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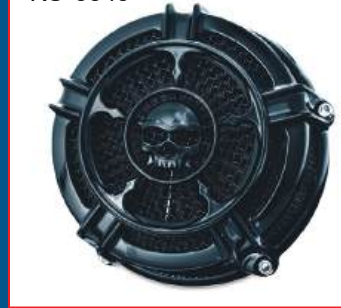
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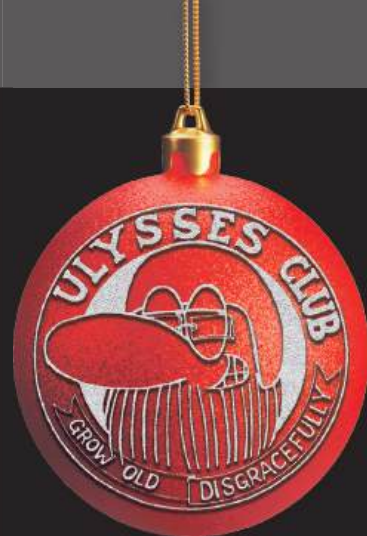
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 epic summer.**



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

TIM (TINY) STEWART #8959
NATIONAL PRESIDENT



Hi team and welcome to the SUMMER EDITION of the *Ulyssian* Magazine

It's great to see the better weather coming around now and all of you getting about a bit more; I know some of you ride no matter the weather, but some of us wait for the finer days to indulge our passions.

Over the weekend of the 14th, 15th and 16th of October we held our much-delayed coordinators' weekend in Petone. It was a well-attended weekend with only a couple of coordinators missing out, mostly due to flight cancellations or broken ribs. We had a productive and engaging day looking into the future of the club and looking at the problems that affect us.

There was positive input for all involved and the mood was that things for the club are mostly positive and moving forward.

We have seen a steady increase in membership numbers over the past couple of years, and this has been recently boosted by the use of Facebook and its advertising platform through Meta.

I appreciate that not all of our members engage with digital life and never will, but for those of us who have grown up with this, it is hard to disagree with the results even though we are starting small in the digital world. The advert is simple. It is our

promotional video with a few simple words and a link to the website.

Our first Facebook campaign, which covered the end of September and the start of October, had 359 views, which generated 51 visits to our website and this in turn prompted 14 potential new members to contact the club for membership.

Fourteen new membership applications – cost to the club \$13.62. Seems like good value for money to me.

The second campaign has just come to a close. I had opened the criteria a little further on this one, but it doesn't seem to have had a great difference in the end result. It had 3873 people viewing the post and generated 163 visits to the website. This time it generated 11 new membership applications. The total cost to the club was \$46, which is just over four bucks per new member in advertising cost; still good value for money.

As time goes on, I'm learning more about how to use this tool effectively in targeting our prospective members. The demographic of people viewing the post is interesting. As I had expected, our largest number of views are by men aged 45-54 – 25% of our audience. The next group was men aged 55-64, at 24%. The group that

surprised me the most was the men aged 25-34 and 35-44. Between these two groups they made up 25% of our total visits; these are the groups where our new members are coming from.

Ladies, unfortunately, made up only 11% of views over every age group. I found this disappointing as the promo video strongly features our lady members.

It was also interesting to note that, with the exception of West Bengal, we have branches in every region where people viewed the post. I'm unsure yet about moving the club into West Bengal, but the message from the gentleman concerned seemed very enthusiastic. I was particularly interested in his uncle, who was a prince and wanted to invest his fortune with the club!

As much as he has tried to move away from a leading role in Wellington branch, Jim Furneaux has found himself back at the helm. Jim is always supported by Colleen and has also been our "Go to" man for NatCom, ever since he stood down from NatCom. Aside from that, he's a thoroughly nice bloke! With last year's National AGM being cancelled, we drafted Jim into count our votes from the remits and postal ballot. When I asked him if he would help

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TIM (TINY) STEWART #8959
NATIONAL PRESIDENT

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



there wasn't a moment's hesitation and we are grateful he said yes and the counting went without a hitch. Needless to say, the only hitch came when I got involved, but that's confined to history now.

As a mark of the club's gratitude to Jim and Colleen, we arranged for a small gift for them from one of Jim's favourite butcher shops. I had the pleasure of presenting this to him at the coordinator's weekend.

Colleen said she would send out a lynching party for me if I printed the picture; the picture is below.

We are having a lot of variation between branches about people standing for committee positions within the branches. Some branches have no trouble finding volunteers, while some branches are struggling to find enough volunteers to form

a basic committee of coordinator, treasurer/secretary and one other for their next AGM. I would hope that we are not going to lose any of our longstanding branches to apathy or indifference, especially as we are inviting new members in.

I appreciate that many members just want to join in and ride and that is cool, but we do need a few vital people to step up and take leading roles to keep the club ticking along. These may come from the new members you have or from the senior members, but it's vital that we have them there to keep the club going. We know that some coordinators are stepping down at the next AGM; they have done their dash and want to move on, so if you are thinking about it, now is the time to throw your name in the hat. You don't have to fill the shoes of your predecessor; you just have to do the job your way.

To add to that, we need members for NatCom and, more importantly, National Treasurer. We have to fill this vital role within the club. So, if you think you have someone in your branch who can fill this spot, please have a talk with them to see if we can fill this role. A South Islander would be great to help keep some balance. Speak to one of us on NatCom if you are interested.

That's it for me this time; thanks to all of you for your contributions to the club, be it large or small, it is appreciated.

'TINY' TIM STEWART #8959
National President



RIDE BIKES, HAVE FUN

and look out for each other — Tiny

SECRETARY'S DECEMBER 2022 REPORT

SUZIE PENTELOW #8532

KIA ORA FELLOW ULYSSSIANS!

This edition of the Ulyssian has a lot of important information about the 2023 National AGM hosted by the Canterbury branch and your local Branch AGMs, so please read carefully.

Christchurch 2023 National AGM

In this edition of the Ulyssian, you will find the Agenda for the National AGM. There is important information about the remit for proposed rule changes, plus the relevant postal voting form and instructions. The NatCom nominations received for 2023 are advertised, and as all candidates are unopposed, no vote will be required for these. There were no nominations for the position of National Treasurer, so these will be taken from the floor at the AGM.

BRANCH 2023 AGMS

The branch AGM notices for next year are advertised, as well as the generic branch AGM nomination form. It has again taken a lot of work for me to get the details for some branch AGMs, so if you are the coordinator or secretary of your local branch, could you please, please remember to add this item to your next AGM agenda. That way I'll be able to check your AGM minutes for elected

position holders and 2024 AGM details and I won't have to chase these up.

ODYSSEY MEDALS - REMINDER

Up to four Odyssey Medals can be awarded each year and can be for a single person or a couple. Nominees must have been continuous financial members for at least 10 years, not a Life Member and given valued and meritorious service to the club, particularly at branch level.

Nominations for a person or couple must come from the branch coordinator and secretary and are limited to one per branch per year.

LIFE MEMBERS - REMINDER

Our club rules state that there can be only 15 living Life Members at any one time, and currently there are two vacancies. It is an award for valuable service to the club - particularly at national level. Nominees for Life Membership need to have been a continuous financial member for at least 15 years.

All nominations for the Odyssey Medal or Life Member must be accompanied by:

- Nomination form (available on the national website). Couple nominations for the Odyssey medal can be combined into one form.
 - A detailed justification setting out why it is believed that the nominee deserves the honour
 - A photograph of the nominee.
- All forms, justifications and photos for Odyssey Medal or Life Member

nominations are to be sent to the National Secretary by email or mail no later than 18th December 2022 (mail must be postmarked no later than this).

See you at the 2023 National Rally and AGM in Christchurch!!

Thanks

SUZIE PENTELOW #8532
National Secretary



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ADMINISTRATOR'S DECEMBER 2022 **REPORT**

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Everyone who joins the Club receives this membership card. It's a great way to make sure you know your subscription is current, plus receive discounts at the many

locations that can be found on our web page.

All members who have an email listed in the database and whose subscriptions are due by the end of the year will have received an email from me at the beginning of October.

The amount payable for one year subscription is \$70, or three years is \$190.

Family membership discount remains as one-year joint renewal

of \$66 each or three years at \$180 each.

Those members who do not have an email address should have received a letter by post with these same details.

NB: If you have moved throughout the year, and not sure if you have advised your change of address, please contact me via email admin@ulysses.org.nz, as I need your up-to-date details so I can post your renewed membership card to you.

GEAR SALES

Sales of gear remain slow, however, big shout out to the Rotorua branch which recently placed an order for 59 items, mostly ordering the new Tribal design gear.

It's great to see branches proud to wear the Club's apparel. Thanks Leigh-Ann and team.

I also have a new item available for purchase just in time for Christmas, and which would make a great gift, combined with our Wine Cooler Bags, which are still on special.

BOTTLE OPENERS with either the Old man logo or the Tribal design logo

These cost **\$17⁵⁰** each + postage & packaging.

Stocks are limited, so be in quick; once all sold, it may be a while before I can have more supplied.

The new style Tribal design logo gear items are proving to be very popular. These are ordered specific to the purchaser, therefore make sure you know the size you require.

We are also able to supply a zipped front-style hoodie with the Tribal design logo on the back and a small old man logo on one side at the front.

These are available only in black, charcoal and navy and will be available by order only. The price of these is \$90.00.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very happy and safe holiday season, enjoy your riding, and let's make 2023 the best year yet.

Merry Christmas! *Debby Morgan*

Christmas SPECIALS

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NECK WARMERS \$12⁰⁰

GOLD/SILVER BIKE BADGES \$17⁵⁰

GOLD/SILVER LAPEL BADGES \$5⁰⁰

WINE COOLER BAGS \$10⁰⁰

For all orders over \$60, you will receive a complimentary 2021 canvas bag, which were specially printed for the 2021 Waikato National Rally.

SITUATIONS VACANT

SITUATION VACANT AT 2023 AGM

The Ulysses Club Nz Inc needs its next National Treasurer

Stuart (Smokey) Burns will be stepping down from his caretaker position in this role at the 2023 AGM in Christchurch.

The club needs someone skilled to take charge of this important position.

The Position

It will be necessary for you to come from an accounting or financial background

You will need to be conversant with Xero, be able to produce spreadsheets, present and report our financial position to the National Committee and members and be able to answer questions from our membership

The Commitment

12-15 hours per month.

In person National Committee meetings twice a year, normally a full day (Saturday).

Online Zoom meetings with National Committee three-four times a year, normally half day (weekend).

Be available to attend coordinators workshop every second year, normally a full weekend.

The Team

You will work closely as part of the National Committee, liaise regularly with Debby Morgan, our club administrator, and be a point of contact for our membership

The Reward

You'll be working with a great team of volunteers who have a passion for the club while having a laugh along the way.

You will be contributing to the long-term wellbeing of the club and all that goes with it.

Good Looks

Not important (photos of previous treasurers can be provided).

In all seriousness, we cannot underestimate the importance of filling this position and the vital contribution it will make to the club's future.

***Is this the position
for you?***

***Can you make the
commitment?***

***Do you want to work
with a solid team and
help the club through
its next chapter?***

If you would like to discuss this position or have any questions you can contact myself or Stuart Burns directly, our contact details are in the front of this *Ulyssian*.

Nomination papers will be coming out soon, but if you feel you could fill this position sooner we would be happy to look at getting you involved with the National Committee prior to the AGM

**TIM (TINY) STEWART #8959
NATIONAL PRESIDENT
president@ulysses.org.nz**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



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YOUR CLUB



**NEEDS
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TO SURVIVE, THE ULYSSES CLUB NEEDS YOU.

**The National Committee and Branch Committees
need volunteers to keep the club alive.**

Young or old, new members or seasoned veterans,
your contribution is needed to keep the club growing and evolving

Each year at our National AGM and your Branch AGM, volunteers are needed to keep the club
and your branch developing into the next era for the club. Can you help?

You will find it a rewarding experience working with your mates to
help your Ulysses branch on a week to week basis

Take a step further, volunteer for National Committee, work with a great team and help us plan,
strategize and move into the next 35 years of the club

**All National Committee positions and Branch Committee
positions become vacant at the next AGM, do you fancy having a go?**

Speak to a member of NatCom or your branch Committee for details

Invest in your club, if not you...who?



Taupo Fundraiser

MAL 'AXLE' BAIN #8688

DICE RUN

It's been a while since different Ulysses chapters have got together for a fundraiser ride, but on this day members from many chapters gathered at Stag Park, Taupo, for a memorable get together and fun ride.

We were there to raise money towards a van to transport wee four-year-old Cobie Dow who suffers with cerebral palsy. Cobie's mum, Cherie, and dad, Stuart, were blown away with the turnout of just over 50 bikes and trikes rocking up to support the cause.

After all were registered at twenty bucks a head, first throw of the three dice was followed by a rider's briefing by Rick Kosterman, and we then headed out to Waitotapu Tavern. Another throw of the dice, loo stop; we're not getting any younger, another briefing and off through Waikite Valley Road towards the Bull Ring. Throw the dice, quick bite to eat, top up fluids, and on to our final stop down a steep gravel road. Go on, you can do this, to last throw of the dice, sausage and bread. Good opportunity for a group shot. Back up the hill and on to camp base, Stag Park.

It was good to encourage the use of a second rider behind RIC, and wait at major turning points, so no one got lost.

Here's how we Ulyssians, not only fundraise, but go the extra mile. All three winners of the highest score donated their prize money back to Cobie towards her van. How cool is that.

Huge thanks to Ulysses Tauranga for making this a very special day to remember.

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Thinking of purchasing a **NEW BIKE**



I am in a real quandary. Let me explain. I am not very mechanical, don't really understand what is great on a bike or what is not. What I do know is what I like riding and my favourite bikes I have owned and, yes, there have been quite a few. Note, I am talking about me, what I like not what necessarily suits anyone else. We are all different builds and different bikes suit different people.

Before talking about what I would like, let's look at what I have owned and ridden this century as there is no point in going back any further as I realise those bikes do not have the mod cons I like today.

My favourite bike to ride would have to have been the Honda Valkyrie Interstate I owned over 20 years ago and always regretted selling. Why did I sell it? Simple, I bought a Gold Wing 1800, which we rode around the States for eight months and shipped back home, and I could not afford two big bikes at the time. Yes, the Gold Wing was great; too good as it did everything just right.

Purchased the Triumph Rocket Tourer; yes, nice, only too much unwanted power. Harley Ultra Eltra Glide; yes, I really enjoyed riding it; in fact, upgraded it a couple of times for newer models. Yes, they improved things over the years but for this old

guy who does not know anything mechanical the biggest improvement I did understand was the brakes.

Why did I sell it if I enjoyed riding it so much? Simple, after an accident falling off a roof, I really struggled with the weight of the bike. Not the riding, but the pushing it around on the gravel outside a cafe or pushing it up a small slope into my garage. The final straw was dropping it and not being able to pick it up by myself. Yes, accidents do happen to the best of us.

After trying many, many bikes, I ended up buying a Triumph Bonneville T120. Great bike, almost half the weight of the Harley and very easy to ride anywhere, only not quite me. The great thing about the Triumph compared with the Harley is with Triumph you service it every 16,000 kilometres, Harley every 8000km and when on a pension this has to be taken into account, although I do every second service myself. If you go away for a week, it is very easy to clock up nearly six or seven thousand kilometres in a week.

Knowing the style of motorcycle I like, I am halfway there, although finding it is another story.

