



# SPARE TYRE

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## *The Editor Rambles On and on and on....*

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Thanks to all those who take the time to do ride reports and post photos on the website. - it makes "stealing the photos" for the Spare Tyre very easy for me.....

This weekend daylight saving starts yet it only seems yesterday that we were allowed to sleep-in as we "...Fell back," into winter time. What a winter it's been, while your editor 'wimped,' and went North into supposed warmer climes other Melbourne members, made of sterner material continued to head out on any given Sunday with one member, Greg Gleason, heading off to Tasmania and then returning to lead a ride to Sorrento. *Is the man on steroids?*

This issue has all the adventures enjoyed by those who braved the recent cold days and those soggy Sunday's to enjoy the pleasure of riding to favourite destinations to enjoy listening and reminiscing of their rides and experiences with fellow Ulyssians.

Yes, our Christmas notice is in this issue and I encourage those members who have never come along to the branch's annual Xmas Dinner to think of joining in this year. December is a busy time for all but maybe this year slot in this day 8 December 2018 for a get together with a few drinks and great food. Maybe do a little twist to music, if that's your thing.

The National Rally at Mornington from 25 February through 5 March 2019 is gathering pace as the rally committee bring together all their portfolios to make this Victoria's big event a success. Registrations are now open and while the event is being held in our backyard this is a great time to consider joining your Ulyssian members from other states, territories and international branches at Mornington. If you figure 7 days is too long register for the 3 day stay, it's a fantastic environment to meet and ride with your fellow club members as well as enjoying and participating in the nightly entertainment. Yes, and maybe you may just find that 'dream' bike at this rally after you have tested the machine. So what's keeping you from coming along?

Finally, thank-you to all contributors I enjoy reading of rides done and places ventured. I hope you also enjoy these stories.



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## *Greg Gleason's Tassie Tango*

*8<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> September 2018*

### **Participants:**

Greg Gleason (Ride Leader and sole participant) BMW K1300 S Motorsport aka Herman

### **The Book:**

A couple that could be dubbed "touring motorcyclists' best friends", Alan Cox and Bridget Hallam, had just published their second motorcycling touring handbook under their banner "Throw Your Leg Over". I was already impressed with their first book (covering northern NSW and southern QLD), and enjoyed my first read of their Tassie tour guide – little did I know:

How very good this book is in real life, and  
That I'd get such a quick opportunity to use the book to its full potential.

Bridget and Alan offer gpx files for all of the rides – trust me, the book is so good and the state so small, you really don't need them!!

### **The Plan:**

With Sally in the UK for 2 weeks with her daughter, I had intended joining Andrew Kennedy's ride to the Gold Coast. My pooch, Bruno, sustained a tail injury requiring partial amputation – I couldn't leave Bruno till it had healed to a certain stage, and as this dragged out, I watched my chance of a great 12 day ride in company evaporate. By the time I got the nod to go, they were all but there!!

On the Wednesday night, the Vet cleared Bruno, by Thursday night I had booked both Herman (BMW K1300S) and I on the Tasmania ferry each way and the following night, I was off to Tasmania for a week of solo riding, armed with little more than an optimistic outlook, some waterproofs and the "Throw Your Leg Over" (TYLO) Tassie Touring Guide. The weather forecast looked dubious at best but off I went regardless.

### **The Ferry:**

For those who have experienced the diesel soaked ramps on and off the ferries that ply the English Channel, the Spirit was a very welcome relief – good grippy surface and slopes nowhere near as extreme. I opted for a recliner (minor mistake – I didn't sleep all that well either way) but should have paid the extra \$39 each way for a real bed!! However, I managed the journey both ways for \$369 in total, and (again) comparing with the European ferries, the service, food, facilities and environment was head and shoulders better, so I did really well.

### **The Ride:**

Day 1 saw a drizzly departure from the boat in Devonport. The plan had been to head to the west. Heavy rain and strong winds lashed Strahan for the entire time I was in Tasmania, I'd been to Strahan before and it wasn't a priority any more. Option 2 was to head around the top to the Bay of Fires, etc with an overnigher at Bicheno. Another look at the weather forecast caused a subtle change in plans, mid ride! Half way to Bicheno, Hobart became the target. On arrival, Herman "died" in the middle of Hobart city – the beloved BMW Motorrad Roadside Assist arrived promptly and (undiagnosed), Herman was off and running – not another issue for the entire ride.

