

# wheezy Rider

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Hi Everyone,

I have just returned from the Corrigin Overnight Ride, what an adventure.... We had 13 people stay overnight. The Corrigin Hotel did a great dinner and served us with a lot of nice cold beers & wine. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves on Saturday night, some a bit more than others!! I'll let TEC tell the story about the ride there, lead by Paul (how many wrong turns) Turner and the events of the weekend. The ride home was via Ardath, Bruce Rock and Beverly before it got too hot. Another overnight will be planned for a few months' time.

The Sunday rides have been very well supported and we have been to some great new places for lunch. Paul Turner took us to Greenhill's Tavern, where he became an instant ATM machine because the EFTPOS was down; Mick Katarski had us eating at Redcliffe on the Murray which was a very pleasant location for lunch. The Mandurah-Murray crew were also there. A full review will of course come from TEC at the meeting on Wednesday night.

Committee Nominations – Please, Please we need nominations otherwise we will not have a committee. At this stage we do not have a female for next year! It would be good to have at least 2 on the team. It would also be good to have a Plodder on the Committee too so all parts of the Branch are represented. Remember everyone it is your branch and it can't be left up to the same people to do everything all the time. To borrow (and modify) a line "don't ask what the branch can do for you; ask what you can do for the branch!"

The 'Walking on Sunshine' Fundraiser Party at Kay and Steve Zaretsky's went off well with some good money being raised and a lot of fun. A pity Geoff didn't pick up the bottle of Moet when he won a raffle draw; Jill will keep reminding him of that for a few years yet!

As we are not required for Moto Crew this year there is talk of a support crew on their bikes leapfrogging along the route. I'm sure more information will come about that as we get closer to the day.

Cheap & Cheerful Rides – The first ride to Alfred's Kitchen in Guilford was a beautiful cool ride through the hills (report in the Wheezy). The next one will be this Friday 10<sup>th</sup> led by Paul Turner – the venue will be notified in an email this week. Then on the 24<sup>th</sup> March Tony Collins is taking us for Fish and Chips after a pleasant river ride. See the Calendar for details. NOTE: Leaving times will be 7pm to give everyone time to get to Gateways.

Any other ideas you may have for social events or rides away please send them to the committee.

See you at the Social Meeting THIS WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> March at the Leopold Hotel 8pm.

That's it for now

Remember— It's not what you ride, it's your attitude that counts.

Colin Booth 61215

President Ulysses Fremantle Branch



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**FREMANTLE BRANCH MEETING**  
**2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT THE**  
**LEOPOLD HOTEL 326 CANNING HWY BICTON WA.**  
*The committee is the servant of the Group, not the Master*

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**Note: Next meeting, Wednesday**  
**12th**  
**April 2017**

**Plods and Saturday morning coffee**

Wednesday morning Plods meet at South Beach for a 9:30am start.

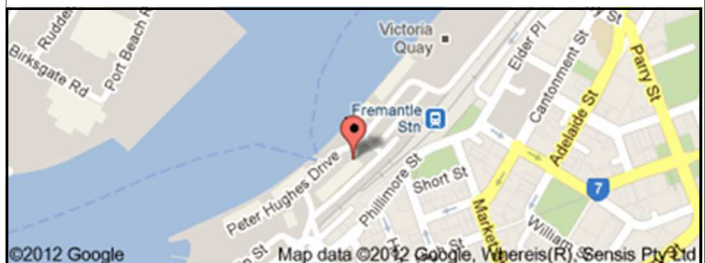
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The Saturday morning coffee get togethers will also continue to take place at the Victoria Café, however commencement will be from 10.00am.



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# **RIDE TO CONQUER CANCER 21 & 22 OCTOBER 2017 WE NEED YOU TO MARK CORNERS**

The ride to raise funds for the Perkins Cancer Research Institute is on again in October this year. Ride is from Perth to Mandurah on Saturday and return to Perth on Sunday

Ulysses, HOGS and other motorcyclists have assisted in the running of the event in past years by providing corner markers and acting as safety marshals along the route.

