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COVER PHOTO: Great adventures on small scooters - read all about the TransAlpine Scooter Safari on page 20.

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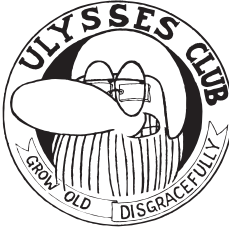
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PRESIDENT'S SEPT 2024 REPORT



ANDY WILSON #7169
NATIONAL PRESIDENT

How time flies! It feels like I've just finished a report and the reminder comes in for the next one. So, if time is moving that quickly I must be having fun.

In my last report – and the last *Ulyssian*, for that matter – we had a few articles about club finances, tolerating each other and general behaviour around each other. It may have felt like the whole club is in turmoil – I can assure you it isn't! The branches are starting to get ready for the spring and planning the next season of riding.

I hear of plans to attend the next AGM, hosted by Taranaki, with branches making a holiday out of the trip by extending their time away to tour a bit of the North Island.

Karen and I have attended as many coffee mornings, mid-year dinners and branch meetings as we could, and have really enjoyed meeting everyone. We will be attending both

remembrance events this year, so we hope to see a lot of you there and catch up.

It was very nice to hear from members in both the North and South Islands supporting the effort the Natcom team puts in; whether it's addressing issues, arranging meetings, arranging bike raffles or just answering your questions and the like. From me a big thank-you to the National Committee team for making my life easier and guiding how we operate.

Work is now underway with the bike importers for the 2025 bike raffle. This year I have managed to get BMW back on board again - so start saving up for your tickets.

We are now planning for the co-ordinators weekend in September. It should be an interesting weekend, especially forming the five year Strategic Plan and beyond. Also, the sharing of ideas with different branches and making new friends

within our Ulysses family. These weekends are a goldmine of ideas for all attending, especially new co-ordinators.

Our club overall is an amazing blend of characters, doers, helpers and any other type of member you can think of, and it's really a testament of how it all fits together and works. We have so many members who have year badges with 25, 30 and 35 on them. When the members today with 10 year badges are presented with their 35 year badges we will still be 'Growing Old Disgracefully' and having fun doing what we do best - ride bikes and socialise, as well as continuing to introduce new members into the fold.

Enjoy this edition of the *Ulyssian*, and wash the spiderwebs off the bike ready for the spring riding season.

Remember to watch out for Tin Tops. See you on the road somewhere.

ANDY WILSON #7169

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- #10725 Brian Taylor..... Far North
- #10724 Derrick Richards..... Nelson
- #10723 Brett McPhee..... Manawatu
- #10722 Roderick Gay..... Hawkes Bay
- #10721 Rowena Chapman..... Westland
- #10720 Steve Allison..... Kapiti Coast
- #10719 Ingrid de Vries..... Rotorua
- #10718 William Tonks..... Kapiti Coast
- #10717 Jacob Grum-Schwensen..... North Harbour
- #10716 Christopher Sales..... Canterbury
- #10715 Alec McKellar..... North Harbour
- #10714 Mark McKeown..... Tauranga
- #10713 Bruce Warwick..... Canterbury
- #10712 Iria Griffin..... Rotorua
- #10711 Michael Cooper..... Canterbury
- #10710 Annabelle Batchelor..... Canterbury
- #10709 Kristine Colley..... Waihi-Thames Valley
- #10708 Dave White..... Waihi-Thames Valley
- #10707 Malcolm Roberts..... Waihi-Thames Valley
- #10706 Nyra Geddes..... Canterbury
- #10705 Anthony French..... North Harbour
- #10704 Wayne Chapman..... Wellington
- #10703 James Reynolds..... Wellington
- #10702 Harry van Gog..... Whakatane
- #10701 Shane Willis..... Whakatane
- #10700 Nadene Savage..... Hawkes Bay
- #10699 Wayen Savage..... Hawkes Bay
- #10698 Suzanne Monk..... Nelson
- #10697 Peter Monk..... Nelson
- #10696 John Lewis..... Nelson
- #10695 Andy Lyver..... Hawkes Bay
- #10694 Mike Gommans..... Whakatane
- #10693 Keith Wilsher..... Manawatu
- #10692 David Jones..... Hawkes Bay
- #10690 Stephen Lamont..... Canterbury
- #10689 Neil Vickery..... Canterbury
- #10688 Nick Birdsey..... Canterbury
- #10687 Chris Mather..... Canterbury
- #10686 Don McDonald-Spice..... Far North
- #10685 Ray Knibbs..... North Harbour
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NATIONAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

SEPT 2024

SUZIE PENTELOW #8532



In the last *Ulyssian*, I shared the draft Strategic Plan with you all. There has been nothing but positive comments for the direction that your National Committee wants to take, so we are now at the next stage - to ask all members for their ideas on how best to take action to make these things happen. Some keen members have already emailed me with ideas - thank-you!

Here again are the top four things Natcom has decided we want to achieve over the next few years. I have highlighted the areas where we need your ideas for specific actions to make these happen!

For example, actions for more women riders (the actions below would also work for the 'more associate riders' too):

- Target Facebook marketing specifically towards women
- Show more women riders in advertisements/posters/flyers (in bike shops etc)
- Show more women riders in branch news in the *Ulyssian*
- Articles in local and national newspapers/magazines promoting Ulysses as a 'female friendly' club.

There's obviously more actions we could take out there - Let's hear them!