*Footnote: I'd got fuel at Oatlands and wondered "how many people in a town of 50 people use premium unleaded?" The answer is "not enough".....*



**Iconic Mt Wellington View**

Day 2 offered excellent weather so I took a ride "out of their book" (literally) and did a circuit out through Sorell, to Eaglehawk Neck and Port Arthur. Whilst there, I did both a walking tour and a coastal cruise – fascinating and educational in equal measure. These roads are very good – well surfaced and with an abundance of varying curves to enjoy.

On my return, I opted for a quick spin up to the Mt Wellington summit. I met a local Kwaka rider (James) whilst up there, and he gave me

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Midway Point Sorrell Causeway

a list of sights and attractions to follow up. The road up and back down is nothing short of awful!! With the suspension set to "Comfort" I spent as much time above the saddle than on it, and it was made all the more colourful when a big Jeep ABS'd its way to an out of shape halt in front of me. Thinking "here's an idiot driver I need to avoid", I decided to pass the half wit, only to find an Echidna crossing my path – they say "give way to wildlife" so I willingly complied.

Day 3 was another magnificent day, so another page out of the TYLO book took my attention – off I went to Bruny Island the "hard way", via the beautiful Huon Valley, Cygnet and Oyster Bay before catching the 20 minute ferry to Bruny Island. The roads to and from Bruny Island (as well as the roads on the island) are a motorcyclist's paradise and like the rest of rural Tassie, not a cop in sight. Bruny Island has 3 main points of interest - The

Neck (narrow strip of land joining North Bruny and South Bruny), Adventure Bay (idyllic coastal village on the east side of Sth Bruny) and the Bruny Lighthouse, (set high above the cliffs with unsurpassed views to the south and west). Met a young couple from Sydney with their own internet company – it's all on line, you can live anywhere, so they relocated to Woodbridge (5 km for Kettering where the Bruny Island ferry operates). Only a little ride together, but awesome people. Chris (BMW R9T) and Kara (Moto Guzzi V7 Classic).

Day 4 was again good – early to the centre and the high bits..... Still snow.... Do I believe the non activated ice warnings, or don't I? Across to the east coast and up as far as the Bay of Fires!! Stayed at Bicheno – great motorcycle museum and Tassie Devil feeding at a local wildlife sanctuary.

A word of warning – in a fit of enthusiasm, I did the combined St Mary's Pass up and Elephant Pass down, then vice versa in the other direction. Awesome ride but with campervans, timber jinkers, semis and typical mainlanders that have never driven outside their capital city!! Look ahead – if you see a blind corner that might hold the delight of a vehicle on your side of the road, slow down!! In 75% of cases, you'll be proven correct.....

Day 5 was clear, but the windiest day I've ever ridden. 62 knot (110km/h) side gusts – 3 interesting observations: 1) almost nobody in a motorhome or delivery van has any idea about controlling a vehicle in a cross wind, 2) the gusts only hit you when you're almost level with a semi coming towards you, and 3) how good is it to get your knee down without turning the bike? I was on a 30 degree angle just keeping the bike straight!!



Derwent river Bridge on the way to Brighton

Day 6 was Launceston. Cataract Gorge, awesome roads both east and west of the Tamar River (oh, nearly forgot – there's a brewery tour run by James Boag. They make quality stuff that's not compatible with motorcycling (but after you're finished for the day.....) Then on to the ferry – with heavy heart!!

Day 7 was a return to reality – the only riding I did was from the ferry terminal in Port Melbourne to home in Highett!! The adventure was over..... (sob)

Day 8 was great though – having been on a bike for an entire week, I got the pleasure of leading a Ulysses Melbourne ride from Officer to Sorrento via Arthur's Seat and Flinders. It is true – there is no such thing as too much riding!! And the forecast rain did not happen! (Yes, Huey, yes!!!) This ride was on Tommy the Pommy (Triumph Thruxton R) rather than Herman the German (BMW K1300S).



Port Arthur Gaol

### The Roads:

Generally, the road surfaces are not up to Victorian standards. Road repairs with the inevitable cubic metre of gravel on sharp corners are an issue as "corner cutting drivers" spread the gravel across the road, and then a motorcyclist comes along..... Even in September, snow abounds up high, so there is a serious ice risk. The warning system is fairly good though. The standards of road signage fall below ours – Tasmania's equivalent of VicRoads openly states that those signs are not alone intended to offer the ability to navigate from place to place – they aim to be a confirmation of a motorcyclist (or driver)'s principal system for navigating around the state! Speed and

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distance advisory signs are similarly below what we have come to expect.

