours ? “ “We’ll be back for him” Upshot was I got let off, but if you are sitting on your motorcycle in a forward position with your hands on the handlebars , you are in control of the forward motion of the vehicle and are therefore required to comply with the road rules and wear a helmet. I was not game to ask whether it was necessary to wear a helmet and push the motorcycle not sitting astride if I had both hands on the handlebars. **YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED.** Back to the ride, Bulla turned up and we had 100 per cent more riders than when Mark Sejarang, now is that irony ? as Mark is known as Plod !. Damp misty ride to Balhannah through the hills. Meet up with Adelaide, Torrens Valley, Barossa Mobs and one rider from Lower Murray. So we had five branches represented. About half pulled out from continuing the ride and I led the remainder through the now persisting rain and slippery roads to Littlehampton, Nairne, Kanmantoo (rain stopped and dry roads) Callington, Woodchester, Langhorne Creek and into Wellington. Twenty of us sat down for lunch and chat. Afternoon tea on a houseboat capped off a very pleasant day in the end.

Rides Leaders Required Memo & Observation

The upcoming rides require Rides Leaders. Please volunteer to a committee member. Thanks.

AGM Elections

No party political bullshit from me, but please consider that the people you vote for tonight are to represent you and our branch, locally and nationally.

Many thanks for your support over the year.

Cheers SPYDY

Hobbit’s farewell

The first Fleurieu meeting I attended was at the Alma Pub. Soon after this the branch meetings moved to the Middle Pub. This was cosy but fragmented and with growing membership another move was required. Warren was still President and the committee decided to move the meetings to the Willunga Golf Club. This move didn’t come easy. It was then I decided to run for committee because I wanted to be more involved in supporting the Branch. It has always been exciting to be on the committee with people who are dedicated to the goodwill of the Branch. I would like to thank all the people who passed on their wisdom regarding the Branch and those who helped me when I became President. It has been a privilege to oversee the development of the Branch and to get to know and interact with all the membership. This has brought more friendship than I could have imagined. To those that come after me I offer my best wishes and urge everyone to support your committee. Thank you to the all the members that have put up with long raffles and rambling meetings. I enjoyed them and I hope you did too!

Remember; Moderation is a fatal thing. Nothing succeeds like excess.

Hobbit

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE



PETER JOHN SYMONS (SYMO)

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: 28890

This is my 10th year as a member of the Ulysses Fleurieu Branch.

I have nominated for the position of President and hoping for your support

PROFILE: Married for 35 years (to the same woman), have 3 children & 4 grandchildren

Aged 55 years

Self-employed for the past 28 years

History with clubs:- Founding member of the Aldinga Bay Surf Life Saving Club. Heavily involved and held numerous positions over the past 34 years. These ranged from Public Relations Person, Treasurer, Secretary, Club Captain, Boat Captain, Bar Manager, Vice President and President for the past 6 years.

Australian Surf Rowers League SA President for 2 years

Mid Coast Surf Life Saving Club Chairperson and

Club Delegate

State Council representative for 8 years

Competition History:- Boat Rowing - State Medals, 4 Gold, 4 Silver, 18 Bronze, with March 2011 being the most recent Bronze award. Most Outstanding Award for South Australian Surf Life Saver of the Year.

I no longer hold any committee positions within the Surf Life Saving Club, and this has allowed me to nominate for the position of President .

I have been interested in motorcycles from the age of 16. My first bike was a Suzuki 80cc and I have had 7 bikes to date. My first accident was in October 1973, (the driver didn't see me) hospital and treatment with 13 months off work. Decided to join Ulysses as my Uncle Dean was involved and still is. I have enjoyed the time as a member and have met some great riding companions and formed great friendships over the years and have travelled to places and towns that you would not normally visit. I am proud to be a Ulysses member.

Unfortunately I will be overseas at the time of the Fleurieu Branch AGM and I know it will be hard for some members to vote for a person they don't know or have not seen.

If I am successful in being elected, I will assure you that I will do my best to ensure I represent the Branch and membership to the best of my ability. As you have read in my profile, you will have noticed that I have had some experience in a committee level.