1. Increasing and retaining membership

What is happening now?

- Membership is slowly dropping
- Low numbers of women riders
- Low numbers of associate riders
- No national coherent PR/marketing communication or plan
- Some branches proactively working on

promoting the club to new members

- Members joining but leaving after a year
- Some branches providing a welcoming environment to new members

What do we want to see happen?

- Membership rising
- More women riders
- More associate riders
- Coherent national PR/marketing communication and plan
- All branches proactively working on promoting the club to new members
- Members staying indefinitely
- All branches providing a welcoming environment to new members

2. Increasing the profile of the club locally and nationwide

What is happening now?

- No coherent national PR/marketing communication or plan to promote club locally or nationwide
- Some branches doing local events e.g fundraise for local charities, toy runs or getting involved in car shows etc

What do we want to see happen?

- Coherent national PR/marketing communication and plan
- Creation of a 'Communications Officer' at Natcom level
- All branches doing local events e.g fundraise for local charities, toy runs or getting involved in car shows etc

3. Operational Costs

What is happening now?

- Small surplus this year - In the past the club has been running at a loss
- Some branches/members do not understand the financial running of the club

What do we want to see happen?

- Small surplus to continue
- All members to understand the financial running of the club
- In depth look at current operational costs to see where changes/savings could be made

4. Resilience

What is happening now?

- Some branches are running well, some are ticking along and others are dysfunctional
- Dysfunctional branches requiring support to work through issues
- Handbook updates not finished
- Some branches are struggling with succession planning
- Some branches are struggling to find the right people for committee roles
- Natcom not getting enough nominations before AGM's
- South Island branches not able/willing to run the National Rally and AGM
- Rules (Constitution) are needing updating to meet new law requirements

What do we want to see happen?

- All branches running well, with welcoming, positive, and committed members and enthusiastic committees
- Handbook updates finished
- All branches attracting new committee members easily
- All branches electing the right people for committee roles
- Natcom attracting enough nominations before AGM's
- South Island branches able and willing to run the National Rally and AGM
- Rules (Constitution) updated

We are working on an electronic survey currently, which should come out soon. You can also email your action ideas to me at secretary@ulysses.org.nz or share your ideas with your branch coordinator and they will pass them on.

2025 NATIONAL RALLY AND AGM

The 2025 National Rally and AGM is being run by the Taranaki branch, from Friday the 11th to Sunday 13th of April at the Paritutu Bowling Club in New Plymouth. The meeting for co-ordinators and Natcom is on Friday at 1pm and the AGM will be held at 10am on Saturday the 12th of April.

The National Rally is a lot of fun - organise a group of your fellow branch members to attend and create some stronger friendships and great memories.

The registration flyer is out now, so get it filled out and back to them ASAP so they can get an idea of numbers etc for forward planning.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE POSITIONS

All National Committee positions are open for nominations each year. At the 2025 AGM I will be stepping down as National Secretary, so there will be at least one vacancy.

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 1st November 2024 (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 three 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 currently 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 Co-ordinators' Annual Meeting on Friday 11th April 2025. Nominations will be confidential and will not be disclosed prior to the Coordinators' Annual Meeting.

To be successful, the nomination must be supported by not less than 80 percent 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 good quality 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 12th January 2025 (mail must arrive no later than two business days after close off date, when the club post box is cleared).

REMITTS 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 national secretary by 1st November for publication in the December 2024 *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.

NATIONAL EVENTS CALENDAR

Don't forget to add your branch rallies and major rides etc to the National Event Calendar in the *Ulyssian*. You can email Erin, the *Ulyssian* editor, directly with these.

BRANCH 2025 AGM NOTICES

These will be advertised for branches in the December *Ulyssian*. I have not yet received branch 2025 AGM information from the following branches: Gisborne (branch AGM minutes still to be received), Nelson, North Harbour, Otago, South Canterbury, Tauranga and Wellington (details were not in branch AGM minutes). Could I ask the co-ordinator or secretary of each of these branches to send me their branch 2025 AGM details ASAP. There are other branches who are waiting to confirm their venues - Please get that information to me as well.

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 12th of April 2025 commencing at 10am at the Paritutu Bowling Club, 445 St Aubyn Street, Moturoa, New Plymouth.

In addition to the normal business of the AGM, the meeting will elect the National Committee members for 2025-2026. Nominations are invited for all positions (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three Committee members).

These can be emailed to secretary@ulysses.org.nz or mailed to the National Secretary, The Ulysses Club of NZ Inc., PO Box 40218, Upper Hutt 5140 and must be received by Friday 1st November 2024. 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*.

Future National AGM Information:

2025 Taranaki • 2026 Nelson • 2027 Taupo

Thanks, **SUZIE PENTELOW** #8532

NOMINATION FORM

FOR NATIONAL COMMITTEE POSITION 2024/2025

Name _____ Ulysses Number _____

Position _____

Nominator _____ Ulysses Number _____

Seconded _____ Ulysses Number _____

Nominees Consent Signature _____

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

SEPT
2024

I'm away on holiday!

By the time you read this, I will be away on the other side of the world taking my long awaited OE from the 26th August – 15th October 2024.

Although I will be out of the country, I have arranged for gear items to be shipped and applications to be processed, so keep sending them through via email.

I would recommend however, that applications for new members be held over until 1st October, so their membership will run until the end of next year.

