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Hi members

Just a short President's Report for this month as I am away on a holiday but will be back for the meeting.

Rides

The March Calendar looks pretty good, however most destinations had not been advised at the time of writing. If you have not led a ride before, please put your hand up. There is plenty of support from regular Ride Leaders who can provide suggestions of destinations and routes.

Lismore Rally

If you are not going to the Rally this year but would like to vote, please email Natcom administration administration@ulysses.org.au for a ballot paper. Ballot papers are only available upon individual request and will be posted to your residential address.

Branch AGM

Our Branch AGM will be on Tuesday 9th June. Nominations for the Committee will close after our May Social Meeting. Serving on the Committee is good fun and you get to have a say in how our Branch is run.

20th Anniversary Celebrations June 2020

We have a venue in the Dalmatinac Club in Spearwood. We are waiting to tie up the finals on food and entertainment. The date will be Saturday 20th June 2020.

Welfare Officer

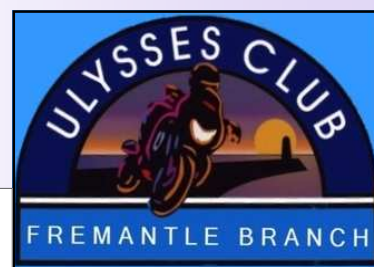
I would also like to take this opportunity to thank and welcome Anita Turner who has kindly accepted the recent vacant position of Welfare Officer for the Fremantle Branch. Many thanks Anita.

John Pepper 40751

President Ulysses Fremantle Branch



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FREMANTLE BRANCH MEETING 7:30pm
2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT THE
HAMILTON TAVERN 330 CARRINGTON ST,
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The committee is the servant of the Group, not the Master

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Note: Next meeting, Tuesday
14th
April 2020

Plods and Saturday morning coffee

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

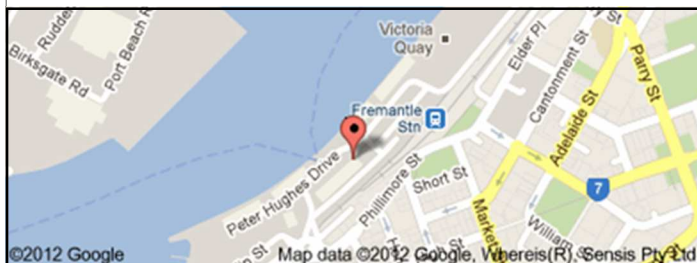
Any enquiries regarding plods can be directed to any of the following:

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The Saturday morning coffee get together will also continue to take place at the former site of the Victoria Café, however commencement will be from 9.00am.



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Dr Keenan's guide can be accessed via the
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After the great February Breakfast by Armadale Heritage
This month it's back to the normal Last Saturday of the month
so

