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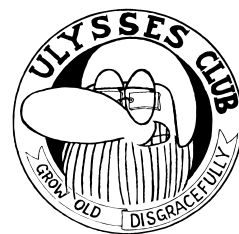
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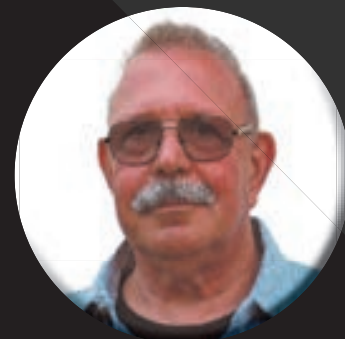
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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT



**ANDY WILSON #7169**  
NATIONAL PRESIDENT

**Welcome to the latest edition of the *Ulyssian*. Since my last report in June, NatCom has had a face-to-face meeting in Wellington, where we started addressing the rules and their application to the new Incorporated Society structure. We are now working with a member who is a lawyer to see us through this process properly.**

We have also started to update the info on the website and should see some changes soon.

By now, all branches should have received two new First Aid kits to be carried on group rides. Hopefully, if you carry one, you will never have to use it, but best to be prepared.

I have heard of a few new associate members who are largely family of existing members and certainly not the feared rapid influx of “hoons” that was talked about by some members. These new members will keep our traditions and social occasions Disgraceful but Fun.

All branches will have had AGMs by now and new committees will have been formed as needed. They will be sorting out which activities, rides and functions their branches will be doing for this coming year. Hopefully, we have a summer to get out and ride, socialise and meet up with other branches on the road to shared destinations. One branch you are most likely to meet somewhere is Rotorua. They seem to turn up anywhere something is happening. Which is great to see and hear about.

Which brings me on nicely to the nationwide Ulysses Baton Relay. This is getting bigger by the week, with most co-ordinators getting involved – helping to finalise the route or arrange

areas to meet, start the leg or part and collect money from the public. An amazing effort by everybody involved and a big THANK YOU especially to Leigh-Anne, Paddy and the Rotorua branch. Check out the Ulysses website for a breakdown of the legs and any updates.

Very soon, publicity will be released in all forms of the media. Thanks to Graham (Trapper – South Canterbury), Leigh-Anne and Paddy for an amazing effort for a worthy cause.

By the time you read this, it is hoped that the South Canterbury branch is up and running again, albeit with only a steering committee to get things started. Fantastic effort by Graham (Trapper) Stillwell, who has persevered with this process even when it looked too hard. We must also acknowledge the guidance of Trish and Chris Bruce and the Canterbury branch committee.

We as a committee are also working on a pack to be sent to each branch, with a hard copy of office holder guidelines for their roles, policies and procedures and the rulebook. Big thanks to Suzie Pentelow for doing the major work on this project. Also, thanks to Vicky Noda and Maree Vincent for the website update project they are embarking on.

The 2023 Ulysses Bike Raffle is in the early stages of preparation, with a few changes. We will have 2750 tickets this year, so nobody will miss getting a ticket or two. The extra \$2500 will give us a greater selection of bikes for the prize. The barrel size will also need to be increased due to the increase in tickets – watch this space for further updates.

Facebook is still attracting a

considerable number of new people wanting to join and a certain number of them will go further and join the club. So, primarily, we should be posting branch events, rides and disgraceful happenings promoting the club in a good light and not using it to negatively force issues that do not belong on that platform, portraying us as a bunch of moaners. ENOUGH SAID.

With the splendid work of our members in the past couple of years and the projects NatCom are working on now, we are in a good place. We need to keep our noses in front, so the branches have been asked for ideas of where they want the club as a whole to go – so we can form a new Strategic Plan for the next few years. So, please send your ideas and thoughts to any of the NatCom members for discussion at our future meetings.

The next group events are the North and South Islands' Remembrance runs, to be held in Taupo and Kaikoura. These events are to remember and reminisce members passed. I believe it is a mark of respect to those who built our club and gave it the meaning it has, which we pass on to the new members, a very worthwhile tradition. Hope to see you in Taupo.

Again, many thanks to the NatCom members for all you do and the time you give to the club and to the membership.

See you on the road somewhere

**ANDY WILSON #7169**

National President  
Ulysses Club of NZ Inc

# VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

CRAIG MOODIE #8602



Greetings.

## Rider Safety Fund

Since the last *Ulyssian*, we have not received any applications for grants from the rider safety fund. However, last month we sent out two first aid kits to every branch. This will ensure that every branch has up-to-date first aid kits available to take on their rides. Some people let me know that they have first aid kits but have never used one, but this is a good thing! Just one incident makes it all worthwhile.

It has been great to hear that several branches are currently arranging First Aid Courses with a motorcycle focus, including rider down and accident scene management. We are awaiting the grant applications for these.

Grant application forms have been sent out to co-ordinators and secretaries of each branch.

Feel free to contact me with your proposal, fill out a form and apply.

*If you have any good ideas for rider safety initiatives, please let us know as*

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# NATIONAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

## SEPTEMBER

It's been a busy few months for your National Committee. We held our annual face-to-face meeting in Wellington a few weeks ago and made the commitment to begin to develop a new strategic plan. Part of this process included asking each branch co-ordinator to take some questions to their respective branch membership to find out what members want from their national club going forward. If your branch co-ordinator has not informed you of the national strategic plan update, please ask them about it. The more we hear from you all, the better the new plan will be.

We also decided to trial a National Event Calendar in the *Ulyssian* for all national and branch major events. I emailed all branch co-ordinators for events to put in this and received details for the events you will find in this edition. This idea came about during the Rotorua branch rally and will hopefully help to avoid branches having clashing dates. Of course, as I advised the branch co-ordinators, branches can still choose their own dates for their own events.

Lastly, we decided that we would hold information meetings via Zoom for branch secretaries to help them learn more about their roles and responsibilities. These meetings will be organised soon.

### **2024 National Rally and AGM**

The 2024 National Rally and AGM is being run by the North Harbour branch, from Friday, March 29 to Sunday, March 31 at the Cycle Spot, North Harbour.

The North Harbour branch has been working hard to pull together an awesome event for us all, and I know they are excited to have found a venue that will have us all surrounded by bikes and biking paraphernalia.

### **National Committee Positions**

All National Committee positions are open for nominations each year, and, for the first time since I have been national secretary, there are no vacant positions to fill. We have a full committee of keen and enthusiastic members who are committed to grow and strengthen your Ulysses Club.

To be eligible for nomination, you need to be a financial member of the club and be nominated and seconded by members – the form is in this *Ulyssian*. Feel free to contact all current NatCom members for more information about the roles.

Nomination forms for the National Committee can be sent by email or mail and must be received by the National Secretary by Friday, November 3, 2023. (Mail must arrive no later than two business days after the close-off date, when the club post box is cleared).

All nominations for the National Committee will be published in the December *Ulyssian*.

### **Life Memberships**

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

### **Odyssey Medals**

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

Nominations must come from the branch co-ordinator and secretary and are limited to one member or couple per branch per year.

The election of Life Membership and Odyssey Medal recipients will be discussed and voted upon at the Coordinators' Annual Meeting on Friday, March 29, 2024. Nominations will be confidential and will not be disclosed prior to the co-ordinators' Annual Meeting.

To be successful, the nomination must be supported by not fewer than 80% of the co-ordinators and National Committee members present. The vote will be by secret ballot.

All nominations for Life Memberships and Odyssey Medals must be accompanied by:

- A Nomination form (available on the national website or from the National Secretary). Couple nominations need to be submitted on separate forms, but clearly noted to be a couple nomination.

- A detailed justification setting out why it is believed that the nominee deserves the honour.

- A photograph of the nominee.

In addition to this, the proposing branch must be able to send someone (preferably not the current co-ordinator) to address the co-ordinator's meeting held the afternoon before the main AGM in support of the nomination.

All forms, justifications and photos for Life Membership and Odyssey Medal nominations are to be sent to the National Secretary by email or mail no later than December 29, 2023 (mail must arrive no later than two business days after the close-off date, when the club post box is cleared).

### **Remits for Changes to Rules**

The 2023 Rule book is available from the National Secretary. Have you had a look recently? Do they make sense? Are they still relevant? Can we make them simpler? If you have any ideas about how to change the rules of the Ulysses Club of NZ Inc., remits must be submitted to the



SUZIE PENTELOW #8532

National Secretary by Wednesday, November 1st for publication in the December 2023 *Ulyssian*.

If you plan to mail any of the AGM items above, please post to the National Secretary, The Ulysses Club of NZ Inc., PO Box 40218, Upper Hutt, 5140. The email address is secretary@ulysses.org.nz

### Website updates

Have you checked your branch details on our club website recently? If there are changes to be made, your co-ordinator or secretary should contact the web person directly. Please email Greig at greig.neilson@web21.nz and he will update the details as required.

### Branch 2024 AGM Notices

These will be advertised

in the December *Ulyssian* as required by our club rules. I have not yet received full AGM information from the following branches: Auckland, Buller, Gisborne, North Otago, Southland, Waikato and Wairarapa. Could I ask the co-ordinator or secretary of each of these branches to send me their branch 2024 AGM details ASAP – In many cases it was just the venue that was to be confirmed.

### Future National AGM Information:

- 2025 Taranaki
- 2026 South Island (TBC)
- 2027 Taupo

*Thanks!*

**SUZIE PENTELOW**  
#8532  
National Secretary

# AGM

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ULYSSES CLUB OF NEW ZEALAND (INC)

Notice is given that the Annual General Meeting will be held on **Saturday the 30th of March 2024, commencing at 10am at CycleSpot, 10 Wairau Road, North Shore.**

In addition to the normal business of the AGM, the meeting will elect the National Committee members for 2024-2025.

Nominations are invited for all positions (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three Committee members).

**Nominations must be received by Friday, November 3rd, 2023 to the National Secretary, The Ulysses Club of NZ Inc, PO Box 40218, Upper Hutt 5140. The email address is secretary@ulysses.org.nz**

**Mail must arrive no later than 2 business days after the close off date, when the club post box is cleared.**

All nominations for the National Committee will be published in the December *Ulyssian*.

# NOMINATION FORM

## FOR NATIONAL COMMITTEE POSITION 2023/2024

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Ulysses Number \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator \_\_\_\_\_ Ulysses Number \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded \_\_\_\_\_ Ulysses Number \_\_\_\_\_

Nominees Consent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

# ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

## Spring at last....

Welcome to what hopefully will be the beginning of some long fine weather, so you can all get out and spend time on your bikes.

Personally, I have spent the winter months recuperating from knee replacement surgery; best time of year to have this done to be honest. But like you all, I am eager to get back on my ebike and enjoy the sun.

## Subscriptions

For those whose subscriptions will fall due by the end of December this year, this is just a gentle reminder that renewal emails will be sent out early in September. Please check your membership card in the first instance

to see if this applies to you.

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National Administrator



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**VICKY NODA #9990**

# **NATIONAL TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Hi Everyone! Well, it's been an interesting three months and start to my term as your new treasurer and I would like to thank Stuart for staying on in the background as our honorary accountant and helping guide me in my new role, and a big thanks to Debby who does a big chunk of the day-to-day accounting as our awesome administrator.**

We've had a great first six months to 2023 financially with membership subs coming in at \$49,834, \$4,661 more than this time last year (\$45,173), and gear sales at \$537, also more. However, unfortunately with inflation hitting all aspects of manufacturing and shipping these days, the cost of these items has also increased. Respectively, a lot of our everyday running costs have also increased, like office expenses, the cost of membership badges, medals and insurances, for example.

Regardless of the current economy,

however, we have still come out with a half-year profit of \$7,497, mostly due to high interest returns on our term deposits and our awesome sponsors.

The 2022/2023 bike raffle went well, adding another \$3,046 surplus to our Rider Safety Reserve, which has had only a few refund requests this year so far – get out there and keep learning Ulyssians. You're never too old to learn new tricks!

The pro-rata subscription fees discussed at the AGM Co-Ord's meeting are also now in place for our new members joining, with fee discounts depending on what time of the year they are joining us – first, second, third or fourth quarter etc. So, for example, using the scale below, Barry Tone decides to join us on the May 6, he would pay the one-off \$30 joining fee + \$55 For the rest of that current year's subscription, if he was also paying for a three-year

membership, you would then add another \$125 to get the correct total.

1st January-30th March = Joining fee + Full year's Subs

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1st July-30th September = Joining fee + 50% of the year's Subs

1st October-31st December = Joining fee + Full year's Subs which rolls over into the following year.

We'll have some gear sales for the next few months as well to help clear some excess stock, so keep an eye out in this month's mag and the December one, too, for some Christmas present ideas!

Any questions on the current club financials please don't be afraid to flick me an email:

[treasurer@ylusses.org.nz](mailto:treasurer@ylusses.org.nz)

**VICKY NODA #9990**

National Treasurer

## Treasurer's Report for the 6 Months to 30 June 2023

### Profit and Loss

Ulysses Club of New Zealand Incorporated  
For the 6 months ended 30 June 2023

Account	Jan-Jun 2023	Jan-Jun 2022
<b>Income</b>		
<b>Trading Income</b>		
<b>Gear Trading</b>		
Sales - Gear	3,977	3,440
Branch Gear Sales Discounts	(141)	(224)
Gear Purchases - Other Costs	(32)	0
Freight & Packaging on Stock Purchases	(52)	(38)
Stock on Hand Adjustments	27	(44)
Gear - Costs of Goods Sold	(3,311)	(2,390)
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) on Gear Trading</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>743</b>
<b>Total Trading Income</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>743</b>
<b>Fees from Members</b>		
Subscriptions	47,956	43,281
Joining Fees	1,878	1,892
<b>Total Fees from Members</b>	<b>49,834</b>	<b>45,173</b>
Interest Received	4,400	1,454
Sponsorship	3,407	3,500
Donations and Gifts	(101)	38
Freight Income	220	233
Subscription Under/Over Paid (\$1 - \$20)	48	40
Subscription Under/Over Paid (\$21 - \$50)	22	26
Ulyssian Advertising	7,390	7,770
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>65,688</b>	<b>58,977</b>
<b>Less: Expenditure</b>		
<b>Administration Expenses</b>		
Administration Fees	18,925	15,626
Computing & Internet	437	252
Accounting - Xero Fee	317	298
Rent - Office	1,826	1,813
Post & Courier	1,136	904
Stationery & Photocopy	441	215
Telephone	357	357
<b>Total Administration Expenses</b>	<b>23,439</b>	<b>19,465</b>
<b>Financial Expenses</b>		
Audit Fee	(50)	(50)
Bank & Paypal Fees	42	65
<b>Total Financial Expenses</b>	<b>(8)</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Meeting Expenses</b>		
AGM Travel, Accom, etc	6,386	5,640
National Committee Travel, etc	358	0
Other Meeting Expenses	0	130
<b>Total Meeting Expenses</b>	<b>6,744</b>	<b>5,770</b>
<b>Membership Expenses</b>		
Badges & Medals	914	637
Life & Odyssey Medals Awarded	1,150	710
Mail Chimp	524	451
Magazine	17,864	15,234
Magazine Advertising Costs	2,099	2,774
Remembrance Run	0	(176)
Sponsorship Expenditure	2,296	3,830
Website	445	534
Database Hosting	240	240
<b>Total Membership Expenses</b>	<b>25,532</b>	<b>24,233</b>
<b>Other Expenses</b>		
Publicity & Advertising	950	920
General Expenses	112	55
Insurance	773	742
Public Liability Insurance	650	618
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>2,485</b>	<b>2,335</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>58,191</b>	<b>51,817</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) Before Depreciation</b>	<b>7,497</b>	<b>7,159</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the period</b>	<b>7,497</b>	<b>7,159</b>
<b>Equity Reserve Movements</b>		
<b>Raffle</b>		
Raffle Income	21,757	21,751
Raffle Expenses	(18,711)	(18,499)
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>3,046</b>	<b>3,253</b>
<b>Total Equity Reserve Movements</b>	<b>3,046</b>	<b>3,253</b>

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September all and keep  
the shiny side up.  
- Vicky.*

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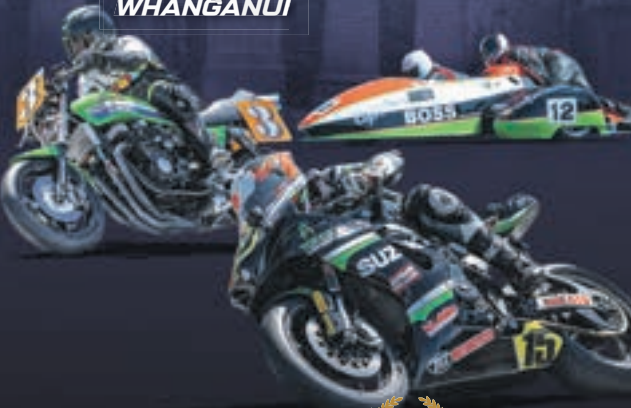
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- #10555 Lawrence Ford..... North Harbour
- #10554 Blake Shadbolt..... North Harbour
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Seasoned Ulyssians Trish and Chris Bruce.

# A Ulysses history

*The following is an article by Trish Bruce, who, with husband Chris, have formed a key part of the new Ulysses South Canterbury committee. Both Trish and Chris have a long history of involvement with Ulysses and are well known to many Ulyssians up and down the country. The South Canterbury branch is delighted that they have offered their skills and experience to our new committee.*

**– Trapper Stilwell.**

**2001: We bought a Yamaha FJ1200 and joined the Hamilton branch.** We had moved to the Waikato and knew only a few people, so when the Bike Shop owner said she was the sheriff of the local branch of Ulysses and that our membership was part of the sale agreement, we agreed and attended our first meeting three days later.

We loved our time in the Waikato, made lots of great friends, explored roads we would never have found in a car and added over 50,000km to the FJ's clock. Later, we traded it in for a BMW R1100 RT which we thoroughly enjoyed for another 70,000km before finding out how expensive parts were! We changed to the Honda ST1300 and still own it, and have enjoyed all 104,000km we have done so far.

Our longest group ride was a trip to Invercargill to "The Burt". A side trip into Milford Sound resulted in our coldest and most challenging ride ... torrential rain (snow on the hills) on the way and black ice at The Homer Tunnel taught us a very valuable lesson about good riding gear!

**2008:** We returned to South Canterbury and enjoyed a few rides with the local branch but things beyond our control saw us move to

Palmerston North just 10 months later.

We attended a Manawatu branch meeting then a short time later we received a call to let Trish know she had been added to the committee as secretary (with treasurer added later), a position held until we moved back to Timaru in 2019.

The Manawatu branch runs a biannual Four Points Compass Rally and Poker Run, and this is the event that Trish loved and administered with passion. It's open to everyone, not just Ulyssians. You ride to the four extreme points of the North Island and collect a card then get your last card at the prizegiving at the end ... best poker hand wins. It's a fantastic event and it's on this October, so take your holidays and go for it. You'll have a ball.

We are now back "home" in Timaru enjoying being active Ulyssians again, with the local South Canterbury branch back up and running thanks to Trapper Stilwell's huge efforts and support from NatCom.

