

# West Wits Ulysses Times



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Affiliated to Ulysses SA & Member of WRBA.  
West Wits Chapter furthering the Brotherhood  
of biking whilst having fun doing it.

Age Restriction "40 SNL"  
Rider Discretion Advised

**ULYSSES SA 2018 BI-ANNUAL  
MALUTI LODGE - CLARENS  
9 - 11 November 2018**

**MALUTI MOUNTAIN LODGE - CLARENS**



This year the **WEST WITS** Chapter attended its inaugural Ulysses Bi-Annual with **Allan, Trudie, Specs and Hanelie** in attendance.

At the meeting on Saturday it was announced that a record had been achieved in having 132 members in attendance for the weekend and that newly inaugurated Cullinan Chapter had 100% attendance [all 15/15] showing their commitment to Ulysses. Cullinan President was awarded a special Framed Certificate of their achievement.



# Birthday CALENDAR

[Updated 19 September 2018]

## January

## February

13 - Beatrix van Staden  
24 - Hanelie Vermeulen

## March

01 - Gert Nagel  
04 - Trudie Ferguson  
28 - Belinda Van Rhyn

## April

07 - Gerald van Staden  
22 - Petro Nagel

## May

02 - Chris Jansen van Vuuren  
24 - Valerie de Bruyn

## June

01 - Hazel van der Merwe  
06 - Nicky Oosthuizen  
27 - Harold van Zyl

## July

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## August

03 - Noreen Jansen Van Vuuren  
18 - Sean van der Merwe  
23 - Allan Ferguson

## September

13 - Mark Westcott

## October

05 - Bernie Van Zyl  
08 - Philip Van Rhyn  
10 - Daleen Westcott  
12 - Johan Basson  
18 - Specs Vermeulen

## November

21 - Sakkie Viljoen  
28 - Manda Oberholzer

## December

11 - Andries Oberholzer

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Due to the fact that the members attending had increased from the norm of around 60 to the record this year of 132 members in attendance that the Multi Mountain Lodge just could not accommodate all. This meant that some members were booked into nearby accommodation. But all the meals, Saturday evening banquet, socials, meeting would see all at the Multi Mountain Lodge.

The West Wits group was allotted a beautiful place called Clarens Country Cottages which was situated approx 2 kms out of town on the road to Bethlehem. Ok so it was a much more upmarket place but being in compensation for the extra travelling.



Specs, Hanelie, Trudie & Allan's home for the weekend.

### Cottage Info:

- Own entrance and patio with patio furniture and an outside braai
- One room with a king size bed and an en-suite bathroom with a bath and shower.
- Second room with a king size bed and an en-suite bathroom with a bath and shower.
- Extra blankets are available in all the rooms.
- Towels are provided
- Kitchen area equipped with a fridge, kettle, toaster and cutlery and crockery.
- Big fireplace available, please provide your own wood
- Under floor heating is available in all the rooms



Kitchen, Dining room and Lounge a huge open plan



Extra large bedrooms

Spacious lounge with comfortable couches

Please Note: The Clarens Country Cottages do not have televisions.

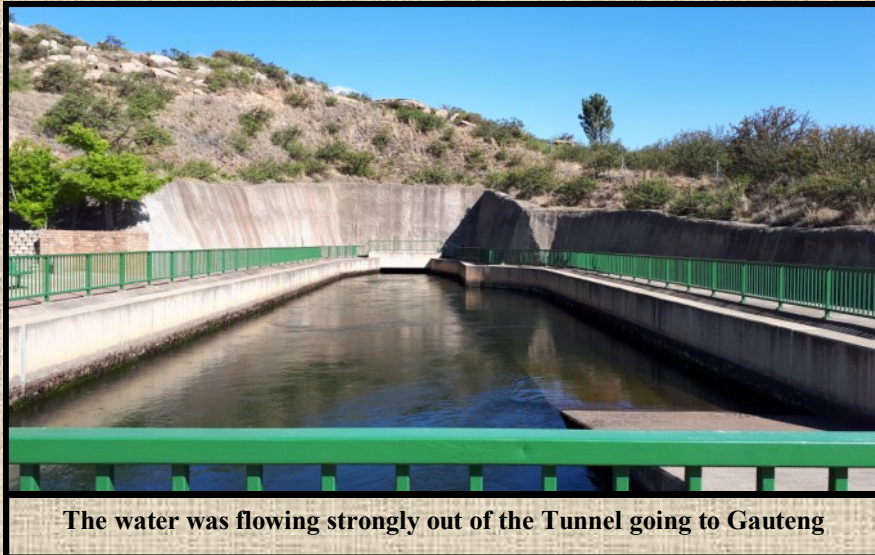
For info go to:

