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**TIM (TINY) STEWART #8959**  
NATIONAL PRESIDENT

# **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**



## **Hi Team**

Welcome to our new-look *Ulyssian* magazine. We have a new team behind the publication now and it has been put together in a financially sustainable format that will see us through the next few years. Erin Hedges is now our editor, and Georgina Collins is working with us to generate advertising. We are looking forward to a long working relationship. Thanks goes as always to Matt Farrell, Stuart Bruns, and the Natcom team for all the background work they have put in that could go unnoticed.

This President's Report comes to you from a rainy campsite in Taupō, the Memsahib decided Waitangi weekend was a good time to trial the new caravan so we have spent most of the weekend sheltering from the rain, drinking good-quality coffee in the morning and good-quality gin in the afternoon. The trial run was all to be in preparation for our trip down to Christchurch for the AGM.

When you receive this publication we would have been within a few days of our National Rally and AGM, the current lockdown rules have caused the cancellation of this. The team down in Canterbury are as equally disappointed as the rest of us who were attending.

This decision was looked at from all angles to find a legally acceptable way of staging the AGM in person but no matter how we worked it out the only proper way to proceed was to cancel.

Luckily, the hard work of the Canterbury branch has been saved and the event is moving to 2023. I am looking forward to "22 in '23" - The Forgotten Rally' as I'm sure many of you are. Many members have just carried their booking over for a year and the same applies to your

registration, which will be carried over, but you can request a refund if you wish.

I'm sure the events of the past two years are taking their toll on you now, I'm completely "over it" and I'm certain you are too. There have been lots of difficult decisions for the National Committee to make with regard to the Covid situation and it's interesting to see some of the feedback we have had from members ranging from fully supporting our decisions with thanks for taking a responsible approach, through to the other extreme of being called spineless minions of a dictatorship Government.

To retain my dignity I'll refrain from mentioning the most severe comment levelled at me. The path of a contentious subject like this was always going to be hazardous to navigate, luckily the positive feedback has outweighed the negative by about 95%. I'm forced to ask myself, with a hint of irony, how come this percentage is so close to the percentage of people vaccinated in New Zealand?

However you look at it we are not making the rules, we are just interpreting the rules laid out by the Government. Nonetheless, I go with a clear conscience, a large number of our members fall into a group who are deemed as more vulnerable, myself and my family included, so decisions for the greater good of the members will always be my choice. And to those who don't agree, I'll take you back to a quote by Thumper in the original Bambi film "If you can't say something nice don't say nothing at all." Tough decisions have to be made by the President and I'm prepared to stand or fall by those decisions.

A couple of weeks ago I had a message from a mate in Wellings-

ton, "Do you fancy a ride?" The answer wasn't a difficult one! Geggs is a mate I don't see or ride with often enough. He's not a member, but the last time we rode together was for the Mosgiel AGM. The next one was long overdue so I was looking forward to the following Friday. On account of Geggs taking on the appearance of a responsible character. Memsahib granted permission, on the condition that all my housekeeping duties were taken care of, all we needed now was for the weather to be right. Gleaming sunshine cracked through the curtains at 6am and next to no wind, fantastic!

We took off from Napier toward Taihape over the Gentle Annie, which I'd ridden only once before. There was more than a fair share of roadworks and some on the tight corners. I've started listening to music when I ride, it helps me to focus. But for some reason my music had disconnected and when this happens a little voice pops into my head, unfortunately it is always Andy Wilson - "don't turn in too early", "hold it wide", "drop it in now" and, on one corner that I completely stuffed up, he was screaming at me "WHAT THE F@%K ARE YOU DOING!". I'd got the wrong gear so it was either stall the bike or run wide onto a piece of road that I had already ascertained was clear. Needless to say after 20 minutes of this I stopped and reconnected the music and, with focus regained, the last half of the Gentle Annie was a delight of sweeping bends, clear roads and spirited pace, Through to Waiouru for fuel and coffee.

The Desert road was a pleasure, with just enough traffic to keep the overtaking interesting, and a brief distraction of a group performing a Waiata beside the road in a rest area. Through to Tūrangi to let the

coffee out, this was the only point we got lost, executing two U-turns to find our way out of the car park! Lunch was in Taupō at the Pub & Grub, which never disappoints. The return leg back to Napier was a simple and fun jaunt back over the hills, to cut off at Glengarry road for a few

twisties to finish the day. Every day riding a bike is a good day but some are just better than others, this was one of the days when everything lined up to make it one of the most memorable days either of us had ever had riding.

Just as I was putting my bike up on the centre stand in the garage I looked at him, he looked at me, should we do a second lap? Anyhow, the temptation of a bottle of Jim Beam got the better of us and we sat up till late talking bullshit and having a laugh. Ulysses or not this is how all motor-bike days should be.

My sincerest apologies to you if the last year in the club hasn't gone as you would have wished, it hasn't for any of us. We can only wish that the next year will bring us better fortune and an opportunity to reconnect with our mates and participate in all the events we have missed out on this year. Until next time.

Ride bikes, have fun, look out for each other.

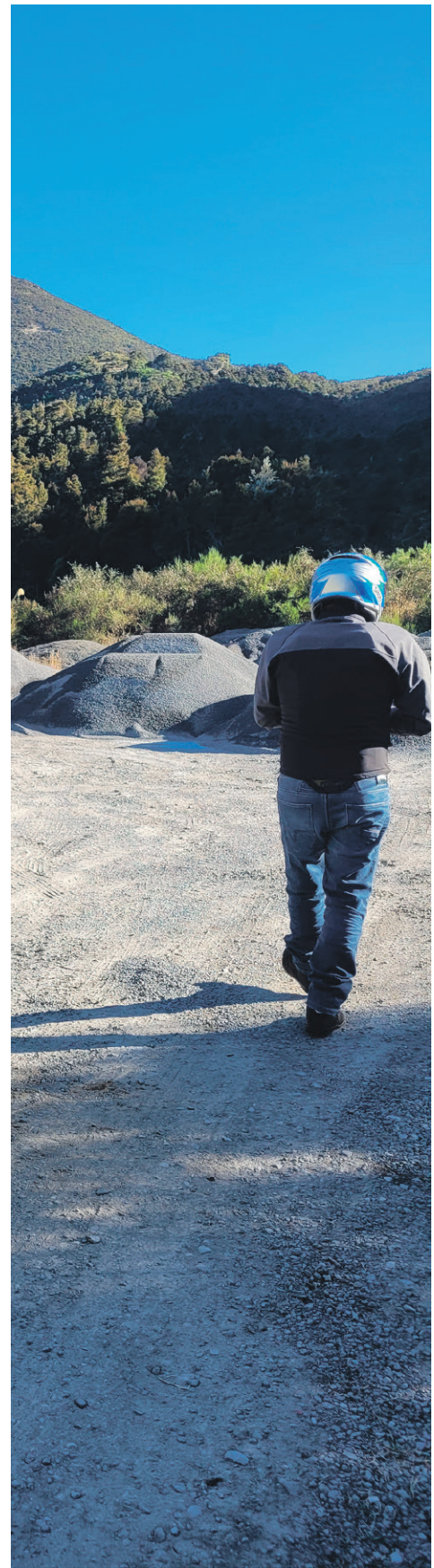
Cheers

**Tiny** #8959

National President  
Ulysses Club NZ Inc



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MAY 2**

# SECRETARY REPORT

## NATIONAL SECRETARY'S REPORT MARCH 2022

I need to give a big shout out to our National President, Tiny, for all his hard work behind the scenes in dealing with the effect Covid-19 has had on branches and members. We have all missed out on rides, overnights and social events in the effort to help Aotearoa NZ get ready for this pandemic and Tiny has borne the brunt of a few angry members' rants disagreeing with how he and the National Committee have handled it. I personally believe that Tiny has done an amazing job to navigate the Ulysses Club through the past few Covid-19 years and know he will continue to do so in 2022 and beyond.

### 2022 AGM

Our Natcom meeting on the 13th of February was all about what we were going to do to hold this year's AGM now that the Canterbury National Rally had been cancelled and rescheduled to 2023. Stuart Burns (our National Treasurer) had been working hard to develop a proposal that will work for us all and shared this with your committee, which we unanimously accepted. It means that we have to make

temporary changes to the club rules to enable the AGM to be held in a modified format and subsequently lodge this change with the Registrar of Incorporated Societies.

The information about how we plan to hold this year's postal AGM on the 23rd of April can be found in this magazine.

The Coordinators and Natcom meeting that is usually held at the Rally will be held via Zoom on Sunday the 27th of February, starting at 6:30pm. At that meeting coordinators will be briefed on this year's AGM process; in addition, they will cover off on all of the matters normally undertaken at the coordinators meeting held prior to the AGM, which includes the consideration of Odyssey Medal and Life Membership nominations. The successful recipients will be notified at a suitable time and arrangements will be made for the presentation of their awards. Bios of the successful recipients will be included in the June *Ulyssian*.

### National Committee Nominations (Natcom)

We have had nominations for all current Natcom positions except for the Treasurer role.

Normally, according to rule 3(b) If there are insufficient written nominations for any positions, then

nominations shall be called from the floor at the Annual General Meeting. As we cannot do this this year, Stuart, our current Treasurer, will stay on as interim treasurer until we can co-opt someone during the year.

### ODYSSEY MEDAL

Thanks for the nominees. We look forward to branch members sharing stories about these special Ulyssians and the presentations at the Coordinator and Natcom meeting on the 27th of February.

### BRANCH AGMS

There are a couple of date changes in the list, so check it to make sure you have the right one on your calendar. Could all branch secretaries PLEASE make sure that you add to your AGM agenda "Choose the date, time, venue etc for our 2023 branch AGM". Once you have sent me your 2022 AGM minutes (plus coordinators and financial report) I will see this information immediately, instead of having to chase you all up in November for the December *Ulyssian*. Thanks All!

Hope to see you all soon!

**Suzie Pentelow #8523**  
National Secretary



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## EDITORIAL

As of March 2022, all club members will be receiving a hard copy of the magazine, which we hope you will read from cover to cover and enjoy. This is Ulyssian as you've never seen it before – a new-look printed product with a reader-friendly layout and a greater emphasis on articles.

It has been put together by a core team of six from Whakatāne – Erin, Hannah, Kat, Carla, Fleur, and Fiona – supported by editorial staff and Georgina on advertising.

Flick through and you'll find plenty to keep you entertained. We bring you branch news from North Harbour to Otago, and everywhere in between, and articles detailing some wonderful rides that members have completed around the country.

You will find information on upcoming rallies and, just for a laugh, check out the comedy club collection of funnies contributed by members.

And don't forget to get your tickets

for the 2022 AGM Brand New Bike Raffle. Ticket sales close on March 14.

Many thanks to those who have contributed articles and information for this edition. We love to hear what you've all been up to on the roads so please keep sending through those submissions. The deadline for the winter (June) edition is Monday, May 2.

*Editor*

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## INTRODUCING GEORGINA



As the new advertising contact for Ulyssian, I'm excited to be involved in the new look and revamped magazine of this March edition. New beginnings bring new opportunities, as doors close, others fly open, and with several years of advertising sales experience in the print media, I'm confident we can build on the current foundations to create a magazine which

is more interesting, relevant and useful to club members, sponsors and advertisers alike.

My home town is Tauranga, and I feel fortunate to live, work and play on the beautiful Omokoroa Peninsula.

Aside from my work on Ulyssian, I have several other roles, including being part of a team at a stunning local wedding venue.

Here you will find me maintaining the spectacular grounds and gardens, or setting up the venue in preparation for the special "couple to be". I love all things creative; painting, making, DIYing, and the outdoors and nature is another favourite place for me.

Kind Regards

*Georgina*

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# TREASURER'S REPORT

## NATIONAL TREASURERS REPORT

The December 2021 Annual Report, which has been audited, is available on the club website. Set out below is my report on the club financial position, which accompanies the Financial Report.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

The 2021 Statement of Financial Performance records a small surplus for the year of \$489 compared with the loss of \$5,104 in the 2021 year. My expectation for the year was a loss of approximately \$12,000, which assumed that we would be able to hold a face to face, coordinator's meeting. While this did not occur, we did incur some costs due to some deposits made which were not fully refundable.

We finalised our sponsorship agreement with Aon. Due to the timing of this agreement, some of the monies received this year actually applied to our 2020 financial year.

Covid-19 has continued to impact negatively on our gear sales, interest income and the "Ulyssian" advertising revenue. This has seen the magazine costs increase slightly over 2020. We were advised by BRM it they would cease to produce the *Ulyssian* on our behalf from December 2021. This has presented the club with an exciting opportunity to refresh the manner in which the club magazine is handled in the future.

Natcom has continued to undertake most of its business via Zoom with only one face-to-face meeting taking place during the year. We incurred one-off expenditure of \$3,786, in relation to the development of a promotional video on the club activities. This expenditure was signalled in my

report, last year. During the year Natcom also took the opportunity to refresh /rebuild our website. Expenditure during the year of \$2,083 was incurred. The move to a new provider will also result in reduced annual maintenance costs.

We have seen operational benefits in 2021, from the 2020 decision to transfer our accounting to Xero and changes to our database to assist with notifying members of their membership fee renewals via email rather than by post (with its ever-increasing cost).

Subscription revenue increased by 12.5% over the previous year and while some of this is a result of subscription increases, we also saw an increase in new members joining the club.

We have been able to maintain our funds on term deposit during the year, however, while interest rates declined, we are now seeing these increase when our deposits are renewed for a further term. The funds on deposit principally support Members subscriptions in advance (\$103,069), AGM Equalisation Reserve (\$16,598) and the Rider Safety Reserve (\$21,410). Natcom spending options in relation to the Rider Safety Reserve over the year have been limited due to the uncertainty of being able to plan events around the Covid restrictions.

Natcom took the opportunity to review the club membership subscriptions during the year and also revert to supplying all members with a printed copy of the *Ulyssian* from 2022. The new rates apply from 1 January, 2022. This action will assist with stabilising the club financial position; however, the full benefit of the increase will take a few years to be fully recognised in our income as many members have adopted a three year membership fee cycle.

2021 has followed in the footsteps

of 2020 as another difficult year for everyone but with the support of our members we have achieved a satisfactory financial outcome. My thanks go out to our Administrator, Debby, and the members of Natcom who undertake this role on a voluntary basis to support a club that we enjoy being a part of.

For me, this is my last report as your Club Treasurer. It is a role that I have held in the club for 11 years (over two separate terms) and while at times it has been demanding and frustrating it is a role that I have enjoyed. I have had the opportunity to work with a diverse range of Presidents and Natcom members, and while they all have their own unique style and personality, the one thing that stands out is their commitment to provide time and energy to serve their club and embrace the motto to "Grow Old Disgracefully".

Stuart Burns BMS, FCA #3703  
National Treasurer  
06th January 2021  
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I would urge members to download and review you Club's 2021 Financial Report.

If any member requires further information on any of the matters contained in the Financial Report, please feel free to contact me.

**Stuart (Smokey) Burns #3703**  
National Treasurer

# **ULYSSES CLUB NZ INC 2022 AGM NOTIFICATION**

**DUE TO THE CANCELLATION OF OUR CANTERBURY AGM, THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE HAS RESOLVED THAT THE 2022 AGM WILL BE NOW HELD BY POSTAL BALLOT.**

The AGM date has been set at 23rd April 2022 with ballot papers being required to be **returned before 5.00pm on 21st April 2022.**

Ballot papers with supporting information will be mailed out in late March, to all members to the address information held in the Ulysses club database.

In order for this process to be put in place the National Committee resolved on the 12th February 2022 to temporarily alter the rules of the club, in line with the provision available in the Incorporated Societies Act 1908 and the Entities-Modifications and Exemptions Act 2020. A copy of the rule change, which will lapse on the 30 April 2022 and is only applicable to the 2022 AGM, has been filed with the Registrar of Incorporated Societies.