**With warmer days just around the corner, we look forward to welcoming new members and visitors to join us exploring this beautiful region we call home.**



# THE FEILDING DGR

*A Ride for Distinguished Gentlemen  
(and others!)*

**GOAL: \$5,000 FOR MOVEMBER RESULT: \$9,267 RAISED FOR CHARITY**



LOTS OF DAPPERLY DRESSED GENTLEMEN



PILLIONS WERE ENCOURAGED

I have participated in a number of Distinguished Gentleman's rides over the years. This has involved travelling from Feilding to Wellington on my classic bike, with my dapper riding gear in a pack. Although this has been okay, I had begun to think there needed to be a DGR ride in the Manawatu. I began discussing this with my friend, Les Maddaford, another Manawatu Ulyssian. We decided that as we both lived in Feilding and the Feilding Square is an ideal meeting point, we would design a local route and apply to host a ride. Our aspiration was to try for 50 registered riders

and to raise \$5000 for the Movember charity.

It did take a bit to convince the DGR organisers that we had a good plan, but they agreed in the end. The Feilding Square was booked with the local council and the Manawatu District mayor agreed to come along as a celebrity judge. We had great sponsorship support from the local motorcycle dealers and spot prizes from Penrite Oil and Supercheap Autos. The Manawatu Ulysses branch were roped in to act as corner marshals and a local rider who is a paramedic would provide first aid

coverage. Michael Streeter, the local Suzuki dealer, was coerced into using his ute and trailer as the recovery vehicle behind the ride.

The DGR is run on the same day around the world, unfortunately, the 21st May dawned wet and it was forecast to get only worse. The decision was made to postpone the event by a week in the hope of better weather. A few hardy souls hadn't got the message, so turned up at the start, to be told the ride was off and to come back next week. The postponement meant a number of changes to the plan. We now needed a new meeting point as

the square was booked for another event. Thankfully, a vacant supermarket carpark nearby was a great alternative. The date change also meant the major was not available, but a councillor was substituted at the last minute.

Sunday, May 28 dawned fine and sunny, so the ride was on. The marshals' briefing was carried out in a local café over a nice coffee and then it was off to the start point to prepare for the riders' briefing. I was greeted by over 70 bikes in the carpark, and some very dapperly dressed riders. The great thing was the number of members of



A GREAT LINE-UP OF DIFFERENT MACHINES AT THE END OF THE RIDE



GREAT TO SEE SCOOTERS ON THE RIDE



LES MADDAFORD (L) AND MURRAY CROSS (R)  
- THE DGR FEILDING ORGANISERS



THE RIDE DEPARTS AT FEILDING, LED BY MURRAY CROSS ON HIS ROYAL ENFIELD GT 650

the general public who had come to have a look at the bikes.

The riders' brief was just that and then we were off. Because of the less than protective riding gear, the speed was kept down to 60kph maximum. The route was through Feilding township, past the local retirement village (the residents came out onto the lawn to watch the bikes go by) and then onto rural roads for a scenic 60km ride. After a short regroup in Halcombe, the ride returned to the start point for a debrief and prizegiving.

Overall, the Feilding DGR was a huge success.

Our initial aspiration was surpassed with 69 registered riders and \$9267.00 raised for charity. When asked, the assembled crowd were keen to see the event return in 2024, and planning is already under way to make that happen. As the host I want to thank the sponsors and volunteers who helped make the event happen, but the main thanks is to the entrants. They embraced the ethos of the ride by dressing up and riding their machines in a dapper and considerate manner.

Bring on 2024.  
**MURRAY CROSS #7908**



IAN PIKE ON HIS SIDECAR OUTFIT

# Trevor's Tattles

TREVOR BIRCHALL #4060

**Every year Ulysses Club holds a remembrance service in Taupo and approximately 200 bikers attend from all over the North Island. I had been dreaming of going to it for the first time and this year was quite excited until the night before the run, when Jim Hickey told everybody the heavens were going to open Friday afternoon and Saturday over the Waikato and Central North Island. Well, how wrong he was!**

Friday, a small group of seven bikes totalling 10 heads set off from Papakura Auto Barn just after 1pm and headed South. Matamata, our first stop, a very necessary wee-wee stop. The weather was brisk but fine, although it looked like Jim was going to be right.

As I was nominated rider out front, I suggested we all keep going to Tirau for afternoon tea and to fill up the bikes. After an enjoyable cuppa and chin wag, only one rider toggled up for what we thought we were heading into and headed off to Taupo. Again, still up front, off we go and, what do you know, some wise council workers had dug grooves in the tar seal to stop cars skidding in adverse conditions on a very tight bend. This may be great when you have four wheels on the road

but not a lot of fun on two. Never mind, it just got the blood flowing to the heart a little quicker for a few seconds and then it passed. The rest of the run was great, a small shower but nothing to dampen the spirits. Mind you, the big trucks and the spray they put up off the wet roads is not a lot of fun!

Taupo, we split up and went to our respective accommodation and got ready for a relaxing evening. At about 6:30pm we all met again and went to the Cosmopolitan Club for dinner. A good meal and afterwards two of us had a game of snooker. Both of us played badly, but we both won a game each, so parted friends. I went back to my accommodation at the Rainbow Lodge Backpackers and stayed in the kitchen-come-lounge until about 11pm talking to some nice people from Japan, England, Australia, and Wellington. A good night and a new experience for me. However, I did feel a little old as I was the only one with grey hair (this backpacker does not believe in TV as people do not mix).

How right they are. The Japanese couple had spent the day fishing and were just finishing eating their catch of the day. It did look nice – fresh trout.

Saturday morning, I got up about 6am, had a shower and shave and went off to the kitchen and made my breakfast. Sat and talked to the Japanese man for about 10 minutes. I would have written his name, but I couldn't spell it, nor could I pronounce it properly, but I know he was from Auckland's sister city in Japan. I could write about his travels in New Zealand but don't want to go on. (Oh, if only I was young again). We both parted and went our separate ways. He was off fishing again and I was off to meet a mate at his motel as we had decided to ride to the Hawkes Bay to visit our respective relations for the morning, mine now getting on a little in years.

On leaving Taupo, it was bloody cold and foggy and I thought if my wife was on the back she would not enjoy this. After half an hour or so the fog cleared and the sun came out. With frozen fingertips and a visor on my helmet that I could not close because it just steamed up, we pressed on. It wasn't until we got down out of the hills and nearly into Napier that any benefit was felt from the sun. There was one hill we climbed at a steady pace and suddenly as I rounded the corner – where was the road? The sun was so big

and bright coming up over the horizon that I nearly lost everything. We call this fun.

Regretfully, though, the only real dampener on this leg of our trip was a broken speedo cable and on my bike this also controls the blinkers and the radio. Normally, I can hear the music at whatever speed as the volume just goes up the faster you ride. I could control it manually but when I slow it is so noisy it would wake up anybody within a kilometre or so. Ashley, my riding companion, could not understand as he does not have those toys on his Ducati.

On arriving at Napier, we agreed on a place to meet at 12:00 and went our respective ways to see our relations. Mine, a 20-minute ride to Havelock North. It was nice to go and see them even though it was for such a short time as their health has not been the best. My only hope is I can get back before too long. They made me hot drinks, which did make the inner man feel a lot better.

Time was getting on, so pressed back along the waterfront to Napier to meet up with Ashley. Ah, I was five minutes early, so time for a smoke. Light up and he arrives. Well, no time for that, off we go. Beautiful weather, great roads, we open it up a little and enjoy

# Turning dreams into memories

ourselves. Very little traffic and quite easy to pass. This is riding at its best, nice sweeping corners up and down hills. Fantastic! Stopped at the top of the hill for a very lovely and good value lunch and Irish cream coffee. Worth a stop for anybody travelling between Taupo and Napier. Also, an interesting collection of paintings on the wall.

Time to go, riding on my rev counter I was averaging 3500 revs, which I estimated was 120km an hour. Passed a bus and gave them a wave as we went by as we had talked to the driver and some of the passengers at the restaurant. With a smile on my face, around the next corner, oh dear, what do I see? On the other side of the road, a car I had seen earlier. I quickly backed off the throttle. Too late, lights started flashing, so I carefully put on my indicator and pulled over and Ashley followed me. The man dressed in blue asked me if I knew what speed I was doing. Quickly pulling off my scarf to expose my grey beard, I said, "Sorry, officer, my speedo is not working but I guess you pulled me up as I was a little too fast."

"I clocked you at 122km," he promptly told me, and

after some polite chatter we were sent on our way. But he did tell us to keep within the law. I smiled and wished him a good day. We continued to Taupo, keeping the revs between 3000 and 4000 and thinking how lucky we were. Passed the same bus we overtook earlier and waved to him for the second time. The driver tooted back with a friendly gesture.

On arriving back in Taupo, I spruced up a little and met up with my mates and went off to the Remembrance Service, as this was the whole reason for the trip. It was extremely moving.

I'm not sure how many people were there, but there were a lot. As I stood in the back of the hall, I glanced around. Bodies of all shapes and sizes, hair on the guys mainly the same colour as mine or none at all. The ladies' hair ranged from brown to red to black. Why is this? Do they have a special formula to look younger than their men folk? Anyway, I digress. We were all there for the same reason and, for me, I felt honoured to be part of it, something I will not forget. After the service, I was talking to a rider from Hastings and, what do you know, he met the same "man in blue" as I did an

hour before me, only he was fined \$120 for doing 120km an hour. Was this my lucky day or not?

Time to rush back to a friend's motel to watch the All Blacks playing in Wellington against those Aussies, on delayed coverage on TV3. A great game, pity about the final score. Never mind, I had a couple of beers to drown the sorrows and back to my accommodation for a little rest before dinner, or so I thought. Arriving back, there were some other motorcyclists checking in and we talked for a while and time got away from me. Walked back to the other side of town to meet up with about 30 others to go to dinner together. We all went to a Chinese Restaurant where a mate had booked a table and banquet for us. Service was terrible and food mediocre. In other words, Not Recommended. The company, though, made up for it and it was a good night. I did not continue on to the function and dance as I was little tired, although those who did go told me the next day that it was great. Never mind, you can't do everything.

On returning to the lodge, my Japanese friends were finishing off the day's catch and they asked me to join

them. Being polite, I had to try this freshly baked trout cooked in some sauce in tin foil. It was beautiful and made up for the other meal consumed earlier.

Well, I thanked my new friends and went off to bed at about 11pm.

Sunday morning, I got up about 7am and after a shower etc went to the kitchen to cook my toast and, what do you know, the place has been taken over by a group of people in my age group and some a little older. They were all in town to compete in a 21km marathon. They put me to shame, all eating health foods and stretching their muscles. I think I will settle for my motorbike.

At 9am I packed up and went off to meet my riding companions. Some of them were ready to go, others were just going to McDonalds for breakfast. Eight of us on five bikes were ready to go, so we informed the others of our route and headed South to Turangi. The weather and the views over Lake Taupo were just magnificent before heading to Tongariro. The morning was so perfect and fresh, still with clear blue skies. One of our group was having problems with his bike backfiring and running very rich. I offered to take

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## Trevor's Tattles

### Turning dreams into memories

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his pillion with me but she decided to return to Taupo. Suddenly, one of the other riders appeared with a screwdriver, took out the air filter, and said, "try that."

Did that Kwaka take off? There was no stopping them, and it was only because they slowed down that we caught up. The bike was now performing better than it had all weekend. Two of us dropped behind a little as we were unable to weave past the cars and got stuck behind two buses up a narrow winding pass. It did not matter as we soon opened the throttle again and enjoyed the views, even across to Mt Egmont in the distance.

Climbing the mountain, we suddenly came across a parking marshal stopping cars going any further, but he waved us on. We rode in and around the skiers trudging up the hill. Another marshal stopped all buses and any other vehicles going any further, but we were okay, so on we went as far as the road could take us and parked our bikes on the side of the snow. (Did we feel sorry for all the other people having to walk up that last kilometre?) Out came the thermos and coffee, and biscuits all round. How privileged we were. The

cameras appeared, and what an awesome sight we were with smiles on all our faces. We had come this far, so we had to go on the chairlift up the mountain as far as we could go. Even if you aren't a skier, this is a must, and how exhilarating it was. But take warm clothing. At the top, we all pretended to be 10 again, throwing snowballs and then one of the ladies produced a plastic bag. Most of us had a moment of joy sliding down a small slope. Some comments from some of the skiers on our mode of dress were amusing.

Back on the bikes and off to Taumarunui for lunch. The restaurant we stopped at was virtually sold out, so we decided to motor on to Te Kuiti and try there. I was ready to go before the others, so I took off as I knew they would catch up with me before too long. They sure did, four of them, riding in tight formation and past they went at an unbelievable rate of knots. All on large sports bikes capable of a lot faster speeds than mine and all very competent riders. I watched them head off into the distance, leaning into the corners, it was a picture to watch. I had no intention of trying to stay with them

as I was happy travelling at my own pace. On the whole trip, this section was the only time I found an inconsiderate motorist. I was cruising along at about 110km and he had to pass me, so I let him go. Then around a couple of bends I caught up with him again, tailgating the car in front of him. I knew if I was to pass, I had to make it quick as he was not going to let me push in between him and the car in front of him. My opportunity came and I took it. What do you know, a few minutes later he passed me again. Within 1km he was stuck again, this time behind about three cars. It wasn't long before I made my move down a gear and zoom – I passed three cars and eased my way back into the left lane before a corner, rounded it and off I was past the front car and I never saw him again. I do not like people driving right up my a\*\*\* like he did. (Excuse the expression).

I made it to Te Kuiti with no more dramas, pulled into the service station and joined the rest of the gang for lunch. Knowing the day was just about over, I think all of us just wanted to head for home. I said my goodbyes to the others as I knew I would not stop

again until home and hit the road. North to Otorohanga, hung a left to bypass Te Awamutu and Hamilton, still sitting on about 3300rpm enjoying the countryside thinking that those four fast machines must come past me soon, but I did not see them again. At Ngaruawahia, I joined the No 1 Highway.

Suddenly, reality set in, heavy traffic. I tried winding my way past the tin tops one at a time but in the end gave up and joined the convoy.

Two-and-a-half days of pure magic ended. I know those who do not like motorcycles would not understand the enjoyment that I had but the feeling of speed on two wheels even at the speed limit is magic to me. The smells, the scenery, the sensation – what more can a man ask for? To name the favourite part of the trip would be impossible. The ride, accommodation, friends – new and old – and even the meals were great.

I heard a quote while I was away: A dream can be achieved, a memory is achieved, Dreams come and go, memories stay forever.

Well, that weekend was a dream that I now have as a memory.

TREVOR BIRCHALL #4060





# DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH YOU DON'T KNOW?

***I have often pondered the difference between “experienced” and “skillful”.***

**There is a school of thought that says that if you are experienced at something then you must have picked up a significant amount of skill along the way.**

But what, say, you have become skillful at doing the wrong thing?

A couple of years ago, I had an interesting online conversation with a gentleman who was defending his habit of using only the back brake. He got quite grumpy when I suggested to him that what he had done was train himself to ride in an unsafe manner.

***He had become experienced in a bad habit.***

Once I had the misfortune of coming across a motorcycle accident shortly after it had happened, the rider, unfortunately, deceased. I had seen this rider on the road previously and had

developed a poor opinion of his technique.

From what was reported in the media and my own observation, it seems that the rider made four mistakes. The line he took for the corner was wrong, jumping on the rear brake and locking it up was absolutely wrong (there was a large rear tyre lock up mark showing he apexed really early on the corner), his corrective action was non-existent (lock up skid mark went over into oncoming lane) and I would assume he got fixated on the vehicle he hit.

The media reported a family member saying that he was experienced and had been riding for years.

On the face of it the rider may well have been experienced but he was not, it seems, skillful.

A skillful rider would have had time to resolve three of the errors I list. If he had resolved only one, he would

probably still be riding. Simply getting off the back brake and looking where he wanted to go would have done it.

So, are you experienced but not skillful?

I'm specifically talking to you who have been riding for years and haven't done any rider training. I know you are out there ...

If not, may I suggest you get your finger out and do something like the Ride for Ever courses. Just because you are experienced, it doesn't mean you are necessarily any good.

In fact, I bet you don't know how much you don't know.

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



# MAGIC MOTORCYCLE TOUR

# Thailand 2023

**What a Blast. Life is short. If you want to do something, just do it! You never know what will happen next week, month or year.**

Which is why I jumped at the opportunity to join Ulyssians Howard (Joe) Mansell and Karel Pavich on their Magic Motorcycle Thailand tour from June 23 to July 5, 2023. (13 days/12 nights, 10 riding days)

Arriving in Chiang Mai on the June 22, I met up with 14 other motorcyclists from all over New Zealand, including one Aussie. Day 1, June 23, was a formal get together for lunch followed by a full afternoon rider briefing on what to expect riding in Thailand, group riding rules etc.

The next day, Day 2, we went to get our bikes. So excited! Solo riders got 2023 Honda CB500Xs and two-up riders got the Suzuki V-Strom 650s. All kitted out with top boxes and crash bars. We each checked the oil, tyres and made adjustments where needed to suit. That afternoon was

a practice ride out in the crazy Thai traffic (scooters everywhere) and up to Doi Suthep (a huge winding hill with a 400-year-old temple) to get used to the bikes and Thai conditions.

Day 3 the ride begins and for the next 10 days I enjoyed the best motorcycling I have had. The roads are AMAZING! Smooth hot mix seal; way better than anything we have in New Zealand. Kilometre after kilometre of fast sweeping bends, deceptive bends, hairpin bends, tight switchbacks. Note: This is not a ride for beginner riders or return riders. Get a couple of years practice in first and do some Pro-Rider training. If you love corners and you are an experienced, competent rider you will love this ride.

On Day 5, riding from Pai to Bura Phat, we rode 1000 corners in a 46km section before morning coffee. These are second gear corners slipping the clutch at 20-30kph. At times, riding fast on these roads you are doing only

85-90kph, usually in third or fourth gear. Huge grin factor. Every day we all had stupid grins on our faces. Every stop there was excited chatter about what we just rode through.

The Honda CB500X is the perfect bike for these conditions. Light, comfortable, flickable, good ground clearance and enough power to get a good turn of speed out of the free revving parallel twin but not too much to get you into trouble.

The roads are not patrolled by police. Thai police don't want to know about driving offences. They concentrate on serious crime. As such, the speed limits, double yellow lines, red lights etc are advisory only. So, the freedom to ride at your pace is a breath of fresh air. However, if you have an accident, whether your fault or not, you will be charged. Thai police attitude is; the accident is your fault. Because if you weren't in their country, the accident would not have happened. The roads are littered with

obstacles such as dogs and water buffalo sleeping on the road, slow moving Thai scooter contraptions two, three, four up, grossly overloaded trucks, utes, and the odd car. Thai drivers will drive in a straight line, wandering all over the road and cutting corners to do so. Using a passing lane can be perilous but a polite toot toot on the horn can be helpful. Thais don't have road cones or Stop-Go people. They cut a leafy branch and lay it on the road to warn of a broken-down vehicle or road works. So, there is freedom to ride but you must have your wits about you.

Each day, Joe and Karel took turns at being RIC (Rider in Charge) and TEC (Tail End Charlie). You were not to pass the RIC and the TEC would not pass you. This kept the group together, although stretched out, and nobody got lost. Corner markers were used at turn-offs and rolling regroupings were used on the motorways and in the cities.

