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## Editorial:



Hi All,

### \*\*\*\*SPECIAL EDITION\*\*\*\*

Dedicated to our Founder

Eric (Rick) BEDFORD

28/7/1949—22/6/2019

It was with a sad heart that we received the news of Rick Bedford's passing. Rick lost his fight with cancer and passed away at home on the 22nd June, 2019, with his wife, Sherol, by his side.

A memorial was held at the Thornside Community Hall on August 10th.

Rick & Sherol started this club back in March 2008, with only 34 members, and it has steadily increased in membership over the 12 years in operation. We currently have over 1400 registered members, including partners, Australia wide, with a few International Members also. An accomplishment that Rick & Sherol should be extremely proud of.

Rick was born in South Australia in 1949. He joined the Police Force in 1964 and retired in 1989. Rick married Sherol in December 1998. Rick is also an author of 6 printed novels.

Rick was an active member of the Ulysses Club Inc (#7481). He served as a Committee Member (1998), Vice President (1999-2002) and President (2002-2006). Rick was awarded Life Membership (#12) in 2008, an Honour he was extremely

proud of. Rick continue his involvement with the Ulysses Club with a regular editorial in the tri-monthly Riding On magazine.

Rick was instrumental in resolving a dispute over the wearing of the "Old Man" insignia and 'Rockers' logo, with the Outlaw Rebels Motorcycle Club in June 2005, at the Canberra Ulysses RV Group AGM. The agreement was made that the Ulysses "Old Man" Logo can be worn without any other patches on the rear of jackets.

Amongst his other achievements, Rick wrote the Ulysses Handbook for Members in 2006, which is still in use today, and is in its 6th Edition.

R.I.P. Eric (Rick) Bedford, you will be missed by so many. Our condolences to Sherol and family at this sad time.

I would like to thank those members who contributed to this special edition.

Travel Safely & Keep the shiny side up.

Editor (aka Judi Raven)

*"May tender memories soften your grief,  
may fond recollection bring you relief,  
and may you find comfort and peace in the thought of  
the joy that knowing your loved one brought.*

*For time and space can never divide or keep your loved  
one from your side.*

*When memory paints in colors true,  
the happy hours that belonged to you."*

Helen Steiner Rice



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## KT's REPORT

by Ken Tacon

Ken Tacon ▸ Ulysses Members RV Group  
Saturday at 16:04 · 📷

**A big thank you to those that attended Ricks memorial**

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👍❤️😭 You, Sherol Bedford and 35 others

 **Geoff Sheather**  
A big thank you to those who organised it and allowed us the opportunity to say goodbye to a good man.  
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Write a comment... 📷 😊 Post



This is a copy of the FIRST "The Kermit Kronicle" that Rick produced back in 2010.



**From the Editors Desk.**

Welcome to the first edition of the Ulysses Members RV Group newsletter, "The Kermit Kronicle". The newsletter takes its name from our club mascot "Arvie", who joined the group in Albany and has done a bit of travelling in the meantime with Sherol and Rick and then Sandy and Chris. Some of his photos are in the website Photo Albums. If you would like to take Arvie travelling with you, let Rick know and we can arrange to have him join you. You will be required though, to take lots of photos of him at various places and landmarks in your travels and put them in the photo album, or send them via email to Rick to do the same.

The group has had a Xmas in July gathering at Nymboida, NSW and you can read a report of that later in the newsletter.

There is also a gathering at Rainbow Beach in Qld on the first weekend in September - details are on the website and in this newsletter.

The RV Group 3rd AGM is fast approaching and is being held at the Beachfront Caravan Park, North Haven, NSW, which is just south of Port Macquarie. Details are also in the newsletter. You will need to book your site if you are planning on coming.

Thanks go to our State Coordinators, Ken Tacon, Tom Dudley, Phil Johnston, Sandy Thornthwaite, Marilyn and Richard Flinders and Bev Driver. If anyone would like to have a go at organising small gatherings in your home State, just put your hand up at the AGM. It's not hard, just pick a location, ring the caravan park

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and see if they have the room, negotiate a group price and put the details on the website forum. Local Tourism organisations or even local councils usually have information about their attractions and places of interest.

If anyone has been away either with other RV'ers or by themselves, we would be interested in hearing from you about your trip, places you visited and a report of the trip for the newsletter.

Have you done any modifications to your RV that you think might be of interest to other members. Let us know, draw a picture or take a photo and send to us.