**RETURN BALLOT PAPERS ARE TO BE MAILED BACK TO**

Ulysses 2022 AGM, PO Box 40218 Upper Hutt

**OR SCANNED AND EMAILED TO**

2022agm@ulysses.org.nz

Prior to 5pm 21st April 2022

# COORDINATORS' BLURB

## GREETINGS FROM CANTERBURY,

Well, the crazy days continue and I'm left wondering what restrictions, mandates, rules on masks and social gatherings lie around the corner. Although the sermon from the Pulpit of Truth today sounds like things may be starting to happen re Kiwis coming home and things "opening up". Already a number of events have been cancelled or postponed, not the least our 2022 National AGM. That said, here's what Tiny, our President, had to say:

*Good evening, Team*

*It is with great pleasure that we wish to announce the 2023 AGM and National Rally. The "22 in 23, THE FORGOTTEN RALLY" will be held at the Papanui club, Harewood in Christchurch. The confirmed dates are 17th-19th of March 2023. For all members who have registered in 2022, your registration will carry over to 2023. Alternatively if you require a refund of your registration you can apply for this by emailing [ulysses.canterbury@gmail.com](mailto:ulysses.canterbury@gmail.com) Hopefully if you have booked flights or ferries for '22 you can rebook for '23. Our thanks as a club go to the team in Canterbury for the hard work they have done in cancelling 2022 and rebooking 2023 in a record time; well done guys. Thanks also to Wayne Painter and the team at North Harbour, as well as Andrew Pentelow and the Taranaki team, for being so accommodating and supportive on moving their events back one year. Covid may have taken 2022 but we will be back in 2023! We look forward to seeing you there!*

Kind regards

**'Tiny' Tim Stewart** #8959

National President

*Ulysses Club (NZ) Inc.*

So, in summary, Steve Parr, Mike Dew, Chris Groube all their army of helpers who put their hands up to organise and run the 2022 event have also stepped up and said they will run the 2023 event, which is bloody fantastic. Of the nearly 170 registrations to date, only a handful have had to cancel, most registrations are carrying over. This I think sums up what our club as a whole, is all about.

We've had a plethora of new members join our branch over the past year, which is very encouraging. We need new blood and fresh ideas.

At this stage we're pressing on with our monthly branch dinner and meeting affairs and our branch AGM next month. So too with our regular Sunday rides and the hugely popular Wednesday Knitters Club rides can still go ahead under Beehive Barbie's 'Red Light' settings, however if Omicron decides to crash the party, who knows. It's a work in progress but we're made of sterner stuff in the Mainland and we will get through this.

Despite the 2022 AGM being postponed, the Natcom Bike Raffles will still be drawn. Bob Tanner is our resident BRM, or Bike Raffle Man, with a few tickets left, hatched a plan to sell the remaining tickets and also raise money for St John in the process. A plan so cunning you "could" pin a tail on it and call it a weasel. In an email to me, Bob had this to say:

"If we can just sell another 26 X \$5.00 Raffle Tickets that'll ensure a \$450.00 donation to St John, which has got to be better than no donation at all. The raffle prize, of course, is a book of 5 x Nat Com Bike Raffle Tickets valued at \$50.00 which in turn "could" win you a brand-new motorcycle. The draw for the St John Raffle will happen at the next branch meeting on Wednesday February 9th and will go ahead even if all the tickets are not sold!

Cheers & regards,  
**Bob Tanner** #2877

## HELICOPTER HUNT

A big thank you to Maree and Bruce Vincent for their efforts at organising and running the 2021-22 Helicopter Hunt. From all accounts it's been a huge success. The route this year was fantastic and if I may add one small piece of advice, it is this: If one is going to ride down the West Coast through a weather event, one can expect to get soaked if one has forgotten to put in his wet liner and failed to realise every zip was open. Secondly, had one read the questions one would have realised the answer to the question at the top of the Denniston Incline was NOT to be found kilometres away down a rain soaked, slippery, axle deep gravelled goat track! Yes, I'm referring to you Parr!

## THE LONGEST DAY

All 1000km Longest Day ride badges have been gratefully received by the recipients. Thea Turner has kindly offered to organise this year's event and while the format of the ride will remain much the same, I understand it will have a fresher, bigger and brighter look about it.

Note: there is some confusion as to what the word "Longest" actually refers to. It is not as some believe, referring to the annual calendar event we know of as the Summer Solstice, because that falls in December, not November, and last year fell on the 22nd December. Thus, in order to qualify as a Longest Day [calendar] ride you'd have had to have done it on Tuesday, not the preceding weekend.

No, the historic use of the word simply refers to it being a bloody long day in the saddle. Not so much now with all these modern, high-falooting motorised bicycles with cruise control and comfy seats. No, it harks back to the day of real men venturing out on old "bone shakers" and it was a bloody long day.

## 2022 SOUTH ISLAND REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

The Remembrance Service has been locked in for Saturday 24th September so no excuses for Branch getting the dates double-booked this time. This is not an event organised by Cantabrians solely for Cantabrians, it's a South Island event so let's see more members from further afield get off their collective A's and rock on up. Punters are urged to book accommodation, tent sites etc. at the Top 10 sooner rather than later. A 10% discount applies to all those that prebook and pay for their accommodation prior the event but does not apply to those on-the-day bookings. Use the reference 'Ulysses' when booking. If you use the discount, you can't then use a Top 10 membership discount as well.

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In closing I'd like to say it's been a pleasure representing my branch as Coordinator and working with dedicated and happy committee. I really appreciate their support and help over the past 12 months. Life

has been very busy at the moment and at times my brain has been too full of other fluff to think straight, so where I've needed prompting they've gently kicked me on the shins, no blood, and led me by the elbow in the right direction.

Finally, a wee literary gem from Bob the BRM, to finish off with:

*It's been a stuttering start to twenty-two,*

*Which mean some plans have been thwarted, it's true,*

*But St John's still around,*

*And can always be found,*

*When most needed by me or by you!*

*This Covid thing's getting quite severe,*

*But really there's nothing to fear,*

*If you just get your jab,*

*And soon you'll feel fab,*

*Then can head off to town for a beer!*

*Stay safe, stay well and look after each other. Oh, and see you in Blenheim...it's the TT2000 you know.*

Regards

**Chris #3497**



# WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

<b>MEMBER #</b>	<b>FIRST NAME</b>	<b>SURNAME</b>	<b>BRANCH</b>
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10294	Malcom	Gifford	Canterbury
10292	Stephen	Burdred	Waikato
10291	Terry	Columb	Manawatu
10290	Bradley	Draper	Hawkes Bay
10289	Phil	Taylor	Marlborough
10288	Cliff	Kingston	Tauranga
10287	John	Chalklen	Canterbury
10286	Gregory	Banks	Taranaki
10284	Stephen	Bow	Far North
10285	Robert	Rewita	Rotorua
10283	Graham	Smith	Waikato
10282	Geoff	Meurk	Whanganui
10281	Roy	Upton	Waikato
10280	Colin	Berryman	Rotorua
10279	Jimmy	Elliott	Manawatu
10278	Adrian	Sparrow	Wellington
10277	Garth	Nielsen	Auckland
10276	Jim	Wiles	Waikato
10274	Adam	McKenzie	North Harbour
10273	Andy	Montgomery	Gisborne
10272	David	Buchanan	Manawatu
10271	Murray	Buchanan	Hawkes Bay
10268	Alan	Brace	Marlborough
10266	David	Gant	Hawkes Bay
10270	Kerry	Little	Manawatu
10269	Kerry	Ploen	Manawatu
10267	Tane	Stubbs	Hawkes Bay
10265	George	Swanepoel	Far North
10263	Stephen	Elliott	North Harbour
10264	Ponga	Robinson	Wanganui
10261	Colin	Gates	Wellington
10262	Dave	Nevin	Far North
10260	Brian	Parkes	Otago
10259	Kevin	Billows	Wellington
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# ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT MARCH 2022

Welcome to the first issue of your magazine for 2022. I am sure everyone is keen to get your lives back to normal (the new normal) as soon as possible. It has been a very trying time for many, not least the national committee, who only by their elected positions have caught a fair bit of flack for ensuring Government policies are being carried out throughout the nation. I thank you for your patience while we transition through these uncharted waters.

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# TWO FOR THE PRICE OF ONE

**CAPTAIN CAREFREE**  
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**I first became aware of the Iron Butt Association back in 2004 when I completed my first Chatto Creek 1000mile (1600km) ride on my VTR.**

Incidentally, the SaddleSore 1000mile or SS1600 is the entry level event to qualify for membership into the IBA. I completed the documents and, with proof attached, sent them in and waited and eventually my certificate arrived, along with my membership number; 37206! There are over 100,000 members now.

While I have done a number of Chatto Creek events and covered similar distances during the TT2000, I've never done an IBA-recognised ride in the North Island. So, after repeated urging from some of my peers, it was a case of all right, f\*\*k ya! You win, I'll do it!

New Zealand Distance Riders, who I believe have their roots in the Rusty Nuts of years ago, run a number of IBA-classified rides of which two are the North Island 1600 and North Island 800, both out of Tūrangi.

So, it was off to Tūrangi I went, checked in at the motor camp, completed my registration in the dining hall and caught up with a number of riders I hadn't seen for a while. At 1730 hours on a hot, sunny Friday evening, the routes for both events were revealed, and the hasty planning began. While most riders loaded the waypoints into GPS units or phones, I'm very much old school so meticulously and in a short hand, symbol, chicken scratch, wrote out route cards to stick under the plastic window of my tank bag. If required, I had a red map reading light for when darkness fell. Stretch Butler had rid-

den up with me from Wellington intending to ride home again, but decided to stay the night and so we wandered down to the Tūrangi Tavern for a few bevvies along with a fantastic steak dinner while catching up with other riders, some of whom were doing the 800, some the 1600 and one or two, like me, attempting both back to back.

Now you don't have to do both rides; it's a bloody long way from Christchurch to Tūrangi, and factoring in the cost of getting there and back, I figured if I was here why not knock both of them off and earn the NZDR "Double-Badger" cert and the IBA Saddle Sore1000 as well.

Come Saturday morning after a good brekkie, riders and bikes began assembling outside the dining hall ready for the safety briefing.

10am and the first of the NI800 riders were sent on their way, released in groups every 2-3 minutes; the route taking them south over the Desert Road towards Taihape, before hanging a left over the "Gentle Annie" through Moawhango, Kuripapango and Sherenden towards Hastings. The route continued south on SH2 to Waipukurau and southwards along the serpentine Route 52 via Porangahau, Wimbledon, Herbertville, Pongaroa, Alfredton, Wainuioru and on to Masterton. From there, it turned north through Mauriceville and on towards Pahiatua via SH2 before tak-

ing the Pahiatua Track to Aokautere and Ashhurst. The downhill run home took riders north on SH54 through Cheltenham and Vinegar Hill and back onto SH1 through Mangaweka, Waiouru and another transit over the Desert Road to Tūrangi.

Stretch and I, the last two riders doing the 800, were waved away at 1020, and we had soon hauled in a few others by the time we hit the first checkpoint at the Springvale suspension bridge on the "Gentle Annie", the Napier-Taihape Road. We continued to reel in other riders all the way until Masterton, where Stretch and I parted company, Stretch heading home to Wellington. However, not 100% sure of the lay of the land, particularly the Pahiatua Track section, I hooked in behind five other riders travelling at a speed I was comfortable with, draughting them through the last couple of checkpoints and all the way home, finishing in a respectable 10 hours and 11 minutes.

Prepping the bike for the big event the following day, getting my pace notes in order, and my riding gear



## TWO FOR THE PRICE OF ONE

sorted, I had a hurried meal, a long, hot shower, set the alarm for 0500 and hit the sack.

Topping up at Z Tūrangi and taking a photo of the receipt and the Odo reading as a record of the start, I rode south over the Desert Road, for the fourth time in two days. The first part of the NI1600 was effectively a repeat of the NI800 where many of the checkpoints were essentially the same. However, unlike Saturday, which was still, calm, warm and fine,

My wet weather gear, however, was lying somewhere on a road behind me. How long it had been dangling like that I don't know but that box had my puncture kit, pump, tool, spare gloves etc and I'd have been gutted if I'd lost it.

Securing the broken frame and box to my pillion seat with my ferry tie downs, I continued on towards Porangahau and the next checkpoint at Taumatawhakatangihangakoau-  
autamateaturipukakapikimaunga-

I don't mind riding alone, I often prefer it, but with challenges like this I find it can help to have a riding buddy to help pull you along or to share the lead. By attempting this alone, it was solely up to me whether I succeeded or failed and the best way of knocking the bastard off is to use the technique I use with the TT2000. In other words, plan your ride, ride your plan. Ride to the next checkpoint. Take the photo. Tick that one off, then ride to the next. Step by step. Methodical, consistent and keep it smooth and don't piss around at each checkpoint. Real easy to lose time, bloody hard to claw it back.

State highways 41 and 32 took me west to Kuratau Junction then north along the Western access to a checkpoint at the junction with Poihipi Rd and from there, eastward to Taupō and frustratingly slow commuter traffic. "FFS, get a move on! I thought Nelson drivers were backward at going forward. Jeeze, what is it with Audi SUV drivers?"

The receipt told me it was 1705 when I filled Charlotte at the Z Tauhara and, conscious of the time and diminishing daylight hours, I rode briskly east on SH5, the iconic Napier-Taupō Rd towards Hawke's Bay, cursing the fact my wets were lying somewhere behind me east of Taihape and bracing myself for a wall of rain I was riding towards. Fortunately, SH5 took me south and Charlotte and I skirted it. When a V8 Tuareg nailed it past me I took the opportunity to draught it until we parted company at Bayview where I turned north on SH2 for my next checkpoint in Wairoa.

Darkness had well and truly fallen when I filled up at Z Wairoa. Quaffing another Mammoth milk, two of Ginny's bliss balls, my visor also got a thorough clean and polish, before tucking myself in ready for whatever the darkness ahead would throw at me. I also had a revelation that despite the time-sapping morning stretches over those 'goat tracks', I had quite a bit of time up my sleeve so I could afford to ease off a bit and not push so hard. Ginny, my 6-year-old granddaughter, had made a heap of bliss balls for



the weather on Sunday wasn't, with intermittent showers and wet roads. Thus, the Gentle Annie and Route 52 with all their twists and turns, cowsh\*t, mud, leaf litter and moss, it wasn't as quick, or smooth and not at all enjoyable. Factor in a couple of errant ponies, herds of wild turkeys and the odd stray sheep, I was riding too cautiously, over-thinking it and my lines and general riding were crap.

Somewhere back there for reasons only known to Mr Brembo, my rear brake decided to go on holiday. Fsst, nada, gone. Without the comfort of trail braking to stabilise Charlotte through a corner, I was having to rethink how I did things with only a front brake, which was another reason why I really wasn't enjoying this at all.

Pulling into the Caltex station in Waipukurau, I found my pack rack and box dangling over Charlotte's rear end, hanging on by one cable

horonukupokaiwhenuakitanatahu. At the Aokautere checkpoint, my phone mount fell to bits! Chucking the pieces in my tank bag I rode towards the next checkpoint at the Pipiriri campsite along the Pohangina Valley East Road. Normally I'd say it's a lovely ride. It's sealed, narrow, twisty and ideal for a dawdle, but when you are pushed for time and it is hosing down, with no wets to put on because they decided to bugger off, it's not fun. However, I eventually made it out to SH1 at Mangaweka; the skies cleared, the roads dried out and I pointed Charlotte northwards towards Tūrangi, crossing the Desert Road for the fifth time. Filling up at Z Tūrangi, I rode around to my cabin, made use of the campground's toilets, made a cuppa and set about bodgying my phone mount with cable ties. All this cost me 30 valuable minutes but I needed time off the seat and to take stock of my progress, to mentally tuck myself in.

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**SPRINGVALE  
SUSPENSION BRIDGE.**

'Papa to eat on his motorbike ride'. Made with chopped up dates, dried fruit, chocolate, oats, rolled into balls and coated with desiccated coconut, I would down a couple every time I stopped at a checkpoint, or for gas. For the two days I'd been riding I'd survived on nothing but these and they were very effective at staving off hunger and keeping my blood sugars and energy levels up. However, they did make me fart spectacularly, a point I made when I messaged my daughter. "That's OK Dad, you've got air conditioning." Yes, I did until I unzipped my jacket.