The daily routine was:  
 6:30am breakfast – 7:45am rider briefing – 8am ride start – 9:30am/10am coffee stop – 12pm lunch stop – 2pm/2:30pm coffee stop – 3:30pm/4pm arrive at resort – 4:30pm in the pool with a cold beer – 6pm Chang time – 7pm dinner.

The daily temperature would start out at 28 degrees Celsius and by mid-afternoon would be 36-37 degrees C with very high humidity. We all wore light mesh gear and CamelBaks for hydration while riding. A back-up ute would follow behind with cold drinks, ice coffee, water and snacks.

Chang is the Thai beer of choice. Plenty of cans were consumed in the pool at the end of the day's ride. If at any time during that day you were caught doing something silly or if handle bars ever touched the ground (the ultimate sin) you would be nominated for a Chang at

6pm. If there was more than one nomination, the group would vote for the person who should receive the Chang. The Chang was a pink and purple elephant key chain that the winner had to wear on their person for the next 24 hours. A badge of shame, not honour. At the end of the tour, the Ultimate Supreme Chang was awarded, and you got to take the elephant home. It was all done in fun and built camaraderie in the group. Joe and Karel worked hard behind the scenes on logistics. Our bags were collected every day and delivered to the next resort and were in our rooms when we arrived. All meals, breakfast, lunch and dinner, and coffees and snacks were included. The cafes and restaurants were confused but ready for us. We would turn up; they would make food. Lots of food! And it was

delicious! Joe and Karel did all the route planning and mapped out on GPS. They were mic-ed up and would communicate with each other on route. This gave us a seamless riding experience with no issues or decisions to deal with. Just ride and enjoy the day. As their company name suggests, it was Magic!

The Thai countryside is beautiful. Tropical rain forests, fertile farmland, paddy fields, quaint villages, mountain upon mountain, Buddhist temples and shrines everywhere. The Thai people are welcoming, friendly, humble people. They say Thailand is the land of smiles. I can see why. We travelled up to the Golden Triangle on the borders of Thailand, Myanmar and Laos. We had a two-day rest break there in the stunning Imperial Resort Hotel. In fact, all the hotels and resorts we stayed at were gorgeous

and mostly empty. Just us! It was their tourist low season, though.

The trip ended back at the hotel we started from in Chaing Mai. A grand finale banquet was had, the Ultimate Supreme Chang awarded. I got the runner-up Chang award. Yes, I did some dumb stuff but escaped the supreme award.

I did the optional extra five-night stay in Phuket for some R&R before returning home. Well worth it. A special thanks to Howard (Joe) Mansell and Karel Pavich of Magic Motorcycle Tours for a truly magical motorcycle experience I shall never forget. Total distance 2360km.

Look them up on Facebook for further tours. Search Magic Motorcycle Tours.

**CHRIS BROWN #4797**

Waihi-Thames Valley  
 Ulysses Co-ordinator.



# From the ashes rose

# South Canterbury

TRAPPER #10511

## South Canterbury is back!

**After some months of cajoling, meetings, emails, texts and fliers, it gives me more pleasure than you can all imagine to now be able to make the following announcement**

### **NATCOM HAS OFFICIALLY REINSTATED SOUTH CANTERBURY AS A STAND-ALONE BRANCH OF ULYSSES WITH FULL AUTONOMY.**

The move follows the appointment of a South Canterbury committee that National President Andy Wilson has described as high calibre, competent and experienced.

The re-establishment of the South Canterbury branch brings us in from a decade-long cold and now means any former South Canterbury members who had to transfer to either Canterbury or North Otago branches due to the folding of the South Canterbury branch in 2012 can now return if they wish to renew the enjoyment of a locally driven ride programme, social event calendar, shared events with neighbouring branches and branch meetings. Any former members, including prospective new members, keen to join us can contact Trapper on 0274 322 590.

And we welcome them with open arms.

The branch committee will be led by myself as branch co-ordinator; our Treasurer is Petrina Thompson; and the general committee will be made up of Trish and Chris Bruce (see separate profile article in this issue), Ken O'Connell and Gavin Barker.

Other roles such as secretary are yet to be confirmed.

In making this announcement, I wish to acknowledge the support of those

who put their hands up for the SC committee, as well as the invaluable help of National President Andy Wilson, Canterbury Coordinator Chris Carey and Canterbury Secretary Debbie McFarlane, all of whom have strongly supported our resurgence and without whose help it may not have been possible. Thank you Andy, Chris and Debs.

My personal motorcycling history has been a rather stop-start affair over the years, punctuated by females, and letters from the bank calling on me to come in and clear overdrafts.

But it started with a borrowed BSA Bantam, you know, the hand gear-change kind back in the late 1960s, and then traversed, in no particular order or preference, to an Ariel Colt 200, an Ariel 500, a Triumph 650, a marriage, two kids and near bankruptcy, and after wearing out the toes of a pair of sneakers on my knees to SHE WHO MUST BE OBEYED, a Yamaha RD400 two-stroke twin. I must have done something right.

Then came huge career changes with promotions leading to overseas posts and study groups as a senior journalist at the Timaru Herald and Southland Times after years as a down-table sub-editor on the night shift. That night shift stint brought many experiences riding the Yammy to and from my home on a farm 28ks away.

One experience in particular stands out. It had been raining heavily throughout my night shift and the homeward journey always took in the very steep Kellands Hill and a fantastic downhill blat on most nights. On this particular night, I breasted the hill and started blatting down. It was then that I noticed the white line had

disappeared in my headlights. Yep, you guessed it. And I hit that pond at close to 70ks, coming to a halt 30 metres later deep in the poo with brakes that did not work, and in a cloud of steam with water almost up to the fuel tank. Fortunately, Yammy kept running with no cracked heads or blocks and it was a very bedraggled Trapper that finally arrived home at 3.30am after picking my way through known back roads.

The Yammy went when I formed my own media company and it helped to fund my first computer system.

And now BLACK BETTY!

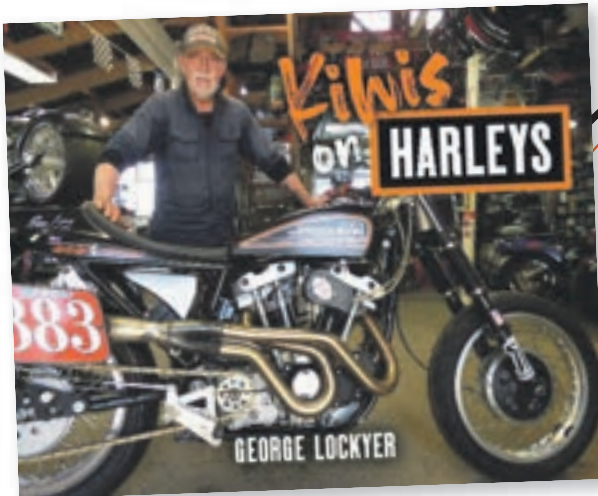
Black Betty is a 2002 Indian Scout Bobber purchased brand new only a few months ago from CMG Motorcycles in Christchurch. 100hp from 1133cc V-Twin, is nothing but sheer fun. She follows a stint with a Kawasaki Ultra LX jet ski but having accidentally dumped my partner off the back in a rough patch of sea off Timaru, and the resultant refusal "to ever get on the back of the bloody thing again", it was back to motorcycles.

To those of us born and raised in this beautiful region of South Canterbury, it is a surprise that we were not represented as a Ulysses Branch for so long.

South Canterbury is a beautiful and diverse region in the South Island bounded by the Rangitata River and the Waitaki River, and featuring stunning natural attractions such as Aoraki/Mt Cook, Lake Tekapo, and hydro lakes. It also has a vibrant economy and a range of industry sectors, such as agriculture, manufacturing, tourism, and education.

Motorcycling in beautiful South





Passionate motorcyclist George Lockyer travelled all over Aotearoa, and had kiwis open their garage doors and hearts to him, to reveal what made the iconic American motorcycle so special to them.

# **Kiwis on Harleys**

by **George Lockyer**

**"Riding is my life, it represents freedom. It's a destresser and the perfect way to enjoy our beautiful countryside, with the smells and views that you simply don't experience in a car. As a hot rod girl, I used to love the sound of a V8, but now I love the Harley rumble. People know you're coming!" — Leone Shaw**

For many, the name Harley-Davidson is synonymous with the motorcycle and instantly conveys an image of cool. Whether it be Peter Fonda and Dennis Hopper from the 1969 movie *Easy Rider* – or time-travelling android Arnold Schwarzenegger in 1991's

*Terminator 2: Judgment Day*, there is an image of this cultural icon embedded in our heads.

But Harley riders can get a bad rap and can be associated with riders clad in black leather and covered in tattoos. In *Kiwis on Harleys*, George Lockyer shows us that Harley-Davidson owners come from all walks of life.

Lockyer interviewed 28 people across Aotearoa, including softly spoken German-born writer Uli Cloesen, Timaru accountant Julia Burgess, Cantabrian hairdresser Leone Shaw, Christchurch motorcycle harsee business owner Roger

Hutchinson, Upper Hutt train driver/drag racer Jason Davis, Queenstown tour guides Graham and Donna Beker, Porirua bus driver Jo Baxter and Whangapāroa Peninsula gastromrider David Wyatt. From collectors of vintage Harleys, restorers of old Harleys, dealership owners, those who race them or have raced them, or simply riders who remain loyal to the Harley-Davidson brand, this book shows how diverse the Harley-Davidson family is. In *Kiwis on Harleys*, we also learn Harley Davidson's famous history, the pros and cons of the various models, and about how owning a Harley

is not just about riding a bike, it's about belonging to a world-wide community.

Lockyer says, "When Bateman Books suggested I write this book I was initially hesitant as I'd never owned, or (I confess) even ridden a Harley-Davidson! My plan was to travel the country (on two wheels where possible) and interview as diverse a range of Harley riders as I could find. I was always given a warm welcome (despite riding a Kawasaki!) while discovering an amazing interconnectedness between Harley-Davidson riders, as well as an unspoken camaraderie."



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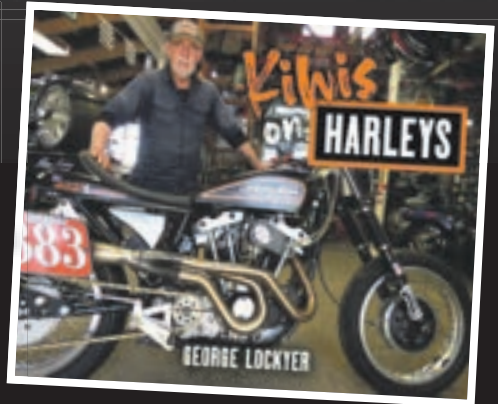
SNAP AND

# WIN

**A COPY OF  
'KIWIS ON HARLEYS'**

We are in need of stand out photos for our *Ulyssian* cover.  
Submit your clear, high resolution, portrait shaped,  
cover worthy photo/s and if your image is selected as the winner,

**it will appear on the cover of the next  
ULYSSIAN and also you will  
WIN a copy of KIWIS ON HARLEYS  
written by George Lockyer.**



ULYSSES CLUB  
**ULYSSIAN**  
NEW ZEALAND



**SUBMIT ENTRIES TO: [EDITOR@ULYSSES.ORG.NZ](mailto:EDITOR@ULYSSES.ORG.NZ)**

Please include a bit of information about the image plus your name, Ulyssian membership number, address and phone number (to contact you about the prize if you win!)

Please only send original images of which you are the owner.

**We look forward to seeing your entries!**

## EVENTS

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**South Island Remembrance Service**

Saturday 23rd September 2023, 1pm, Kaikoura

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**North Island Compass Rally**

Starting 1st Oct

**Helicopter Hunt**

1st October, 2023

Christchurch, Canterbury

**Taupo Dice Run**

October 22nd, 2023 in Taupo

**North Island Compass Rally**

Finishing Saturday 28th October Palmerston North

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**The Mainlands Longest Day**

4th Nov, Christchurch

**Icons 150 Motorcycle Landscape Icon Hunt**

November 4th Ngatea

**Nationwide Baton Relay**

5th - 19th Nov Invercargill to Rotorua

**Ronald McDonald House Fundraising Ride**

5th November 2023, North Harbour

**Auckland 'River Meets the Sea' Rally**

Nov 10th-12th Port Waikato

**Nelson Toy Ride**

25th November 2023, in Nelson

## EVENTS

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**Toy Ride**

2nd December 2023, Buller

Christmas Day

Boxing Day

New Years Eve

## EVENTS

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**2024 National Rally & AGM**  
Friday 29th  
March - Sunday  
31st March 2024,  
North Harbour

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# ULYSSES NATIONWIDE BATON RELAY

WAHOOOOOO TEAM AWESOME!!

Our Rotorua Branch is organising a Nationwide Relay, and we would love to have you join us in this massive event. Let's put the Ulysses brand out there, across NZ. How do we achieve this??

Well, we use our resources, our branches across NZ and we do a Baton Relay, for a Great Cause!

## **Start date 5th Nov 2023**

**Departing from Lorneville Intersection Junction Invercargill at 10am**

The baton ride will start in Invercargill and head north, encompassing all the Ulysses branches. Each branch will have a donation amount to add to the baton.

This would be from a fundraising event or donations from the public (each branch can choose how they want to contribute).

As the baton is passed from branch to branch, we need social media coverage, photos up on our Ulysses FB page and shared between our own FB pages to get the word out there.

Other things that will be going on in the background to support the cause are

**Registrations \$20.00 for joining the relay**

**Sew on badges \$14.00**

**Pin Badges \$10.00**

**Sweepstake Guess the Amount \$1.00**

Those that pay \$20.00 to join the relay, will also be in the draw to win a Mystery Prize.

The sweepstake for \$1.00 is for anyone on social

media who wants to "Guess the Amount Raised" Prizes will also be awarded for close to, and correct amount guessed!

As the baton travels north, each branch will write on a stick or something how much money they raised and the stick goes into the baton. You need to take photos of the amounts so that the public can be engaged.

First - so they can take a guess at the end amount raised

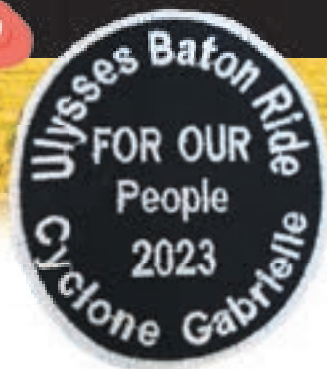
Secondly - interacting with them, creates a great community following

Thirdly - promotes the Ulysses brand

As for the bikers and hot rodders who want to join in the relay, there will be many who will hop in, hop off across New Zealand.



# for the Cyclone Gabrielle fund



Sew on badge



Metal Pin Badge

Once the Baton reaches the Far North branch, it will return back down to Rotorua for the...

## Grand Finale on the 19th of Nov 2023

Meet at the Village Green, from 11am Sunday the 19th November, stands up 1215. A short ride to the A&P Showgrounds in Ngongotaha (Next to the Agrodome) for the presentation and prizes draw. Food, Coffee and toilets available.

The money raised will be distributed to the affected Cyclone Gabrielle areas - Far North Auckland, Coromandel, Gisborne, Wairoa, Hawkes Bay, Nelson.

All branches are invited to join this event.

Sew on badges and Pin badges are available through your Ulysses Branch, also on the TryBooking platform or contact Smiley M 021 0266 0528

5 MILLION PEOPLE LIVE IN NZ, IMAGINE HOW COOL IT WOULD BE, TO RAISE JUST \$1 MILLION @ \$1.00 PER HEAD

**MAKE PAYMENTS TO ROTORUA ULYSSES BRANCH  
BNZ 02-0412-032076-01**

**Please put your name and mobile as reference**

As we are now live, for those of you who want to buy through the Ticket system, please copy this link below which will take you to the event page. Select a ticket for each item that you want and then make a payment at the end (items will be in a cart, top of the page)

<https://www.trybooking.co.nz/NWM>

OUR BATON OF HOPE...



# ULYSSES NATIONWIDE BATON RELAY

**15 Days, 5th November - 19th November.**

*FROM INVERCARGILL TO THE FAR NORTH AND FINISHING IN ROTORUA!*

This will be an amazing journey across New Zealand to support Cyclone Gabrielle victims.

Sincerest gratitude and thank you to everyone getting on board with this project. Couldn't do it without your support.

There will be media coverage both TV and Radio. Huge SHOUTOUT TO our sponsors so far

**O.T.B.T. ROTORUA • ULYSSES NZ LTD • ULYSSES BRANCHES NATIONWIDE • THE A&P SHOWGROUNDS ROTORUA  
BLUEBRIDGE FERRY SERVICE WELLINGTON/PICTON • AROMA CAFE ROTORUA • 3D ART GALLERY ROTORUA  
DANGEROUS CHOCOLATE • WAITOMO FUEL • SCOTT BASE ROTORUA.**

## **Here are all the LEG links.**

**Type the link into the search bar on Facebook**

*If you want to be updated, you need to click interested, or going and that way you will be able to click in or follow along, vicariously on FB. If information changes you will be sent a notification which is the little bell icon on the top right of your own FB page.*

**MAIN FB PAGE WITH ALL THE LEGS**

**<https://fb.me/e/2ly1YMhE6>**

**REGISTRATION - TRYBOOKING LINK**

**[www.trybooking.co.nz/NWM](http://www.trybooking.co.nz/NWM)**

**1st Leg** .....  
<https://facebook.com/events/s/1st-leg-nationwide-ulysses-bat/1007322730446471/>

**2nd Leg** ..... <https://fb.me/e/RXezRjSX>

**3rd Leg** ..... <https://fb.me/e/15NPAJ1T8>

**4th Leg** ..... <https://fb.me/e/Z7AafkbX>

**5th Leg** ..... <https://fb.me/e/14zSv5sr5>

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**7th Leg** ..... <https://fb.me/e/1iJwmfC91>

**8th Leg** ..... <https://fb.me/e/OFcWZqQ6>

**9th Leg** ..... <https://fb.me/e/2jA82QWAJ>

### **START OF THE NORTH ISLAND LEGS**

**10th Leg** ..... <https://fb.me/e/1o3ay6O3W>

**11th Leg** ..... <https://fb.me/e/17ybHcDX1>

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**22nd Leg** ..... <https://fb.me/e/3wzibFem1>

**23rd Leg** ..... <https://fb.me/e/15UzPBByK>

**24th Leg** ..... <https://fb.me/e/1ozx4RnFI>

**Riders and supporters will need to make their own accommodation arrangements, unless stated that there is something available. Some evening get-togethers have been added to legs as well. Please read the Leg information so that you know what's going on. Otherwise meet at the Stands Up places/times on the relevant days. Full tank, empty bladder and ride your own ride!**

NOVEMBER 2023

# ITINERARY

Meet at Lorneville Service Station, STANDS UP 10am INVERCARGILL and join the Ulysses Motorbike Baton Relay which will be travelling through NZ. This is a Nationwide OTBT and Ulysses Fundraising event to support the Cyclone Gabrielle Fund. Anyone can join in any leg, and cars, trucks are also welcome. It is a NZ-wide fundraiser and we would like all who can support the cause, to do so.