I have taken Indians and Harleys for a ride. On almost all the cruisers the front pegs are way too far forward for me, especially on a long trip. The tourers are just too big and heavy. I know I like them and all the toys on them, only I have been there done that and see absolutely no reason to own a very big bike again. Kawasaki has its new Vulcan, but again, why do I need 1700cc in New Zealand or, for that matter, anywhere? BMW? most seats are too damn high for me. I struggle to get my leg over any of the Japanese adventure / touring bikes. Yes, I am getting old and have a lot of extra titanium screws and plates in my pelvis that do not help. The other personal hate is all these grey bikes; I am sorry, I like the brighter colours.

I know what I want only no one seems to make it. I like the toys on the big tourers; to see the time, to tell the temperature, low set height, full fairing, cruise control, even have navigation, except I want them on a lighter bike. 1200cc is quite big enough, with tonnes of luggage space. Is that too much to ask? You can buy a small car with all the gadgets but not two wheels.

TREVOR BIRCHALL #4060

MEMORY

For the elders (over 65)

NEIL #10058



We made it this far! Can we remember? Read this article to the end and take "THE" test.

Read this. You will realise that you are in good shape, I hope.

ANOSOGNOSIA

What the heck is that? Never heard of it – check out the details below. Very Interesting.

The number one and main thing that should jump out at all of us is the percent of people in the world who live to over 65. Meaning – If you are reading this, then you and I ARE one of a very few fortunate people. That's if you reached the age of 65 or more.

The earth's population statistics put into perspective:

The population of Earth is constantly changing, but it's around 7.9 billion. Check it out @ World Population Clock: 7.95 billion people (2022) - Worldometer

For most people, this is an unfathomable figure. However, if we condense that 7.9 billion into 100 persons, and then condense it further into various percentage statistics, the resulting analysis is relatively much easier to comprehend.

So, out of 100 people, or of 100% of 7.95 billion:-

(the percentages are)

- 11 are in Europe
- 5 are in North America
- 9 are in South America
- 15 are in Africa
- 60 are in Asia
- 49 live in the countryside
- 51 live in cities
- 75 have mobile phones
- 25 do not
- 30 have Internet access
- 70 do not have the availability to go online
- 7 received university education
- 93 did not attend college.
- 83 can read
- 17 are illiterate
- 33 are Christians

- 22 are Muslims
- 14 are Hindus
- 7 are Buddhists
- 12 are other religions
- 12 have no religious beliefs.
- 26 live less than 14 years
- 66 died between 15 and 64 years of age
- 8 are over 65 years old.

Think about this. If you live in your own home, are able to eat full meals and drink clean water, have a mobile phone, can surf the Internet and went to college, you are in a miniscule percentage of the population and are a highly privileged person. (This equates to being in the less than 7% category of the 7.9 billion)

Among 100 persons in the world - only eight will live or exceed the age of 65.

If you are already over 65 years old, be content, grateful and thank God; cherish life, grasp every moment.

If you did not leave this world before the age of 64, like the 92 persons who did pass before you, you are truly blessed among mankind. Take good care of your own health. Cherish every remaining moment.

If you think you are suffering memory loss, it's called anosognosia, and it gets interesting. In the following analysis, the French Professor Bruno Dubois, director of the Institute of Memory and Alzheimer's disease (IMMA) at La Pitié-Salpêtrière - Paris Hospital, addresses the subject in a rather reassuring way:

"If anyone is aware of their memory problems, they do NOT have Alzheimer's."

1. You know you forget names of families.
2. You know you don't remember where you put some things, but you remember you had them.

This often happens in people 60 years and older and they complain they are losing/lacking their memory. "All information remains in the brain,

but the "processor" is lacking."

This is "anosognosia", or temporary forgetfulness. Half of people 60 and older have some symptoms due to age rather than disease.

Some of the most common symptoms are:

- Forgetting the name of a person.
- Going to a room in the house and not remembering why we were going there.
- A blank memory for a movie title or actor, an actress.
- A waste of time searching where we left our glasses or keys.

After 60 years, most people have some difficulty remembering, which indicates that it is not a disease but rather a characteristic due to the passage of years. Many people are concerned about these oversights, hence the importance of the following statements:

1. "Those who are conscious of being forgetful have no serious problem of memory."
2. "Those who suffer from a memory illness or Alzheimer's, are not aware of what is happening."

Professor Bruno Dubois, director of IMMA, reassures the majority of people concerned about their oversights: "The more we complain about memory loss, the less likely we are to suffer from memory sickness."



Whakatane Club

2022 Social Activities

We may be a relatively small club here in the beautiful Eastern Bay of Plenty, but it doesn't stop us from having a good time. Being a small town and easy to get around, we even have an older member who often arrives on his mobility scooter.

We try to have a social evening during the month on a different week to our club night. To support our local businesses, we have been going somewhere different each month. For a small town, we have quite a variety of eateries to choose from. Some have been a great success and others, well, probably won't be returning there!

But as one member commented, its more about the socialising with each other rather than the food. We even

got caught out for our November evening when we returned to a previously visited Turkish Kebab restaurant to discover they no longer had a liquor licence! Even I was looking forward to a Turkish beer.

But some of our innovative members bought beers from a next-door establishment and sat and enjoyed them outside. At least once a year we have a potluck dinner and a pizza night at members' homes. There are still plenty of eateries to explore, some more suited to a summer climate, as was our night at the Smokin' Goose in February, just a short drive out of town. Ulysses members and guests are welcome to join us.

NICKY BAXTER #5920





MIKE SHAW #9061

Why I enjoy going to **RALLIES**

Let's first look at some science. Being around other people makes me healthier. My brain works better when I'm with other people. I prefer to go through life not alone.

When I'm around people who don't agree with me or drive me crazy, I grow as an individual. I'm grateful for the people who are around helping me, and challenging me, as this also helps make me more resilient when it comes to coping with stress and trauma. It's also beneficial to have some me time, to rest, decompress and reflect on whatever's going on in my life. Therefore, from a psychology perspective, it is recommended I need to go to more Ulysses events, talk bullshit, act disgracefully and don't hold back from annoying anyone. After all, the psychologists say I'll be better off for the experience.

The reality of attending rallies for me is the afterglow of the event lasts a lot longer than the event itself. I get chances to find out what brings other members joy. I talk about their relationships, their children, their grandchildren and, most importantly, their motorcycle/s. It doesn't matter what they ride or how they ride or if they ride at all. I need only one common interest to meet up for some good company, good times

and, most importantly, good food and booze.

I usually sleep in shared bunk accommodation and bring my own sleeping bag, pillow and ear plugs. If anyone is really lucky enough to share a bunk room with me. I personally guarantee to give plenty of free trombone lessons between the hours of 11pm and 6am. Please don't wake me up to thank me. You can do that in the morning.

We should be encouraging new members to attend these events. It shows them what fun there is to be had at these events. I also don't go and sit with my mates; I don't have any. I like to sit down next to someone I don't know and introduce myself. They may be new to the club and would welcome a friendly face to talk to. I never get into any discussions about branch politics or touch on any subjects to do with NatCom. I find no good ever comes from straying onto these subjects.

I personally make attending rallies a journey both there and back. I usually plan an itinerary well in advance. I may include stays for a night or two either before or after the rally. For the November Auckland Port Waikato Rally, I have included overnight stays in places

I've never stayed before: Raglan, Awakino and Wanganui. My recent attendance at the Lake Okataina Outdoor Education Centre with Smiley Crane and her Rotorua Rasta crew was a seven-hour ride on all the gravel roads between Hastings and the venue I could find to put on my TomTom GPS route. Only 75km into the 364km journey, the rain started. I was very grateful for my 80% off-road 20% on-road knobby tyres on some of the stretches with more mud than gravel. The return to Hastings was a leisurely 264km, three-ish-hour ride over sealed roads.

The journey to the Christchurch 2023 AGM will be a 17-night 5000km-journey for me. The first eight nights sharing with a great bunch of 14 others riders and pillions enjoying modest legal cruising speeds down the West Coast and back up to the Christchurch AGM.

In summary, we've lost a number of rallies for various reasons. We need to support those rallies still going. What's the worst that can happen? You'll become happier, you'll have a good time and meet some people along the way who will become lifelong friends.

MIKE SHAW #9061

KRUSTY'S KORNER

GRUB #5457



Greetings and salutations from the Krusty Coasters.

The spring weather is now upon us here on the dark side; early into September there was a good dusting of snow in the region. Bugger me, I almost rushed off to purchase some heated grips, but have put them on my Santa List.

Dave, the other Krusty Coaster, and I continue to enjoy the Wednesday Knitting Group Rides: a jolly fine bunch of knitters they all are and I've yet to see anyone drop a stitch. Bob Tanner, bless him, had, as some of you will be aware, a whoopsie a few weeks ago on a ride but is slowly improving with the passing of each day. I'm sure we all wish him well and look forward to seeing his smiling face back, complete with his trusty camera for the group photo on the day.

With Avon City Suzuki the meeting place of the Wednesday Knitting Group Rides, I often wander around the showroom looking at, not only the new machines, but also the preloved machines. Recently, a late model Triumph Thruxton took my eye, however, after examining the riding position, which to me resembled the position of a dog shagging a cricket ball, I realised, unfortunately, my ageing body wouldn't handle it all that well. With that said, there is a good variety of other manufacturers' machines that would fit the bill quite nicely; perhaps I should consider adding one to the Santa List

Us ol' Krustys, having missed a couple of rides, were pleased to meet up with the group recently: Dave on his Honda Shadow and yours truly on an ageing SM (Speedmaster). The destination chosen for the day was Cave Stream; the weather was fine and

warm, albeit quite breezy, but still a great day out. What an awesome feeling to have the front wheel pointing westward; you can't beat the ride up Porters Pass and the sweeping corners of State Highway 73, although needed to be aware of the grit in some places following the snow and ice recently. On arrival at Cave Stream, the lunch boxes and the flasks came out, although this Krusty forgot to bring a cup. However, my side kick, in a true generous West Coaster way, loaned me one of his. Thanks mate! During the lunch break, my mind wandered back a few decades to when the body was a bit more flexible and allowed such activities as exploring the actual underground stream, hence the name Cave Stream. Probably the best advice I can offer if you are ever contemplating checking it out is to definitely pick a fine dry day, ideally during summer, as the stream can rise very quickly and be quite dangerous.

All good things come to an end and soon it was stands up and time to head home. The group departed and headed to Darfield Bakery to enjoy a coffee and, I believe, a few indulged in one of their famous custard squares. Unfortunately, I turned off at Sheffield prior to Darfield and headed back to Amberley via the Waimak Gorge and Oxford Road. It was an opportunity to reflect on the day and wonder where the next ride would take us.

Fast approaching is the Remembrance Run to Kaikoura. We've had our accommodation booked for some time and are looking forward to some disgraceful behaviour in true Ulyssian style.

The remembrance gathering was well attended, with the conference room at the Kaikoura Top 10 full of

Ulyssians and Ulysses lasses. It was a time of reflection on past members as the names were called out and with the bell tolling after each group of names were called. Dave and I were honoured to have been able to participate in the calling of names. We would both like to thank the Canterbury branch for allowing us the privilege. After the serious side of proceedings were complete, it was time to enjoy a cuppa and a snack and to reminisce on past disgraceful behaviour with friends from various branches whom we hadn't seen for some time. It was great to see the silent auction raising some serious dollars for very deserving recipient St Johns Ambulance. Unfortunately, neither of us were lucky enough to win any of the raffle prizes, not even the final booby prize draw. However, congratulations to all the winners.

Us ol' Krustys decided we would go into the Kaikoura CBD and check out a very nice pub. We managed to get a seat, not only close to the bar, but also with a damn good view of the street outside where, for some reason or other, there were several classic and hot rod-type cars cruising up and down. It wasn't long before Pete Graham and Rex Collins, the Buller coordinator, walked in and joined us for a couple of drinks, although I suspect this dastardly pair had already visited another watering hole. After a bit of a yarn, we parted ways, with Peter and Rex continuing their task of drinking Kaikoura dry. Us ol' Coasters wandered down to the local fish and chip shop, where we ordered probably the best fish and chips either of us has ever had. We returned to our accommodation at the Top 10 and enjoyed our evening meal while watching the ABs deal to Australia (again).

After a good night's sleep, it was

down to Bernie's Diner for breakfast, before returning home; a damn good occasion and congratulations again to the Canterbury branch team for organising the event. Roll on next year where we can again remember and honour past members.

It was pleasing to recently receive an email from Bob Tanner advising he is back home and is feeling better and continues on his journey of recovery. Great news, indeed. Hopefully my offside and fellow Krusty will heal and recover quickly too as he's done his AC shoulder joint. No, not a motorcycle-related incident but a fall whilst competing at a dog agility event. It's looking increasingly likely he'll be laid up for several weeks.

Damn, just when the weather was starting to warm up.



A few pics of the Canterbury Knitting Group enjoying their Wednesday ride to Pigeon Bay an awesome place for a picnic



Well, that's about it from us for 2022. We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year. We look forward to seeing you all at the National AGM in Christchurch next year. Hope you've registered, as we have, and are looking forward to it.

GRUB #5457



TREVOR BIRCHALL #4060

The writer passes fields painted yellow with canola flowers on his ride to York.

Holiday in Australia

My wife and I booked a holiday in Australia some time ago and it was really split into three parts. Part one, family in Perth WA. Part two, bus tour down south of Perth to Murray River etc. Part three, train trip across Australia on the Indian Pacific. I will not bore you with all my holiday, however, I would like to tell you how I spent a week with my family, as my family is with my Ulysses mates.

Before leaving the land of the Long White Cloud, I arranged to borrow a bike off an old Ulysses Auckland member now living in Perth so I could do what I liked when I liked instead of going shopping with my wife, her sister and daughter, as I knew they would not want to drag me around all the time, with me moaning, "are we done yet?"

Day after we arrived, I picked up the bike from Pat and familiarised myself with the area we were staying in. Got lost only a few times. Who cares, as long as I was back for dinner. Pat had asked what I wanted to do and where I wanted to go and I explained there were only two places that I wanted to go to. One was the Ulysses lunch with the Perth Branch and the second was up to York to visit a car museum, so Pat said he would escort me. Great, as I had no GPS and really did not like riding around big cities, although I must say it is much easier than Auckland even though if it has double the population.

Before leaving home, I had worked out that there were three Ulysses branches in Perth, so I went on Facebook and tried to contact those who were closer to where I was staying: Joondalup and Perth. Fremantle was too far away anyway and Perth replied, and it was easier to keep track

of where they were going for their midweek lunch (again, Facebook).

Pat decided he would escort me to their lunch venue, which was only 25 minutes away, according to Mr Google. We left home at 9.45am for a short ride, which took us on two hours of sightseeing including about 20 minutes sheltering out of the rain. Yes, it rains in Perth. You have to love their beaches and riding along the coast past all those mansions. Arrived at the venue and we were made extremely welcome. I was introduced to the Ulysses Australian Secretary, Sharryn Nankervis, who was also visiting with her husband as they wanted to move there in the new year. I was asked if I would come and join their Memorial Ride on Sunday and of course I said "yes" without checking with the family I was staying with. Great ride back to our homestay, which took a couple of hours.

Next day, Pat said he would escort me to York, even better as I didn't have to find my way there. Left home just after peak traffic to head up into the hills west of Perth, first through many lifestyle blocks set in the trees. Quite picturesque, although I am sure they must be extreme high fire risk in the dry seasons. Through a couple of small villages then to the Outback. Past quite large farms, cattle and sheep, then into the grain country where they grow a lot of wheat, barley and canola seeds. At this time of the year, the bright yellow canola flowers dominate the countryside. Eventually at York, called on the Information Centre, where the Lady was extremely helpful, then walked down town



Trevor Birchall meets Sharryn Nankervis, National Secretary Australia, in Perth.



