



***Rum City Riders***  
***Bundaberg Ulysses Branch***  
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Welcome to the Rum City Riders

## FEBRURY 2025 Newsletter

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**General Meeting - Rum City Riders**  
**Ulysses Club Inc. Bundaberg Branch**  
**Sugarland Tavern - Heidke St, Bundaberg**  
**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025 - 6.30 pm**

**Welcome** – Neil welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2025

**Apologies** – Andy D, Kerry L and Dave C.

**Welfare** – Neil asked if everyone was ok – nothing was reported

**Sign in book** – We were reminded to sign in please.

**Any new members or visitors** – Allan Pratt (National President), Savaugn Pratt (QIB)

**Minutes from last meeting** – Minutes are posted in Newsletter each month for everyone to read. There was no business arising from minutes.

**Any New Rides – Was there a new bike under the Xmas tree** – Dave & Julie H have new bikes (CF Moto 450MT's), Greg D has a new bike (Yamaha Adventure Bike), Chris P has switched to a 2.0 lit Boom trike.

**Finances....** Balance as of 30/01/2025 is \$733.06

We have stock of our club patch – cost \$10.00 each.

Members are entitled to 2 x vinyl stickers free – 50 cents thereafter. See Jill or Dave C.

**Tonight's Raffle** – Half pot raffle of \$32 was won by Sheryl P, bottle of wine donated by Allan & Savaugn Pratt was won by Blane G, Everything but the Bike voucher donated by Brian M was won by Mark L.

**Newsletter Subscriptions** – Emailed newsletters are free. Brenden W is printing the 5 copies for the Motorcycle shops.

**In the Post Box** – Bank Statement x 2

### **Sunday Rides & Events**

- Ladies Lunch – 6<sup>th</sup> December – Baltimores Restaurant.
- Bundaberg Toy Run – 7<sup>th</sup> December, a good turn out as usual.
- Xmas Lunch at Sugarland Tavern – 8<sup>th</sup> December

### **Thursday Rides**

- Maaroom – 5<sup>th</sup> December – BYO ride; report on Facebook & in Newsletter
- Agnes Water/1770 - 12<sup>th</sup> December; report on Facebook & in Newsletter
- Biggenden – 19<sup>th</sup> December; report on Facebook & in Newsletter
- No ride – 26<sup>th</sup> December
- BYO ride – 2<sup>nd</sup> January
- Mt Perry – 9<sup>th</sup> January - report on Facebook & in Newsletter
- Woodgate – 16<sup>th</sup> January - report on Facebook & in Newsletter
- Urangan, Hervey Bay – 23<sup>th</sup> January - report on Facebook & in Newsletter
- Agnes Water/1770 – 30<sup>th</sup> January - report on Facebook & in Newsletter

**Thursday Rides** depart River Cruz 9.30am, unless otherwise advertised for a long ride.

### **Upcoming Ulysses Rides – Events**

- **04/02/2025** - Branch monthly meeting and AGM
- **06/02/2025** - Thursday BYO Ride to Poona
- **7/02/2025** - Ladies Lunch – Bargara Lakes Tavern
- **13/02/2025** - Thursday Ride – destination to be advised
- **20/02/2025** - Thursday Ride – destination to be advised
- **27/02/2025** - Thursday Ride – destination to be advised.
- **24 - 30/03/2025** - Ulysses National Rally at Armidale NSW.
- **25/04/2025** - ANZAC Day Memorial – Elliott Heads
- **16 - 18/05/2025** - Gladstone Branch Long Weekend at Big4 Breeze Cania Gorge.
- **6 - 8/06/2025** - Logan Branch Bowls Weekend – Kingaroy