We need approximately 50 people to adequately cover the whole route on each day.

If you can assist for one day or both please contact Tony Collins Ulysses Club Fremantle Branch – preferably by email but SMS is OK.

I will even accept snail mail if it provides a warm body and a working motorcycle underneath to mark a corner.

Please provide the following information in your reply:

- Contact details – email & mobile phone number
- Rider solo
- Rider with Pillion
- Car driver - solo or in company
- Day available – Saturday or Sunday - or preferably both
- Time of day – morning or afternoon
- If you volunteer for both days then if it is at all possible you will have one morning and one afternoon so it is fair to all
- Locality – if you live in Mandurah then obviously 7am in South Perth is not the best option for you
- Any corner you would prefer NOT to mark for personal reasons
- Special dietary requirements – lunch will be supplied
- Other special needs – toilet close by corner etc.
- Overnight tent in Mandurah – tent is supplied at no charge but BYO everything else

This is very worthy cause so please consider helping  
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## Some Plodding News

Mick Webb recently led a group of Wednesday "Plodders" on a ride to Mount Helena where we met the owners of a delightful property, Fay and Denis Petmezaki, who originally came from Crete, before finding Australia.

In his younger days Denis had raced Morgan 3 wheel motor bikes in England and still has many happy memories of these exotic machines, so when it was announced in 2011 that these machines were coming back into production he immediately became interested. The original 3 wheelers were produced in Worcestershire from 1932 to 1952 and registered as motor cycles to make owning one cheaper. From 1952 onwards the company concentrated on Morgan sports cars only.

A trip to Melbourne and there it was! An almost new Morgan 3 wheeler painted in British racing green .A deal was done and transport arranged to W.A.

Denis rolled back the Garage door ,and there it was, meticulous in every detail. Eager hands carefully rolled it outside where Denis found the keys and started the 2000cc S&S V Twin engine.

This machine sells in the U.K for \$60,000.00 but due to Australian Design Rules (ADRs) it will cost you \$102,000.00 to buy one here, mainly due to the fact Australian authorities, alone in the world, decreed that it be registered as a car, thus adding tremendously to the final price .

Looking further, Denis's garage revealed a 2004 Triumph Bonneville with genuine Triumph side car, this outfit showing 6200Km, and as Denis can not do justice to the Morgan and the bike, the Bonny is now for sale

Reluctantly ,leaving at last for our lunch stop Denis informed us that the one thing he had not taken into account when buying The Morgan was his age. At 80 plus, getting into the thing is not as easy as he remembers it!

**Peter Brown #58814.**





## Some Plodding News (cont.)



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## Cheap and Cheerful rides are on again

Four bikes and two pillionists left Gateways for a leisurely ride along Brookton Hwy then through to Kalamunda to our destination at Alfred's Kitchen in Guildford for hamburgers.

Not content with stuffing ourselves with good hamburger with the lot plus chip we all decided the ice cream parlour across the road was too good to refuse on a balmy summer's night.

Pretty sure Paul Turner had already eaten several before he told us the place was open because we had a running commentary on the variety of flavours available.

Thanks to Colin.

The next Friday night ride on the 10th will be led by Paul Turner with the venue advised by email later this week.

On Friday 24 March I will be leading a pleasant river ride that will culminate in a fresh feed of Fish and Chips.

Tony Collins

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## (Odyssey Update)

**Odyssey 2017**

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### **Fundraiser party thank-you**

Thank-you everybody who helped to make the Walk for Women's Cancer fundraiser party such a wonderful success. We hope everybody who made it along enjoyed the evening.

Thanks to the generosity of all there on the night, Ulyssians and others, we raised \$1225. A further \$400 was generously donated by people who were not able to come along. This is a wonderful outcome, and all while having fun.