### **Accommodation:**

I leant heavily on Alan and Bridget's book, with very good outcomes. The book codifies a wide range of excellent accommodation by strict local area – you want a room in Coles Bay (for example), all that information is separate and discrete. No need to trawl through pages of uncodified destinations. Very easy to use - I did really well everywhere I went. Sadly, Alan and Bridget didn't mention the Spirit of Tasmania recliners (just kidding).

I stayed at the RACV/RACT Hotel in Collins St Hobart. Reasonably priced and very high standard (food and beverages aren't exactly "budget" though...) and the staff are great!! In Bicheno, I stayed beside the pub in the Beachfront Motel – again, very good and very reasonably priced. All of the other places I stayed were out of Bridget and Alan's book and they were all great!!

### **Food:**

Most of Tassie has a plethora of opportunities to eat well, eat cheap or sometimes both!! Hobart and Launceston abound with cheap, high quality ethnic/street food outlets that are unlicensed, but the food quality is incredibly good. Indian, Thai, Pakistani, Cantonese, Shanghaiese, Gurkha, Vietnamese and more....



For those special nights out, Hobart's Drunken Admiral (the oysters, the seafood chowder and the seafood mixed grill are world standard, and absolutely local and fresh!!) and the mighty and iconic Mures (a temple to the food gods for 50 years and with dozens of world class options) hold sway.

Equally, Launceston has a lot to offer, and the local Yacht Club has a worldwide reputation!! Plus there is a seafood restaurant next door (name escapes me) of similar repute!!

**Herman the German waiting for its owner at Muries**

### **Highlights:**

"Gotta see"s and "Gotta do"s are plentiful, so take your time. You can't do this little state justice in a long weekend! My favourites:

Bay of Fires/Binalong Bay/St Mary's/St Helen's/Bicheno/Coles Bay (and Wineglass Bay)

All of the roads south and west of Hobart. It was too wet to seriously consider Strahan, but thanks to James (the local I met on Mt Wellington), it was definitely worth going at least as far as Derwent Bridge.

Bruny Island/Cygnet/Huon Valley

The haunting (and probably haunted) Port Arthur/Swansea/Triabunna/Sorell

Launceston/Cataract Gorge/James Boag Brewery Tour/Seahorse House (do the Cataract Gorge cruise – it is absolutely packed with local knowledge and unbelievable scenery!!)

### **Epilogue:**

Based on the above, you could be forgiven for thinking that Tasmania is a motorcyclist's Nirvana!! Guess what? You are right.

Who's coming next year? I intend to run a Ulysses Melbourne Tassie Tour in October or November next year – participants encouraged to express interest!!

(I have loaded a gallery of pic's – enjoy!! I did.)

Cheers

**Greg G**

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**RIDE REPORT : KALKALLO - YARCK**  
**RIDE LEADER : VINCE GREEN**  
**REPORTER : STEVE BAILES**  
**TAIL END CHARLIE : STEVE BAILES**  
**RIDE DATE : 08/07/2018**



**Jeff, Les, John, Giddy Goat, Pat, Vince, Rob and Steve**

A somewhat cold and damp start to the day but none the less some seven stalwart members Jeff, Pat, Les, John, Vince, Steve and a welcome visitor Rob Harris, the Branch President from Whittlesea. Regardless of the cold the group were in fine humor taking great delight making fun of Steve in his rather bright Day Glo yellow rain wear, as a consequence he was of course "Volunteered" for tail end Charlie.

Vince brought the meeting to order to outline the choice of two routes, which after a show on hands indicated that Yarck and those scrumptious Dim Sims at the "Giddy Goat" to be the outright favourite destination. The ride took us through Wandong, Tyack over the Murchison Gap towards Ghin Ghin along the Highlands road through Highlands then on to Terip Terip eventually arriving at Yarck and more than ready for a Pit Stop, Coffee and some of those Dim Sims. The Giddy Goat is a very pleasant and welcoming establishment and is oft frequented by our club.

We were fortunate just after departure eagle eyed Vince spotted a speed trap however, as usual we were just under the limit. We were double fortunate that the rain or more accurately "lumpy" mist remained light which was a bonus, and the route was an interesting one. The damp conditions with some strong wind gusts making it challenging also entertaining for all, the mix of quiet country roads followed by some stimulating sections of twists and turns ensured everyone enjoyed themselves.

For those of you who had other pressing engagements or perhaps it was too cold and wet and were unable to attend the ride you missed a good one. Thanks Vince.