### **Upcoming Non-Ulysses Rides – Events**

**16/03/2024** - Black Dog Ride – 1 Dayer Rides -There is no Wide Bay ride - Closest is the Sunshine Coast

**05/04/2024** - Pigs Ass Poker Run - Apple Tree Creek Pub

**25 - 27/04/2025** - Cane Toad Rally – Mount Perry Showgrounds

**18/05/2025** - Distinguished Gentleman's Ride

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## **General Business**

- Suggestions for activities for 2024 – some more weekend rides?
- ANZAC Day memorial ride has already been decided as the person organising the event at Elliott Heads needed to know who would be attending and laying wreaths on the day.
- Our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be coming up this year in September. Jill asked members to give a bit of thought as to what they would like to do to celebrate this milestone and to put some ideas forward.
- Jill asked members to give some thought as to where they would like to have the Christmas Party this year.
- Allan Pratt spoke about a male Ulysses friend who had been diagnosed with breast cancer and that it can spread to other areas of the body if you get it. He said you would be unlucky if you got it, but you shouldn't be complacent and make sure you do breast checks regularly whether you are male or female.
- Allan also spoke about branch structure and said to be classed as a full structured Branch you need to have at least 4 committee members. If you only get 3 committee members, you become a Branch by Majority. He said that Branch meetings are really a social event, with the Committee making decisions then bringing them to the meetings.  
  
He also advised that if we didn't get at least 3 committee members, we would revert to a Riders Only Branch and would have to close our bank account and return any money to NATCOM. He also said that once you lose your charter as a branch, it is very hard to get it back again.
- Allan then spoke about UCARF, he said that the money collected for UCARF is used to help fund trials for new drugs at University of QLD. It also funds 3 students in 3 different universities, who are studying Arthritis Research. This was originally set up by Steven Derry (Ulysses founder and member number 1).
- Savaugn Pratt advised that she is the Secretary for the Armidale Rally and that so far 800 people have registered to attend. 600 have registered for the official Saturday night dinner. There will be food vans on site at the showground, there will be organised rides through the week, helicopter rides, traders, gear shop and bike shop.

Meeting Closed at 7.30pm

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025**

**Ulysses Bundaberg Branch AGM – 2025**  
**Tuesday 4 February 2025**

***Chaired by Allan Pratt (National President) –for the election of branch committee positions.***

The meeting commenced at 7.40pm and was chaired by Allan Pratt (National President). Allan welcomed all the members to the AGM and thanked Neil and Jill and all the past year's Committee Members for their dedication and commitment over 2024 in the roles they played.

**Election of Branch Committee for 2025**

Allan declared that all positions be vacant and then viewed the submitted nominations for the following positions:

**President –** Neil Cook 57265 was nominated and seconded; he accepted for this position.

**Secretary/Treasurer –** Jill Cook 57266 was nominated and seconded; she accepted for this position.

**Ordinary Committee Member (Ride Coordinator) –**

John Watson 65532 was nominated and seconded; he accepted this position.

All other positions are classed as ex-officio roles and will be covered by the committee.

As no other nominations were received for the above committee positions, all of the above positions were endorsed by the meeting members, and were confirmed as current financial, Ulysses Members. Allan congratulated all those duly elected.

Neil thanked Allan for chairing the meeting.

**AGM Business**

**Motion 1 by Neil Cook 57265**

That the Ulysses Bundaberg Branch switch from monthly meetings to bi-monthly meetings.

The Ulysses Constitution only requires branches to have 6 general meetings per year. This could possibly increase the number of members attending general meetings. General meetings would be in February, April, June, August, October and December.

The motion was seconded by Ross T. The vote was 8 for, 1 against, the motion was carried.

It was suggested that we might have social nights in the off-meeting months.

### **Motion 2 by Neil Cook 57265**

That the Ulysses Bundaberg Branch Committee meets bi-monthly for the purpose of determining the agenda items for the upcoming general meeting.

The Ulysses Constitution only requires branches to have at least 3 committee meetings per year. The branch committee carries out the day-to-day running of the Branch.

The motion was seconded by Chris P. The vote was 6 for, 1 against. The motion was carried.

Branch Reps for Extended National Committee meeting at Armidale, NSW.  
Neil & Jill Cook 57265 & 57266 will be representing the Bundaberg Branch at Armidale.

Meeting closes at: 7.59pm.

### **Changes to the Ulysses Bundaberg Branch**

As per the latest Ulysses Club Constitution (Reg 4/04/2024) and the Handbook for Branch Committees, the Ulysses Bundaberg Branch is now classified as a **Branch by Majority**.