The phone will be switched off during this time, so where possible, send me an email; although there will be a delay in replying, I will get back to you.

Membership cards/Subscription renewal time

Just letting you all know, in my last report I advised we were having problems with the card printer. This has all now been resolved and any backlog cleared for members awaiting cards. If you have not received yours and were awaiting it, please email me. I will make sure one is sent to you on my return.

However, as renewal reminders will be sent out in mid-October for next year's subscription, if your membership is due and you needed a replacement card, I will only send one once your subscription has been paid.

Gear Sales

As is always the case through winter, gear sales have been very slow.

Thinking of what to buy that significant other in your life for Christmas? I recommend you take a look at our web site shop.ulysses.org.nz, there just may be something there that they would like. By getting in early I can almost give you 100% guarantee that you will have the item you want well before Christmas.

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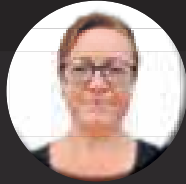
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Treasurer's Report for the 6 Months to 30 June 2024

Profit and Loss

Ulysses Club of New Zealand Incorporated
For the 6 months ended 30 June 2024

Account	Jan-Jun 2024	Jan-Jun 2023
Income		
Trading Income		
Gear Trading		
Sales - Gear	3,500	3,977
Branch Gear Sales Discounts	(118)	(141)
Gear Purchases - Other Costs	(252)	(32)
Freight & Packaging on Stock Purchases	(71)	(52)
Stock on Hand Adjustments	0	27
Gear - Costs of Goods Sold	(2,951)	(3,311)
Surplus/(Deficit) on Gear Trading	109	467
Total Trading Income	109	467
Fees from Members		
Subscriptions	47,858	48,072
Joining Fees	1,792	1,931
Total Fees from Members	49,650	50,002
Interest Received	6,798	4,400
Sponsorship	3,750	3,407
Donations and Gifts	20	0
Freight Income	298	220
Subscription Under/Over Paid (\$1 - \$20)	(20)	48
Subscription Under/Over Paid (\$21 - \$50)	17	22
Ulyssian Advertising	6,906	7,291
Total Income	67,529	65,858

Less: Expenditure

Administration Expenses		
Administration Fees	16,453	18,925
Computing & Internet	836	437
Accounting - Xero Fee	317	317
Rent - Office	1,826	1,826
Post & Courier	1,773	1,136
Stationery & Photocopy	612	441
Telephone	162	357
Total Administration Expenses	21,980	23,439
Financial Expenses		
Audit Fee	(50)	(50)
Bank & Paypal Fees	50	42
Total Financial Expenses	0	(8)
Meeting Expenses		
AGM Travel, Accom, etc	3,959	6,386
Branch Coordinators Meeting	(270)	0
National Committee Travel, etc	1,044	358
Total Meeting Expenses	4,732	6,744
Membership Expenses		
Badges & Medals	1,554	888
Life & Odyssey Medals Awarded	1,230	1,150
Mail Chimp	615	524
Magazine	17,568	17,864
Magazine Advertising Costs	1,823	2,099
Sponsorship Expenditure	2,955	2,296
Website	445	445
Database Hosting	240	240
Total Membership Expenses	26,430	25,506
Other Expenses		
Publicity & Advertising	620	950
General Expenses	0	112
Insurance	873	773
Public Liability Insurance	670	650
Total Other Expenses	2,163	2,485
Total Expenditure	55,305	58,165

Surplus/(Deficit) Before Depreciation 12,223 7,692

Surplus/(Deficit) for the period 12,223 7,692

Equity Reserve Movements

Raffle		
Raffle Income	24,012	21,757
Raffle Expenses	(15,064)	(18,711)
Surplus/(Deficit)	8,948	3,046
Rider Safety Reserve Transfer	(8,948)	0
Total Equity Reserve Movements	(0)	3,046

Balance Sheet

Ulysses Club of New Zealand Incorporated
As at 30 June 2024

Account	30 Jun 2024	30 Jun 2023
Assets		
Current Assets		
Bank		
BNZ - On Call Account	44,285	33,316
BNZ - Bike Raffle Account	1,022	1,006
BNZ - Non Profit Org Account	3,169	11,623
Kiwibank Now Account	586	3,006
Paypal Account	35	35
Total Bank	49,097	48,987
Accounts Receivable	849	441
Interest Receivable	3,534	3,415
National Rally/AGM - Branch Loan	2,000	2,000
Payments in Advance		
Payments in Advance	9,010	4,796
Total Payments in Advance	9,010	4,796
Inventory		
Life & Odyssey Medals On Hand	1,470	1,390
Inventory - Bumper Stickers	293	385
Inventory (Xero perpetual account)	8,019	8,888
Total Inventory	9,782	10,663
Total Current Assets	74,272	70,302
Non-current Assets		
Fixed Assets	7,680	2,121
Total Non-current Assets	7,680	2,121
Investments		
Kiwibank Term Deposits	200,000	175,000
Total Investments	200,000	175,000
Total Assets	281,951	247,423

Liabilities

Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable & Receipts in Advance		
Accruals	0	2,500
Accounts Payable	2,889	2,649
Sponsorship in Advance	1,250	1,260
Total Accounts Payable & Receipts in Advance	4,139	6,409
BNZ Visa account	317	278
GST Payable	1,429	132
Funds Held for Branches in Recess	5,710	646
Rounding	0	24
Suspense Account	174	220
Member Subscriptions in Advance	95,821	99,693
Total Current Liabilities	107,591	107,401
Total Liabilities	107,591	107,401
Net Assets	174,361	140,023