I look forward to seeing lots of you at the AGM and at other RV group gatherings.

Rick Bedford,  
Coordinator



## VALE RICK BEDFORD

I pen this note with a great deal of sadness at the loss of such an incredible man, who harboured such a passion for the Ulysses Club, and particularly the RV Group.

At the same time I am thankful that I was privileged to share at least some part of Rick's life, thanks to the RV Group which he fought so hard to have accepted and recognised by the biking members of our club.

Rick will never be forgotten for his contribution to Ulysses, nor for his great sense of humour, his musical ability, his amazing memory, and his mateship.

Deepest sympathy to Sherol and their family at this tragic time.

RIP Rick.



Bob (& Marilyn) Lucas

Co-Coordinator

Ulysses RV Group



*"I walked a mile with Pleasure.  
She chattered all the way.  
But left me none the wiser  
For all she had to say.  
I walked a mile with Sorrow  
And ne'er a word said she;  
But oh, the things I learned  
from her  
When Sorrow walked with  
me!"*

*Robert Browning*



This is a copy of the 2nd Kermit Kronicle, which gives a brief history of the start-up of the group and how it came about.



ULYSSES MEMBERS RV GROUP



The Kermit Kronicle



**From the Editors Desk.**

The year is skipping by at an incredible rate. It only seems like yesterday that we had our 2nd AGM at Wellington Caves, and yet that was nearly a year ago and now the 3rd AGM is upon us.

In that time we have had the Ulysses AGM in Albany, and what a trip that was, ideally suited to the Members RV Group for travel. There was also the Parkes Elvis Festival in January, the Repton WGT in April, and the Port Stephens Meet and Greet in May. Then there was Christmas in July at Nymboida and a WGT at Rainbow Beach just gone.

When I wrote that original letter to Riding On way back in 2007, I had this idea of a very informal group of like minded people drawn from a common interest background getting together now and then for a good time.

At our inaugural get together at Brooms Head in March 2008, the 34 members gathered, many from the very early days of the Ulysses Club echoed that sentiment, with a strong endorsement of the idea of the RV Group, and a commitment to keep it simple. One rule to join - financial membership of the Ulysses Club by one of the couple or by single joining member. No fees, no complex structures, no rule books.

Our logo was one of several put forward on that March weekend, roughly drawn by Wayne McAleice, from an original design submitted by Russ McAulley, and then fine tuned by me on photoshop. The logo's design features four elements - the yellow ring the gold sand beaches of our wonderful country, the

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orange to represent this sunburnt land with the blue the oceans surrounding, the motorhome, caravan and car and bike and trailer to convey that we are a club for all Ulysses rv'ers, and of course our name.

Since those early times, we have grown to having over 135 members registered on the website, with most of those 135 representing couples.

The website was financed by passing the hat around to reimburse our original setup and domain hosting and registration costs. The purchase of the stickers was recovered by sales, and the purchase of the patches was covered mostly by a raffles run by Ruth Rawlings and Sandy Thornthwaite at the AGM last year.

I will have a income and expenditure sheet at the AGM this year if anyone is interested

Rick Bedford,  
Coordinator



## Eric (Rick) Bedford



It was another sad day when we lost another Ulyssian Rick Bedford #7481 Life Member #12 and EX President Ulysses club 2002—2006.

Past Away At Home On 22June2019, from cancer, with his wife Sherol beside him.

Rick will be remembered for his stance against The Rebel Outlaw m/cycle club At The A.C.T A.G.M.

Rick had the foresight to see into the future and started the Ulysses Members RV Group in 2007, to which he was the National Co-ordinator and Administrator till 2018. He then took on the role as Founding Member.

He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

R.I.P Mate.

Sherol And Family

Ken Tacon #36130

Although we only knew Rick and Sherol a short time compared to others, we were honoured to be able to call them good friends.

Rick stood out with his uncanny ability to remember every one's names around the happy hour circles at the various Rally's. Many times, he and Ken would visit those of us still up drinking after dinner with Stanley under their arm. Happy to share a port or two as well. We will miss Rick very much he has given us so much with the RV group.

RIP Rick

Soren & Sandy 

I remember very well the first day that Rick turned up at the Ulysses club on a ride. He introduced himself to my partner and me with the statement, "hi, I am Rick Bedford, I am a copper". He threw himself into the Brisbane branch full on. That must have been 1993 or there about.

