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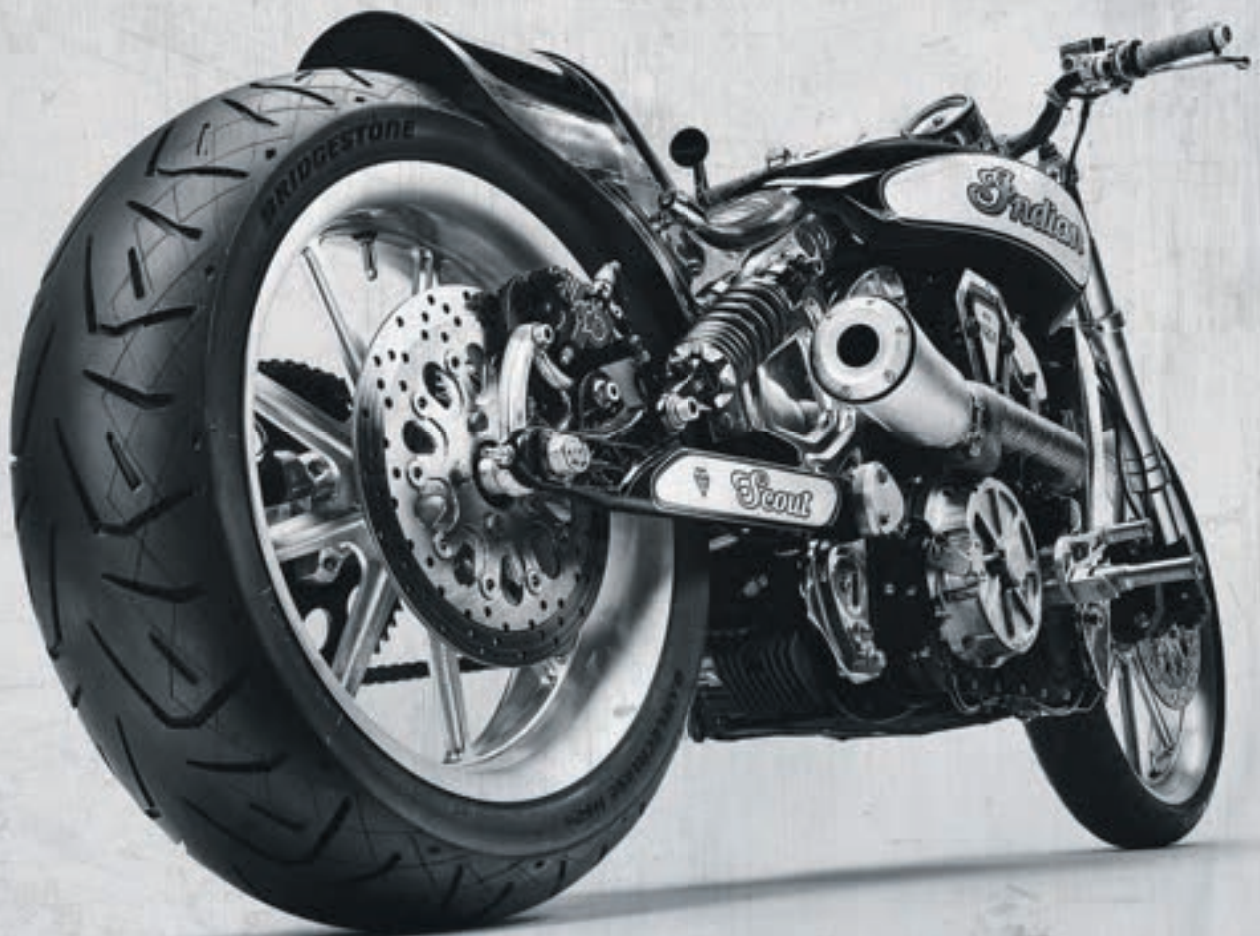
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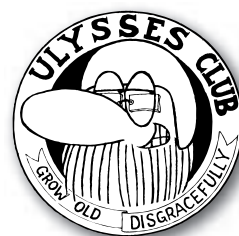
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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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



**Hi Team. Welcome to your autumn edition of the *Ulyssian* magazine. This will be my last report for the *Ulyssian* and for me, this is a form of sign off on my term as national president.**

I'm pleased that there are people willing to step up or stay on in their roles on NatCom for the next year. I suppose I could get all sentimental about stepping down, but I believe change and new ideas are good for the club. I feel if I stayed too long and got stale in my thinking it would be detrimental to the club. As a team, we have moved forward in my time at the handlebars and a new fresh set of eyes will only help this to continue and take the club into the future.

So, what of my time as president? The tales are many and could probably fill the whole magazine, but a few stories come to mind. Just as I was coming off the stage at our 2019 AGM in Hastings, many people shook my hand and congratulated me on becoming National

President. One gentleman, whose name I don't recall, shook my hand heartily and said something to the effect of, "I suppose you are here to manage our demise". My initial thought was, "Oh s\*\*\*t, what have I got myself into!" The gentleman concerned may have genuinely thought this was the way the club was going; alternatively, he may also have been thinking how can I motivate this guy to do his job properly, and I still have no idea who he was and what his motivation was. But to this day, I am still grateful to him. Later that night, as I found a quiet moment to myself with a reflective glass of whisky, I said to myself, "managed demise... not on my watch, Sir." if you didn't know it at the time, you provided me with enough motivation in one sentence to take me through to 2023; thank you.

I have worked with some characters over the time, all who have become good friends and deserve a mention. This is by no means a comprehensive

list, there are many others who have assisted me along the way; thank you to you all.

Jim Furneaux's booming voice correcting my mistakes, and always being correct in his detail and organisation skills.

Stuart Burns being a voice of reason and always sitting next to me in any formal meeting to correct my errors and clarify details. On occasion, quite rightfully, reading me the riot act and letting me know exactly where I stood when I overstepped. Mike Dew and his quiet diplomacy, guidance, and knowing the right time to say the right thing and the right time to stay quiet, so I could figure it out on my own.

Wayne Painter for being Wayne Painter, one of the most loyal friends and dedicated members I've ever known. For me, Wayne is like the older brother (much, much older) I never had. My life has been enriched by knowing him.

Karen Wilson for her friendship and guidance

with difficult decisions.

Suzie Pentelow for her optimism and the breath of fresh air she brought to the club.

Pete Graham for his efficiency, and a dry humour that always dawned on me later in the day.

Jane Laing for keeping things real.

Andy Wilson for allowing me to have someone to vent to and being someone who says, "F\*\*\* it all" as much as I do.

Pip Were for keeping perspective on every situation and not standing for any bullshit.

Craig Moodie for his care and concern for the club and its members, whilst maintaining the status of a true gentleman.

Janice Weston, who for the past three years has proofread and corrected my terrible spelling and poor grammar on every president's report; you have made me look way more intelligent than I am. Thank you.

John Kennerly for his service to the club, his

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TIM (TINY) STEWART #8959  
NATIONAL PRESIDENT

grit and determination and for being a friend and confidante.

Matthew Farrell, whose friendship, guidance, skill, humour and intellect has been an inspiration to me, and has helped the club grow in ways it would not have done had it not been for him. The club will benefit from his contribution for many years to come.

Alan Pratt, Ulysses Club Australia National President, and Savaugn, his First lady; it has been a pleasure for Sally and I to get to know you and form our friendship.

One of the characters I deal with daily who deserves a few paragraphs all of her own is the Memsahib, Sally. From meeting Mike Dew for the first time, she very quickly formed a soft spot in her heart for him. Let's face it, he's a charming fellow! I think this may have been by design on his part to coax me into the vice president, then on to the president role. I had said "no" so many times that he gave up on me and started a charm offensive with Sally. She then suggested that I might be the right person for the job and that Mike could well be right. How could he not

be, charming as he is?

Some of you may remember the 2020 AGM in Marlborough. I'm at the front of the hall giving my president's report, Sally is down the back of the hall with her back to me, absentmindedly scrolling through Facebook, waiting for me to finish (as she calls it) all my waffle and bullshit, endlessly unimpressed by my position. At some point in my speech I mentioned that I may see the position through for another three to four years and less than a split second later from the back of the hall came a, "YOU WHAT?!"... "YOU NEVER TOLD ME THAT!" Needless to say the room erupted in laughter, and later on when she started talking to me again we went on to have a great evening. She was sober that night and spent the last hour of her evening acting as a taxi service delivering members back to their accommodation all around Blenheim.

In all seriousness, Sally has supported me through this role in tough times and good. With her career experience, she helped to guide me through the Covid ordeal, where it seemed that nearly every branch in New Zealand

had some sort of conflict. She's listened to me losing my shit with frustration and been beside me and supported me when things have gone wrong. More importantly, she has kept me grounded. She has given up every summer holiday for the past six years to accommodate club AGMs, missed out on countless weekends to allow me to work with NatCom, and spent too many evenings alone in the lounge watching TV while I'm in the office working for the club. The way I see it, that's a pretty big commitment from someone who has zero interest in anything motorcycle related. Thank you for your help and support, I am forever grateful.

For me now, I'm going to increase the amount of miles I put on the VStrom with the Hawke's Bay branch. We are planning to build ourselves a house in the country. This project will take a couple of years to fully finish and this is where my focus will be for the next little while.

Who knows, after that you may see me back again in another role.

My thanks go to all of your branch coordinators and committees around

NZ whose dedication and service to the club I admire greatly. It has been a pleasure to work with you.

And to all our members, thanks for your support. The majority of you shared my vision for what the club could be with some advancement. For those who didn't share that vision, I always listened, considered, and respected your concerns. Thank you to most of you for being civil and polite in voicing your opposition.

If you agreed with my views or not, I hope you judge my term in office by the fact that I did my best to advance the club rather than "manage our decline".

All credit goes to the national committee, all criticism I will take.

Lastly, I would like to wish your new national committee all the best for the upcoming year. I hope you keep the wind to your back, the sun on the road in front of you and navigate the bends smoothly.

**'TINY' TIM STEWART**  
#8959

National president  
Ulysses Club NZ Inc



## RIDE BIKES, HAVE FUN

*and look out for each other — Tiny*

# SECRETARY'S MARCH 2023 REPORT

SUZIE PENTELOW #8532

**Andrew's got a new bike! The Suzuki Boulevard M109 will no longer deafen all those riding behind him (mainly me, so now I can hear my bike again!). He chose a Yamaha FJR1300, for those who may be interested and, luckily for me, it can still take all our gear, haha.**

Apologies for not including the address to send the postal remit votes to in the last Ulyssian. It was an oversight on my behalf and I need to say thanks to Tiny, Andy and Debby, who worked quickly to correct my mistake! Debby tells me there have been plenty of postal votes sent to her, so I think the message got through and those who wanted to, have had their say. The rest of us, who are going to the AGM, will cast our votes there.

A few years of Ulyssians ago, I highlighted the difference in roles between the national administrator (Debby) and the national secretary (myself). Debby and I are often forwarding members' emails to each other, when members get our roles confused. I thought it timely to put it out there again:

The Administrator (Debby) deals with:

- ★ Membership applications and renewals (subscriptions)
- ★ Changes of address (physical and email)
- ★ Membership queries and maintenance of the Ulysses membership database
- ★ Gear sales
- ★ Survey Monkey newsletters to all members

As national secretary, I'm so happy the club has a national administrator. There's no way that all that Debby does could be done by a volunteer.

The role is too big!

The secretary (me) deals with:

- ★ Agendas and minutes for national committee meetings held six times a year.
- ★ The agendas and minutes for the co-ordinators' meetings held every second year.
- ★ Agenda and minutes for National Annual General Meeting held in March in each year.
- ★ Notices for the Ulyssian, primarily, our Annual General Meeting notices, remits and the generic branch AGM notices. I also keep the co-ordinators' contact details page up to date.
- ★ General correspondence.
- ★ Information conduit – various questions come through that I pass on to the correct person.
- ★ Legal compliance – if there is a change of rules, I register that change with the Registrar of Incorporated Societies, and upload our financial report each year.

## **2023 AGM HAREWOOD, CHRISTCHURCH**

Keen to be involved in the direction of your club? Want to meet NatCom and fellow members from all over NZ? Then make sure you have sent in your registration and booked accommodation for the National Rally and AGM in Christchurch. It's a great way to build those bonds with your own branch members, as well as meet many more. If you haven't already read the remit, it's included in this issue again.

## **NATIONAL COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS (NATCOM)**

Going into this AGM, we have all

positions filled unopposed, EXCEPT for the position of national treasurer. According to rule 3(b), If there are insufficient written nominations for any positions, then nominations shall be called from the floor at the Annual General Meeting. Since nominations closed, we have had Vicky Noda put her hand up to take on the treasurer position. Vicky has included a piece about herself in this Ulyssian, so that members can learn a bit about her before she puts forward her nomination from the floor at the AGM.

## **ODYSSEY AND LIFE MEMBER MEDALS**

Thanks to those who have spent the time to put forward members as nominees. We look forward to branch members sharing stories about these special Ulyssians at the co-ordinators meeting and the presentations (if any) at the AGM.

## **BRANCH AGMS**

There is one change of date for the Far North branch in the list, so check it to make sure you have the right one on your calendar. Could all branch secretaries PLEASE make sure that you add to your agenda "Choose the date, time, venue etc for your 2024 branch AGM". Once you have sent me your 2023 AGM minutes (plus co-ordinators' and financial report) I will see this information immediately, instead of having to chase you all up in November for the December Ulyssian.

*Hope to see you all in Christchurch!*

**SUZIE PENTELOW #8523**

National secretary



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# NATIONAL TREASURER'S REPORT

STUART (SMOKEY)  
BURNS #3703

## 2022 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

**A summary of the 2022 financial statements is set out on the next page. It has been extracted from the audited financial statements, which can be viewed on the club website.**

The 2022 Statement of Financial Performance records a surplus for the year of \$8,078, which was in line with my expectation for the year. This compares to the surplus in 2021 of \$489 after extraordinary expenses of \$5,869.

From a financial perspective, 2022 has generally been a year of positives.

Our membership income increased by 13% over the 2022 financial year, which was consistent with that recorded in the 2021 financial year.

Last year, I reported that the changes to the Ulyssian implemented at the start of 2022, "presented the club with an exciting opportunity to refresh the manner in which the club magazine is

handled in the future". The outcome to the changes has been positive from a reader's perspective and has also seen our magazine costs decrease by 22.5% from those incurred in 2021.

Interest income has more than doubled, from \$1,537 in 2021 to \$3,812, due to interest rates rising from around 1% to 4% over the year, in addition, our cash position has improved as a result of members promptly paying their subscriptions.

We were able to hold the co-ordinators meeting, which we had to cancel in 2021, and have also renewed our sponsorship agreement with AON for a further 12 months.

NatCom has continued to do most of its business via Zoom, with only two face-to-face meetings taking place during the year (one of these in conjunction with the co-ordinators' meeting).