The roads were drying and the sky overhead clearing as I neared Gisborne and turned westward into the Waioeke Gorge. I was in another world, barely a soul anywhere, certainly no traffic. I think I passed two, maybe three vehicles through the entire transit of the gorge. I was alone, it was warm, it was dry, I was riding under a sky full of stars and in a happy place.

Matawhai was asleep, eerily still and 'not a creature was stirring, not

even a mouse' when I stopped for a pee and a couple more 'bliss balls' washed down with a Mammoth milk, made frothy from bouncing around in my tank bag. I sat in absolute silence enjoying the feeling of being alone, the only sound a coming from Charlotte as she sat next to me ticking quietly as she cooled. It was just after 2300 when I filled up at Ōpotiki, throwing the remaining half of a steak and cheese pie in the bin. I didn't have to blow on it. It wasn't thermo-nuclear, just as dry as an old stick from far too long in the warmer.

Heading west on SH2 through Taneatua towards Awakeri, I turned on SH30, picking up a persistent set of headlights in my mirrors and my infringement mitigator flashing red as he followed me through Rotorua. Eventually, he pulled up and let me go. I know SH30 took me to the south of Rotorua, but I hadn't a clue where I actually was. I was relying entirely on Google Maps on my phone securely cable-tied to the remnants of the mount, and I'd have been sorely lost without it.

Taking the last photo of Charlotte in the forecourt of the GAS Whakamaru, I took SH32 south to Kuratau then turned left on SH41 towards Tūrangi. I guess you could say that was when I hit the virtual wall. It's a feeling I get when I've ticked off that last checkpoint and I'm on the downhill run home. Aka, job done. It's a great feeling and with the pressure well and truly off, it was time to back right off. Afterall, I'd hours up my sleeve, an empty road and a mere 22kms, to finish, so Charlotte and I dawdled home towards Tūrangi.

At the Z Tūrangi, I took a photo of her Odo and the receipt and then rode back to my cabin, parked Charlotte outside my cabin, stripped her down, chucked my gear into my cabin, took a long hot shower and hit the sack. I'd got my Double Badger.

**Captain Carefree**  
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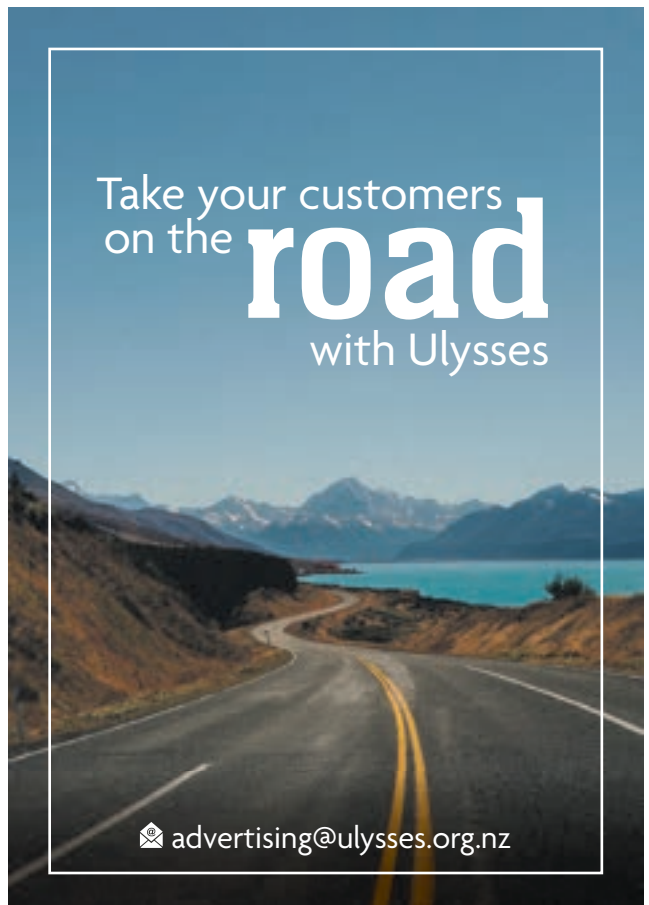
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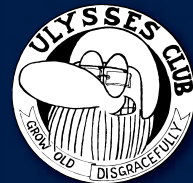
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# TAUPŌ DICE RUN

GLENN OLIVER

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While many events around the country fell by the wayside, cancelled or postponed in the wake of some minor pandemic, Ulysses Taupō members forged ahead with our second Dice Run, in October 2021. Using the same format and course as the previous year, we crossed our fingers that we wouldn't be forced to call it off.

As the day got closer, we updated ourselves on the latest "rules" and decided we could go ahead, albeit without our friends from Auckland

and Waikato. We were very happy that good numbers showed up and made the day a success.

The weather threatened but didn't come to anything severe, and everybody negotiated the roads safely, making it back to our base at Stag Park, The Local Diner. The winners were generous and donated back to the cause (thanks Denise and Mac), allowing us to make a donation of \$1000 to Taupō Women's Refuge.

There is no doubt the members enjoy this day's friendships, and we

receive good feedback all round. However, on a more constructive note, the representatives of Taupō Women's Refuge (pictured holding the loot) were very grateful for our contribution monies that are very easy to generate from such a fun day.

As usual, there are people to thank Nigel Katene and Steve Peel for the help with track inspection, Jan Kosterman, Entry Scribe, and Paul Gardner, Chief Financial Officer.

All up, a great day for all involved.

**Glenn Oliver** - #9631





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STEVE GRAY #9627

# FAR NORTH Frolics

So, we finally waved goodbye to a very different 2021 and welcomed in a New Year, some of us feeling older, wiser and wider after the Christmas and New Year festivities. An interesting 2021, where despite our Far North region still being the only region in NZ stuck on a red traffic light, our Wednesday and Sunday rides continued to be well supported. Normally around this time we would have been planning and gearing ourselves up for events such as the Boxing Day Races at Whanganui, or a South Island trip for The Burt Munroe Challenge, but sadly both cancelled, along with several other club activities such as the Christmas lunch.

But the show must go on and keeping things local, we have had some fine weather for riding and recently had a whole weekend riding and spud digging around our region for the weigh in of our annual Spud Growing Comp. This involves buying a seed spud and growing it for max yield, by whatever means you prefer. As usual, there were some dismal results, including mine, providing

plenty of banter and entertainment along with all the bull-manure growing stories and advice.

New Year's Eve, the last day of 2021, gave us the opportunity for our inaugural "Last Chance Ride", a one-off, last chance to ride up to Cape Reinga (like the name suggests). The day was well supported during a busy time for many people and it was good to see some different parts of our Far North region on roads that we don't ride much. Other than a final destination, the arrangements were kept informal, allowing riders to do a big day out, part of the ride if they wished, or even an overnight if that was their preference. After a re-group and breakfast stop in Awanui, five riders rode all the way to the top of NZ, whilst the others stopped at Houhora. This was the longest ride I had done in a while, clocking up 548km and 7hr 15min ride time.

Lunch-time talk on our rides, along with the normal humour and banter, often comprises of the normal barrage of opinions on current affairs we hear daily.

Whilst some opinions can be quite varied, it has been suggested among us, that we adopt a "No Covid, No Politics and No Religion" rule at the lunch table; who knew that there was so much else we could talk about

With such a wide range of age and experience within our branch, it's always interesting to hear or learn from others' experiences, not necessarily bike related either.

Our Far North branch has also recently canvassed feedback from our branch membership by way of a survey, regarding vaccinations, passports, mixed rides etc so that our branch committee have a clear picture of what our membership expects during our club activities.

Well, as I close this, we learn that the whole country is at a red traffic light from midnight tonight, let's hope we don't have to wait too long for the lights to change!

Ride Safe, Stay Safe,

**Steve Gray #9627.**





TONY ALLEN # 08420

# VOICES IN YOUR HEAD

*Okay last edition I ended up with introducing "Voices in Your Head." Now I'm not talking about those voices that happen before the men in the white coats come to take you away (ha ha) for your lobotomy, I'm talking about the little voices that actually need listening to.*

There is no denying that inner voice or "gut feeling" that comes from experience.

There is a technical term for it. It is called a visceral feeling, something you feel in your guts. A visceral feeling is intuitive — there may not be a rational explanation, but you feel that you know what's best.

There are some triggers which may help generate the gut feeling, the voices. Top of the list in my opinion is situational awareness, looking ahead and behind and being cognisant of your surroundings. The data collected from this scan can trigger the internal alarm or inner voice even if you aren't conscious of it.

Motorcyclists in general tend to be very good at this. You have to be, but you may not realise it. I bet you do this a lot more than "car drivers".

But there are other triggers, and these may well be different for different individuals. These may be hard to identify, especially if they were obtained through intuition rather than reasoning or observation, but you need to be aware.

To me it's as simple as "I have a bad feeling about this". This is a common theme in much of our popular culture and an underlying tenant to our lives that tends to simmer just under the surface. It is not talked about but something we probably can all relate to in our own life experience.

It even occurs frequently in popular culture because it is something we all relate to. If it's good enough for Han Solo, Luke Skywalker, Indiana Jones and even Hal from *2001: A Space Odyssey*, it's good enough for you so you should pay attention.

When riding, these voices need respect. If you feel something is wrong, pay attention. Slow down, ride more defensively (which on a bike is actually offensively), look harder for the idiot, the hat wearer, the tourist or the cop. Whatever you feel you need to do.

However, the voices aren't always correct, or maybe they are because nothing nasty happened, so you thought they were wrong.

I don't care. All I know is that in my own experience these voices have saved my butt many times.

Listen to the voices!

**Tony Allen # 08420**

*These articles are my own opinion, and you may not necessarily agree. That's a good thing, discuss it with your mates. If you come up with something that works better for you that you have consciously considered, that can only be good. Just don't get sucked into bad habits.*



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# BRANCH NEWS

## TARANAKI TALES **MARTIN PEYERL**

#9483

Lockdown, red light, orange light, passport or not, who knows what's next! It was a struggle back in November 2021 to try and get cohesion going forward on Ulysses activities. We didn't know where we could go, when we could go or even if we could go. When something was planned, it was possibly going to be cancelled. However, at that time, I believed the best the committee could do, rather than plan nothing, was to go ahead and plan events and rides as if they were to go ahead and to later make a call to cancel. At least if the events went ahead, under whatever rules applied at the time, individual members could decide whether to attend or not. This seemed to work out really well for us.

We decided to plan our club nights month by month, and found a temporary venue alternative that proved quite popular. They had the space we needed, on the night we needed it, and their service was welcoming and food was excellent! Thank you Fern Lodge in Inglewood.

Everyone enjoys our monthly Stumble Inn lunches, which are always well attended. It's such a great time to have a catch up with our Ulysses Friends, hear what's

going on and enjoy some good food, too.

We also started the Thursday evening Pie and Pint Rides again - the first one interrupted by high winds rather than Covid restrictions! But the others were well attended and enjoyed by all. We had an amazing Christmas



Party which was a dress-up to the letter D. The weather played along and it was a really festive and fun BBQ. *Our Vice-President, Graeme Weston ("Westie") won a prize for being Dory (it was the blue stockings that did it!)* and newish members Jacques and Muriel Van Wyk won a prize for being a festively dressed "Ding Dong". Thanks go to Alan Foster and Wendy Hern, for offering their amazing home for our disgraceful

behaviour!

Moving to the new Traffic Light system has certainly allowed a fair amount of freedom for us to plan rides and trips. We had Club Rides to Waitōtara, Te Kuiti, and recently an overnighter in Ohakune. Those who attended the overnighter in Ohakune had a great time. The weather and roads were perfect for riding, the scenery spectacular, the accommodation and food fantastic, and the camaraderie was great. We sure lived up to the "Growing Old Disgracefully" mantra.

We are delighted to have been appointed the hosts for the 2024 National AGM and believe it or not, we have already started planning. Watch this spot ... great things are bound to happen!

By the time you are reading this, our Taranaki AGM will have taken place. We are hopeful that we will have another active, engaged and enthusiastic committee to take us through the year.

So far, it's been an epic start to the New Year ... and long may it continue!

**Martin Peyerl** #9483  
President.

Ulysses Taranaki Branch

## MARTINBOUROUGH

JG

#9272

## TROUT RIDE

Our last ride for 2021 sees us heading off to The Trout at Canvastown where Casey is overjoyed we are coming to see her. Taking on her best food offerings are Neil Dixon, Kelvin Watson, Andy Noble, Don Best, Gary Tyson, Lyn Carter, John Youngman, Bill East, John Hadfield, Malcolm Taylor, Allan Beck ("9941 Reporting for Duty") Terry Molony, Phil and Jude Bishell, Dave Jackson, Colin Simpson, Phil Robertson, Arend Wansink, Pete Nelson, Chris Devlin, John Rodger, and his son-in-law Alasdair Crawford,

Allan Graham and me, then Bob McCrindle arrives just in time to miss the briefing! But he brings the numbers up to 25, which is exceptional for this time of the year.

We welcome five members we either haven't seen for ages or are having their first day out as re-treads. Most are on annual leave.

The ride out sees State Highway 6 traffic at its worst. (Well, nearly anyway). It's not a great time of the year as we mix with lots of drivers who normally drive from

home to work and in many cases, this is their first venture onto the open road in one to two years - thanks to lockdowns. There's also only a 4km speed tolerance on infringements. Stay on your toes everyone.

Casey makes us hugely welcome. She has a painter busy painting the outside of the old pub and this is transforming it. She also has a plan for a new entranceway and an outside dining area. And today she writes down our names with the orders, which eliminates all the hold-ups we had on our

first visit. She's a sharp girl this one, and right onto it. The meals arrive much quicker and are delivered by Casey's mum, who doubles as the cook. There are absolutely no complaints either and the fat level in the deep frier is substantially lowered.

The day is warm enough for all of us to seek the shade; in fact it is 25°C which is much more than forecast because the Met gurus have stuffed it up again today. This is further evidence that confirms my belief that they write all the weather forecasts before they go on holiday for four weeks!

Ali is still languishing at Ruby Bay, so John Rodger and Pete Nelson step up and we all get a good laugh.

Then we split. Most head home but Neil, Chris, John Y, Colin and JG head to Nelson then St Arnaud. As expected, the ride through Atawhai, Nelson, Richmond and Wakefield is just a pain in the butt, then we head up the magic 88 Valley and over Kerrs Hill where some frustrations are dealt with, and thence to the

Lake where ice creams are consumed by everyone except one. The Editor drinks a large bottle of water instead. I've seen him do this before and I've also seen the evidence that he's got a Woolworths bladder. Today is no exception. With him in front and a good tailwind, the speed gets faster and faster. Then at the Burleigh Bridge, Neil hangs a right and tears into Brayshaw Park. I follow to see why. Then all is revealed as I see him ride nearly right into the Mens and run inside, still helmeted, stripping off gear as he goes. I cry laughing; he lives about another Three minutes up the road but can't hold on that long.

I leave him to deal with his crisis but phone later to verify that all fastenings were undone in time. I have his assurance they were but I still have a niggling doubt..... That's the beauty of Gore Tex John, you'll never know.....Ed.

Thursdays are awesome.

Wishing you all a happy, healthy and safe 2022. **JG #9272**



# THE WHITE ROAD RIDE

**JG  
#9272**

Our second-to-last ride for the year attracts 19. They are Neil Dixon, Andy Noble, Kelvin Watson, Bruce Morton, Gary Tyson, Ron Perkinson, Bob Moss, Terry Molony, Phil Bishell, Malcolm Taylor, Wally Allan, John Hadfield, Don Best, Chris Devlan, Pete Nelson, Evan Teale, Allan Graham, Murray Brooks and me.

We've just had five days of stinking hot and humid weather and today starts the same way. At Brayshaw Park, everyone seeks the shade. We're off to do the White Road at Yealands and thence to the Cosy Corner for lunch. The forecast is promising a SE change, which means, going this way should provide the quickest relief from the heat. At the park, Andy presents Tonto with a new T-shirt which is worn proudly by the beneficiary, and as too are the feathers presented by Andy some weeks ago.