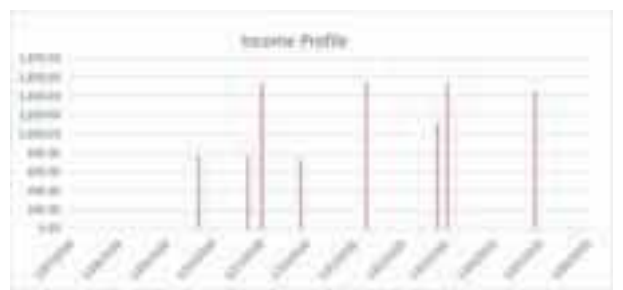
Equity

Retained Earnings	126,238	101,530
AGM Equalisation Reserve	18,125	16,861
Rider Safety Reserve	29,998	21,632
Total Equity	174,361	140,023

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Term Deposit Profile

Term Deposit	Amount	Interest Rate	Deposit Date	Maturity Date	Term (Days)	Interest at Maturity
3	25,000.00	6.15%	2/11/2023	1/11/2024	365	1,537.50
4	25,000.00	6.00%	29/05/2024	23/02/2025	270	1,109.59
5	25,000.00	5.80%	27/04/2024	27/04/2025	365	1,450.00
6	25,000.00	6.15%	9/01/2024	8/01/2025	365	1,537.50
7	25,000.00	6.15%	1/03/2024	1/03/2025	365	1,537.50
9	25,000.00	6.05%	30/05/2024	26/11/2024	180	745.89
11	25,000.00	6.15%	24/04/2024	23/10/2024	182	766.64
12	25,000.00	6.15%	25/03/2024	21/09/2024	180	758.22
	200,000.00	6.08%			284.0	9,442.84
		Average Interest Rate			Average Term	



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Date	Description	Reference	Receipt	Payment
BNZ - Non Profit Org Account				
08 Apr 2024	Bank Transfer from BNZ - On Call Account to BNZ - Non Profit Org Account	to 00 from 97	10,000.00	0.00
08 Apr 2024	Ulysses Hawkes Bay Branch		0.00	45.00
08 Apr 2024	Payment: Georgina Collins	WE 7.4.24	0.00	100.00
09 Apr 2024	Bank Transfer from BNZ - On Call Account to BNZ - Non Profit Org Account	from 97 to 00	10,000.00	0.00
09 Apr 2024	Payment: Apex Trophies	00027516	0.00	463.00
09 Apr 2024	Payment: 21st Century Profile Marketing Ltd	INV 1750	0.00	102.35
09 Apr 2024	Payment: Debby Morgan	March 24 hours	0.00	2,812.50
09 Apr 2024	Payment: Mangan Graphics	IV00018658	0.00	191.00
10 Apr 2024	Payment: Aon New Zealand	Aon Ins IO8227639	0.00	1,305.99
10 Apr 2024	Payment: Stuart Burns # 3703	Travel Claim Conf	0.00	1,062.86
11 Apr 2024	Ulysses North Harbour Branch		1,548.00	0.00
12 Apr 2024	Bank Transfer from BNZ - Non Profit Org Account to BNZ - Visa	9752148759 499914 0001	0.00	1,689.83
15 Apr 2024	Payment: Yamaha	S1 1511	0.00	300.00
15 Apr 2024	Payment: A Wilson # 7169	Gear Sample	0.00	200.00
15 Apr 2024	Payment: Georgina Collins	WE 14.4.24	0.00	100.00
16 Apr 2024	Bank Transfer from BNZ - Bike Raffle Account to BNZ - Non Profit Org Account	from 068 to 00	300.00	0.00
18 Apr 2024	Payment: Beacon Printing & Publishing	INV 9098	0.00	11,064.15
19 Apr 2024	Payment: NZART	April 2024	0.00	350.00
22 Apr 2024	Payment: Georgina Collins	WE 21.4.24	0.00	100.00
22 Apr 2024	Ulysses North Harbour Branch		0.00	1,400.29
23 Apr 2024	R Tidman		0.00	35.00
24 Apr 2024	Ulysses North Harbour Branch		1,400.29	0.00
26 Apr 2024	Two Monkeys		0.00	46.00
29 Apr 2024	Payment: Ulysses Nelson Branch	INV 0868	0.00	550.00
29 Apr 2024	Payment: Georgina Collins	WE 28.4.24	0.00	75.00
30 Apr 2024	Payment: Pearce & Co	April 24 Accounting	0.00	60.72
01 May 2024	Bank Transfer from BNZ - Non Profit Org Account to BNZ - Bike Raffle Account	to 68 from 00	0.00	489.54
06 May 2024	Payment: Georgina Collins	WE 5.5.24	0.00	721.00
08 May 2024	Bank Transfer from BNZ - On Call Account to BNZ - Non Profit Org Account	from 97 to 00	10,000.00	0.00
08 May 2024	Payment: Cardquip	INV 00041734	0.00	3,460.35
09 May 2024	Payment: Debby Morgan	April 2024 Hours	0.00	2,653.13
09 May 2024	Payment: Apex Trophies	INV 00027916	0.00	335.50
09 May 2024	Payment: 21st Century Profile Marketing Ltd	INV 1767	0.00	102.35
10 May 2024	Payment: Two Creative Limited	INV 3311	0.00	356.50
13 May 2024	Bank Transfer from BNZ - Non Profit Org Account to BNZ - Visa	9752148759 499914 0001	0.00	1,797.62
20 May 2024	Payment: NZART	Rent May 2024	0.00	350.00
21 May 2024	Bank Transfer from BNZ - Bike Raffle Account to BNZ - Non Profit Org Account	INTERNET XFR	10,745.26	0.00
23 May 2024	Payment: One NZ	May 2024 One NZ	0.00	13.22
23 May 2024	BNZ		2.38	0.00
27 May 2024	Two Monkeys		0.00	46.00
30 May 2024	Ulysses Taranaki Branch		0.00	2,000.00
30 May 2024	Payment: Pearce & Co Accounting Limited	May 24 Xero	0.00	60.72
07 Jun 2024	Payment: Ulysses Club - Administration	May 2024	0.00	2,512.50
07 Jun 2024	Payment: Cardquip	INV 00041803	0.00	1,344.35
07 Jun 2024	Payment: NZ Post	Box renew 2024	0.00	280.00
07 Jun 2024	Payment: 21st Century Profile Marketing Ltd	INV 1781	0.00	102.35
07 Jun 2024	Payment: Mangan Graphics	INV 00018932	0.00	732.00
07 Jun 2024	Payment: Mangan Graphics	INV 00019013	0.00	45.00
07 Jun 2024	Payment: Apex Trophies	INV 0028143	0.00	198.00
07 Jun 2024	Payment: Apex Trophies	INV 00027751	0.00	973.50
10 Jun 2024	Payment: Beacon Printing & Publishing	INV 9213	0.00	9,139.05
14 Jun 2024	Bank Transfer from Kiwibank Now Account to BNZ - Non Profit Org Account	Account Kiwibank 08	4,500.00	0.00
14 Jun 2024	Bank Transfer from BNZ - Non Profit Org Account to BNZ - Visa	9752148759 499914 0001	0.00	626.80
20 Jun 2024	Payment: NZART	INV 3796	0.00	350.00
24 Jun 2024	Payment: One NZ	INV 638630415	0.00	23.00
26 Jun 2024	Two Monkeys		0.00	46.00
27 Jun 2024	Payment: Aon New Zealand	I08314730/8314245	0.00	2,242.50
28 Jun 2024	Payment: Pearce & Co	June 2024	0.00	60.72
Total BNZ - Non Profit Org Account			48,495.93	53,115.39