<https://www.infoclarens.com/accommodation/clarens-country-cottages-3-cottages-sleeps-12-just-outside-clarens/>



# **ULYSSES SA 2018 BI-ANNUAL MALUTI LODGE - CLARENS 9 - 11 November 2018**

After getting settled in on Friday at our home for the weekend it was time to ride again so we chose to go and see the Lesotho Highlands Project Ash River Outfall. This is where the water from



The water was flowing strongly out of the Tunnel going to Gauteng

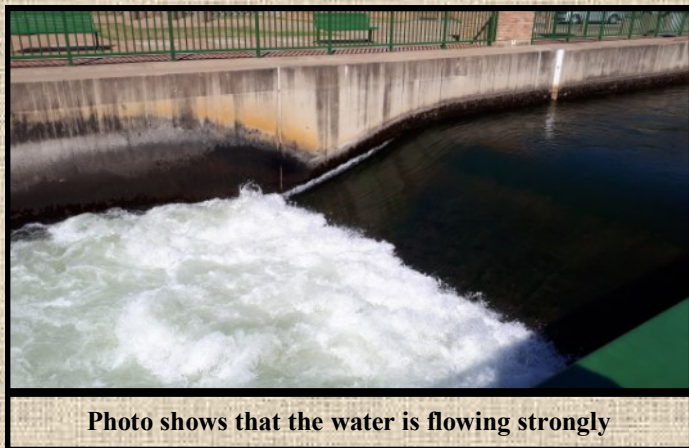


Photo shows that the water is flowing strongly

The Lesotho Highlands Water Project (LHWP) is an ongoing water supply project with a hydro-power component, devel-

oped in partnership between the governments of Lesotho and South Africa.

It comprises a system of several large dams and tunnels throughout Lesotho and delivers water to the Vaal River System in South Africa which in turn feeds Gauteng.



Specs & Allan so giving an idea of Size of tunnel





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During the weekend we gathered with old friend and ex chapter members where we caught up with the biking news. Like photo on top right Ann & Emil from Durban Chapter and ex West Rand Chapter. Emil is Kurt's Dad.



**Ann & Emil of Durban Chapter**



**Kurt & Jackie from West Rand**

On a sign at the Lodge it states that Bikers are always welcome. The owner himself is a serious biker so maybe that explains the notice.

The only meal we would need to ride out and source was the midday lunch meal. That's when Trudie & Hanelie had discovered the Sugar & Cinnamon Restaurant. What a meal but that's for another time.

Friday evening the meal was braai Lamb Chops, Steak, Wors and side salads.

The breakfast buffet reminded us of Amanzingwe Lodge and was really tasty. Yoghurt and fruit was also enjoyed.



**But one plate of Breakfast Feast - note Yoghurt on top right.**



**From Left: Hanelie, Specs, Kathy, Jackie & Trudie**



**At the Cottage we had a daily visitor**

I a nutshell it was really a great weekend spent with fellow Ulysseans and the cherry on the cake was the lovely ride from Carletonville to Clarens and the surrounds and then a great Sunday ride back home. Something like +700kms done on the Kawa & Beemer with Specs setting an all time record on distance per tank.



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**Below: Tobie from Ulysses Upington joined us.**





**SATURDAY RUN**  
**10 November 2018**  
**The Doors - Parys**



From Left: Wally [Friend], Mark [Sgt At Arms] , Harold [Chapter Vice]

Mark had called for a Saturday Breakfast run for a change. Specs had written on the WhatsApp Group on Friday morning and appealed that members to please support Mark on Saturday when he takes Wally on his intro ride. Well, being that time of the year



and with the Ulysses Bi-Annual in Clarens only Harold had time available to join in with the ride.