Meet you at

Francesco's Cafe @ the Spud Shed

630 KAREL AVENUE JANDAKOT

Saturday 28th March from 9.15am

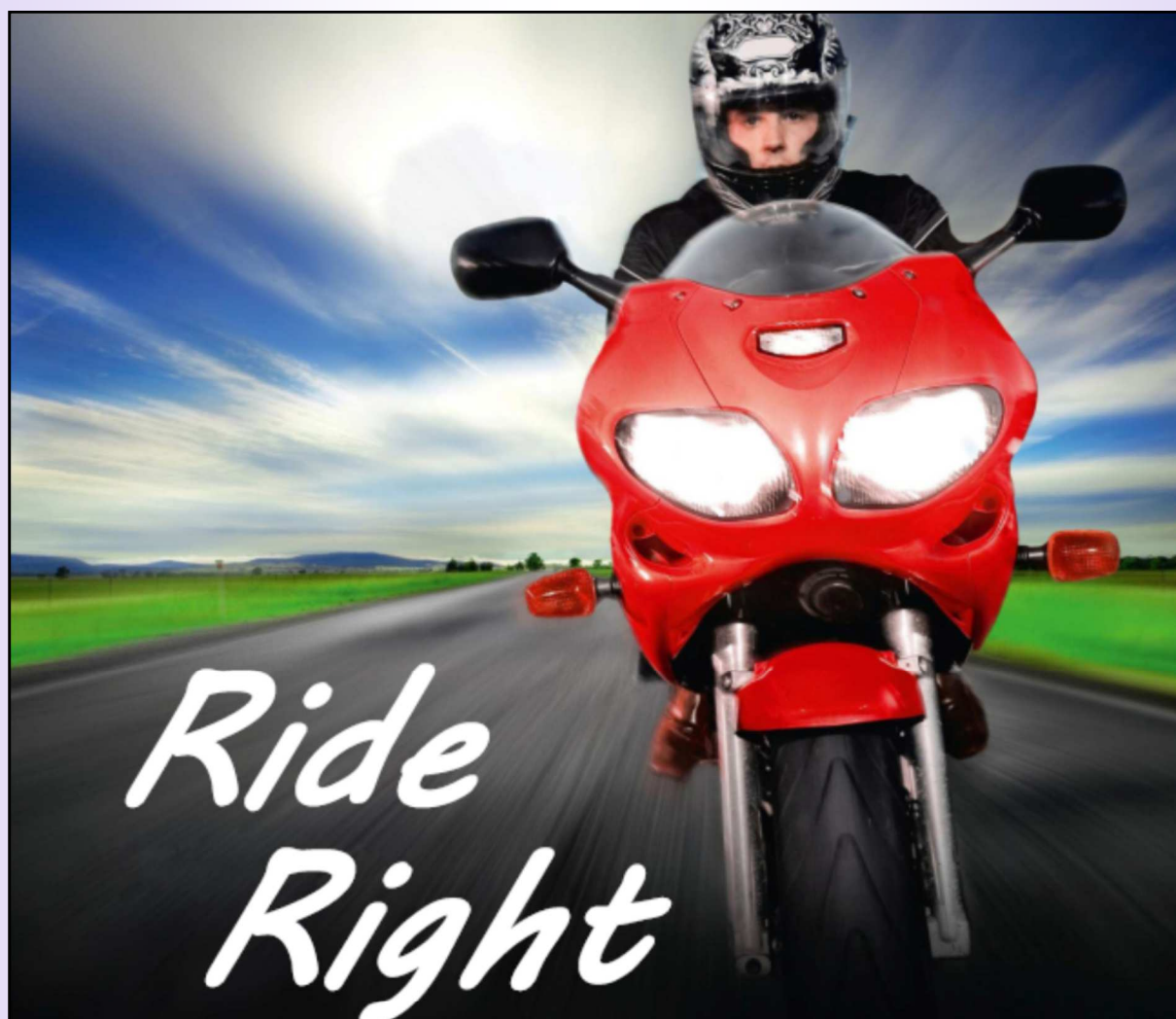
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Some shots from Australia Day celebrations at Tony's







Some more shots from Steve and Kaylene's ride to Dardanup via Harvey



The following is an excerpt from classic-motorbikes.net

Kawasaki ZX-12R Ninja – A Tyre Kickers Guide

9 January 2020



For us the ZX-12R is a strange creature, because while it promised 200mph motorcycling (it didn't quite deliver that) it has still become a well-loved machine, perhaps thanks to its quirky looks.

It is 20 years now since the Kawasaki ZX-12R Ninja first (smoothly) appeared on the scene.

We say 'smoothly' as you could see that Kawasaki had spent thousands of hours in the wind-tunnel perfecting the curves of this machine – I mean, look at the mirrors? Back then, Kawasaki was the only major manufacturer that also made airplanes – and it showed: the mirrors were pointedly designed so that they would slice through the 200mph airflow...

In development, journalists heard that the machine could have as little as a 800 mile rear-tyre life, if the throttle was abused. Remember, this was pre-traction control! The ergonomics of the bike itself were a tad strange: it was large, but also a tad sporty.