Despite the fact that we were not able to hold the AGM/Rally in Christchurch

in 2022, costs were incurred in relation to the ballot process that was adopted to enable the legally required AGM obligations to be met. As a result of the cancellation, a payment of \$737 was required from the AGM Equalisation Reserve to the Canterbury Branch to cover costs incurred which were not able to be refunded. We have also advanced \$2,000 from national funds to the branch to assist with AGM/Rally costs which have been held over until 2023.

As a result of improved cash flow, we have been able to increase our funds on term deposits during the year and continue to see an increase in interest rates when our deposits are renewed for a further term. These funds on deposit principally support members' subscriptions in advance (\$120,997), AGM Equalisation Reserve (\$15,861) and the Rider Safety Reserve (\$24,798).

The past few years have been very demanding

on clubs like ours, and it is only through the commitment from NatCom, our branch committees and our membership that the club continues to be successful.

Our administrator, Debby, continues to do a great job for the club, along with the members of NatCom, who undertake this role on a voluntary basis to support a club that we enjoy being a part of and Growing Old Disgracefully.

I am not standing for NatCom in 2023. I thought last year would be my last report as club treasurer. I got the badge, Covid got in the way, and I agreed to be co-opted for the current year. I have now held the club treasurer position on NatCom for 12 years (over two separate terms) and while at times the role has been demanding and frustrating, it is a role that I have enjoyed.

**STUART (SMOKEY)  
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NATIONAL TREASURER**

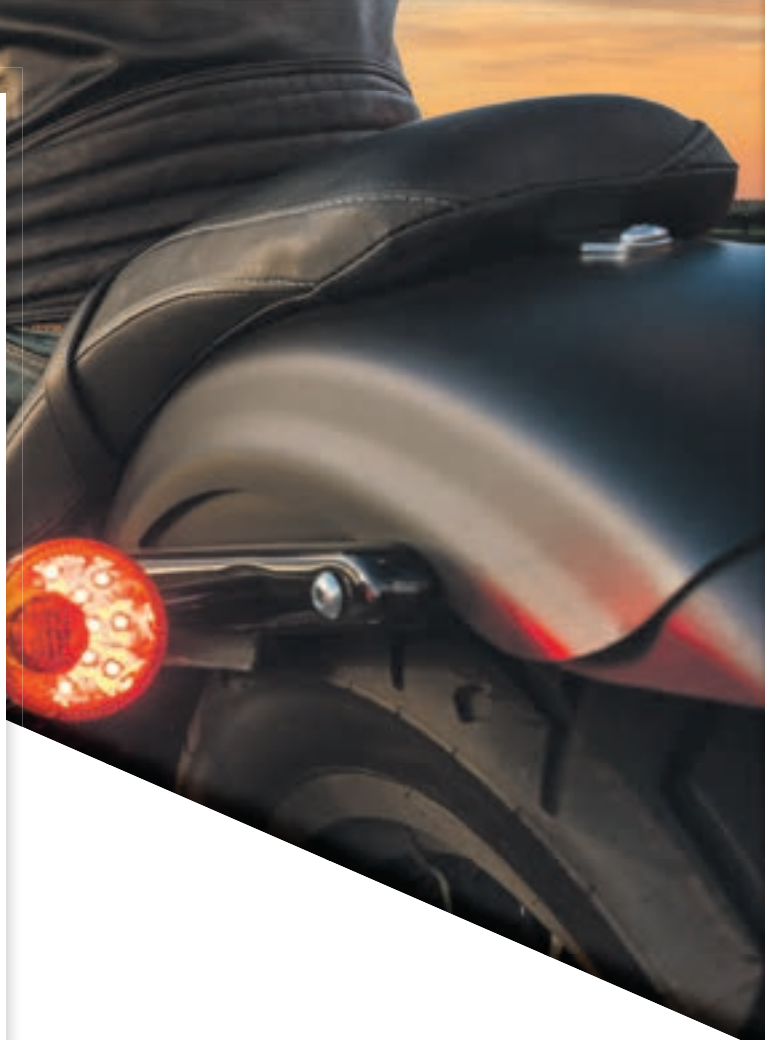
The Ulysses Club of New Zealand Inc.  
Summary Statement of Financial Performance  
for year ending 31 December 2022

	2022	2021
<b>INCOME</b>		
Subscriptions & Joining Fees	93,602	82,610
Surplus on Gear Trading	1,114	933
Interest received	3,812	1,537
Ulyssian Advertising	15,160	0
Sponsorship	7,500	9,333
Other Income	622	516
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$121,810</b>	<b>\$94,929</b>
<b>LESS: EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES</b>		
Administration fees	32,145	28,369
Audit fee	1,500	1,550
Other Administration Expenses	8824	7703
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$42,469</b>	<b>\$37,622</b>
<b>MEETING EXPENSES</b>		
AGM - travel, accommodation, etc	5,813	4,113
Branch Coordinators - travel, etc	10,292	323
National Committee - travel etc	3,993	3,408
<b>TOTAL MEETING EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$20,098</b>	<b>\$7,844</b>
<b>MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES</b>		
Magazine - Printing & Distribution	28,909	24,831
Magazine - Advertising Costs	5,489	0
Other Membership Expenses	6,887	6,839
<b>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$41,285</b>	<b>\$31,670</b>
<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>		
Sponsorship Expenditure	4730	6164
Other Expenses	4,407	4,094
<b>TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$9,137</b>	<b>\$10,258</b>
<b>EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES</b>		
Promotional Video & Website Rebuild	0	5,869
<b>TOTAL EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$5,869</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>\$112,989</b>	<b>\$93,263</b>
Surplus before depreciation	8,821	1,666
Depreciation	743	1,177
<b>Surplus for the year</b>	<b>\$8,078</b>	<b>\$489</b>

Summary Statement of Financial Position  
as at 31 December 2022

	2022	2021
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
BNZ - Non Profit Organisation account	76,601	67,021
Inventory	9,915	12,001
Branch Loan - National Rally/AGM	2,000	0
Other Current Assets	8,449	8,735
	96,965	87,757
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Fixed assets	2,121	2,864
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>		
Term Deposits	175,000	150,000
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$274,086</b>	<b>\$240,621</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable & Receipts in advance	21,638	16,830
Members subscriptions in advance	120,997	103,069
	\$142,635	\$119,899
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$131,451</b>	<b>\$120,722</b>
Represented by:		
Accumulated Funds	90,792	82,714
AGM Equalisation Reserve	15,861	16,598
Rider Safety Reserve	24,798	21,410
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>\$131,451</b>	<b>\$120,722</b>

The above summary has been extracted from the Audited Financial Statements of the Club for the year ended 31 December 2022.



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# ADMINISTRATOR'S

MARCH

# 2023 REPORT

Although we are in March already, I still feel it's appropriate to wish you all a very Happy New Year. For some, however, it has not started well. A question to ponder: Has New Zealand turned upside down one night while we were sleeping?

Droughts in the South Island and severe flooding in the North. For all of you who have been affected by this awful devastation in Auckland, Coromandel, Waikato and Gisborne over the past six weeks, please remember you are not alone. As a club, we care and are here for you.

*A lovely Māori saying to ponder:*

**He Aroha Whakatō**

**He Aroha Puta Mai**

**If kindness is sown, then  
kindness you shall receive.**

With climate change, we just don't know who or what will be affected next.

Every year we have members who have chosen to resign or have lapsed. For many, it's as simple and sad as they just cannot afford to continue membership. For others, reasons vary, from purchasing a V8 Mustang, to enjoying grandchildren, or merely that they have sold their bike and they no longer ride.

Many of the older folk who have not renewed because they no longer ride or have sold their bikes have actually never lost interest in motorbikes. The club is all-inclusive

and is about people who have an "interest" in motorbikes. Let's try and keep these people; the camaraderie they had during their time as members with others in the club will be a big loss to them.

#### GEAR SALES

I was a bit disappointed that we had very little success with the discounted items in the December issue of the Ulyssian. Especially as we had also introduced the new Ulysses bottle opener. These will be available for purchase at the upcoming National Rally ... although not discounted as they are new.

Karen Wilson will also have sample stock of the Tribal Design label clothing. While these can't be purchased, orders can be taken, and it's a great opportunity to make sure the sizing is right for you.

That's it from me this issue ... take care

*Debby  
Morgan*

#### DEBBY

National administrator



# QUARTERMASTERS UPDATE

**KAREN WILSON #7787**

Looking forward to the national rally and AGM hosted by the Canterbury Branch in March. We have been allocated a table to be able to sell some of our fantastic Ulysses gear and products, along with some good bargains.

I will have samples of the Tribal T-shirts, Polo shirts in all sizes and colours, and a couple of hoodies for you to try on and place orders. These items do need to be ordered as we do not keep any stock on hand.

I am always looking for ideas for new items to add to our range. So, if you think you have any great ideas that you think we could source and sell send me an email along with a photo [com.3@ulysses.co.nz](mailto:com.3@ulysses.co.nz)

Look forward to seeing you at the 22 in 23 – The Forgotten Rally – Canterbury.

**KAREN WILSON #7787**

National Quartermaster  
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# New national committee nominees

Hi Team, I would like to use this opportunity to welcome our new nominees for the national committee in 2023.

We are lucky to be able to field a full committee for the 23/24 period, with some capable and enthusiastic volunteers to complement the existing team.

Many of you will already know these guys, as they have various committee positions within their own branches, but for those who don't know them, here is a brief introduction.

I'd like to wish them good luck and best wishes for their upcoming commitment.

**TIM STEWART** #8959

National president, Ulysses Club NZ Inc

## CRAIG MOODIE



### Nominated for Ulysses Vice President role

**Hi everyone. I have been nominated for the vice president role on NatCom. For those who do not know me, here are a few words about me.**

I started riding when I was 11 when Dad said he'd get me a motorbike to ride round the paddocks in West Auckland (Suzuki AC50). Mum said, "Over my dead body are you getting a motorbike." My reply, "OK, if that's the way you want it," but she's still alive and I got the motorbike!

Over the next 11 years or so, there were generally three bikes in the garage at any time: an off-road bike, a commuter bike and larger street bike. I lost count of the number of bikes there were, as I also had some project bikes on the go. Some of my favourites from that era were the Suzuki GT750, Triumph 500 Daytona, TY250 Yamaha and RD350 Yamaha.

Not long after I got married, I had a bad accident riding on a bush trail in the Coromandel ranges, tearing three ligaments in my left knee. So, after a lot of surgery and subsequent infections, my riding days were on hold. The doctor said they would not be able to fix it if it happened again and I was lucky to be walking. So I hung up my boots while the kids were growing up. After the kids were independent, I decided to get back into motorcycles again. I have been through

a few changes of bikes over the past 12 years or so but have settled on the three-bike combo again: a Cruiser Triumph Rocket 3 G, an adventure/tourer Triumph 1200 Rally explorer and a trail bike Suzuki DR650. I still enjoy a bit of off-road riding and back-country riding on the bush pig, but the touring Triumphs are great and suit me fine.

Happily married to Raewyn for 40 years now, we have two children and three grandchildren. I have my own coatings and movie prop business and live at Kumeu (north-west Auckland).

I have been a member of Ulysses for just over 10 years and president of the Auckland branch for the past four years. I was also on committee for three years prior to becoming branch president.

Last year, Tiny asked me to join the team at NatCom as a co-opted committee member for the rest of the year. I have subsequently been nominated for the role of vice president.

I look forward to contributing to the wider Ulysses branches through a national role and hope that my input can have a positive effect on the future of our club. I will be largely supporting Andy Wilson in his role as president and helping out where needed. (Not 100% sure what I've agreed to here!)

Regards,

**CRAIG MOODIE** #8602

# VICKY NODA



**Hi! My name is Vicky Noda (nee Chapman) from North Harbour branch. I joined Ulysses in November 2019 as a new rider, fresh 40-year old and a second-generation Ulysean. I am a mother of three, nana to two and have helped with various committees and endeavours over the years.**

Because of my 15-plus years of office and business management experience at the time, I was co-opted onto the North Harbour committee as club secretary pretty quickly and have served my branch for almost three years through

some very interesting and trying times. I had already decided to step down this April to give someone else a chance to help out.

I would like to take the time to say thank you to all the North Harbour crew who befriended Marty and I, guided me and helped me learn to ride. I look forward to many more years to come with Ulysses and also possibly joining the national committee this year, serving my club more and helping to bring in the next generation to Grow Old Disgracefully.

**VICKY NODA #9990**

# MAREE VINCENT



**Hello all, In 2016 I first became a member of canterbury Ulysses with my husband Bruce, after having a long interest in motorcycling and attending multiple motor cycle rallies and events.**

I have a full-time job as a district nurse in Christchurch. I have been a committee member for Canterbury branch for about five years, which includes being the welfare officer. I have attended three national AGM rallies and am

part of the team that is hosting the upcoming AGM.

I have two children, two step-children and six grandchildren. For the past couple of years, the South Island has had no one to represent them within NatCom. So, this year I put my name forward.

I am looking forward to representing the South Island and supporting the national committee moving forward.

**MAREE VINCENT #9383**

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



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# 1000-MILER RESURRECTION

**Way back in 2007, and nearly last century, I completed my fourth and the final of 13 (I believe) Chatto Creek 1000-Miler endurance rides organised by Pete Shaw of the Chatto Creek Motorcycle Club, an event that grew into cult status amongst the distance rider fraternity of that era. Its mystique never lost on those who'd completed it and over the ensuing years, whenever a Chatto Creek MC T-shirt was seen at a ride or rally, the inevitable question was asked, "When are you guys holding it again?"**

Ross Calder needs no introduction. A member of the NZ Distance Riders, with more Iron Butt Association certified rides under his belt than most of his peers throughout Godzone, he sought and got permission from the club and in 2021 hosted the inaugural Chatto Creek 800. Based on its success, the 1000-mile challenge was added to the Chatto Creek challenge menu.

Run concurrently, on Saturday, November 19, the 1600 kicked off at 0400 (with 24 hours to play with) and the 800km riders starting at 0800 and

given 12 hours in which to complete their task. Riders in both camps were due to meet at the Chatto Creek tavern around lunchtime, and whether or not this happened was entirely dependent on their progress. Where a photo was required, it had to show the checkpoint, your bike and the Chatto Creek fridge magnet in the frame in order to qualify.

I was up at 0300. Charlotte was prepped and ready to go, so all I needed was a brekkie, hot shower to tuck myself in, and then head down to the start at the NPD garage on Centennial Ave, Alexandra.

0400, stands up and we were off, a snake of red taillights winding its way along the banks of Lake Dunstan. At that hour of the day there was sod all traffic, so good time was made through a slumbering Cromwell and Lowburn towards the National Transport and Toy Museum, the first checkpoint, between Luggate and Wanaka.