**Pilots with short propellers  
and low manifold pressure,  
please taxi closer!**

After leaving The Doors they set off for Parys Airport for a cold one and to see if there are any parachute jumping etc.

Photo on Left being the well spoke about sign above the Mens Toilet Urinal .





## Charity & Day Fols

This is a Chapter Event to support the efforts of WRBA



**Santa Run 2018**

**Entry Fee: a Toy or R50 Donation**

**BRING A TOY FOR THE KIDS  
PLEASE NO DAMAGED TOYS**

**Date:**  
**18 November 2018**

**Venue:**  
**Cecil Payne Stadium**  
**Maraisburg Road**  
**Florida**

**Gates Open:**  
**9am - 4pm**

**Contact:** Johan 083 327 9922  
Mike 072 286 5061  
Neels 083 271 9499  
Graham 082 990 6884  
Johan 083 681 4181  
Stalls(Only): Landi 079 466 8277



**DAY OF THE PRESIDENTS 2018**

**The Hartbeespoort Biking Council is proud to host this glorious day.**

**Lots of Prizes and Lucky Draws during the day!!**

**LIVE MUSIC, FOOD STALLS, RESTAURANT, COLD BOOZE**

**Kid Friendly Venue with Jumping Castle. Kids under 16 free entry.**

**Contact:** Wally - 062 793 5232  
Jeanty - 083 635 4909

**DAY OF THE PRESIDENTS**  
**15th December 2018**  
**Day Before Public Holiday**

**R80** Entry Includes Cloth / Metal Badge

**Venue:** Zakkers Bar & Restaurant Hartbeespoort

**Zakkers Bar & Restaurant**  
061 229 0011

**ON R104**  
1.2 KM FROM CHAMELEON VILLAGE ON OLD RUSTENBURG ROAD  
061 229 0011

**HBC APPROVED**



## Tips & Hints

Outside the MOTH Hall waiting for the WRBA meeting to start in November a member was noted looking at his bike rear tyre on his sport bike and telling his audience that tyres just don't come cheap if one wants a good quality tyre. He informed us that he had a small foreign item that had penetrated his rear tyre causing it to loose pressure. He had pumped it up and ridden slowly to the Bike Tyre Fitment shop and asked them to fit a new tire as he doesn't trust a repaired puncture. But what if one's finances are tight?

What types of tire punctures can be repaired?

- Repair of any punctures in the shoulder and sidewall areas are not permitted.
- If a tyre has been punctured in the tread area by an item of less than 6mm in diameter.
- If no internal damage is found when the tire is dismounted, this puncture can be repaired following industry guidelines and the tyre then returned to service.
- A good repair shop will remove the tyre to install a Mushroom Plug in the hole.
- However there is a new Mushroom Plug that via a special tool "Motorcycle Tire Plugger Gun & Tyre Repair Tool Mushroom Plug Kit" can be installed without removing the tyre. This kit is a must if travelling.

## Diarise Important Dates

**A few important Chapter Dates to diarise:-**

23 - 25 Nov 2018 - West Wits Chapter Year End Break-a-Way to Clarens - Die Bus Stop  
12 Jan 2019 - West Wits Chapter Meeting & Social

**Other Dates of some Day Jols & Rallies:-**

18 Nov 2018 - SANTA RUN - 09h00 to 16h00 - Cecil Payne Stadium, Maraisburg Road, Florida.  
15 Dec 2018 - Day Of The Presidents - Zakkers Bar & Restaurant, Hartbeespoort. R80 Cloth /Metal Badge.  
7 - 9 Dec 2018 - Poison Rally - Kroonpark Holiday Resort, Kroonstad - Free State.

## Smile a While



*"You forgot another item? This is the 15th time you're going back to the store. I'm starting to think you're just looking for a reason to ride your new motorcycle."*

I just love my motorcycle - it's great for getting to the front of queues quicker. It does however terrify the other people in the post office though.

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Anyone Biker who has never made a mistake has just never tried anything new and extraordinary.

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Behind every angry woman is a Biker who has absolutely no idea what he has done wrong.



*"I hate to disappoint you, but that roar you heard wasn't from another lion. It's was from my motorcycle."*