That motor produced a whopping 180bhp, rising to 190bhp through that Kawasaki Ram-Air snout that could snaffle up a grouse, if one was daft enough to appear in front of it. The frame was a monocoque aluminium box – one of the first to be used on a production motorcycle (we think Kawasaki's KR500 did the same in racing?)

The bike lasted until 2006 when it was practically overshadowed by the ZZ-R1400. Which was a shame as it was a great (albeit thirsty) bike, which – in original form – was given a strange, convoluted running-in procedure – but was updated with the likes of fuel-injection mods, crank and flywheel changes and radial brakes in 2004. Build quality was good across the years.

Today it's still a hot ship: 180bhp is still not too shoddy, two decades on. And, if you want one – you can find one for as little as £2500, rising to a plainly daft £9000 for a less than 1000 mile minter. We'd say go to £3k and get a clean one that's standard.

RECALLS: A recall was made to replace the overflow pipe inside the tank as it could crack and leak in December 2000. In October 2001 the tyre valve nut on front and rear wheels could crack from corrosion or stress leading to a loss of pressure in the tyres. In January 2003 it was found that oil could seep through the electrical harness connected to the stator which could lead to fleck of oil on the rear tyre.

SUSPENSION: Stiffer on later models from 2002.

BRAKES: The six-pot Tokicos suffer from age and neglect but can be sorted (try www.powerhouse.uk) but the radial-equipped 2004-on models are the best braked versions.

ENGINE: For a bike for the experienced, the 12R was embarrassingly easy to stall: but from 2002-on the bike gained a heavier crank and a narrower fly-wheel which helped. Max power hides at around 10,000 revs. Don't worry if the bike seems to run hot – they all do! And try and keep the KLEEN AIR system in...

CLUTCH: Standard is fine, unless you're upping the power.

COMFORT: Consider this a big lad (or lass') sportsbike. Looks fast and has a size that fits more than most modern sportsbikes!

ECONOMY: Almost as bad as the Honda VTR1000F FireStorm! 110 miles to reserve! Bad!

Kawasaki ZX-12R (2000-2001)

Colours: red, green, silver, black

Price new: £9380 (2000)

Comments: In comes the first model with wind-tunnel aerodynamics, large ram-air snout and 158bhp at the rear wheel. The frame was an aluminium monocoque and the bike also came with a labour-intensive run-in schedule.

Kawasaki ZX-12R (2002-2003)

Colours: red, green, silver, blue, black/gold

Price new: £8995 (2002)

Comments: Suspension alterations (stiffer), milder steering geometry and engine has 178bhp, allied to smoother bodywork. Ram-air snout now looks sleeker, pushing 30-per-cent more air into the motor. Heavier crank and gear-change was also slicker.

Kawasaki ZX-12R (2004-on)

Colours: silver, green, black/gold, blue

Price new: £8995 (2004)

Comments: Updates included radial brake calipers and upgrades to the fuel injection system.

Message from Jude Gliddon (Joondalup Branch)