Trevor Birchall was lucky enough to borrow a bike from Pat Katavich, an ex-Auckland member, while visiting Perth.

to the museum. This town was one of the earliest inland towns built in Australia. Sorry, cannot remember the date. Yes, for me the museum was worth the trip because it had a wide range of vehicles to see, including bikes. Great ride back over different roads. A really good day out on two wheels, and even visited a bike shop on the way back.

Had short rides most days I had to myself, although I did spend time with the family doing that thing they call retail therapy; does not really work for me as we did not include any bike shops.

Sunday and the Memorial ride. This year's event was organised by Ulysses Perth Branch and involves all three branches in the Perth area. Getting to the start venue was the first challenge, and again Mr Google played its part. Only got lost trying to find the entrance to the car park. Soon worked it out. Following a Spyder I thought might be going on the ride did not help as of course he was just out for a Sunday ride.

Numbers were well down on previous years and the organisers were quite disappointed. The ride itself got quite split up as we had traffic lights to get through

before heading up into the hills. Every intersection, though, they had corner markers to keep you on course. I rode behind a small group for a while, although was not enjoying it as they did not ride staggered, so passed them and caught up with another group that did know how to ride staggered. Whoever you were on the Burgman scooter, if you ever read this, it was a pleasure to follow you. Regretfully, I could not stay for the service as my host family had made other plans for me, so thanked the guys for the experience and set about finding my way back.

Before leaving the car park, I watched two people drop their bikes while trying to park them on a slope. I could not stop thinking about how they better come home with me and I could give them some tips on slow riding, then I thought, "hang-on, I never teach people how to ride slowly on a slope". Something to keep in mind for the future.

My ride back to Perth was meant to be fast and direct as I knew I was rather late. Guess what? I got lost twice and the traffic was s*** and then the orange light was flashing at me telling me I was running low on fuel. Damn it, I take the risk and keep going. All smiles when I get back, so all was forgiven. Then was taken to see the Targa Rally in Perth, so a great day.

The other two parts to our holiday were good, especially the bus tour, which included river cruises, four-wheel driving and fine dining etc. On the train trip, as it was continuously running late, we missed out on some of the sightseeing tours advertised, which was disappointing, however, them's the breaks.

TREVOR BIRCHALL #4060

Nelson Nibbles

YVONNE COLLINS #9815



Hi from Sunny Nelson!

Nelson Ulysses has a new venue for the coffee mornings every Saturday between 10-12 noon. Great indoors and outdoors if the sun is shining, The Honest Lawyer, 1 Point Rd Monaco, Nelson. If you are in town, call in. It will be great to see you, and the coffee is good!

The Nelson-Blenheim road is closed in November and other favourite routes, too, for much-needed repairs, so we are making ongoing adjustments to our Rides Calendar. Hopefully this won't be for long, but if you are heading this way, do check for updates.

We are looking forward to our Toy Run on November 26, with a new route. All welcome to this great event to support the Salvation Army.

Cheers,

YVONNE COLLINS #9815



Kapiti Capers



Stunning views on a perfect day

MARTIN RUSHTON #9857

Spring has sprung but at times over the past few weeks it has seemed that the weather gods have turned the dial back to winter. So, unfortunately, a number of rides have had to be cancelled, which has been some what frustrating.

Nonetheless, there have been some spells of good weather for rides. One such ride was a weekend run over to Castlepoint in the Wairarapa on the 13th and 14th of August.

A group of 12 riders set off from Kapiti and headed North to Palmy and over into the Wairarapa via the Pahiatua Track. After lunch and refuelling in Pahiatua, the route took the group on some superb back country roads to Masterton and from there it was out to the Coast at Castlepoint. The road to Castlepoint is always fantastic.

The weather was good, although it was cold – thank goodness for heated grips. It was crisp and very clear and the Tararuas looked stunning with a covering of snow.

The overnight stop was at the Castlepoint Hotel. The road in from Masterton was very quiet and is a great one on which to enjoy motorcycling. We were well looked after at the hotel with a nice log fire in the bar and we had a terrific roast

dinner (and several drinks). The hotel had lock-up facilities, so everyone was able to garage their bikes overnight.

After a substantial brekkie to set us up for day – I don't recall seeing anyone opting for muesli – we took a short ride into Castlepoint itself before heading back to Kapiti. Again, the route took the group over the backroads before crossing the Rimutakas, Transmission Gully and home. A great weekend ride with good company, superb scenery and brilliant weather.

On a different track, the branch has introduced an item at meetings where members "volunteer" to give a presentation on their motorcycling histories. So far, we've had two such presentations.

The first was from our secretary / treasurer John Rolls. John described how he moved from an extensive time getting "down and dirty" on a range of quad bikes and being active in the Wellington quad club scene to two

wheels and joining Ulysses.

As a bit of a contrast, I made a presentation at the next branch meeting. My story started in the mid-1970s in the North of England with a variety of bikes and some (inevitable) scrapes and spills, to 20-plus years in Scotland being more "sensible" and touring on two wheels, through to a move to New Zealand in 2006 and "growing old disgracefully" with Ulysses. I also outlined a lifelong passion for road racing at the Isle of Man and some other real road circuits and some of my heroes who I've been privileged to see in action, including Kiwis Graeme Crosby and Bruce Anstey.

Further "volunteers" will be approached to present it's a great way to get to know your Ulysses colleagues better and get an insight into their biking history.

MARTIN RUSHTON #9857

Kapiti Branch Vice Coordinator



The intrepid riders outside the pub

Southland "Scribbles"

ROSS L #1177

Hi to fellow members. It is pleasing to write that the various events we have organised since the last magazine article have continued to receive really positive support, which is really encouraging for the branch committee.

Our social gatherings/dine-outs continue to be very good value as they provide an opportunity for members and guests to socialise while someone else prepares the meals. These gatherings have also provided an opportunity for us to enjoy the company of and reminisce with some of our members who are no longer riding. As others have commented, it is important that those members who have given long service to the club but are now unable to ride are not forgotten.

Our monthly coffee mornings have continued to attract a varying number of regulars. We plan to try out a new venue this month; it was felt that maybe it was time to try out a different café. A couple of members have already done a "trial run" and have

given our new choice a "pass mark".

The branch event programme advertised a ride in August. Unfortunately, the weather on the day wasn't so great and the ride had to be cancelled. We had much better luck with the ride planned for September. A really pleasing number of riders and bikes gathered at the meeting place, the carpark at Queens Park. The lead rider took the group on a very enjoyable ride to Waikawa, where the group had a stopover at the Niagara Falls Café. After a very pleasant lunch, the group returned to Invercargill via the very scenic and motorcycle friendly coast road.

The October branch ride also went ahead as planned and once again good numbers turned up. This time a trip to Northern Southland was

planned, with the lunch stop to be at the Five Rivers Café, a short distance past Lumsden on SH6. From there, the riders had a number of options to return to Invercargill.

Looking ahead, the plan is to continue with our social gatherings and obviously programme a lot more rides on the excellent Southland roads. Our next major branch function will be our Christmas function. This will be held in late November. After the success of last year's celebration, we will return (by popular demand) to the function centre that hosted us last year.

Will close off by extending best wishes to our fellow branches.

Keep safe.

ROSS L #1177

Hawkes Bay

PRESIDENT MAC #9935

Okay, here we are again, it will be Christmas before we know it.

It's been very busy here in the Bay, so a very big welcome to our new members.

The tin top ride on Tuesday nights, the Duet club daylight saving run and the Venus ride have had good turnouts and been fun rides.

The weather and sunlight are improving too. Club rides have been fantastic, although I'm still mending after my unexplained spill a couple of weeks ago on my new bike, but I should have a new bike back before Christmas, so happy as about that.

The Hawkes Bay Classic Motorcycle Club Ringo Star ride to Taihapi and Royal Tour to Porangahau, which we join every year, was again well attended. And the recent dice run to and in Taupo and the Remembrance weekend are always good rides for us, so thanks guys. Our yearly John Birch Memorial ride to Mahia just gone was a great day dodging potholes, but worth the ride to catch up with Gisborne for lunch. It was one of John's favorite rides.

The Iron Sisters had their Halloween Charity Mystery ride recently, and

we joined them; great ride girls. Our Sunday rides have been all over the place and we have had good turnouts, thanks to David, our rides' coordinator and lead rider. He has also just completed the 1600 and 800 long-distance rides in good times, well done David.

The Friday short rides are still going strong and, of course, Wednesday Anker Wat mornings are a must to sort the problems we all face day to day. Don't know why the Government does not think the same way we do, or should I go there.

Well, some awesome rides coming up on the calendar and some really important fundraisers, like the toy run.

Lots to look forward to, as well as Christmas, so bye for now everyone. Stay safe out there, but have as much fun as possible. Growing Old Disgracefully.

PRESIDENT MAC #9935.

Westland Coordinators Discourse

KERRY CHAPMAN #3443

Hello once again from the wild west.

It has been a busy couple of weeks with the drive to the cold kiwi, arm in plaster, no bike, bugger.

Just had to take a break in Bulls and finally got a photo with the town mascot, then we had the coffee mornings at various cafes around the Hokitika and Greymouth areas. The Sunday rides are still going good but with lower numbers due to the cold weather.

Our Mad Hatters Rally at the Empire Hotel Ross went well, although also with reduced numbers even though the weather was perfect for the two days. Those who came down on the Friday were treated to the famous Empire Jam night, when a lot of local bands and musicians get

together to have a night of music going through to the wee hours of Saturday. One member in particular had trouble talking due to too much singing but that did not hold her back from enjoying the raffles and a very good dinner. The bike garage across the road is well worth a look, with older bikes and cars to reminisce over. Some of the members really put a lot of effort into their outfits: Alan and Anika from Nelson (best outfit) Peggy O'Neal (longest travelled from Auckland).

Thanks to all those who attended, maybe see you all next year.

KERRY CHAPMAN #3443
Westland Coordinator



Rotorua RUMBLE

SMILEY #10243

I am so excited to share news about our awesome tribe! We have had some particularly amazing get-togethers, rides, coffee groups and life is so good.

Our club continues to grow and the positive vibes and energy have given life to all the members.

So much so that congratulations must go to Jack, our oldest member, who at 84 years young, dusted off the keys, geared up, then rolled his trike out of the garage and joined us for a ride to the Rhubarb Cafe.

Another awesome ride was with a beautiful lady Liz, who, a pillion with only a couple of rides under her belt, decided that she would also two-up with hubby Sean and ride to the Waiotapu Tavern. Brilliant effort from both of these members, who really enjoyed themselves. Our hearts swelled with pride and it was “cheers”

all round; so cool to have them join in while pushing their own boundaries.

Just to recap, our Okataina Rally in August went off with a bang. We all got stuck in and created a wonderful atmosphere with music, food, dancing and singing, and with the log fire burning in the background and some lively antics. Our newly appointed sheriff, Lesley, took the role to new heights and instead of “fining” bikers, we gave them bar tickets, and then they all wanted to be fined.

We had some awesome raffle prizes and we have some super-cool new ideas for next year's rally, because we are BACK.

The Okataina Rally is now in the

planning for next year. Make sure you pop the date in your busy diaries, as we have moved it back to June 23-25th, 2023.

Locally, we have been involved with some community events.

First up, we assisted on Daffodil Day and set up a stand outside the Countdown on Fenton Street. Add in some bikes, Luna the puppy, Muppet the ole dog, a boom box and some pretty awesome Ulysses members and we were rocking. We took the record for one stand at just over \$730. Met lots of locals and even managed to chat about the Ulysses club as we handed out our club brochures with a smile.





We then had our Show 'n Shine Bike 'n Car event. Pretty amazing sight as we rolled down Fenton Street. Thanks to the local traffic patrol, who held the lights green for us all the way. We raised just over \$3500 and all proceeds were donated to the Ronald McDonald Retreat here in Rotorua – for sick children dealing with cancer.

Our local tourism operators, council and businesses donated for the event and as a club we have decided to make this a yearly event. Always nice to give back to the community. Plans are under way for next year's event, so while your diary is open, pop in October 15th, 2023.

We went for a ride to Morrinsville, to the Kingswood Retirement Village, where our songbird, Maranda, set up her music and sound system and we sang and danced with the local residents. For a special treat, we threw their legs over our iron steeds and took them for short rides on the bikes. We didn't know their history, we didn't care, we just had lots of hugs and interaction with these wonderful humans who didn't want us to leave. They loved it.

Some members rode to New Plymouth for lunch one day; we were in pre-training for the 800km long-distance ride. This ride was full of humour, so much so that I am still laughing about the antics of certain "no-to-be-named" members.

Anyways, Bill decided that he needed to gap home from the Kaponga pub, so off he went at a great rate of knots. We went in another direction for a while before coming up to State Highway 3. What a bloody mish-mash with the traffic. It took ages and I got across the highway first, so I rode 5 minutes up the road to wait safely on the side, for the rest to catch up. Nek minute, across the road pops up this motorbike ... I looked and thought, oh that bike looks like Bill's. Bill looks at the chick on

the Indian with the braids and thinks, 'oh, she looks familiar'. Ha, so funny, he pulls in behind me and I said, "Thought you were gapping home?"

Bill's response" "Ah yeah, got a bit lost."

Then there was Navman, who left the group in Te Kuiti, only to be stopped at the roadworks red light, so we all caught up with him and I'm beginning to feel like I am in the hare and the tortoise race. And then there was Colin, who rode off over the hill into the darkness, while we all turned right, following the Rotorua signpost. It was actually a really big green sign, hard to miss, I would have thought. We all pulled over and waited, while Colin, aka Radar, did a U-turn under the starry night and found us again.

I have never laughed so much with Maranda as we did that night when we got home; just reliving the events. Probably, funnier if you had been there. Must be a girl thing, coz I don't think the boys thought it was that funny.

The other highlights in the club were our well-attended dinner at Wild Rice and then the fun afternoon at the tenpin bowling alley. Knocking those pins down can get very competitive and although the boys say, "we don't care about the score"

... Hmmm, they do.

Our club rides are growing in popularity and the Saturday morning coffees at Aroma Cafe are getting bigger and louder. We have interest from bikers wanting to join the club and members are encouraging riders in their own networks to join up. All I can say is, game on peeps.

Paddy and I rode to the coordinators weekend in Wellington, picking up strays along the way to ride with. What a great weekend and such a memorable experience, sharing ideas and getting to know others. We came away with some new ideas and ways

to connect with other clubs.

The Sunday ride home was magic; when we got to Taihape, Greg and Charles Bronson from Whakatane rolled in, we had Chris Brown (not the singer) from Waihi with us and then our bloody awesome club rumbled into the BP. What an immense, overwhelming feeling of pure joy when your fellow Ulyssians band together and ride 220-odd km to meet you. It was hugs all round and introductions before we headed back to Waiouru for a late lunch. We had a photo shoot with the mountain in the background, thanks to Mal and his ever-ready hands-on camera abilities.

We have our girls' cocktail party event coming up this weekend, which should prove to be fun and perhaps not too many kodak pics for public viewing. Will see if that gets a mention in the next edition

The shared rides' calendar is a WIP and I will be following this up regularly so that we can do more with other branches.

Just for the record, I totally love the Rotorua vibe; the members are awesome and actually Ulysses as a whole is a pretty amazing network of fellow bikers. So glad to be a part of this club, whanau and to share my life journey with like-minded people.