**All riders and or car people, are invited to join in the convoy along the way.**

- 05 Nov **1ST LEG**..... Invercargill to Dunedin
- 05 Nov **2ND LEG** .....Dunedin to Oamaru Overnight
- 06 Nov **3RD LEG** .....Oamaru to Timaru
- 06 Nov **4TH LEG** ..... Timaru to Springston Hotel
- 06 Nov **5TH LEG** .....Springston to CHCH Overnight
- 07 Nov **6TH LEG** .....CHCH to Moana Lake Brunner
- 07 Nov **7TH LEG** ..... Moana to Westport Overnight
- 08 Nov **8TH LEG** .....W/port to Blenheim Overnight
- 09 Nov **9TH LEG** ..... BLUEBRIDGE Ferry Crossing
- 09 Nov **10TH LEG** ..... Wgtn to Masterton Overnight
- 10 Nov **11TH LEG** ..... Masterton to Woodville
- 10 Nov **12TH LEG** .....Woodville-Whanganui- Hawera
- 10 Nov **13TH LEG** .....Hawera to New Plymouth Overnight
- 11 Nov **14TH LEG** ..... New Plymouth to Taupo Overnight
- 12 Nov **15TH LEG** .....Taupo-Dinsdale-Bombay
- 12 Nov **16TH LEG** .....Bombay to Auckland-Kumeu Overnight Craig Moodie's place
- 13 Nov **17TH LEG** ..... Kumeu to Whangarei Overnight
- 14 Nov **18TH LEG** .....Whangarei - Akld-Papakura -Red Fox
- 14 Nov **19TH LEG** .....Red Fox - Miranda/Kaiaua Overnight
- 15 Nov **20TH LEG** .....Miranda-MGC Maketu Overnight MGC -  
Maketu Gentlemens Club -Tenting Dinner \$15.00 Breakfast \$10.00
- 16 Nov **21ST LEG** .....MGC-Whakatane-Smash Palace Gisborne Overnight
- 17 Nov **22ND LEG** .....Gisborne-Wairoa-Napier Overnight
- 18 Nov **23RD LEG** ..... Napier-Taupo-Rotorua Overnight

Copthorne Hotel offering a discount. Email Theresa directly for the discount:  
Theresa.mutlow@millenniumhotels.co.nz

**DINNER DETAILS FOR THE ROTORUA NIGHT:** EatStreet has many options. Pre-dinner canapes with the Mayors is still being worked out.

**EVENING ENTERTAINMENT:** Pig and Whistle and The Social Club will have live bands, for those who want to dance and sing the night away, Wahooooo

**GRAND FINALE:** 19 Nov 2023 24th Leg - BP Fenton St to Village Green-A&P Showgrounds Ngongotaha!! STANDS UP 12.00 On the 19th November, riders and cars will meet at the BP Fenton Street to do the ride down to the Village Green for the baton changeover. We will then do a short ride to our END destination - A&P Showgrounds in Ngongotaha. STANDS UP 1215 hours on the 19th November from the Village Green.

To register, buy merchandise or make a donation use the link listed in this event. Using the link, (which is above called 'Tickets') adding your information, will put your details into the draw to win some prizes.

OR you can make a donation direct into the Rotorua Ulysses BNZ account  
**02-0412-032076-01**

Badges \$14.00  
Metal Pins \$10.00

Prizes for those who register, Mystery Capsule and other Spot Prizes from our amazing sponsors!

**COME ON NZ, LET'S RIDE AND SHOW OUR UNITED SUPPORT FOR OUR COMMUNITIES STILL STRUGGLING. LET'S MAKE THIS FUNDRAISING EVENT THE ONE!!**

LET'S RIDE!

Regards  
Leigh-Ann aka  
**SMILEY #10243**

M: 021 0266 0528  
Ulysses Branch Coordinator  
FB Ulysses Rotorua Branch

# Nullarbor

## on a 125cc



Sometime in **APRIL**  
and no I don't think it was April 1st.



Now this is something I either admire or am stunned at about Colin. He says "yes" when he has no idea what the plan is and, to be fair, it's a good quality when I'm around because I really don't have a plan much of the time.

### MID APRIL — SOMETIME

A few more texts and a couple of phone calls. Dates set, or sort of, as we weren't sure how long the trip would take.

Melbourne to Perth or the other way? Got to be Perth to Melbourne; you won't get me out of bed to ride further away from my gal back home in NZ and, besides, I have a nephew and niece in Perth who I need to see and they can help get us started.

### 20 MAY

Nelson to Auckland... yup, I hate flying and the flight after mine was cancelled because of bad weather, Taranaki to Auckland... Colin's flight was the only one out of there that day. The domestic airport shut down in Auckland but only after we'd both arrived. International still operating, so arrived at Melbourne in the middle of the night. Yup, when I book flights I try to save \$\$ wherever possible but then end up sleeping or trying to sleep on steel benches, I'm a slow learner .

### 21 MAY

Waiting in Melbourne to board plane to Perth. Random guy in departure lounge, "What's with the helmet?"

Me trying to explain the well organised trip, "We are off to Perth to get two bikes and ride back to Melbourne."

"What sort of bikes? Harleys like your shirts say?"

"Nope, Hondas, and only 125cc" "Do you know how far it is?"

"Heck, yeah, we've researched it all. It's all organised apart from we've got nowhere in Melbourne to store them if we get this far." "Won't you sell them?"

"We might but we might also want to ride them again another day."

Andrew, the random guy who now knew as much about our trip as we did, offered there and then to store them for us if we made it to Melbourne. There are nice people in the world.

### 22 MAY

Got the bikes. Yes, two brand new ones. Only \$3500 each.

Day exploring Perth and catching up with family.

### 23 MAY

Perth to Coolgardie.

We did take the scenic route out of Perth (we were missing the GPS on the Harleys) but there is no truth to the rumour that we were going the wrong way on a one-way street.

## 24 MAY

Coolgardie to Kalgoorlie and on to Norseman.

Saw a gum tree or two, and found a mechanic to service the bikes.



## ACCOMMODATION TONIGHT

Here is what I wrote to Clare back home while trying to sleep.

"I'm beginning to think the saga of this trip might be the accommodation ... tonight we booked into the deluxe chalet at camping ground in Norseman .. remember I've travelled a bit so I checked we are not right next to the railway line and far enough away from the highway with the road trains running all night. The chalet was clean and tidy and after previous night's abode was well equipped with even two tea bags for making a brew. We haven't been sleeping that well - what with waking up multi times to empty my old man tiny bladder and then waking up at early milking time back home... "You're going to work time back home - then early milking time here and then you're going to work time here - then my sleep in time here - and in between these times - what was that noise? - is someone stealing the new bikes , should I get up and check or not? I will just lie here and contemplate whether to check for half an hour or so - before realising that I'm not getting back to sleep until I check. So, after last night's



meal at the warm pub - yes we are in warm Oz but the pub had a fire going and we didn't bring too many woollies what with the 7kg of carry-on luggage and then everything has to fit on the bike - so I mentioned to Colin it might be a bit cool tonight - no worries he said' we can turn the air conditioner on - they work in reverse and can warm the place up. Now the heat pump as I'm now calling it is attached to the side of this flimsy chalet by what I assume is one tight bolt

and three varying degrees of loose ones. It starts up with the sound of a jet engine at full revs - yes rattling like

the Harley did before it dropped something in the motor - it's going to shake the whole chalet down but then it gains a certain speed and it drops to a rhythmic drone - I can sleep with that constant drone - BUT then the tiny chalet reaches a semi-warmness and the fan shuts off but not straight away - it has a cycle of different speeds and sounds as it goes from constant drone to full noise to a loud thunder to a non-consistent rattle as it tries to shake the last tight bolt loose and THEN peace and quiet and the right warmth. And then the uninsulated chalet loses heat that quick that just as I'm dropping off to sleep the whole process starts again ... BUT is it the same or is that bolt getting loser should I check or not ... I will on my next trip to the loo."

## 25 MAY

Great riding today — only got to turn the handlebars a couple of times — an hour and a half in a straight line Yes, Oz's longest straight road, 140km without a corner.



## 26 MAY

Last night's stop was Cockibiddy. Don't Google that as I've been told it's a naughty word and the pictures don't show a town at all. The town, and I use that word loosely, is made up of petrol station, cafe, bar, restaurant, shop and motel — all owned and operated (again using that word loosely ) by the same person.

The standard room has broken glass, the superior room has cardboard over cracked glass and we got one of the deluxe rooms with a whole window. We didn't try opening it as, well, you know, don't push my luck.

When we booked in we discovered we needed to pay an extra \$10 for the key and TV remote, so you could say we upgraded to the deluxe room. Yup, really living it up. We chose the restaurant for tea and a fine meal it was. Then back to the room for a nice shower. Bugger, we should have upgraded once more and got a room that had water all night, not just some of the time. No water at all — no hot, no cold, no anything to flush the loo. But at least the air conditioner, which we use as a heat pump was firmly attached to the wall. In fact, everything is firmly attached to stop it walking out the door.

Bike is calling. Yes, I've checked and they are both there so we will be on the road.

**Continued over the page...**



**26 MAY**

More gum trees and the accommodation looks good tonight, so time for an update on the bikes. They are two brand new Honda CBF125s that we purchased in Perth. They are not normally seen on the Nullarbor as they are not as big as the Harleys we have back in NZ — a mighty 125cc and a top speed of 95km an hour. The seat seemed comfortable when we first sat on them but no longer. I can't comment on their cornering ability as we haven't really turned the handlebars yet.

Got the news last night that Clare has installed lace curtains, a few doylies and positioned throw cushions in the house back home. I put the extension bar onto the throttle and twisted the heck out of it, so now top speed is 97km per hour. I gotta get home before Clare makes the house unrecognisable.

**27 MAY**

More gum trees and another great day's riding. I couldn't help but laugh, in my helmet as the kms ticked past, at the great way Donna had put our club motto to effect and grown old Disgracefully disobeying all or at least one of the rules regarding posting on the group facebook page, then I had a good laugh at the way the admin (and sadly I don't know who you are) had first pointed out the rules (if there are no rules society will collapse and we do need rules to disgracefully push against) and then disgracefully warned Donna. This truly is what life is all about at our age, pushing the rules and growing old disgracefully — and having a good laugh. Lol. The very reason I joined this club.

**28 MAY**

More gum trees, well actually not so many today.

We've renamed the Nullarbor. We are calling it Quiteabour, but did have to laugh at this tree (Pantry) we found once we got off the treeless plain.

**29 MAY**

Into Adelaide. We cheated and put the bikes on the ferry. We saw two roos, a wombat, a bridge with water under

it and plenty of grain silos full of wheat etc (is there really a world shortage because of the war in Ukraine?) Lots of these places get only 8 inches of rain a year and it appears to fall the day we ride into town.

**30 MAY AND 1 JUNE**

So, not many more days to go now. Left Adelaide, headed for Melbourne this morning. Adelaide rained on us again as we left, but while stuck in the city avoiding the rain we managed to get tickets to State of Origin. A great night out apart from that we were so high up in the stands Colin spent the first half getting his breath back after all those stairs and the lack of oxygen at that altitude and I just sat there panicking about my fear of heights, and the stairs as well, probably.

**2 JUNE**

Just to let you know, the Great Ocean Road is not a road on the ocean, but it was great.

Job done. Perth to Melbourne. 4000km. Lots of gum trees. Heaps of laughs. Lots of money spent. Interesting people met. Saw a lot of God's beautiful creation. Spent some more wonderful time with a really good mate.

Advice to you - I got none for you - advice for me - get on that bike more - enjoy each day and remember to look up past the mountains, the big fellow Loves me. Psalm 121 Verse 1 and 2.

Stored the bikes with a guy we met on the plane, Thanks, Andrew.

Yes, the bikes are going into storage, and no I don't know why at this stage. Watch this space!

**TREVOR NICHOLLS #9059**

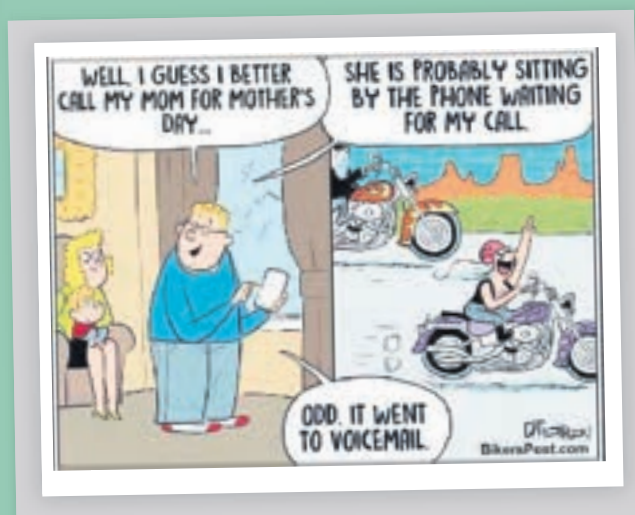
*P.S. some facts may have been altered ...remember, never let the truth stand in the way of a good story*

# JUST FOR FUN

## THE LIFE THAT NOT MANY UNDERSTAND

I own a motorcycle because of a personal life choice.  
I get wet,  
I get cold,  
And I get hot.  
I've been afraid,  
I've even hurt myself.  
But also, I laughed out loud with the wind.  
I've spoken a thousand times with myself and with my God . I still do.  
I have sung and I have shouted like a madman, and I have felt deep gratitude that's made me cry.  
I have made curves that the champions would be proud of; and yes, a few full of terror..  
I have seen wonderful places because of my motorcycle. And I have stopped to see magical landscapes that filled my heart with wonder.  
Because of my motorcycle I have met strangers who share the spirit of the ride, people who have taught me many things.  
My bike is not just a means of transportation, it's iron and wheels that blesses me in indescribable ways;  
it's part of who I am.  
One day when I am very old and when I cannot ride anymore,  
I look forward to the memories that only riders know..  
memories made in the exhilaration of facing the wind!

**- Anonymous Biker**



# RECIPES

LET'S  
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## Refreshing Rosé Sangria

### INGREDIENTS

- 3 Tbsp lemon juice
- 50ml brandy (optional)
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 50ml orange liqueur
- 750ml dry rosé wine
- 1 lemon, thinly sliced
- 454g strawberries, sliced
- 200g raspberries
- 250ml sparkling water

### DIRECTIONS

1. Pour the lemon juice, brandy, sugar and orange liqueur into a large jug. Stir well to dissolve the sugar completely.
2. Add the rosé, lemon and strawberry slices and raspberries. Place the pitcher in the refrigerator.
3. When ready to serve, pour the sangria into glasses and add a splash of sparkling water to each.



## Grapefruit Cocktail

### INGREDIENTS

For 1 cocktail:

- Juice of 1 lime
- 1 1/2 oz. simple syrup\*
- 1 1/2 oz. white rum or gin
- 3 oz. grapefruit juice
- Sparkling wine or champagne

For the garnish:

- 1 grapefruit, quartered
- A few fresh mint leaves

### DIRECTIONS

1. Place a few ice cubes in a mason jar.
2. Add the first four ingredients for the cocktail to the glass and top up with sparkling wine or champagne.
3. Garnish with quartered grapefruit and fresh mint.

\* Simple syrup is easy to prepare: mix 1 cup of water and 1 cup of white sugar in a small saucepan, then dissolve the sugar over low heat stirring continuously until the mixture thickens.



## Grilled Koftas

*Craving a deliciously spicy meal? No one can resist these grilled meat skewers.*

*If you don't have a barbecue, koftas are just as tasty cooked in a cast iron pan.*

Servings: 4

### INGREDIENTS

- 4 cloves of garlic
- 1/2 cup parsley, chopped
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1/4 cup mint, chopped
- 500g lean ground lamb or beef
- 1 tsp ground coriander
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- 1 Tbsp fresh ginger, grated
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 lemon, cut into quarters
- 1 red onion, sliced
- Pita or naan bread
- Hot sauce

### DIRECTIONS

1. Set aside a few parsley leaves for garnish. In a food processor or blender, coarsely puree the garlic, parsley, onion and mint.
2. Transfer to a large bowl and add the meat, coriander, cumin and ginger. Season with salt and pepper.
3. Using your hands, knead the mixture until you reach a smooth consistency.
4. Form about 18 to 20 balls slightly larger than a golf ball. Place the meatballs on a parchment-lined baking sheet. Flatten slightly and refrigerate for at least 2 hours or overnight.
5. Thread the meatballs onto skewers. Ideally, use metal ones for cooking and small wooden ones for serving. Cook on a hot grill for 3 to 4 minutes per side. Make sure the meat is cooked through without drying out.
6. Garnish with parsley and serve with lemon wedges, sliced red onion, pita or naan bread and hot sauce.



## Grilled Shrimp

Servings: 4

### INGREDIENTS

- 450g medium shrimp, peeled
- 5 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 Tbsp white wine vinegar
- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped, divided
- 1 tsp paprika (or chili powder, to taste)
- 1 tsp Italian seasoning
- 450g cherry tomatoes, halved
- 2 small zucchinis
- 2 Tbsp butter
- Chopped herbs like rosemary, dill or parsley for garnish
- Salt and pepper to taste

### DIRECTIONS

1. Place the shrimp in a bowl and add 2 tablespoons of olive oil, the white wine vinegar, half of the chopped garlic, the paprika and the salt and pepper. Mix well to coat the shrimp and marinate in the refrigerator for an hour or two.
2. Preheat the oven to 400 F (use convection mode, if available). In a bowl, combine 2 tablespoons of olive oil, the other half of the minced garlic, the Italian seasoning and a dash of salt and pepper. Whisk lightly. Add the cherry tomatoes and coat them with the mixture. Place the tomatoes, cut side up, on a parchment-lined baking sheet. Bake in the oven for 15 to 20 minutes.
3. While the shrimp are marinating and the tomatoes are in the oven, use a potato peeler to make long, thin zucchini ribbons.
4. In a large non-stick skillet, melt the butter. Add the zucchini ribbons and cook gently for 4 to 5 minutes over medium heat until tender. Don't let them brown. Season the ribbons with salt and pepper and remove from the pan. Set aside.
5. In the same skillet, add 1 tablespoon of olive oil. Add the shrimp and cook for 2 minutes on each side.
6. Return the zucchini to the pan and pour in the hot tomatoes and their juices, if any.



## Semifreddo with Raspberries and Pistachios

*Looking for a refreshing dessert that'll blow your mind? Get ready to dazzle your guests with this fruity Italian recipe.*

Servings: 6-8

### INGREDIENTS

- 400g frozen raspberries, thawed
- 350ml heavy whipping cream
- 3 eggs, separated
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 cup pistachios, coarsely chopped
- 1 cup whole pistachios for garnish
- 200g raspberries for garnish
- 1 Tbsp icing sugar for garnish
- A few mint leaves for garnish

### DIRECTIONS

1. Place a standard-size loaf pan in the freezer.
2. In a large bowl, whip the cream until it forms soft peaks using a mixer or whisk.
3. In another bowl, whisk the egg yolks, sugar and vanilla until pale yellow and smooth.
4. In another bowl, beat the egg whites until stiff peaks form.
5. Pour and gently mix the egg yolk mixture and the whipped egg whites into the large bowl containing the whipped cream.
6. Remove the loaf pan from the freezer and pour in the mixture.
7. Cover with plastic wrap and freeze for at least 6 hours or overnight.
8. Remove from the freezer 15 to 20 minutes before serving.
9. Spread the thawed raspberries over the mixture. Cover the thawed raspberries with the chopped pistachios. Carefully invert onto a serving plate. Garnish the top with whole pistachios, fresh raspberries, icing sugar and a few mint leaves and serve.

