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Hi all,

Hope you are all in good health and looking forward to the good weather and some time for us all to enjoy our bikes.

Well as you all probably know we went to Thailand along with Wendy & Ian Bullock Phil & Noelle Edge, Steve Mogan & Carol Oates, a great time had by all, great company,

The only thing we learnt is you go with a bad hip and you get escorted by a staff member in a wheelchair. Well done Phil!! We all look forward to our next trip have not worked out where yet.

Sad to hear of the passing of Margaret Crane she has not been well for a while now. Rest now Marg.

Xmas is just around the corner now it has come around so quickly, I think there is a gremlin stealing some of our days. Hope you have done your Xmas shopping, I heard that, be nice now. Make sure you have a happy time over the holidays, enjoy your family, lots of hugs as you never know what's around the corner.

Not much else to report on but remember we are always looking for new members so if you know of anyone try and have a membership enrolment form with you, it will help to grab the moment.

And please make sure your bookings for Swan Hill are all confirmed, details in newsletter. Just take some time to make sure if you are going to take advantage of our trips, please book. More about this in newsletter.

Well guys talk to you all before Xmas, stay well, be happy.

Sandi Barry  
President.

## Secretary's Message

Hi Goldwingers,

We had a by Election recently for a replacement of the Federal Member for Gippsland. When the votes were counted and Darren Chester was sworn in, I sent him an email with my "hearty congratulations". I also added to it a couple of attachments regarding the protest ride (Registration Levy, front number plates, and wire barricades)

Darren past my request onto the State Member for East Victoria, Peter Hall and I received a response from him with a reply to him from the Office of the Minister for Roads and Ports. (They have port in the Roads Department).

I have scanned the letter from the Department and with a bit of luck, Editor in Chief (self titled from his native background) may be able to print it off and attach to the rear of the newsletter.

Depending on your individual perspectives on the subjects of Tolls, Number Plates (some of you don't have Levies) etc, you will notice that the letter explains to us that since the introduction of the Registration Levy in Victoria, we have had a significant increase in registrations and a 20 % reduction in motor cycle fatalities in Victoria.

I guess what they are saying, if we increase the levy by another 80%, we will have everyone riding motor cycles and no one getting killed. "Bring it on Brumby"

In light of the foreseen safer roads for old farts and their young passengers I would like to take the opportunity to wish you and your families a very Happy and Safe Festive Season and a great New Year for Biking.

Until then, Ride safe,  
Ron

## *Vice-Presidents Report*

### **VICE PRESIDENT/TREASURERS REPORT** **AS AT 30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2008**

Mr. Edge has just demanded another report. Seems like only yesterday I did the last one.

Oh! Well guess I had better get on with it.

Not a lot has happened since my last one. We have had two really good rallies. In August we met at Corowa. Once again a great get together. The Motel was very good and the Saturday night dinner put on by the Motel owners was really great, even though it did rain. The locals were very happy to see some precipitation.

Phil was still hobbling on a walking stick after his hip op. Hope he is a lot better now.

A few weeks later we all met again at Yarrawonga. Once again a great get together. The Flinders were in the caravan as we were heading off for a few days holiday and to join up for a rally in Cowra with the newly formed Ulysses RV Group. I might add it was a great weekend and I think we are really going to enjoy the RV Group.

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# *Treasurers Report*

## **GOLDWING CLUB OF AUSTRALIA**

### **TREASURERS REPORT** **AS AT 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2008**

BALANCE FORWARD FROM 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2007 4811.43

#### **INCOME**

BANK INTEREST	11.06
MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS	480.00
NEW MEMBERS	400.00
RALLY INCOME	841.80
ADVERTISING	360.00
CLUB SHOP	<u>72.00</u>
SUB TOTAL	2164.86
TOTAL	<b><u>6976.29</u></b>

#### **EXPENSES**

POSTAGE	16.80
STATIONERY	14.00
COMPUTER AND INTERNET	867.88
RALLY EXPENSES	280.00
CLUB SHOP	879.80
SUNDRIES	<u>308.60</u>
SUB TOTAL	2367.08

BOOK BALANCE AS AT 16<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2008 **4414.31**

PLUS CHEQUES NOT YET PRESENTED 29.20

40.00

TOTAL **4678.41**

BALANCE ON STATEMENT AS AT 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2008 **4678.41**

## *Forthcoming Events*

**2009**

**JANUARY 23rd—26th**

Australia Day weekend will be held at the Pioneer City Tourist Park, 186 Murray Valley Hwy, Swan Hill. Phone No. for bookings is 1800 990 389 and advise Phil Edge on (03) 5231 2910 or goldwingclub@bigpond.com if you are attending.

**MARCH 6th—9th**

The Labour Day weekend rally will be held at the Rawson Caravan Park, Depot Rd, Rawson, Phone No. for bookings (03) 5165 3439 and advise Marilyn Flinders on (03) 9775 7153 or mflinders@optusnet.com.au if you are attending. **See page 5 for further info.**

**MARCH 16th—22nd**

For those attending, the Ulysses AGM will be held in Penrith (Sydney) during the above dates.

**APRIL 10th—13th**

Next years AGM will be held at the Kalganyi Caravan Park, Penola Rd, Mt Gambier (SA) Ring Ray on 1800 651 746 for bookings and advise Phil Edge as above if you are coming along.

As with all our rallies, particularly as they are mostly on holiday weekends, you are advised to book early or risk missing out. Also, PLEASE tell them you are with the Goldwing Club when you book to enable us to check numbers.

**Item 26. AUSTRALIA DAY 'RIDE TO REMEMBER 2009'**

Organised by the Victoria Police Blue Ribbon Foundation.

