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Hi All

Welcome to 2023. I hope you all had an opportunity to relax and spend time with family and friends over the break. After a frenetic December I certainly enjoyed my annual stop-everything-and-watch-the-Boxing-Day-Test time!

Our Ulysses Christmas party was fun. Some interesting Secret Santa gifts...! A big thank you to those that contributed whether by helping to set up (under strict guidance from TC who was still on crutches), bringing yummy food, participating as clean-up crew, or just being great company. Plenty more social activities to come this year.

It was with great sadness that we farewelled Martyn from Warnbro after a tragic incident with a kangaroo on Inkpen Rd. His family requested no flowers, rather a contribution to Black Dog – a cause that was special to Martyn. As such our Fremantle branch donated \$100 directly to Black Dog. Martyn was a great Ulyssean who always put his hand up to contribute.

Remember that Tony C is constantly collecting second-hand gear for RFDS fundraising, so if you are looking for some kit or have something to donate, speak to Tony.

As always, a big thank you to our ride leaders, for leading us astray around our beautiful countryside. Remember to **check the calendar** to see where we are going and if there is a change in starting point. We need to be sure where to be....

Also remember, if you or a member you know is going through a rough patch, please do not hesitate to let our Welfare Officer know if we can offer any support, or just someone to have a friendly chat with. Thoughts are with those on the sick list at present – even if you are not out and about you are still part of our Ulysses family.

### **Upcoming events**

Keep an eye on the calendar for details:

#### January

- BBQ TBA
- Australia Day TBA
- Bowls event TBA

**September 22 – 25 2023:** We are hosting the Odyssey. Seaspray Beach Holiday Park in Dongara. BOOK NOW – they have a range of accommodation but will fill up due to school holidays and other events. There is also the Dongara Hotel just a kilometre up the road.. Another planning meeting soon....

National rally in Mandurah 2024. Start thinking ahead. Volunteers see Tony C.

### **Rides**

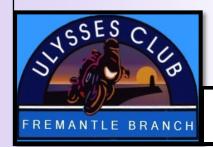
As usual, we need ride leaders. Even if it goes wrong, it is still fun!

### See you out there!

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#### FREMANTLE BRANCH MEETING 7:30pm 2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT THE BEACONSFIELD HOTEL, CORNER OF WRAY AVE AND HAMPTON RD FREMANTLE WA.

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### Note: Next February meeting, 14th February 2023

#### Plods and Saturday morning coffee

Wednesday morning Plods meet at The Health Freak Café, Cockburn Gateway Shopping City Shop G333/816 Beeliar Drive, Success Western Australia 6164 for a **9.00am** start.



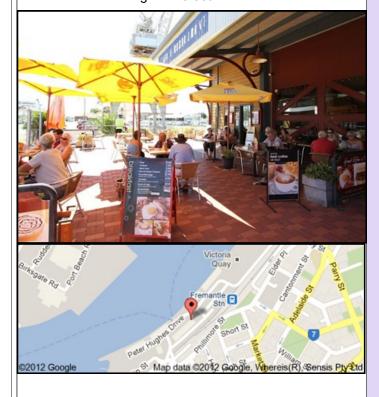
Any enquiries regarding plods can be directed to any of the following:

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The Saturday morning coffee get together takes place at the ECafé situated near the eastern end of the E-Shed Markets commencing from 9.00am.



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# Oddity



After this rear-ending the rider is fortunately OK



Ford Candy Purple Leadsled Harley Combo

# Some pics from the Mike Smith 5 town memorial ride



Beverley



Toodyay



Mike's Jacket



Bindoon

# Mick's Ride to Wandering via Pingelly



Morning tea in Pingelly



Main street in Pingelly



Pingelly



Outside the cafe



Parked outside Wandering Tavern



**Great food** 

Pics from the recent Christmas Party at Tony C's house









# Some pics from Julie's ride to Quindanning



Julie's Santa theme



Leaving Pinjarra



Beautiful lunch



Heading home

### THINGS TO PONDER

If a bottle of poison reaches its expiration date, is it more poisonous or is it no longer poisonous?

Which letter is silent in the word "Scent," the S or the C?

Do twins ever realize that one of them is unplanned?

Why is the letter W in English called double U? Shouldn't it be called double V?

Maybe oxygen is slowly killing you and it just takes 75-100 years to fully work.

Every time you clean something, you just make something else dirty.

The word "swims" upside-down is still "swims"

100 years ago, everyone owned a horse and only the rich had cars. Today everyone has cars and only the rich own horses.

### FOUR GREAT CONFUSIONS STILL UNRESOLVED:

At a movie theatre, which arm rest is yours?

If people evolve from monkeys, why are monkeys still around?

Why is there a 'D' in fridge, but not in refrigerator?

Who knew what time it was when the first clock was made?

### **VAGARIES OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

If money doesn't grow on trees, how come Banks have Branches?

How do you get off a non-stop Flight?

Why are goods sent by ship called CARgo and those sent by truck SHIPment?

Why do doctors 'practice' medicine? Are they having practice at the cost of the patients?

Why is it called 'Rush Hour' when traffic moves at its slowest then?

How come Noses run and Feet smell?

Why do they call it a TV 'set' when there is only one?

What are you vacating when you go on a vacation?

Did you know that if you have What, When and Where and then replace the "W's" with T's the questions are answered?