**PUZZLE NO. 154**

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**ACROSS**

- 1. Current measures, for short
- 5. Louse eggs
- 9. Hound or poodle
- 12. Powder ingredient
- 13. Black-hearted
- 14. Flock mama
- 15. Skunk feature
- 16. Lived
- 17. Lease
- 18. Gauges
- 20. On \_\_\_\_\_ (tense)
- 22. Pointed, as a gun
- 24. Psychology topics

- 27. Scurry
- 30. Pack animal
- 31. Convertible, e.g.
- 32. Foe
- 34. Waiter's bonus
- 35. Chef's garment
- 37. Girdles
- 39. Scanned
- 40. Loft
- 41. Necessity
- 43. Arctic covering
- 47. Purse
- 49. \_\_\_\_\_ tie
- 51. Snoop
- 52. Summer cooler

- 53. Grain husk
- 54. Dusks
- 55. Paid notices
- 56. Darns
- 57. Sofa or bench

**DOWN**

- 1. Minute particle
- 2. Fashioned
- 3. Secret plan
- 4. Yell
- 5. Correspondents
- 6. "\_\_\_\_\_ Got Sixpence"
- 7. Bushed
- 8. Coaster
- 9. Representative
- 10. Be in debt

- 11. Obtain
- 19. Become ready
- 21. Hairstyling help
- 23. Build
- 25. Skip
- 26. Fools
- 27. Burn mark
- 28. Billowing garment
- 29. Organizes
- 30. Songlike
- 33. Movements
- 36. Bard's work
- 38. Pictures
- 40. Love
- 42. \_\_\_\_\_ and flows
- 44. Small bay
- 45. Voyaging
- 46. Annoying person
- 47. Lamb's cry
- 48. Find a sum
- 50. Attorney's expertise

**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. 898**

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LEVEL: ADVANCED

Answers to these puzzles are on page 67

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 SISSY BAR  
 MUFFLER

TATTOOS  
 CAMSHAFT  
 BONEYARD  
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 SHOVELHEAD  
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SPORTSTER  
 CAGE  
 PAN HEAD  
 HOGS  
 SPACE COAST  
 HARLEY DAVIDSON

## Kapiti Kapers

PAUL NEES #6782

### **Climb Every Mountain**

Although we don't have majestic peaks and mountain vistas like the Southern Alps or the Central Plateau, nonetheless we do have some pretty spectacular "peaks" in our neck of the woods.

A team set out on a superb clear autumn day on the "3 Peaks Ride". After assembling in Paraparaumu, the group had a short ride along State Highway 1 and up onto Paekakariki Hill Road to the Summit viewpoint.

From this vantage point, you can see north right along the Kapiti Coast towards Manawatu and Taranaki and across to the South Island, Marlborough Sounds and D'Urville Island. It's amazing to have such stunning views so close to home.

From there, the group headed into Wellington and made for the summit of Mount Victoria and the viewpoint, which gives fantastic 360-degree views across the capital and the surrounding area. The final "peak" – Brooklyn Hill with its wind turbine – was "conquered" via Lyall Bay (with a refreshment break) to watch the aircraft activity at Wellington Airport. Whilst this wasn't perhaps Sir Edmund Hillary material, it was a good ride

and certainly showcased some of the world-class scenery in this part of New Zealand.

### **Dead Ends**

This run was different to usual – normal runs head out into the country and cover a couple of hundred kilometres or so. This ride took the "road less travelled" and explored some local roads in Kapiti that would not normally feature. This ride had been scheduled for several months earlier in the year but for various reasons was postponed on four occasions. The weather gods were not all that kind, so on a damp day three hardy souls set off to explore some back roads, cul de sacs and dead ends, both urban and rural, in Paraparaumu, Waikanae and out to Ohau and Kuku Beach. It was a good opportunity to practise U-turns ... the group lost count after 20 about-face manoeuvres. The final stop was lunch at Focal Point Theatre Cafe in Levin, then back home.

### **A familiar favourite**

After the Dead Ends run, it was back to a regular favourite route. This is one of the more popular routes as it offers a great variety of roads and scenery for motorcycling. There are a few variations we've taken over the years but for this trip the group went through Shannon, Ashurst and stopped in Feilding for morning tea at Beyond Coffee. After a pit stop, it was on to Cheltenham and over the challenging Vinegar Hill to join SH1 just North of Hunterville. From there, it was on to Upokongaro via Fordell and Okoia. It was tricky riding in

parts given that the area had been hammered by heavy rain, so there were washouts, slips (mostly cleared), loose surfaces and narrow one-lane bridges to contend with. Lunch was at the very nice (and very busy) Behind the Door on 4 Cafe at Upokongaro, then off home. Sadly, there are no photos of what was a great ride. On his own admission, the Ride Leader acknowledges he stuffed up on that score!

We held the Kapiti Branch AGM in May. One of the noteworthy elements was the awarding of service badges to some of our longstanding branch members. Our co-ordinator, Paul Nees, presented service badges to Doreen Stevenson (10 years), John Rolls (15 years) and David Burgon (30 years)

### **On the social front**

We have our regular coffee morning rendezvous meetings, but in June we held our first bi-monthly dinner. There was a good turn-out of members and partners at Club Vista / Paraparaumu RSA and a good night was had by all. We're looking at this as a regular event to alternate with our branch meetings, especially over the colder months with early dark nights.

Finally, over the next few weeks, the branch will be planning the celebrations to mark our 30th Anniversary, which will feature a dinner to which we're hoping we can get many members along to, especially the older members. It's sure to be a good night with doubtless a good deal of reminiscing and a few "tall tales".

### **A final thought**

I recently spoke to my brother back in the UK. He said that the roads over there are getting pretty bad. He said they used to drive on the left of the road but now they drive on what's left of the road. Strikes a chord, I reckon!

**MARTIN RUSHTON #9857**



*The bikes at Brooklyn Hill Wind Farm, part of the 3 Peaks Ride.*



**Doreen Stevenson (10 years)**



**John Rolls (15 years)**



**David Burgon (30 years)**

# Southland "Scribbles"

ROSS L #1177

Winter finally arrived and over the past few weeks branch events have had a strong indoor focus. Our gatherings have included monthly dine-outs at various restaurants around Invercargill and coffee mornings at the Motorcycle Mecca Café on the last Sunday of the month.

The recent winter conditions have restricted riding opportunities, although they did not prevent a member from riding into the city in rather "icy conditions" on the morning of our scheduled ride day in June. Our July ride was cancelled and replaced by a "not a ride" coffee morning. This proved to be very successful.

These occasions continue to provide an excellent opportunity for members to socialise and chat about important "stuff".

There is no doubt the arrival of winter plus the cost of motorcycle registration has been a factor in other less hardy members (me included) deciding to place their bike registrations on hold. Although the cooler weather may have restricted riding opportunities, I was chatting to some members recently who have still managed to do some reasonably decent day trips; in fact, two members managed to cover 300km on one of their rides.

An important event took place in May: the Branch Annual General Meeting. The election of officers resulted in the 2022/2023 committee being re-elected to office. I must say that the fact these members were willing to continue in office was very much appreciated.

Looking ahead, our activity programme for the next few weeks still has a strong indoor focus, however, with spring not too far away thought is already being given to preparing our 2023/2024 event calendar.

*Regards from the Deep South,  
keep safe.*

ROSS L #1177

## Westland

### Co-ordinator's Discourse



**KERRY CHAPMAN #3443**

### Winter Riding Season

Well, it is that time again. I have been busy getting my body ready for the riding season; a new hip this season and things are getting easier, although even getting on and off a bike is a mission, but still possible.

The branch has had several Sunday rides around the area, including to Ross, Hari Hari and Punakaiki. My grandson and I went on a trial ride to figure out how I am going to be able to go to the Cold Kiwi this year. Managed to go to Ross on Saturday, then to Blackball on Sunday for lunch, up through

Atarau and back through Ikamatua to Grey and home. Yes, it gets sore, but it won't stop me.

The Saturday morning coffee sessions are still getting a few members together to discuss the problems of the country and to decide where we ride next. The Westport overnighiter ride was back with nine members taking part, even if some of us were in cars with various medical events. We must be getting old – our bodies keep telling us to slow down and that will hurt, (bull\*\*\*\*). We had a good night

at Quarry Restaurant, where we were joined by Buller branch members for a very relaxed dinner and chat. On the Sunday, it was back to Pancake Rocks with a pancake stack smothered in maple syrup for breakfast. Then a drive home for a well-deserved rest.

**KERRY CHAPMAN #3443**

Westland branch Coordinator.



Photo: Myself, John, and Levi off to Blackball for lunch.

## Gizzy News

**CHRISSY #5993**

**RAY THOMAS #6110**

We rode to Wairoa on a dry morning, crossing the Wharewata ranges on a slowly improving highway. The potholes and typical East Coast lack of traffic made for a stimulating ride. We saw one pothole that could have been 200mm deep and in dark or contrasting light situations these can be lethal for both riders and bikes.

Dave had an on-sale bike to inspect for his daughter, in Wairoa. The salesman was keen to see our bikes and talk riding. Then we found, for the first time ever, our famous Osler's Bakery and

Café was closed on a Sunday: due to lack of staff!

A quick call to another motorcycle nut in Wairoa had us lined up with their home café and Kiwi hospitality! We had a great time meeting new friends, who could become new members, before weaving our way back through our remote and special landscape, again satisfied with belonging to Ulysses.

**RAY THOMAS #6110**

(Photos are from the ride.)

*Thank you Ray for this article, sounds you had a fabulous ride, apart from the potholes.*

**CHRISSY #5993**



# Auckland Actions

MARK #8668

**Well, it's been another busy month and despite the continued rubbish weather, we've had some good turnouts on the Sunday and Tuesday rides.**

Dave has been running an interesting and varied Tuesday ride seeking out some interesting and quirky destinations. Craig and Raewyn have again generously hosted a Mid-Winter Lunch gathering at their home. All had a fun time despite Mother Nature firing a polar blast to try disrupt proceedings. Our Saturday Coffee and Conversation meets have had great turnout as an alternative for us to get together when weather cancels the rides, with many a tall story and accounts of daring do retold.

It's great to have so many options for our members as we try to cater for a diverse group.

Looking forward, we'll be having another Social Night in the next few months. These are always popular and thanks to Sheryl for pulling them together.

We have our second Dirty Bike ride towards the end of July, with the first

one a great success despite a broken chain – all part of the adventure and all ended well. In true Ulysses form, The Sherriff duly levied fines on those responsible. North Island Remembrance Weekend is coming up from August 12-13 and we look forward to seeing many old friends over the weekend.

Unfortunately, we recently lost Merv Hopkinson, Life Member #27 after an illness. Merv was the founding Auckland Branch Coordinator from 1988-1993 and was a great character.

RIP Merv, you will be sorely missed.

Interestingly, ACC and NZTA (Waka Kotahi) have been looking at "biker health" as a contributing factor in accidents as they pursue the Road to Zero. Will there be police roadside pastry testing or a breath doughnut limit? Will we have to carry a valid salad licence? Rest assured, the Auckland branch committee and I will be discussing a 2x steak & cheese pie limit on future Ulysses rides – just to keep you all safe.

Cheers

MARK #8668



*A Sunday ride to Wairoa with Ray, Cindy, Steve, Di and Dave.*

## Canterbury Tales

CHRIS CAREY #3497

### Greetings from the home of the Mighty Crusaders.

Winter, with its rain, frosts, road grit, minus temps and sleet as vile as witches' spit, hasn't stopped good turnouts for the Sunday and Wednesday rides. What's the point of having a motorcycle if all it does is stick its nose out from under the covers on warm, summer days.

A huge vote of thanks to Debbie, our secretary, for organising our annual Mid-Winter Christmas Dinner. Dave, the manager of Papanui RSA, kicked the evening off by thanking our branch for supporting them through our monthly branch nights, with meals and beersies, and committee meetings. The pork and beef roasts were awesome. The servings were more than ample and there was dessert, all for \$22 a head. It was great value for money. It was also an opportunity to sit down, mix and mingle, and talk, with no branch business to detract from the mood. So, well done Debbie, ya blood's worth bottling, as my old Grandma would say, which was a huge compliment coming from her. Actually, Grandma Marj had a lot of sayings, however, because of the woke, offended, five-minutes-of fame--as a-victim, hand-wringing culture we endure today, I cannot put them to paper, as irreverent, insensitive and bloody funny as they are.

There were several awards dished out, two of which were for 30 years of membership.

Mark Lyons, formally from the Bay of Plenty, was one such recipient. Mark has been a member for 32 years, but a mix up with the mailing lists when he transferred down, meant this badge was two years in the making.

The other was awarded to our very own Mike Dew, whose contribution to Ulysses, both at a branch level and with NatCom, can't be understated and has really set the bar way up high and he thoroughly deserved this medal.

Another young member was also worthy of mention. Julia Sutton, the granddaughter of Pete and Leonie, is our youngest associate member. This young lass, ladies and gentlemen, is the future of our branch, our club and if we can recruit like-minded people with the right attitude, take them under our wing, I believe Ulysses NZ has a very promising future.

Of the four trophies, the Ted Youngman Trophy for the most kilometres ridden in a calendar year (ANZAC Day to ANZAC Day) once again goes to Grant Hyde. Other than in 2010 when Paul Schrodeur took it out, Grant has had his name on this piece of silverware since 2009! I guess when you regularly ride the thick end of 70,000km annually (and more from time to time), it's a big ask to knock him off this perch.

Grant was also the recipient of the Sheriff's Trophy awarded to the rider with the best, or worst, hard luck story and I was in two minds about this. Simone won it last year with her KTM breaking down in all sorts of places, often out of cellphone range (she'd worn the poor wee 390 out), and it wasn't a Spyder that caught fire, or a bike stolen. Grant had a barn fire and lost everything; tools, farm implements, a number of bikes, riding gear ... the lot.

So, while a part of me said he'd paid the price 10 times over, the other said, when he sets out to achieve greatness, as he does with the distance ridden each year, so too he sets the bar with catastrophe.

The Laurie Payne Trophy is given out to the most improved rider and this year was awarded to Jeanette Salisbury. It probably should be changed to the "we've unleashed a monster" trophy because since Jeanette has started riding, she's been riding at every opportunity, rain, hail and shine ... look out Grant? Her enthusiasm for everything on two wheels alone was enough for the committee to agree, it's hers this year. Well done, Jeanette.

The last trophy, the Noel Simpson Memorial Trophy, is awarded to the

member who goes that little bit extra when it comes to helping at branch level. Again, the committee decided that Bob Tanner should get it. Why? Not only did he have a pretty serious medical event that had many branch members very worried about poor old Bob, but no sooner was he out of hospital and pretty cut up about the fact his riding days were over, than he was asking us what he can do to help with the 2023 AGM. The obvious task was organising the annual bike raffle. Bob, you're a legend, but please don't do that again.

Now that we're over the hump with winter, it's time to start planning for the South Island Remembrance Service on Saturday, September 23 at the Kaikoura Top 10 Holiday Park, the 4-Points Compass Rally up north over the last weekend of October, The Longest Day (Saturday, November 4) and Cyclone Gabrielle Baton Ride on November 7. Then there's the Chatto Creek 1000 miler the following Saturday. Priorities, I guess, will play a part here.

For those taking part in the baton relay, due to work commitments with our committee, we're planning to receive the baton from Oamaru and / or South Canterbury at the Springston Hotel (around 12km off SH1, 100kph and no urban traffic woes to negotiate) around 4pm on Monday 6th, where there's plenty of parking, good food and cold beer. The baton will depart from the NPD Yaldhurst Hub on the West Coast Road at 9am the following morning (Tuesday 7th) with a brief fuel stop at Springfield. From there it'll be a straight 100kph run (no 50kph areas other than the 5 minutes it takes to ride through Arthur's Pass) through to Moana, where we meet Westland and from where most of us will be returning to Christchurch after the handover.

So, it's a busy time leading up to Christmas and I am looking forward to climate warming because I'm over being bloody cold.

Regards

CHRIS CAREY #3497



# Whakatane TIDE...ings

RICHARD BARNETT #10359



**With a great run of settled winter weather, we've enjoyed riding in calm conditions, sunshine and on dry roads, although a little chilly at the start. What a treat after a wet autumn following a wet summer. Our Thursday and Sunday rides have been well attended.**

We are conscious, though, that a couple of our group are recovering from surgery and injury and we wish them a speedy recovery.

Chris Smith of Passmasters Rider Training ran three gold Ride Forever courses in July, which were fully subscribed by members. Unlike last year, we enjoyed dry conditions this time around. Chris is a very

experienced tutor and has an easy manner which ensures we enjoy the day and take on some of his wisdom. And, best of all, the course fees are covered and we get a \$100 cashback from our bike rego for each of the next two years. Win-win.

Our social dinner in July offered the opportunity to award membership badges recognising those who have achieved 10- and 20-year anniversaries this year. It was a pleasure to make the presentations and important to recognise our folk who over their time have made significant contributions to our club.

**RICHARD BARNETT**  
#10359



## Waihi and TREVOR BIRCHALL #4060 Thames Valley



**What have we been up to? A good question as I think the answer for of us is to try and stay dry.**

Yes, we have had some great rides over the past few months, although we have shortened several because of the weather and even cancelled some. When we cancel, there is still a group of us who go to morning tea together and that's where Facebook comes in. If I cancel a ride, I write on our page that the ride is off, but we will meet at so and so. It works for us, and each time it is a different cafe.

We had our AGM in April and now have some new blood on the committee, which is great. One of our first tasks was to find a way we could

support Rotorua and the Baton Relay. After some banter, we have come up with Icons 150. This initially was to be set out for those who like a challenge, a 150km ride where everyone is given clues to find the icons. When? Saturday November the 4, when the baton comes through our area.

Why only 150km? So those wanting to enter from other branches have time to get to the start in plenty of time, complete the run and still be home for dinner. How do we raise money? Simple, entry fee is a note, be it a \$5, \$10, \$20 or \$50 dollar note, with all money handed on to the Baton Fund. Email us your entry and we will send you bank account details.

As not everyone likes to enter a competitive ride, we are also offering a Touring section, where you will be led around the same route but will not have to get off your bike at every icon and photograph it. Yes, we still take your donation.

It will start and finish at the Hauraki RSA in Ngatea (14 Pipiroa Rd, Ngatea). Why? Because it is halfway to everywhere, not quite but sounds good; 101km from the centre of Auckland, 105km from the centre of Tauranga and 90km from the centre of Hamilton, so no excuses guys, you can all enter. Bring your friends, even though they may not be Ulysses members.



If you would like to enter or like more information, email, [elliott.mcgrath@gmail.com](mailto:elliott.mcgrath@gmail.com) or phone Trevor on 021 701466.

What else has been happening? Our dinner nights have been shared around the area to suit most of our members from Coroglen, Waihi, Paeroa and Thames. Yes, we are a spread-out group.

Thursday rides continue to be well supported when it is fine and have gone to a wide range of places for lunch, often taking in roads not frequently ridden by the majority, if ever. Some have ended up at private museums or art galleries. We even had three Aucklanders join us one week and a North Harbour member another week. We always welcome our visitors. Sunday rides have been a little lacking although we will continue to try and get these under way in the future.

I planned a weekend away to join the Far North Branch, unfortunately, nobody was willing to join me. Just as well as there were storm warnings up north that weekend and I had two people die in my road and it would have conflicted with their send offs. I will try to organise another one in the near future.