Nga mihi xx

PS Watch this space, Rotorua is going to the AGM CHCH 2023!!

Reggae and braids rock!

SMILEY #10243

Let's Ride!



Regards

Leigh-Ann aka Smiley

Ulysses Branch Coordinator

FB Ulysses Rotorua Branch

Canterbury Tales

CHRIS CAREY #3497

— both tall and true

First, and from a personal point of view, it was great to finally attend a coordinators' meeting in person and get to put real faces to names and email addresses.

A lot of good stuff was discussed, which will no doubt be arriving in your hot little hands once the minutes have been finalised. I guess the big issue discussed over the weekend was the remit regarding associate membership, with overwhelming support for it in general. A number of positive suggestions were made and will be included in a new formatted version.

It continues to be a pleasure to be coordinator for Canterbury. We have a very good branch and our events are pretty well supported, particularly the Wednesday Knitters Group rides. The evening we had at Casbolts (the Honda and Ducati dealer) recently saw 40-odd members turn up for the shop display and workshop Q&A session. The beers and pizzas were also very welcome.

The South Island Remembrance service in Kaikoura was again a great day out and well supported. Thanks to Peggy O'Neal, Pete and Leonie Austin, Thea Turner and Steve Parr for organising this, and to all the coordinators who travelled to be part of the service. While we don't mind organising this event – it's not that hard and we've got quite efficient with the process – it would be nice to see other South Island branches take a turn at hosting it. I raised this at the coordinators' meeting and intend to submit a remit at the AGM that the current \$150 subsidy from NatCom be increased sufficiently to cover any expenses a branch has putting this on as I believe the risk of suffering a loss may be the factor why other branches haven't taken up the mantle. It's not like NatCom are going broke, so let's share the love.

Having overseen several thousand RAT tests in the past 12 months, and God knows how many I did personally, my number finally came up and I returned a positive. Suffice to say, under normal conditions I'd have quaffed a couple of Coldrex and soldiered on, experiencing nothing more than a minor head cold and congestion. However, I do appreciate others have suffered far more serious effects, both short- and long-term from this lurgy. It's a much-needed kick in the swannies to remind me look after one's health and not take it for granted.

The good news is I had a relaxing week off work and, more importantly, I'll be well over it by the 19th in time for the Chatto Creek 1000-mile Resurrection! Charlotte has a new set of Pilot Road GTs and will undergo a full service prior to carrying me southwards towards Alexandra. I can't wait, I'm sorely in need of a long ride to blow the cobwebs out. However, with very little time in the saddle over the winter, I fear I will suffer hugely whilst attempting this ride. Ya pays ya money, ya takes ya chances ...

It's coming up to the silly season and a plethora of rides and rallies are being posted on the interweb in such abundance it's hard for a failing senior citizen like oneself to keep up with what's going on. My bi-monthly *The Good Oil* is continually edited up until the last possible moment before I flick it out ... and then some other organisation posts a ride for three days' time.

Speaking of long rides, the Longest Day 1000km ride and the 2022-23 Helicopter Hunt are open for business, with both rides always good

fun and as hard as you want to make them. Thea has taken up the mantle of the 1000km ride coordinator and Maree and Bruce have got a great route natted out for the hunt. The old saying, "two birds with one stone", springs to mind and I intend knocking both off at the same time sometime before Christmas. A few branch members are doing the northern circuit this weekend before NZTA shuts SH6 for six to eight weeks for essential repairs, to open, hopefully, in time for Christmas.

The 2023 AGM is not that far away. Hawkeye Parr, Mike Dew, Chris Groube and their team of helpers have this pretty much ready to go. They say the 2023 AGM is just sitting there ticking away waiting for more registrations to start coming in. Despite 24 cancellations, we currently have around 170 on the books, which I understand from past registration levels this far out from an AGM, is pretty good. However, this comes with a warning, Will Robinson. While there is a deferred payment option, i.e., register now and defer your payment until January 20th, 2023, I'm told by the organisers that no registrations will be received after Friday 24th February. This is to ensure that merchandise orders can be finalised. Late registrations, and we've told to expect these, risk missing out on registration and booked meals. The restaurant can seat only 248 people, so when this threshold is getting close, the committee will assess whether to close off numbers. So, folks, you've been warned. Register now, pay later and guarantee you'll have a great time. Note to self: all events, meals etc are now to be held only at the Papanui Club as the RSA



cannot host any events for us.

Simone's pre-Christmas but-not-quite Christmas, just a bit before it, overnightrider is for Saturday, 10th of December. It's a "bring it all yourself, back to basics" at Shane and Simone Rodgers' farm, 23 Maruia Saddle Rd, Maruia. There may be somewhere to throw down a sleeping bag under cover, but I'm taking a tent. However, anyone with an unnatural interpretation of what animal husbandry means, need not apply. Parr, that leopard skin onesie can stay at home!

Euan Quade's "Old Bones" Double Overnighter from the 11th to the 13th of November is booked out. This is one ride I need to do. Thanks Euan, you do an amazing job organising events like this. It is appreciated.

Other than that, there's not much to add really. We'll hold a committee meeting in a week's time and then consider whether it is worth doing the same in December, because if there's nothing to discuss or can't be sorted by a phone call or email, what's the point. Roll on summer and after such grotty bloody winter, roll on global warming. I want a long, hot, dry summer with little traffic numbers, sod all campervans, no more 80kmh limits and cheaper fuel. And when it's not, I, along with a growing number of Canterbury branch members will be spending Christmas planning our route for the 2023 TT2000.

Regards,

CHRIS 'Captain Carefree' CAREY

#3497

Canterbury Coordinator

North Harbour

notes



WAYNE PAINTER #1756

It was great to catch up with old friends and make new acquaintances at the South Island Remembrance Service.

Our trip around the South Island was enjoyable, simply because we were able to travel to different places without a mask. It was concerning the number of cafés that could serve only cabinet food because they were unable to get cooks/chefs, however, we found everyone very friendly to this Jaffa couple. Let's hope we never go into another lockdown.

While in Christchurch, we made a trip to the new Casbolts' Honda showroom. This is a very impressive shop and worth a look if you are in Christchurch. We also had dinner at Papanui Club; this is a great location for the 2023 National AGM and rally. It is huge and the food was great. I suggest you put in an AGM entry asap and make the trip south in March.

The Westpac Helicopter Ride was meant to be on the 30th of October with a rain date on the 6th of November. Oh bugger, that's the date for our Ronnie Run. No problem says the Westpac Ride organisers, we will transfer it to 27th of November, so we don't clash. Oh bugger again, as this is the date for the 5 Station Poker Run, which is unfortunate as the volunteer-manned fire stations need the funds. We all need to get together to sort out dates so nothing clashes next year.

Neville Dodds has done a great job organising the Ronnie Run and the prize list had something for everyone, including six weekends away sponsored by Heritage Hotels, a new helmet and many vouchers sponsored by various bike shops.

All the sponsors are listed on our website.

At a branch level, we don't seem to have a lot of rides at the moment apart from the charity rides. One of the problems is that we have only two roads going north. Highway 16 is used by logging trucks all day every day and is "as rough as guts" and the main north road is a shambles as they make the connections for the new motorway north and do never-ending roadworks/repairs. Fortunately, we do have a strong social side and we hope to get some RICs to take summer rides.

WAYNE PAINTER #1756NZ L/M
North Harbour Branch President

**DON'T REGRET
GROWING OLDER..**



**IT'S A PRIVILEGE
DENIED TO MANY.**

Waihi and Thames Valley

TREVOR BIRCHALL #4060

Our branch is growing, with new members each month. Now all we have to do is get some of those new members involved on the committee as new blood always has new ideas.

Reading last month's new members' list in the *Ulyssian*, I must congratulate Rotorua Branch as I thought we were doing well, but they doubled us. Have to go and have a look at what they are doing.

Our Thursday runs are going from strength to strength and over the past couple of months we certainly have had a wide variety of rides and been to some nice venues. If anyone wants to follow our rides, they are all published on our Ulysses WTV Facebook page. Numbers vary on rides, from four on a lousy day to 24

on a good day. I usually take the Thursday rides, but since the last *Ulyssian* I have had a few days in hospital, so Bruz MacGregor stepped up and took the ride. Then I spent almost three weeks across the ditch in Australia, so Bruz once again took control. Chris Batten took one, John Moreland another and I understand they were all assisted by Cliff McChesney, Russel Lines and Chris Good, all playing valuable parts. Well done to all the team; time I talked about retiring.

On one of our rides I had a photographer contact me asking if

she could come to one of our rides to take photos of some of our members for Senior Citizens Day. I didn't know there was such a day and I asked how old does one have to be. Her reply was to have a Gold Card. Well, that is not old, I thought, however, it is 90 percent of our group.

Dinner nights are also humming, there were 20 at last Wednesday's dinner in Thames. Now we are into daylight savings they will again be happening every second week. Note, the venue does change each time to make it easier for our very spread-out membership across the





Coromandel. Next on is Coroglen Pub; too far for me, especially if I'm riding the following day. If you are visiting the area and would like to join us, phone either me or Chris Brown, our President, whose number is in the back of this magazine.

Club meetings are usually the second Sunday of the month and held at the RSA in Paeroa. For those who want to enjoy a ride, we usually start the day with a ride leaving the Bottle in Paeroa and going to wherever, followed by lunch at the RSA, then our meeting. Numbers vary. We have to encourage

new members to attend these as that is when the decisions are made as to the charities we support, etc. When Beach Hop comes to Thames again, our branch will have parking available at St Georges Church for a donation. All money will be split in half – half going to help preserve the church and half to the local hospice.

Again, any member of Ulysses is welcome to join our small group of disgruntled motorcyclists who hate these damn speed restrictions that are being put on us: 80km an hour in some areas around our great country

is saving what? Petrol, Lives? (One thing about being a scribe is I get to voice my opinion). We just had a club ride through the Hunua Ranges and the speed limit has been reduced to 80km in most places and then they leave open a road sign up on a very twisty bit of road which is hard to maintain 70km an hour. Does not make sense.

WTV Scribe:

TREVOR BIRCHALL # 4060



Our rides leave the L&P Bottle in Paeroa, and end at the RSA for lunch and club meeting

'Naki News

MARTIN PEYERL #9483

Hopefully everyone is keeping well. It took me three weeks to get my stamina back to go out on the bike again after catching Covid ... It is so draining!

We had a fantastic turnout at the Stumble-Inn lunch in August to welcome two new members starting out on their Ulysses Odyssey,

Shelley Churchill #10354 and Doug Lovegrove #10353, and we honoured Don Young #1700, who has been with the club for over 30 years, with a 30-year badge. It was an honour to see both ends of the Ulysses Taranaki Club in one event.

In September, ACC did a MAM presentation at club night, offering their Ride Forever Courses and generally chatting to us. A great

opportunity if you had not been on a bike for a long time or just needed some confidence back.

Alongside this, we have been looking at training opportunities with an accredited local instructor and hope that everyone will participate where possible. We've come up with three pillars we would like to initially concentrate on – slow skill riding, emergency braking and avoidance, and cornering lines. The Ulysses training fund could offer support, so costs should be zero to minimal for our members.

We got some good rides in over September – with a club ride to Waitotara (they still make nice burgers), and an impromptu ride to the Kaponga Hotel. We've been around South Taranaki a lot recently and I must say that even though I know most of the roads, there are still a lot I don't.

The social side of our club is certainly alive, and we want to continue into this



summer. We had a great morning tenpin bowling when the weather was too foul to ride. It's amazing how competitive people become when faced with a ball and a few pins. All for a bit of chocolate. Our midwinter dinner was popular, with many turning out and enjoying the evening at Gusto Restaurant. We managed to collect about 130 non-perishable food items,

which were donated to our local Foodbank. We did this in place of a Secret Santa, to help support our community.

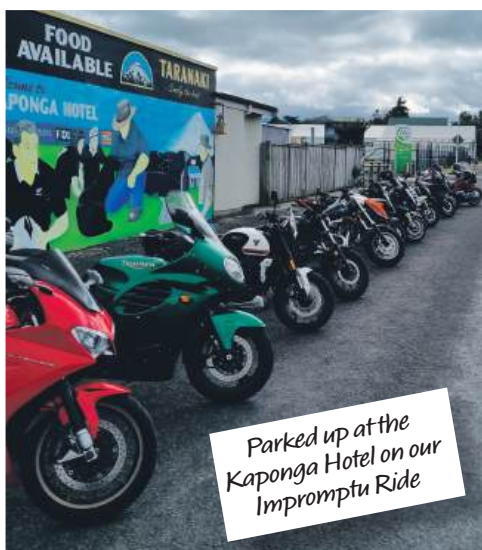
Bill Kidney and I (and my wonderful ever-supporting wife) rode to the national coordinators meeting in October – held for the first time in three years. It was interesting to see that all the branches nationally, despite different cultures, share very similar challenges and positives. It was also heartening to see that all the coordinators approached these challenges with a common interest and enthusiasm in preserving and growing the club at the same time. There will be some great ideas going forward. Also, a reminder from this

meeting is that all Ulyssians are eligible for some discounts, which may be of use. Please check on the national website to see what these are. NatCom has worked hard to put these in place.

We held our first of the season “Pie and Pint” evening ride – in freezing but clear weather. We had a good turnout and it was great to see everyone keen to get out there. It's also encouraging that club members are doing different rides outside of Ulysses and bringing that knowledge back with them.

We continue to enjoy Club Nights, alternating between NP Club and Fern Lodge Inglewood, and the ever-popular Stumble-Inn Lunches.

MARTIN PEYERL #9483
President
Ulysses Taranaki Branch



Whakatane

Tide...ings

GREG EVANS #5572

Hi folks. Well, it's that time again where we park up our bikes and plant ourselves in front of the computer and transcribe (in riveting detail) our version of branch activities.

Fortunately for you readers, my memory isn't what it once was, so the following article is limited to my failing recollection. I do, however, remember the coordinators meeting in Wellington. That would be because it only just happened.

I had just delivered one set of grandkids back to Hastings and picked up the other two in Masterton before returning to the Bay of Plenty on the Tuesday prior to the meeting. We had our branch meeting on the Wednesday evening and Alan and I set off on Thursday for our Wellington meeting. A lot going on!

One of the grandkids graciously donated his head cold to me prior to departing and by the Wednesday evening branch meeting I could hardly talk. Now some may rate that blessing equal to the second coming of Christ, but for me it was very debilitating (fortunately for me there is no sentence for talking someone to death).

Moving right along, Andy and Karen Wilson had graciously offered to put Alan (our treasurer) and I up Thursday night at their home in Foxton, which broke the trip down nicely for us. As it turned out, we really needed that stopover. The weather gods, in all their infinite wisdom, decided that two lowly motorcyclists travelling the Desert Road deserved a little "play time" (theirs not ours!) and whilst we weren't struck by lightning (or Thor's hammer) we certainly did cop everything else and then some.

From Taupo we could see the fluffy white snow on the mountains to the South. Around the lakes, however, things started to turn a little sour and by the time we got to the Desert Road, we were lucky to be able to see the tail lights of the car in front. It was seriously foul weather that just barrelled on through and we got caught up in the crap bit.

A brief toilet stop in a very damp Wairuru and we were back on the bikes and heading for Foxton. The rain had stopped (sort of) but that just left the howling cold south-easterly wind. In these circumstances all you can do is just hunker down and get on with it, but I find my mind wanders during these times. Did you know that riding on an angle to the left leaning into the wind can help even up the tyre wear caused by the road camber? No, neither did I. I really don't know where that came from.