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Date	Description	Reference	Receipt	Payment
BNZ - Visa				
02 Apr 2024	BNZBUSINESCD		0.00	6.25
02 Apr 2024	BNZBUSINESCD		0.00	6.25
02 Apr 2024	BNZBUSINESCD		0.00	6.25
02 Apr 2024	BNZBUSINESCD		0.00	6.25
02 Apr 2024	Poenamo Hotel		0.00	553.50
02 Apr 2024	The Warehouse Glenfield		0.00	34.00
02 Apr 2024	Mairangi Bay Cafe		0.00	697.00
05 Apr 2024	Stuff Advertising		0.00	90.18
12 Apr 2024	Bank Transfer from BNZ - Non Profit Org Account to BNZ - Visa	9752148759 499914 0001	1,689.83	0.00
12 Apr 2024	Mobil Foxton		0.00	96.48
12 Apr 2024	Z Waiouru		0.00	80.64
15 Apr 2024	Mailchimp		0.00	104.65
16 Apr 2024	Mobil Foxton		0.00	69.43
16 Apr 2024	Cottage Motels		0.00	170.00
17 Apr 2024	Upper Hutt Paper Plus		0.00	11.00
17 Apr 2024	Bluebridge Ferry		0.00	497.25
18 Apr 2024	BP 2Go Putaruru		0.00	90.25
19 Apr 2024	Z Blenheim		0.00	97.84
22 Apr 2024	Cheviot Motor Co		0.00	98.30
22 Apr 2024	Air NZ Online		0.00	260.60
26 Apr 2024	One NZ		0.00	50.00
29 Apr 2024	Trentham Post Shop		0.00	81.00
10 May 2024	Trentham Post Shop		0.00	178.00
13 May 2024	Bank Transfer from BNZ - Non Profit Org Account to BNZ - Visa	9752148759 499914 0001	1,797.62	0.00
13 May 2024	Mailchimp		0.00	103.90
13 May 2024	Zoom		0.00	229.90
27 May 2024	Wholesafe		0.00	115.00
12 Jun 2024	One NZ		0.00	50.00
13 Jun 2024	Mailchimp		0.00	102.35
14 Jun 2024	Bank Transfer from BNZ - Non Profit Org Account to BNZ - Visa	9752148759 499914 0001	626.80	0.00
24 Jun 2024	Geeks on Wheels		0.00	164.60
Total BNZ - Visa			4,114.25	4,050.87

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TT2000

our ride 2024 by Chris and Kim Grant



In 2023 I had entered this event but due to my friend Dave O'Malley suffering mechanical issues on the first day, we never completed it.

So in 2024 I was even more determined to start and finish. This event involves travelling 2000km around the South Island in 48 hours. It also involves collecting photos of the bike and the t-shirt you were given at the starting point and a specific number of check point locations scattered around the South Island. This is a long-distance ride for those who want to try this, or those that really enjoy distance travelling.

