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President's Report ...

Hi kids,

Let me first start off by saying how proud I am of this club, The Hawkesbury Ulysses.

On the first of November a big number rolled up and represented the Hawkesbury Ulysses, at Club Marconi for the annual Pink Ribbon Ride. The Club excelled on the day and most of the major prizes were taken out by the club. A full report in this newsletter. We also got a write-up in the local paper.

By the time you all read this report we will have had our annual Christmas party. I know the work that has gone on behind the scene to make all the special features and events all happen, for those of you that went, I know you would have had a great night.

We as a club have a lot on our plate in the next few weeks leading up to Christmas. A few good rides and some local community events as well very important social event and that is our Christmas Breakfast at Mick and Kate's on the 13th December. I hope most of you can make it there.

Now I know Kate has not been well of late so any that can volunteer and help out on the Saturday before please ring any of the Committee.

I'm not sure if we are having another Club Meeting in December this year so as President and on behalf of the whole committee I would like to THANK YOU ALL including the Committee for your support through the year and wish each and every one of you and your families a Very Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

I hope you all enjoyed the Club and the Rides this year. I also hope you made a friend due to rides and week-ends away, I know Lucy and I did, that's what this Club is all about !!!!!

Have a great Christmas, ride safe and enjoy.

Rick Lesniewicz

President

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Ride Calendar ...

Ulysses Club—Hawkesbury Branch

All rides leave from McDonald's Richmond (unless stated otherwise)

**** Arrive at least min. ½ hour prior to departure time ****

Please check ride departure times and arrive with a full tank of fuel

~ Weather permitting on all rides ~

Ride Co-ordinator: Kim Roche—Mobile: 0412 444 924

DATE	DESTINATION	RIDE	LEADER	PHONE	<u>DEPARTURE</u>
Sunday 29 November	Community Run	Richmond Nursing Home & San Miguel	Ron & Carol Edwards	4575 1074 0414 927 399	Richmond Macca's 9.30am
Sunday 6 December	Kangaroo Valley & Berry	Day ride	Ron Edwards	0414 927 399	Richmond Macca's 8.00am
Saturday 12 December	Summer Blood Challenge	Blood Donation Everyone welcome	Snowy & Heather	0409 044 268 0418 441 407	Richmond Macca's 9.30am
Sunday 13 December	Mick & Kate's Xmas Breakfast	Breakfast \$15 per double	Mick & Kate Linnane	Mick 0407 956 335	8.00am
Sunday 10 January	Mt Victoria Bay Tree Teahouse	Brunch	Ride Leader to nominated on the day		Richmond Macca's 8.30am
Tuesday 12 January	Richmond Club 7.00pm	Ride Co-ordinator's Meeting	Grant Handley	0409 607 141	Richmond Club (Francis Street) 7.00pm sharp
January 2010 Long week-end	Tea Gardens	3 day weekend	Frank Saliba	0419 634 303 4572 1351	Saturday Richmond Macca's 7.30am
February 2010 12-15	Thredbo	4 Day Ride	Rick Lesniewicz	0407 774 077	TBA
Saturday 9 February	Summer Blood Challenge	Blood Donation Everyone welcome	Snowy & Heather	0409 044 268 0418 441 407	Richmond Macca's 9.30am

Ride Co-ordinator's Report & Pink Ribbon Ride ...

Just a quick note this month ... as I have been busy at work I haven't been on any rides. However judging by the meetings, the chrissey party attendance and talking with members the rides are still going strong. It's great to see so many diverse ride leaders taking over the reigns now (considering at one stage I was responsible for leading every single ride!). We need this diversity to keep the club strong and to introduce new ideas, locations and experiences. A great job by all those leaders who have jumped in this year to help me—a big thank you. We still have a space for a ride leader on 10 January taking a run up to the Bay Tree Teahouse at Mt Victoria for brunch. This ride is always popular, it's a great venue and the ladies get to do some shopping as well. On this run you can make it as quick or as long as you like. Alternatively someone may have a different venue in mind—please let me know so we can get some info out before Mick & Kate's brekky in December (our last social event on the calendar). Also can you please let Kerrie know your updated contact details URGENTLY so I can send out any amended info more accurately to the many new members we have. If you are not getting emails you are not on our list. Our contact details are on the last page of the newsletter. That's about it for this month so I hope you all have a good break over Christmas and I hope to catch up soon on some rides. Till then, ride safe. Cheers, Kim.