Checkpoint 2 was the Save Manapouri Monument and a catch-up with John Hanlon\*\* and an unplugged version of Damn the Dam, some 227km to the

south-west. With dawn beginning to paint the countryside with a pale pink flush, we had the Crown Range and Devils Staircase almost to ourselves. You know what it's like when you find your lines are spot on; the Pilot Roads planted to the road and gear changes seamless? Well, Charlotte was on rails and in the groove and I was just a passenger, carried along for the ride. It would have to rate as one of the best rides, or part thereof, that I can remember for a long time which, to be frank, isn't that long, yet utterly fantastic.

A splash-n-dash at NPD Mossburn and we were soon at the monument on the Manapouri lakeside.

The third checkpoint was the surfer dude at Colac Bay. Stretch Butler from my hometown of Wellington and my riding buddy for the challenge, had never been down these roads; hadn't been in this part of the country, ever, and was enjoying the ride, swearing to come back this way with time up his sleeve to have a good look around rather than suffer the teasing from fleeting glimpses out to port and starboard.

Following a full up of 95, a quick pee, a catch up with Shannon and an Up&Go, we left Riverton in our wake, turning towards Gropers Bush, Drummond and Oreti Plains, to skirt the metropolis of Winton. From there, it was straight up SH6 where a fuel receipt from the RD Petroleum in Lumsden was required as proof of our passing. Southland has some fantastic and well-maintained roads and to me is one of the best riding areas in the South Island.

Just before Riversdale, I veered left off SH94 and took Stretch down an alternate, less-travelled route through Otama to Chatton. From there, we took Knapdale and Whiterigg roads, finally re-joining SH1 at McNab. Google it, commit it to memory, and do it! Soon thereafter, turned north on Miller and Clydevale roads to Clydevale and the Greenfield Tavern, our fifth checkpoint on the north side of the Clutha and the penultimate checkpoint before lunch.

Many TT2000 riders will be well familiar with these roads, however, I think Stretch must have been wondering where the hell I was taking him, but in doing so we saved even more time by avoiding Gore altogether. Whenever I'm planning a TT and should my plan see me navigating this area of Southland, I'll choose these rural roads, even if it means slightly more kilometres, because they're often better, with less traffic and a hell of a lot more fun than sticking to a state highway!

Tuapeka West Road is another of South's hidden gems. Well-sealed, uphill and down dale, twisty with panoramic views, it led us by the nose to the old stamping battery at the Tuapeka Vintage Club & Museum on

Gabriels Gully Road, Lawrence.

From there, it was a straightforward romp north along SH8 and 85 through Roxburgh and Alexandra to the Chatto Creek pub for lunch.

A number of the 1600 and 800 riders were already there enjoying a steak burger, chips and a hot beverage of choice while Ross checked with riders and their photos of checkpoints visited. Now it was time to put the wets on. While the weather had been good all morning, the forecast and rain radar suggested we were in for a right old time of it as we rode east towards the coast.

Following a quick splash-n-dash at Omakau, it was up and over the hill to Poolburn and along the Ida Valley Road past the Brass Monkey site to the Pig Route. At Kyeburn, we turned south on SH87 towards Kokonga and Hyde. The rain and mist descended as we climbed the hill to Macraes. What would have been a quick photo of Stanley's pub wasn't that quick because a couple of local lads wanted to know what all the bikes were doing. You can't not answer them; they were genuinely interested and so several precious minutes were soaked up answering their questions.

Yngvi, or Freyr, was having an off day and showing her displeasure by chucking it down. Thousand Acre Road took us from the Kakanui store to SH1. From there, we took Whiterocks Road to Weston, and Airedale and Horse Gully roads to SH83. You don't realise how bad the road surface is in places until it's wet and all those lovely, shiny patches of black asphalt become very reflective, very much in your face and almost always on the line you want to take through a corner. However, Route 83

is pretty much straight all the way to Kurow, so we could still make good time. A quick photo of Richie McCaw's statue, a dash to the WC for a quick pee and it was over the bridge to SH82 and east to Ikawai and back to SH1.

At Pareora, we hooked left towards Cave where an Eftpos receipt was required at the McKeown Cave 24/7 fuel pump. I'm loving these Pilot Road tyres, their wet adhesion is fantastic and so far had proved the critics right on that respect. But they were going to be sorely tested very soon. Pareora River Road is a lovely road when dry, but it was hissing down, with numerous signs warning of "Uneven road surface" and "Flooding", the road shoulders slumped, often underwater, farm drain and creeks spilling dirty water and mud across the road. I could feel the Pilots fighting to pump the water aside, the stiction and drag as they did their best where the road was nothing more than a sheet of standing water.

With one soggy receipt shoved in my tank bag, it was time to change my gloves because there was no way I was going to get my wet hands into what now resembled bundles of black, sodden tissue paper. Despite my Alpinestar jacket keeping me dry, I was getting cold even with two layers of Merino and a vest; the wet outer layer sucking the last vestiges of warmth away from my skin due to the wind chill. My pants, however, had failed, the Gore-Tex membrane probably damaged from too much mud and stuff in the Himalayas I suspect, provided no barrier to the water's ingress and I was soaked from the gronicles down, my boots full of water running down my legs.

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# THE 1000 MILER RESURRECTION CONTINUED...

Stretch and I took a few minutes to tuck ourselves in, quaff another Up&Go and gather our senses, all the while praying that it would ease up once we were over Burkes Pass. And to be fair, it did sort of, Freyr teasing us from time to time with a vague glimpse of grey overcast sky in the distance [isn't it always] but alas it continued to rain as we collected the final checkpoint at Mt Cook village.

With only 240km to take it home, and with plenty of time up our sleeves, it was now a case of just riding, holding it together and ticking off the miles. We stopped at Mobil Omarama for a top up, a hot pie and my last Up&Go. By the time we crested Lindis Pass, the roads were dry with the odd heavy lonely rain drop sounding a healthy "whack, whack" on the helmet, a gentle reminder of what had been.

Stretch and I pulled up outside the Chatto Creek pub at 2205. Allan Doak, Michael Greene, Shannon McDougal, Ken Grave and Ray Leach and others were there, all of us buzzing and recounting war stories, elated at having knocked one of these bastards off. Ross was checking off photos and handing out IBA certificates for those who had registered for that qualification. It was time to say goodbye and, with promises to see you, same time,

same place, next year, we headed for our accommodation, with most of us meeting again at the start of TT2000 in February.

Back at my unit in Alex, I switched the heater on full and with clothing draped over every possible item of furniture drying, I savoured a long, strong, hot shower then hit the sack and almost immediately was sleeping the sleep of the innocent.

0600 my phone beeped, an incoming text. Stretch was ready to go.

What a contrast Sunday morning was. Warm and dry and a delight to be riding again but I was feeling a tad jaded, I must admit. It wasn't until we turned left at Rangitata and rode north on those long, straight, boring as bat shit AH1 roads that both left and right buttock began arguing. As we slowed for Ashvegas, I was hurting. Unlike those who ride chook chasers and can stand on their pegs to relieve, the situation, it's rather difficult to do this on a sports bike. I'd done nearly 2500km in the saddle in under two days with nary a twitch or tingle, but now I was in a power of pain.

I was thinking if I am to continue to do these rides, perhaps I should lose weight, maybe that would help? Speaking of which, I actually rang Weight Watchers the other day and complained. Look, I said, it's not

working. It's an emergency. Can you send someone round? We can, Sir, we have a number of members who fit that description.

Ooops, that was naughty of me.

Standing on the pegs of a sport bike doth not a pretty sight maketh. Head down, bum up, clinching and unclenching, mincing from side to side, presents to the following motorist a rather provocative and unsightly display of twerking, so that's why I don't do it, instead, sitting in silence sucking it up.

Stretch didn't hang round long when we got back to Lincoln, fitting his panniers he'd left there and promptly heading to Picton and the ferry he'd booked. I stripped Charlotte of her luggage and gave her a thoroughly good clean. Mate, I really rate that pink Muck-Off stuff. It does a fantastic job, especially followed by a total wipe down with WD40. Charlotte's a good girl; never complains, doesn't get headaches, is never tired and never complains if I ride someone else's bike. She has never let me down, even when I've taken her to places an athlete like her was never designed to go, to grab those extra TT checkpoints I needed. I love her to bits. If there's ever a DNF, it'll be of my doing.

Finally, it's a huge thanks to Ross and Louise Calder for resurrecting this



iconic ride. The organisation, the route, the lunch was what made this the “must do again” event I’m sure it’ll become.

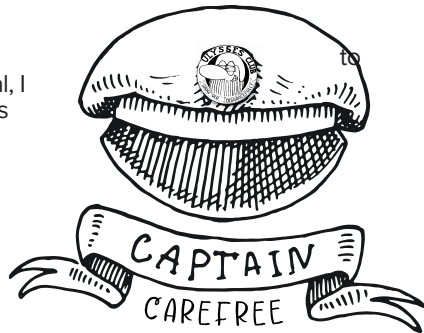
Regards

**CAPTAIN CAREFREE**

#3497

In order for this epistle remain methane neutral, I planted three cabbages and glued myself to the tele for the latest series of Yellowstone.

\*\*that’s not true about John Hanlon. You didn’t believe me, did you?



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**Waihi Thames Valley branch fundraising event for 2022**

Our branch has only a couple of charity events a year and this year's Beach Hop was one of the biggest flops I have ever been involved in in all my years in the club. The weather forecast was for heavy rain and strong winds, and for once they got it right. There were breaks in it, but not many.

Our branch arranges parking of motorcycles and safe storage for gear while people wander around probably one of the greatest art shows in New Zealand. It is certainly known worldwide as the largest show of its type in the Southern Hemisphere and we have parking only 50 metres from all the action.

With only four bikes turning up, one from North Harbour, one from Taupo, and two local, that was it. We had a tonne of

helpers. At the time of taking the photo, I had sent five people down to look at the cars as there was no point in all of us standing around.

We did raise \$100 from the crew, half of which went to Thames Hospice and half to the preservation of the 160-year-old Saint George's Church we always use.

Even the number of cars on display were well down on the previous year it was held in Thames. It is normally held in March, but because the past two years have been cancelled because of Covid, they decided to put this one on in November. There is another one in March 2023, but I am hoping I will be on the road somewhere then, if my doc says I can go, or is it my wife I have to persuade?

Well, it is up to our committee to find someone to do it.

**TREVOR BIRCHALL # 4060.**



CAPTAIN CAREFREE #3497

# CHALLENGE COINS



At the last co-ordinators meeting I broached the subject of a Challenge coin, which got a favourable reply from around the table, but no commitment from Natcom, or anyone else, to take up the challenge, so to speak. Rather it was "we'll see how you guys down there go first, Carefree."

Well, it's my pleasure to tell you that the 2023 Natcom AGM organising committee took up the challenge and has the bit firmly between their proverbial teeth and come up with the attached coin.

And it looks awesome. Roughly 50mm diameter and of a very good quality, the black and silver livery emulates all things Kiwi, each in their own plastic envelope, we've had a few minted to show our branch members what they look like.

Those of you with a military background will be well familiar with this concept, but it's also used by a wide variety of clubs

and societies world wide, St John is but one of them.

<https://www.challengecoinsltd.com/how-to-give-a-challenge-coin>

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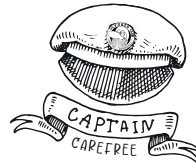
So in order we have sufficient of these coins at the AGM, can I please have either **a) a definite order, or b) an expression of interest in ordering**

People can order individually or as a branch lot.

Regards, **CHRIS** #3497

Co-ordinator, Ulysses Canterbury branch.

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# FIRST ULYSSES RIDE OF THE YEAR

*And probably the first anywhere in the world, and the first club ride.*

**Back in 1999 I was out with a group who rode regularly every Friday night and as we had become quite good friends, I had this great idea that we should get up early to go see the sunrise. (My great ideas are not always so great.) Well, about eight bikes showed up in St Heliers, except the sun did not come out. However, we all had a good ride around Auckland, ending up at my place for brunch. The roads were extremely quiet, so that's how we saw the year in 2000.**

Now on the Runs Committee for the Auckland branch, I dreamed up an idea to start a New Year's Day ride every year as with no cars on the roads it would be a great time to get around all the extinct volcanoes in Auckland. I had a lot of resistance on the committee to advertising such a run as our branch closed down from December 23 through to about January 20 and it also conflicted with the Branch Rally on Waiheke Island. Anyway, I advertised it and called it the Milky Bar Ride as I always pretended to be a milky bar cowboy 100 years ago. I made an executive decision to start it outside McDonalds in Queen St, Auckland, so I could have a milkshake: Assemble at 6am, stands up 6:30am.

January 1, 2001, 6am opposite Smith and Caughey the bikes started arriving. The drunks coming away from the celebrations at Aotea Centre and the closing pubs were harmless, although many did show a lot of

interest in our bikes. Eighteen bikes in total took off at 6:30am on a mad dash up Queen St and on to the top of Mt Eden. I lead the ride and I believe John and Eriana Heebink volunteered to be tail end Charlie. Although it was difficult keeping all the group together, somehow, we managed. On leaving Mt Eden, it was up to the top of One Tree Hill. Note, you can't ride up either of these hills now. The last hill was Mt Roskill, then we wound our way through Titirangi and on to a café in Swanson for lunch. Over the next few years, I believe we ticked off every hill in Auckland, I would name them, except they have changed all the names and almost all vehicles are no longer permitted.

Forward on to 2002 and 2003 and numbers doubled each year, while the format remained the same. Early start, then around many of the scenic areas of Auckland before going to lunch. Unfortunately, it was getting more and more difficult to get down Queen St with all the sets of traffic lights and the size of the group, so the starting point was changed to McDonalds in Quay St. In 2004 I was overseas, so prior to going away I asked John if he could take the ride, which he did. In 2005, I again organised it, until I moved out of Auckland in 2016. Then Chris Moller and John Heebink continued it one year, going north and the next year going south. I am not sure when, but the start times were made later and later over the years, and it is now a 9am start. In some ways this is good as those participating get to sleep in a

little more and for me, living in Ngatea it is easier to ride up. Down side, more traffic about.

For a couple of years, I canvassed the event with neighbouring branches and both Hamilton and Whangarei brought small groups along. I think one year there was even Ulysseans from Tauranga and Wellington. In the early days, we had some young people join us as father and son groups. It did not matter, nobody was ever turned away, as long as they and their bikes were road legal. Nowadays being involved with Waihi/Thames Valley branch, I have dragged a few of our members along each time. One of the highlights of the event is the variety of bikes and trikes it still gets. It is certainly an event that is suitable for all. I know over the years several wives and partners have gone just to the lunch break in their Tin Tops. Regrettably, I have missed three since the start; one because I was overseas, one because of family commitments and the other one because I was not sober.