It's 28°C when we depart at 1100 and are pretty uncomfortable until we hit the open road. But at Riverlands, there's a wind change

and the temperature drops to 23°C then 22°C as we go over the Pass. We regroup at what was the Starborough Tavern, then head for Yealands where there is much photo taking and both The Editor and Malcolm use their superior skills to provide panoramic shots. Nobody finds the deep bog with their bike, thankfully. The sky is blue, the sea is blue and there's just a gentle south easterly with much more comfortable temperatures. We linger a while then hunger gets the better of us and we head for Seddon but not before Dave turns his traction control off and shoots some rocks and lots of dust at JG, who has never done that to anyone!

Well, most of the cats were herded into position

Lunch sees the usual amount of banter and BS and lots of great food that is delivered promptly because, you guessed it, they took our names! JG cracks a joke and is told by The Editor, "Listen Rsol, I do the jokes!" We yarn for ages then



we have Devotions. Ali is away for Christmas so a few others do the business. JG, Pete, Murray and The Editor all contribute and there's roars of laughter.

We split for home and just five of us head to Picton for the usual. Traffic is very heavy and, as hard to believe as this may be, it's 28°C in Picton. We quickly arrange the shade umbrellas and the lad at the counter keeps us supplied with cold water while we watch Pete Nelson demolish one of Le Cafés monstrous pieces of carrot cake. Garbage Guts! We have a clean ride home but have to negotiate the Blenheim traffic which is a nightmare. You need 360° surveillance to stay safe on a bike, eh.

The day has seen an excellent turnout given that the following day is Christmas Eve and many have children and grandchildren at home.

# ROTORUA RUMBLE **HARTLEY GRAY** #6974

What will 2022 bring us? Hopefully plenty of motorcycling without too many Covid restrictions.

We had a great Christmas function with the secret Santa gift exchange proving to be a hit with everyone.

Rotorua club has been active, taking advantage of the great weather and getting out on several rides.

We have plans for more Saturday brekkie rides and hopefully more overnights.

We are also involved with a fundraiser for the local Ronald MacDonald residence. Interbranch-



Thursday rides have resumed with more than 30 bikes on some outings.

Several branch members were planning on taking bikes to the AGM in Christchurch, which has now been cancelled. With bookings for ferry crossings and some accommodation already in place, we are now considering still going for a bit of a tour anyway.

We have welcomed a couple of new members and a couple of prospective members have come on rides with us.

We have also been working on a club promotional pamphlet to leave in local bike shops.

On one ride, a member had a wee incident. Injuries considered of a dislocated thumb and a few minor bumps and scrapes. Luckily it happened at a relatively low speed.

The accident happened at an intersection so all the group were together and able to assist, along with a couple in a car who stopped to help. First Aid kits came out and one member, Lynda, knew how to put his thumb back in and we bandaged him up.

We managed to get the bike going



and he was able to ride home. It brought home the need for members to have basic First Aid skills and First Aid kits to be carried.

We will certainly investigate First Aid courses for members to attend and also promote the rider training courses like Pro Rider.

The club is also reviewing and refreshing members' ride protocols due to occasional outings where riders became separated and lost contact with one another. This is particularly important when introducing new riders to a group environment. Just having everyone's phone number is always a good idea.

Ride Safe

**Hartley Gray #6974**

## NELSON NIBBLES

**ROD O'BEIRNE**  
#6030

After multiple postponements due to Covid and weather, 41 people attended the combined 2021 Awards event and Branch BBQ finally held on the 9th of January, 2022 in the Aniseed Valley.

Our branch supplied all the food and on a fine warm day presented

the ultimate quintessential BBQ of steak, bacon, kebabs, snags, plant-based patties (retch), salads followed by berries and pav. Only one of the council-supplied BBQs was working, so it was good backup planning that Phil brought along his BBQ so the starving masses could be satiated.

We presented the year badges, the highlight being the 30-year badge presented to Peter Jamieson. Thirty years ago, he was joined up to Nelson Ulysses by Brian Reid, with much delayed scheming and skulduggery, Brian was there to present Peter his 30-year badge.

# BRANCH NEWS

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## NELSON NIBBLES



The Shit Happens award was presented to Felecia Isaacs for the sad tale of their VW trike. Owned for a couple of years but only been on the road nine times, it has received multiple organ transplants in that time and is currently in a workshop awaiting the next episode. A timely award as they experienced a house fire the previous night, making their house unliveable.



The Branch Service award goes to Allan Smith for his ongoing contributions with the newsletter, *Shiny Side Up* and the Toy Run. A great

asset to our branch for the work he does behind the scenes.

The Service to Ulysses award goes to Pat Lithgow whose contributions to the branch are far beyond his role as Rides Coordinator. He has been on various committees for 15 years and brings all that experience to the table for the benefit of our members. He involves himself in pastoral care of members, road safety, finding funds and prizes for the Toy Run, keeping the bloody coordinator in line. Pat gets his rocks off by riding in the rain to the Buller Toy Run, plus he loves the annual drenching! A very valuable committee member and real asset to our branch.



Some brave souls found their way in for a swim, but who rung Whale Rescue when the coord appeared in his togs? B\*\*tards!!

A good burst of enthusiasm to sign off last year and begin another. I'm concerned we have flatlined due to Covid and may struggle in the coming year to crank some excitement.

**Rod O'Beirne #6030**  
*Nelson Coordinator*

## 2021 AWARDS NELSON BRANCH EVENT

**THE SHIT  
HAPPENS AWARD -  
FELECIA ISAACS**

**THE BRANCH  
SERVICE AWARD -  
ALLAN SMITH**

**THE SERVICE TO  
ULYSSES AWARD -  
PAT LITHGOW**

## MARLBOROUGH MUSINGS

Greetings everyone from the top of the South. Hope everyone managed to have a great Christmas / New Year's and managed to get plenty of riding in.

On the 11th of December we had a busy day, starting with our coffee morning at the Runway Café where about 20 bikes parked up. Then it was off to our annual Toy Run starting at the Woodbourne Tavern. Despite the weather being a bit overcast and a tiny bit of drizzle we still had an okay turnout of around 75 bikes in convoy to the Seymore St car park, where all the riders donated toys to The Salvation Army. Later on that evening we had our Ulysses Christmas party at Omaka car club rooms where we had Roast on the Run

do a pig on the spit for us, which was really nice. As usual, there was plenty of refreshments, laughs and disgraceful behaviour.

We have been having some great weather in Marlborough lately for riding and that has seen many bikes out and about. I think we have seen more than ever.

We are still having our Saturday coffee mornings, which is also getting good numbers and the Thursday rides seem to be getting bigger all the time. With good turnouts to these events, we have just about sold all of the bike raffle tickets, with only a couple left.

Another event we do is our monthly Club night, which can be anything from a train ride & BBQ, a meal at a bar or for this month

## TIM WILLS

**#9600**

one of our members has a karaoke system, so we are going to invade his place for a BYO and Karaoke night, it will be interesting to see how many Elvis's or screaming cats we have. Either way it will be a fun night out.

On Wednesday 16th of Feb we have our AGM. I will be standing down as Coordinator and handing it over to someone with a bit more time, I will stay as a committee member

Well, that's about all I have for now so enjoy the magazine, get out on the bike wherever possible, stay disgraceful but most of all stay safe out there.

Cheers

**Tim Wills #9600** Marlborough  
Branch Coordinator

# WHAKATĀNE TIDE...INGS

**GREG EVANS #5572**

Hi folks.

Our branch has been rolling along quietly while we wait for this Covid stuff to clear off.

Most of our rides have been localised, with minimal interaction with other branches.

We decided against providing a rides calendar so riders can make their own destination choice on the day, although this is set to change now that we're under the traffic light system.

Often our members (or visitors) would simply turn up just for a coffee and a catch up at the Columbus Cafe before our Sunday and Thursday rides, but not go on the ride. This all helps to keep our branch members connected and engaged.

The TLR (Thursday Lunch Riders) group has also been doing just local area rides, but Norm Foster



has now begun providing a lunch destination, enabling riders from other areas to meet up. Things are almost getting back to normal!

In November, we had to cancel our Mountain to Sea charity ride. This is the first time it has ever been totally cancelled in the many years it has been run. This decision was hard to make but we had to also consider the plight of all the struggling businesses we would have approached to get donations just so we could then donate to charity.

They became our charity for last year!

Our monthly social nights at selected restaurants have remained popular despite the restrictions imposed by Covid regulations. Averaging 20 people each month, showed that our group were keen to meet up and enjoy each other's company.

Our annual Remembrance BBQ at the home of Gary and Glennis Wilson in January was again well attended.

All of our Whakatāne members who have passed on were remembered in a brief tribute from our resident Sheriff

Gary, who also pointed out that no Whakatāne member had ever passed from being involved a motorcycle accident (although he did admit that some had tried pretty hard whilst Growing Old Disgracefully!).



It was also really great to have Max and Joy McAuslin travel over from Cambridge for our BBQ. Max was a previous Whakatāne Coordinator and he and Joy were craving a bit of Whakatāne branch banter and a chance to catch up with old friends and remember those who have passed.

We are looking forward to a restart this year, with a lot more branch rides and activities planned.

Take care out there and I do hope that if Covid finds you that it passes with a light touch!

Ride safe!

**Greg Evans #5572**

Whakatāne Coordinator

**Murray Cross**

**#7908**

# MANAWATU MURMURS

The Manawatu Branch has had an interesting and busy three months.

The November club ride was to the Pongaroa Hotel for lunch. By chance the Wellington Branch had the same idea and everyone enjoyed a, convivial meal and refreshment, at this great motorcycling landmark. Later in the month, the first of our summer "Pie & Pint" rides saw a group of 10 bikes enjoy an hour long backroad ride that never got more

than 20km from our start point in Feilding. Murray's Irish Bar provided the refreshments and a great social evening. Those who enjoy gravel (and some who don't) had a ride led by Malcolm out the back of Whanganui, including Bushy Park Homestead then Rangitatau and Kauarapaoa roads. Good to see road bikes and cruisers getting dusty with the adventure bikes.

The December ride was meant to be



the Woodville Lions "Coast to Coast" charity ride. Unfortunately, this was another casualty of Covid.



The branch ride then became the Gentle Annie Loop via Taihape, with lunch in Hastings. The weather put off all but two hardy souls (well done Howard and Colin). With only the two of them making it to Taihape and worsening weather out east, they changed the route to down the

Parapara's then home via Fordell and SH3.

As the weather finally improved just before Christmas a mid-week ride on 23 December saw 13 retirees enjoy a gentle ride on the scenic route to Managweka.

Though no branch ride is usually planned for January a good group attempted the postponed Gentle Annie ride on 8th Jan. In all, 19 bikes took part, including a couple of three wheelers. The group split up at Taihape, with the faster riders away first and the regroup point was Fernhill. Unfortunately, Rod Anderson in the rear guard had a bike v bike head on not far out of Taihape. He was seriously injured and helicoptered to Wellington hospital intensive care. The other rider from another group had a leg injury but was in far better condition. Thankfully, Rod received some excellent medical care and is now on the mend. Big thanks to Ponga Robinson for liaising with Rod's wife Rose, and Lynn Southee and TEC Rob Wishcott for their great work assisting at the accident scene.

The main January event is our belat-

ed Christmas BBQ, which is held on the Monday of Wellington Anniversary weekend. This is a great social afternoon, with the club providing the meat and bread and members bringing a salad or dessert. Thanks to Murray Cross and Jacqueline Tanner for hosting us at their home in Feilding. The garage was a big attraction, with Murray's bike collection for people to view. The weather was a little "iffy", but the rain stayed away until everyone had headed home.

Our coffee mornings have been well supported and enjoyed by members and their partners, with around 20-25 people for coffee or brunch on a Saturday morning. The branch requires vaccine passes for all our events and this has worked well. The Red traffic light setting will restrict the venues open to large groups, but generally we are able to hold a variety of social gatherings.

Now I need to plan how to use my ferry tickets from the AGM weekend.

Be safe on the roads.

**Murray Cross #7908**

Manawatu CoOrdinator

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# WAIRARAPA WHISPERINGS

**DYLAN MCMENAMIN**

#10094

Hi all from the Wairarapa. Well, it has been a strange old time over the past couple of months. Like many branches, we had a reasonable contingent of members who were pretty organised to head South for the AGM.

The news of the AGM cancellation following the national move to Red under the Covid-19 traffic light system was of no great surprise to anyone, but it still carried a fair bit of disappointment. We feel for all those who put in so much time and effort preparing for it, only to have it disappear overnight.

It was great to see the 22 in 23 Forgotten Rally plan emerge. Kudos to all who have had a part in that. Our group had planned a two week bike trip down south, with the AGM in the middle of it. That trip has been temporarily shelved, but I'm sure we will look to revive it at the next opportunity.

Our group is working towards a slightly shorter North Island-based alternate trip for this year. This would mean we would remain within feasible striking distance of home and

wouldn't need to rely on being allowed on a flight or a ferry sailing to get back across the Strait. It means for a few of us there is a much more tolerable level of risk of having to isolate away from home for any period of time.

I guess the next few weeks will show us whether this plan can survive contact with the enemy...

As a branch we were just starting to get back into the swing of things a little, with planned rides, club nights and branch dinners resuming. I'm sure like many, we'll be watching the coming weeks with interest to see if Omicron does indeed sweep through our communities as many fear.

We have a few members headed away to Cambridge mid-February for cycle marshalling duties in the Elite Nationals. Thanks to all involved with that.

There is going to be a reasonably sizeable changing of the guard for our Branch Committee at our AGM this year (including my position), so we are actively seeking expressions of interest from branch members to

take on roles from the middle of the year.

On a personal note, I have been reminded again of the very positive culture within the club. Having just achieved full licence status, I've immediately gone from just under 200kg of café racer to around 240kg of adventure bike (don't worry, folks, not another GS on the roads...).

I've had much more experienced members of the club come out with me as I feel my way into the new bike and I even had offers from one or two of our diehard BMW members to run the Ducati in for me. Thoroughly decent of them...

I also had one member quietly enquiring if I'd let him know if I binned it, so he might get a shot at a cheap insurance write-off deal. Will do, mate.

That is all from us. Stay right way up everyone and we hope you all enjoy getting out and about as much as circumstances will allow.

**Dylan McMenamin**

#10094

**ROSS ALEXANDER**

#8542

# CAPITAL CONFABULATIONS

One of the highlights of the Wellington Branch year is the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) ride in November. Over three days, around 20 riders visit young people struggling with the disease – presenting them with Christmas gifts from the club at schools, homes and on marae. Last year, in discussion with the families of the children, it was decided that it would be safer not to meet up face to face. In place of the ride the branch shared a video with best wishes from Santa and the branch. The gifts and Christmas cheer were very well received by the

kids and families. We look forward to meeting up with them again later this year.

We had a couple of shorter social rides in December – including a run up to the Ocean Beach Eatery at Foxton Beach, and a coffee run out to Makara Cafe.

In January, the branch was approached by the IAM-Roadsmart team to join them for a free slow-riding clinic. It was a great opportunity to brush up on our skills.

See the article *A Bit of an Adventure* in this edition about our Wellington

Anniversary weekend trip away.

We start 2022 facing similar challenges to other branches – how do we engage and retain current members, and how to recruit new ones? We are hoping to get more members out onto the rides, and provide more options for shorter, informal "coffee and catch-up" runs.

Here's looking forward to a more "predictable" year.

Keep safe out there!

**Ross Alexander #8542**



# **GISBORNE** **TALES**

Gisborne has been quiet over the past month or so. Everybody's enjoying the sun and family time. Our spur-of-the-moment rides, have been well supported, which is great to see.

Our annual around the coast trip in November, was fabulous. Great bunch of people always makes for fun times. And what a view to wake up to at the Tekaha Resort.

On the trip, one of our members who shall remain nameless, was living up to the Ulysses motto, parking East Coast style.

**CRAIG MOODIE**

**#8602**

## **AUCKLAND** ACTIONS

Greetings Everyone and best wishes for 2022.