1-11-2009 PINK RIBBON RIDE: 7.30am 30 bikes left Richmond Macca's all dressed to the occasion: bras, ribbons, streamers, balloons, feathers and Flags all in pink down Richmond Rd through Rooty Hill, out to Horsley Park, Wetherill Park and into Bossley Park Club Marconi. Club Marconi hosted the event and over 750 bikes attended the ride. After the ride out to Picton through Wallacia and back home over Razorback Mt (and we never lost Ray) in through Narellan and down the Old Hume Hwy and back to Club Marconi. All the presentations were held at the Club.

Hawkesbury Ulysses won Best club attendance, Grant & Margaret Handley won best dressed bike, Paulina Smith won best dressed lady, Lucy and Myself won 2nd in largest sponsored fundraiser with \$1111.25. Stats: From within the club Hawkesbury Ulysses raised \$935, Peter & Paulina Smith raised \$840. I would like to thank all the members for digging deep the night of the raffle and auction for raising that big amount. I would also like to thank all the sponsors that



supported our members I would also like to thank local business for their support; Oakville Primary School, Knights Garage Riverstone, Perfecto Quality Meats Riverstone, Fitzgerald Motors Windsor, my brother Stan and all the lovely people who work with Lucy at Snack Brand Australia Smithfield. Local businesses support many local Ulysses branches and raise funds for the wider community and all our lovely ladies to stop breast cancer. On the day over \$30,000.00 was raised and still counting. This ride takes place in every major city around Australia during the months of October and November and the Ulysses Bike Clubs would take part in most of them—we can make a difference and we already have. Thank you all for a big effort. (more photos will be posted on our website shortly and available on DVD next year). Till we ride again, Rick.



A quick note to let you know about a new **Cafe** dedicated to **Motorcyclists**; it's open **WEDNESDAYS & SUNDAYS**. It's located on the twisty Bells Line of Road at Kurrajong Heights west of Sydney, in a beautiful 10 acre garden setting, with drinks & quick snacks available. If you'd like to plan a **group ride** and arrive for lunch, you can book in advance for a special chef-prepared DIY BBQ. They supply the meat/fish/chicken salad etc, & you cook on their BBQs. This usually costs around \$15 per head; drop them an email for detailed menu & bookings. Contact: John Bryant for further details www.themissinglinkmotorcyclecafe.com.au

Mt Wilson Ride ...

Carmen & I, Graeme & Chris, Bruce, George, Dwayne, Kaz & Rachael met at Macca's at 9:00 and left at 9:30. The morning was overcast but decided to go ahead with the ride anyway. We headed up Bells Line of Road but as we had pre-booked a 1:00pm lunch we went the long way round through Bell, (had to stop to put wet weather gear on) then continued through Mt Victoria and stopped at Hartley at The Talisman Gallery for coffee. George & Dwayne decided they had had enough of riding in the rain and turned back. The rest of us continued on through Lithgow back through Bell and into Mt Wilson. We had lunch at the Little Chimney Cafe (which we'd recommend). We left there about 2:30 and headed back home with no more rain. Trevor



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- Your last name stays put.
- The garage is all yours.
- Wedding plans take care of themselves.
- Chocolate is just another snack.
- You can never be pregnant.
- Car mechanics tell you the truth.
- The world is your urinal.
- You don't have to stop and think of which way to turn a nut on a bolt.
- Same work, more pay.
- Wrinkles add character.
- People never stare at your chest when you're talking to them.
- New shoes don't cut, blister, or mangle your feet.
- One mood all the time.
- Phone conversations are over in 30 seconds flat.
- You know stuff about tanks and engines.
- A five-day holiday requires only one suitcase.
- You can open all your own jars.
- You get extra credit for the slightest act of thoughtfulness.
- Your underwear is \$9.50 for a three-pack. Three pairs of shoes are more than enough.
- You are unable to see wrinkles in your clothes.
- Everything on your face stays its original colour.
- The same hairstyle lasts for years, maybe decades.
- You only have to shave your face and neck.
- You can play with toys all your life.
- One wallet and one pair of shoes - one colour for all seasons.
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Best Dressed Bike ... Pink Ribbon Ride 2009



*Mick & Kate's Annual
Christmas Breakfast*
Sunday 13 December :
8.00am



\$15 per double



**Contact: Kate Linnane
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Ride Reports ... Harrington 23-26 October

What a great weekend; great ride, great place and great people. 14 bikes assembled at Richmond Macca's for an early 7:30am ride up the Putty. Another 3 bikes rode up the Pacific Highway and Steve and Julie rode up later.