For an event that I was told should not happen, it still gets some of the largest attendances of any event outside the charity events, with more than 50 bikes at the last event and many with pillions, which is great to see. Someone told me we had over 100 bikes one year. I can't verify that, however, 86 comes to mind. For me, also, it is a great catch up with friends I see only a couple of times a year. Thanks must go to John and Chris



*Bikes and team in Auckland Domain, although you cannot ride or park there anymore.*

for keeping it going over the years. Why we are always stupid enough to get out of bed that early I don't know, but it is fun to share the first morning of the year with a group of mates doing what you enjoy. Those on the first ride in 2001 and still riding on the 2023 ride include John and Eraina Heebink, Allen Charlesworth and yours truly. I may have missed someone else as my memory is not as good as it should be. My apologies if I have.

**Safe riding for 2023 and hope to see many of you on the first day of 2024.**

**TREVOR BIRCHALL #4060**



*The very early years, bikes line up in Queen St Auckland.*



*January 1, 2010*



*Bikes at the bottom of Queen St all split up into small groups because of lights.*



*Bikes at the top of Mt Wellington, now also known as Maungarei.*



*Road now closed on January 1 because of tennis.*



*January 1, 2015 - Bikes at the top of Mt Eden.*



## WELLINGTON BRANCH

# GRAVEL RIDING COURSE

**Did you know that nearly one-third of our local (ie not state highway) roading network is unsealed? That's over 30,000km of road that your registration and taxes are paying for. For many riders, the thought of venturing off the black stuff puts the fear of God into them. Plus, with the hundreds of kilometres of gravelled road works around, there is a good chance you will end up in the gravel – whether you like it or not!**

A number of us have enjoyed some of the country's unsealed roads over the years, and we'd thought that other Wellington branch members would benefit from doing a gravel riding course.

The September 2022 Ulyssian included an article about the club's

Rider Safety Fund. This included a newly-added \$50 per person rebate for an off-road skills course.

With that in mind, branch member Woody approached one of our local accredited providers, Andrew Templeton from Roadsafe Rider, to run a half-day gravel riding course.

Seventeen members responded to our proposal to take part. These riders were grouped into three groups based on their levels of confidence and experience.

The first course (for more experienced riders) was held on January 15 at Maungakotukutuku near Paraparaumu. Two more courses will be run in the near future.

The course length was spot on – there was plenty of time to learn

new skills and practise them briefly under Andrew's supervision. After four hours we were physically and mentally knackered, so it was fortunate that a week after the course four of us got to practise our skills and reflect on what we had learnt as we travelled down to Hanmer via the Molesworth.

I encourage other branches to take advantage of the club's Rider Safety Fund and consider approaching your local accredited provider to run a gravel course.

Finally, thanks to Woody for organising the course, to Andrew Templeton and his offsider Steve from Roadsafe Rider, and to Ulysses NatCom for making the Rider Safety Fund available.

**ROSS #8542** (Wellington)

## JUST A FEW OF THE MANY THINGS WE LEARNED...

- Trust your bike and tyres and get used to the bike moving around beneath you.
- Keep your head up and look where you're going (not at the hazard).
- Use your feet and knees to lock your lower body into the bike – relax your arms and shoulders.
- Keep your speed up – momentum is your friend.
- Drop your tyre pressures down (not just a little bit like I have done in the past – my DL1000 runs 41/36 PSI. Andrew had them down to 18/18. This had a huge impact on how the bike handled).
- Turn off traction control (if fitted). Spinning the rear wheel shifts the loose surface gravel and enables the tyre to gain traction – invaluable when the bike gets a bit out of shape!
- When cornering, keep your body upright and push the bike down into the corner.
- If you come to a stop in a water crossing, give it heaps and wriggle the handlebars a little as the bike digs itself down to a firmer footing.
- Apply power when crossing the centre line of gravel and decelerate once the front wheel has crossed into the opposite wheel track.



TONY ALLEN #08420

# A QUESTION OF QUESTIONS



**The Wairarapa branch seems to be suffering from a similar malaise as many other branches, declining participation in club rides and events.**

We really didn't know why this was, so decided to try and find out and concocted a questionnaire which went out to all 53 members. We got 33 responses, which was very encouraging.

The basic premise was we asked a question on a subject that elicited a simple answer (to make it easier to correlate results) but had a free form field for whatever comment/further explanation the respondee wished to give.

The questionnaire was done in such a way that people were not identifiable, to encourage open feedback.

Questions were initially discussed by the committee, then brought to a club night for a fuller discussion, refinement, and agreement. We asked questions on the following topics

- Bike ownership
- Cost
- Ability to "get out"
- Comfort participating in club events
- Outside pressures preventing participation
- Covid
- Are the club events an issue
- Other comments

There were two major

outcomes.

First, some 60% of responders "Struggled to Get Out". This means for various reasons people struggled to make it to rides, club nights or social events. There were many reasons for this but particularly available free time.

Secondly, some 36% had issues with participating due to "cost".

There was some crossover with people having issues with both items.

Of the other five questions, only six of seven people had issues, so we decided to try and tackle the main two by offering some changes to the way we did things and some suggestions to people. These suggested "solutions" suit our branch based on our history of doing things and the people involved, they may not suit yours.

## **STRUGGLE TO GET OUT**

Up until now, our rides' committee had looked at doing short and long rides to cater for different folks. However, elapsed time has never been looked at and consideration made for how much a ride will use up people's weekend. We haven't provided non-weekend options.

Also, the cost of a ride has never been considered, especially the default of always going to a café/pub as part of the trip.

So going forward, our rides

calendar will now include:

- Home-by-lunch rides on the weekend. These may start at 9am or even earlier, but people will get the afternoon to do the lawns or whatever.

- During summer, evening rides during the week and on different weekdays.

- Bring a thermos and lunch rides to have a picnic lunch. We have stopped "Potluck" rides, which we had every second Sunday but will continue to have our monthly club dinner at various local restaurants, which remains popular.

## **COST**

Some cost issues are covered by not including the cost of a feed on some rides and the branch will continue to subsidise social events as appropriate.

However, the main cost issue was registration, insurance, tyres, and fuel. Whilst there is little the club can do about these, a solution was offered for consideration. It will require a major mind shift for some, however.

## **BUY A 40-YEAR-OLD PLUS BIKE**

By the late 1970s, early 80s bikes were actually pretty good and reliable. Registration cost is only \$52 per year. Parts are still readily available for many popular bikes from

that era and tyres are much cheaper. Then only insure it for third party, after all how many claims have most made over the years on their bike insurance?

Old bikes are generally an appreciating asset, not depreciating, and riding will be more affordable.

There is much expertise in our branch about older bikes and these people will be pleased to help with a purchase, and these same people are happy to help with maintenance and parts acquisition if needed. We are a club of likeminded people; we help each other.

## **HAS ANY OF THIS MADE A DIFFERENCE?**

Probably too early to say although I'm not aware of anyone getting an older bike to replace their more modern one. We did have a good turnout of bikes when we had a ride before our normal club meeting, though, which was a significant improvement.

I am happy to provide the full questionnaire to whoever wants to use it; feel free to modify it for your own needs and your branch's situation.

**TONY ALLEN #08420**

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# RECIPES



## Raspberry Cake Loaf

This delightful dessert is easy to portion and perfect to top off a summertime dinner.

Servings: 8

### INGREDIENTS

#### FOR THE CAKE:

- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup melted butter
- 2 eggs
- 3/4 cup milk
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 3/4 cups white flour
- 2 tsps baking powder
- 1 1/2 cups frozen raspberries

#### FOR THE GARNISH:

- 1 cup heavy cream
- 2 Tbsps sugar
- 1 cup fresh raspberries
- A few mint leaves

### DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 175°C
2. In a bowl, mix together the sugar, melted butter, eggs, milk and vanilla extract.
3. Incorporate flour and baking powder. Mix until batter is smooth. Add the frozen raspberries.
4. Pour mixture into a greased loaf pan.
5. Bake for 60 minutes or until a fork inserted comes out clean.
6. While the loaf is baking, whip the cream and sugar. Set aside in the fridge.
7. Remove baked cake from the pan and let cool.
8. Before serving, garnish each slice of cake with whipped cream, fresh raspberries and mint leaves.



## Mouth-watering oven-baked BBQ ribs

No matter which method you swear by when it comes to cooking ribs — boiling, grilling, smoking — give your oven its chance to shine. You won't be disappointed by these fall-off-the-bone ribs, which cook for 4 to 6 hours to achieve flavour perfection. You can prepare them ahead of time and reheat them on the grill for a few minutes before serving.

### INGREDIENTS

- 1/3 cup salt
- 1/3 cup paprika
- 1/3 cup chilli powder
- 2 Tbsp garlic powder
- 2 Tbsp onion powder
- 2 Tbsp dried thyme
- 2 Tbsp dried oregano
- 2 Tbsp dried basil
- 2 Tbsp ground pepper
- 1 Tsp. cumin
- 1 Tsp. Cayenne pepper
- 3 to 4kg back ribs

### DIRECTIONS

1. The day before, mix all of the dry ingredients together with an electric mixer. Spread the dry rub on the fleshy side of the meat, pressing down firmly to ensure everything sticks. Place the ribs in a resealable plastic bag and refrigerate overnight.
2. Preheat oven to 275°F (135°C). In a large roasting pan, spread the pieces of meat out in a single row. Carefully cover with aluminum foil, making sure the ribs don't stick to the foil too much.
3. Bake for 4 to 6 hours, or until the meat easily falls off the bone. If you plan on serving the ribs later, cut the rack into individual pieces so that they're easier to warm up on the grill.

Cooked ribs can be stored in the refrigerator for up to 3 days.

REV UP THEIR  
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# TWO KRUSTY OL' COASTERS

GRUB #5457



**Greetings and Happy New Year. I hope you've all had just the best Christmas and New Year, especially as it's been Covid-free with no mandates. Long may it continue.**

As you are aware, the other Krusty Coaster had a non-motorcycle accident prior to Christmas where he damaged his AC joint in his shoulder, hence we didn't do much riding with the Canterbury Knitting Group as the ol' bugger was being a bit of a sook and resting up. However, I did manage to get out on my own a few times and enjoyable it was, especially the ride to White Cliffs, a place I don't recall having been to before.

A few weeks before Christmas, the ol' chap made an earth-shattering decision to saddle up and go for a ride. So, one beautiful Canterbury Thursday we ventured up to Cheviot, had a very pleasant lunch then cruised back home. Hooray, he was back. However, with family commitments over Christmas and New Year, neither of us managed to get out on the bikes much at all. But now the new year is upon us, we are looking forward to many more enjoyable rides, especially with the Knitting Group on Wednesdays.

One of these rides was to beautiful Akaroa. We advised the RIC that we would peel off at the Gebbies Pass turn-off and check out the bays as neither of us Krusty ol' Coasters had been that way before, hence seizing the opportunity. The weather was a little overcast, which restricted the views a little, but what a beautiful country we live in; absolutely stunning. We stopped a few times to grab photos, including one of a very large ocean cruise liner. Unbelievable how big this ship was. There were a few buses full of tourists from the ship heading through the Lyttelton Road Tunnel. I'm guessing into Christchurch city for some retail therapy and meals etc. I think the ship was called The Grand Princess.

We also stopped at a very windy lookout point to check out the container depot at Cassin Quay. It was a huge operation; then reality set in – there are thousands of these depots throughout the world. Just imagine how many of these containers there are worldwide, mind boggling, eh?

We continued to descend Evans Pass and eventually wound up at Scarborough for lunch. The park at Scarborough was very well supported, with a combination of children enjoying the playground and a few surfies drying out after a session riding the waves, and including us Krusty buggers. I've included a photo I took of a very young tame seagull that spent quite some time perched on my helmet while watching us having lunch. And, no, it didn't do what you're all thinking on my helmet. After lunch, we chewed the fat for a bit before heading back to our respective homes. All in all, it was a great day with good company and, best of all, my butt wasn't even the slightest bit sore. Gotta love those Speedmaster seats.

I neglected to mention a few activities the other ol' Krusty and I had been up to. We went to the Ruapuna Speedway, to the Superbike Grand Prix at Ruapuna, and are planning on going to the Sound of Thunder at the same venue. Bloody awesome, can't wait. Of course, another highlight will be the National AGM hosted by Canterbury Branch.

I must put a plug in for West Coast Touring Motorcycle Club for hosting another totally amazing rally at Woodstock. It was the 20th rally. For a relatively small club, they put on one of the best rallies in the country, plus the absolute bonus this year was the weather: sunshine both days. There were no fireworks and instead on Saturday night they drew 10 lucky numbers, with each winning \$500.

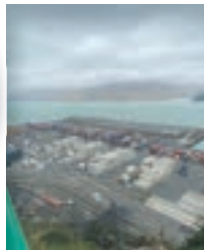
As I'm sitting here quickly finishing this report to get it off before the deadline

closes, I must mention our most recent ride with the Knitting Group. The day dawned beautifully; fine with a good weather forecast. Fortunately, a slightly lower temperature of approximately 21 degrees was a lot more pleasant than the 30 degrees-plus days we have been enduring here in Canterbury. On arrival at Avon City Suzuki, the destination of Scargill Domain was decided on for lunch. What an awesome ride; turning off at the Sefton turn-off and taking a scenic tiki tour through the North Canterbury rural area before re-joining State HW1 just prior to the Waipara River. From there, continuing to Greta Valley and turning off to Scargill Domain. The other Krusty found a bloody horrible pothole, as did a few of us, just before the turn-off, which dislodged his left-hand saddle bag. Fortunately, a kind fellow rider picked it up for him and returned it. The good news is the said saddle bag wasn't the bag containing his lunch, so in the worst case scenario, he would at least have had his lunch.

It was great to see Bob Tanner, although not on a bike but in a tin pot joining the group. He's looking great and still just a tad cheeky. After the compulsory group photo, we headed off to Waikari to a very nice cafe for a posh coffee or such like.

I cannot complete this article without making mention of the plonker driving the Ford Ranger Ute towing a large trailer travelling in the opposite direction at speed. Thank you for showering me in chip as you flew past. Obviously, you didn't see any of the 50k warning signs on the newly sealed road. I do hope your flash ute didn't get hit by any stone chips.

***Well, that's about it from us Krusty Coasters for now. Until next time, see you at the AGM. - GRUB #5457***



## Kapiti Kapers

PAUL NEES #6782

Another New Year has arrived, and another year of capers beckons for our Kapiti Ulysses branch.

**We have managed to escape some of the more extreme weather experienced in some parts of the country, so we have had a strong start to our riding and social activities.**

In December, we celebrated Christmas with a barbecue and get-together at our usual venue, the Manakau Bowling and Sports Club. We had a good turnout of members, with Andy and Karen Wilson from NatCom and from Foxton joining the festivities.