The latest version of the Ulysses Club Constitution (Reg 4/04/2024) does not allow us the Ulysses Bundaberg Branch to operate as a Social Structured branch.

Other changes are:

Branch Facilitator is now Branch President

Minutes Taker is now Branch Secretary. This role can also be incorporated with the Branch Treasurer which becomes the Branch Secretary / Treasurer

All the other committee positions are Ordinary Committee Member's, and all of the committee may perform Ex-Officio roles. As a result of the above AGM, the following committee persons perform the following:

Neil Cook – Branch President, plus the following Ex-officio roles: Newsletter Editor, Facebook and Website Administrator

Jill Cook – Branch Secretary / Treasurer, plus the following Ex-officio role: Events Coordinator

John Watson – Ordinator Committee Member, plus the following Ex-officio role: Ride Coordinator

Ulysses Bundaberg Branch General Meetings will now be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the following months: February, April, June, August, October and December

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held at the conclusion of the February meeting.

**Branch Meetings:**

Are held on the first Tuesday of every second month which are: February, April, June, August, October and December. Meetings are held in the Avoca Room at the Sugarland Tavern, 52 Johnston Street, Avoca, Bundaberg. The meetings commence at 6.30pm sharp. Feel free to arrive earlier to enjoy a meal and beverages.

**Thursday Rides:**

We have a ride to various destinations around the area every Thursday of the year unless notified otherwise.

Thursday rides will normally depart from the River Cruz car park on Quay Street at 9.30am. Meet at 9.00am or earlier for coffee and food. There is usually a riders meeting in the carpark at 9.15 to discuss the days destination.

If we are departing from a different venue or at a different time the details will be advised by email, on our Face book page and on our website.

The destination is usually decided on the ride the previous week. Depending on weather conditions, interest, etc there may be a last-minute change. The 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month ride is usually to a destination which does not have food available so BYO lunch. Most other times there will a cafe or pub to eat at but feel free to bring your own food on any ride.

If you want a pre ride coffee or feed, we have a table booked at River Cruz Cafe.

**Sunday Rides:**

There is a "formal" Sunday ride to a pre notified destination on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month. Details will appear in the Newsletter, on Facebook and on our website.

**Other Rides.** There may be other rides organised during the year which will appear in the Newsletter or on Facebook and the Website. If you feel like organising a ride at any time, feel free to put the details on face book or contact the Ride Co-ordinator.

**Please post Thursday rides, Sunday rides and other event rides on Facebook so members can see pictures – these can also be used to go into the Newsletters.**

**Remember to add ride destination and dates please!!!!!!**

The committee would welcome suggestions from any members regarding either ride destinations or social events.



# RIDE REPORTS



## 9/01/25 Thursday Ride to Mount Perry

Thursday 09.01.2025 ride to Mount Perry. We left River Cruz Cafe with 13 riders and 1 pillion including 2 trikes and 1 spyder. With John W in the lead, we headed out to Bargara Rd then on to the Ring Road where Graeme B's Honda had a battery failure. He assured us he would be ok and would arrange for his wife to pick him up, so we rejoined the rest of the group and headed out along Goodwood Rd, Foleys Rd then Childers Rd then through the back of Cordalba to come out on the Bruce Hwy and headed toward Gin Gin , but only a short distance.

We made another left turn from the highway to take a scenic tour through Ferry Hills, Tablelands Rd through Tirroan and into Gin Gin for a break. A few riders left us there while 7 of us continued to Mount Perry for lunch. Some had a feed at the cafe while 2 had lunch in the pub. We regrouped at the cafe only to be informed of a storm coming our way, so we made a hasty exit and headed for home. A fantastic days riding with great company. Thanks to the trikes for tail end duties and to John Watson for taking us on a great ride through the district . Hope to see you all next week. Rocky.





## 16/01/2025 Thursday Ride to Woodgate

Short run to Childers then to Woodgate for an early lunch. Not so bad near the water and when riding. Ambient temp got to 36 riding but got to 41 when I got back to Bundy. Thanks, peoples, for a pleasant day. Next week we will have another attempt at going to River Heads.