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World Cup: England 2 v Sweden 0

**RIDE REPORT : LILYDALE TO SEYMOUR**  
**RIDE LEADER : JOHN COOKE**  
**REPORTER : JOHN COOKE**  
**TAIL END CHARLIE : PAT RYAN**  
**RIDE DATE : 05/08/2018**



### *Glitches Galore Blame it on the Sunshine*



As Andrew's ride was to Seymour the previous week, I decided to use the KISS principle in planning my 5 August 2018 ride to Seymour so that nothing would go wrong! Oh well!

I rang Andrew to confer and ensure that I did not replicate his ride. I rang the Seymour Club almost a week in advance and confirmed they did good value lunches on Sundays - they do, but I did not book as I had no idea of numbers and the weather forecast was miserable at that time. I kept the route very simple and told everyone of my planned stop atop Murchison Gap followed by a

morning tea break at Broadford and then visiting the Vietnam memorial in Seymour before going on to lunch.

Sunday proved to be cool and windy but also dry and relatively sunny so a large group arrived to come on the ride. Pat volunteered for tail end duties while running in his new Triumph and Rick was happy to make use of his camera. As well as many of the usual suspects Glen came along with Vince. Julian came along on his second ride with us on his Victory. Steve rolled up at the last minute on his Ninja after a marathon ride from the Western suburbs. Ken was there on his red Triumph sports bike and Mike was out on the new BMW that had replaced his Honda. In short a great variety



of people and bikes. All were made welcome and once briefings were over we hit the road shortly after 10.00 am and our **first glitch** when my call to the proposed lunch stop was not answered.

I kept it very simple and rode straight out the Maroondah Highway past some well known (and picturesque) wineries and a newish cheese place to Healesville and turned off before getting tangled in main street traffic. We went past the race course and along Old Healesville Road and took in some nice ridge top views before turning up the Melba Highway and over Mt Slide with minimal traffic problems. Our **second glitch** arose when we turned left towards Break O Day at Glenburn. There was another group of bikers stopped there and somehow Julian missed our corner markers and continued north towards Yea. That was the first of our newer riders missing! I then turned off at the lookout atop Murchison Gap and Steve (who was unfamiliar to most of the others) corner marked. The majority of the group rode past him - **glitch three!**

Those of us who stopped did enjoy the view and took a photo to prove it. We did then manage to regroup at Broadford. My proposed cafe stop in Broadford was closed for the day - **glitch four**. I then rang my

**RIDE REPORT :CONT'D LILYDALE TO SEYMOUR**  
**RIDE LEADER :**  
**REPORTER :**  
**TAIL END CHARLIE :**



proposed lunch venue but they were unable to cope with our numbers - **glitch five**. We got supplies at one of the local bakeries (which was open) instead and enjoyed exchanging lies before setting off for Seymour.

We rode North along narrower, but still scenic, roads via Sugarloaf Creek towards Puckapunyal, cut back to Tallarook then followed Upper Goulburn Road (enjoying the river views) to Trawool before heading North into Seymour after doing a bit over 150 km from our start point. We went straight to the Vietnam Veterans Commemorative Walk and display which quite a few participants had not seen previously and where we found Julian waiting patiently after we lost company with him at Glenburn.



From there we hopped across to the burger place near the Royal Hotel on the old highway and enjoyed some good fresh burgers while exchanging more disgraceful lies and tall stories.



Many then headed off down the highway to northern and western parts of Melbourne. I led the remainder of the group back to Yea along the scenic and open Goulburn Valley Highway and we had minimal traffic issues. I then went down the Melba and took a diversion through Murrindindi (cause we could) for some extra bends and scenery before we all went off our separate ways from Yarra Glen. My total ride distance was just under 300 km.

This ride was much more open and simple than many routes I choose, traffic was generally light. So how

come we had so many glitches? ***Personally I blame it on the sunshine after all the miserable weather people had been telling me about.***

Despite all this I thoroughly enjoyed the day and many thanks go to all who came along and made it such a great day out riding.

**RIDE REPORT : LILYDALE TO MANSFIELD**  
**RIDE LEADER : PAT RYAN**  
**REPORTER : PAT RYAN**  
**TAIL END CHARLIE : LES COX**  
**RIDE DATE : 12/08/2018**



## ***COLD & ROO'S WHAT A RIDE***



Steve had been planning this ride for some time however he elected to go to Bali and returned a couple of days before the ride with a horrible lurgi and was unable to get on his steed much less lead a ride, so Pat took over. The start and finish were in the same places however the middle changed to roads Pat knew well due to the short notice.