Thanks

Dean Thomson

Peter & I were first in contact with Rick when Wayne Miller and myself started the WA Group in 2012. I finally got to met with both Sherol & Rick at the Mallacoota RV AGM, where we handed over the keys to our house in Gelorup. Rick & Sherol agreed to house sitting our property whilst we travelled to NSW & Tasmania for 12 months.

It was during this time that Rick & Sherol purchased their house in Chinchilla. They were planning on going over earlier to set up house & home, when he was diagnosed with cancer of the oesophagus and decided to complete his first round of treatment in WA, before returning to Queensland.

It was privilege to have met him and to call him a friend. He shall be missed by all that have come in contact with him.

Judi Raven

Ulysses Members RV Group—Webmaster, Publications & Memberships  
Joint WA State Co-ordinator



Last RVers editorial in Riding On



## Hello fellow members and fellow RVers...

The 11th Ulysses Members RV Group AGM Rally was held at Boonah in the South East Queensland Scenic Rim in the 3rd week of October. Over 170 members in 85 RVs attended at the Boonah Showgrounds to enjoy a week of festivities and activities that were organised by our Queensland RV Group Coordinators. So far, all those I have spoken to who attended had a great time and are looking forward to our 12th AGM to be held from October 14th to 20th at the Lake Albert Caravan Park in Meningie, South Australia.

Although I was unable to attend the event due to some health problems, thanks to the know-how of Richard Flinders, ably assisted by Michael Barbeler and Ken Tacon, a hookup was provided to a large TV screen in the meeting hall through Skype that allowed me to take part in the meeting and greet all the members. Our National coordinators and State coordinators were all returned to their positions unchanged, so thank you to those willing members who put their hands up each year to help run the club and organise rallies and events.

So, you haven't yet taken the plunge to RV membership, but you would like to find out a bit more of what we are about. The Ulysses Members RV Group is a separate club from the Ulysses Club Inc., but to join the RV Group you need to be a member or former member of the Ulysses Club and able to provide your membership number of Ulysses. You then fill out the form on our website at <http://ulyssesrv.org/registration.html>. That's it; no subs, no fees; just fill in the form and be added to our mailing list. Now, you are in a position to come along and join us on our rallies. On our website go to [http://ulyssesrv.org/rallies\\_master.html](http://ulyssesrv.org/rallies_master.html) to get the lowdown on where we are going and what we are doing in each state. Don't have an RV yet? No problems. If the rally is at a caravan park there are usually cabins available for hire. Or better still, you have the trailer and camping setup that you tow to Ulysses Club AGM Rallies. Hook up, helmets on, jump on the bike or bikes and come along and join in. You will be made most welcome, and I think you will find that you will thoroughly enjoy the experience of camping with fellow members, enjoying happy hour and having a great time. A word of warning though, once you have attended one of our rallies you might find that you have the urge (or your travelling companion of note does) to upgrade to an RV, so plan to go on an ocean cruise next time the Caravan and Camping Show visits the capital city or regional centre near you.

I hope to put this bickering to bed regarding RVs attending an AGM. RV Group members who attend at a Ulysses AGM are Ulysses members, and are entitled to attend the event. We are motorcyclists who, on the whole, still enjoy going on branch rides and going to branch social events. Jeff is right in his assumption that the costs of running an AGM have nothing to do with bikes. Hire of venues, setting up for camping, portable shower and toilet units, provision of meals, entertainment and various other fees make up a large part of the cost of running an AGM, and have done so for the last thirty odd years. When we formed the RV Group, we did not at any stage envisage inclusion of RVs in the camping area, as we were and still are quite happy staying in nearby caravan parks, which already have the facilities. The push to include RVs in the camping areas came from within the host committees and the Ulysses Club itself, not from within the RV Group. In fact, I think that the first push to include RVs in the camping and staging area came in 2013, at Maryborough when the caravan park in the centre of the showgrounds, which already had the infrastructure in place was utilised. I am sure that RV Group members are quite happy to stay offsite in a caravan park which has all the necessary facilities in place.

Until next time,

**Rick Bedford,**  
National Co-coordinator, Ulysses Members RV Group.  
Ulysses Club Life Member #12, Past National President.



Facebook  
Comments

# Facebook Comments



This group is for Ulysses Club Inc members who own and use Caravans, Motorhomes, Campervans or Camper Trailers. It was started to facilitate members of the Ulysses Club who have moved onto RV travel or own and use an RV, to maintain the friendship of the Ulysses Club. To join the RV Group you or your partner must be a member of the Ulysses Club Inc. As the site grows we will bring you the latest news and get-together reports, plus any news we think is relevant to RV'ers concerning our life-style.