The last four months of 2021 were very hard for those of us living in Auckland with tight border restrictions. Our branch members made the most of visiting the four corners of our region in small groups for rides. With the Gates of Auckatraz being opened just before Christmas, it was a great relief to finally get out. Christmas and January have been a time to catch up with our friends and family around the country. It was also a time to get on the bike and explore throughout the country with great weather everywhere.

Our traditional Milky Bar Run is probably the first organised motorcycle run in the world each January 1st. It takes off at 9am, on New Year's Day from Auckland's waterfront. It was really well supported as everyone was glad to be out and about again. The ride split into two groups, about 30 bikes heading north and 20 heading south. Chris Moller led the south group, which had the first break outside Spookers, in the grounds of the old Kingseat hospital. Then headed further south, bound for Clarks Beach, a small detour to Waitangi Falls where everyone admired the waterfall. The swimming hole at the base of the falls was already filled with swimmers. After the falls, we

went into Waiuku, Pukekohe Hill, through Buckland and Tuakau, over the river along to Pukekawa and lunched at Pokeno Bacon at the Mercer truck stop. 150km.

John Heebink took 30 people heading north west from the starting point.

The northern group had their first stop at Titirangi Beach. John says, "it always makes my day when somebody tells me that they have never been there before. The second stop was on Pukamatekeo, which means "highest top on the end of the range". From there you

can see the Tasman Sea, Waitemata Harbour, Kaipara harbour and Manukau Harbour. A fifth water body visible is the Waitakere storage lake. Again, somebody had not been there before. We ended up in the Columbus Coffee shop next to Mitre 10 in Albany, where another couple of friends were waiting for us.

For me personally the Christmas break was a great time for Raewyn and I to connect with our family in Blenheim. We drove down with my DR650 and my grandson's dirt bike in the back of our van on Dec 28th and had nearly a month based in



## BRANCH NEWS

Blenheim. I managed to ride some of the Molesworth and Rainbow tracks and some good trails in the back of Murchison/St Arnaud's. I also had some fun times with my grandson following trails up dry riverbanks near Blenheim. (He can join Ulysses in 34 years!) We also celebrated my cousin's 60th with a raft trip down the Clarence River with our grandson. We helicoptered in and paddled and tented for four days and three nights. A great adventure and a special moment for me to visit the homestead my cousin had lived in and which has now been cut off by road by the Kaikoura Earthquakes. The paddocks I had ridden as a kid on horseback

are now ripped apart by fault lines.

2021 was a tough one for the Ulysses Auckland branch with all the lockdowns. This year, we are taking things one day at a time but our club rides are and going steadily and are well supported. We managed to have a branch meeting in December once the restrictions were eased slightly. We had a good turnout considering the restrictions and it was great to catch up in person after such a long period. Justifiably, there is hesitation among our more vulnerable members to participate. We are hoping that in 2022 the pandemic will begin to ease and we can meet up with a wider group.

We are planning our next branch meeting for February, but with Omicron hovering over us, the turnout will probably be small, as the concern over indoor settings is heightened at the moment.

Whatever happens this year we plan to make the best of the opportunities that come our way.

Our branch also wishes to offer our congratulations to our former president, Merv Hopkinson, #27, who turned 80 on February 1st. Happy birthday, Merv!

Cheers,

**Craig Moodie #8602**

Auckland Branch President

### MATTHEW FARRELL #9919

An interesting summer to reflect back on so far. It's good to see a variety involved with Thursday, Saturday and Sunday activity - new, old, prospective and hopefully future members. Thursday Lunch Rides have been a bit more hit and miss at BP Tauriko. Sometimes Denis has shown up on his own, other times there have been a dozen riders, and sometimes it's just Tauranga with no inter-branch due to Covid rules.

JT's "sportier" posse has continued on Saturdays quite reliably with weather and attendance. We appreciate the option it gives those for whom Thursdays and Sundays aren't the right day or ride speed. The Sunday cruise from Columbus Café has mostly been a Decide On Day (or the day before) affair. Big thanks to Russ and Rog for generally taking these rides as they are able, depending on other life commitments. Julie has often been Tail End Charlie for these lately, thanks to her also. We had certainly had an autumn of wet Sundays until we got the cruises going again with a fun trip to the Cheese Barn at Matatoki.

## TAURANGA TIDINGS

We spread some festive cheer with a long-awaited pre-Christmas visit to Greerton Cub Scout Den, and rocked up to Tauranga Hospital Children's Ward with Santa on Christmas Eve to donate toys from our generous members.

Thanks to everyone who turned up for the Christmas food truck party in Omokoroa. Even NatCom made the effort to come along for lunch. That's got to be a first for our branch.

Our thoughts are with John and Julie after the sad loss of Carol Cufflin, a 30-year member known to so many around the country - and held in high regard by those who knew her.

My thanks go to the seven other Ulyssians who joined me on Saturday 22nd January as we had marshalling duties at the Mount Festival of Multisport: Roger Allen, Colin Kepple, Paul Carson, Talbot Munro, Russ Knight, and also Neil Evans (Rotorua, friend of Tauranga), and Kevin Beagley who stepped up at the last minute after I had a late withdrawal - immediately after a request for an eighth bike at this long-running

(haha) triathlon.

Bookings are rolling in for our rally at Waihi Beach. To enable this catered event to go ahead without cancellation, we will limit the attendance to 75 and we will be checking My Vaccine Pass on entry - to comply with the law around event organisation if we are at Red. It would only take one complaint for us to lose future events over a \$12,000 fine. Contact us if you would like a no-quibble refund or to book with certainty that we will be proceeding.

We have confirmed our traditional bookings of the past 20 years or so will continue for our 2022 meetings at Tauranga Citizens Club. First Tuesday committee only in the conference room, 7.30pm. Third Tuesdays full branch/club night in the upstairs restaurant. The venue requires My Vaccine Pass and we request you stay home if you are unwell please.

Coordinator

**Matthew Farrell #9919**



# OTAGO

**MIKE**  
#7808

# OPUS

At our December Club night, long-service badges were presented to, Harold Fennell, 30 years, Brendan Murray 20 years, Terry Clapham, Nigel Ritchie, Hartley Meder, Simon van Aalst, 10 years.

The first 2022 ride was to Millers Flat, where a large group rode to Faigans Café, with Barry joining us from Alexandra. Most of those heading back to Dunedin later on elected to go via the gravel Millenium Track that runs alongside the Clutha River as far as Beaumont. The group stopped off at the historic 1865 Lonely Graves site where "Someone's darling lies buried here", as well as "Here lies the body of William Rigney the man who buried Someone's Darling", on a very hot 33-degree day.

Another January ride was to lovely Moeraki. At the time of writing, rides over the following months are planned to Mandeville, Naseby, Kaka Point, Winton, Kurow and Midlemarch. However, with Covid Omicron fast approaching only time will tell what freedoms we will have and to what level we can travel and ride. Our club has already been affected by the understandable but very disappointing cancellation of the 2022 Christchurch AGM. Bring on 2023. Stay safe everyone.

**Mike** #7808



## WAIHI / THAMES VALLEY

**Trevor Birchall**  
# 4060

## BRANCH

Our last quarter has been a mix of very successful events and some cancellations due to Covid. While on that nasty subject, yes, Covid, I am really sorry to hear some staunch unvaccinated members resigning from our branch as they felt they were not made welcome. Unfortunately, we do not make the laws, only have to obey them and we as a committee have no say. Just the same as they have reduced the speed limits in many places in our area, which really is taking all the fun out of riding around some roads and, yes, I had no say and I have to obey them (most of the time). Life is tough.

WTV branch Coordinator Wayne Larson has done a brilliant job of keeping our Branch going over the past two years, along with his partner Jeanette, who has been our Treasurer all that time, not only arranging the meetings and all the dinner nights, which are growing from strength to strength with a lot of new faces at the table every couple of weeks.



As our district is spread around the greater Coromandel area so are our dinner nights. To mention some, we have had them in Waihi, Whangamatā, Paeroa and Thames. Although there are some who go to them all there are others like myself who are interested in attending those



closer to home. Maybe a sign of ageing for me. Wayne and Jeanette, we hope you enjoy your time travelling the country in your new caravan and I'm sure we can keep the positions open for you both on your return. I know I can say this on behalf of all our members, thanks for standing in when no one else would.

Our Thursday rides continue to get great numbers and we really have had a wide variety of bikes take part in our runs. While writing this, I am trying to think of brands on the market today that we have not had on one of our runs and really I cannot think of any, from Royal Enfields 350cc through great big Touring bikes. Shows the variety in our club. Although last year most of the time

our branch was doing its own thing, each Thursday it was nice that we joined members from Whakatāne, Tauranga, Rotorua and Hamilton for Christmas Lunch. As the lunch was in our area it was great to see many of our members take their partners in their Tin Tops. Thanks Norm Foster from Waikato Branch for organising that event and thanks to the RSA in Whangamatā for putting on the spread at very good value.

To mention just a few of the places we have been to lately, while Auckland was still in lockdown we had a lot of rides right on our doorstep around the Coromandel area. They are as good as you get anywhere in NZ, especially with Aucklanders and for a while Hamiltonians locked be-

hind bars. No cars or campervans to be seen. There were not many roads in the area we did not venture, one week or another. Some of the other interesting rides have been over the other side, like a picnic ride to Manukau Heads, Okere Falls, Cambridge in the rain, Hamilton motorcycle shops, Cyclespot new motorcycle Mecca Store in Auckland and, yes, I could go on.

Next week, we are going to have Twist and Turns again in Ngatea. Yes, this is a training day in a very large area where everyone can come and practice their slow riding skills, get help and guidance from two IAM Motorcycle Instructors, John Heebink and Barry Holland, who are both Ulysses members from North Harbour Branch and yours truly, retired tired motorcycle instructor and drill team coach. This event we had to cancel twice because of Covid and I was about to throw the towel in altogether, only several asked when I was going to do it again. I think it will be the last time so lets hope it goes well.

Let's hope the Traffic Light system works for everyone and we all have a better year. Safe riding out there.

WTV Branch Runs Coordinator and Scribe,

**Trevor Birchall # 4060**



**LET'S HOPE THE TRAFFIC LIGHT SYSTEM WORKS FOR EVERYONE AND WE ALL HAVE A BETTER YEAR. SAFE RIDING OUT THERE.**



# NORTH HARBOUR

ROB BISSETT #7822



Well, this will be my last report for the *Ulyssian* as the President of the North Harbour Branch, as I am stepping down at the end of this term. These past years have been one hell of a ride, and sadly it looks likely to continue. The traffic light system now in full swing. I find this is a rather an interesting system. I was looking at the summary of the levels the other day and saw that even at green we are not back to normal, whatever that is. Under green there will still be controls in place; this got me to thinking, will we ever return to life without such controls over our lives? It would seem to me that the powers that be don't ever want this to end, and it looks like we will be subject to traffic lights for the rest of our days.



Well, I jumped ship the other day and crossed the ditch and I am now in Brisbane where people are getting on with their lives. Yes, they like you to wear a mask in public places such as malls and shops, but it is not mandatory nor is it enforced. The only place where that seems to be enforced is in the airports and on planes. Anyway, I am here in Oz to catch up with the newest edition to the Bissett Clan and the rest of the clan now residing in Brisbane. Cillian is a bright wee man and I got lots of cuddles yesterday, also caught up with Deacon, Cillian's big brother now two years and spent time playing with toy cars. I also caught up with Lucas, my other grandson and what a joy it has been. I am still to adjust to the new time zone.

It was sad that the National Rally and AGM have been put off till 2023, thanks to Omicron, and that North Harbour have postponed their National Rally and AGM until 2024, we hope. Our branch meetings at the RSA will continue as per the regulations; the RSA assures me it is business as usual, well Covidy speaking it is fully vacci-

nated and vaccine passport-only entry.

I have thoroughly enjoyed serving the branch but feel it is time for new blood and new ideas. One of the remits for the AGM was that to lower the entry age for membership, I personally strongly support this remit as we need to do something to grow our shrinking membership. I strongly urge you all to consider doing a term on committee, so get those nominations in and let's get some new blood and new ideas flowing in our branch.

I guess some are wondering when I will be back and I have to say that is an unknown at this time. I have a credit with Air New Zealand as they cancelled all bookings. Until the Government open the boarder, I know the 27th of Feb is the date but with the proviso that they can cancel it again, so I guess we will see.

All this aside, I managed a few rides this past month, before departing to Oz, I went on one of the Wednesday rides to Mangawhai Heads via some back roads and SH16. HW16 is becoming a spine cruncher with subsidences and potholes; regardless, it was still a great day out and a great ride, we had around a dozen bikes on the ride and one trike. Also, we had an awesome New Year's Day ride. I took my grand daughter on the back and she thoroughly enjoyed it. Here is John Heebink's write up;



"One of the first places in the world where there is a New Year's motorbike ride is in New Zealand.

In Auckland this morning about 30 people headed North West from our starting point and about the same number headed South.

The Northern group had their first stop at Titirangi Beach and it always makes my day when somebody tells me

that they have never been there before.

The second stop was on Pukamatekeo, which means "highest top on the end of the range".

From there you can see the Tasman Sea, The Waitemata Harbour, the Kaipara harbour and the Manukau harbour. A fifth water body visible is the Waitakere storage lake.

Again, somebody was not been there before.

We ended up in the Columbus Coffee shop next to Mitre 10 in Albany where another couple of friends were waiting for us.

Thanks for being "tail-end Charlie" Johan! Much appreciated."

Well, that's about it for now from us here on the North Shore of Auckland

So don't forget that "Life is too short to be doing shit you don't enjoy". So, Ride Well and Ride Safe, and keep the Shiny Side Up. And, most importantly, be kind and courteous to one another and please respect each other's views on this crazy Covid ride we have found ourselves on.

**Rob Bissett #7822**

North Harbour Branch President

## KAPATI CAPERS

A proposed five-day trip was circulated and gained the commitment of Steve, Paul, Barry Richard, Roger and Kiaran. Unfortunately, Steve was a late withdrawal, due to torrential rain flooding his garage and threatening the collapse of a bank behind his house.

Weather over the days leading to stands up were not looking good and come the day we were looking at some very poor weather. Last minute change to meeting point saw us meet at Kiaran's home, where the plan was to sit and enjoy Kiaran's hospitality until the weather cleared.

However, the weather gods cooperated and we set off immediately in

fine and sunny weather.

First day, ride to Napier. Weather on our side of the Tararua Range, although good, was uncomfortably windy and proved to be a bit of a challenge until we got over to the Tararua district. We then enjoyed good riding, without wind, as far as Waipawa. Rained steadily from Waipawa to Napier, nonetheless we had a comfortable ride to Napier.

Cabin accommodation at Kennedy Park Motor Camp served our purpose well. A 10-minute walk to "Flavour of India" to enjoy a good feed.

Second day, destination Gisborne. Turned to the inland route 38 at

Wairoa, this ride was a trip highlight. Great riding on a good road through here, encountered a brief shower which was of no consequence.

Third day to Whakatāne, via the Waioeka Gorge. Spectacular scenery caused a few stops to rest and enjoy. The Waioeka Gorge should be on all bucket lists.

The Cafe at Maketu served us okay, we didn't even need to do an IQ test

In Whakatāne we got the RSA courtesy van to shuttle us to the RSA and then back home again afterward. An excellent evening dinner, drinks and formulating our plan for world peace.



IN THE WAIOEKA GORGE



Fourth day, on to Tamarunui, without Paul who had to head home. An uneventful ride through good roads and little traffic. Good digs at a motel; turns out that the money we paid to our trip organiser did not get through to this accommodation, there were many scenarios discussed to extract retribution for "dropping us in it". However, accommodation was arranged and financial arrangements were ultimately all sorted.

Evening dinner and entertainment easily sorted at the local Cossie club, just 200 metres from our motel.

Final day, a good testing ride through the Paraparas to Whanganui and then an "ordinary" ride home to Horowhenua and Kapiti areas. Wonderful trip with good company.