In contrast to the wet weather all week before the ride, Sunday dawned cold but dry in Melbourne as twelve riders arrived at Lilydale to head out for a pleasant day's riding. Cold was good for Pat as he got to try out the heated grips and heated seats on his new Tiger Explorer 1200. Very nice *indeeeeeeed!*

From Lilydale it was the usual run out through Yarra Glen and up the Melba to the Break O'Day Road where we all enjoyed a good trip up the damp but near deserted winding

road to the Whittlesea - Yea Road. Then it was on to Yea for a nature break and something warm to put in our tummies. Samuel Sun left us here as he had family business to attend to.

Back towards Seymour to the Ghin Ghin Road and down this delightful road via Terip Terip, Caveat and Gobur and down the curves as we descended the escarpment for the run towards Yarck. However, this was not the destination as Pat had found a road we had seldom if ever used before. This narrow but good bitumen road goes left off the Yarck Road not far after reaching the flat lands and heads over hills and dales through farming land and comes out onto the highway a little way before Merton. Six of our number decided that they did not want to go on to Mansfield and chose to leave the main group at this turnoff to head back to Yarck and home from there.

The rest of us enjoyed this deviation although Les was not real keen on the "Skippy" who tried to commit suicide under his wheels! Les was too quick for him however and managed to miss him completely, although how he did not run over his tail he doesn't know.

After joining the highway it was a pleasant run up through Merton and Bonnie Doon to Mansfield where we enjoyed lunch at the well heated Mansfield Bakery.

After lunch most of the group were heading to Merton, across the Strathbogies and down to the northern and western suburbs, Rick found a route through Fraser



National Park that would bring him out heading to the Black Spur but just maybe he would chance the Acheron Way, and Pat was taking a short run to Jamieson to spend the week at his farm.

All in all a good day out with some wet roads but no rain on a cold but pretty clear day. Thanks to Les for handling the Tail End Charlie role again and to all members who joined us for the day.

**RIDE REPORT : LILYDALE TO FLINDERS**  
**RIDE LEADER : JOHN COOK**  
**REPORTER : JOHN COOK**  
**TAIL END CHARLIE : STEVE BAILES**  
**RIDE DATE : 02/09/2018**



### *Fathers' Day Ride 2 September 2018*

I planned a nice gentle little ride for the first Sunday of Spring ending at Flinders for a picnic with a lovely view across the water to Phillip Island. *What could possibly go wrong?*

I even put in a large amount of pre-planning by **driving** (as my hand made riding impossible) part of the planned route the previous weekend and decided to **cancel Plan A** (via Officer) due to congestion and estate expansion etc. On Saturday, 1 September, I went to a meeting at Cranbourne and rode south from Berwick to check my updated planned route. That led to the **cancellation of Plan B!** Later that day I checked out yet another alternative, but road works etc caused me to **cancel Plan C**. Thus, I finally decided on a route (**Plan D?**) which involved a bit more freeway than I would have liked but at least it flowed. Grrrr!

On Sunday, it was **7 degrees, drizzling rain and looking miserable** when I arrived at Lilydale for the actual ride. The weather did not improve before we left and "... *damn cold* ", would be an appropriate description. The smart people had either headed north on their bikes (or other means) or found family related excuses and so it was only a small (fool) hardy group who joined me for the ride. It was my first ride for almost a month after getting stitches removed from my hand a few days earlier following an embarrassing home renovation incident. Riding attire decisions were simple and the heated hand grips again proved useful. New member Ian came out for his first ride with us - what was he thinking? During pre ride discussions GPS units came up and did this make Steve Bailes happy? - No! Steve took on Tail End Charlie duties and we set off about 10 minutes late in cold drizzle on wet roads. Amazingly the rain stopped a couple of minutes later, the sun poked its head out (rather weakly) and the road surface was actually dry before we reached Wandin.