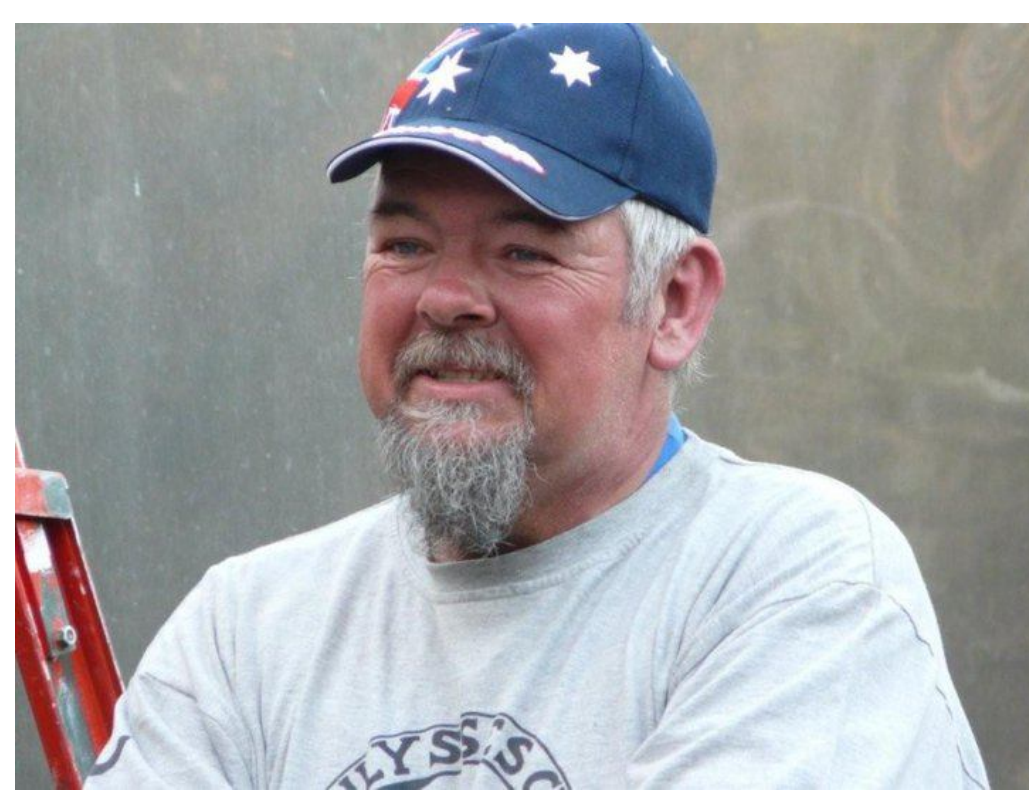
I will have a speech that will be delivered on the night on my behalf.

Hoping for your support.

PETER SYMONS (SYMO)

**PRESIDENTIAL
CANDIDATE**

DOUG WARE



Hi All. For the few of you who don't know me, I'm Doug Ware.

This year I am running for the position of President of The Fleurieu Ulysses branch. I just wanted to start with a bit of information about myself. I have been a member of The Ulysses club since 2002, firstly attending Adelaide for a short while. I joined the club on the inaugural Fleurieu ride, signed up by Warren Jamieson at Strathalbyn. Over the past 9 years I have made many good friends, and some I even look on as family.

I'm not going to waffle on about where I work and what I do. What you might want to hear, is that I have been on the general committee for the past 3 years and prior to that, 2 years on the very successful Victor Harbor Odyssey committee.

I have also been on the FOFF subcommittee where we organised the last 2 brilliant FOFF Fleurieu Frolics long weekends, held at Normanville. My positions are Quartermaster, which I have done for the last 2 years and Webmaster which I have done for the past 3 years. I have been involved in some way, with nearly all the functions that we have organised over the last 3-4 years.

I think my time in different committee's and my diverse roles puts me in good stead for the role as President. I will be trying to incorporate some new ideas into the branch in the near future, which some of you should find very exciting.

I only have the best interest of the branch at heart, and want it to succeed, (don't forget this is my branch as well).

With backing from the members and committee, we can carry on for another successful 12 months.

Thank you. Member # 28548.

SECRETARY ANNIE STUCKEY

I was in my 40's before riding a motor bike became part of my life. My husband Boyd got into bikes at an early age. Having had some time away from it he decided to get back into riding in 2000. It took a while, but the bug finally bit me to move from pillion to rider six years later. I got my full licence in June 2007. I ride a beautiful Honda Shadow 750. Since getting my licence I have ridden to New South Wales, Western Australia, Mt Gambier, Broken Hill, Burra and the Riverland. I work as a Principal Consultant, Performance & Development for Department of Education & Children's Services providing advice and guidance to leaders and managers around people who are performing unsatisfactorily in their jobs. My other interests, apart from riding, are spending time with Boyd and our beautiful dog Bella, singing (*my sister and I sing as a duo entertaining oldies at the various nursing homes*), sport - in particular cricket and aussie rules footy. I enjoy a good bourbon or a glass of nice white wine and spending time with friends and family.