The circuit – Napier, Gisborne, Whakatāne, Tamarunui, Whanganui- we chose to do leisurely in five days. About 300km or so per day. It could probably be easily done

in three days if you are comfortable at 500–600km per day. Add in a ride from Whanganui to Taihape and over the Gentle Annie, and this circuit could be started from almost anywhere in the North Island

#### The long day out

Some of the Kapiti crew decided early in the New Year to "Escape the Rellies" and join us on a ride and picnic to Akitio on the north Wairarapa Coast.

The day dawned beautifully and Paul, Tony, Kiaran, Richard, Martin, Nick, Barry and Pete with their various Hondas, Suzukis, one Triumph, one KTM and one BMW met bright and early in Levin on January 8th to set off.

We headed to the Pahiatua track and then into town so some of the bikes with smaller tanks could top up. We also took the opportunity to fuel ourselves up on coffee.

The road starting just north of Pahiatua heading towards Pongaroa is a

motorcyclist's delight and in wonderful condition at the moment. We certainly enjoyed it.

A stop at Pongaroa in the sun meant an opportunity to chat to a couple of other riders enjoying the day.

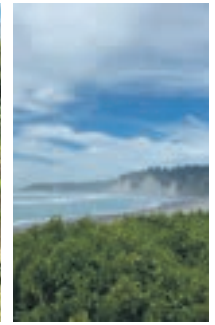
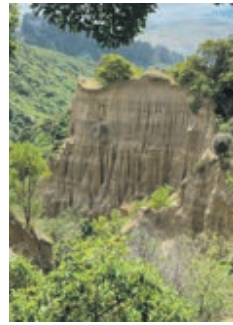
Ride leader Paul then went the wrong way and after about 10km we were confronted with gravel. Those in the know said it was about 25km of it. This gave Tony on the KTM an easy decision to continue while the rest of us turned around and then found the sealed route. We arrived at Akitio with Tony having had to wait for us for about half an hour.

Picnic lunch by the sea was very pleasant indeed before we returned to Kapiti via Dannevirke, Top Grass Road and the Saddle Road.

It was a long but very enjoyable ride in perfect conditions.

When we arrived home late afternoon, the rellies had gone!"





Myself and riding companion finally managed to get out on the bikes for a ride, with Gore Bay being the destination. Unknown to myself, Dave had lived in Cheviot many years ago whilst working for the Nasella Tussock Board as a Work Gang Supervisor and was keen to check out the area again, especially where his old home was. So the ride was planned, might I say, after many previous planned rides had to be canned for numerous reasons which I won't go into. The date was Wednesday, 19th January. The weather forecast was perfect for riding although the predicted temperature that day was 30 degrees, so no need to rug up too much, no need for much underneath the riding gear and the vents were opened on the helmets. Albeit, a warm breeze managed to filter its way around the inside of them.

I've got to say riding in Canterbury is a bit different to the West Coast, the roads, to be fair, aren't as good, quite rough in places and the road workers aren't that great on placing warning signs re loose chip on the road.... but that's another story. After having not been on the bike for quite a while it didn't take to long to get in the groove and we were soon traveling along at a good clip (legal of course). On arriving at Cheviot the stands were down at the Cheviot, Tea Rooms where a toasted sandwich and a drink were consumed whilst sitting outside enjoying the sunshine, shade and fresh air. It was at this stage, now very noticeable, that State Highway 1 is extremely busy, especially with big truck and trailer units, which I guess have a little bit to do with the condition of the road. After a break of about 30 minutes, it was time for stands up and to follow Dave around Cheviot to his old homestead before crossing the highway and heading to Gore Bay. At this stage I really enjoyed the leisurely ride through the windy road until Dave and I reached Gore Bay where, after parking up, the first thing I noticed was the amount of really expensive real estate.

Wow, beautiful homes, certainly struggle to call them batches, although I think you North Islanders would call them cribs after surveying the landscape a bit more.

Yes, there are still some of the good old Kiwi batches, bloody hell, I bet some of them would have a story or two to tell.

The scenery looking out across the bay was stunning, beautiful blue sea, crisp, white foamy breakers breaking on the sand bar. We just had to sit on a well-placed wooden park seat and admire what we were looking at. After a while, once again, it was stands up and continuing to follow the windy road. I'm not sure if I mentioned it, but a *windy* narrow road. Which was a good place to remember the skills one learnt on completing a Gold Ride Forever.

Of course, which was just as well, as the old bum cheeks squeezed together and on not one occasion, but two. A SUV came around a blind bend on, you guessed it, our side of the road. Time to park up again as we reached the lookout of the Cathedrals. Magnificent, unbelievable view, very impressive. I'm sure there's a good reason as to how they were formed, in fact, I might enlist the help of Dr Google and see what I can find out.

Stands up again and off we go until we reached the turn-off near Domett to join State Highway 1 again. The sun was still shining and the weather forecast couldn't have been more accurate as the temperature was definitely 30° ish. Now for a couple of krusty old ex West Coasters the next experience we would encounter wasn't something we were used to, bloody hell, the wind gusts, I'm guessing were what Cantabrians call a "Nor Wester". Again I remember something we were taught on the Ride Forever course, so it wasn't too bad. On reaching Amberley, Dave followed me home where we had a quick yarn and planned our next ride, including the National AGM. Bugger and damnation, Cindy's new traffic light to Red has put an end to that. Dave and I are planning our next ride for about a fortnight's time so looking forward to it, and by the way - bugger Covid

**GARY ( GRUB ) SINCLAIR #5457**

# GORE BAY NTH CANTERBURY TRIP

BY 2 KRUSTY OLD EX WEST COASTERS

# TIME & FUEL MANAGEMENT

*Today is one that ends up pushing the boundaries of both the above.*

Christmas chores are all done, work's ground to a halt and I've been waiting for it to stop raining on both the West Coast and here, so today it's Westport for lunch. It's a south-west day so I will have a headwind all the way over. I decide to keep the speed at a reasonable level to conserve fuel. As we all know, barrelling into a strong headwind on a bike sucks gas like - you know what.

It was just 8°C when I checked the weather first thing, so I wasn't in a hurry to start. Blenheim's forecast temperature is 28°C and I don't want the hassle of stopping to take off clothes as the day warms. So I don't depart until 0820. Down the road I feel my pockets and realise I haven't put my wallet where it belongs. I depart the second time at 0830 and am soon punching into a strong nor'wester. (A south-west flow typically sucks clockwise through Cook Strait to become a nor'wester here).

The ride is unremarkable except I'm not positioning the bike as well as I should. One of those days. Otherwise, the ride is unremarkable until the Speargrass straights where I have a close encounter with a hare. That wakes me up and the cornering improves dramatically. Thanks hare.

This ride is great for two reasons. One is the Upper Buller Gorge and the other is the Lower Buller Gorge. We just love corners. I'm thinking that I might extend the ride to take in a third favourite, Westport to Punakaiki and back, as that too is a favourite stretch of twisties. So, at the junction, I turn left to check the distance to Punakaiki and question whether I have sufficient gas to get there and back to Westport. The sign says 50km, which means the return trip will be 106km. The trip computer is telling me I've only got 100km to run and the sou'wester is fair howling so I U-turn and head to Westport for my first and only stop for the day. (Hence no photos). I refuel but leave about a 500ml air gap in the tank so it doesn't vent over the side while it sits in the sun as I take an early lunch. Fuel consumption so far 18.2 km/litre. I usually plan on 19.

The town is quiet this Sunday morning and I'm the only punter at PR's Café. That is until two other bikers arrive; one on a Vstrom 1000 and the other on a KTM1290. They join my table in the sun. They've come from Murchison and will head back there after the inner men have been satisfied. We talk bikes, as you do, and time flies. It's now 1215. Best I get cracking. I want to be home at 5pm as every Sunday we have a phone sched with our son in Australia and he always rings exactly at 5pm. I leave the bikers to

their lunch and enjoy the twisties down to Punakaiki. Then I have a decision to make. Back home the same way or via Runanga? Fuel consumption is 17.9 km/litre to this point and the wind is still strong. But I hate doubling back.

I hang a left after Runanga and pick up an awesome tailwind, of course, and this stays with me. I have another moment when two Angora goats step out of the long roadside grass in front of me and the ABS has to do its job again. I usually ride near the centreline to give more options anticipating this exact situation, and it pays off again today. Bloody West Coast cockies.

We have a great run through the Upper Gorge and I'm planning a fuel top-up at Murchison but the train of traffic I have been following since O'Sullivan's Bridge disperses here, so I press on along the clear road and plan to stop at St Arnaud instead. But I'm watching the clock and am really cutting it fine. If I stop, I'll be late. Because by the time you take off your gloves and helmet to get the coat open to get the wallet out, then refuel, then mask up, then record the visit, then pay, then gear up again, I find this takes 15 minutes and I haven't got 15 minutes and neither can I catch that up in just 105km. I've been nursing the throttle ever since Runanga and keeping the speed down so, provided I keep doing that, I might get home on this tankful.

It'll be a record for distance out of a Vstrom tank - if we make it.

At Kawatiri Junction, the sign says 129km to Blenheim and the computer

says we've got fuel for 104km. But the tailwind has increased so I carry on keeping the same speed and at St Arnaud it's still showing 104km and that is a significant climb! There's hope.

## SO, WE DON'T STOP.

At the Blenheim 100km sign at Tophouse, the bike is still adamant that it has 104km left so the speed picks up a wee bit as I know it will be downwind, downhill in the valley and we should make it, provided we don't get a sea breeze. From Tophouse, the 50km half-way point is The Haycocks gate and the bike's showing 60km to run at that point. Great. We have a 10km margin but I'm monitoring it closely. Wairau Valley is 39km from home and it says 38 so we reduce the extra 5kph we thought was OK. The temperature is now 30°C and we haven't had a stop since Westport so I haven't opened the vents. It's getting (got!) warm.

We get to Renwick Transport the same time as a sea breeze. That is a headwind of course and the computer soon says that we won't make it home. So the last of the trip on Dog Point and New Renwick Roads is done at 65-70 kmh.

I arrive home at 4.59 with the trip computer showing I have 1km fuel remaining! I give the bike a pat, then the phone rings inside. Perfect.

Footnote. On the side stand the fuel pump was pumping air. The 20 litre tank took 21.3 litres when it was fuelled up on Thursday and the distance it had done since the last refuel at Westport was 424km.



ARTICLE

# Last Ride

# #98

## Brian (Leader) Middleton

Mid-November last year we received a call from a member in Auckland to let us know that Brian was not doing well and in hospital.

We decided at our coffee meeting that we would take a ride up to Tokoroa and visit him. We relayed this to Evelyn (1125), Brian's wife, who did advise that he was not doing well and may not recognise us, however, we decided that we wanted to show up. We planned for the ride on Tuesday. Sadly, we got the call on the Sunday to let us know that Brian had passed away overnight.

We advised Evelyn that we would like to give Brian an escort to the crematorium. And so it was, a small group of us who met the funeral party and on the way into Taupō to lead the party in. We were well greeted as, apart from Evelyn, the family have grown up with Brian's commitment to Ulysses. One of his daughters wanted to ride with us but we didn't have a spare helmet. It was a slow and proud ride in for Brian's last ride.

I asked Evelyn 1125 to give us a little bit of background or some highlights of Brian's Ulysses history. Herewith is what I am sure is a limited look back at his time with us.

From **Evelyn Middleton #1125**

I am finding this a very difficult task as there are so many things that I could say about Brian and I hope

this article is not too long.

Brian really treasured his time with his "Ulysses Family" as he called it, and had made a great many friends and memories during his Ulysses years. Some of his proudest moments were when he received his Life Membership Medal, later followed by his Odyssey Medal.

He was also very proud of us being a small branch able to hold a successful rally, "The Frozen Pines Rally" in such a unique spot (16Km) in Carter Holt Harvey Forest, which grew to be one of the biggest Ulysses Only Rally which continued for many years, greatly enjoyed by Ulyssians from all over the North and sometimes the South Island. He called it his version of the poor man's Cold Kiwi.

He loved his time as Tokoroa Branch Coordinator and also loved attending yearly AGMs and Coordinator meetings, often being quite outspoken when he thought the situation warranted it. There weren't many Ulysses rallies and events that Tokoroa didn't make an appearance at, usually accompanied by much noise and fun.

Our branch was very family oriented, with children and grandchildren included for many years when camping at Lake Whakamaru for Christmas holidays. On one such year, while grownups were sitting round in the evening having "sipping likker" as Brian used to call it, the late Eddie Mateara (our brown brother) decided to slip up the hill to the "long drop" to make

room for some more fluid - Eddie came stumbling back down the hill a lot whiter and said he had shone his torch into the "long drop" and there were eyes looking at him. At first nobody believed him, between lots of comments and laughter, but then they decided to investigate what had frightened him so much.

On shining torches down the long drop they found there were eyes - a rather fume-overcome possum sitting on a branch someone had stuck down there. After great discussion on rescue etc. it was decided that Brian, being a Firearms Safety Officer and the best shot, that they would put the poor beast out of its misery. A .22 rifle was found and Brian leaned over the hole and fired into it. This caused a great scatter of people and contents as Brian had forgotten that when Carter Holt Harvey had built the 'long drop' they had used a large concrete pipe so the shells and contents ricocheted somewhat.

Needless to say, Brian's Firearms safety lessons were definitely in doubt after that episode. That was just one of the memorable moments we had during the fun times of our branch and other fellow Ulyssians will no doubt have many other funny and happy memories of better times.

Thank you, Evelyn.

**Steve Peel**  
#9232

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# A BIT OF AN ADVENTURE

## WELLINGTON ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND

ROSS ALEXANDER #8542

There is a sticker on the side of my V-Strom tank that says "Sports Adventure Tourer". I'm pretty happy with that description. The V-Strom (2018 DL1000) can certainly get up and go (I run out of skill and courage long before it runs out of steam). It's a comfortable tourer (having seen most of the country on both of my V-Stroms). And, it certainly has taken me to some awesome backroads. Maybe it's not Dakar rally stuff, or sliding through the gravel on some giant, knob-bly-tyred KTM. But it has allowed me to explore many of our wonderful back roads.

Each year the branch has an overnighiter on Wellington Anniversary weekend - alternating between Hanmer in the south, and a variety of other venues in the north. This year we headed to Tūrangi.



PLIMMERTON BRIEFING

Eighteen of us travelled up to Behind the Door on 54 in Upokongaro – just north of Whanganui on SH54 – for lunch. A great little venue with plenty of socially distanced seating out in the garden area.

We then split into two groups, with the road riders cruising up the River Road via Pipiriki and Raetihi and then on to Tūrangi.

Five of us "adventurers" decided to scope out a new gravel route. If you have travelled the Fordell to Hunterville Road you may have noticed a side road heading north with a large "coat hanger" steel bridge. This is the start of a gravel and sealed road that follows the Whangaehu River – ending up halfway along Field's Track (connecting the Parapara Road at Kakatahi to Tangiwai on SH49). Much of the road is hard-packed gravel and winds through hilly sheep country and forestry blocks.



MANGAWHERO BRIDGE

Along the way there are a few indications of the history of this road. Before the Main Trunk Railway was completed in 1908, this valley served as an important supply route:

"From 1894 to 1908, Mangamahu village was a busy district supply centre with wagons moving up the Ridge Road to farms and railway construction sites in the central high country as far away as Ngamatapouri and the Waimarino, and with travellers going across the island from Wanganui to Napier."

[Wikipedia en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mangamahu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mangamahu)

The road and village of Mangamahu fell into decline once the Main Trunk Railway was completed.



MANGAMAHU CHURCH

On Sunday, the road crew headed out on various rides - to Taumarunui, The Chateau for a bite to eat, Turoa ski field, Ohakune, and the Tangiwai memorial.

The back road wanderers chose a 400km loop taken from Mike Hyde's book, *Twisting Throttle NZ* – the

Pureora Forest. Having dropped multiple waypoints into the Garmin, the route took us to Whakamaru for brunch and then winding around rural (sealed) back roads to Otorohanga. From there we looped back to the south and popped out for fuel and a drink at Te Kuiti. These were lovely, "classic", New Zealand rural backroads with ever-changing views out over the Waikato and beyond. Stunning!