We then wound our way via Wandin East Road through some lovely orchard country and Monbulk Seville Road towards Monbulk before doubling back via Swales and Macclesfield Roads to Cockatoo. I enjoyed the scenery and roads, but conditions varied with damp patches, and some very slippery patches on the edges of repair sections. We exercised caution and enjoyed minimal traffic. We climbed Bailey Road out of Cockatoo and rode down to Beaconsfield Upper, turned right and joined the old highway at Berwick. We then doubled back towards the city and followed the Monash freeway before heading south at freeway speeds through Lyndhurst and fought some congestion through Langwarrin before getting onto the Mornington Peninsula Freeway at Baxter and stopping at the southbound service centre for a rest break. Not my normal type of morning tea stop but it was warm, dry and we had a good number of choices which would have coped with more than our small number. After a relaxed break and introductory chat with new member Ian, we finally rode south again, turned off immediately and followed Bungower Road across Nepean Highway. We followed Beleura Hill Rd north until it curved into the Esplanade and were greeted by some stately homes and our first water views. We then simply followed the Esplanade all the way through Mornington, Mt Martha and Safety Beach (where we briefly popped below sea level under the channel into Martha Cove) to Dromana and enjoyed bay views the entire way, albeit at a leisurely pace. This was followed by a ride up Arthurs Seat and we saw the new gondolas on the "Eagle" which has replaced the old chair lift.

**RIDE REPORT : CONT'D LILYDALE TO FLINDERS**  
**RIDE LEADER :**  
**REPORTER :**  
**TAIL END CHARLIE :**  
**RIDE DATE :**



We continued on (it was quite busy at the top) and rode south down Main Creek Road past a number of vineyards and doubled back to Purves Road before following Browns Road to Boneo Road and then south past Cape Schank. The speed then climbed until we got to some very tight bends near Bushrangers Bay picnic area. From there it was a simple run into Flinders and of course the weather (which had been OK for most of the ride) deteriorated just as we approached the foreshore and a squall totally obscured our view to Phillip Island.

We invaded the covered BBQ stand and chatted with a family also sheltering under there from the weather. The lunch break was brief and we then all headed off home to catch up with family. Ian and I rode back to Melbourne together via Hastings before finally parting company at Stud Road.

Despite our many challenges I thoroughly enjoyed the day out riding and the company.

John Cook

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We would like to thank the sponsors for their financial support which enables the branch to publish this newsletter, our webpage and also contributes significantly to the cost of running our day for

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**RIDE REPORT : OFFICER TO SORRENTO**  
**RIDE LEADER : GREG GLEASON**  
**REPORTER : GREG GLEASON**  
**TAIL END CHARLIE : PAT RYAN**  
**RIDE DATE : 16/09/2018**



## *Greg G's Sorrento Swing*

### **Participants:**

Greg G (Ride Leader) Triumph Thruxton R	Pat Ryan (TEC) Triumph Tiger Explorer 1200
John Cook (photographer) Honda ST1300	Dennis Alessi Ducati Monster
Tez Haigney Moto Guzzi Sports	Andrew Kennedy Honda VFR750
Mike Fittall BMW R1200RS	Jack Fei BMW R1200 GSA
Steve Bailes Honda Goldwing (rego "NO-GPS"?)	

### **The Ride:**



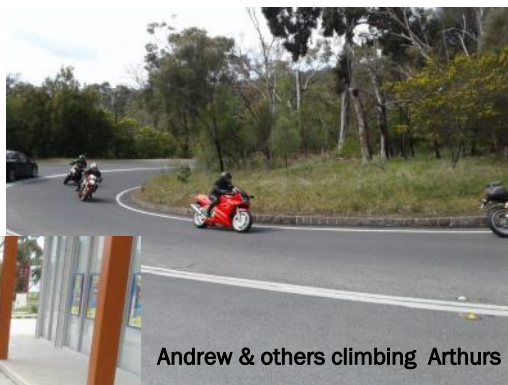
Greg G's NEW Thruxton

With showers forecast, 9 riders gathered at Officer for a ride to Sorrento via the Arthur's Seat hills and Flinders. We back-tracked to Clyde Road and down to Cannon's Creek past the massive City of Casey housing sprawl. Across to Pearcedale, down to Bungower Road and over to Mornington for a run along the scenic coast from Beleura Hill Road through Mt Martha and Safety Beach, before cutting over to the freeway for a 2km run up to the gates of Arthur's Seat Reserve.

The uphill run is very nice, even if required to obey the 60km/h limit all the way!! The coffee and cakes were great from the Eagle (chairlift) Café but the run down Main Creek Road to Main Ridge was better!! We cut across to Red Hill and then to the outskirts of Flinders to take in the superb bends of the Boneo Road gullies. Miraculously, no cars at snail's pace to spoil the fun!!

South again before Rosebud, and along the Portsea back road, arriving to a very nice café lunch in Sorrento. A pleasant surprise when ex Prez Greg Rees arrived in time for lunch with us – all in all, a great day out, a nice ride and great fellowship. And weather that was very co-operative, with no more than a brief sprinkling early in the ride.