Shani, Eileen, Leonita, Chris and Kaylene.

# Alf Bridle

## Alf Bridle Ride Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February

Approximately 40 bikes and additional cars gathered at the Armadale start point near Maccas.

The rain held off but the easterly winds were very strong and most of us looked east and hoped they would settle down as cross winds on Albany highway do not make for enjoyable riding.

Bill Westerhuis of Perth Branch briefed the riders on the short ride to Gleneagles rest area and cautioned on the loose surface and pot holes heading into the parking area.

The ride down was uneventful but the entry to Gleneagles was not the best with potholes, loose pea gravel, mud and slippery dirt all demanding caution and respect from riders. Fortunately no one had an "off". Other cars arrived at Gleneagles with family friends and relatives and there were approximately 60 people present to pay respect to Alf.

Mark Dixon of Perth branch outlined Alf's history with Ulysses and how he was the person who set in motion the founding of Perth Branch. When the numbers on rides became too high for safety, and the venues for morning tea and lunch struggled to cope, Alf was also instrumental in supporting the creation of Fremantle branch with the assistance of Mike Smith and a few others.

Over the years other branches were created throughout WA and Alf was always on hand to assist the new branches in the early stages. Mick Webb told of the annual rides down to Walpole where Alf was given the main bedroom in the house as a mark of respect. Rides in future years always reserved "Alf's" bedroom for him.

Other members recalled their memories of Alf and how he welcomed new members into the club and ensured they settled in and became part of the Ulysses family.

I remember often meeting up with Alf on rides and at AGMs when he was riding his Goldwing wing with side car and accompanied by his partner Sandy Herling.

He was a gentleman with time for a chat with anyone. He will be missed.

RIP Alf

## Tony Collins





## Vietnam Ride with Platypus Foundation Nov Dec 2016

### Part TWO

#### Day 3 Phu Yen to Gia Bao

More cross country riding, including a swaying suspension bridge, though rice paddies on tracks little wider than the bike wheels – one mistake and you would end up over the edge into the mud amongst the rice.

Stops to see local sights and the author almost gained a second wife as our leader told one very senior lady I might take her to Australia – She hopped onto my bike and waved goodbye to her family which caused much amusement to the locals.

From the valleys we headed back up into the mountains and into more low cloud. This time I followed another rider's advice and took off my glasses and lifted the visor and thereby managed to survive until we came out into sunlight on the downside of the mountain and I could see clearly again

Lunch was local food and cost an average \$3.70

Buying cold drinks is an interesting experience because the only refrigeration is in the private houses behind the businesses so you are in fact buying the people's drinks. Takes much sign language to get the message across that you want cold drinks from the fridge but it is all part of the travel experience.



There are a lot of different tribes in Vietnam and each one has a distinctive clothing and headdress style for the women. Amazing to see such colourful outfits in such a drab and dusty environment.

Arrived at Gia Bao homestay and dinner was again followed by “talking water” with a few overindulging and paying the price next day.

#### Day 4 Gia Boa to Sa Pa

More fog and low cloud again today – survived by following a local bus

Visited a tea plantation where the locals can pick an average of 2-3kg of tips per day for 25 cents per kilo so a day's work will nett them 75 cents or VND 12,000 just so the west can have cheap tea

More narrow tracks through villages and onto a main road under construction

Labour is very cheap so not very much heavy equipment is used and trucks are loaded by hand using shovels with labourers paid about \$US10 per day

Roadside culverts are made by hand using picks, shovels etc and the concrete is mixed in mixers holding 2-3 cubic feet of mix which is then wheelbarrowed by hand to where it is needed

Bitumen for the road surface is heated in 44 gallon drums suspended over burners – obviously OSH is a foreign phrase in Vietnam



Apart from vehicular, human and animal obstacles on the roads one must also be aware of steaming piles of buffalo dung. Several riders were following close to trucks that went through said piles and they ended up covered in shit – amusing to us but not them