The return leg was back along SH30 until we got to Barryville. From here we followed some pretty rough forestry roads to marvel over a small plinth marking the geographic centre of the North Island. I don't know why it's so satisfying to visit such a place – it just is!



The hot sunny weather seemed to be leaving us for the return trip home with low cloud on the ranges and rain threatening on the Desert Road. The gravel riders (just four of us now) had chosen another Twisting Throttle route – the Turakina Valley Road. The road starts near Waiouru and heads south past road marker signs with names like Rangiwaea Junction, Colliers

Junction and Papanui Junction. Nothing to see here now – just an indication of busier times in the past. Several of these "junctions" have roads heading east towards SH1. Lovely countryside, hard-packed gravel, and no traffic.

We stopped briefly to have a cuppa with my niece who lives on a farm towards the Hunterville end of the road, and then headed through to Halcombe and a coffee at the Rusty Radiator (a quirky, petrol-head themed cafe – well worth a visit).

Young Bryan then led us through the criss-crossed maze of Manawatū backroads, finally getting back onto SH1 south of Levin.

There is something satisfying – almost adventurous – about traveling around the country without using the main highways. We had gone from Waiouru to Levin with only a few km of main highway.

Another wonderful trip away with a great bunch of fellow-minded folks. Many thanks to Colleen (aka Camp Mother) for organising another fantastic weekend.

And that sticker on the V-Strom tank? I don't think the marketing department of Suzuki would entertain the idea of "Sports Tourer Wanderer of back roads". No, I think I'll stick with Adventure.

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# TWIST AND TURNS IN NGATEA

TREVOR BIRCHALL # 4060

I started Twist and Turns a good few years around the turn of the century as too many people were coming off on Ulysses rides for one reason or another. It really used to upset me. I knew I wasn't the greatest of riders even though I had ridden most of my life so started attending as my motorcycle courses as I could. Although I am not a great reader, I even tried reading books on safer riding and one thing stood out at the time: The more you can perfect your slow riding skills the better you will become. So, with the Auckland Branch I started Twist and Turns once a month and invited all to attend. Our numbers slowly increased and we kept trying different exercises, from braking to cornering, and I could go on. So, that's how it all started and, yes, Twist and Turns is still going in Auckland today once a month under the guidance of John Heebink and Barry Holland, who are now IAM Motorcycle Instructors and, more importantly, good friends.

As I saw people improve with help from John Heebink I formed the original Ulysses A Drill Team, which over six years performed at many venues around the upper part of the North Island. The team members changed over the years but we all became close friends. I became a full-time motorcycle instructor and eventually John, then Barry, became IAM instructors. The Drill Team collapsed, unfortunately, when I shifted out of Auckland, it had probably run its course anyway. Anyone who was involved in it over the years still talk about what we achieved with pride. Sorry that's getting away from Twist and Turns, however, it all came out of Twist and Turns and the fact I saw a Drill Team perform at a Gold Wing Rally in America and said to my wife at the time one day I am going to that.

Twist and Turns I started talks in Ngatea not because people were coming off on their bikes but because I missed the practice myself. This year's Twist and Turns I decided would also be a chance to raise money for our branch charity so we asked everyone to bring a note be it \$5, \$10 or \$50 and no change would be given. I promoted it as much as I could without paying for advertising. We had to cancel it three times because of Covid when I was really ready to throw the towel in. One good thing that came of it is that I made new friends in my now home town and eventually got permission to use the Ngatea Netball Courts, which are a, much larger venue that I had before and it is all fenced so no one could walk in while people were training.

Finally fourth time lucky, 12/2/2022, we are under way. I was determined not to cancel it again.

Although we did not have as many attend Twist & Turns as I expected, I can definitely say everyone there improved their slow riding skills over the day. The venue we had was excellent, quite a lot larger than we have used in the past, however, and we were able to make use of the whole area with different exercises. Eighteen riders took part, three being instructors.

Entrants came from Waitakere, Auckland, Pukekohe, Turua, Whangamata, Thames, Waihi Beach, Te Aroha, Paeroa, Morrinsville and of course Ngatea. Most were Ulysses members, however four were friends of other's attending. Bikes varied in size and style. The ages of the entrants also varied, George Haffenden being the oldest at 84 found it a little tough going, however, tried hard. Did go home early but that's okay we accept that. No idea who was the youngest however there were no, really, young people there. I must say I think many were put off because of the weather forecast although we had no rain while training. It only started when I was on my way home.

I can't really tell you much about the exercises as you had to be there to experience them. What I can say is it would not have happened without John Heebink and Barry Holland, who came down from Auckland to help. Really, a big thank you to you both.

Thanks to Hauraki Council for promoting the event and contacting Waikato Road Safety division for the donation of all the scarves the entrants received, Thanks must go Ngatea Netball Association for the use of the courts, thanks to both Hauraki Council and Ngatea Primary School for use of the cones, Bruz MacGregor for the loan of his trailer and my wife and Wayne Larson for manning the reception and collecting the money. I would also like to thank Paul and Kerry Lance who gave me some *Bike Rider* Magazines to give away, and thanks to Kerry for many of the photos.

How much money did we raise? \$260, which will all go to Hauraki Women's Refuge in Thames. Thanks to all who donated generously.

Sure we still have the odd person not making a corner or something in Ulysses WTV Branch, only regretfully those people never seem to be able to attend Twist and Turns. Ngatea is only an hour from three major cities so hopefully if I do it again we may have people come from Hamilton and Tauranga.

**Trevor Birchall # 4060**



# THE COMEDY CLUB

A COLLECTION OF FUNNIES CONTRIBUTED BY ULYSSES MEMBERS

There's a lot of this fake product stuff going around. I for one don't believe this is a real BMW...



Wife: "Where did you take the dog yesterday?"  
Husband: "The regular places...why?"  
Wife: "She's acting...different..."



# SOUTH ISLAND REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

HOSTED BY CANTERBURY ULYSSES

WHERE – KAIKOURA TOP 10 HOLIDAY PARK, 34 BEACH ROAD, KAIKOURA

WHEN – 1PM, SATURDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2022

REFRESHMENTS AND NON-ALCOHOLIC DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED  
AFTER THE SERVICE.

ONCE THE FORMALITIES ARE OVER, WE ENCOURAGE ALL ULYSSIANS TO  
GET BACK TO CORE VALUES AND BEHAVE DISGRACEFULLY INTO THE WEE HOURS.

**THOSE WHOSE NAMES HAVE JUST BEEN READ OUT WOULD  
EXPECT NOTHING LESS**

PUNTERS ARE URGED TO BOOK ACCOMMODATION, TENT SITES ETC.  
AT THE TOP 10 SOONER RATHER THAN LATER AS **PRE-BOOKING  
GETS YOU A 10% DISCOUNT** (ON THE DAY DOES NOT).

USE THE REFERENCE 'ULYSSES' WHEN BOOKING. IF YOU USE THE DISCOUNT YOU  
CAN'T USE A TOP 10 MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNT AS WELL.

FOR BOOKINGS: 03 319 5362, OR RECEPTION@KAIKOURATOP10.CO.NZ.



'22 IN 23  
**ULYSSES**  
**THE FORGOTTEN**  
**RALLY**

**17TH - 19TH OF MARCH 2023**

**IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT WE WISH TO  
ANNOUNCE THE 2023 AGM AND NATIONAL RALLY.**

'22 in 23 THE FORGOTTEN RALLY' will be held at the Papanui club,  
Harewood in Christchurch.

*The confirmed dates are 17th - 19th of March 2023.*

For all members who have registered in 2022, your registration  
will carry over to 2023, alternatively if you require a refund of your  
registration you can apply for this by emailing  
[ulysses.canterbury@gmail.com](mailto:ulysses.canterbury@gmail.com)

Hopefully if you have booked flights or ferries for '22 you can rebook  
for '23

Our thanks as a club go to the team in Canterbury for the hard work  
they have done in cancelling 2022 and rebooking 2023 in a record  
time, well done guys.

Thanks also to Wayne Painter and the team at North Harbour,  
as well as Andrew Pentelow and the Taranaki team, for being so  
accommodating and supportive on moving their events back one year.

Covid may have taken 2022 but we will be back in 2023! We look  
forward to seeing you there!

# **AGM VENUE**

**PAPANUI CLUB, 302 SAWYERS ARMS RD, HAREWOOD**

Space available for Self Contained Caravans and Motorhomes ,  
**Note, there are no powered sites , or dumping facilities , and no tents are allowed**  
Bookings to be made through your National Rally Entry form

## **FOLLOWING OPTIONS ARE WITHIN 5 KM OF PAPANUI CLUB**

### **ELMS HOTEL**

456 Papanui Rd,  
Papanui  
03 355 3577

### **AAA NORTHLANDS**

232 Main North Rd,  
Papanui  
03 352 8478

### **AVON CITY MOTEL**

402 Main North Rd,  
Papanui  
03 352 6079

### **TOP 10 HOLIDAY PARK**

39 Meadow St,  
Papanui  
03 352 9176

### **AZURE LODGE**

194 Main North Rd,  
Papanui  
03 352 2354

### **AIRPORT MOTOR LODGE**

105 Roydvale Ave,  
Russley  
03 358 5119

### **V HOTEL**

134 Main North Rd,  
Papanui  
03 222 2332

### **NORTHCOTE MOTOR LODGE**

309 Main North Rd,  
Papanui  
03 375 0001

### **AIRPORT DELTA HOTEL**

61 Roydvale Ave,  
Russley  
03 358 0969

### **PAPANUI COURT**

140 Main North Rd,  
Papanui  
03 354 4548

### **THE REDWOOD HOTEL**

340 Main North Rd,  
Papanui  
0800 4 Redwood

### **NORTH /SOUTH HOLIDAY PARK**

530 Sawyers Arms Rd,  
Harewood  
03 359 5993



# Branch AGM Notices

Branch	AGM date	Venue	Time	Positions	Noms close	Address for nominations
Auckland	Mon 7th March 2022	Manukau Cruising Club, Orpheus Dr, Onehunga 1061	7:30 pm	P, VP, T, S, 7 Com	7 Feb	Branch Secretary, 92 Rushgreen Ave, Papakura, Auckland 2113
Buller	Sat 9th Apr 2022	Star Tavern, Cape Foulwind, Westport	12 pm	C, T, S, Com	9 Mar	Branch Secretary, 71 Snodgrass Road, RD 2, Westport 7892
Canterbury	Wed 9th March 2022	Papanui RSA, 55 Bellvue Ave, Papanui, Christchurch	7:30 pm	C, S, T, 5 Com	9 Feb	Branch Secretary, 588 Pound Road, Yaldhurst, Christchurch 7676
Far North	Sun 1st May, 2022	Whakapara Hall, Whakapara	12 noon	C, VC, S/T, 3 Com	1 April	Branch Secretary, 39/71 Manganese Point Road, RD 4, Whangarei 0174
Gisborne	Tues 3rd May 2022	Bushmere Arms, Gisborne	7:30 pm	P, VP, S/T, 3 Com	3 April	Branch Secretary, 14 Mullolly Road, RD 1, Gisborne 4071
Hawkes Bay	Wed 4th May 2022	VC Room, Clubs Hastings, Victoria St, Hastings	7:30 pm	P, T, S, 4 Com	4 April	Branch Secretary, 48A King St, Taradale, Napier 4112
Kapiti Coast	Tues 10th May 2022	Manukau Bowling and Sports Club, 10 Mokena Kohere St,	7:30 pm	C, VC, S, T, 3 Com	10 April	Branch Secretary, 3 Te Nehu Dr, Paraparaumu 5032
Manawatu	Wed 4th May 2022	Bunnythorpe Tavern, Bunnythorpe	7:30 pm	C, S, T, Up to 8 Com	4 Apr	Branch Secretary, TBA
Marlborough	Wed 16th Feb 2022	Redwoodtown Community Hall, Cnr Weld & Cleghorn St,	7pm	C, VC, S, T, up to 8 Com	16 Jan	Branch Secretary, 94 Howick Rd, Blenheim 7201
Nelson	Tues 1st March 2022	Salvation Army Rooms (upstairs), 57 Rutherford St, Nelson	7 pm	C, S, T, 4 Com	1st Feb	Branch Secretary, 22 Allport Place, Stoke, Nelson 7011
North Harbour	Thurs 7th Apr 2022	Hobsonville RSA, 114 Hobsonville Rd, Hobsonville, Auckland	7:30 pm	P, VP, S/T, 3 Com	7 Mar	Branch Secretary, 1/22 Woodall Place, Totara Vale, Auckland 0627
North Otago	Wed 20th April 2022	13 Stour Street, Oamaru	7:30 pm	P, VP, S/T, 3 Com	20 Feb	Branch Secretary, 13 Stour Street, Oamaru 9400
Otago	Tue 3rd May 2022	Otago Motorcycle Club, 3 Clarke St, Dunedin	7:00 pm	P, VP, S, T, 4 Com	3 Apr	'c/- 17 McGeorge Street, Dunedin 9011
Rotorua	Sun 1st May 2022	St John Office, Pereriki St, Rotorua	7:00 pm	C, S, T, 4 Com	1 Apr	Branch Secretary, PO Box 1791, Rotorua
Southland	Sun 15th May 2022	South Alive meeting rooms, Ness Street, Invercargill	11am	S, S/T, 3 Com	15 Apr	Branch Secretary, 12 Martin Street, Strathern, Invercargill 9812
Taranaki	Wed 23rd Feb 2022	The New Plymouth Club, 55 Gill St, New Plymouth	6:30 pm	P, VP, S, T, 4 Com	23 Jan	Branch Secretary, PO Box 303, Fitzroy, New Plymouth
Taumarunui	Wed 4th May 2022	RSA Club, 10 Marae Street, Taumarunui	7:00 pm	C, S, T, 3 Com	4 April	Branch Secretary, 52 Mahoe Rd, RD2 Taumarunui 3992
Taupo	Thur 12th May 2022	Taupo Cosmopolitan Club, Taniwha St, Taupo	7:00 pm	C, S, T, 3 Com	12 April	Branch Secretary, 2 Anna Place, Hill Top, Taupo 3330

Branch	AGM date	Venue	Time	Positions	Noms close	Address for nominations
Tauranga	Tue 19th Apr 2022	Tauranga Citizens Club. 170 Thirteenth Ave, Tauranga South	7:30 pm	C, VC, S, T, Com	19 March	Branch Secretary, 31 Ponga Place, Golden Sands, Papamoa, 3118
Waihi-TV	Sun 10th April 2022	Paeroa RSA, 67 Belmont Rd, Paeroa	2:00 pm	C, S, T, 4 Com	10 March	Branch Secretary, PO Box 231 Pauanui Beach 3546
Waikato	Mon 4th Apr 2022	Waikato Commerce Club, 197 Collingwood St, Hamilton	7:30 pm	C, S, T, 3 Com	4 March	c/- 64 Old Taupiri Road, Ngaruwahia 3720
Wairarapa	Mon 16th May 2022	Club Wairarapa, 20 Essex St. Masterton	7:30 pm	C, S, T, Com	16 April	Branch Secretary, 10/239 Lake Ferry Road, RD 1, Martinborough 5781
Wanganui	Thur 5th May 2022	Club Metro, 13 Ridgeway St, Whanganui	7:30 pm	C,S,T, 3 Com	5 April	Branch Secretary, Whangahu, RD 11, Whanganui
Wellington	Tues 10th May 2022	Petone Workingmen's Club, Udy St, Petone	7:30 pm	C, S, T, 4 Com	10 April	Branch Secretary, 26 Sheridan Crescent, Upper Hutt, 5018
Westland	Tue 3rd May 2022	Greymouth RSA,	7 pm	C, S, T, 4 Com	3 April	Branch Secretary, 16 Stafford Road, RD 2, Awatuna, Hokitika 7882
Whakatane	Wed 13th April 2022	Ohope Chartered Club, Bluett Rd, Ohope	7:30 pm	C, S, T, Com	13 March	Branch Secretary, 6 Walter Park, Whakatane 3120

**Key:** C - Coordinator, P - Branch President, VC - Vice Coordinator, VP - Branch Vice President, S - Secretary, T - Treasurer, S/T - Secretary/Treasurer, Com - Committee

1. This branch AGM Notice has been assembled from a variety of information provided by branches and details from last year. There may be errors or omissions as some requests have not been answered; contact secretary@ulysses.org.nz with changes that may be printed in the March Ulyssian.
2. You may use the following Generic Branch Nomination form.