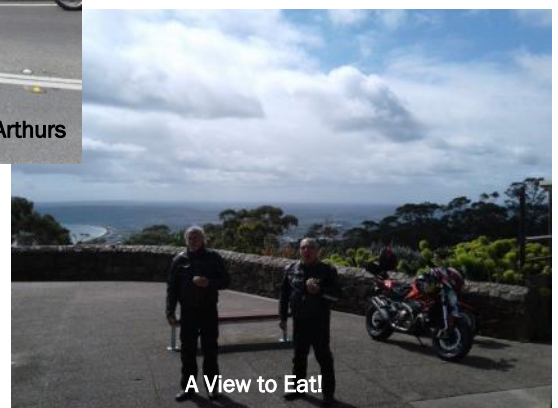
Thanks Pat Ryan for stepping in as Tail End Charlie and to John Cook as participant, photographer and adviser on home renovations over morning tea!! Finally, thanks to all the other participants.



Andrew & others climbing Arthurs



Dennis & his NEW Ducati



A View to Eat!

# MELBOURNE BRANCH CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Saturday 8 December 2018**

**Where: East Malvern RSL, Stanley Grose Drive, East Malvern (Melway 60 A12)**

**Time: from 7pm**

**Cost: \$40.00 per head, includes dinner & live entertainment**

**Drinks available at bar prices**

**You are invited to join us for our Christmas celebration at a new venue this year, the East Malvern RSL. Come along and enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow Ulyssians.**

**Bring your dancing shoes and get those feet moving to the live music.**

**Oh, and don't forget the treat of a great Christmas dinner!**

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**POST TO:** Brian Quintal at 18 Horsmunden Road, Moorabbin, 3189 with your name and phone number.

**Closing date for bookings is 1st December 2017.**

## Social Events

The Melbourne Branch hosts one informal Social Night on the:

**3rd Friday of each month.**

**Commences from 6.00 PM**

**The East Malvern RSL, Stanley Grose Drive, East Malvern. (Melway 60 A12)**

The East Malvern RSL serves bistro meals at reasonable prices and also offers seniors' deals. Drinks can be purchased from the bar.

If you haven't been to one of our social night get-togethers for a while, consider giving this venue some thought. Come along and catch up on all the news and enjoy the company of your fellow Ulysseans. What makes these nights special is the camaraderie and friendship enjoyed by all who attend with much laughter and frivolity emanating from the various groups and tables. For new chums and first timers, introductions are made in the normal Ulyssean manner which ensures that nobody is left standing on the outer and everyone is made to feel welcome.

Join the chatter about motorbikes and bike trips, travel in general, and the usual odd joke etc. Someone always seems to have an Australian Road Atlas which is often referred to and it is heartening to note that some members don't mind a little embellishment to make their story more interesting. One should never let the facts stand in the way of delivering a good punch line or yarn!

These nights are not to be missed so pencil them into your social calendar and come along and enjoy the fun.

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**Meet for a Saturday Morning Coffee at**

**Melbourne Bake House**

**210 Bay Street Port Melbourne,**

**Drop in for breakfast or just a coffee and a chat!**

**\*\* Plenty of bike parking available \*\***

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## QUARTERMASTER'S STORE

Melbourne Branch Polo shirts in our Branch colours are now available.

The price is \$35.00 which includes our logo embroidered on the left chest.

You can also have your name or nickname below the logo if you wish for an extra \$1.00.

To order your shirt send the following details to:

The Secretary ([melbbranch@hotmail.com](mailto:melbbranch@hotmail.com))

- Your name and contact phone number
- Your shirt size
- Name on shirt if required and whether Upper case only or Upper and Lower Case

Your payment of \$35.00 or \$36.00 to our Branch Account as follows:

BSB 033 371 Account No. 231845 with reference: Shirt and your name

Account name: "Ulysses Club Inc. Melbourne Branch"


**Please note all garments are embroidered with Ulysses Melbourne Branch logo on left chest.  
This is included in price.**

If you require name/nickname on Right Chest embroidered in white please include name here (print clearly) Extra \$ 1.00


Name Required:

Upper Case only:

Upper and Lower case:

Item	Colour	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL		Total Qty	Total \$
		53.5	56	58.5	61	63.5	66	68.5	71	Half Chest cm		
	Black/ Orange											

**PS77 C Polo - Men's True Dry Tri Colour Polo Embroidered**

Item	Colour	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24		Total Qty	Total \$
		43.5	46	48.5	51	53.5	57	60	63	66	Half Chs		
	Black/ Orange												

**PS78 Polo - Ladies True Dry Tri Colour Polo Embroidered**



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Got a funny story?? Something interesting you would like to share??