## 23/01/2025 Thursday Ride to Harvey Bay

There was a nice group of coffee drinkers today, but only 4 riders prepared to contend with the heat with a max forecast of 35 degrees. You can't blame us oldies for not wanting to ride. We agreed that a ride to Harvey Bay with lunch at the boat club in air-conditioning a better option so that's where we headed. We made our way out to Bargara Rd then onto the Ring Road, from there onto Goodwood Rd and out to the Bruce Hwy. We had a break at Howard, a shame to break up a good conversation, and made our way through Torbanlea and on to Harvey Bay via the airport and to the Boat Club.

This place always provides a nice meal in record time, which is what we always get treated to. After lunch and plenty of conversations, we departed with the threat of a storm and lots of thunder coming from the south. We headed back the way we came but detoured to BP Torbanlea for a cold drink. From there we headed for Bundy and home. A nice breeze had sprung up, so the run home was quite pleasant. Thanks, Wayne Zielke, for tail end duties and Mark Mason for leading part of the way. A great day was had by all, and thanks everyone for the company. We decided not to set a destination for next week but decide on the day as the weather has been forcing us to change our plans at the last minute. Rocky.





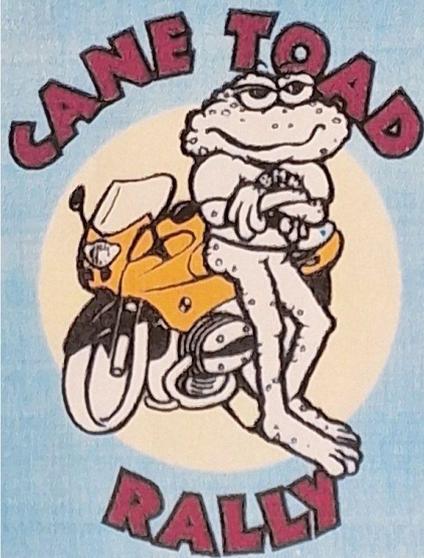
## 30/01/2025 Thursday Ride to Agnes Water

Today we had a nice group of coffee drinkers at River Cruz Café. Ray N asked where we were planning to go. I asked where do you want to go. "Agnes " was his reply, so with that the question was asked and Agnes Water was the agreed destination. We departed with Wayne C leading us over north, along Hanbury St to Gin Gin Rd then onto Rosedale Rd, Fingerboard Rd with a break at Fingerboard Rd Roadhouse.

Concentration was a must with so many potholes, a few quite deep. We stopped at the lookout but our starving leader was anxious to get to food so we again mounted up and headed to Holidays Cafe in the Agnes Water Caravan Park. The food was nice and came out fairly quick, as usual. After lunch Al suggested we stop at Jo`s woodhouse for ice cream. We thought it was a good idea as we had never been there before 🤪. ( Jo`s Roadhouse). From Jo`s we headed for home. A great day riding with excellent company. Thanks to Wayne C for leading, Ray N for tail end duties (Ray wouldn't be coerced in leading it being his suggestion for Agnes but readily volunteered to go Tail-End Charlie) . Thanks to everyone who helped make it a great day riding. Rocky .







The BMW Motorcycle Club of Qld.  
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The 31<sup>st</sup>

# CANE TOAD RALLY

Since 1978

**WHEN:** 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025

**WHERE:** Mt. Perry Showgrounds, Qld - *for this year only.*

**COST:** \$30 Entry (includes Rally Badge)  
*pre-registration made on website before April 20,  
saves time when arriving, just sign in and pay entry fee.*

*Camping* on large campground with hot showers, flushing toilets and campfires.

*Catering of all meals from Friday lunch to Sunday morning breakfast.*

The Grand Hotel will have a *Bar onsite*, Friday and Saturday *closing at 9:30pm.*

*Self-guided Bike Tours of local area* or *Summit Climb* on Saturday.

*Light Entertainment (no live music)* on Fri. and Sat. night around campfires.

There will be the traditional *Rum Hunt, Gymkhana* and *usual Awards.*

*Cars, Caravans etc. only permitted by prior arrangement with organisers.*

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