That's it for this scribe, let's hope for better riding weather soon.

**TREVOR BIRCHALL**  
#4060



# 'Naki News

MARTIN PEYERL #9483

May to July 2023

## We were really happy to have our new webpage up and running in May.

This links us to the national webpage and has a very similar feel. The mobile component of the webpage is not yet up and running, which is a bit of a change for us in Taranaki, so we are keenly waiting for this to be done. The Events and Rides Calendar is a terrific addition! You can head to Taranaki. Ulysses.org.nz to have a full catch-up on what we've been up to.

The National AGM 2025 is

being hosted in Taranaki. The committee is firmly in place and has started meeting. The venue is being booked and plans are well under way to host this AGM from 11 to 13 April, 2025.

In May, we enjoyed a nice ride round the mountain with a stop at the East Egmont Light House and lunch at Upside Down in Hawera.

We also have a highly active Sheriff who is always on the prowl and ready to make a note at any of our

events. This always raises huge laughter as well as a couple of \$\$ to add to the coffers.

In June, we had a ride to Te Kuiti. It's always important to keep bike fit, even in the miserable months of winter with damp roads and dull skies.

We continue to do our best to support the arrangements for the Baton Rally. So much work and planning are being put into this. We plan to hold a Quiz Night on September 13 to raise money for this

worthy cause. We will be encouraging our members to sign up and come on the ride when we pick the baton up from Hawera and drop it off in Piopio on November 11.

It was sad to learn that Toko Pub closed down the day after we went there for lunch. It's such a neat little place in the middle of nowhere.

We had about six of our members head to Okataina for the Who Dunit Rally. By all accounts, it was a very well-run rally with loads of



laughter and the food was spectacular.

In July, we had an overnighter in Piopio and although I was a bit disappointed that so few went along, those who did, enjoyed a ride in mild weather, met with another branch, enjoyed the All Blacks match and ate lots of tasty food. We even got a round of drinks paid for by "Charlie" at the Piopio Cozzie Club. We reckon we were the first strangers they'd seen in a long time. Everyone who

came along, especially the branch secretary, enjoyed beating up their president for supporting the best rugby team in the world!

The Energy rally for November 1-3, 2024, is going ahead, with Blair Campbell and the team organising it. More on this as it gets nearer ... but mark it in your diaries! It promises to be just as enjoyable as the past two.

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



# Marlborough Musings

KELVIN WATSON #3602

**Marlborough branch has had an exceptionally good few months of weather this winter, thankfully not like some of the North Island; it must be very difficult for them.**

Our branch membership has had a slight increase over the past few months, and we have welcomed Lee Parker, Willem Maas and Jim Lutherus to our branch. Jim was a member some 16 years ago and has rejoined after a long break.

We held our branch Mid-Year Dinner at the Scenic Hotel recently; a good night with 69 people attending. We presented some Service Badges as mentioned in the last *Ulyssian*, and our trophy, which is awarded to the person who does the highest mileage during a 12-month period. This year, John Sinclair won it once again with a mileage of 28,407km. Second was Malcolm Taylor with 18,300km and

third place went to Jock Woodley on 12,739km.

During the months of May, June and into July a lot of our members have birthdays. It's been a bit of a custom for a few years now that the birthday member shouts cake on our Thursday retreads rides, so during those months there was lots of cake and of course the obligatory singing of Happy Birthday (we are all pretty good singers now) takes place for the appropriate member. I often wonder what any members of the public who happen to be at the café think, hopefully positive thoughts!

We have really good numbers turning up for our Thursday rides during winter; members regularly used to put their bike registrations on hold over this time. A positive effect of global warming maybe. What can I say, but our Marlborough members just want

to keep riding, rain, hail or shine. We get between 20 and 30 riders every week. Maybe it's the cake that attracts them whenever there is a birthday. Who knows, but they turn up in their droves, which is good.

A big thank you to Graham Check, who has been our Welfare Officer for three or so years. He has now resigned and Phil Taylor has taken over this position for us; thanks Phil.

I hope you enjoy the selection of photos I have sent in, mainly of our Mid-Year Dinner.

Take care with spring approaching.

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

KELVIN WATSON #3602

Marlborough Branch Coordinator



*This is what happens when Phil and Coordinator sit on one side of the table.*

# Mid-Year Dinner



*Stu Paul 30-year badge*



*Don Best, 25-year badge*



*Barry Hope, 20-year badge*



*Ian McKercher, 15-year badge*



*Melissa Wills, 10-year badge*



*John Sinclair, Highest Mileage Trophy*

# Manawatu Murmurs

MURRAY CROSS #7908

The Manawatu branch has had a quiet start to winter. Unfortunately, it is a time when many members put their bike registration on hold. This means that they miss out on some great days of cool, crisp, haze-free riding. It is also a great time to go touring and the local businesses really appreciate your patronage. Pity about all the rain, though.

If we are not doing so much riding it must be a good time for more social functions, and this has been the case. Our Mid-Winter Dinner at the Manawatu Golf Club was a great

chance for everyone to get dressed up and enjoy each other's company. The dinner on July 8 was a big success, with a record 64 members, partners and guests attending. A contingent from the Wellington branch made a trip north to join in the fun. The national president was our guest of honour.

The branch did not have an organised ride for May as Murray Cross and Les Maddaford organised a Distinguished Gentleman's Ride, based in Feilding. A number of members joined the ride on their classic bikes and dressed dapperly

for the occasion. Others volunteered to be corner marshals. The ride is meant to happen on the same day all around the world, but the weather on May 21 meant it was postponed a week. The following weekend had beautiful clear weather and over 70 bikes participated in the ride. There was lots of public interest and our local ride raised \$9267 for the Movember charity. By popular demand, the planning has already begun for next year.

The June branch ride started in Feilding and included a cruise over Vinegar Hill, then via

Hunterville to Fordell and the Moto17 motorcycle collection. This is a great private collection of classic and modern classic bikes. Lunch was at The Cobb in Whanganui. Despite booking, meals took quite a while to materialise; you live and learn with different venues. Also in June, several branch members travelled to Whanganui for an evening with Des Molloy, who spoke about his adventures. Des was an adventure rider before "adv" had a name, travelling the world on his classic Norton motorcycle, among others.



Branch Ride Heroes

The July branch ride was a short local event due to the windy and damp conditions. Gavin Croad led an intrepid group and had an excellent lunch at Murray's Irish Bar in Feilding.

There are a number of events coming up. The main one is the North Island Compass Rally, run

by our branch. This is an opportunity to travel to the four main cardinal points of the North Island over the month of October. The final card draw and prizegiving will be at the Bunnythorpe Tavern on Saturday, October 28. Details and a registration form are in the *Ulyssian*. Use the long Labour weekend to

enjoy some touring. The route can be as short or challenging as you want. We normally get entries from the South Island, so you really have no excuse. The Baton Relay is also coming up in November. The overall membership of the branch is steadily increasing, especially with

members coming over from Whanganui. This is being noticed with new faces at rides and our social coffee mornings. If the rain ever stops, we are looking forward to a variety of planned rides and events through to spring.

Be safe on the roads.

**MURRAY CROSS #7908**



*Mid-winter Dinner Wellington Raiding Party led by Jim Furneaux*



*Branch Ride, Jimmy and Wendy Elliott*



*Retreads Ride to Pongaroa*



## Hawkes Bay BUZZ

**TONY HICKMOTT**  
#10416

With the colder weather bringing the rides closer to home base, it's been a chilly but enjoyable couple of months. The Tuesday night tin top dinners have added a welcome warmth to the week, along with the Sunday rides to the local haunts of Patangata, Tikokino and Hatuma Café to keep the wheels rolling.

The weekly Wednesday gathering at the "wat" gives a great boost for combating the midweek doldrums, with a good turnout of riders and people dodging work duties each week and discussing topics of national importance.

A recent Sunday was spent enjoying some inter-club rivalry between HB Ulysses and the HB Classic Car Club when they competed in the annual 10 pin bowling tournament. With HB Ulysses the reigning champs, there was much to play for. With strong competition lined up to take us down, and after some well-fought games and many laughs, HB Ulysses came away with a convincing win. Top scorer Barry led the way for HB Ulysses with a superb score over the two games and helped us to retain the trophy for another year.

They say that families who play together stay together, and that is never more evident with the three generations of riders in the branch, which is understood to be the only Ulysses club in NZ with such a great achievement, thanks greatly to the newly adjusted age limits being reduced to allow for younger members.

**With the cooler weather set to continue it will be business as usual with an eye on the horizon for warm days and long rides into the distance. stay warm and ride safe.**

**TONY HICKMOTT** #10416



*With the senior of the trio Maurie, his son John and grandson Alex rounding out the trio.*

# Nelson nibblings



**LORRAINE**  
#1117

**It is quite a few months on now from the forming of a whole new committee, and a lot has been achieved in such a short time.**

Our main focus has been on how to raise funds so we can do what we want to do.

Many thanks to Kelvin (co-ordinator of Ulysses Marlborough) for sharing his ideas on how they do it, which we have shamelessly copied.

We have some creative and passionate members on our committee who are not afraid to step up and take responsibility for one of the

many roles that are needed, And I must mention the awesome non-committee members who are willingly stepping up to take on roles when we ask for help.

PLUS, some of these members are creating some interesting rides: NU600 and NU300, which required a lot of time and financial input to create for our members to participate and enjoy.

Our weather has been really stunning right through winter so far. There are some frosty mornings, but the days warm up quickly

As a result, there have been

many Sunday and Thursday rides.

Our new coffee morning venue is extremely popular. Our hosts Alison and Mark go out of their way to make us feel welcome by reserving the big tables for us.

As a result, we are seeing many past “invisible” members show up.

I never hear the comment, “I turned up and no one spoke to me”, anymore as I did in the past.

It was a really sad time recently losing our lowest number member Rob Gall #128. (obituary in this

newsletter).

Rob and his wife Claire, (who is now our lowest number) have been stalwart members of Ulysses and the Classic Bike Club for many years. They will both get their 35-year badges this year.

Coming up, we have our Mid-Winter Awards’ lunch, where we give out our trophies and service badges. Lots of raffles as well, mostly filled by generous members, and a guest speaker.

A few of us will be coming down to Kaikoura for the Remembrance Ride as well.

**LORRAINE #1117**



## Rotorua RUMBLE

SMILEY #10243

**Members heard through the grapevine, Ulysses magazine and social media that the Rotorua Rally was on and it was themed "WhoDunnit". Registrations were up with nearly 70 onsite, the menu was changed and the bar was open, a perfect weekend was about to unfold. And this would have to be the funniest rally that I have been to.**

First, the WhoDunnit package arrived online for us to download, and seemed pretty straightforward. All we had to do was read the play, organise the characters, add a few props and we were in business. Our branch was amped, everyone was keen to have a part, and so as to not disappoint ... I had an idea.

The cast was selected and they rehearsed their lines, and by show time, we were ready. Well, one actor was pretty confident that it was going to be an Oscar-winning performance. With numerous rehearsals under our belts, lines were learnt but we overlooked how to apply any actions to the play. On the night, Chris S and Chris kinda walked around, coz they thought to do that, while the others were sitting ... with the rest of the audience. (This got Lesley and I giggling as we realised "Oh s\*\*\*, we missed the actions!")

My important role was to play the music; the play had begun, it was all systems go, so we just had to roll with it.

Our narrator, Lesley, had been unwell so hadn't fully read all of the play, missing some of the clues ...

Chris S started off very strong with his lines. He was taking his role seriously, and then he forgot some.

Eugene was the doctor who used bike jumper leads to try to revive the body. Cameron arrived in his imaginary cop car to pronounce The Snake dead.

Mary-Anne was a very good inspector, who looked for clues, but alas found only clueless people.

All was going well, and then there was a change in music and Carol walked in looking for an iceberg!

As the plot unfolds, nothing makes sense, and then there is Philippe, who is our in-house Frenchman with the cutest accent. No-one could understand what he said, so Graeme held up cue cards in French, just to confuse our audience.

Now, while all this is going on, I am looking at the faces of our audience, and they are blank, as they whisper to each other, trying to follow the "clues". With beers in hand and comments from the floor, they write down things mentioned, but crucial clues were forgotten to be

said, so, weren't mentioned.

I could not follow the play from the start and God knows we had been over it a few times. They all looked more like, "WTF is going on?" Music played and Carol kept walking in still looking for the iceberg as her bottle of wine was emptying out.

Then Kent gets a tap from Lesley as he has missed some lines and I was supposed to cut in with music, but I had lost all my paperwork before the play had begun. Sandy just kept on with her lines, which was rather comical as the chaos that was ensuing behind the scenes, in front of everyone, with missed clues and lines, was making for a few more giggles.

The play continues, and then the song for the *Titanic* plays and Hartley glides in like captain Stubing off the *Love Boat*. I was expecting a frantic captain off the *Titanic* looking for Jack and Rose to say they aren't sinking. At about this moment, our audience is really not following the theme, the clues and wondering what the hell are they are all on about. With that, Hartley says, "Oh F\*&^, wrong set!" Carol, who has been interjecting throughout the play, looking for an iceberg with her now empty wine bottle, wobbles in and says, "Oh crap, me too."

Our branch all burst out into

laughter ... and our audience still have blank looks on their faces, and then ... just like that, boom, the play ends.

We then say, who dunnit? Everyone still has no idea.

Claire from Taupo is trying to piece it all together, but that *Titanic* scene has really confused things.

Turns out it was Paul's character who was the murderer. And as Paul somehow has a piece of paper that had the answer, he just starts reading the answer and we all be like, WHAT IS GOING ON! lol

OMG was so funny, total confusion, parts missed, lines forgotten and the cast was sitting with the audience. I mean, really.

After the play was done and dusted, we danced to our theme song, *We Are Family*. It was now time to party ... We were having a fabulous time, laughing about the whole thing. And then ... we cleaned up and got ready for our night of entertainment with Maranda. At about 10pm, Claire comes over to me and says, "I still don't get who dunnit!" I was in fits of laughter, I said, "Me neither!"

We looked at the floor and our dead person was still there, amid all the dancing and singing. So, more laughter ensued.

And that was the end of the play!

Roll on the next rally ...



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## Rotorua RUMBLE continued...

SMILEY #10243

On a sadder note, our branch had some devastating news of the passing of Jack Butterworth. We couldn't believe it; he was so full of life and was looking forward to riding with us all again. He was such a cool dude and loved by so many people. Branch members from Auckland, Tauranga, Taupo and Whakatane joined us in a very sombre ride down Fenton Street as we followed Jack's trike. Such an emotional day and one that we weren't ready for; nothing really prepares you for something so final.

### MIXING WITH OTHERS:

Middle of June some of our members rode to Taumarunui and caught up with those branch members for lunch.

We also had another 10-pin bowling challenge with Waikato hosting and that was a whole lot of fun. Tauranga is yet to send us all an invite for the next challenge. Then there was a Quiz Night, one of our fundraising events for the Cyclone funds, where the Taupo branch answered the challenge. The Mangakino Lake Hop was another good day out with the Taupo branch. A bit of banter is always on the cards.

As a branch we welcome the get-togethers with other branches. It has been great to get to know them and we are looking forward to more challenges. Our rides' co-ordinator, Robert, has also started to update our rides on the shared calendar, so that we can catch up with branches while we are out there, in the breeze. So, if you want to

know where we are going, the rides' calendar is a great tool. Thank you to those who have been engaging with our branch, we love it.

### BATON RELAY:

The "Legs" are up on Facebook and interest is certainly growing. Thank you to Trapper from South Canterbury for sorting out the media release. And a huge shoutout to all the members who have been supporting the build-up of this national event, thank you.

A weekend spent in the Hawkes Bay with Boots on the Ground, was a very humbling experience, working alongside homeowners and other volunteers, removing silt from homes. The support crews that work tirelessly



every weekend to help others are amazing. We are happy to be able to get behind the cause by way of a monetary fundraiser as there are still many people still displaced from the cyclone. And the bonus is two weeks of riding, waho!!!

Paddy and I decided to have a stroll on Eat Street in Rotorua one Saturday morning, a bit of a celebration for a book that was finally published. We had a great day sampling cocktails and then in the evening we were picked up by Shelley and taken out to a BBQ and ABs game at Sean and Liz's pad. Bloody good day with the gang, as we really do enjoy spending time together. We weren't completely legless, but not sure how I always seem to manage to bring out the drinking in people. Lynda had her 60th, so we all attended that evening, dancing the night away. Some of our other members have taken to the skies and are away on holidays to exotic and not-so-exotic places, while the rest of us are dealing with the cold and riding when we can.

Life is what you make of it, so don't waste a day.

That's a wrap for this edition, catch you on the flipside.

## **ROTORUA RUMBLE... OR WAS THAT RAMBLE?**

**SMILEY AND KEBIN #10243**



# Wellington

## Witterings

ROSS #8542

**Wellington often gets a bit of stick for its weather, but the past few months have been pretty settled for this time of year, with quite a few opportunities to get on the bikes.**

Having a mix of activities and rides seems to be getting more of us out and about. One of our newer members, Pete Silverwood, has initiated the Thermos and Bun Run – a mid-week meet-up with a ride to a park or picnic area for a tea, coffee, a bite to eat, and a natter. These have been well attended and included rides to Paraparaumu, Featherston, and Ōtaki.

The shorter Sunday coffee rides are continuing to prove popular, with 20 to 30 riders sometimes attending. For those with the time, a longer ride is planned over coffee. It's encouraging to see prospective and new members joining us for these shorter-format rides.

One of our branch members, Richard Jamieson, has recently opened the MC3 Collection & Café Racer in Upper Hutt. The collection of classic and post-classic motorcycles is well worth a visit if you're in Upper Hutt.

We have had a couple of longer rides over to the Wairarapa. One was to see the Pointon Collection of vintage and veteran cars, motorcycles and automobilia near Masterton.

Many of us have been involved in charity runs, including The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride, and the Capital 2 Country Scooter Safari in support of The Cancer Society.

It's also been great to see CROW (Coffee Riders of Wellington) supporting branch fundraising evenings such as the movie night at Pāuatahanui Lighthouse Cinema to see *Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny*.

Competition for the annual Go Kart trophy was as fierce as always, with this year's trophy being taken home by Jason Kenny.

Monthly branch meetings have also been well attended, with our guest speakers in April including Kristy Grant, Chief Executive Officer and co-founder of Lane Street Studios.

As the days get longer, we can start thinking about longer rides. Some will be taking part in the North Island Compass Rally, and NI800 distance events. Quite a few will be riding to Taupō for the Remembrance Service in August.

Bryan Fergusson (aka The Sheriff) will soon be in the US doing the legendary Route 66. We look forward to reading about his tales in a later edition of the *Ulyssian*.

Keep safe out there.

ROSS #8542



Bryan and John battle it out at Gokarts



Branch trip to MC3 Collection & Café Racer



Thermos and Bun run at Ōtaki Beach.

# Latest NEWS from **Taupō**

**CLAIRE ROWE**  
#10239

**It's been pretty chilly in this part of the country lately, which has seen some of our club rides postponed or cancelled, but the team has been doing its best to get out on the road.**

June saw a trip to Napier, an awesome but chilly ride in places. We drove past some of the houses that were destroyed by cyclone Gabrielle, which tore through. The reality hits seeing it with your own eyes. We didn't stop to take photos, but it was heartbreaking to see the houses utterly destroyed.