I did some online searching, looking for tips and tricks on what to be prepared for, and I found several articles about past years' events. I had also seen a few stories in the club magazine. I started to get all tingly about doing this ride and thought, "I must do this and mark it off my bucket list". A small group of us had ridden to the Ulysses AGM meetings every year but had done this over a week, and travelled different routes to get there.

When 1st October 2023 came around, like so many others, we were all online, waiting for registration to open for the 2024 TT2000.

When registrations opened, I registered myself. I booked up my holiday and spent a few days looking at different check points and working out distances. As the start was in Nelson, I needed to look at accommodation on the way there and in Nelson. The other accommodation would be decided after I had worked out the route I was intending to go.

Looking through the TT2000 web page, I saw a ride within the TT called 'Riding the Beat.' This consisted of the checkpoints being Police stations around the country. "Yes," I thought, "this ride is for me". At the time it was just me doing the ride. None of my friends were interested in partaking in this event and Dave O'Malley had a very sick bike so he was not able to attend – It needed a new motor.

So, the planning started, and I was working out distances between checkpoints, fuel stops and deciding where to stop at the end of each night.

A few weeks into it and my wife Kim announced she had booked up holidays at the same time. Riding solo is ok, but two riders is better - and I now had to do an

about-turn and find accommodation for two instead of a single wee shack.

A month down the track I had the route planned with fuel stops for us both. It was just a matter of working out the Friday night and Saturday night sleep stop. I worked out we would sleep in Greymouth on the Friday and worked on Winton as the Saturday night sleep. Having a room with a shower and a jug was high on the priority list, and having power points was also necessary.

Job done with the accommodation and the next few months was going over the route learning it in my head. Even at work I was reciting the check points in order. Quite often my colleagues heard me rattling off towns – they thought I was going senile - but I really knew what I was doing.

Eventually the day came for us to head to Nelson. Kim was on her Yamaha Bolt 950 and I was riding a Yamaha Striker 1300. We left Dunedin on Wednesday, 21 February. The weather was a bit cloudy, but as we got over the hill it cleared up and it ended up being a fantastic day to ride. It was an uneventful ride; we stopped in Temuka for a coffee and a bite to eat. Met a few locals who could not stop talking to us – they had bikes themselves, so the conversation was heavily into bikes, lol.

With this done we continued our travel. Our first stop this night was Woodend and we stayed at the Pegasus Motel. This was a nice room with all the comforts of home. After we unloaded the bikes and had a shower we headed to the Woodend Tavern for a meal and a cold drink. The food was very tasty, and the cold drink went down well.

Thursday 22nd February, we had planned to leave at about 8.30am but we were up early and all done by 7am, so we packed the bikes and left at 7.30am on another absolutely beautiful day. We got to Amberly but due to roadworks we were diverted off the main road to the middle of nowhere and then back to the main road. There were a lot of roadworks on the way to Nelson, with many stops due to the road being reduced to one lane on the main road. We eventually got to Kaikoura and headed into the town for breakfast. I love going to Kaikoura for a good feed and a well-deserved coffee. Further up the road I learned a valuable lesson: at the stop/go signs and road-works never take your gloves off to change your music as I recall

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TT2000 continued...

my wife saying you don't have time. Guess what she was right. The lights changed and I had to take off with gloves tucked between my legs till we could find somewhere to stop as there were a few vehicles behind us. Lesson learned.

We had decided to take the coast road to Nelson instead of the centre road through Lewis Pass; we absolutely love travelling the coast road. There were a few hold ups on the road but we got to Blenheim in good time. We put gas in the bikes in Blenheim and headed to Nelson. The weather was getting very warm as the afternoon progressed. The road from Blenheim to Nelson was a road we travelled a few years ago – by mistake as we had taken a wrong turn some years back – but today it was on purpose and with the weather being so great it was an absolutely awesome road to travel. There were a few slow cars and a few very large wide-load trucks, but we got past them and thoroughly enjoyed the road with its nice twists and turns. Made it to Nelson but got stuck in some major slow-moving traffic in Richmond. Took us 30 minutes to get 4km. Finally got to our accommodation. As we were unpacking the bikes there were other riders arriving.

We went to the Speights Ale House in Nelson for tea – an amazing meal. Have travelled some 800km so far. Few more kilometres to go yet over the next few days.

Friday 23rd February was a stunning day weather-wise in Nelson. I went down the street and found a coffee shop and a bite to eat for Kim and myself. We had our coffee and food and packed up our bikes. We headed to the meeting point to sign in. We were all given the T-shirts that had to be present in all our photos at all check points.

At 12 o'clock we started but we waited as there were about 230 riders all departing out a small driveway, so just let them go before we left. So off we went. Our first checkpoint was Motueka, and the general theme was finding the best parking spot to take your photo. Like most of the checkpoints over this day it was a bit of a game-on session.

It was a competition to get prime position for the photo of your chosen checkpoint. Parking on the footpath was a rule of choice for us and a few others. One rule in this particular event was not to block any emergency service entry or exit while taking your photo. Failure on this meant losing points. No thanks, we need every point we could get.

Next stop was over the Takaka hills to Takaka, saw one poor rider who had been stopped by the boys in blue in the hills.

As the day wore on the pack of riders thinned out so by late afternoon it was normally only one or two at the same checkpoints we were stopping at. It was interesting seeing the same riders at the same checkpoints thought out the course of the weekend.