Reached SaPa which is a base for mountain trekkers and spent two night in a nice hotel

Surprise for dinner that night – very good pizza at a local restaurant – a welcome change from Vietnamese food



### Day 5 Sa Pa rest day

A few of us took the cable car to the upper reaches of Fansipan and climbed the remaining 700 steps to the top for awesome views of the mountains. They are building a Buddhist temple complex and we observed how human power can do almost anything

Eight men were carrying a 300x 300 x 12 metre beam up the very same steps that we struggled to climb. We did the climb once but they will do it a number of times each day.

No wonder the Vietnamese managed to see off the French and Americans – they are so tough and make do with whatever they have to achieve their target.





## **Day 6 Sa Pa to Hai Giang**

More riding and amazing scenery

To get anywhere in Vietnam one needs to suspend western riding cautions and habits and at time just go for it. This means passing vehicles on bends and even on the inside of semi-trailers negotiating tight bends on the mountain roads.

Use of the horn is essential to signal to others that you are about to pass

What would be considered suicidal riding in Australia almost becomes normal practice otherwise it would take you ten times longer to get anywhere.

One sight you see almost everywhere is a satellite dish attached to even the most ramshackle looking house. The dishes are provided free by the Vietnamese Govt to enable internet communication with the population – cynically we thought it was to tell the peasant farmers how good they have it

We were told that China is developing hi speed satellite internet that will make hardwired networks like the NBN redundant in about 5-10 years

Mobile phones are everywhere and it is not unusual to see people labouring in a rice field with a hoe stop work and start talking on a mobile phone.

Reception is incredible even in the most remote mountain areas and puts Australia's networks to shame.

## **Day 7 Hai Giang to Meo Vac**

More amazing scenery and roads

Along the way you would see veneers of wood peeled from logs and eventually used for making plywood generally used for packing cases etc.

Stopped at a mill to watch workers feed logs into a peeler and collect the veneers for drying. The veneers are then air dried along the side of the road before being bundled and stacked on pallets to await collection.

40 bundles fit on a pallet and for that they are paid \$VND22, 000 - this equates to about \$US 0.23 cents per bundle.

Labour is very cheap in Vietnam.

The remaining oversized broom handle sections of the logs are used for all sorts of purposes and the bark and waste veneer is dried and use for fuel in stoves - so nothing from the tree is wasted.



Fremantle Branch Ride Leader Steve Zaretsky  
**2017 Ulysses AGM Trek  
Port Macquarie and Return**

**Departs Perth Saturday 6 May 2017**

**Arrives Port Macquarie Sunday 14 May 2017**

**Week 1:** Overall seven days riding plus two days leisure probably Ceduna or Streaky Bay.

**Week 2:** Have a week of your own time or volunteer to help with AGM setting up.

**Week 3:** AGM Week. Plenty of Rides and Socialising.

**Week 4:** Overall seven days of riding plus one leisure day getting back to Perth.

**Return Date Sunday 4 June 2017**

**WANTED - 2x Support Vehicle Driver/s (Beer wagon drivers/cooks)  
(May be rider interchange)**

I am happy to provide a vehicle for the return trip but it will need a driver or two. Here is **WHY**:

- A Pint of Beer will cost about \$11.00.
- If 6 people have three pints each every night then the cost of beer alone will be around \$3400.
- If we have a support vehicle we can drink 6 cans each per night at @\$2 / can for \$1200.

This unbudgeted cost saving alone will pay for the support vehicle. The savings are even greater if we factor in the support vehicle carrying our tents / stretchers and other cooking gear and food supplies. We can also reduce our riding distances by cutting out our leisure days.

8 days riding @ 525km / day

9 days riding @ 460km / day

With support vehicle and sleeping in Tents on cots we have greater control over where we stop for overnight camps. We can eat reasonably healthy and fresh food and can have hot coffee, cold beer or cheap red at our own price.