Some of us attended the Rotorua branch Who Dunnit mystery weekend. This was my first ever rally, and I definitely had too much fun. We listened to every kind of music, from the *Wonky Donkey* song to John Reid to, well, I just can't

remember.

I spent most of the night saying, "what the heck is going on?" to "what's happening over there?" with a red wine glass, to dodging the hot potato microphone. My sides hurt from laughing the night away.

As for the murder mystery ... I'm still confused ...

There were plenty of random conversations, along with funny noises, in the cabin at night ... Playing dead was my philosophy for survival.

Seriously, though, the Ulysses Rotorua Branch did such an amazing job, food was in overload and tasted exceptional.

The Taupo branch held a bike show, and meet and greet, at the Lake Hop – Lake Maraetai, Mangakino. It was

a very cold and wet day, but again Taupo and Rotorua teamed up and spent the time laughing and joking together.

Next, we headed over to the Rotorua branch and attended a very intellectual Quiz Night. We came second but I'm sure the Rotorua crew were pinching some of our answers.

July has been a mix of different rides in different groups, some shorter and some longer, but the team is getting out there still, which is the main thing. "Roll on spring" is on everyone's minds; looking forward to seeing what the next three months holds in store.

**CLAIRE ROWE** #10239  
Taupo Secretary.

## **North Harbour**

**WAYNE PAINTER** #1756

**Thanks to everyone who sent me "best wishes" during my parts' replacement operation. By the time you read this, I will be allowed to ride again, just in time for the weather to start improving, I hope.**

This must be the wettest summer/ autumn/winter we have ever had; it is no wonder no-one wants to arrange a ride when they will probably have to cancel it. Having said that, I am sitting in the sun while writing this.

The new "Associate Membership" has worked for our branch, we must have the youngest associate member in the club, Blake Shadbolt #10554, who is only 20 and is the son of branch members. Welcome to the Ulysses Club and the North Harbour Branch Blake.

Our September Club Night will be a raffle night to raise funds towards the Cyclone Gabriel Baton Ride.

Hopefully, we can raise a reasonable amount towards this event. The North Harbour Branch is responsible for getting the baton from the Far North Branch, who will meet us at Caltex Orewa, then taking it to the Thames/Waihi Branch, connecting up at the Red Fox Tavern. Everyone is welcome to make a donation and/or join us. Details will be in our October branch newsletter.

Our Ronnie Run is going ahead on November 5, and as usual we will be leaving from the Africa Bar and finishing at the Hobsonville RSA.

Preparations towards the 2024 National AGM & Rally are going well, Cyclespot is looking forward to hosting our event, all we need now are some entries to start coming in. We have had a few and I know some accommodation has been booked.

**WAYNE PAINTER** #1756

*notes* 

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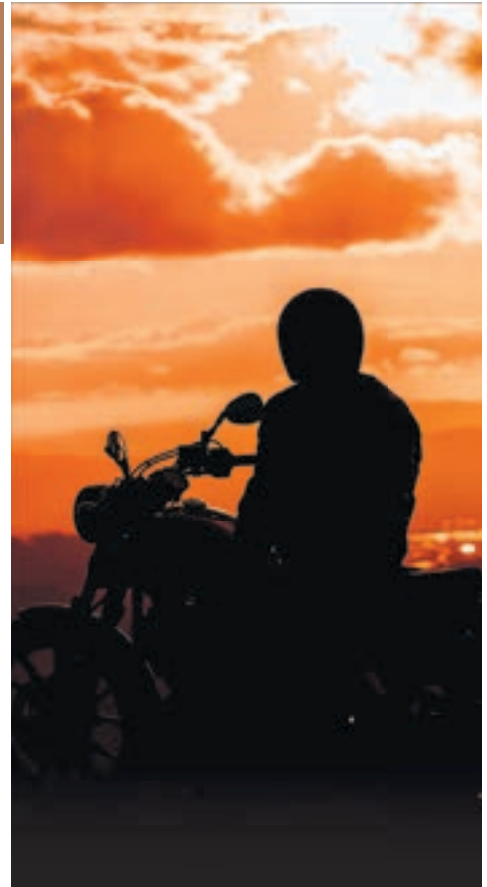
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# OBITUARIES



## Pauline 'Dorne' Clark

#1486

3 Feb 1929 - 11 Jan 2023

Late of Far North, Waihi-Thames Valley,  
Tauranga and Southland Branches  
Formerly Wellington Branch

*Dorne joined Ulysses on April 30, 1991. Married to Alfred Jack "Alf" Clark #996, who died January 24, 2008. They were married for 33 years.*

*Dorne passed away on Wednesday, January 11, 2023, in her 94th year.*

Dorne described herself as having lived a good and interesting life. From age 65, she restarted yoga and a fitness programme, saying, "If I'm going to have a long life, I want to be mobile and fit enough

to enjoy it." She remained independent her whole life, except for the last six months. During this last period, she still made all the decisions regarding her day-to-day affairs.

Dorne was never happier than when she was on the back of a motorbike with Alfie (as she called him). Of the bikes they owned, their favorite was the red Honda ST 1100. When Alfie passed away, Dorne really missed being able to ride and in her 80th year

she ordered a Piaggio 400 scooter from her bike shop in Tauranga, after seeing a photo of one in a magazine. Then she worked every hour possible to pay it off. Once the Piaggio arrived, Dorne would go to bed with a coffee and the bike handbook. She was incredibly grateful for the help she received from her Waihi-Thames mates while learning to ride the Piaggio. A fast-learning curve for all involved. Dorne managed very well but she had not read the bit about the seat sensor and when she was at the Omokoroa turn-off wondered why the bike would not go; revved it a bit more, sat back on the seat a little more and the bike took off, Dorne managing to semi-control it but "grazing" her left shoulder on the bank opposite. She discovered later that evening the handbook section regarding the seat sensor. Being a true biker, Dorne refused to go to see a physio as she did not want to add a "motorbike accident" to road stats or ACC. When it was suggested that she could tell the physio it had been a ride-on lawn mower accident, she agreed to see a physio and get treatment. After that, Dorne rode her Piaggio from Tauranga to Wellington with Waihi-

Thames friends, then with family added to the group, south to the Burt Munro, and back home to Tauranga.

Throughout her life, Dorne was an amazing organiser; she designed and renovated two houses with excellent outcomes. The large mobile home that Dorne and Alf bought was made in Australia and shipped to New Zealand. Dorne had made alterations to the standard design that the company later paid her for, incorporating her alterations in their future plans. Dorne's organising skills were honed by the time she and Alfie set off for their many biking road trips. Accommodation was booked but flexible and they were self-sufficient with amazingly well stocked paniers – right down to a micro hair dryer for wet boots. In an outside pocket there was always a list with personal and medical details and a bar of energy chocolate. Dorne's theory was that a coffee and a few squares of chocolate were equivalent to an emergency meal and supplied enough energy to keep you going a few more hours.

For several years, Dorne packed Christmas hampers and Christmas and Boxing Day were had in New Plymouth for the Cemetery Circuit. Family



was invited to mid-winter Christmases, which were always enjoyable. Dorne and Alf shared a love of motorbike and Formula One racing. They lived in Singapore from 1977 to 1986. Or rather Dorne lived in Singapore and Alf visited from the Jardine supply barge – 28-day rotations between the barge and Singapore. Their holidays were often sports' tours to Formula One races in Le Mons, Monte Carlo at Monaco and Monza. They also loved sports cars and bought a Toyota MR2 to tour Scotland, England and Wales.

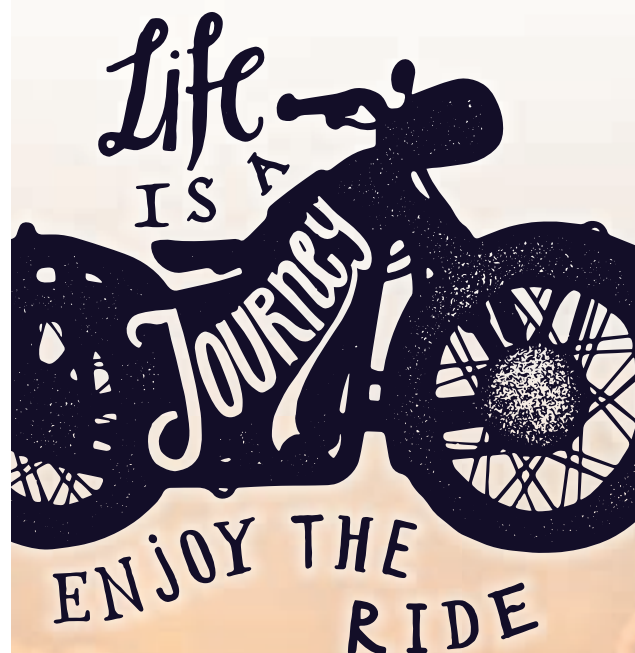
By her own admission, Dorne grew up a tomboy and preferred the company of her dad in his garage than dressing up for shopping or morning teas with her mum and older sister. Her first bike-riding experience was at 17 and was one that ended up with her in a ditch under the bike, a Velocette. She had not been told that the brakes were faulty. This resulted in six weeks hospitalisation with her femur in traction; her Mum had refused consent for an operation because of the high risk with chloroform anesthetic. There are also photos of Dorne walking over two

of the arched bridges in Palmerston North. That tomboy attitude stayed with Dorne throughout her life, and she decided to mark several of her later significant birthdays with “adventures” – a tandem skydive to mark her 70th, the Zorb in Rotorua, paragliding and, in later years, scenic helicopter trips.

In 2009, Dorne was immensely proud to be the first women to receive her Odyssey medal from the Ulysses Club. “Feet were made to go on the pegs of motorbikes,” was her standard reply when she was told of yet another younger family member completing a hiking trip and she said she couldn’t understand why anyone enjoyed hiking.

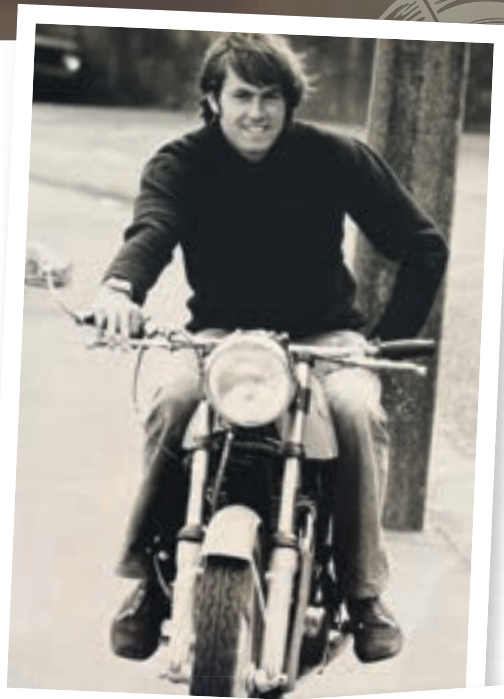
***As per her instructions, Dorne went on her final journey dressed in her Ulysses gear, with her Waihi-Thames polo top. She was sure Alfie was waiting in “Bikers Heaven” and he would have that red Honda ST 1000 all ready and waiting for her to jump on the back.***

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# OBITUARIES



## Robert William Gall #128 27 Feb 1942 - 28 Jun 2023

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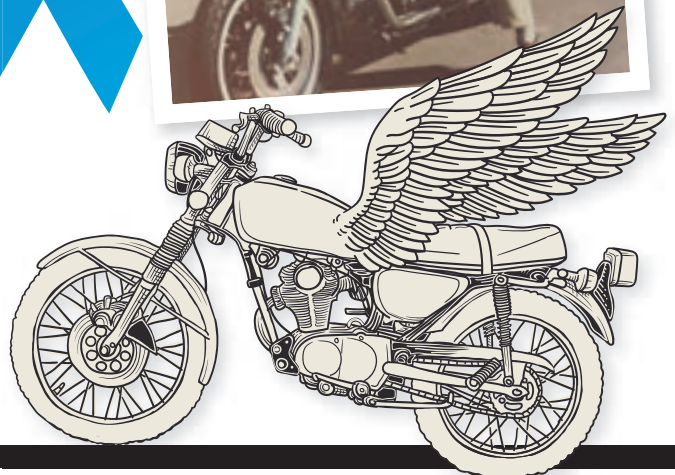
Much loved best friend and playmate of Claire for the past 60 years.

They shared a love of motorcycling, travelling and enjoyed many long overseas adventures.

Rob loved messing around with his collection of motorcycles and bicycles in his shed.

He will be sadly missed by friends who always appreciated his funny stories and limericks.

Claire and his friends celebrated Rob's life at the Prince Albert Hotel on Tuesday the 4th July, 2023.





## Mervyn Barry Hopkinson #27 1 Feb 1942 - 26 July 2023

Merv started riding on a BSA 250. C10 and lived in Otorohanga.

He then worked in the fast-food business in Auckland, operating food caravans

He joined the New Zealand Army at 19 years as a cook.

Merv was in the Fire Services in Auckland and then later in Christchurch.

He worked in the tyre trade doing shop work and on the road fitting truck tyres for many years.

Merv joined Australian Ulysses in 1987.

In April, 1988, he did his first ride to Taupō and

became Auckland's first co-ordinator from 1988 to 1993.

He was #27.

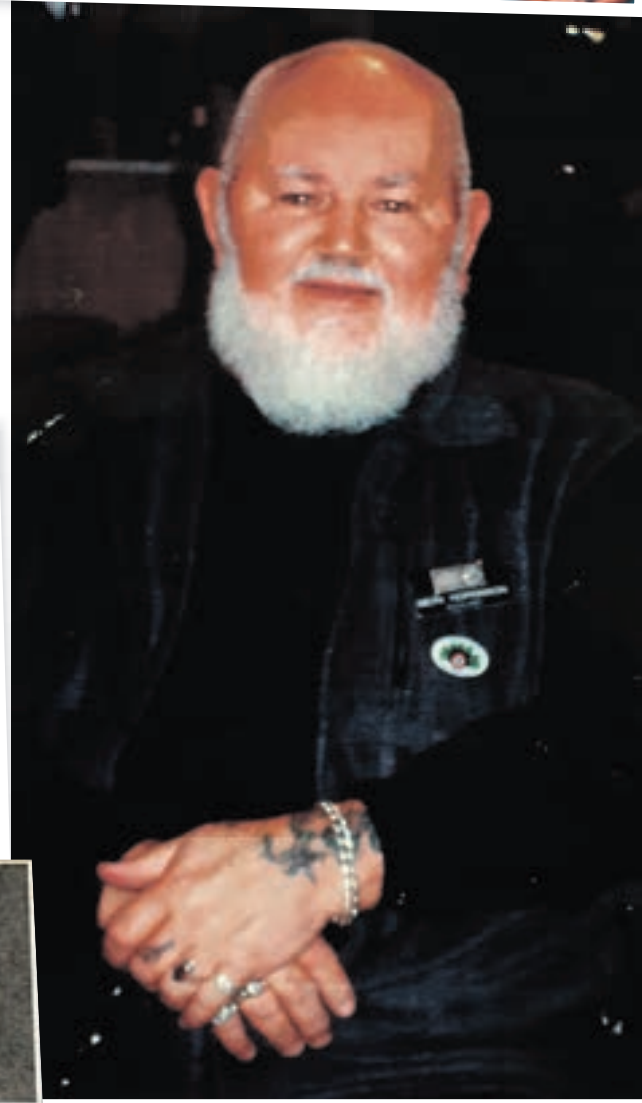
Merv loved fishing and was always wanting to catch the BIGGEST!

He leaves four children and seven grandchildren.

I have known Merv for 33 years. I will miss him tremendously! (Love you Merv).

Mervyn Barry Hopkinson, #27. Life member. May you ride the Heavens with Brian, Ted, Alf, J.J, Mike & Reg.

— ROSEMARY GRANT  
#1295



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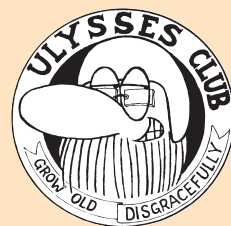
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### **TONY ALLEN**

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wairarapa@ulysses.org.nz  
027 432 5075

## **WELLINGTON**

Petone Workingmen's Club, Udy  
Street, Petone, 7.30pm, 2nd  
Tuesday monthly

### **JIM FURNEAUX**

47 Ward Street, Wallaceville,  
UPPER HUTT, 5018  
04 971 2893 / 021 244 2091  
wellington@ulysses.org.nz

## **WESTLAND**

Coffee every Saturday, 1000hrs  
at the Honey Café, Kumara.

### **KERRY CHAPMAN**

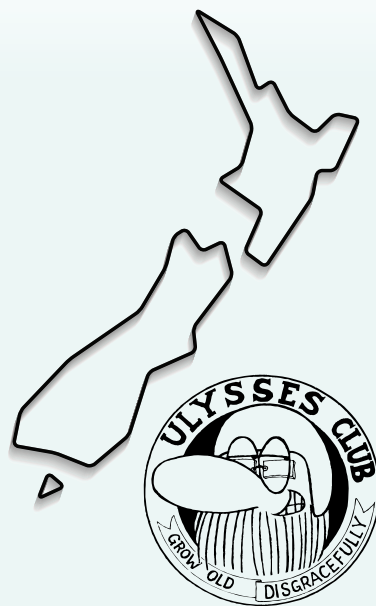
16 Stafford Road, RD2,  
Awatuna, Hokitika  
westland@ulysses.org.nz  
027 472 8289

## **WHAKATANE**

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

### **RICHARD BARNETT**

P.O. Box 3080, Ohope 3161  
whakatane@ulysses.org.nz  
021 792 086



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# UPCOMING RALLIES

**PG 68-79**

**Magic Motorcycle Tours**  
**Icons 150 Landscape Icons Hunt**  
**2023 North Island Compass Rally**  
**2024 National Rally & AGM**  
**Auckland Rally**  
**South Island Remembrance Service**  
**Taupo Dice Run 2023**  
**Taranaki Energy Rally 2024**



## Terrific Thailand!



A 14 day tour that starts and finishes in Chiang Mai, filled with beautiful climbing and descending roads that take us through magnificent limestone hills, steep mountains, lush green valleys, terraced rice paddies, beautiful waterfalls, the famous rivers and interesting villages. This is a real "riders ride" with Karel & Howard (fellow Ulyssians) as your Tour guides.

**f** [magicmotorcycling](#)

"Howard and Karel are fantastic tour guides, everything about our trip was well organised with amazing roads and locations." - Irene, NZ

**Terrific Thailand - 21 June to 4 July 2024**



[www.magicmotorcycletours.com/thailand](http://www.magicmotorcycletours.com/thailand)

**DATE -**

**4 November, 2023**

**START/FINISH**

**Hauraki RSA  
14 Pipiroa Road,  
Ngatea**

**DISTANCE -**

**Around 150kms**

**ASSEMBLE - 10am**

**START - 10.30am**

**COMPLETE BY -**

**2.30pm**

**PRIZE GIVING -**

**2.45pm**

**FIRST PRIZE -**

**\$100 petrol voucher**

**SECOND -**

**\$50 petrol voucher**

**THIRD -**

**\$25 petrol voucher**

**ONLINE ENTRY PRIZE -**

**Online entry No.26  
will win our sponsor's  
prize of a year's  
subscription to Bike  
Rider Magazine**

**ENTRY FEE -**

**Monetary note  
donation: \$5, \$10, \$20  
or pay online  
bank details sent  
upon entry**

# ICONS 150

## MOTORCYCLE LANDSCAPE ICONS HUNT

**NOVEMBER 4, 2023**

### OBJECTIVE

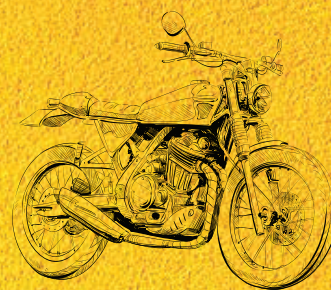
This is a motorcycle ride to locate a number of given landscape icons - photograph each icon in the order instructed. Riders depart at one minute intervals. Speedo reading at start to finish.