# Plodders Christmas Lunch Presented by Pete Brown

Wednesday 15 December saw 22 members turn out for annual lunch/catch up at the Last Drop Inn Armadale, with 14 doing the ride which was ably led by Patrick Hayes and included a pit stop at Pickering Brook. It was great to see old friends and talk of the good times.





The Following is an excerpt from www.yesterdays.nl

### **VELOCETTE 1967 THRUXTON 499CC 1 CYL OHV**



Velocette 1967 "Thruxton" 499cc OHV

The Truxton, designed in 1965 by Bertie Goodman, was almost an instant legend after a series of impressive results on various racing tracks, where its average speed often exceeded 100 mph. This high performance production racer, which was also sold over the counter in road going version, was a perfect choice for both the fast touring enthusiast and the racing buff. In 1965 the 500 mile race (held at Castle Combe that year) was won and two years later two Thruxtons gained first and second places in the Production TT that was first staged at the Isle of Man that year. Standard equipment on the Truxton were rearward placed footrests and brake and gear pedals, close-ratio four speed gearbox, aluminium wheel rims, duplex front brake and John Tickle clip-ons. Output was a healthy 41 bhp, 5 more than the Venom. The machine could be bought in two colour combinations, the traditional black with gold lining or the more exotic version with blue frame, forks and seat and silver tank with gold lining. In all, no more than about 1175 Thruxtons were manufactured between early 1965 and December 1970. Power output was 41 bhp@6200 rpm, top speed 172 km/h. Today the Thruxton is one of the most sought after of post-war Velocettes.

This specimen was sold at a Bonhams auction in October 2013 and subsequently restored. The frame number refers to a 1960 Venom or Viper; it's identical to a Thruxton frame. A continuation logbook that comes with the machine shows this frame was already fitted in or before 1972. Possibly the original frame was damaged in an accident and replaced by the earlier one. The former owner has fitted touring bars and footrests because he felt that the riding position was too radical for him. He also fitted a new 34mm Amal MkII Concentric carburettor, to further improve useability. A modern replacement BTH magneto has also been fitted. This machine was featured in an article in the December 2020 issue of Classic Bike, of which a copy is available.



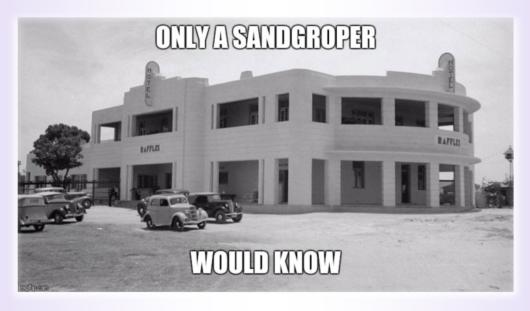






Photos compiled courtesy of Lost Perth and SLWA (Facebook)





One of the old stamping grounds



Pretty cheap if it was now



New Police bike

### SOME LIGHT HUMOUR

### An Old Biker"....

So an 80 year old man went to the doctor for a check-up and the doctor was amazed at what good shape the guy was in....

The doctor asked, "To what do you attribute your good health?"....

The old timer said, "I'm a biker and that's why I'm in such good shape....I'm up well before daylight on Sundays and out sliding around corners, "shootin" sand washes and riding up and down the steepest, wildest mountains I can find at the crack of dawn"....

The doctor said, "Well, I'm sure that helps, but there's got to be more to it. How old was your dad when he died?"....

The old biker said, "Who said my dad's dead?"....

The doctor said, "You mean you're 80 years old and your dad's still alive? How old is he?"....

The old biker said, "He's 99 years old and, in fact, he went riding with me this Sunday, and that's why he's still alive... he's a biker too"....

The doctor said, "Well, that's great, but I'm sure there's more to it...

How about your dad's dad?....How old was he when he died?"....

The old biker said, "Who said my grandpa's dead?"....

The doctor said, "You mean you're 80 years old and your grandfather's still living!....How old is he?"....

The old biker replied, "He's 117 years old"....

The doctor was getting frustrated at this point and said, "I guess he went riding with you this Sunday too?"....

The old timer said, "No... Grandpa couldn't go this week because he got married"....

The Doctor said in amazement, "Got married!! Good Lord!!!....Why would a 117-year-old guy want to get married?"....

To this the old biker smiled and answered, "Who said he wanted to?"



"I can't remember the last time you put your arm around me at the movies."



"It may be more inconvenient, but the 'Reverse Prostate Exam' is a lot less embarrassing for the both of us."



#### **Last Will and Testament**

Steve lived all his life in the Florida Keys and is on his deathbed and knows the end is near. His nurse, his wife, his daughter and two sons are with him. He asks for two witnesses to be present, and a camcorder be in place to record his last wishes, and when all is ready, he begins to speak:

"My son, Doug, I want you to take the Ocean Reef houses"

"My daughter Kelly, you take the apartments between mile markers 100 and Tavernier."

"My son, Kevin, I want you to take the offices over in the Marathon Government Centre."

"Cathy, my dear wife, please take all the residential buildings on the bay side on Blackwater Sound."

The nurse and witnesses are blown away as they did not realize his extensive holdings, and as Steve slips away, the nurse says, "Your husband must have been such a hard-working man to have accumulated all this property."

The wife replies, "The asshole had a paper route."