Then on to Murchison, then to Westport and the final stop for this day was Greymouth, and this was just before 8pm.

Our planned stop for accommodation was at the Greymouth Top 10. We got our room and immediately put the jug on for a brew. Second thing was to put all needed devices on charge, so they were ready for the next part of the ride.

We also got bitten badly here, by the West Coast flying bugs when in the accommodation unit, so had to shut all the doors and windows.

Five of the 20 check points done. We had taken about 8 hours to get here and travelled about 783km.

Saturday 24th February. We got up at 3am and packed up. Leaving just slightly before 4am we headed to Darfield via Arthur's Pass. Not a road we were familiar with, but would have been great to see in daylight, but that is now on the cards for down the track.

The top of Arthur's Pass was thick with mist and it was a little difficult to see the road. Eventually it became lighter and we could see some of our amazing country on our fantastic South Island roads.

So we went to the following police stations in this order: Darfield, Methven, Geraldine. We stopped here at Geraldine to have a coffee and a pie as it was starting to get slightly wet. While we had our coffee, we donned the wet weathers. Saw a few others while here, said a quick hello and wished them all safe travels. As we had communication devices on our helmets, I kept saying to Kim, "400km done and only 900km to go." Her reply was, "Don't tell me distances, but just tell me the next town we are heading to." So I changed and told her what the next location or town was. Made it a bit easier on both of us.

We carried on to Fairlie, Waimate, Wanaka. The rain was getting heavier as we came off the Crown Range; this caused us to go slow as the road was slippery. A road my wife did not like at all due to the slipperiness. The wee trails of the colours on the road were the tell tale signs of diesel, so it was in our best interest to slow down. Coming off the Crown Range we headed into BP Frankton to gas up and determine if we still needed the wet weathers. We decided to keep them on. A wise move.

We carried on to Te Anau then onto Otautau. As we left it had started to get a bit wet and this carried on to Winton, our last stop for the night. We had a fellow rider guide us to Winton from Otautau as he lived in Winton, and as it was slightly dark it was easier to follow him instead of watching the GPS on the phone. Last photo taken at the Winton Police Station, we said our farewells and wished everyone safe travels for Sunday. We arrived at our accommodation at 9pm. That day we had travelled for about 17 hours and done 1116km. Both of us were tired so had a cuppa and a shower before bed. We had done 14 of the 20 checkpoints.



This had been a long day but it was really invigorating seeing this much of the country in one day.

Sunday, 25th February. After only few hours' sleep we were up at 3am to pack up the gear and bikes and leave. The accommodation we stayed at in Winton had us put all our wet gear in the main lounge. They left the heating on for us all night, which meant all our gear was dry and warm in the morning. This was very much appreciated by us, as most of you know; putting on wet gear the next day is not pleasant. This was the last stint of our major whirlwind tour of the South Island, so we were both excited to get on the road and finish. Our first stop was Wyndham, then on to Roxburgh. The photo of the Wyndham Police station for me was a great photo as it was still dark, but I liked the lighting. As we were heading through Gore to Roxburgh we stopped at McDonald's for coffee, as this was much needed for *one of us* to help with the tiredness, as *one of us* nearly hit an island as we entered Gore. The rain had just started again while in Gore so we put on our wet weather gear before heading off. Leaving here we went to Roxburgh, Alexandra, Balclutha, Lawrence. The last few check points the t-shirt was just thrown on the bike and I told my wife to just stay on the bike and hold her shirt to save time. The last check point was Milton Police. This was checkpoint

20 of 20 so we headed to the finish point at the Milton school at 12 o'clock to get our card marked. We had met up with other riders there that we had seen in our travels at a lot of the same checkpoints. We clocked up 477km on this day, which made our total distance 2076km in 48 hours. Lesson for next time is to have a few less km to travel on the last day – but it's a learning curve.

This has been a bucket list event for me for a couple of years, so I'm very happy we both have done it together and finished it within the allocated time frame. We clocked up a total of 2961km travelled in five days, since leaving home on Wednesday. This was an absolutely awesome trip, but we were very tired and a bit sore. Running on four hours' sleep a night and surviving on bag of mixed nuts as well as *Jack Links Beef Steak* bars and water – we absolutely loved it. Kim Grant, it was an extremely good effort. I have never been to so many Police stations in my life, but thoroughly enjoyed it.

Once done we headed home to Dunedin to unpack, have a shower and head to our local tavern for a pub meal and a well-deserved cold drink.

Looking forward to the next TT2000 in 2025.

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Great adventures ON SMALL SCOOTERS

- Super Toad and the 2024 TransAlpine Scooter Safari

Many members - but more likely just those still blessed with vaguely retentive memory banks in their dotage - may recall my narrative in this August organ back in 2022 regarding that year's TransAlpine Scooter Safari. This then is a slightly belated telling of the heroic adventures that befell the crew from the Wellington branch while preparing for and participating in the 2024 event.

For those unfamiliar with the event, the TransAlpine Scooter Safari is a 250km charity ride across the Southern Alps, in winter, on small scooters. Following the 2022 Safari, Mike and I were very keen to do it again, and to that end, I sourced a Postie bike for him. A little bit of fettling, a sprinkle of pixie dust and it was ready for the road. We had a couple of local rides and then took part in the inaugural Capital 2 Coast from Kilbirnie in Wellington, over the Remutaka Hill to Lake Henly in Masterton. We took part as 'Team Double Womble', dressed in very brightly coloured island shirts over the top of our riding gear. We certainly stood out and decided to use the same shirts for the 2024 Safari.