Our first January 2023 ride was to one of our favourite cafes in Whanganui for lunch. John Rolls led the ride there from our start point at the Levin Z Station, via Shannon, Palmerston North outskirts, Ashhurst, Bunnythorpe, Feilding, Sanson, Fordell and Okoia to rejoin SH4 just south of the Upokongaro café, Behind the Door on 4. They have a great outside garden area and good food, too. We enjoyed an unhurried lunch.

I led the return ride and we took in the road from Fordell to Hunterville. We usually ride that road in the

opposite direction, so this was a new experience for us and definitely a different ride. If you have yet to travel this road, I would thoroughly recommend it. It is twisty and challenging in places and very scenic with little traffic. Next time you are in the area, be sure to programme it into your GPS and itinerary.

We have also re-started our monthly coffee mornings for the year. Our January session was at Olive Grove in Waikanae, which has good coffee and great food. A good turnout of members ensured strong ticket sales for the national Bike Raffle (good luck to the rest of you!) We have now sold all our branch allocation of tickets and I believe tickets are now impossible to get throughout the country. We have a strong contingent travelling to the Christchurch AGM (and taking the opportunity for a South Island tour), so you will all be able to see one of us pick up the prize!

The other news we have is that the good people at Coast Access Radio, 104.7FM have agreed to me hosting a monthly half-hour Kapiti Ulysses show.

## NEW YEAR ANTICS

The station is based in Waikanae and broadcasts to Kapiti and Horowhenua. It is a wonderful opportunity to promote our branch and our club. Recording for the first show is happening very soon and we will report back about the experience and the results. There are 12 Access Radio Stations throughout the country; their mission is to reflect all aspects of their community – some other branches could pop along to their local station and propose a show of their own; you may even get a yes from the station management.

By the time you read this, we will have had rides to Ngawi on the Wairarapa Coast, a Triple Peaks tour of Wellington and helped to park the multitudes at the Kapiti Shiny Side Up event. We have also planned an overnighter at National Park and a Saturday SuperGold adventure to Wellington, including the ferry to Eastbourne. Heaps to keep our members happy!

PAUL NEES #6782



**Tired riders after the 400km Whanganui trip**





**Roger about to be overtaken by a billboard**

# Southland "Scribbles"

**ROSS L #1177**

**Hi all from sunny Southland. Since the last Branch News, the planned branch activities have consisted of a range of social and ride events. Pleasingly, these have been quite well supported.**

**A change of café for our coffee mornings has been well received and our monthly dine-outs have continued to attract good numbers. A feature of our dine-outs is that they have become a great opportunity for members who no longer ride to be with us and socialise.**

There was a fairly small group at the meeting place for the last monthly ride. However, of special interest was that a member arrived on a different "set of wheels". The new set being a very tidy Honda Goldwing Trike. For the ride itself, the riders chose to head up to Mandeville for lunch.

The Branch Christmas party was held in late November and was again held at a function centre located just outside Invercargill. This

is an excellent facility and has become something of a favourite. I must make special mention of our branch members, Lynley B and June L, whose organisational skills made a major contribution to a very successful and enjoyable day.

Branch activities were put on hold over Christmas and the early part of the New Year. However, at the time of writing this report, we have had our first coffee morning and our first ride for 2023 is just a few days away.

*Will close off by extending best wishes to all from the Deep South. Keep safe.*

**ROSS L #1177**

## Westland Co-ordinators Discourse Summer Riding Season

KERRY CHAPMAN #3443

Well, it is that time again, with the year ending with our Top of the South Ride.

**With nine bikes and one car (due to a bung wrist), we left Greymouth Z in slightly wet weather, but as we went north towards Nelson it cleared to a beautiful day. Stopped at Kawatiri for a catch up and lunch, then onwards to Apex Motel Nelson. Very hospitable with bike-friendly owners.**

Excellent dinner at the Smugglers Bar and Restaurant and could not compliment the staff enough; great venue, great feed and extra-great company as we were joined by a couple of the Nelson crew. All in all, a damn good night.

Next morning for breakfast it was suggested that we try The Sands Brewery Bar and Kitchen for a close walk and top place for an early feed. Another brilliant venue, before we were off again minus one bike with some electrical problems (Triumph), and an extra passenger in the support car.

Heading towards Kaikoura we had to backtrack because of road closures in the Rai Valley. We all arrived at Wade for a late lunch. The support car had a tyre delaminating.

On with the spare and away again; the repairs that had been done to

the SH1 were great, but the dumb powers to be forgot to put the speed limit back to 100km. I found it a bit of a waste of such a good piece of road.

Kaikoura was good weather, great food and stories were of the close and near misses some had on the trip.

Dinner at The Whalers Restaurant and breakfast at Berlins Restaurant/Cafe. This is well worth a stop for a look at the collection of vehicles. Also, the promise that when we go back, they will show us the rest of the collection in other sheds (can't wait). Onwards to Waiau village for the annual ice-cream stop.

We got to Alpine Lodge Motel in Hamner Springs a bit early, but the owners allowed us to take over the rooms as they cleaned them. Good undercover parking for the bikes here.

We just had to partake in a couple of ales at the local and some went for a swim. Some thought about throwing a false poop over the fence yelling "code brown alert" just to see what would happen but thought again; the club motto coming out in one or two. Dinner was at the Vintage

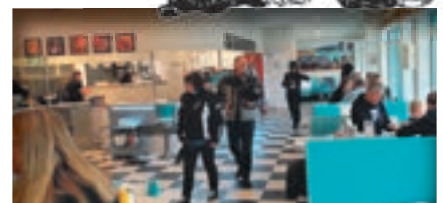
Bar and Bistro, then a few decided to have a few more at Monteith Bar before heading for bed.

The Monday was Westland Anniversary weekend, so it gave us another day to ride home at a leisurely pace, with a stop in Reefton for coffee at Broadway Tearooms.

As well as all the weekend rides around the coast, and the coffee mornings every Saturday, we are doing okay on the Coast. Now selling tickets to the AGM Raffle; sometimes it is hard to think which bike I will choose if I happen to win again, but it will be a good choice no matter which one.

See you on the road, maybe on the way to the Burt.

KERRY CHAPMAN #3443  
Westland Co-ordinator





## Rotorua RUMBLE

SMILEY #10243

What a great quarter we have had and the antics of the branch, well, they just make me smile.

We had an awesome Christmas get-together at the lake where some of the Secret Santa gifts were a wee bit on the naughty side. But the laughter was well worth the gift. A BBQ dinner with a wonderful range of salads and desserts set us up for an evening of music, banter, a little bit of dancing and the odd bevvie or two. Followed by our monthly meeting. Just joking, we had the meeting before the evening started and while we were all together, it seemed the perfect time to get the ballots done as well. The greatest thing is the vibe in the branch and, boy, can we talk. Some of us had been at coffee group that morning and we still had things to chat about that night over dinner.

Speaking of Aroma Cafe, we had a lone rider pull into the cafe and his name is Rab, who was in New Zealand on a travelling holiday, from Scotland.

Well, we were instant friends and by the time his coffee had arrived we had him in a Ulysses T-shirt and we had swapped addresses and mobile numbers. As he was here for a few weeks, I invited him on a ride to catch up with the Taupo branch and go on one of their rides to the Chateaux.

Rab said: "Sure, I will come", so the following weekend we rode to meet up with Grumpy and co at the Fine Fettle Cafe. We introduced him and while we were getting ready to roll, Rab came out with a roll, biscuit and cup of tea.

I said to him, "oh, we are getting ready to roll" and he be like, "I canny be havin ma cuppa tea first?"

Geez, I just smiled and said, "Rab, we canny be sittin hea all day, we got some riding to do."

The next words he spoke were very clear and no Scottish accent could

mask it!

He's a top bloke and extended an invite if we ever get to Scotland. His local is 50 metres from his house. Now, I reckon, heading into a pub full of Scots, with accents ... That could be super fun!

The next Internationals to rock up were from Canada. Two Canadian Indians, Darryl and Jimmy. Super cool guys who were here on a short trip, so I invited them home for the night. Darryl and I sat up till the wee hours of the morning because we had so much to share. Who knew, random strangers and the instant connections that are made. Some of our members joined us for dinner at Good George because that was way better to eat out than me to stay home and cook. For a treat, we managed to get them on a couple of Harleys and we rode the East Coast up to Waihou Bay and back to Whakatane.





And guess what, we have some accommodation lined up in Canada as well.

Next on the agenda was to invite other branches to Rotorua for a competition. We have decided on a 10-pin bowling challenge and have called it the Tony Baker Memorial challenge. Engaging with other branch members has been great; we have been to Whakatane and Taupo meetings to pitch the idea. However, both branches took the liberty of setting their Sheriffs on to us ... Payback is coming boys. So, now we are waiting for members to get themselves organised and send over the names of those up for the challenge. We have a fun afternoon planned at the lake, with a BBQ and some water activities. Of course, no BBQ is complete without music and a fire pit and maybe a red wine or two.

The Okataina Rally is back again this year and we have some cool things happening. We would love to share

our weekend with you, so look for the registration in this edition and get your regos in early. We are looking for 90 people to have a great time with. A bit of a mystery, some food, bevvies, fireplace to keep you warm, and some good ol' singalong songs to get your feet tapping. And they tell us that they have new mattresses, which I will need to confirm. We are extending an invitation to you, to come and have some fun and experience the aroha that our branch radiates.

The day finally arrived for our 800km challenge and then we decided to do the 1000km challenge at the same time. My riding buddies were Navman, Axle and Radar (Hartley Gray, Mal Bain and Colin Berryman). We left Rotorua BP with another random couple who had just called in to fill up with petrol, but not before we had managed to sign them up to our branch.

We rode towards Taupo, where they peeled off, and we headed south

to Ohakune, arriving late afternoon. Our evening meal was at the Powder Horn pub, where the atmosphere was on point and Maria and Tony had ridden in to catch up over a beer. Axle, who doesn't drink, drank and got a bit drunk and his wife, Lynda, asked, "What happened? You don't drink!"

Axle had no words. We just smiled, headed back to the pad and got stuck into some more Google mapping, in anticipation for the adventure that awaited us.

January 22 we were up bright and early and headed off to the local BP for our first receipt for the 800km. Between 0703 and 0708 hours, and we were ready to roll; we threw our legs over our trusty steeds and headed off into the sunstrike. What a great way to spend a day, winding down the back country roads and searching for the checkpoints. Now, riding with the boys, there are always some advantages that a male has over

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# BRANCH NEWS

## Rotorua RUMBLE continued...

a female and in this instance, it became apparent very quickly.

First was the pic in front of the Memorial. Where the photo was taken, the boys peed. Second stop was the Alfredton School sign, photo taken, and the boys peed. We refuelled and headed off to find the Hinakura road sign for our third photo and let the boys ... pee. Then it was a magical awe-inspiring ride to the Ngawi Community Centre. The mountains and the view were just amazing, and here we got the fourth photo, and the boys peed. Next was a road sign that we found in the long grass as someone had taken it out, but in true Bear Gryls style, we uncovered that sign and got the photo, while, you guessed it, the boys peed. Navigating some roadworks and traffic we finally got to the Mauriceville sign for the photo ... and the boys peed.

We pointed our steeds towards the next part of the course, making our way up to Stormy Point lookout for the next photo. Now ask yourself, did the boys pee? Another fuel stop, where I got to pee, and then the boys peed! Good grief! We found the awesome bridge over the Whangaehu River, took a picture and when I looked around, yeah, boys were peeing. The Avoca Pub was next on the list and we raced in, jumped off the bikes, gloves off, camera out, snapped the pic, put camera away, gloves on, bike on, let's go. Time was running away with us and we had been held up on some lengthy roadworks where we sat for three long minutes waiting for the green light. It's about this time where you start to think, oh crap, hammer down, hold ya bladder!

We got to the Whangaehu River Bridge for the two required photos with three minutes to spare for the 12-hour deadline, but we were supposed to finish in Ohakune. Not giving up hope, I looked at those boys, smiled and said "DON'T PEE" and we peeled off, back to Ohakune. By now, we are in sync with each other and our bikes just flowed around those bends and down the straights. Navman held a good pace and we kicked ass to stay with him. Bursting into the BP for our last receipt and the time. Ugh, we were just over the 12 hours, which then meant we had to discuss our fate over dinner and a beer.

Upon reflection, we now realised that each stop required gloves off, unmount, take photo, have a pee, remount and gloves on – do you know the whole process takes at least 4 minutes, per stop. Of course, hindsight is a wonderful thing where you can reflect on where time was lost. The beauty of the ride, this event, was, for me, just an awesome way to do the kms and see some new parts of the North Island with great mates. To challenge myself and work to a timeframe was interesting as my mantra when I ride is I don't care what the time is or how long I take to get anywhere. But I can see now that less talking, giggling and focus, focus, focus was what was needed to get in on time.

To my credit, though, sometimes when the boys were peeing, (okay, every time) I did manage to keep the posts updated on our FB page, lol, cause that's important as many people were commenting throughout the day. Until we got to that WTF moment when you realise you have run out of hours to complete the challenge. Then the posts stopped and the ride was on!

Throughout the day, the scenery and landscape changed so much and you just realise how beautiful it is to live in New Zealand. The back roads, twisting and no painted lines, just perfect. We all had a great experience and look forward to doing some more, coz who wants to stay home on the weekends when there is so much more to life.

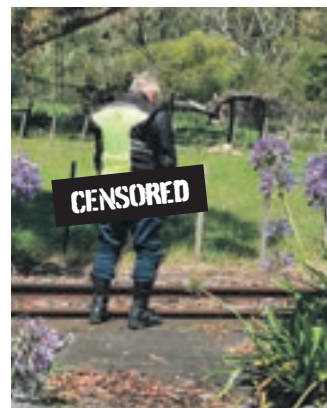
To Hartley, Mal and Colin, thank you for the journey, it was epic and keep growing old disgracefully. Hartley, when I first pitched the idea to you, you had an eye roll, and be like WTH! I'm so glad that we did this together, it was bloody awesome!

To our awesome members, those who wanted to come, I have an idea.

**SMILEY #10243**

**ROTORUA BRANCH...  
INTERNATIONALLY  
CONNECTED**

Leigh-Ann aka Smiley  
Ulysses branch co-ordinator  
FB Ulysses Rotorua branch



# North Harbour

WAYNE PAINTER #1756

**Dale & I had a quiet Family Christmas and a quieter New Year's Eve, so we would be fresh for John Heebink's New Year's Day Milky Bar Ride.**



This is a very popular event, with riders coming from afar as 150 kilometres away to participate. This year we had approximately 60 bikes, plus pillion passengers. John is an expert RIC and knows roads that many of us have never travelled on. The big advantage is we don't go out of Auckland, and with most people still in bed with a hangover, we have the roads to ourselves. This year, we stopped at a large food court out west for lunch, which was a good choice as there was plenty of room and a large range of food.