TREASURER CHERYL MCDONNELL

I have been the Treasurer for the past year and would like to continue in this role. As part of the committee I have enjoyed participating in the decision making process to see the advancement of our branch and the services we bring to the members. I will gladly continue in this role to help maintain a happy and PROSPEROUS branch. To quote PINK "I'm not here for your entertainment, you don't want to mess with me tonight.....Just show me the money". I will endeavour to ensure that the committee spends your money wisely. I thank all those on the committee for their help over the last year. Cheryl McDonnell (Bubbles)



RIDES LEADER (SELECTED BY COMMITTEE)

Name: Godown

Hobbies Motorbikes and other things.

Have been an Ulyssian for over 6 years now have been on the committee before and look forward to giving it another bash ..Look forward to a great year of rides and fun.

cheers

ride safe ..Godown



Farewell from Phil

It's sad when you leave something you love doing. But after 5 years I feel that a fresher, more invigorated member can add new dimensions to the role.

The great part about being on committee is that you learn so much about your members. And this Branch has some fantastic members.

In particular there is a group of about 10 members who go out of their way to visit members who are ill or are in hospital. Thanks Guys and Girls, you make this Branch feel like a family and act like a family.

I wish the new committee well and stand by to support it in any way I can.

Phil Close (Gadget)

Welfare and Whaler

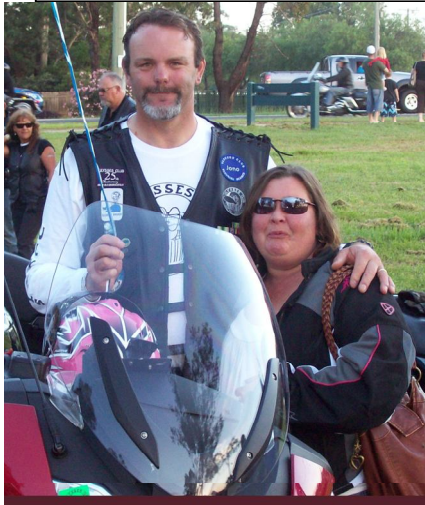
To Ulysses Fleurieu Branch Members,



My name is Brian McDonnell, aka, Mental. I have been a Ulysses Member for four years, all of which, I have attended the Fleurieu Branch. I have been directly involved as a volunteer with most Fleurieu functions in that time and for the past three years, I have been on the Rides Sub-Committee.

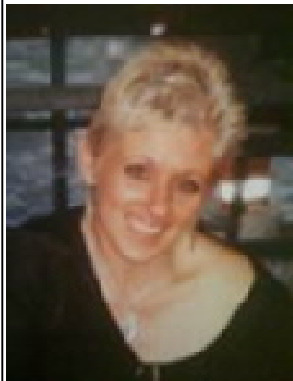
This year, I ask for your support in electing me onto the Fleurieu Branch Committee. This is a great branch with, I think, some of the best people associated with Ulysses Club as members. I want to help keep the branch great and will work hard in my capacity to do so. I thank you for your consideration. Mental, Member No. 49491

(we asked Mental for a photo, threatening to put this one up if he did not comply! He liked it so much he asked me to keep it in)



Hi All

My name is Jon (Jono) Mitchell. I live in the Southern Suburbs of Adelaide with my wonderful wife Ceciley (Cec). We have been active members of the Fleurieu Ulysses for about five years now. I have previously spent time on the committee as rides leader. I am looking forward to being back on the committee and doing my bit to contribute to the Branch. This time round I have nominated for Gadgets position and hope I can do as good a job as him, I will be seeking his council every now and again. I have been back riding bikes for about 10 years, this time round. I really am enjoying myself as a member of the Ulysses Club. We really enjoy the social and friendly atmosphere at all the rides and functions. Looking forward to serving all members. Please stay safe and never let your lid skid.



Hi all. I'm Sandy Edwards. I have been a member of the Ulysses club for 10 years, this year. I am currently the Social coordinator of our branch, and have been for the last 3 years. I have also been secretary of the Rides committee and the Odyssey committee. I have also helped organised the last 2 FOFF's with Doug and Hobitt. I have enjoyed my time on the main committee and helped with nearly all special events. I am now nominating again for the main committee, for 2011-2012, so I hope you will vote for me.

Thank You.

Sandy Edward. member #25764



Hi there

My name is Grant Whitaker and I am 45 I have been a member of the Ulysses since my 40th birthday. I ride a Suzuki 750 F and would love to be on it a lot more. I originally started with the Adelaide branch until I met Sandy and Doug at the caravan and camping show and they convinced me to come across and I have never looked back. I have made great friends within this branch. I have helped at the victor Harbor odyssey where I could and I ran the bar at the FOFF this year. I look forward to helping more within the club in years to come.