## GENERIC BRANCH AGM NOMINATION FORM 2022 THE ULYSSES CLUB OF NEW ZEALAND INC.

I nominate: \_\_\_\_\_ Member No. # \_\_\_\_\_

For the position of: {please circle one}

**Coordinator**  
**Vice-Coordinator**  
**Branch Treasurer**  
**Committee Member**

**Branch President**  
**Branch Vice-President**  
**Branch Secretary**



Nomination Accepted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_ Member No. # \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_ Member No. # \_\_\_\_\_

All nominations are accepted with no pre-conditions

# RALLIES

	<h2>Ulysses Club 2023 National Rally</h2> <p>22 in 23 The Forgotten Rally Canterbury Hosted by the Canterbury Branch Friday 17th to Sunday 19th March <b>Registrations Close Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>Note if registered for 2022 Rally no need to register again</b></p>		
Venue: Papanui Club, 302 Sawyers Arms Road, Papanui, Christchurch		Theme: Canterbury Pioneers, 1920 – 1930	
Name _____ Ulysses Membership # _____ Tick if Coordinator <input type="checkbox"/> and / or Natcom member <input type="checkbox"/> Partner Name _____ Ulysses Membership # _____ Tick if Coordinator <input type="checkbox"/> and / or Natcom member <input type="checkbox"/> and / or member <input type="checkbox"/> Email _____ Phone _____ Address _____ Branch _____ _____ _____ _____ Registrations will be acknowledged via Email. For any queries, please email: <a href="mailto:ulysses.canterbury@gmail.com">ulysses.canterbury@gmail.com</a> More info at: <a href="http://www.ulysses.org.nz">www.ulysses.org.nz</a> Or post to Steve Parr 11 Eleanor Lane ChCh 8051			
Options and payment	Number	Per person	Amount
National Rally / AGM Registration Fee – only payable by registering Ulysses members		\$25	
Canterbury badge 2022 x 1 { limited stock available}		\$10	
22 in 23 The Forgotten Rally Canterbury badge x 1		\$10	
<b>Meals and drinks available for members and partners</b>			
• Friday evening – Asado sandwich station / from the fire pit from 6.30pm. Bar opens 1.00pm		\$20	
• Saturday evening – full buffet meal from 6.30pm. Bar opens 1.00pm. Live band and dancing to follow.		\$30	
• Sunday Morning Breakfast – full buffet breakfast from 8.30 to 11.00am at the <b>Papanui RSA, 55 Bellevue Ave, Papanui.</b>		\$20	
<b>Rally T-shirt Active Wear (circle your choice of size)</b>			
Men: S M L XL 2XL 3XL 4XL <b>Cut off Date for Ordering 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023</b>		\$30	
Women: 8 10 12 14 16 18 20 <b>Cut Off Date for Ordering 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023</b>		\$30	
Campsite – for <b>self-contained</b> motor homes / caravans only <b>at the Papanui Club.</b> Friday & Saturday only. Must be off site Sunday 19th		\$10 per night	
<b>TOTAL: add total \$ here</b>			
<b>Deferred payment option:</b> Register now, defer payment until January 20th, 2023 Please tick here if this is your preferred option: <input type="checkbox"/>			
Please list any dietary requirements for all meals:			
Payment by bank deposit or online banking to Westpac account number: <b>03-1594-0041946-017</b> . Please include surname & Ulysses number in the details. Scan and email registration form to <a href="mailto:ulysses.canterbury@gmail.com">ulysses.canterbury@gmail.com</a>			
Cancellation Policy In the event of a COVID or similar related Regional or National Lockdown any payments made will be refunded unless the purchase of items ordered has been committed in which case the items will be shipped and the refund reduced accordingly			

The following rallies are subject to the current covid restrictions in place. Please check with branches for more updated event information.

# TAURANGA BRANCH

## ULYSSES RALLY

6th, 7th & 8th May 2022

### Sea Esta Camp & Lodge, 48 Seaforth Rd, Waihi Beach

\$70 per head, Bunk room accommodation and mattress (BYO Bedding), Friday Night Meal, Saturday breakfast and evening meal & Sunday breakfast all included. Limited to 75 people

**ON SITE Check in from 2pm**

Name..... Ulysses No.....

Pillion..... Ulysses No.....

Address.....

Email..... Phone No.....

Enclosed Entry Fee \$ ..... **Closing Date: 22nd April 2022**

Confirmation Email will be sent once  
Payment and Registration form received.

### **MY VACCINE PASS AND ID REQUIRED**

I agree to abide by the rules and regulations for the rally and will hold blameless all organisers and officials associated with the rally, for any injury or damage while participating at the event or travelling to or from the event. Please no BYO.

Signature Rider..... Signature Pillion .....

Email completed form to paulrobyn7@xtra.co.nz

Direct credit to **01-0434-0208650-00** and please put "your name" as particulars and Ulysses membership No. as "code" and "Rally 2022" as reference

Queries to **07 543 3042** or **027 586 2121**.





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# **ALL EYES ON YOU**



Branch	Address	Phone / Email	Fax / Mobile
<b>ADMINISTRATION:</b>		0800 ULYSSES	
Debby Morgan	P O Box 40218, UPPER HUTT, 5140	<a href="mailto:admin@ulysses.org.nz">admin@ulysses.org.nz</a>	021 072 3636
<b>AUCKLAND</b>	278 Matua road, Kumeu, 0891		
Craig Moodie	2010 Manukau Cruising Club, Orpheus Drive, Onehunga, 1st Monday monthly, 7:30pm	<a href="mailto:auckland@ulysses.org.nz">auckland@ulysses.org.nz</a>	021 797 487
<b>AUCKLAND N.HARBOUR</b>	188 Stapleford Cres, Browns Bay, Auckland	09 449 1609	
Rob Bissett	1st Thurs. monthly 5.30-9pm Hobsonville RSA, 114 Hobsonville Road, Hobsonville	<a href="mailto:n.harbour@ulysses.org.nz">n.harbour@ulysses.org.nz</a>	027 733 3923
<b>BULLER</b>	49 Romilly Street, Westport 7825	03 789 4030	
Rex Collins	Contact coordinator for next meeting details	<a href="mailto:buller@ulysses.org.nz">buller@ulysses.org.nz</a>	021 058 9960
<b>CANTERBURY</b>	33C Lochee Road, Riccarton, Christchurch, 8041		
Chris Carey	RSA Hall, 55 Bellvue Avenue, Papanui, Christchurch. Second Wed every month. 7:30pm	<a href="mailto:canterbury@ulysses.org.nz">canterbury@ulysses.org.nz</a>	021 497 155
<b>FAR NORTH</b>	435 State Highway 1, Otaiaka	09 430 8020	
Peter Groves	Burger King, Whangarei, Sundays at 10.30am	<a href="mailto:far.north@ulysses.org.nz">far.north@ulysses.org.nz</a>	021 253 2628
<b>GISBORNE</b>	277 Bloomfield Road, RD 1, Makauri, Gisborne, 4071	06 868 9661	
Christine (Chris) Cameron	1st Tuesday of the month. Bushmere Arms Public Bar, 7:30pm	<a href="mailto:gisborne@ulysses.org.nz">gisborne@ulysses.org.nz</a>	027 460 2430
<b>HAWKES BAY</b>	106 Beach Road, Haumoana 4120		
Mark (Mac) MacCauley	Clubs Hastings, 1st Wednesday monthly, 7:30pm	<a href="mailto:hawkes.bay@ulysses.org.nz">hawkes.bay@ulysses.org.nz</a>	027 487 6380
<b>KAPITI COAST</b>	18 Martin Road, Paraparumu		
Paul Nees	2nd Tuesday each month 7:30pm. Manukau Bowling Club, 10 Mokena Kohere Street, Levin	<a href="mailto:kapiti@ulysses.org.nz">kapiti@ulysses.org.nz</a>	022 571 9381
<b>MANAWATU</b>	26 Park View Ave, Fielding 4702.	06 323 2660	
Murray Cross	1st Wednesday each month (except January) at the Bunnythorpe Tavern at 7:30pm.	<a href="mailto:manawatu@ulysses.org.nz">manawatu@ulysses.org.nz</a>	027 702 4455
<b>MARLBOROUGH</b>	94 Howick Road, Blenheim, 7201		
Tim Willis	A&P Park, Maxwell Road. 1st Thursday each month. 7pm start. Rides, The Runaway Cafe	<a href="mailto:marlborough@ulysses.org.nz">marlborough@ulysses.org.nz</a>	03 579 2363
<b>NELSON</b>	2 Mellifera Place, Richmond, 7020		
Rod O'Beirne	Every Saturday 10am to 12 noon. The Railway, Richmond	<a href="mailto:nelson@ulysses.org.nz">nelson@ulysses.org.nz</a>	021 548 124
<b>NORTH OTAGO</b>	13 Stour Street, Oamaru		
Andrew King	Various venues. 3rd Wednesday of each month. Contact Andrew	<a href="mailto:n.otago@ulysses.org.nz">n.otago@ulysses.org.nz</a>	021 258 4362
<b>OTAGO</b>	17 McGeorge Ave, Mornington, Dunedin	03 453 5287	
Mike Wyatt	First Tues. each month, 7pm at the Otago M/C Club (OMCC) rooms, 3 Clark St	<a href="mailto:otago@ulysses.org.nz">otago@ulysses.org.nz</a>	027 642 8400
<b>ROTORUA</b>	PO Box 1791, Rotorua		
Hartley Gray	St John Ambulance Hall, Peririka Street 7pm last Sunday of the month	<a href="mailto:rotorua@ulysses.org.nz">rotorua@ulysses.org.nz</a>	027 777 0664
<b>SOUTHLAND</b>	12 Martin St, Strathern, Invercargill, 9812	03 218 2900	
Ross Lawry	Contact coordinator for next meeting and ride details	<a href="mailto:southland@ulysses.org.nz">southland@ulysses.org.nz</a>	027 227 2522
<b>TARANAKI</b>	P.O. Box 76, Taranaki Mail Centre, NP		
Martin Peyerl	New Plymouth Club, 49-55 Gill Street, New Plymouth, 6pm, 3rd Wednesday monthly	<a href="mailto:taranaki@ulysses.org.nz">taranaki@ulysses.org.nz</a>	027 203 5902
<b>TAUMARUNUI</b>	88 Keland Road, RD4, Taumarunui		
Tony Ritchie	RSA, 1st Wednesday each month. 7pm. Rides 10am, Mobil, Sundays	<a href="mailto:taumarunui@ulysses.org.nz">taumarunui@ulysses.org.nz</a>	027 475 0428
<b>TAUPŌ</b>	144 Plateau Rd, RD1, Reporoa, Taupō, 3081		
Paul Redshaw	Taupō Cosmopolitan Club, Taniwha Street, 7:30pm. 2nd Thursday each month.	<a href="mailto:taupo@ulysses.org.nz">taupo@ulysses.org.nz</a>	021 137 0659
<b>TAURANGA</b>	22 Bridle Way, Omokoroa, 3114	07 548 1200	
Matthew Farrell	Tauranga Citizens Club, Thirteenth Avenue, 7:30pm, 3rd Tuesday monthly	<a href="mailto:tauranga@ulysses.org.nz">tauranga@ulysses.org.nz</a>	027 549 5410
<b>WAIHI-THAMES VALLEY</b>	7 Thorn Road, Waihi, 3610		
Wayne Larsen	Paeroa RSA, 67 Belmont Rd, Paeroa 1pm, Sunday 2 monthly Check <a href="http://www.ulysseswvtv.org.nz">www.ulysseswvtv.org.nz</a>	<a href="mailto:waihi.tv@ulysses.org.nz">waihi.tv@ulysses.org.nz</a>	021 0282 8442
<b>WAIKATO</b>	64 Old Taupiri Road, Ngaruwahia, 3720		
Darryl Andrews	Waikato Commerce Club, 197 Collingwood St, 1st Mon monthly 7:30pm (except Jan)	<a href="mailto:waikato@ulysses.org.nz">waikato@ulysses.org.nz</a>	027 518 7077
<b>WAIRARAPA</b>	144B East Taratahui Rd, RD7, Masterton 5887, Wairarapa		
Dylan McMenamin	Wairarapa Services & Citizen's Club, Essex Street Masterton, 3rd Monday monthly 7:30pm	<a href="mailto:wairarapa@ulysses.org.nz">wairarapa@ulysses.org.nz</a>	027 836 5102
<b>WANGANUI</b>	12 Cypress Place, Whanganui, 4500		
Rob Montebe	Club Metro, 13 Ridgway Street, Wanganui. 7:30pm, 1st Thursday monthly	<a href="mailto:wanganui@ulysses.org.nz">wanganui@ulysses.org.nz</a>	027 292 4404
<b>WELLINGTON</b>	47 Ward Street, Wallaceville, UPPER HUTT, 5018	04 971 2893	
Jim Furneaux	Petone Workingmen's Club, Udy Street, Petone, 7:30pm, 2nd Tuesday monthly	<a href="mailto:wellington@ulysses.org.nz">wellington@ulysses.org.nz</a>	021 244 2091
<b>WESTLAND</b>	144 Shakespeare Street, Greymouth	03 762 6662	
Joy van der Hoeven	Varies, contact Dave for details	<a href="mailto:westland@ulysses.org.nz">westland@ulysses.org.nz</a>	
<b>WHAKATĀNE</b>	162 Harbour Road, Ōhope Beach Whakatāne		
Greg Evans	Ōhope Charter Club, Ōhope, 7:30pm, 2nd Wednesday monthly	<a href="mailto:whakatane@ulysses.org.nz">whakatane@ulysses.org.nz</a>	027 453 9448

To update your Branch's information, please contact the National Secretary - contact details page 3.

# 2022 AGM BRAND NEW BIKE RAFFLE

**Here we are again, giving YOU the opportunity to win a brand new MOTORBIKE!**

There are only 2500 tickets and these have always sold out, so Ulysses members must have priority to purchase. Family & friends come second. Cost is \$10.00 per ticket or \$50.00 per book of 5.

Subject to the issue of a license to hold the raffle being approved by DIA, the tickets are on sale from **20th December 2021**, sales close Monday **14th March 2022**.

Due to Covid19 uncertainty the winning ticket will be drawn at the **Masterton Police Station on Tuesday 15th March 2022** & announced at the AGM Saturday evening function. If the AGM is cancelled winner will be phoned and the result placed on the Website & Facebook Page.

**You can get tickets from your Coordinator/Branch President or direct from the Raffle Organiser:** Andy Wilson, 5 Awahou Place, Foxton, 4814. (M) 0272 499028

Please pay direct to the Ulysses Raffle Account (02-0412-0001771-068). Make sure you put your name and membership number as reference so that we know who has the winning ticket.

**Don't leave it too late or  
you could miss out!**





## Raffle Winner to select **ONE** from the following list of **NEW** Motorcycles

Make & Model	RRP	Make & Model	RRP	Make & Model	RRP
<b>APRILIA</b>		<b>MOTO GUZZI</b>		MT09ASP	\$16,999
RS 660	\$19,990	V85TT Evocative	\$21,990	XSR900	\$15,200
<b>BMW</b>		<b>SUZUKI</b>		2018 Niken 900	\$15,000
F 750 GS	\$19,790	GSX R1000A	\$24,995	TriCity 300	\$12,999
<b>HUSQVARNA</b>		DL 1050RC	\$21,999	TMAX 560	\$17,999
701 Enduro	\$19,999	<b>TRIUMPH</b>		2022 YZ250FX	\$14,299
701 Motoard	\$19,999	Street Twin 900	\$16,990	2020 Tenere 700	\$17,299
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