Provide own tent and cot ( <b>assume currently owned</b> )	\$0	(also reduces AGM accom cost)
The occasional Caravan park fee ( <b>Return</b> )	\$400	

Fuel for Support vehicle	(Return)	\$2200
Food per head /day \$20 x 17 x 8	(2x drivers)	\$2700
	Sub total	\$5300

Item	Nights / KMS	Total approx
Fuel @ \$1.40/ltr	8400km	\$850
Meals	17 days	\$340
Occcasional C/van pk fee		\$50
Support vehicle fuel / 8	\$2200	\$275
	Total per rider return	\$1515

Add 6 cans of beer per person per night @\$2 can - \$200 (\$1715 each total)

The savings increase exponentially if Red Wine is consumed.

The support vehicle driver's share of cost is approx. \$765

How it works. Each person deposits \$800 (rounded for contingency) into a specified credit / debit card account. Two cards are issued. All costs associated with Support vehicle (including wear and tear costs like blown tyres), with food and caravan parks / camping are to be drawn against the card balance.

Unsupported costs as follows

Accommodation (to Port Macquarie) – Budget about \$120 per night for a double bed or twin share in Motel style.

Food – if you carry your own brekky cereal and stove for coffee

Lunch as a burger or similar about \$15

Tea - a pub meal or roadhouse about \$20 - \$30 per night depending on choice. Obviously if you have a stove you can cook / reheat your own food a lot cheaper

Fuel - I think the most expensive fuel I paid for was \$1.68 per litre. A big cruiser doing 14.25km/ltr would use about 600 litres, return. Average that at \$1.40 /ltr and you will need to allow \$850 for fuel for the return trip. Average ride day is 600km.

AGM - Accommodation – best on offer is a Tent City Tent on site at Port Macquaire. Each tent has two camp stretchers / cots and full rubber floor and usually a 12v light and two chairs. See AGM Registration. If you volunteer for a few days starting the Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May you will usually be allowed to camp for free (to be confirmed) at the AGM site in set up week.

Item	Nights / KMS	Total approx
Fuel @ \$1.40/ltr	8400km	\$850
Lunch	17 days @ \$15	\$255
Evening meals	17 days @ \$25	\$425
Motel accom	17 nights @ \$120/2	\$2000 / \$1000
	Total per person Share	\$2530

Add \$560 for an allowance of 3 pints of beer per person per night (\$3090 each Total)

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## Ride to Redcliffe on the Murray