The North Harbour Branch is hosting the 2024 National Rally & AGM and we are off to Christchurch to make a presentation at this year's National AGM. Our event will be different in that it is being held in the largest motorcycle shop showroom in New Zealand: the dates are 29th & 30th March, which is Easter Weekend. This date gives everyone two days to get home before they have to start work. At the moment, we are still trying to get costings as no one wants to commit to costs this far out. We hope to have registration forms ready by June/July.

We will hand out accommodation details at the AGM and they will be on our website later in March. In previous years, other branches have set a high standard for us to meet, so let the challenge begin. We will be calling on North Harbour members to put their hands up to help with this important annual club function. Our 9th Annual Branch AGM is on Thursday, 6th April, and we would like all our branch members to come along and have their say on how the branch is going. We are looking forward to catching up with old friends at the National Rally & AGM. Ride safe we'll see you in Christchurch.

**WAYNE PAINTER #1756NZ L/M**  
North Harbour branch president



## Marlborough Musings

**KELVIN WATSON #3602**

**Our summer weather has been mediocre, to say the least, and it won't be long before autumn and the weather cools down, so make the most of the hopefully sunny days when they happen!**

Our branch AGM has been and gone and most of the previous committee members have been happy to come on board again. We have also gained two new members, so thank you all very much. Membership numbers are still pretty good, with a few not renewing last year, but we have also gained a few new members over the past few

months.

Unfortunately, Marlborough branch lost one of its longer-standing members, Tony Williams, who passed away in early January. Tony joined the Ulysses Club in September 1993. His number was #2481 and he was a member for 29 years. He had been a member for three years before I joined the club. His bike of the day back then was a Honda Goldwing, appropriately called "Goldie". A few years later, when Tony started having knee problems, he had "Goldie" converted to a trike. He was part of the Goldwing fraternity, joining

many of the F Troup Tours up and down the country. He was an active member of our Ulysses branch for a long time, until his health saw him riding less and less.

Tony used to enjoy coming out with the Retread Group on their Thursday lunch rides when he could manage it, and we will miss him.

"May The Road Rise Up to Meet You, Tony, and May the Wind Be Always at Your Back". RIP Tony.

Some of our members have replaced their bikes over summer: Some with new ones and some with the pre-loved variety. I have

also replaced my 2012 Can Am RSS SE5, after 10 years ownership, with a 2016 Can Am F3T. Just love it after the RSS. Hopefully, I can keep riding for at least another 10 years. Everything in the branch is going well, including our coffee mornings, Thursday and Sunday rides. Take care everyone.

**"Keep the Rubber on the Road"**

**KELVIN WATSON #3602**  
Marlborough branch co-ordinator

## Waihi and **TREVOR BIRCHALL #4060** Thames Valley

**Our charity event in November, where we provide parking for motorcycles and somewhere to store their gear during Beach Hop in Thames, just did not happen due to the weather. The work that goes into setting events up like this behind the scenes is more than most people would ever think about, and for those who do the work it is very heartrending when nobody comes along.**

IT IS ON AGAIN ON MARCH 23. Yes, Beach Hop will be back in Waihi, so let's hope we see a good turnout. Yes, you can safely park your bike and store your gear only two minutes from where everything happens for a paper

donation, with half the money going to the preservation of this famous old church and the balance to Hospice Thames. Where? St George's Church next to Thames Hospital.

We had two functions in a row at the RSA Waihi Beach. First, was with the Thursday riders from right around the district attending a combined Christmas lunch. Thanks, Norm Foster, for arranging this. Ulysseans from not only our branch but also Waikato, Rotorua, Tauranga and Whakatane attended. Great to all get together again even though it is hard to get around to talk to everyone. Only a few days later was our branch Christmas lunch at the same venue, and

although the place was quite packed, we had a good lunch and certainly a good number of our members with their partners.

Thursday rides continue to be strong with good numbers. Over the past three months, we have certainly had a wide variety of rides going to many different places. Although December, and again in January, I cancelled a couple of rides because of the very wet weather, many of us still got together for morning tea in our Tin Tops. One member, Chris Good, though, turned up on two wheels no matter what the weather. Once in January, I decided to join Chris and have a short ride around some of the



flooded areas. The Thursday between Christmas and New Year I was going to be away so advertised where the Waikato branch was going for lunch and suggested our guys wanting to go for a ride still meet at the Bottle in Paeroa at the normal time and I knew somebody would take the ride. Only three riders turned up and after some discussion, George Haffendon, member 294, offered to take the ride. George is 85 years young and has resorted to three wheels as his

balance is not as good as it used to be. Fantastic at that age he is still willing to take rides. (Note, George was the first Runs co-ordinator for the Auckland branch.) Congratulations must also go to George on his new acquisition, a 1976 Honda Gold Wing with side chair.

Our meeting in January was the largest attendance at a meeting in some time and we certainly had a bit to discuss. First on the agenda

was Beach Hop, as above. Second, a proposed tiny tots or small-bore motorcycle challenge. More on this later, however, if you own a bike 250cc or less put this date in your calendar: February 24, 2024 as I can guarantee you will be in for a good time. You may want to think about booking accommodation in Thames for the weekend.

Waihi Thames Valley Scribe:  
**TREVOR BIRCHALL #4060**



*George on his 1976 Honda Gold Wing with side chair.*



It is with sad news I have to advise since my last report we have lost two members who have been very active in our branch. **Dorne Clark - Member number 1486** and **Murray Gray - Member number 0637**. Murray in particular was world famous for his long distance riding achievements over the years and had a nick name of "The Legend". He rode from Waihi to Taupo and home for the day to attend the Remembrance Service at the age of 86.

The photo left is Murray in Taupo.

PS: I have asked Clive Richardson to write something on Murray's life as he really was legend, who I only had the pleasure of knowing probably 10 years. I did have the pleasure of riding with him to Taupo and back in August, and I really hope I can ride like him at that age.

## 'Naki News

MARTIN PEYERL #9483

**Eventually, through the efforts of Mark Lundt, we had a training day together on 27 November.**

**It was a Ridesafe Gold course set up just for our needs. We had six attending, After the training, we would get \$100 off our registration – as well as being better riders at the end of the day! The weather was four seasons in a day, and it was a great time to learn great new skills in all the good and bad Taranaki can throw at us!**

They say only mad dogs and Englishmen go out in the midday sun. In the absence of both Englishmen and mad dogs, and sun for that matter, only crazy Ulysseans go out in the tropical rain (seems to be a theme for this year's rides). In December, we had our monthly ride, this time to Te kuiti. For the first hour it rained Biblically. The weather turned once over Mt Messenger to cloudy and was fine for the rest of the day. Only six riders went and what was a very wet hour turned into a great ride. Riding in rain certainly builds skills and the more that you practice, the better you get – funny that! Our end-of-year function

held in December was very well attended and great fun! Somewhat a different event for us as it was held during the day. We had great fun with a Secret Santa (with new "bad Santa" rules) and a "Festive Hat" competition. The feast was sumptuous, and the humour and chatter went on well into late afternoon. Thanks to the host, Jeff Kerr (#3893), and hostess, his gorgeous partner Betty,



for putting up with us for a few hours. Your hospitality (as well as your home) was epic.

Time flew ... as it seems to at the end of a year, and before long, we were wishing everyone a happy

new year!

Our Ulysses Taranaki AGM will be held on 22 February, 2023, where it will be "out with the old and in with the new" ... in terms of a committee, I mean! We have quite a few current committee members not standing again due to other commitments. They will be well thanked for all their help and efforts. As such, we will be looking for some new committee members. I'm hoping that the new committee will be well represented across all aspects of what we do and who we are.

We are also getting ready for our trip to the South Island National AGM. We have about 10 of us attending and we are meeting shortly to discuss the route, dress up, etc. It's great to see that we will have a fair representation at this year's event with important decisions being made – such as what new bike I should get with my winning raffle ticket!

We have our first 2023 overnighter to Okoroire in February 2023, with about 10 people having booked.

We are all looking forward to it – overnighters are always heaps of fun.

We have enjoyed Club Nights, alternately at Fern Lodge and NP Club, Stumble Inn lunch and, of course, the Pie and Pint rides. The last Pie and Pint ended up at Graeme (#5686) and his gorgeous wife Janice (#9927) Weston's home: for a \$5 donation to get a beer and sausage. What was really cool about this was that those who could not ride for whatever reason (mentioning no names Harry Bayliss #9680), could drive there (courtesy of his gorgeous wife Helen #9681) and enjoy the social post-ride camaraderie and meal. Bears thinking about for future Pie and Pints.

January's ride was Round the Mountain, with lunch at the Kaponga Hotel. It was a good turnout and great weather.

Next time I write, there will be a lot of news as well as introductions to the new committee.

**MARTIN PEYERL #9483**  
President  
Ulysses Taranaki branch



## Auckland Actions

CRAIG MOODIE #8602

**Our annual Auckland River to Sea Rally at Port Waikato was held in November and we had a great time.**

**Numbers were down a bit as Covid knocked a few people and the weather report was marginal, but we ended up with fine weather and a really fun weekend with delicious food, as usual.** We had live entertainment on Saturday night and some games to get everyone going, and lots of raffle prizes. Looking forward to the next one.

The weather in the Auckland region over December and January has been atrocious and a large proportion of events and rides have had to be cancelled or postponed.

Fortunately, it was fine for the New Year's Day ride (which is an event combined with North Harbour each

year). We pride ourselves that we are probably the first people in the world to ride on the first day of the year!

The mid-week rides are going well. Rides are planned every Sunday (weather permitting).

I will be standing down as president of the Auckland branch at our AGM in March after four years in this position, so that I can be available for the national vice-president role.

Over the past four years, the Auckland branch committee has done an excellent job. With the upcoming branch AGM, the existing committee is staying on with Mark Benton as president and Sheryl Boyd as vice

president. Roger Judd is treasurer and Peggy O'Neal, Chris Moller, Doug Beine and Vance Barret are on the committee.

I will still be active at the branch putting on our famous mid-winter inter-branch lunch and helping out on the rally, as well as doing some RIC duties and mucking in where needed.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the AGM in Christchurch, and I hope we get a bit more riding in the next month.

Cheers,

**CRAIG MOODIE #8206**

Auckland branch president





MARCUS GILLUM #9310  
STEVE GRAY #9627

# from the **Far North**

**It's been a busy few months in the Far North and despite the erratic weather, we've had great turnouts for both the Wednesday and Sunday rides each week.**

**In between the rides, the club has had a few other challenges for members to show their mental or athletic skills.**

First up was the inaugural 10-pin bowling evening, which proved to be more challenging for some than expected. Did you know that if you ask, the staff will put up "gutter guards"? I think they were sympathetic towards the old folk out for the evening and some of us certainly took advantage of this. Peter, knocking down eight or nine pins AFTER bouncing first from the right guard THEN to the left, THEN hitting the pins, will live on in our memories! It was a lotta fun and we'll be doing it again, but maybe without the gutter guards.

We followed this in November with something a little more cerebral in the form of a quiz night at a local club. There was enough interest to have two teams of Ulybods, and although we didn't score the major prizes, we weren't disgraced, with one of our teams getting a Christmas hamper as a spot prize. If nothing else, the evening proved the old adage about two heads, or six in this case, being better than one.

2022 finished up with our Christmas lunch. After the Sunday ride, lunch was held at the Waipu Razza, with about 35 enjoying a great spread before Secret Santa gifts were handed out. Appropriately, Noel donned the Santa suit this year, but he's not sure his

knees will be up to a repeat performance. Thanks also to Christine, Vanessa, Elaine et al for all the behind-the-scenes work that goes into these events.

January kicked off with a bit of gardening! In October last year, we sold spuds at \$5 each to 20 Ulysseans who fancied themselves as gardeners. Their task – to nurture their spud(s) through rain (lotsa that) hail and shine (not so much) for the glory of greatest crop or the title of Mr Potato Head if you didn't do so well. On the 14th and 15th, we roar around on our bikes invading otherwise quiet suburban neighbourhoods to see how everybody has got on, have a few laughs and offer advice for next time. Congrats to Cecily Woodbury and Roger Ballard, who are this year's winners.

Looking ahead, we have members planning to ride down to The Burt Munro Challenge at Invercargill and a road trip around Taranaki and Coromandel. With the events of late, including floods, road closures, and broken-down ferries, we could be in for a hell of a ride. In fact, thinking about it, it's nearly three years ago that the roads were flooded in Southland and we weren't able to get through to Invercargill. Let's hope the worst is behind us and we can look forward to a long, late summer.

MARCUS GILLUM #9310  
STEVE GRAY #9627



**Roger's biggest single spud weighed 404gms.**



**Pent up enthusiasm - first ride for 2023**

# Manawatu Murmurs

MURRAY CROSS #7908

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

The November club ride was "Around the Block" over the Gentle Annie. The ride was meant to have a number of Whanganui and Marton riders, but the big wet out west kept them at home. Some of the Manawatu members apparently looked out the window and went back to bed. For the intrepid group of eight bikes that went, the weather in the Hawke's Bay was sunny and a warm 28 degrees. After a mix of highway and backroads, the group had lunch in Havelock North. The weather threatened on the trip over the Gentle Annie but only a small shower eventuated before the regroup at the BP in Taihape. The trip home was via Vinegar Hill for most as people split off along the way to their respective destinations. A great ride despite the forecast (unfounded) of some serious rain.

Our December members' meeting had a special guest speaker, Neil Ritchie (Turbo Tonsils), the nationally acclaimed motorcycle sport commentator. Neil has been involved in commentating for nearly 40 years and is a regular at the Woodville MX GP, Whanganui Cemetery Circuit and The Burt Munro Festival in Invercargill. As expected, Neil had lots of stories to share with our group.

The December ride was the Woodville Lions Coast to Coast charity ride. Unfortunately, the weather

forecast had not been good and it was quite a small turnout this year. My estimate is probably only a third of the numbers I have seen in previous years.

This is a bit disappointing for the Woodville Lions, who put a lot of effort into running the event and getting sponsorship for the prizegiving from local businesses. Those who did the ride seemed to enjoy themselves and the rain gods kept away despite the threat from the low clouds. Our branch was one of the bigger groups this year. We had a different type of event on December 18 where the branch set up a stand at the Hospice Whanganui Christmas Market from 2m to 8pm. Howard had organised our participation and an EziUp tent with chairs, tables, and light refreshments. Several members from Manawatu and Whanganui manned the stand to advertise Ulysses to the Whanganui public. We had a good response and handed out a number of flyers. Having a range of bikes on the stand was a real drawcard and talking point.

Though no branch ride is usually planned for January, a couple of Pie & Pint rides and a mid-week Retreads' ride attracted those having withdrawal symptoms from Ulysses rides.