DATE: Australia Day – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2009

The web site is in the process of being updated. There is still information about the 'Ride to Remember 2008' on the

More information next month. Or go to-

[www.australiadayride.com.au](http://www.australiadayride.com.au)

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**HONDA AUSTRALIA TRACK DAY**

Saturday December 13 – Vic – Track day – Phillip Island GP Circuit

Bring your own bike and also test ride the Honda fleet. Invite a friend on another brand if you wish. For more information call (03) 5952 5032

[Registration form](#)

**Peninsula Toy Run.**

On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> Of December, leaves the Frankston Pier parking area at 9:30am sharp.

Assemble from 8am. The run takes us to the Rosebud Secondary College.

Unwrapped new toys and canned or packaged foods will be most welcome.

Riders can then ride to the Dromana Reserve for a free sausage sizzle.

Further information: John – 03 5978 6280

**STICK IT UP PROSTATE CANCER RIDE 2009****CAN YOUR BRANCH SET UP A RIDE TO WERRIBEE ON THIS DAY?**

**The E.J. Whitten Foundation will again be conducting the "Stick It Up Prostate Cancer Ride" in 2009 and we have now set the date for the event being Sunday 22nd February 2009.**

**We have made some changes to the 2009 event including a "refreshments" tent; more food vendors; and are seeking to increase the number of stall holders....We have also engaged a great band, Retromax, who have played at a number of motorcycle events and received rave reviews...(Note: other changes planned include starting from Docklands; slightly longer ride; different area at Werribee Park; Shade areas; & some seating)**

**Should you or any of your members be aware of any anyone who may be interested in a stall or sponsoring the event, please advise so we can follow provide them with further details.**

**Whilst this is designed to be advanced notice and we will be providing further information as the details for the event are finalised but would appreciate it if you could pass the information on to your committee noting the event and potentially seeking support from your members/colleagues.....Maybe you can set a up a club ride to the event....**

**Regards, Graeme (Skin) Skinner - 0438 565 594**

**Rawson Caravan Park Overview**

Rawson is a lovely little town nestled at the base of Mt Erica. We are only 30 minutes from Moe, Traralgon & Morwell & 20 Minutes from the Thomson Dam & Walhalla where there's plenty to [see and do](#). (Ghost Tours, Mine Tours & ride the Steam Train from Thomson Bridge into Walhalla.

There's plenty of peace and quiet as you relax in the Caravan Park surrounded by mountains, forest & friends.

Rawson Caravan Park has its own [Bar & Bistro](#). Come and enjoy a meal in our unique Aussie Barn. Full of Aussie atmosphere & country charm.

Each camping site is powered and has its own personal ensuite toilet and shower. So come and relax around a campfire with friends and family at the Rawson Caravan Park and Holiday Units.

## Welcome to New Members

The following new members have recently joined our Club and we extend a warm Goldwing welcome to you all. Remember, there are no strangers in our Club, only friends we haven't met yet. Hoping to see you at one of our rallies in the near future.

**Fred Cooper** Forreestfield, WA

**Phil Hunter** Traralgon, Vic.

**John Lougheed** Hazlebrook, NSW

On the subject of memberships, just a reminder that our annual members subs are now due and payable at our AGM at Easter time instead of the end of November as it was previously.

Also, if you have friends or are aware of other people who ride Goldwings, (or Valkaries), invite them along to one of our future rallies to meet us and decide if they would like to become a member of our happy Club. We unfortunately lose members from time to time for a number of different reasons, sold bike etc., and we need to continue to try and build our membership so that our Club will continue to thrive.

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## TOY RUNS

### 24<sup>th</sup> Ulysses Club Toy Run.

On Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> of December, assemble at the Centro Cranbourne Shopping Centre at 8am for escorted police departure at 10am.

Awards for best decorated bike, longest distance bloke, Sheila, 250cc. pillion, etc.

The run takes us to the meet up with the MRA (Vic) Toy Run at Williamstown.

Further information: Barbara – 03 5998 2424 or Dale – 0432 776 458

### MRA (Vic) Toy Run.

On Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> of December, assemble from 8am in Latrobe Street, near Flagstaff Gardens, for departure at 11am for Williamstown.

LIMITED Toy Run badges will be available at Flagstaff Gardens and Williamstown.

Toy Run Badges \$8.00 or two for \$15. This year we have the Victorian Police "Code Blue"

Playing at Williamstown, then from 1pm onwards, the police Bag pipe's will play until 1.30pm.

Further information go to the MRA (Vic) web site.

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### Vice-Presidents Report Cont.

Many thanks to all who keep supporting our rallies. I know some live just too far away, but hopefully we will get to meet all our members, old and new, one day.

Our next rally is in Swan Hill on the Australia Day weekend. Should be another good one.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members and families a very happy Christmas and a Safe and prosperous New Year.

Now changing hats to Treasurer.

Not a lot of change in our finances. We spent some funds to upgrade the club computer. This should hopefully make life a little easier for our trusty editor. We have a few new members who have joined via the website. We hope to see some of them on future rallies.

Our new system for Public Liability with Motorcycling Australia seems to be working well and is saving the Club quite a large amount.

That's it for me.

Marilyn Flinders

Treasurer/Vice President



A couple of pictures of those members that attended the 2008 Thailand Goldwing Rally in October/November.

A great time was had by all with great company. The local beer was very easy to drink and, with the high humidity, we had to keep our fluid intake up of course.

The little bloke in the middle of the top photo, Surin, was great value in showing us around Phuket, (pronounced Poo-Ket, not the other way!!) at a very cheap price.