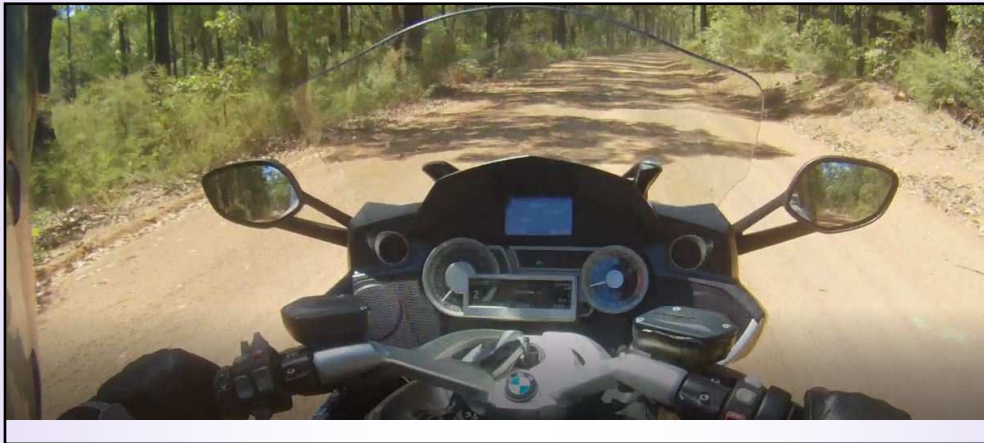


## Corrigin Overnighter 2017



In Harvey on the way to Corrigin





Harvey Quindanning Road



Finally able to slow down to 60kph



Alison after 50kms of gravel road



Corrigin Roadhouse



Bikes Assembling



Ardath Pub



## SOME LIGHT HUMOUR

### JUDGE ASKS WOMAN WHY SHE WANTS A DIVORCE. HER ANSWER IS PRICELESS.

A judge was interviewing a woman regarding her pending divorce, and asked, "What are the grounds for your divorce?"

She replied, "About four acres and a nice little home in the middle of the property with a stream running by."

"No," he said, "I mean what is the foundation of this case?"

"It is made of concrete, brick and mortar," she responded.

"I mean," he continued, "What are your relations like?"

"I have an aunt and uncle living here in town, and so do my husband's parents."

"Do you have a real grudge?"

"No," she replied, "We have a two-car carport and have never really needed one."

"Please," he tried again, "is there any infidelity in your marriage?"

"Yes, both my son and daughter have stereo sets. We don't necessarily like the music, but the answer to your questions is yes."

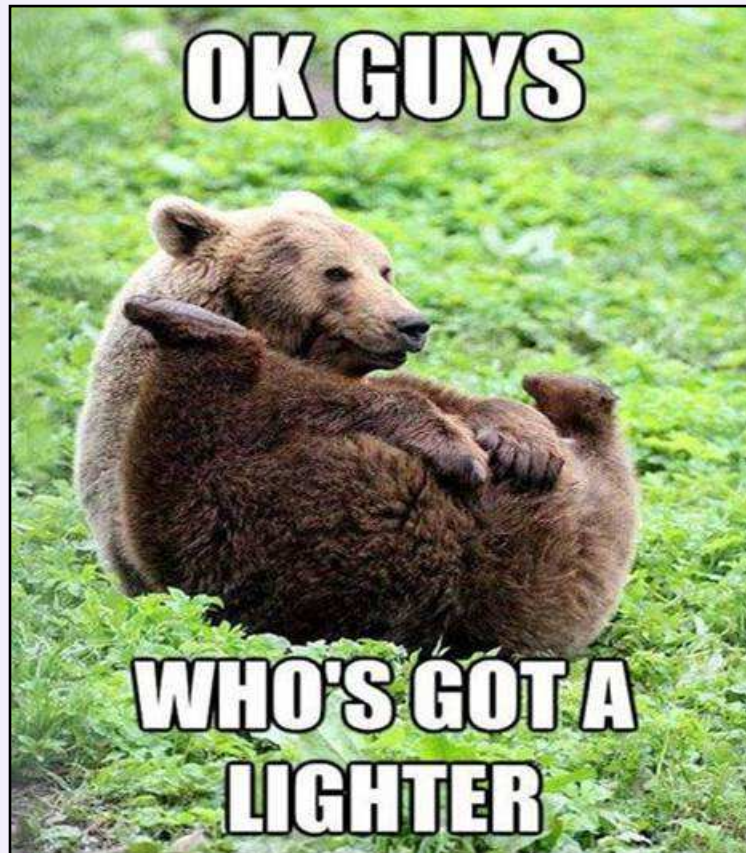
"Ma'am, does your husband ever beat you up?"

"Yes," she responded, "about twice a week he gets up earlier than I do."

Finally, in frustration, the judge asked, "Lady, why do you want a divorce?"

"Oh, I don't want a divorce," she replied. "I've never wanted a divorce. My husband does. He says he can't communicate with me."





**Trump is only watching  
the Olympics to see**



**how high the Mexican  
pole vaulters can go.**

I'm not sure who this woman is



but apparently she knows you

I'm not an alcoholic,  
alcoholics go  
to meetings.

I'm a drunk,  
we go to  
parties.