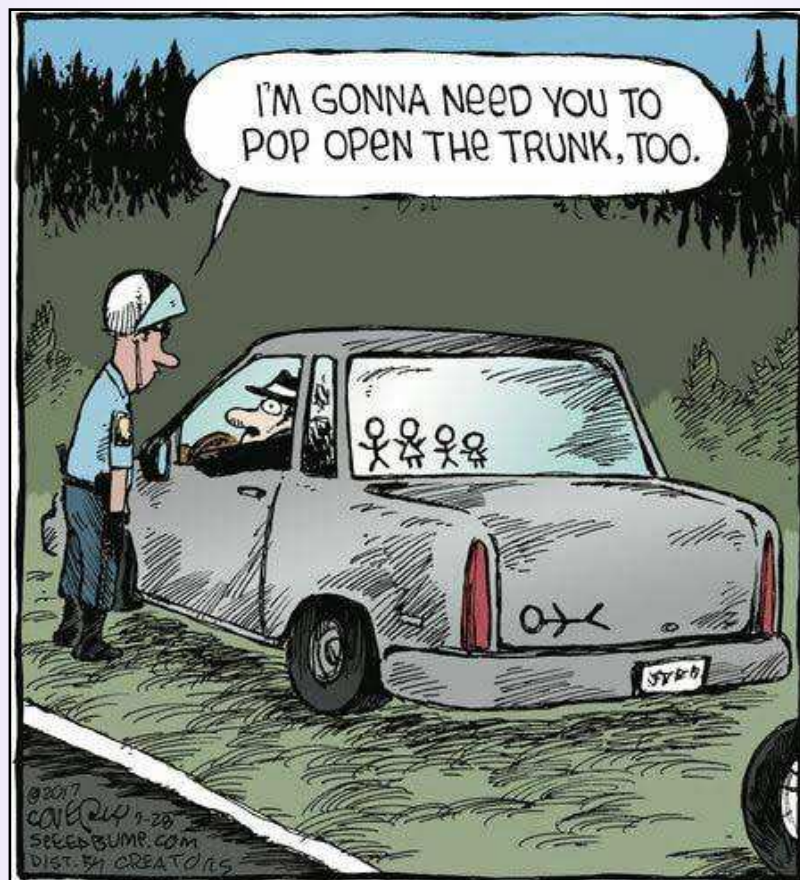
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OK kids, I'm organising a 2 week soft cycling trip in north Vietnam in **September** next year for the Platypus Charity. (Date change due to MotoGP in Hanoi) We usually do motorbike rides to raise money but I'm keen to do this. The same local team that does the bike rides will lead, organise and support the cycle one. These guys are seriously good at this and we've been refining the processes for years. Quite a few members came along a few years ago and we had a ball.