Something you want to advertise?? Please send it in.

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**RIDE CALENDAR :**

Please refer to the website for any last minute changes..... [www.ulyssesmelb.com](http://www.ulyssesmelb.com)

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DATE	DEPARTURE POINT	RIDE DESCRIPTION	CONTACTS
Sun, Oct 7 2018  10:00- 3:00  <b>NB Daylight Savings Starts - Don't be late!</b>	<b>OFFICER:</b> COLES EXPRESS 437/439 PRINCES HWY, OFFICER Melway 214 H3/J4	Dennis is to lead us on a ride for the first time so come along and show him some support. He will take us on a route he knows well from Officer through Pearcedale and Warragul on some great roads.	<b>Ride Leader: Dennis Alesi</b>  <b>0402 288 707</b>
Sun, Oct 14 2018		This is part of the Ngambie Melbourne Branch Odyssey.  <b>There is no Sunday Ride</b>	
Sun Oct 21, 2018  10:00 - 3:00	<b>KALKALLO:</b> Caltex Service Station, 1340 Hume Fwy, Kalkallo Melway 367 D1	Another nice ride from Greg circling Melbourne from the north. Check out this link to take a look at the route. <a href="https://www.motowhere.com/maps/route/Gregf-G-Ulysses-22">https://www.motowhere.com/maps/route/Gregf-G-Ulysses-22</a>	<b>Ride Leader: Greg Gleason</b>  <b><u>0424 956 078</u></b>
Sun Oct 28, 2018  10:00 - 1:30	<b>ARDEER:</b> McDonalds, Western Ring Road. WEST  Left hand side out-bound from Melbourne.  Melway 40 B5	Taking morning tea at Meredith after departing Ardeer the ride will go past the bollards etc at Geelong via Eastern Beach Reserve (see the old baths etc) before it gets too busy over summer and then pop down to Portarlington for a relaxed picnic (BYO or buy there) lunch by the water.  For those who live on the Mornington Peninsula or the South East in general there is the option of riding to Queenscliff via Indented Head and returning on the ferry to Sorrento	<b>Ride Leader: John Cook</b>  <b>0419 599 530 or (03) 97285769</b>
Sun Nov 4, 2018  9:00 - 3:30  <b>N.B. EARLY START</b>	<b>ARDEER:</b> McDonalds, Western Ring Road. WEST  Left hand side out-bound from Melbourne.  Melway 40 B5	<b>Dest: Lake Goldsmith (Steam Rally).</b>  The early start is to enable the ride to reach Lake Goldsmith around midday to visit the Steam Rally showcasing vintage steam engines, cars and also motorbikes. A couple of hours looking at the exhibitions and then return home as a group via a different route.	<b>Ride Leader Mike Fittall</b>  <b>0456 561 395</b>

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Sun Nov 11, 2018  10:00	<b>Melbourne Branch will have a ride to join this event leaving from either Kalkallo or Ardeer. We need a volunteer to lead the ride. If you would be able to do so please let Pat Ryan know</b>	This ride commences from Centennial Park at the foot of Mt Macedon. It departs at 12.00 noon proceeds up to the cross on the mountain where a short service to honour those who have, <i>"Ridden On," in the past year.</i>	<b>Pat Ryan 0412 223 146</b>
Sun Nov 18, 2018  10:00 - 3:00	<b>KALKALLO:</b>  Caltex Service Station, 1340 Hume Fwy, Kalkallo  Melway 367 D1	<b>Dest: BERWICK</b>  Another good ride from Greg who this time takes us from north to south	<b>Ride Leader: Greg Gleason  0424 956 078</b>
Sun Nov 25  2018		<b>NO PLANNED RIDE</b>	
Sun Dec 9 2018  10:00 - 1:30	<b>LILYDALE:</b>  Olinda Hotel, Maroondah Highway. LILYDALE  100 metres from Lilydale rail crossing.  Melway 38 E4	<b>Dest: Inverloch</b>  On way home I intend to follow Bunerong Coastal Road past Eagles Nest and then some of the South Gippsland Hills before a "farewell" rest stop at Tooradin.	<b>Ride Leader John Cook  0419 599 530</b>