The main January event is our belated Christmas BBQ, which is held on the Monday of Wellington Anniversary

weekend. This is a great social afternoon, with the club providing the meat and bread and members bringing a salad or dessert. Thanks to Ray & Janice Stephenson for hosting us at their home in Aokautere. There was plenty of food and the weather behaved, though it did get chilly later in the evening. Two membership badges were awarded: Dave Moore for 15 years and Clive Asplin for 20 years with Ulysses. Our coffee mornings have been well supported and enjoyed by members

and their partners, with around 20-25 people for coffee or brunch on a Saturday morning. The New Year brings all sorts of opportunities, with some branch members heading to The Burt Munro, others participating in the TT2000 and a group planning a leisurely cruise around the South Island to finish up at the AGM in Christchurch. Be safe on the roads.

MURRAY CROSS #7908  
Manawatu co-ordinator

## DECEMBER HOSPICE CHRISTMAS MART STALL



Gavin, Jax and Brian

# NOVEMBER ROUND THE BLOCK



Pre-briefing



Lunch in the sun



Retreads ride at Hunterville

## JANUARY



BBQ - Taking care of business



Retreads Ride Paekakariki



Clive Asplin 20-year badge

# BRANCH NEWS

## Tauranga News

**SWANIE #7475**

It's been a relatively quiet time for the branch over the holiday period with members away and the rain not helping, so the turnout on ride days has been poor.

**This global warming is sure affecting our weekend rides. Hopefully, the weather improves soon.**

We have had nine members not renewing their Ulysses membership with our branch. A lot of good members who have decided to leave.

We had a very good attendance at the Citizen's club for our Christmas dinner and the secret Santa revealed some hilarious and risqué gifts.

Several members went to the Republic Day at Whangamomona, camping out in tents. There was not a lot of sleep to be had as revellers were up and about 'till the early hours of Sunday morning. Nevertheless, the ride there and back was exciting. As usual, any trip over to the Taranaki

means a stop for whitebait fritters.

We were requested to supply eight bikes to assist with the marshalling on the Tauranga Half Triathlon. It was a long day with lots of slow riding on an extremely hot day. My trip meter read 198km at the end of day.

This coming week, there are several riders heading off to the Burt Munro weekend.

Twelve of our members braved a stormy night out to farewell Don Mardle, who is one of our long-serving members. He is leaving the North Island and setting up home in Christchurch.

**SWANIE #7475**

## Gizzy News

**CHRISSY #5993**

**2023 is full steam ahead. And let's hope the weather improves so more riding can be achieved before summer rides away on us!**

**We have been quite busy the last few months with our usual day rides, and a fabulous Christmas function with top chefs Jan and Lyndia producing amazing pizza.**

Dave is always up for a ride; his last goodie was a day trip around the East Cape, with nine riders joining him. The coast turned on a fabulous day and weather. On another ride, coming back from Opotiki, one member had a lucky escape with a pothole: a bent rim, but thankfully stayed on board. Andy, one of our new members, is in the process of building a spray booth doing custom and traditional work. Am looking forward to seeing his work.

*Our first meeting is coming up and it should be a lively one, with plans afoot (or wheel) for a fantastic year for our branch. Happy riding!*

**CHRISSY #5993**





Christmas



Don Mardle Farewell



Christmas



Multisport



Whangamomona trip



Mokau Whitebait fritter



Whangamomona trip



# Wellington Witterings

**BRYAN #8671**

**Hanmer Springs has been a popular Anniversary Weekend ride for our branch over 20 years now, having started out with just a few adventure riders way back when the Molesworth Road first reopened to the public at the end of the 1990s. The four-day trip soon expanded to include both road riders and adventure riders. There were three of our newest members among the 23 people on this year's trip; 13 took the road ride option, six the adventure route and four went by car.**

Adventure riders have several options to get to/from Hanmer Springs, such as the Rainbow Road or the Maruia Saddle Road, besides the more direct Molesworth Road, which itself has the more gnarly Jollies Pass Road option to Jack's Pass. Road riders usually go down via Kaikoura, stopping at Waiiau for the obligatory ice-creams, and return via Lewis Pass. Pre-ordered fish and chips makes for an easily catered meal on the Friday night after a long day sailing and riding. There are plenty of adventure and road rides easily accessible for Hanmer Springs. This year, part of the group got up early on Saturday morning and rode to Westport to do the Stockton Mine trip, grabbing

the fantastic West Coast pies for breakfast and lunch. Those pies are well worth the ride on their own merit. A well-catered BBQ dinner awaited the team on their return after another long day.

Sunday saw a smaller group go adventure riding to complete a ride over Random Spur Road that they didn't get to finish last year, while others when for various rides or just relaxed in the hot pools. Random Spur Road put the adventure into the weekend for those riders when one of the bikes, a Triumph, developed a traction problem after a small spill. The clutch refused to properly release regardless of any adjustment tinkering. While downhill could be coasted, and level riding was difficult, uphill riding was impossible, so other riders needed to help get out to a location near to State Highway 1 so that the troublesome bike could be picked up by a tow truck.

It was a pillion ride back to Hanmer Springs on a V-Strom for the Triumph rider, with the group arriving somewhat later than originally planned. We had held off cooking the gourmet pizzas from local bakery PJ Pies until the riders were nearly back, so at least they had hot food and cold ale available while the stories of the day were told.

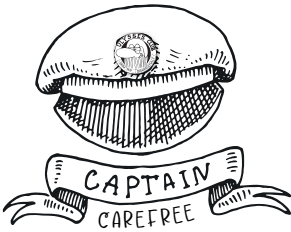
There were several groups making the return trip via various routes on Monday. The car came in handy to take the luggage from the Triumph and the V-Strom which was now returning with a pillion. Many of us started the day with a great breakfast at Fire and Ice before heading to the ferry via the Lewis Pass. We had great weather, whereas those riding via Kaikoura were rained upon for much of their trip. It was certainly another great weekend and, no doubt, our various adventures will be woven into tales to rival Icelandic sagas.

As always, a great bunch of riders to enjoy a weekend away with – looking forward to next year's trip – accommodation for the whole group is already booked. As you might imagine, arranging accommodation for such a large group at a popular holiday destination at the peak of the summer season can be challenging, to say the least. We stay at the Hanmer Springs Top 10 – it has great facilities and staff have always been very helpful in making the various changes that usually occur with organising bookings for such a large and diverse group.

**Keep safe out there.**

**BRYAN #8671**





## Canterbury Capers

CHRIS CAREY #3497

**Well, it's that time again, friendly reminders of the cut-off date for submissions, and I must say, it crept up fast, what with Christmas, and all the resolutions that crop up every New Year. Speaking of which, I have put on a bit of weight, which is of concern, so I rang Weight Watchers. Look, it's an emergency! Can you send someone round? Yes, Sir, we can. We have a number of clients that fit that profile.**

No, seriously, our branch and in particular the committee, had December and January off as most of us were busy with the end-of-year chaos at work, family visits, the school holidays, a plethora of rides and rallies to choose from, but mostly because there was sod all to do or discuss of a Ulysses nature.

Before I kick off, on behalf of the Cantabrians, I'd like to offer my best wishes, if that's the right word, to all of those in the North Island affected by the weather lately. I can't imagine the grief and frustration you must feel having to deal with damaged homes, lost possessions, road closures etc. For those who are affected, we hope things get better sooner rather than later.

Our December and January branch nights at the Papanui RSA were held as a casual tyre-kicking format: that is, rock up around 6 to 6.30pm, have a meal, a pint or two and just talk to each other. I couldn't make the January one but from what I saw in December, it was

a very welcome change to a regimented meeting (of sorts), and food for thought going forward.

Speaking of which, our monthly branch night is now held on the 2nd Thursday of every month (at the Papanui RSA). Although the meeting kicks off around 7.30pm, many of our members arrive early for a meal and a drink or two to set the tone. So, any of you Ulyssians from far and wide are more than welcome to join us.

Our branch AGM is now on Thursday, 9th March.

Steve Parr, Mike Dew, Chris Groube and their team of willing helpers have pretty much got the national AGM sorted and although it's in a holding pattern of sorts, now's the time to get the final ducks in the row, with it less than two months away. To date, we've had 194 registrations, of which six NatCom and 16 branch co-ordinators, including one from Australia, have registered, which is encouraging. We have had 30 cancellations, which is disappointing, and we have offered a refund accordingly and where appropriate. However, the organising committee will now take a stronger stance on refunds as goods have been purchased in good faith.

Thea's Longest Day 1000km ride continues to see a trickle of entries and so Thea has announced changes to the Longest Day, the 1000km ride, as follows: pay now and ride later, payments will now be

accepted up until April 1, 2023. The entry form is in the magazine.

Likewise, Maree and Bruce Vincent's annual Helicopter Hunt, raising funds for the rescue chopper, has had a good response. Likewise, the entry form is in the magazine.

In contrast to some branches, our membership continues to climb, albeit slowly, which is a positive sign. The Wednesday Knitters Group started by Bob Tanner many years ago and now under the guidance of George Drayton also continues to grow with, I'm told, as many as 40 or more riders on a good day!

Speaking of rides, I recently led a tour of 16 bikes and 23 people for 12 days around the mainland. Aside from a brief shower (if you can call it that) from the Engineers Camp to the top of the Lewis, we had hot, dry conditions all the way. Who'd have thought you'd get 32 degrees in Haast, for crying out loud! Anyway, as I always do, I asked them what they thought of our roads. I was the only Kiwi, the rest were from the West Island, Wales, Scotland, Jersey, England and all four corners of the US, including Hawaii. If you push the likes of the M1s, and the three-four lane freeways aside, they all said our spider web of two-lane "black top" state highways were bloody good and couldn't understand what we Kiwis were complaining about. "You should see what we have to ride on back home!" So, maybe,

just maybe, we're a little too precious and expect too much? Yes, the roads are patched in places, there are areas where the seal has bled through, we had kilometres of cow shit in the Catlins, a patchwork of chip and asphalt from time to time, but all I can say is I never saw a pothole anywhere until I was about 5km from home.

So, looking forward from the AGM, the next big event our branch is associated with is the ANZAC Day St John fundraiser. However, hosting two big events one month apart is a little unfair on all those who step up to organise these events and also to our loyal patrons and businesses we call on for donations, so, it has been suggested we hold a poker run or dice run instead. It should still bring in a big number of riders as most of us who ride, or who have elderly parents or out-laws, have witnessed an accident at work, or been pole-axed on the footy field, have at some stage needed the help of St John. And I can say from experience when you're lying there wondering if there is a light at the end of the tunnel with thoughts of those Elysian Fields, that wailing siren growing louder is the best symphony on Earth.

And that, as they say, is that. For all those heading to Goooooerrrrre for the TT2000 later in February, see you there.

**CAPTAIN CAREFREE**  
#3497

Co-ordinator, Canterbury

# Nelson Nibbles

YVONNE COLLINS #9815



## TOY RUN NOV 2022

**A Fairy Godmother arrived to be our parade leader.**

In the form of Beryl Sharp. Beryl (now 84) has attended our Toy Run for many, many years, mostly on the back of her beloved Trevor Stanton's motorcycle. Trevor passed away a few years ago. This year she arrived in style.



## Whakatane Tide...ings

GREG EVANS #5572

Hi folks,

Happy new year!

I do hope you all enjoyed your Christmas break. I know we did, with family visiting right through to mid-February.

The only bit of riding I managed to do was taking my grandsons (10 & 12) for a blat around the block and then stopping near Thornton for a real fruit ice cream. Both boys, (being petrol heads, after their father, not me!) weren't fazed at all at their first ride on a motorbike. My mate Kevan took one of the boys on the back of his R1200R while I took the other on my GSA, and then they swapped bikes after gorging on ice creams. I'm not sure if it was enough to rival the off-road 4x4 competition trucks that their dad builds and drives, but it was a taste of

two wheels!

Our branch had a great Christmas meeting, with a good turnout along with the mandatory Christmas hampers being raffled off. Meals and drinks consumed, lots of banter, a few humorous fines and it was the end of yet another year.

In January, we had our Remembrance BBQ at the home of long-time members Gary and Glennis Wilson. The marquee was set up by members during the morning and the food and drink was flowing by early afternoon. It was an exceptional evening, with past and present members along with some visitors joining in. Good food, great place, fine friends. Perfect! Even the fine weather came to the party! A huge thank you to Glennis and Gary for hosting this event yet again.

Christmas is usually a quiet time in our branch activities and this year was no exception. The foul summer weather put paid to many of our organised rides but there are always a few hearty souls who brave the elements and venture out.

Many of our members are still away on holiday, with a few heading South to end up at the Burt Munro event and the National rally in March, so I suspect our February meeting will be a quiet event.

The Rotorua tenpin bowling challenge is coming up on the 18th and I'm hoping we can form a team to take that on. A bit of fun between branches. Bring it on!

Take care out there!

**GREG EVANS #5572**

Whakatane co-ordinator



## Taupo

RICK #7552

G'day from Taupo.

Not much to report from here, not much riding and when we did, we got wet.

We did have our Christmas party on a boat on the lake, which went down very well, the party that is, not the boat. A good turnout of about 30 people made it a very enjoyable few hours cruising; even the rain held off for once.

As a result of this lousy summer, my Sheriff's book is nearly empty because nobody is getting up to

anything dodgy.

On a more positive note, we have still got some good rides and overnights to look forward to. Hopefully, next time I will have more to report on.

Finally, to remind the unfortunate people caught up in the floods around the country, a quote from the Dutch Dike Builder, Hendrik. H. Hendriks, "However good or bad a situation is, it will change".

Cheers **RICK #7552**.

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**PUZZLE NO. 152**

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**ACROSS**

- 1. Rub clean
- 6. Cleanse
- 11. Hesitates
- 13. Presidential noes
- 14. Gone to bed
- 15. Narrow back streets
- 16. 20th letter
- 17. Celebration
- 19. Father
- 20. Injury memento
- 24. Bullfighter
- 27. Wood cutter
- 28. Froster
- 29. Pointed end
- 31. Animal pelt
- 32. Nothing

**DOWN**

- 33. Most simple
- 35. Lazy
- 37. Fall bloomer
- 38. Northern region
- 40. Fitness club
- 43. Language
- 46. Trying experience
- 48. Mature people
- 49. Peaceful
- 50. Units of heredity
- 51. Kinds

- 4. Take advantage of
- 5. Complained
- 6. Pants support
- 7. Book of maps
- 8. Shoe front
- 9. "\_\_\_ Look Me Over"
- 10. Superman's symbol
- 12. Faucet
- 13. Immense
- 18. Spookiest
- 19. Exclude
- 21. Wedding food
- 22. Rotation center
- 23. Lease
- 24. Skirt style

- 25. Sharp
- 26. Inform
- 30. Barbecue sites
- 31. Form of address
- 34. Clandestine
- 36. Bird of prey
- 37. One-spots
- 39. Furrows
- 40. Leak slowly
- 41. Window ache?
- 42. Heavy brews
- 43. Children's game
- 44. Lyric poem
- 45. Convent resident
- 47. Desertlike

# SUDOKU

**HOW TO PLAY:**

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 only once.