Accompanying the ride were two cars, driven by Paulina and Margaret, which ferried some patients, recovering from various illnesses and operations. We arrived incident free at Bulga Servo for petrol and morning tea provided by Five Star. From Bulga to Gloucester the country looked terrific, however the



quality of the road around Gresford was very ordinary. So much so we had to stop and calm our nerves at a pub in Dungog. We all arrived at Gloucester ready for lunch, which we had at the Avon Valley Inn. I would recommend the place to all who like good pub tucker. The girls even found time to shop, car boots are bigger than panniers! After lunch we continued along Bucket's Way to Nabic and up the H'way to Harrington Waters. On arrival our ever resourceful Quartermaster supplied cold refreshments in the carpark, thank heavens for bike trailers and Mick's! Harrington Lodge, what an amazing place; five star rooms, river views, pool, gardens and an Irish Pub as a next door neighbour. **WHAT MORE COULD YOU ASK FOR.** Friday night was relaxing with dinner and drinks at Harrigans (Irish Pub). Saturday was a mixed menu of activities. Some rode, swam, fished or golfed. The highlight of the afternoon for the ladies was the afternoon tea. The ladies dressed in their finery enjoyed, tea, coffee, cakes, sandwiches and champagne. The finale was when the ladies were entertained by two toffs who turned up in dinner suits befitting the occasion, who left showing their assets (minus t). Saturday night's Hawaiian theme dinner was a huge success, everyone looked the part in their gear. A special mention to Margaret Handley and Peter Bernard, who won the best dressed awards. After Sunday's breakfast most rode home on various return routes. All arrived safely without any dramas. A few "lucky ones" stayed the extra night and went home on the Monday. **WHATA MISTAKA TO MAK!** Down came the rain. We were lucky however, it only rained from **Harrington** to **Hornsby**! What a great weekend, even Huey couldn't dampen the enjoyment. A big thank you to Paulina for organising our last Harrington Hurrah. **Peter Smith**





**AGM—2010
Hawkesbury Branch
23 March 2010**

~ All committee positions become vacant ~

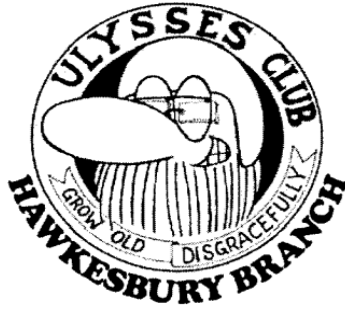
Committee Positions:

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Ride Co-ordinator
Quartermaster
Publicity Officer
Social Secretary
Welfare Officer

Nominations Close 23rd February 2010
(After 8.30pm forms become invalid)

**Please Contact
Ron Edwards (Secretary)
4575 1074
0414 927 399**

Committee Positions ... Nomination Form



**Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 23rd March 2010**

NOMINATION FORM

Completed forms must be received by 8:30pm 23rd February 2010. Forms can be posted to the Secretary or submitted at the 23rd February meeting. After this date forms will be invalid.

Committee Positions:

**President
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Quartermaster
Publicity Officer
Social Secretary
Welfare Officer**

I hereby **nominate** (Name) _____

for the **position** of: _____

1. **Name of Nominator:** _____ **Date:** _____

Signature: _____ **Membership No:** _____

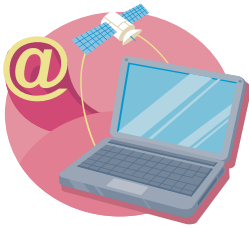
2. **Name of Seconder:** _____ **Date:** _____

Signature: _____ **Membership No:** _____

3. **Name of Nominee:** _____ **Date:** _____

Signature: _____ **Membership No:** _____

Committee Details ...



Please contact Kerrie if you would like anything included in the newsletter. It is preferable to have the newsletter completed by the 3rd Tuesday of the month. So anytime you have something to be included, please send it to me and I will save it for the next newsletter. Please get involved in your newsletter and send me those photographs as well. If you wish to unsubscribe to emails or posted items please let me know. Alternatively if you would prefer to have your newsletter emailed in .pdf format please contact me at kerrie.roche@bigpond.com

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