This group is moderated and anyone posting indecent, offensive, insensitive or similar posts will be kicked out of the group.



RIP Rick... You will be missed by Many.. Condolences to Sherol & Family...  
From David & Myself..  
Coby Humphries

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Sincere condolences to Sherol and the family on the loss of your loved one Rick. His suffering is over. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.  
Love Neil and Faye Ross. XO

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We will remember him well. A great Ulysses (bike and RV) buddy  
Our condolences to Sherol and their families  
Margaret Rae

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Our condolences to Sherol and family. A truly wonderful man who will be greatly missed. It was our pleasure to call you friend. RIP  
Liz and Jon xxx

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Our thoughts are with Sherol and their family. What a legacy he has left. He will be sadly missed but also fondly remembered by all of our Ulysses family particularly the Ulysses RV group.  
Robyn Keelty

Very sad to hear of the loss of our wonderful leader. He fought a good fight. Lots of love to Sherol and all his family.  
Richard and Marilyn Flinders

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Even though its expected its always the news we don't want to hear. Rick was a man that had charisma and enthusiasm that instantly made people warm to him, and his memory for being able to recall faces if you didn't see him for a while and his ability to recall not only names but other details he was able to store in that incredible mind of his. Rick always had time for others and being a whilst new member of the Ulysses Club during his reign as president, his leadership was something that impressed me. May his legacy remain forever a visible part of this "division" of the Ulysses Club, and may all our get-togethers be a celebration of his life.....RIP Rick and condolences to Sherol.

Vince Toonan

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We met for the first time at Taunton Farm, a lovely man and passionate about our group. He will be greatly missed. Condolences to Sherol, family and friends.  
Alan Warner

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RIP Rick..my condolences to Sherol and family, my hubby & Rick had conversations with regard to their cancers. I too lost my hubby Cameron on the 28th May, 2019....Rick will be sorely missed by all Ulysses members. Ride on to both of you.  
Cameron Johnston

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Very sad news. Farewell Rick, you brought a lot of happiness and adventure to many, you will be well remembered for many good reasons. Safe travels. Condolences to Sherol and family.  
Ian Richardson

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Although not unexpected, it's so sad to hear that Rick has finally succumbed to his courageous battle against this insidious disease. He was such an inspiration to the Ulysses Club, and the RV Group. Lots of love to Sherol and their families at this tragic time.

Love from Bob 'n Marilyn, & Arvie xo

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So sad. Our condolences to Sherol Bedford and family. Our heart is broken ☹️ for your loss.  
Love Pete & Judi

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*The Final Word*

*Sherol Bedford*

*Founder*

## The Final Word



Dear Members,

I firstly want to say, a big Thank You to everyone for their kind thoughts, love, flowers and cards, at the passing of Rick. I was overwhelmed and I thought, 'Rick would love to see all these well wishes from the Ulysses/R.V. family, and just how much he meant to everyone.'

Rick's Memorial would have been over by the time this newsletter comes out, and I want to thank everyone in advance for your support and the Qld R.V. ladies, for providing the light refreshments, and Ken for being M.C. on the day.

Rick loved being involved with the Ulysses Club, and after he stood down as President, his eyes lit up, when someone on Natcom would ring him for his opinion, or to re-write the constitution. Even when I thought Rick didn't have the energy and was too sick to concentrate on something someone wanted him to do, he would insist on getting the task done. When Rick started the R.V Group, it was because of people like myself, who couldn't ride anymore, or be a pillion, due to various ailments. After all, our meetings weren't How one got to the destination, but that we showed up for the camaraderie and catching up with old friends, and making new ones. It obviously was a good idea, as we all know how much it took off, and just how well the group is still going today. Rick loved socialising, and always had his mate 'Stanley' with him at Happy Hours. He was a proud man (as I was proud of him), when more people took interest in the group and joined in the friendships of many.

Meningie S.A. is the next R.V. A.G.M., right next to where Rick was born in Victor Harbour, and grew up in Goolwa. I may catch up with everyone down there, on my way to spread Rick's ashes on the Murray River, (as per his wishes), near his old family home, and where his Mum, Dad and brother Phillip were scattered also.

So until then, travel safe,

Live for today like there's no tomorrow,

Sherol Bedford