Each 3x3 box is outlined with a darker line. You already have a few numbers to get you started. Remember: you must not repeat the numbers 1 through 9 in the same line, column or 3x3 box.

**PUZZLE NO. 888**

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1	8			7	6	2		

LEVEL: BEGINNER

Answers to these puzzles are on page 64



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# COFFEE BREAK

## BRAIN TEASERS

1. A woman shoots her husband. Then she holds him underwater for over 5 minutes. Finally, she hangs him. But 5 minutes later they both go out together and enjoy a wonderful dinner together. How can this be?

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2. What has cities, but no houses; forests, but no trees; and water, but no fish?

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3. A red house is made from red bricks. A blue house is made from blue bricks. A yellow house is made from yellow bricks. What is a greenhouse made from?

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4. What is harder to catch the faster you run?

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5. I am taken from a mine, and shut up in a wooden case, from which I am never released, and yet I am used by almost everybody. What am I?

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6. A man stands on one side of a river, his dog on the other. The man calls his dog, who immediately crosses the river without getting wet and without using a bridge or a boat. How did the dog do it?

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7. No matter how little or how much you use me, you change me every month. What am I?

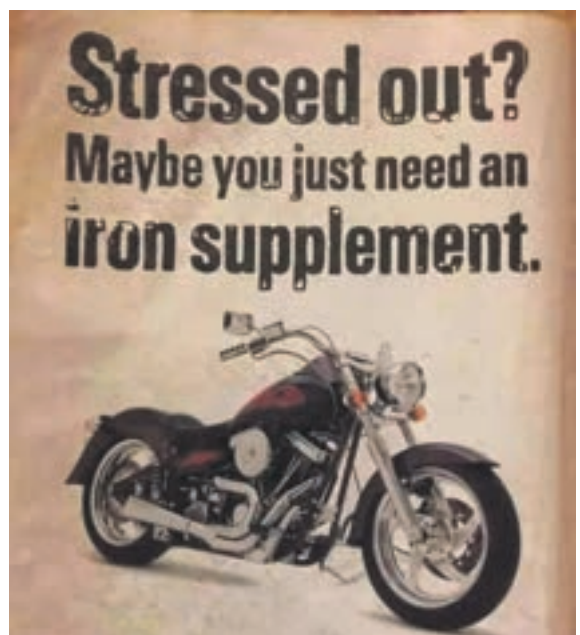
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8. Turn me on my side and I am everything. Cut me in half and I am nothing. What am I?

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**KNOCK KNOCK.  
WHO'S THERE?  
CARGO.  
CARGO WHO?  
NO. CAR GO BEEP BEEP.**



# OBITUARIES



**Murray Gray #637**  
**12th Jan 1936 - 19th Jan 2023**  
Waihi/Thames Valley branch

**Murray Gray #637, a long-time member of the Waihi Thames Valley branch, was farewelled at a Memorial Service held at the Waihi Beach RSA on January 24.**

Originally from the UK, Murray was a lifelong motorcycle enthusiast. Murray was a legend among long-distance riders. Joining the Rusty Nuts Club, Murray completed seventeen 1000 milers [1600km], the last in 2012.

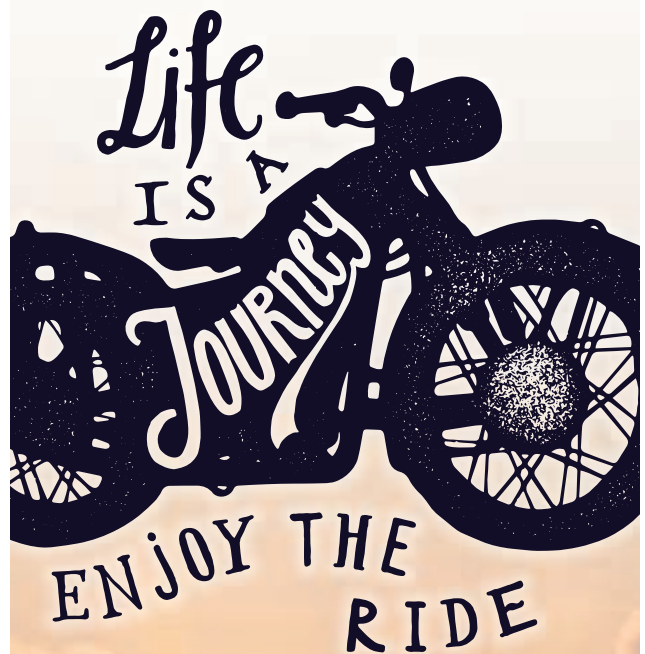
Murray celebrated his 80th birthday by completing his private 1000 miler accompanied by Brian Hickson and John Maroulis. John, a member of NZ Long Distance Riders sent documentation of this ride to the Iron Butt Association in America. Murray was accepted as a member as the oldest rider to complete 1000 miles in 24 hours.

Murray supported our branch over many years, always ready to lend a hand at our Valley Rallies, always in the background, always the gentleman.

*Ride Easy Murray.*

— CLIVE RICHARDSON #184

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# MEMBER FEEDBACK

Hi Editor,  
Ryan Lock here (member #10212)

I wish to draw your attention to the "Memory" article (p18) in the latest Ulyssian Magazine. It is full of mistakes, inaccuracies and half-truths. Although you wisely inserted a Disclaimer, that does not go far enough and you will now be required to do an expungement, correction or clarification for the next issue. This is important because the article as it stands is very misleading.

Specifically:

1. If (as percentages) 11 live in Europe, 5 in North America, 9 in South America, 15 in Africa and 60 in Asia, that equals 100%. So that means no one lives in Oceania!
2. At time of publication the world population ticked over 8 billion (not 7.9 or 7.95 - but what's 50 million people between friends?)
3. According to Wikipedia, 31% are Christian and 25% are Muslim (the author's statistics are probably out of date).



4. "26 live less than 14 years" and "66 died between 15 and 65 years of age". This is meaningless because if they have already died, then they can't be included in the 8 billion population figure.
5. "Among 100 persons in the world only eight will live or exceed the age of 65". Again, complete

rubbish and also very misleading. The life expectancy for the world as a whole is 72.3 years. It is much better in New Zealand where it is 82.8 years. Note that life expectancy is for someone at birth. If you are already quite old, the figures look even better. This is because you have already survived those years that have killed off your contemporaries which brought down the average. In New Zealand, a 66-year-old male can expect to live for another 17.20 years and a 66-year-old female can expect to live for another 19.69 years.

6. "If anyone is aware of their memory problems, they do NOT have Alzheimer's". This sounds pretty dodgy to me!

**RYAN LOCK #10212**

Hi Editor,  
I realise now I made a mistake with the host Ulyssian Chapter, it should have been Taupo, not Tauranga.

You can forward my apology in the next Ulyssian.

Regards,

**MAL 'AXLE' BAIN #8688**



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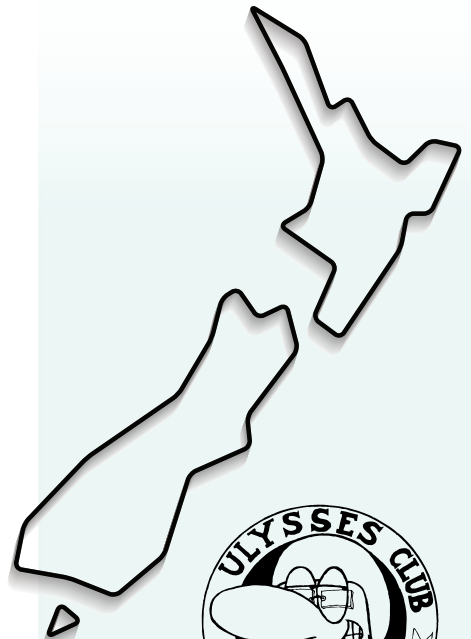
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### XWORD

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### SUDOKU

#### ANSWER TO PUZZLE NO. 888

8	9	2	6	5	7	3	4	1
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### BRAIN TEASERS

1. The woman was a photographer. She shot a picture of her husband, developed it, and hung it up to dry.
2. A map
3. Glass
4. Your breath
5. Pencil lead
6. The river was frozen
7. A calendar
8. The number 8

You're only one  
ride away  
from a good mood.



"Mum, when I grow  
up I want to be  
a biker..."

"Well son, you have  
to decide. You can't do both."





# UPCOMING RALLIES

**PG 65-71**

**Magical Croatian Tour**

**Tauranga Sea Esta  
Camp & Lodge Rally**

**Okataina Who Dunit  
Mystery Weekend Rally**

**1000km Ride**

**North Island Compass Rally**

**Rescue Helicopter Hunt**



## MAGICAL CROATIAN TOUR

This spectacular combination of rugged mountains and stunning coastal roads will satisfy the real rider in you, giving you some of the most invigorating riding in Europe. Breathtaking scenery, roads to die for and rich history will make this trip a truly magical experience.

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[tour@magicmotorcyclotours.com](mailto:tour@magicmotorcyclotours.com) Tel: 021 125 9052



Karel & Howard in Dubrovnik, Croatia

# 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](mailto:paulrobyn7@xtra.co.nz)

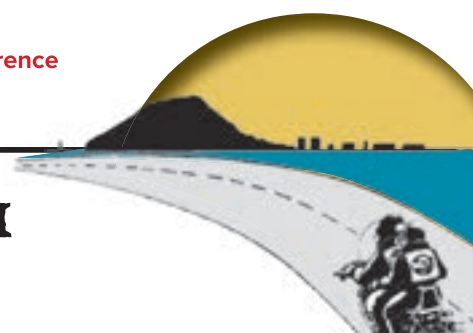
Direct credit to 01-0434-0208650-00

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





## OKATAINA RALLY 2023 WHO DUNNIT MYSTERY WEEKEND

Saturday night will feature a 'Who dunnit mystery' theme, live music with Maranda, raffles and more.

**Venue:** Okataina Education and Recreation Camp, Okataina Rd

**Date:** 23-25th June 2023 (Check-in from 2pm Friday 23rd)

\$85.00 per person includes:

Bunk room or campsite, Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast and dinner, Sunday breakfast, tea/coffee, and home baking.

Note: No BYO (a cash bar will be available), no pets allowed, and sorry, but we can not cater for any special dietary needs.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Ulysses Membership #: \_\_\_\_\_

Pillion: \_\_\_\_\_

Ulysses Membership #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*Registrations close 20 May 2023.*

I agree to follow all rules and regulations set by the rally organizers, and will not hold them responsible for any harm or loss that may occur during my participation in the event, or while traveling to and from the event.

Rider Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Pillion Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please email the completed form to: [rotorua.sec@ulysses.org.nz](mailto:rotorua.sec@ulysses.org.nz). A confirmation email will be sent once the payment and registration form are received.

Direct credit to 02-0412-0032076-00. Please put "your name" as particulars, your "Ulysses Membership No" as code and "Rally2023" as reference.

Queries to 021 026 60528 or 020 408 80205.



**ROTORUA ULYSSES BRANCH**

**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](mailto: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](mailto:thea.t-r@hotmail.com)**

# 2023 NORTH ISLAND COMPASS RALLY

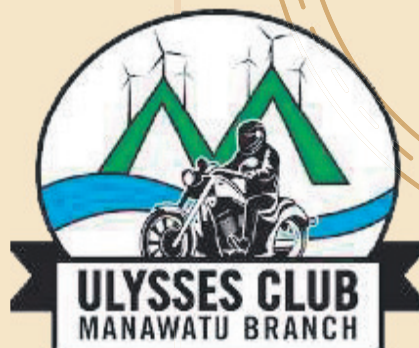
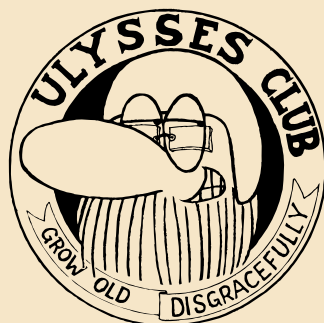
**Mark it on your calendars now for the North Island Compass Rally.**

This year starting on October 1st, and finishing with the drawing of your last card at **Palmerston North** on 28th October, cards drawn in your own time at **Pukenui** (North), **Coromandel** (Bonus), **Te Araroa** (East), **Rahotu** (West) and **Lake Ferry** (South), with a final card at the prizegiving function.

**Entries will open June 1st, 2023, watch your Ulyssian for details and entry form in the mid-year edition. Information will be distributed to all branches. All are welcome to participate.**

For further information, or to register your interest (if you can't wait) contact the organising committee.

**HOWARD ASPLIN** #4594  
4pointsrally@gmail.com  
Ulysses NZ Manawatu Branch





# **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 email 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: \_\_\_\_\_

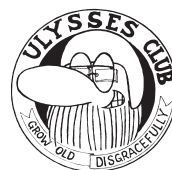
**\$30 ENTRY FEE (RIDER / DRIVER) – PREPAID ENTRIES ONLY**

Please email all entries to: [bruce.vincent@hotmail.co.nz](mailto: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.



# 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. Co-ordinators' meeting report
10. Remits/Resolutions - Discussion and Voting
11. AON Presentation
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, so nominations shall be called for from the floor at the 2023 AGM in Christchurch. All other candidates are unopposed, so no vote will be required for those.

Nominee	#	Nominator	#	Seconder	#	Incumbent?
<b>President</b>						
Andy Wilson	7169	Tim (Tiny) Stewart	8959	Pete Graham	8196	N (Was VP)
<b>Vice President</b>						
Craig Moodie	8602	Tim (Tiny) Stewart	8959	Pete Graham	8196	N
<b>Treasurer</b>						
<b>Secretary</b>						
Suzie Pentelow	8532	Gemma Peyerl	9484	Bill Kidney	7217	Y
<b>Committee</b>						
1. Karen Wilson	7787	Pete Graham	8196	Greg Evans	5572	Y
2. Phillippa 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

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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 provide a path to membership will help balance the aging issues we are currently having.

We need a 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
- 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 co-ordinators 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 co-ordinator,
- the vice co-ordinator (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
- Votes are to be sent to: PO Box 40218, Upper Hutt, 5140

## 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	<del>Sun 28th May, 2023</del> <b>NEW DATE: Sun 4th June 2023</b>	Whakapara Hall, Whakapara	12 noon	C, VC, S, T, 4 Com	<del>28 April</del> <b>NEW DATE: 4 May</b>	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
Hawke's 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 - Co-ordinator, P - Branch President, VC - Vice-Co-ordinator, 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	Daryl 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](mailto: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)

**Co-ordinator**  
**Vice-Co-ordinator**  
**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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 NATIONAL RALLY AND AGM  
 IN CHRISTCHURCH



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