**Organised by Waihi/Thames  
Valley Ulysses Branch**

**ANYONE CAN ENTER**

**- NO NEED TO BE A  
ULYSSES MEMBER.**



This ride is run in conjunction with the Ulysses Baton Relay and all proceeds go to Cyclone Gabrielle victims.

Arrive early to peruse route instructions. Also for a sausage or bacon sandwich before the start - cost \$5. Tea or coffee - gold coin. Bar is open at finish.

Riders who would like to ride the route in a non-competitive tour will depart at 9.30am.

### HOW TO ENTER -

*Email:*

**ig.elliott.mcgrath@gmail.com**

*Subject:* **ICONS150**

**Then your name,  
phone number and  
bike rego.**

**Further info will then  
be emailed to you.**

# 2023 NORTH ISLAND COMPASS RALLY

***Register 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 OPEN NOW!**  
**All are welcome to participate.**

For further information, contact the organising committee.

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

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Complete all or any 5 points in any order from Sunday, October 1st and finish with the drawing of the last card in Palmerston North on Saturday, October 28th. Point photo may be required in lieu of a point card (eg dealer shut). All points are currently accessible but some careful route planning may be required. Best 5 cards counted.

Prizegiving is in Bunnythorpe. WINNERS MUST BE PRESENT. All riders welcome!  
Badge orders for hand-out at prize-giving close August 30th.  
\$40 per card hand (includes light refreshments)  
Badge please add \$10. Pillion at Prizegiving (if not playing poker) add \$5.

Further information for the event and destinations, including your score sheet will be sent by email in the week prior to the rally commence date. Let us know of bike changes if necessary.

**Entries close Monday 25th September, but badge orders need to be in before that to allow for presentation at the prizegiving (late badge orders will be sent out).**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

# 2023 NORTH ISLAND COMPASS RALLY

RIDER NAME.....

ULYSSES # (If member).....

PILLION NAME.....

ULYSSES # (If member).....

ADDRESS.....

BRANCH (OR OTHER CLUB).....

YEAR & MAKE OF MOTORCYCLE.....

REGO (FOR PHOTOS).....

MOBILE NUMBER.....

HOME PHONE NUMBER.....

EMAIL ADDRESS.....

**Internet banking 03 0726 049 5751 00**

Please include **4Points23** in 'Particulars' and your **NAME and ULYSSES NUMBER** (if applicable) in the 'Reference' field, then email this form to the email address below.

I have paid \$\_\_\_\_\_ being \_\_\_\_\_ hands,  
and \_\_\_\_\_ badges\* on this date \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Badge orders have to be in with the supplier by September 1st, 2023. Later entries requiring badges may have to wait for them to be sent AFTER the prizegiving.*

Email preferred (or post) your completed form (once the internet payment is done) to:

**The Secretary, Manawatu Ulysses Branch, 361 Ruahine St, Palmerston North 4410**

Email:

**4pointsrally@gmail.com**

Text (enquiries):

**021 102 8855**





**Ulysses  
Club NZ Inc.**

# **2024 National Rally & AGM**

**Hosted by:**

*Ulysses North Harbour Branch*

**Dates:**

*Friday 29th and Saturday, March 30th, 2024  
(Easter Weekend)*

**Venue:**

*Cyclespot Group, 10 Wairau Road, North Shore, Auckland  
[www.cyclespot.co.nz](http://www.cyclespot.co.nz)*



**SCAN QR CODE  
FOR DETAILS**

***Cyclespot have kindly donated their  
premises for the Ulysses Club of New Zealand Inc.  
2024 National Rally & AGM***



*Come along and enjoy a great weekend on the friendly North Shore  
Keep up to date through our website:*

***[ulyssesnorthharbour.org.nz/national2024agm](http://ulyssesnorthharbour.org.nz/national2024agm)***

# ULYSSES CLUB (NZ) INC. NATIONAL RALLY & AGM



**Friday 29th and Saturday 30th March**

Hosted by the North Harbour Branch  
Registrations Close Wednesday, 28th February

Registrations will be acknowledged via Email.  
For any queries, please email: [2024.agm@ulysses.org.nz](mailto:2024.agm@ulysses.org.nz)  
More info at: [www.ulysses.org.nz](http://www.ulysses.org.nz)



Venue: Cyclespot Group Showroom, 10 Wairau Road, Glenfield, Auckland  
Theme: Best Dressed Biker, promote your brand/ride

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

Options and payment	Number	Per person	Amount
National Rally/AGM Registration Fee - Payable by everyone attending		\$35	
National Rally Badge		\$10	
2024 North Harbour Badge		\$10	
<b>Meals and drinks available for members and partners</b>			
Friday evening - Billy's Special Build Your Own Burgers & Fries Bar opens 4pm		\$25	
Saturday evening - Billy's Roast Dinner Live band and dancing to follow Bar opens 4.30pm		\$40	
<b>Rally T-Shirt</b> (Circle your choice of size) <i>CUT OFF DATE FOR ORDERING IS JAN 20TH, 2024</i>			
S M L XL 2XL 3XL 4XL 5XL		\$35	
<b>Rally Polo Shirt &amp; T-Shirt Active Wear</b> (Circle your choice of size) <i>CUT OFF DATE FOR ORDERING IS JAN 20TH, 2024</i>			
Men: S M L XL 2XL 3XL 4XL 5XL		\$45	
Women: 8 10 12 14 16 18 20		\$45	
<b>CAMPSITE</b> - for self-contained motorhomes/caravans only at Cyclespot. Friday and Saturday only. Must be off site <b>Midday Sunday 31st.</b>			
Per night		\$10	
<b>TOTAL (add total \$ here)</b>			
Please list any <b>DIETARY REQUIREMENTS</b> here:			

Payment by bank deposit or online banking to **Kiwibank** account number:  
**38-9015-0847301-03** Please include your **surname and Ulysses number** in the details  
Scan and email registration form to: [2024.agm@ulysses.org.nz](mailto:2024.agm@ulysses.org.nz)  
Or post to: Ulysses Club (NZ) Inc. North Harbour Branch, PO Box 100-054, North Shore, Auckland 0745

Cancellation Policy: In the event of a COVID or similar related Regional or National Lockdown, any payments made will be refunded unless the purchase of items ordered has been committed to in which case the items will be shipped and the refund reduced accordingly.

**Ulysses Club NZ Inc.**

# 2024 National Rally & AGM



**VENUE:** Cycle Spot, 10 Wairau Road, North Shore

## **ALADDIN MOTEL**

325 Wairau Road, Totara Vale  
09 444 9703

aladdinmotel325@gmail.com  
Approx distance from venue:  
2.2 km via suburban streets

## **ALBANY ROSEDALE MOTEL**

243 Rosedale Road  
09 415 1542

albanyrosedalemotel@gmail.com  
Approx distance from venue:  
7.1km via Motorway and suburban streets

## **ANDELIN GUEST HOUSE**

100 Victoria Rd, Devonport  
021 302 854

Andelin@outlook.co.nz  
Approx distance from venue:  
8.4 km via suburban streets

## **ANZAC COURT MOTEL**

43 Anzac Street, Takapuna  
09 489 4315

anzac-court@xtra.co.nz  
Approx distance from venue:  
2.4 km via suburban streets

## **ARISTOTLES NORTH SHORE MOTEL**

20C Link Drive, North Shore  
09 444 1177

northshore@aristotles.co.nz  
Approx distance from venue:  
2.5 km via suburban streets

## **CARNMORE HOTEL TAKAPUNA**

2 Rewiti Avenue, Takapuna  
09 486 1069

book@carnmorehoteltakapuna.co.nz  
Approx distance from venue:  
3.9 km via suburban streets

## **CHELSEABAY MODERN APARTMENTS**

19 Rawene Road, Birkenhead  
Approx distance from venue:  
5.1 km via suburban streets

## **CITY OF SAILS MOTEL**

219 Shakespeare Road, Milford  
09 486 9170

city.of.sales@xtra.co.nz  
Approx distance from venue:  
0.7 km via suburban streets

## **EMERALD INN**

16 The Promenade, Takapuna  
09 488 3500

info@emerald-inn.co.nz  
Approx distance from venue:  
3.4 km via suburban streets

## **ESPLANADE HOTEL (DEVONPORT)**

1 Victoria Road, Devonport  
09 445 1291

reservations@esplanadehotel.co.nz  
Approx distance from venue:  
9.1km via suburban streets

## **FERNZ MOTEL & APARTMENTS BIRKENHEAD**

23 Rawene Road, Birkenhead  
09 480 2323

Info@fernzmotel.co.nz  
Approx distance from venue:  
5.1 km via suburban streets

## **NORTH SHORE MOTELS AND HOLIDAY PARK**

52 Northcote Road, Northcote  
09 481 1200

info@nsmotels.co.nz  
Approx distance from venue:  
2.1km via suburban streets

## **OCEAN BREEZE HOTEL**

1 Beresford Street, Bayswater  
09 445 0338

reservations@oceanbreezehotel.co.nz  
Approx distance from venue:  
8.2 km Via suburban streets

# ACCOMMODATION SUGGESTIONS

## **OCEAN INN MOTEL**

27 Ocean View Road, Northcote  
09 419 8080

[oceaninn@xtra.co.nz](mailto:oceaninn@xtra.co.nz)

Approx distance from venue:

2.6 km via suburban streets

## **PARK LANE MOTOR INN**

2 Rewiti Ave, Takapuna  
09 486 1069

[book@parklane.co.nz](mailto:book@parklane.co.nz)

Approx distance from venue:

4.1km via suburban streets

## **POENAMO HOTEL**

31 Northcote Road, Hillcrest  
09 914 3373

Approx distance from venue:

2.1km via suburban streets

## **QUEST TAKAPUNA**

215 Shakespeare Road, Auckland  
09 280 6900

Approx distance from venue:

1.0 km via suburban streets

## **RAMADA SUITES BY WYNDHAM ALBANY**

254 Cornerstone Drive, Albany  
09 974 4568

Approx distance from venue:

8.0 km via Motorway and suburban streets

## **SEA VIEW GUEST HOUSE**

17 Heath Avenue, Northcote  
021 706 054

Approx distance from venue:

4.9 km via suburban streets

## **SPENCER ON BYRON**

9/17 Byron Avenue, Takapuna Beach  
09 916 4972

[reservations@spencerbyron.co.nz](mailto:reservations@spencerbyron.co.nz)

Approx distance from venue:

3.0km via suburban streets

## **TAKAPUNA BEACH HOLIDAY PARK**

22 The Promenade, Takapuna  
09 489 7909

[info@takapunabeachholidaypark.co.nz](mailto:info@takapunabeachholidaypark.co.nz)

Approx distance from venue:

3.3 km via suburban streets

## **TAKAPUNA INTERNATIONAL MOTEL**

1B Lake Pupuke Drive, Takapuna  
09 486 0009

[info@takapunainternational.co.nz](mailto:info@takapunainternational.co.nz)

Approx distance from venue:

2.2km via suburban streets

## **TAKAPUNA MOTOR LODGE**

28 Taharoto Road, Takapuna  
09 486 3338

[reservations@takapunamotorlodge.co.nz](mailto:reservations@takapunamotorlodge.co.nz)

Approx distance from venue:

1.8 km via suburban streets

## **WHITBY STUDIO**

2 Whitby Crescent  
027 541 0103

[info@whitbystudio.co.nz](mailto:info@whitbystudio.co.nz)

Approx distance from venue:

5.8km via suburban streets

## **Some other options for you to search..**

[www.agoda.com](http://www.agoda.com)

[www.airbnb.co.nz](http://www.airbnb.co.nz)

[www.bookabach.co.nz](http://www.bookabach.co.nz)

[www.booking.com](http://www.booking.com)

[www.expedia.co.nz](http://www.expedia.co.nz)

[nz.hotels.com](http://nz.hotels.com)

[www.online-reservations.com](http://www.online-reservations.com)

[www.tripadvisor.com](http://www.tripadvisor.com)

[www.trivago.co.nz/en-NZ](http://www.trivago.co.nz/en-NZ)

[www.wotif.co.nz](http://www.wotif.co.nz)

**AGM DATES: MARCH 29TH - 30TH, 2024 - EASTER WEEKEND**



# Ulysses Auckland Rally

**"River meets the sea"**  
Friday, 10th - Sunday, Nov 12th, 2023

**PORT WAIKATO SCHOOL CAMP,  
PORT WAIKATO-WAIKARETU ROAD, PORT WAIKATO**

On-site registration opens Friday 4.00pm **NO PETS ALLOWED ON SITE**

**FACILITIES:** Bunkrooms, Tent/Camper etc. Hot showers, toilets, tea, coffee and baking available at no cost. Eating utensils, cup, plates & cutlery supplied. **BYO bedding and alcohol/mixers please.**

**ENTRY FORM:**

Rider name: \_\_\_\_\_ Ulysses # \_\_\_\_\_

Rider/Pillion name: \_\_\_\_\_ Ulysses # \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

*Completed form and payment will help allocate rooms.*

Accommodation - \$25 p/p per night, bunkroom, tent/camper etc, i.e. 2 nights = \$50 each

No. of people: Fri \_\_\_ Sat \_\_\_ nights @ \$25.00 Bunkroom = \_\_\_\_\_

No. of people: Fri \_\_\_ Sat \_\_\_ nights @ \$25.00 Tent/Camper etc = \_\_\_\_\_

Rally Badge: x @ \$15.00 per badge = \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Night BBQ: x @ \$9.00 per person = \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Cooked Breakfast: x @ \$9.00 per person = \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Night Dinner: x @ \$20.00 per person = \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday Cooked Breakfast: x @ \$9.00 per person = \_\_\_\_\_

**Online - Date of Payment \_\_\_\_\_/2023 TOTAL = \_\_\_\_\_**

I agree to hold the organizers blameless for any injury or accidental damage whatsoever which may occur whilst traveling to, attending at or traveling from this event

**SIGNATURES:**

Rider: \_\_\_\_\_ Rider/Pillion: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Bank Details: Ulysses, Auckland Branch 03 0296 0046891 000**  
**IMPORTANT please include YOUR NAME - MEMBERSHIP NUMBER - RALLY 2023**

Please pay online, email or post form: [peggyulysses@hotmail.co.nz](mailto:peggyulysses@hotmail.co.nz)  
Ulysses Club, PO Box 96219, Balmoral, AUCKLAND 1342

**Entries close 1 November 2023 - NO LATE ENTRIES.**



# South Island Remembrance Service

*Hosted by Canterbury Ulysses*

***Kaikoura Top 10 Holiday Park, 34 Beach Road, Kaikoura  
1pm, Saturday, September 23, 2023***

We have the use of the conference facilities.  
Refreshments and non-alcoholic drinks will be provided after the reading of names. An 'After Match Function' for recovery and rehydration will be held after dinner. Members are asked to BYO a plate and whatever type of plonk tickles ya fancy, to put the world to rights whilst striving as best we can to get back to core values by behaving disgracefully. Those whose names were read out would expect nothing less.

Ride badges are \$20 and must be paid

for online. Email Debbie at [canterbury.sec@ulysses.org.nz](mailto:canterbury.sec@ulysses.org.nz) and she'll take your order.  
Online payment to: Westpac 03-1594-0041946-00. Please include your name and Rembadge in reference fields.

Punters are urged to book accommodation, tent sites etc at the Top 10 sooner rather than later.

**For bookings: 03 319 5362,  
or [reception@kaikouratop10.co.nz](mailto:reception@kaikouratop10.co.nz)  
and use Ulysses as the reference.**





# TAUPO

## DICE RUN

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

2023

**Stag Park diner, Napier-Taupo Road**

Registrations from 10am-10.45am

Stands up, 11am

All welcome

**PROCEEDS TO THE ULYSSES  
GABRIELLE CYCLONE FUNDRAISER**



**Enquiries: [taupo.sec@ulysses.org.nz](mailto:taupo.sec@ulysses.org.nz)**

# Back to Basics Taranaki ENERGY RALLY



1st to 3rd November 2024

Venue **TSB TOPEC, Hydro Road, State Highway 3 Junction Road, New Plymouth.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Ulysses # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pillion \_\_\_\_\_ Ulysses # \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Cabins available for at least 80 people, first in first served.**  
**BRING SLEEPING BAG AND PILLOW. Room to bring the motorhome, caravan or tent.**

COST	NUMBER	TOTAL
Friday night BBQ	\$10.00 p/p	_____ \$ _____
Saturday Breakfast	\$6.00 p/p	_____ \$ _____
Sunday Breakfast	\$6.00 p/p	_____ \$ _____
Saturday evening meal	\$30.00 p/p	_____ \$ _____
Friday accommodation	\$15.00 p/p	_____ \$ _____
Saturday accommodation	\$15.00 p/p	_____ \$ _____
Cooked Breakfast.		
Tea and coffee available all weekend.		
Cut-off Date, 18th October 2024.		Total \$ _____

*The Taranaki Branch Ulysses Club will have a liquor licence for alcohol sales, so there will be no BYO, the prices will be very reasonable. Thank you. Also we will have Eftpos available.*

**Camp will be open for arrivals after 4.00 pm on Friday.**

In signing this form I/We agree to abide by all rules and regulations for the event and will hold blameless all organizers and officials connected with the event for injury or damage while traveling or participating in the event.

Please forward this form with your remittance to Blair Campbell at [ibcampbell@extra.co.nz](mailto:ibcampbell@extra.co.nz)

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**INTERNET BANKING: 15-3949-0289502-00** Use your Ulysses number as reference.  
 Contact Blair Campbell on 0274490202 with any queries. Or at [ibcampbell@extra.co.nz](mailto:ibcampbell@extra.co.nz)



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# NEOTEC II

Experience Versatility. An every-occasion helmet with the adaptability to excel no matter where your next journey takes you.



## INTERCOM READY DESIGN

Designed for seamless integration with the Sena SRL Communication System. SRL-Mesh is packed with premium features, including Mesh Intercom and **sound by HARMAN KARDON** speakers and microphone.



## FLIP-UP CHIN BAR & FACE SHIELD

Safety and protection of a full-face helmet, but can convert instantly into an open-face configuration. Lightweight chin bar/face shield rotates with smooth precision with a dual locking system for improved holding power when in the fully-opened position.



## AERODYNAMICS

In addition to its streamlined shape and shell-integrated spoiler, the Neotec II's innovative top air outlet design along with the chin bar's 'Aero Deflector' and 'Vortex Generator' lip reduce unwanted wind noise while helping to manage airflow around the helmet in varying riding positions.