We arrived safe, wet and sound at A & K's to find a cleared garage space for us (and a hidden key to their lovely home). Thankfully, Jess the dog remembered me from days of old so we avoided a mauling (was never going to happen, she can't get enough pats). A hot shower and welcome cup of coffee and the world was starting to return to normal. We later had a meal at a local club with Andy and Karen. We had the whole place to ourselves with lots of staff there too as a booking for 19 hadn't showed up. Good for us though.

Friday morning was a much more relaxed affair and I was looking forward to my first encounter with the Transmission Gully motorway. It's a rather protracted exercise getting to it from the north at the moment, but you do get to see the northern extension bit.....for likeages. It's frustrating, having to put up with the winding slow traffic when there's a perfectly good motorway, and it's just right there. Ahhhh! Of course, it won't be long until it's done. It's a great piece of road and whilst the Greenie in me hates the carving up of the beautiful New Zealand ranges, it's a far better option than the alternative, the existing failing and congested roadways around the coast.

Arriving at the Top 10 Holiday Park at

midday was a bit of an anticlimax. We weren't allowed in unless we walked in and left our bikes and gear out the front. Apparently, they can't issue you a gate pass code without issuing a room key. I asked the receptionist if she realised that we could simply ride around the boom gate? But, of course, we wouldn't do that. That would just be ... behaving disgracefully.

Apparently, the bunk rooms weren't ready for us, so we decided to head off and get some lunch at a local bakery. We came back about two o'clock. Still not ready. Three ... still not ready ... 3:30 Yah! We were finally allowed in (bikes and all).

Folks then started rolling into the holiday park for the Friday night meet and greet and were treated to a great BBQ meal. The Saturday meeting started at 9am and it was quickly discovered that there were more attendees than planned for. A quick reshuffle and we were good to go. It was really great to see extras accompanying the coordinators and, in some cases, standing in for them. Lots of new faces filling the coordinator shoes, too.

This meeting can be a bit daunting for newbies, but most soon realise that they're in the same boat as everyone else and the atmosphere quickly relaxes into a friendly get-together. The meeting covers a large range of topics and it was good to see that the extras were encouraged rather than discouraged to have their say. They are possibly the next generation of coordinators and are at least keen enough to attend, so it's important that they be heard. Morning tea and another great lunch was consumed and then the mandatory "Group Pic" was taken mid-afternoon, with the meeting closing at a respectable hour giving everyone time for a catch up/clean up before partaking the fabulous

evening meal provided by the brilliant support team.

Their dedication to this thankless task is much appreciated. They do a fabulous job of catering for us. A few drinks, a great meal and a lot of laughs brought the weekend to a close. Some had early flights the next morning whilst others were adding a trip to the weekend, but most were gone mid-Sunday morning.

Alan and I had organised to meet up with the Rotorua group again in Taihape at midday. We went one way from Wellington and they went another. A large contingent of Rotorua Ulysses also rode down to meet us at Taihape and then it was off to Wairuru for lunch. Alan and I parted company with them there as we had another 100km further to travel home. It was a great weekend and (in my opinion) a successful and productive meeting. For us at Whakatane, a reintroduction of our online calendar now has seven branches available to use it (some have already started) and, championed by the unstoppable "Smiley" (Rotorua Coordinator Leigh-Anne Crane) we hope to see a lot more inter-branch activity with local Ulysses branches in the near future.

Bring it on!

GREG EVANS #5572
Whakatane Ulysses Coordinator



Whakatane Ulysses Member

Darren Star

attended the Whakatane Cancer Centre Mystery Cruise in September and won Best Harley Davidson and the Best Bike awards.

It's a cool machine!



Continued...

Whakatane Tide...ings

JERRY NEWELL #9314

Labour Day Ride Report

So, the long weekend was here, the tourists had arrived in Whakatane and Ohope, the sky was blue and the sea sparkled; perfect weather for the Sunday club ride. However, I chose not to go due to the prospect of heavy traffic and a prolific police presence on the roads.

However, as Monday dawned and once again the sky was blue the urge to ride overcame my caution and during my morning walk with the dog I thought, "bugger it, the day's too good to waste". I knew a pot luck ride had been proposed, starting at the local meet up place and after a quick text to Lance across the road we were geared up and set off to the cafe.

Arriving at the cafe I noted three motorcycles I had not seen before, (haha as many members seem to recognise bikes and associate owners' names with them rather than the other way round) and three guys I had not met before sat at the Ulysses table.

A quick intro over a coffee and I had met Mike, Andy and Patrick, all local guys looking to ride and who knew our group met there. Gabriel turned up on his gorgeous R90 T and after a quick discussion we decided on Okere Falls for lunch. Setting off, we had a group

of six mounted on a Guzzi, Benelli, Kawasaki Versys, SV1000 a BMW and Mike on a Vulcan (or similar), a nice eclectic group of machines.

As expected, the trip through the lakes of Rotorua was stunning and the traffic, pleasingly, was not heavy enough to be annoying but fun to work past. The sun was warm and the air cool and apart from the ever-present potholes and a wayward waratah, the trip was delightfully event-free.

We kept a pleasant pace that provided fun in the twisties but ticket safe on the straights (I would say that I was leading) and we arrived at the Okere Falls Café, which was fair pumping. Coming home via the Old Coach Road kept the enjoyment level up and the traffic level low and we stopped up at Matata before heading home.

Of the group of six, Gabriel and I are members and Lance was looking to join. Now Mike is looking to join and the two younger guys, Andy and Patrick, I am sure will be back to ride with us again, commenting that the pace was great as they had been worried it might be a bit too relaxed. All in all, a neat ride with a great bunch and some new friends; what else could you ask for.

JERRY NEWELL # 9314

Gizzy News

CHRISSY #5993

Rides to Mahia, Tokomaru Bay for coffee to visit a member's bach, with a prime view overlooking the sea.

Opotiki for morning tea is always popular, as it's a fantastic road on a bike, even with the state of our roads. A few members met up with the Napier branch in Mahia for their special event. Always great to meet up with fellow Ulyssians.

Bernie and I had a fantastic time at the coordinators' meeting/workshop. Was great to catch up in person with members from throughout New Zealand.

We have been having lively meetings, with a lot of ideas thrown around. Spur of the moment rides are proving popular; thank you Dave. With our unpredictable weather, it has been the best way to go. We are trying to plan some longer adventures over the coming year.

To one and all, have a fantastic and safe Christmas and New Year. All the best for 2023. Safe and happy riding.

CHRISSY #5993



Auckland Actions

CRAIG MOODIE #8602

We've had a great few months, with improving weather meaning lots of rides happening. We have Tuesday morning rides, which are back to a solid attendance now that different restrictions have eased here in Auckland.

Our weekends are also full with longer rides, café catch-ups and shorter rides for those with little bikes, new riders or those who want to take it easy.

We are coming into Charity Ride season, with multiple opportunities to ride and raise money for good causes. Many of our riders attended the annual Pink Ribbon ride on October 9, which raised \$13,500 for breast cancer.

We really enjoyed putting on the remembrance service again in Taupo in August. It was great to see so many of you there supporting this important event on the Ulyssian calendar.

We have had some great speakers at our branch nights, including Rich Easton from the Neurological Foundation, and Rod Slater. They both had interesting and informative presentations as well as giving us a few laughs. Rod has written a book, *Two Years on Two Wheels*, about his motorcycle touring adventures. Those of us who ride are definitely an interesting and eclectic bunch!

Alan Thoreson from Black Thunder Racing also came to speak at our October branch night. The evening covered his quest to race Bonneville Salt Flats in the United States and

his current endeavours in the NZ Drag Racing National series. The presentation was in-depth, enlightening and at times humorous.

His initial foray was supposed to be a quick and victorious entry to a world record on his modified Kawasaki ZX-14. The reality was something completely different. He first had to prove his ability to control his bike at 151 mph (243kmh) before being allowed to even line up to race. Next, the stickiness of the salt flats created an engineering problem to keep weight on the rear wheel, and it was resolved with weights adhered to the extended swing arm. The never-ending heat of 40 degrees-plus was also challenging, as was the "hurry up and wait" factor. He managed a personal best time of 198.702 mph (319.77kmh) in 2009. He also mentioned, as all who have ridden at high speed know, the total lack of peripheral vision, having only a narrow forward focus.

As a yearly contender in NZRNA, Alan has held many titles, including number one in the modified class. His wife Violet was also involved in the drag racing scene and in 2012 they competed against each other for the title. Violet was on a Kawasaki 250 Ninja, and Alan on his ZX-14. Although

with a handicap start, she was pipped at the post, but they created NZ history as the only husband and wife team to finish first and second for the year.

Alan continues to race in the NZDRA, of which he is a life member, and can be seen on the circuit this season. Along with his wife Violet, they run two cafes in Hamilton and he is a current member of Ulysses Hamilton. If you get the chance to talk to him, please do so – he is a very friendly and knowledgeable guy.

Auckland got really hammered by restrictions in the past three years. During the Covid years, people got used to a more isolated life, not mixing and mingling as they were before. We have noticed this in a drop off in attendance at club nights and social events. But as this year has progressed, we have recently seen a gradual return of people and have had new members joining (a lot have come because of the National website and promotion video).

Looking forward to a good summer and uninterrupted riding opportunities!

Cheers,

CRAIG MOODIE #8206

Auckland Branch President

Remembrance service



Alan Thoreson from Black Thunder Racing

Manawatu Murmurs

MURRAY CROSS #7908

The Manawatu Branch has had a great start to the spring riding season with lots of new and prospective members.

In addition to several people from Whanganui joining us as their branch is in recess, we have also had people moving back to the Manawatu from overseas and from other parts of the country. Our branch has now climbed to over 100 from our old steady state of 60-70 members. We now need to welcome them and provide the expected Ulysses camaraderie.

Our August ride was designed to include the Whanganui members with a trip to Opunake for lunch. The dozen or so bikes from the Manawatu were joined by six more in Whanganui for a group that taxed the café in Opunake to its maximum. They did really well and got everyone suitably fed and caffeinated before the group returned via backroads to Stratford and past the Tawhiti Museum to rejoin SH3 south of Hawera. Thanks to Howard Asplin for organising and leading the ride.

The September branch ride was a 360km route set by Les Maddaford that encompassed some of his favourite roads. These included the backroad from Feilding to Fordell, Upokongaro, Pipiriki (via the Whanganui River Rd) and Ohakune to Waiouru for a picnic lunch in front of the Army Museum. The trip home was via Rangiwahia to check out the new bridge over the Rangitikei River at Mangaweka. Thankfully, the weather was favourable, and everyone enjoyed the ride.

The branch ride for October was a ride to Wellington and then Round the Bays. The haul down SH1 was broken up with a side trip down the old coastal route rather than Transmission Gully (being nice to the two Himalayans in the group) then through the city to the south coast. A leisurely

ride along the coast, past the airport and round the Miramar Peninsula before arriving at the Chocolate Fish Café in Shelly Bay for lunch. After refuelling bodies and bikes, the group of 18 machines proceeded around Oriental Bay and then on to Petone Esplanade to complete the tour of the Wellington shoreline. The return trip home was via the Rimutukas, Wairarapa and then the backroad at Mangamaire and over the Pahiatua Track to finish the 380km ride at Aokautere. The weather was great for the whole trip and things are looking good for more great riding over summer.

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. As the group gets bigger, it is going to affect the venues we can go to for these types of gatherings. Thankfully, the idea of taking your own picnic on the branch rides takes some pressure off this.

My final mention is about one of our long-time members, Lynn Southee, who had an accident on Ngawi Road during the recent NI800 endurance ride. He was apparently cut off coming into a corner by a rider on a Ducati. The result was Lynn pinned under his Goldwing in a paddock and then taken by helicopter to Wellington Hospital. Thankfully, nothing was broken and he is only stiff and sore. Thanks to all those who stopped to render assistance at the site and the members who have visited Lynn now he is back home. A cautionary tale about the effects of inconsiderate riding.

Be safe on the roads.

MURRAY CROSS #7908

Manawatu Co-Ordinator



Taranaki
Ride lunch at
Opunake



Taranaki
Ride Meet at
Whanganui



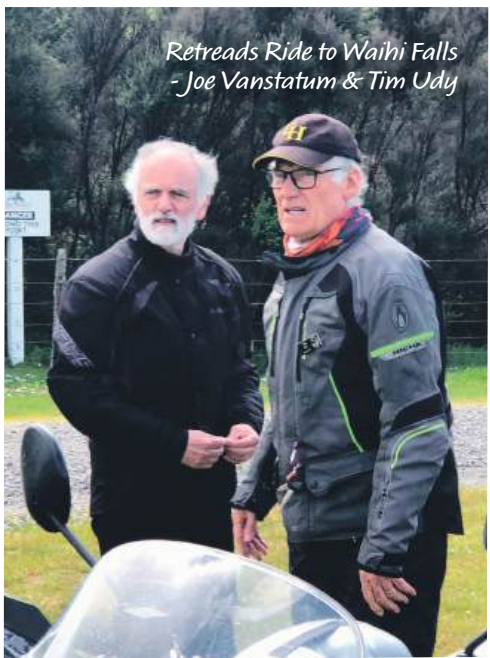
Ray Lunch at Chocolate Fish Wellington



LesRide lunch stop at Waiouru



LesRide regroup at Pipiriki



*Retreads Ride to Waihi Falls
- Joe Vanstatum & Tim Udy*

Marlborough Musings

KELVIN WATSON #3602

Hopefully all the inclement weather is over for another year because Marlborough mostly has a biker-friendly climate, most of our members don't put their rego on hold, and those who do have probably registered them for a summer of riding – looking forward to it!

A few of our members have replaced their bikes over the winter months with either a brand new one or good second-hand ones. We have seven members in our branch who now own Can-Am Spyders. Quite a popular choice of bike among some of our older members.

I am pleased to be able to say that the Marlborough branch membership is on the rise once again, with five new members joining recently and a couple more in the pipeline. Great to see new members and welcome to you all.

On behalf of Marlborough Ulysses, I would like to thank Canterbury branch for their excellent organisation of the South Island Memorial Service held in Kaikoura; a good number of members attended, including some from the North Island.

Top of the South Toy Runs in Nelson, Buller & Marlborough were held between the last weekend in November, Buller and the second weekend of December. All the toys collected for Christmas going to good causes.

Our branch Thursday rides with The Retreads Group have been well supported throughout the year. Most of the Retreads from this group are fully retired and enjoy the weekly ride out for lunch somewhere different each week. Have a good laugh at the jokes that are bandied around afterwards, before they all head for home or further afield for second coffees and cake.

Sunday rides just keep ticking along each week, although the group that goes on Sunday rides is smaller than the Retreads rides, but those that do go enjoy them, which is a good reason for them to continue. I hear most branches are much the same.

Take care on the roads over the summer months. It's the time of the year when road repairs and resealing occur, so lots of loose chip, plus more cars and tourists now back on the road, especially at holiday times. Ride as if your life depends on it!

If members from further afield are in our area, there is an open invitation to join us for coffee at The Runway Café on Saturdays, 9.30 to 11ish, or join one of our Thursday or Sunday rides.

“Keep the Rubber on The Road”

KELVIN WATSON #3602

Marlborough Branch Coordinator

Taupo

RICK #7552

G'day from Taupo. Since it is bucketing down, I may as well write something for our magazine. There is no riding today.

We had a very successful Dice Run on the Sunday of Labour Weekend. The weather was fantastic for three days.

We had 59 people turn up to Stag Park to register for the third annual Dice Run. We had great support from other branches – Rotorua, Tauranga, Hawkes Bay and also a couple of riders from Pukekohe who did the journey in one day.