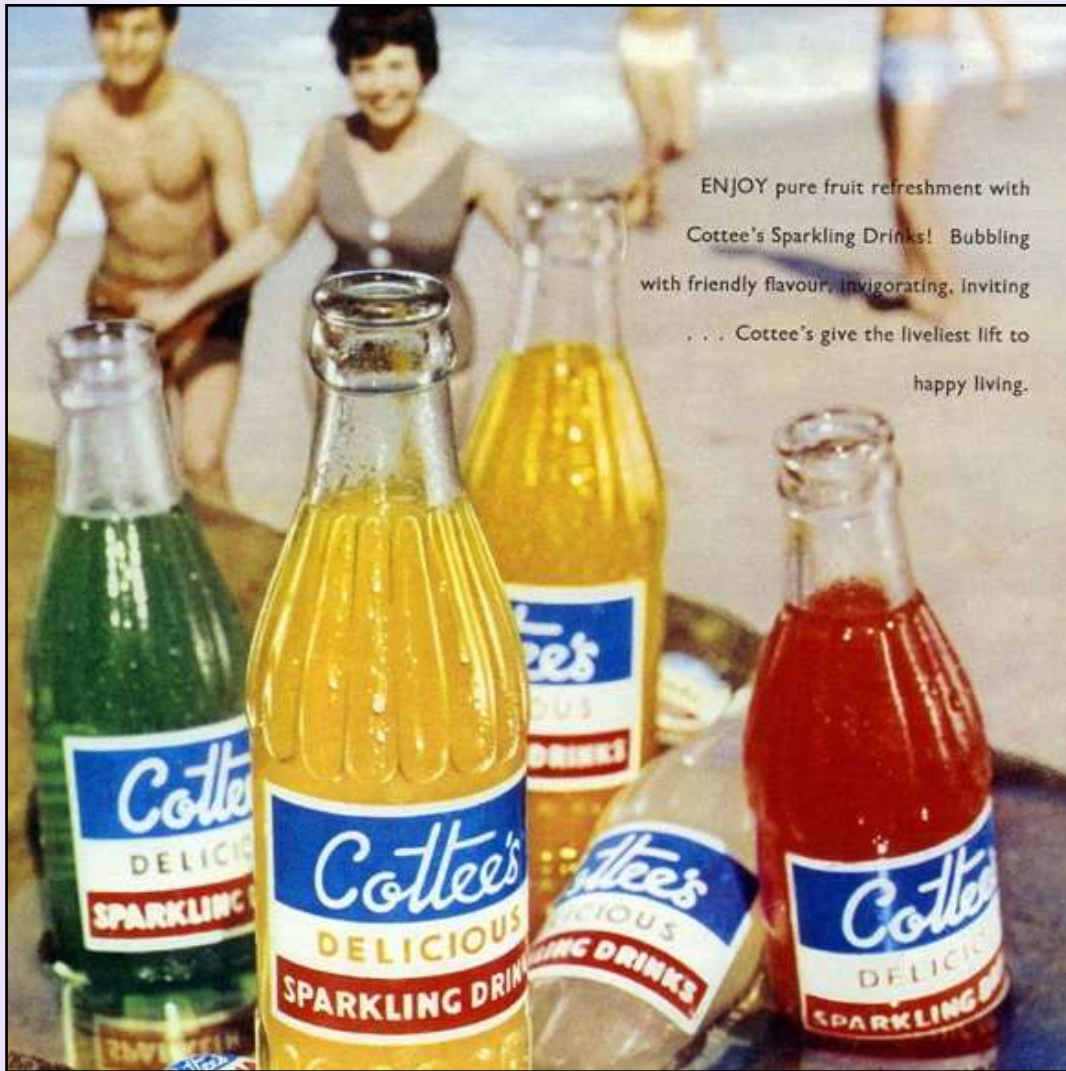
So, 'what is soft cycling?' I hear you ask. Well it means not hard core - mainly good surfaces, relaxed pace and a support truck and bus so you can jump in if you've had enough or a hill looks too big. Then you can get out and ride down the other side. Your call. I'd like to include some massages (working on this). We will end up at a posh stilt resort on the private Cat Ba Island where we can kayak, snorkel and swim. I don't have a price or set date yet but it will start in **September 2020** and the rides have been very reasonably priced. The idea is to get to Hanoi early and get used to it. Our guys will arrange your transport from the airport to our hotel.

You can read about Platypus here: <http://www.platypus-charity.org/about-us/> - we're all volunteers so the money goes to the kids.

If you're interested, please contact Jude at jpg@aapt.net.au



Photos compiled courtesy of Lost Perth (Facebook)





SOME LIGHT HUMOUR



*"Are you really trying to look up a number for your ball's tech-support?
It needs air. Just blow it up."*



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"All the girls are off sick!"



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"What are you hiding behind your back?"

Chinese Doctor can't find a job in a Hospital in Australia, so he opens a clinic and puts a sign outside **'GET TREATMENT FOR \$20 - IF NOT CURED GET BACK \$100.'**

An Australian lawyer thinks this is a great opportunity to earn \$100 and goes to the clinic.

Lawyer: "I have lost my sense of taste."

Chinese: "Nurse, bring medicine from box No. 22 and put 3 drops in patient's mouth."

Lawyer: "Ugh. This is kerosene."

Chinese: "Congrats, your sense of taste is restored. Give me \$20."

The annoyed lawyer goes back after a few days to recover his money.

Lawyer: "I have lost my memory. I cannot remember anything."

Chinese: "Nurse, bring medicine from box no. 22 and put 3 drops in his mouth."

Lawyer (annoyed): "This is kerosene. You gave this to me last time for restoring my taste."

Chinese: "Congrats. You got your memory back. Give me \$20."

The fuming lawyer pays him, and then comes back a week later determined to get back \$100.