Thanks to you all for a very enjoyable day without any mishaps, even though there was some gravel road involved due to road works. Evonne put on a sausage sizzle at our Whakamaru stop and that went down very well with the crowd. Best of all was that we raised \$1335 for four-year old Cobie who has cerebral palsy. Her parents are fundraising for a van with wheelchair access for Cobie.

A big thank you to our winners, Carol Bailey, 1st, Claire Rowe 2nd and Meagan Mckee-trail for the lowest score. They all donated their winnings back to the cause. Great stuff! I must also mention trucking legend Gunner Wright from Puriri near Thames and the Waitapu Tavern for their sizeable donations. Thanks to Jan, Karen, Nigel, Paul G, Evonne and Grumpy for making it happen. Our main organiser, Glenn Oliver, couldn't be there this time. We still have our rides every second Sunday, which are



well attended. Our Christmas party is nearly here. We are going on a boat on Lake Taupo for a barbecue and some hilarity. Looking forward to that.

We lost one of our members, Harvey Staines, on the way home from Mangakino last August. He suffered a medical event on his trike and passed away at the scene. He is sadly missed by us all.

Finally, some wise words from the only famous export from Iceland – Hafnarfjardarkaupstadur Gardabaer "slow and steady wins the race".

Cheers RICK #7552

Tauranga Branch

MARIUS SWANEPOEL #7475

We had some minor disruptions to our normal branch activities while the new committee was establishing itself, and although it's taken a while, I'm happy to say we have bounced back and are having regular attendance on our Thursday, Saturday and Sunday rides.

We have also had several members brave the Cold Kiwi rally, which was a great success, four riders do the NI800 ride out of Ohakune and four riders complete the Pro Rider Gold course.

Our pool social evening, where we combined with regular Tauranga RSA pool players, was well supported, with Sandra Kindell and Nigel Stichbury and their partners claiming the prizes.

The branch has donated \$1000 to each the Rescue Helicopter and St John ambulance services.

Bill Spencer and Keith Coburn received their 25-year service badges and Tony Ashton his 15-year badge.

With the year fast coming to an end, we have our Christmas dinner and Secret Santa on the 3rd of December at the Citizens Club. Also, just a reminder that our branch rally has been booked for the first weekend in May 2023.

MARIUS SWANEPOEL # 7475

Tauranga Coordinator

Wairarapa Whisperings



KEVIN MORGAN #6559

Hello from the now sunny Wairarapa. Like many clubs around the country, we have suffered from the wet and unpredictable winter. But hopefully that has passed us.

Due to the not nice weather, scheduled rides have not been very well attended. But a few of our members attended the South Island TT2000, the Rusty Nuts 1600 and some did the 800km one. I think some are also doing the Capital 1000.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we have had to change venues for our monthly meetings. We now meet at the Carterton RSA Memorial Club on Broadway in Carterton. Same night – third Monday at 7.30pm.

The branch is in the middle of marshalling the Trust House Cycle races. It is a fundraiser that the club

does every year. We also marshal the International Cycle Classic. I find it is a good excuse to get out on the bike.

We are still having our end-of-month dinners at various venues in the Wairarapa. They are very well attended as they are a great social get-together. And you don't have to ride for hours to get to and from them.

We have a few good rides lined up for the end of the year, which is coming up fast. Some members went over to Paloma Gardens at Fordell to have a look at the motorcycle museum there. They

didn't go around the gardens but the trip around the museum was good from what was said about it. I think that there will be another visit again next year, but will plan it better. They didn't realise that it was so interesting. And they had some delays getting there.

So, for now, I would like to wish everyone in the Ulysses club a very Merry Christmas and drive / ride safely over the next few months at least.

Regards,

KEVIN MORGAN #6559

Secretary,

Wairarapa Ulysses.



(Left to right) Bill Spencer, Keith Cockburn and Tony Ashton receiving their badges

Wellington Witterings

BRYAN #8671

On a brighter note, according to NIWA, Wellington has just had its warmest winter on record with parts of the city having an average of 10.5C, the highest since 1927.

Obviously, I wasn't around in 1927, so I'll have to take their word for it, but also, I don't know how NIWA is taking these readings but they certainly weren't on the back of a motorbike heading out on a Ulysses ride at 7am in the morning. Just saying.

Anyway, that said, we have managed to get a few very enjoyable rides going between the storms. The month started with a very enjoyable poker run that saw riders completing a loop from Upper Hutt to the south coast, through the city, up to Mana and then back (through a slight rain shower) for a BBQ in the Hutt Valley.

The following weekend saw a number of hardy riders head to Apiti tavern where, after quite a wait due to a slight booking error (not looking at anyone in particular and especially not the Sheriff who can do no wrong), everyone tried to eat their body weight in burgers, ribs and/or thick cut chips. A great place to stop if you happen to be passing through the Manawatu.

Thanks to some great organising by camp mother and friends, a bit of

variety was thrown in the mix with a fundraising movie night to see the recently released *Bullet Train*. A fast-moving plot, lots of gratuitous violence, and a healthy amount of witty humour made quite the talking point, but in the end it was a fun event with all funds going to the Wellington Free Ambulance.

The month ended with a beautiful ride up the coast to Paraparaumu Beach for brunch. Apparently, it was a fine and sunny day all over Wellington except in the suburb where the ride lead lived and he decided to stay in bed. Yes, appropriate ridicule, mocking and a fine has been ongoing.

Unfortunately, October started much the same as September with the first ride of the month cancelled due to bad weather. And it was bad weather across Wellington, not just at Ross' house. The next weekend, however, really made up for it and what a weekend it turned out to be. The NZ Distance Riders NI1600 and NI800 ride weekend leaving, for the first time, from Ohakune. While the days were fine, the morning frost was a little cold on the nether regions.

A number of Wellington riders joined the event and had a fantastic jaunt back to the Wairarapa and then back again to Ohakune via Whanganui.

In our last report, we started with the sentence, "Like the rest of you, we are getting heartily sick of the rain." Well, that has not changed much.

This distance riding thing is turning out to be a little bit addictive and I'm already looking forward to this weekend's 1000km ride and next year's TT2000, for which planning is well under way.

Finally, the month has ended with some more variety, thanks largely to our very own Richard Jamieson. The Rebel Revival Classic and Custom Motorbike Competition was held at Brewtown last weekend, with quite an assortment of machines. Beer, bikes, bands and a hot sunny day. A great day out and congratulations to all involved for a very successful event. Really looking forward to the next one. I understand that our very own Jim Furneaux managed to win himself a trophy for "Best in Class". Not exactly sure what class Jim was in, but very well done, Jim.

Well, that's it for now. Must get away and do another few hours of trip planning and see if there are more cunning plans for the TT2000. So many choices and so little time is turning out to be quite the problem.

Keep safe out there.

BRYAN #8671





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Otago Opus

MIKE WYATT #7808

Rides completed to date this summer season have been to Taiaroa Head, Balclutha, Moeraki and Te Anau. Upcoming rides over the next three months will be to Clyde, Edendale-Fortrose, Kurow, Lawrence, Christmas BBQ, Taieri Mouth, Mandeville and Geraldine overnight.

Recently, the huge annual Dunedin Autospectacular was held at the Edgar Centre, filled with many vehicles both old and new and about 48 motorbikes from four groups – Ulysses Otago, OMCC and Japanese, and Scooter. We had six bikes on show and attracted a lot of interest,

gaining one likely new member.

At our November Club night, we arranged for Viv Williams from Well South to present the benefits of preparing a personal Advanced Care Plan. Planning for your healthcare that you want in the future and for the end of your life is important – especially where a medical event may happen and you may not be able to speak for yourself. We highly recommend that other branches look into informing their members of the ACP. Contact me if you require more info about this.

MIKE WYATT #7808

Branch President Otago



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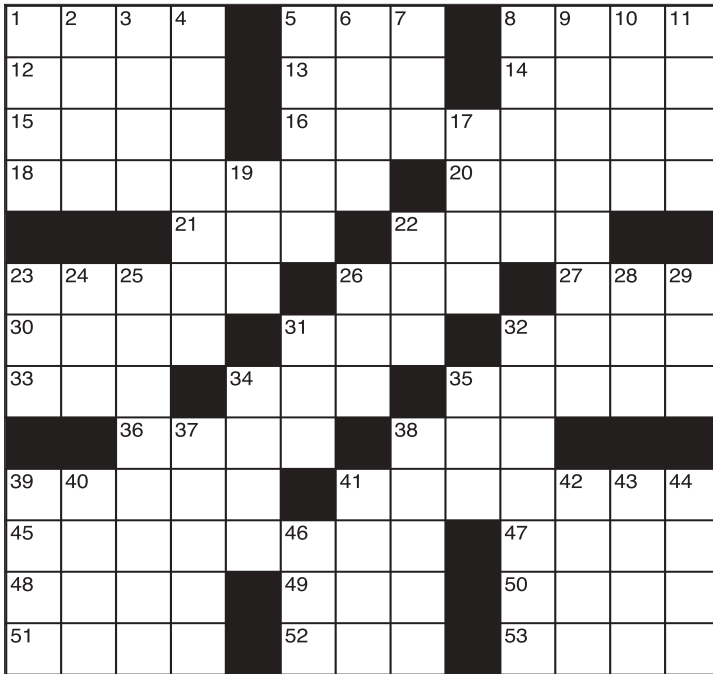

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- 8. Cowboy's gear
- 12. Fancy
- 13. Be indebted to
- 15. Chauffeured car
- 16. Current-events film
- 18. Competed in a bee
- 20. Feline sounds
- 21. Male parent
- 22. Bakery rolls
- 23. Scampered
- 26. Habit wearer
- 27. Cured pork
- 30. Stink
- 31. Yo-yo, e.g.
- 32. Medicinal portion
- 33. Knockout count
- 34. Excavate
- 35. Used a broom on
- 36. Conceited
- 38. Hawaiian gift
- 39. Watchers
- 41. Adolescent
- 45. Bandanna
- 47. Sleuth Nancy
- 48. Let up on
- 49. Bath rug
- 50. Boundary

- 51. Lean-to
- 52. Meddle
- 53. Nibbles

DOWN

- 1. Punching tools
- 2. Poker item
- 3. 12:00, e.g.
- 4. Fume
- 5. Colored
- 6. Filled with wonder
- 7. Dawn moisture
- 8. Second airing
- 9. Galosh
- 10. Sailor's landing

- 11. House wings
- 17. Whirled
- 19. Fellow
- 22. Purchase
- 23. Decompose
- 24. Citrus cooler
- 25. Chat
- 26. Christmas drink
- 28. Type of snake
- 29. Assembled
- 31. Cookie sheet
- 32. Diminish
- 34. Entree
- 35. Recognize
- 37. Bent
- 38. Southpaw
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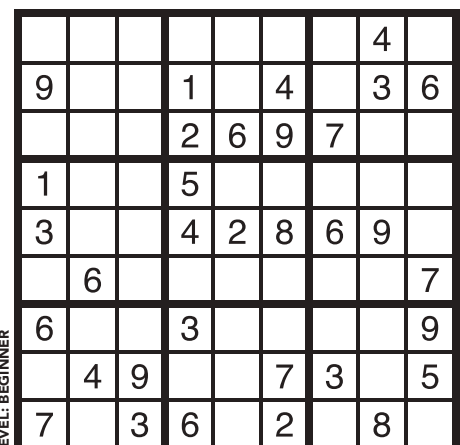
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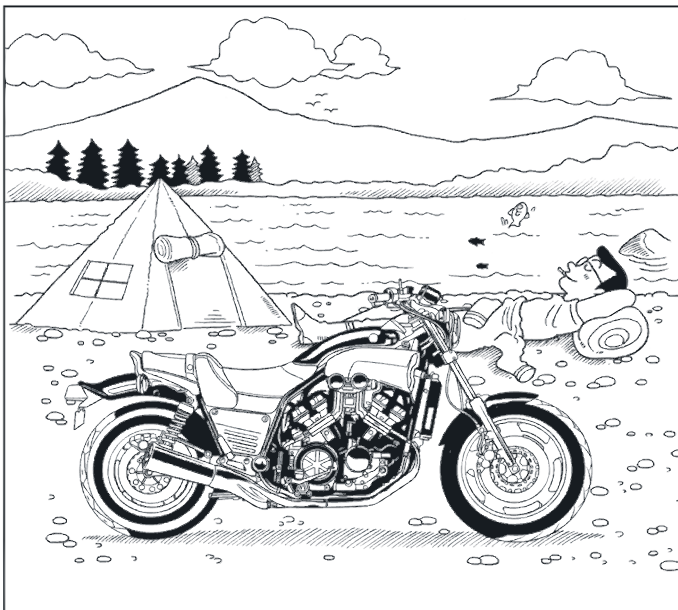
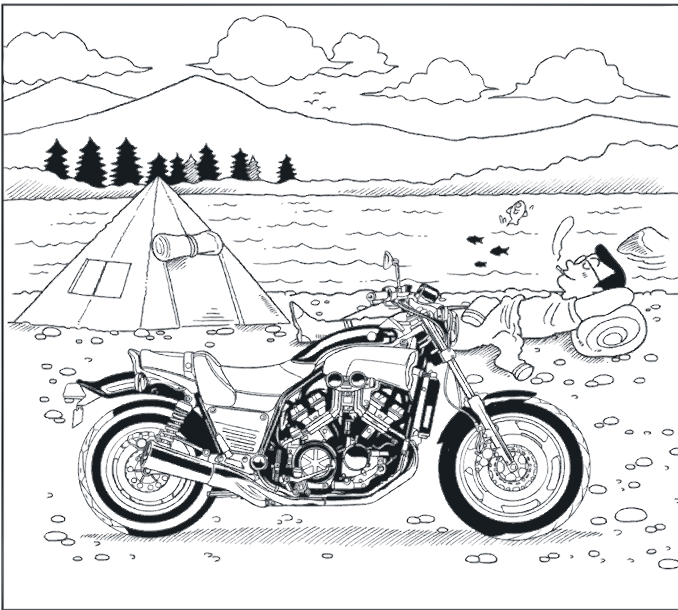
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Answers on page 56

— Just for a giggle —

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**My greatest fear
is that when I die...**

My wife will sell my bike parts
for what I told her they cost.



TONY ALLEN #08420

WE'RE ALL GENIUSES



My favourite all-time motorcycle quote is from a book called *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance*, by Robert M Pirsig (a book on philosophy of all things and well worth a read):

“Motorcycling is primarily a mental phenomenon ... the cycle you are working on is a cycle called yourself.”

Riding a motorbike is all about what goes on in your head, who would have thought.

In 2009, Dr Ryutu Kawashima, of the University of Tokyo, conducted experiments comparing riders who rode motorcycles regularly with ex-riders who once rode regularly but had not taken a ride for 10 years or more. Kawashima asked the participants to ride on courses in different conditions while he recorded their brain activities. The eight courses included a series of curves, poor road conditions, steep hills, hairpin turns and a variety of other challenges.

What did he find? After an analysis of the data, Kawashima found that the current riders and ex-riders used their brain in radically different ways. When the current riders rode motorcycles, specific segments of

their brains (the right hemisphere of the prefrontal lobe) were activated and riders demonstrated a higher level of concentration.

The right temporal lobe is the problem solver and decision-maker. It governs motor behaviour and impulse control. It is also used for making judgments, memory, social behaviour and sexual behaviour.

His next experiment was a test to see how making a habit of riding a motorcycle affects the brain.

Trial subjects were otherwise healthy people who had not ridden for 10 years or more. Over the course of a couple of months, those riders used a motorcycle for their daily commute and in other everyday situations while Dr Kawashima and his team studied how their brains and mental health changed.

The upshot was that the use of motorcycles in everyday life improved cognitive faculties, particularly those that relate to memory and spatial reasoning capacity.

Participants revealed on questionnaires they filled out at the end of the study that their stress levels had been reduced and their mental state changed for the better.

So why motorcycles? Shouldn't driving a car should have the same effect as riding a motorcycle?

“There were many studies done on driving cars in the past,” Kawashima said. “A car is a comfortable machine which does not activate our brains. It only happens when going across a railway crossing or when a person jumps in front of us. By using motorcycles more in our life,

we can have positive effects on our brains and minds”.

To state the bleeding obvious, this is particularly relevant to all of us. The obvious conclusion to make is that we should all ride as much as possible to help maintain our mental health, cognitive ability etc. etc.

Don't park up the bike, ride more!

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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.

Tony is a Club Mentor and recently “volunteered” Co-ordinator of the Wairarapa branch. He is also a full IAM member and one of the NZ Distance Rider nutters.



Thursday LUNCH RIDERS



THEO DUYVESTYN #10057

The Thursday lunch riders continue to get out and about. Depending on which way the wind is blowing on the day, we then decide which direction we ride off in. If the Hamilton branch has organised a trip to a venue within a reasonable distance, we join in, otherwise we make the call depending on the feeling on the day.

Whakatane is lucky to be in the centre of plenty of good options for riding. Some of the riders on the classics, like Barry or Dave, like a shorter toddle around the area on their water buses or older classics, while the boys on the bigger road bikes, like Sonny, Eric, Bruce, Ken, Rex, and racer Scotty, cruise off for the longer rides. Our veteran, Pete, will head off before everyone else and get there in his own time, quite often taking the shortest route to the venue and beating us all there.

Then there are the gravel adventure riders who find a bit of gravel somewhere to make their way home: Neil on his 1200gs, Kim on the Tiger or John on the 700GS. So, a bit of entertainment for everyone and a great way to spend a working day.

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rotorua@ulysses.org.nz
021 0266 0528

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Invercargill 9812
03 218 2900 / 027 227 2522
southland@ulysses.org.nz

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49-55 Gill Street,
New Plymouth. 6pm,
3rd Wednesday monthly

MARTIN PEYERL

P.O. Box 76, Taranaki
Mail Centre, NP
taranaki@ulysses.org.nz
027 203 5902

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RSA, 1st Wednesday each
month. 7pm. Rides 10am,
Mobil, Sundays

TONY RITCHIE

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027 475 0428

TAUPŌ

Taupō Cosmopolitan Club,
Taniwha Street, 7:30pm.
2nd Thursday each month.

PAUL REDSHAW

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Reporoa, Taupō 3081
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Upstairs at 7.30, 3rd Tues monthly.

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tauranga@ulysses.org.nz

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215 Tukere Drive,
Whangamata, 3620
2nd Sunday monthly
Check www.ulysseswvtv.org.nz

CHRIS BROWN

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waihi.tv@ulysses.org.nz
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WAIKATO

Waikato Commerce Club,
197 Collingwood St. 1st Tues
Monthly, 7.30pm (except Jan)

DARRYL ANDREWS

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Wairarapa Services
& Citizens Club,
Essex Street, Masterton
3rd Monday monthly, 7:30pm

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Petone Workingmen's Club, Udy
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WHAKATANE

Ohope Chartered Club,
Ohope, 7.30pm,
2nd Wednesday monthly

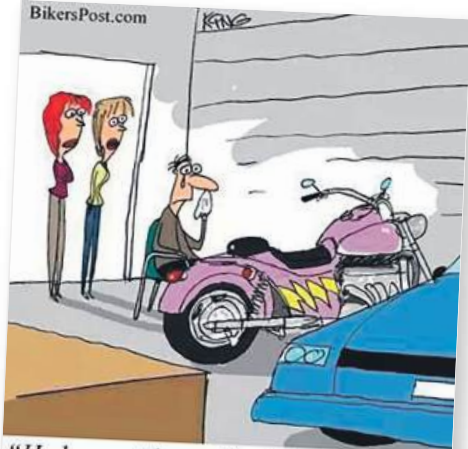
GREG EVANS

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whakatane@ulysses.org.nz
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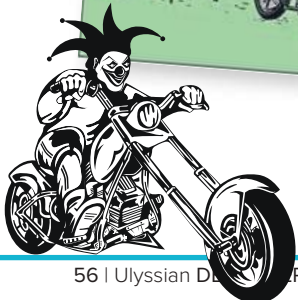


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or for website
changes contact :
greig.neilson@web21.nz**

JUST FOR
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"He has sat there all winter long crying and looking at his bike. Warm weather couldn't come soon enough."



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ANSWERS

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ANSWER TO PUZZLE NO. 151

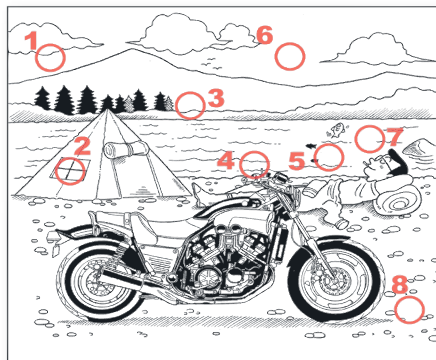
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ANSWER TO PUZZLE NO. 887

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SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



2022 CHRISTMAS TOY RUN

TO SUPPORT



Christchurch
City Mission

Te Whare Mīhana Ki Ōtautahi

SUN 27 NOV
CHECK-IN
9:30-11:00AM

DEPART FOODSTUFFS, 167 MAIN NORTH ROAD

- \$20 REGISTRATION FEE
- RUN BADGE
- SPOT PRIZES

REGISTER NOW
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A DIFFERENCE!



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IMPORTANT BITS

Date	Sunday, 27 November 2022 Rain date: Sunday 4 December 2022 (notice made a day prior)
Register	www.facebook.com/ChchToyRun
Meeting Point	Foodstuffs, 167 Main North Road
What to bring:	New, unwrapped toys for children of any age (0-16)
*Bonus request	Non-perishable food and hygiene items

 For more information and to register visit our Facebook page @ChchToyRun

Check-in	9:30am - 11:00am
Briefing	11:00am
Ride-off	11:15am
Arrive	12:15pm Woolston Club carpark.

The City Mission is the sole beneficiary of the Christchurch City Mission Toy Run. Neither we, the organisers, nor Mike Pero Real Estate as Toy Run sponsors receive any payment or benefit from the Toy Run - apart from the warm glow of a good job well done.

ULYSSES
CANTERBURY



1000 KM RIDE

Challenge yourself. Distance riding is addictive.

When: Anytime between **1.11.22 & 1.02.23**

Where: Plot any course or route you choose for 1000kms

How: On a bike. By yourself or in a group - your choice

Who: Any rider or pillion, willing to challenge themselves

Time: Complete within a continuous 48 or 24 hours

Validation: Email Thea of ride completion & date - we trust you!

Registration:

Email: thea.t-r@hotmail.com with name and address

Pay: \$30 online to **01-0811-0762471-01** reference 1000km

**Badges will be
posted after 1.03.23
thea.t-r@hotmail.com**



ULYSSES TAURANGA RALLY

Sea Esta Camp & Lodge

48 Seaforth Road, Waihi Beach

5, 6 & 7 May, 2023

Limited to
75 people.

Venue: Sea Esta Camp & Lodge, 48 Seaforth Road, Waihi Beach

Date: May 5, 6 & 7, 2023

Cost: \$75 per head, Bunk room accommodation and mattress (BYO Bedding)

Friday Night Meal, Saturday breakfast and evening meal & Sunday breakfast all included

ON SITE Check in from 2pm

Name _____ Ulysses Membership # _____

Pillion _____ Ulysses Membership # _____

Email _____ Ph _____

ENCLOSED ENTRY FEE \$ _____ CLOSING DATE: APRIL 16, 2023

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

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

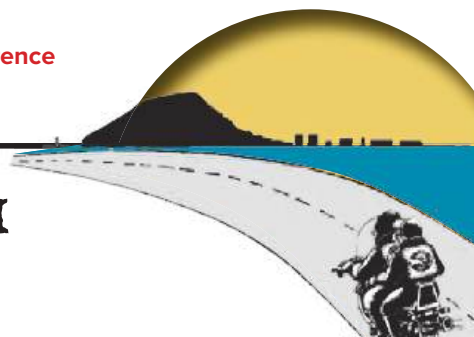
Direct credit to 01-0434-0208650-00

and please put "your name" as particulars
and Ulysses membership No. as "code" and "Rally 2023" as reference

Queries to 075433042 or 0275862121.

ULYSSES TAURANGA BRANCH

Live the experience





ULYSSES CLUB CANTERBURY 2022/23 RESCUE HELICOPTER HUNT

Welcome to the Rescue Helicopter Hunt run by the Canterbury branch of the Ulysses Club.

This is a fun event for anybody to take part in. It has been designed for all levels of riders and all types of bikes, including trikes and cars if you wish.

IT IS ALL ABOUT RAISING FUNDS FOR THE CANTERBURY WEST COAST AIR RESCUE TRUST.

The course can be done as it suits you, either direction, starting and finishing where and when you choose. It can be completed in one day or a series of days, however you choose. Have a great ride and have some fun.

In order to verify that you have completed the ride please submit at least 3 photographs of you at a question point and for bonus provide a photo of the local Rescue Helicopter Base. Photos can be submitted via e mail with your question sheet or can be posted to Facebook page as long as they show you or your bike at the question point.

If you do not wish to return the answer sheet you will not receive the ride badge and the money will be taken as a donation to The Helicopter trust

When: From 1st November 2022 Until: 1st March 2023
For information, please contact Bruce Vincent at
bruce.vincent@hotmail.co.nz or 0212677095

Having received your entry form a list of questions will be emailed to you during the week prior to the kick off date.

After having successfully completed the route, finding the answers and returning your completed form along with your photo proof, to the organiser you will receive a well-earned ride badge. The money received will then be given as a donation to the Helicopter Trust.

How, with whom and on what (or in) you choose to do the 'Hunt' is entirely up to you.

However, you have until the 1st March 2023 to find the answers by which time those answers must have been sent to the organisers.

2022 / 23 HELICOPTER HUNT ENTRY FORM

Only one entry per form please, but hey, please feel free to photocopy and spread the love.

All Proceeds to The Canterbury West Coast Air Rescue Trust

Surname: _____

First Name: _____

Postal Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Email: _____

Bike/Vehicle: _____

Signed: _____

Registration: _____

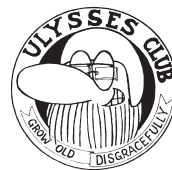
\$30 ENTRY FEE (RIDER / DRIVER) – PREPAID ENTRIES ONLY

Please email all entries to: bruce.vincent@hotmail.co.nz

INTERNET BANKING ONLY. Internet Banking details:

Westpac 03 1594 0041946-00

Please put your name and Heli in the particulars and references



INDEMNITY: This is not a race. The organisers accept no responsibility for accident, injury, damage or loss whatsoever to participants or resulting from actions of the participants travelling to, from or during the event. Participants are expected to abide by the laws governing our roads, to ride or drive to the conditions and within their abilities.

ULYSSES NATIONAL RALLY



22 IN 23 THE FORGOTTEN RALLY CANTERBURY

Papanui Club 302 Sawyers Arms Rd Christchurch

2023 ITINERARY

Friday 17th March

9.00am - 12.00 noon

Natcom Meeting

1.00 - 4.00pm

Co Ordinator Meeting

12.00am

Registration Desk Opens in Main Foyer

1.00pm

Bar Opens in Main Lounge /

Meals available at own cost

5.30 - 7.00pm

Embers Restaurant opens for Meals / Bar Opens

Note: Please wear your **RED WRISTBAND**

7.00 - 11.00pm

Welcome, Housekeeping, Mix and Mingle

11.30pm

Venue closes

Saturday 18th March

8.00am

Registration Desk for the AGM opens

10.00 - 11.30am

AGM

12.00 noon - 4.00pm

Poker Run

1.00pm

Bar Opens in main Lounge/

Meals available at own cost

4.00pm

Venue opens for the Evening

Theme: Canterbury Pioneers 1920-1930

5.30 - 7.30pm

Main Restaurant Open for Meals

Note: Please wear your **BLUE WRISTBAND**

7.30pm

Bike Raffle Drawn , plus other prizes

8.00pm

Band Starts

11.00pm

Bar Closes

11.30pm

Venue Closes

Sunday 19th March

8.30 - 10.00am

Breakfast in Main Restaurant

Note: Please wear your **YELLOW WRISTBAND**

NOTES FOR THE WEEKEND

AFFILIATION AGREEMENT

between the Papanui Club and Ulysses Club. Members to show their Ulysses Membership Card to obtain any drinks from the Bar

SHUTTLES

Papanui Club run two Shuttles that collect within a 5K radius of the Club.

This is a donation of \$2.00 per person each way and booked as follows:

For Pick Ups North of Sawyers Arms Rd 0800472726

For Pick Ups South of Sawyers Arms Rd 0800372726

This service is normally heavily booked so consider the alternative Taxis or Uber.

For any further confirmation or enquiry contact

Steve Parr 021616508 • steve.barbparr@outlook.com or Mike Dew 0272830235 • mikedew1500@gmail.com

ULYSSES CLUB 2023 NATIONAL RALLY

Friday 17th to Sunday 19th March



22 in 23 The Forgotten Rally Canterbury. Hosted by the Canterbury Branch

Registrations Close Friday, 24th February

Note if registered for 2022 Rally no need to register again

Registrations will be acknowledged via Email. For any queries, please email: ulysses.canterbury@gmail.com

More info at: www.ulysses.org.nz or post to Steve Parr 11 Eleanor Lane ChCh 8051

Venue: Papanui Club, 302 Sawyers Arms Road, Papanui, Christchurch Theme: Canterbury Pioneers, 1920-1930

Name _____	Address _____
Ulysses Membership # _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Tick if Coordinator <input type="checkbox"/> and/or Natcom member	_____
Email _____ Ph _____	_____
Partner Name _____	Branch _____
Ulysses Membership # _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Tick if Coordinator <input type="checkbox"/> and/or Natcom member	

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	
Meals and drinks available for members and partners			
Friday evening - Asado sandwich station / from the fire pit from 5.30pm. Bar opens 1pm		\$20	
Saturday evening - full buffet meal from 5.30pm. Bar opens 1pm. Live band and dancing to follow.		\$30	
Sunday morning breakfast - full buffet breakfast from 8.30 to 10am at the Papanui Club, 302 Sawyers Arms Rd, Papanui		\$20	
Rally T-Shirt Active Wear (Circle your choice of size) <i>CUT OFF DATE FOR ORDERING IS JANUARY 20TH, 2023</i>			
MEN: S M L XL 2XL 3XL 4XL		\$30	
WOMEN: 8 10 12 14 16 18 20		\$30	

CAMPSITE for self-contained motor homes / caravans only at the Papanui Club.
Friday and Saturday only. Must be off site Sunday 19th.