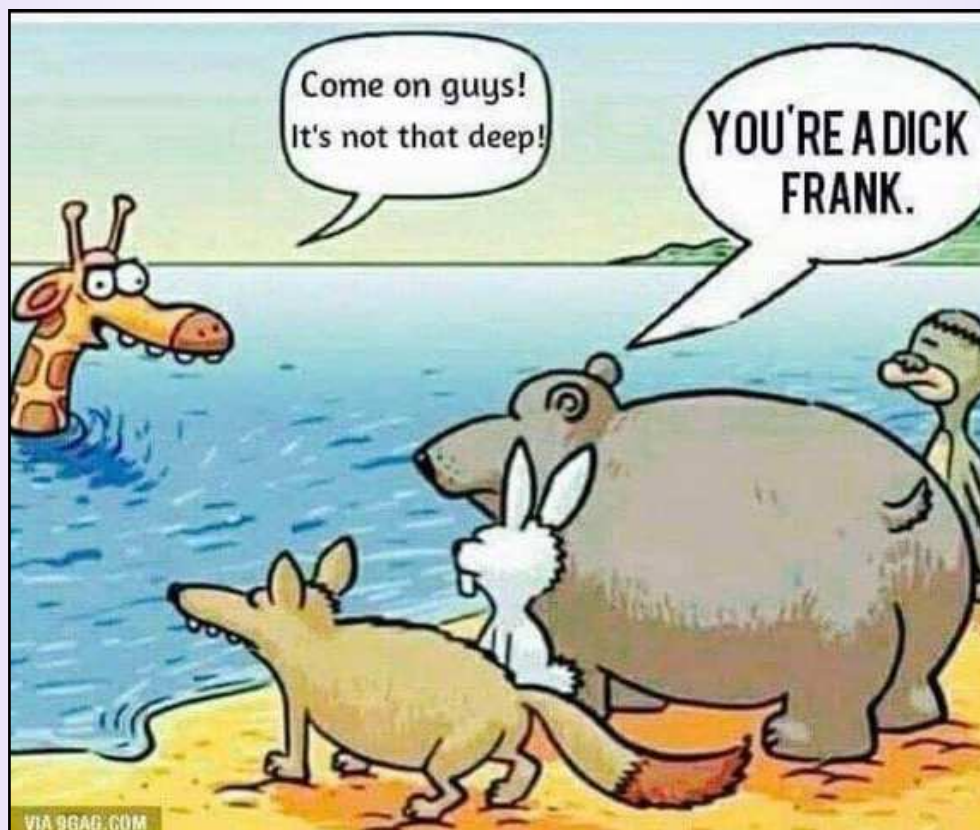
Lawyer: "My eyesight has become very weak I can't see at all."

Chinese: "Well, I don't have any medicine for that, so take this \$100."

Lawyer (staring at the note): "But this is \$20, not \$100!!"

Chinese: "Congrats, your eyesight is restored. Give me \$20"

You can't beat Chinese Doctors



Delicate Humour

The best story of the year doesn't give the proper praise and credit for this painful but understandable story as told by a loving blonde wife.....

The pastor asked if anyone in the congregation would like to express praise for an answered prayer. Suzie stood and walked to the podium.

She said, "I have some praise. Two months ago, my husband, Frank, had a terrible bicycle accident and his scrotum was completely crushed.

The pain was excruciating and the doctors didn't know if they could help him." You could hear a muffled gasp from the men in the congregation as they imagined the pain that poor Frank must have experienced.

"Frank was unable to hold me or the children," she went on, "and every move caused him terrible pain."

We prayed as the doctors performed a delicate operation, and it turned out they were able to piece together the crushed remnants of Frank's scrotum, and wrap wire around it to hold it in place with metal staples."

Again, the men in the congregation cringed and squirmed uncomfortably as they imagined the horrible surgery performed on Frank.

"Now," she announced in a quivering voice, "thank the Lord, Frank is out of the hospital and the doctors say that with time, his scrotum should recover completely."

All the men sighed with unified relief. The pastor rose and tentatively asked if anyone else had something to say.

A man stood up and walked slowly to the podium. He said, "I'm Frank." The entire congregation held its breath.

"I just want to tell my wife that the word is sternum."