Per night		\$10	
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TOTAL (add total \$ here)	
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DEFERRED PAYMENT OPTION: Register now, defer payment until January 20th, 2023.
Please tick here if this is your preferred option >>>>

Please list any **DIETARY REQUIREMENTS** for all meals:

Payment by bank deposit or online banking to Westpac account number:
03-1594-0041946-017 Please include your surname and Ulysses number in the details
Scan and email registration form to: ulysses.canterbury@gmail.com

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.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MARCH 2023

**VENUE: PAPANUI CLUB,
HAREWOOD, CHRISTCHURCH
SATURDAY, 18 MARCH 2023 AT 10:00AM**

**AGENDA, REMIT AGM, POSTAL VOTING FOR REMITS,
FORTHCOMING BRANCH AGM NOTICES,
GENERIC BRANCH NOMINATION FORM**

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THE ULYSSES CLUB OF NZ INC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MEETING AGENDA

1. Welcome and Greetings
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of 2022 AGM held by member ballot on 21 April 2022
4. Matters Arising from the 2022 AGM
5. President's Report
6. Matters arising from report
7. Treasurer's Report
8. Matters arising from report
9. Coordinators' meeting report
10. Remits/Resolutions - Discussion and Voting
11. General Business
12. Odyssey Medal Presentation (if any forthcoming)
13. Life Member Presentation (if any forthcoming)
14. 2023 National AGM - Presentation
15. Election of Officers

Nominations for National Committee received by Friday Nov 4th deadline with their proposer and seconder are listed below - No nominations were received for the position of National Treasurer.
All other candidates are unopposed, so no vote will be required for those.

Nominee	#	Nominator	#	Seconder	#	Incumbent?
President						
Andy Wilson	7169	Tim (Tiny) Stewart	8959	Pete Graham	8196	N (Was VP)
Vice President						
Craig Moodie	8602	Tim (Tiny) Stewart	8959	Pete Graham	8196	N
Treasurer						
Secretary						
Suzie Pentelow	8532	Gemma Peyerl	9484	Bill Kidney	7217	Y
Committee						
1. Karen Wilson	7787	Pete Graham	8196	Greg Evans	5572	Y
2. Phillipa Were	8849	Nick Grbin	1688	Anne Grbin	4150	Y
3. Maree Vincent	9383	Bruce Vincent	9382	Chris Carey	3497	N

GENERAL BUSINESS

Harewood, Christchurch AGM

Please note that only those items of General Business or Member Questions which are notified in writing (including by email) to the National Secretary by Tuesday 18th January 2023 will be accepted for discussion in General Business at the AGM.

Current Membership

Please note that if your membership is not current at the time of the National AGM, then any vote cast will be invalid and although you may attend the AGM, you will be unable to vote.

REMIT AGM 2023

Remits/Resolutions

The National Secretary, Ulysses Club of NZ Inc

The following is a request seeking to amend the Club Rules to allow for Associate membership of the club.

This remit is intended to be presented at the National Annual General Meeting to be held on 18th March 2023, as permitted by Rule 5.1 of the Club Rules.

We further request publication of the remit in the December Ulyssian as required by the Club Rules.

Proposed: Craig Moodie #8602
– Auckland Branch President &
National Committee Member

Tim (Tiny) Stewart # 8959
– National President

Background

Lowering the age of membership has gone through two proposed remit changes in recent years and both attempts have not been successful in getting past the 75% threshold at an AGM.

This has caused some division, disappointment and resentment amongst our membership on both sides of this issue.

On one hand we have those who wish to preserve and protect the culture and heritage of our club, which comes from an over 40's eligibility for membership.

On the other hand, we have those who see that our membership is continuing to age and we are seeing a drop off in membership. Although lowering the age will not address all the issues with membership, it is however seen as a way of getting younger members participating and growing into the club as our future leadership.

Both sides have valid points which needs to be encompassed in any proposed changes.

What we need is a solution that satisfies issues on both sides so that we can unite together to strengthen our club for a secure future.

Allowing younger people to participate in our club and providing a path to membership will help balance the aging issues we are currently having.

We need vibrant club that carries us into the future. If we can do this and still preserve what makes Ulysses special, we will be on to a winner.

Associate Membership Remit

The proposal is to offer an Associate membership that gives the right to membership of the club. This membership would have the following conditions:

- Associate members cannot hold executive positions in the club. i.e. Branch and National President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- Associate members can hold a committee position at branch level and contribute to the running of the club.
- Associate members cannot vote at National AGM's and may only vote on business matter, but not for the election of officers at Branch AGM's
- Associate members have all other membership rights and responsibilities that are applicable to regular members.

This would enable participation of younger people without the risk of compromising the culture and heritage of the club. It also offers the opportunity for associate members to contribute to the running of the club at branch level in a time where finding volunteers to help out is difficult. It will be making our events more successful.

We see this proposal as a win-win situation.

Background and Comments

Associate membership was discussed at length at the branch coordinators meeting held in October 2022.

- It was agreed that Associate members would pay the same fees as full members
- It is important that associate member applications are scrutinised and vetted fully according to current guidelines. The proposed applicant would have to have participated in branch events and be endorsed by members from the club to ensure that they fit into our current culture.
- The word "associate" is a term widely used across a wide variety of clubs and encompasses the intent of a member which does not meet the criteria for full membership.
- Associate membership is mainly aimed at people in their 30's but it was mentioned that there were several cases of people in their late 20's that are

- already joining in on Ulysses events and they fit perfectly and would ideal members. To set a minimum age would mean that someone that may be perfect for our club would miss out. The acceptance of associate members is to be done at the discretion of the individual branch.

As such approval for the following amendments is sought.

Clause 1.2(b) is amended; the words “elected from the members of the Club” is replaced with “elected by the members of the Club”

Clause 1.2(h) is deleted and replaced with; “Member” of the Club means a person who meets the requirements of rule 2.1 and has paid all subscriptions due and has not ceased to be a member for any of the reasons cited under Rule 2.3. Member does not mean an Associate Member.

Clause 1.2(i) is added; “Associate Member” of the Club means a person who meets the requirements of rule 2.2 and has paid all subscriptions due and has not ceased to be a member for any of the reasons cited under Rule 2.3,

Clause 1.2(i) becomes Clause 1.2(j);

Clause 1.2(j) becomes Clause 1.2(k);

Clause 1.2(k) becomes Clause 1.2(l);

Clause 1.2(l) becomes Clause 1.2(m);

Clause 1.2(m) becomes Clause 1.2(n);

Clause 1.2(n) becomes Clause 1.2(o);

Clause 2.2 is added;

A person is eligible to be an associate member if the person:

- Is aged less than 40 years old
- Has an interest in motorcycles and been nominated by a Branch Member and approved by the Branch Coordinator;
- having satisfied above, has applied for associate membership to the National Administrator in such manner as may be prescribed from time to time; and
- has been approved for associate membership by the National Committee.
- where the National Committee determines to approve an application for associate membership to the Club, the National Administrator shall cause the person’s name to be entered on the Club Register of Members
- where the National Committee determines to reject an application for associate membership to the Club, the National Secretary shall as soon as

practicable notify the applicant of that rejection.

Clause 2.2 becomes Clause 2.3 and the heading is amended to read: A person ceases to be a member or associate member of the Club if the person:

Clause 2.3 becomes Clause 2.4

Clause 2.4 becomes Clause 2.5 and is replaced by the following:

Register of Members and Associate Members:

(a) The National Committee shall establish a Register of which will be maintained by the National Administrator. The Register shall specify as a minimum requirement, at least the name and address of each person who is a member, the person’s membership number, and the date on which the person became a member.

(b) The Register shall record the Club Life members and Odyssey medal holders.

(c) The Register shall be available at the Registered Office of the Club and shall, subject to the provisions of the Privacy Act 2020, be open for inspection, free of charge, to any member at a reasonable place and hour.

Clause 2.5 becomes Clause 2.6 and is amended: The word member is replaced with member and associate member the word Members replaced with Members and associate members

Clause 2.6 becomes Clause 2.7

Clause 2.7 becomes Clause 2.8 and is amended: The word member is replaced with member or associate member

Clause 3.2(c) is deleted and replaced with;

Each Branch Committee shall consist of:

- the Coordinator,
- the Vice Coordinator (if required by the Branch),
- the Branch Secretary,
- the Branch Treasurer or if the branch prefers, the Secretary / Treasurer, and
- at least one non office bearer.

The office bearer positions (c) (i) to (iv) must be held by members of the club

Clause 3.2 (d) is amended: The word member is replaced with member or associate member

Clause 3.7.5 (a) (ii) is amended: the word membership is replaced with members.

POSTAL VOTING FOR REMITS - 2023 AGM

- To ensure your votes are counted please:
- Use the forms provided on this page
- Don't write other information on the forms
- Put the forms in a sealed envelope
- Write your Ulysses Membership Number and the words 'Secret Ballot' on the outside of the envelope (your number is used to only determine your eligibility to vote, not how you vote.)
- If combining votes in one envelope/bag then all membership numbers need to be recorded.
- All postal votes received must be postmarked no later than the 4th March 2023



REMIT VOTING FORM

REMIT/RESOLUTIONS 1

Mark your vote by placing a tick, cross or circle in the "FOR" or "AGAINST" box in the line of the remit

REMIT/RESOLUTION 1

FOR

AGAINST

The request seeking to amend the Club Rules to allow Associate Membership.

TEAR OR PRINT OUT AND USE THIS FORM FOR POSTAL VOTING. TO ENSURE YOUR VOTE IS COUNTED, PLEASE REFER TO THE DETAILED POSTAL VOTING INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS PAGE/OVER THE PAGE



FORTHCOMING BRANCH AGM NOTICES 2023

Branch	AGM date	Venue	Time	Positions	Noms close	Address for nominations
Auckland	Mon 6th March 2023	Manukau Cruising Club, Orpheus Dr, Onehunga 1061	7 pm	P, VP, T, S, 7 Com	7 Feb	Branch Secretary, 6 Jackies Place, Pukekohe 2120
Buller	Sat 15th Apr 2023	Star Tavern, Cape Foulwind, Westport	12 pm	C, T, S, Com	15 Mar	Branch Secretary, 71 Snodgrass Road, RD 2, Westport 7892
Canterbury	Wed 8th March	Papanui RSA, 55 Bellvue Ave, Papanui, Christchurch	7:30 pm	C, S, T, 5 Com	8 Feb	Branch Secretary, 588 Pound Road, Yaldhurst, Christchurch 7676
Far North	Sun 28th May, 2023	Whakapara Hall, Whakapara	12 noon	C, VC, S, T, 4 Com	28 April	Branch Secretary, 39/71 Manganese Point Road, RD 4, Whangarei 0174
Gisborne	Tues 2nd May 2023	Bushmere Arms, Gisbourne	7:30 pm	P, VP, S/T, 3 Com	2 April	Branch Secretary, 14 Mullolly Road, RD 1, Gisborne 4071
Hawkes Bay	Wed 3rd May 2023	VC Room, Clubs Hastings, Victoria St, Hastings	7:30 pm	P, T, S, 4 Com	3 April	Branch Secretary, 48A King St, Taradale, Napier 4112
Kapiti Coast	Tues 9th May 2023	Manukau Bowling and Sports Club, 10 Mokena Kohere St, Levin	7:30 pm	C, VC, S, T, 3 Com	9 April	Branch Secretary, 3 Te Nehu Dr, Paraparaumu 5032
Manawatu	Wed 3rd May 2023	Bunnythorpe Tavern, Bunnythorpe	7:30 pm	C, S, T, Up to 8 Com	3 Apr	Branch Secretary, 361 Ruahine Street, Palmerston North 4410
Marlborough	Thur 16th Feb 2023	Redwoodtown Community Hall, Cnr Weld & Cleghorn St, Blenheim	7pm	C, VC, S, T, up to 8 Com	16 Jan	Branch Secretary, 94 Howick Rd, Blenheim 7201
Nelson	Tues 1st March 2023	Salvation Army Rooms (upstairs), 57 Rutherford St, Nelson	7 pm	C, S, T, 4 Com	1 Feb	Branch Secretary, 76 Berryfield Drive, Richmond, Nelson 7020
North Harbour	6th Apr 2023	Hobsonville RSA, 114 Hobsonville Rd, Hobsonville, Auckland 0618	7:30 pm	P, VP, S/T, 3 Com	6 Mar	Branch Secretary, 1/22 Woodall Place, Totara Vale, Auckland 0627
North Otago	Wed 19th April 2023	13 Stour Street, Oamaru	7 pm	P, VP, S/T, 3 Com	19 Feb	Branch Secretary, 13 Stour Street, Oamaru 9400

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

Branch	AGM date	Venue	Time	Positions	Noms close	Address for nominations
Otago	Tue 2nd May 2023	Otago Motorcycle Club, 3 Clarke St, Dunedin	7:00 pm	P, VP, S, T, 4 Com	2 Apr	17 McGeorge Ave, Dunedin
Rotorua	Sun 30th April 2023	St John Office, Pereriki St, Rotorua	7:00 pm	C, S, T, 4 Com	30 March	Branch Secretary, PO Box 1791, Rotorua
Southland	Sat 6th May 2023	Paikea Room South Alive rooms, Ness Street, Invercargill	11am	C, S/T, 3 Com	6 Apr	Branch Secretary, 12 Martin Street, Strathern, Invercargill 9812
Taranaki	Wed 22nd Feb 2023	The New Plymouth Club, 55 Gill St, New Plymouth	6:30 pm	P, VP, S, T, 4 Com	22 Jan	Branch Secretary, PO Box 303, Fitzroy, New Plymouth
Taumarunui	Wed 3rd May 2023	RSA Club, 10 Marae Street, Taumarunui	7:00 pm	C, S, T, 3 Com	3 April	Branch Secretary, PO Box 244, Taumarunui 3946
Taupo	Thur 8th June 2023	Taupo Cosmopolitan Club, Taniwha St, Taupo	7:00 pm	C, S, T, 3 Com	8 May	Branch Secretary, 40 Tui Street, Taupo 3330
Tauranga	Tue 18th Apr 2023	Tauranga Citizens Club, 170 Thirteenth Ave, Tauranga South	7:30 pm	C, VC, S, T, Com	18 March	Branch Secretary, 31 Ponga Place, Golden Sands, Papamoa 3118
Waihi-TV	Sun 14th May 2023	Paeroa RSA, 67 Belmont Rd, Paeroa	2:00 pm	C, S, T, 4 Com	14 April	Branch Secretary, PO Box 231 Pauanui Beach 3546
Waikato	Tues 2nd May 2023	Waikato Commerce Club, 197 Collingwood St, Hamilton	7:30 pm	C, T, 5 Com	2 April	Darryl Andrews Nolan & Lu Level 4, 586 Victoria Street, Hamilton
Wairarapa	Mon 15th May 2023	Club Wairarapa, 20 Essex St. Masterton	7:30 pm	C, S, T, Com	15 April	Branch Secretary, 10/239 Lake Ferry Road, RD 1, Martinborough 5781
Wellington	Tues 9th May 2023	Petone Workingmen's Club, Udy St, Petone	7:30 pm	C, S, T, 4 Com	9 April	Branch Secretary, 81 Houghton Bay Road, Houghton Bay, Wellington
Westland	Sun 14th May 2023	Nelson Creek Hotel	12 pm	C, S, T, 4 Com	14 April	Branch Secretary, 16 Stafford Road, RD 2, Awatuna, Hokitika 7882
Whakatane	Wed 12th April 2023	Ohope Chartered Club, Bluett Rd, Ohope	7:30 pm	C, S, T, Com	12 March	Branch Secretary, 6 Walter Park, Whakatane 3120

1. Contact secretary@ulysses.org.nz with changes, which will be printed in the March Ulyssian.
2. You may use the following Generic Branch Nomination form.



GENERIC BRANCH AGM NOMINATION FORM 2023

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

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