By this stage I had also obtained another postie bike for Paul who was keen to be part of the 2024

team. Readers should know that Paul and I go back a long way, and before his relocation to Bay of Plenty he was a regular visitor to our table. Morning teas occurred several times a week, and elevenses at three thirty on a Thursday afternoon were also regular occurrences.

It was during these sumptuous repasts of pies, sausage rolls, custard squares and home-baking that we took to taunting one another about the adverse effects upon power to weight ratios and aerodynamics that would ensue should one eat the last sausage roll or Afghan biscuit. However, the other, being altogether much more svelte, should of course feel free to indulge. After all what are friends for... it's not a race, and a little weight handicap wouldn't hurt, besides, the added layer of adipose tissue would assist in keeping one warm. "Go on... you know you want to!" "Aw, alright, if you insist."

Contemporaneously I was building the 'Super Toad' to be my weapon of choice for the 2024 Safari. It started life as a 1970's ST90 Honda, now being significantly modified to suit the 'Swamp Punk' look I wanted, and with numerous parts raided from the scrap-bin in Paul's workshop just across the road. The most notable

change is that the seat has been replaced with the steel pulley cover from an old drill press. It is certainly not plush, and yes, it is hard, but it's not actually uncomfortable (well not until around the 70km distance mark anyway).

The Safari was not supposed to be a comfortable ride for the participants, and I was determined to pay homage to that ethos and ride the Safari on the Super Toad without further padding the seat. What was uncomfortable, at least to start with, was staccato thumping from the brand new large-knobbled rear tyre and the initially too-hard rear suspension set up.

By late 2023 young Bryan had joined the team, and I had nicknamed us the Four Riders of the Apiecollapse; Beefy, Chunky, Meaty, and Porky. None of us were particularly underfed, and I didn't suppose for an instant that *The Phour Phat Phu#ners* would be accepted as an official team name, so we agreed on 'We Ate ALL The Pies!!' With our trusty support crew, Cherry, Peachy and Gooseberry (aka the 'Brolly Dollies'), we set about raising donations, booking ferries and motels and preparing for the big adventure.

Part of that preparation was the need to finish building

the Super Toad and then run-in the brand-new race-spec engine. Beefy needed to also get to grips with using the semi-automatic transmission on my Postie. The first team ride was a trip of 44km around Upper Hutt and Whiteman's Valley and we were joined on the day by Pumpkin, who was to be the team photographer.

That first run certainly had my eyeballs vibrating initially, but that settled down as the square edges gradually wore on the blocks and the knobby tyre achieved a more concentric profile. The ride was certainly a lot of fun, especially as riders jockeyed for position. All very well using the slipstream to slingshot past the rider in front, but with little power and carrying well-nourished pie-weighted riders, the Posties were all pretty much all tapped out at 80-85km/h. The *Super Toad* on the other hand was just reaching a run-in level cruising speed.

There were a few other small shake-down rides necessary as I changed rear suspension systems and played with finding optimum tyre pressures. By the time we loaded the bikes for the trip south, the Super Toad had 110kms on the speedo, and I was confident that I would be able to endure the Safari on the hard steel "seat".

By the time we came to go, Beefy had been given a no-ride directive and was medically sidelined, so we were down to three riders and the 'Brolly Dollies'.

However, recalling the unfortunate DNF of the *Blue Lady* on the previous event due to a puncture, we took the now surplus Postie as a spare bike, just in case. We also took Beefy's floral shirt and an A4 photocopy of his youthful visage so he could be part of the team photos.

Getting across the ditch and to the event was pretty standard fare by now and once again we were the first team in the paddock, though by the time we got the ice-covered bikes unloaded and started, half the field of 250 riders and their crews were likewise engaged.

Once again it was an ice-cold, but clear, crisp, Canterbury day as we rolled out towards the first stop at Sheffield Pies. A warm pie after a 45km ride on such a day is always welcome – especially for this team.

From Sheffield it was a short, but steep ride up over Porter's Pass to the next stop at Lake Lyndon. It was actually dry enough for us to lie and sit around on the tussock by the lake's edge while we waited for the stragglers to roll in and refuel. That was a first – it's usually wet or snow-covered. While we were lolling around, our brightly coloured shirts caught the attention of the lead marshal who asked to take our photo

for the Safari Facebook page. We obliged.

The next leg to Arthur's Pass Village was, at 62km, quite a bit longer. Arthur's Pass is the lunch stop on these events. Great burgers and coffee and this time without the drizzle of previous events, though true to form, it started drizzling just as we left the Village to ride over the pass, through Otira and on to Kumara Racecourse, the longest leg of the Safari at 72km. It drizzled, sometimes quite hard, the whole way. The trip across the Otira Viaduct was gloomy, wet and very slow, as the ride was stuck behind a truck and trailer unit crawling up one side of the pass and down the other at a bare 25km/h.

Once on the flat however, it soon picked up speed and left us riding along at our 60-65km/h limit. Well, that's the speed set by the lead vehicle, but as readers will know, rides have a habit of stretching out and a rider in the middle can be proceeding at a considerably more rapid rate than the lead riders.

That yoyo effect is one of the more interesting aspects of long rides on small scooters over mountainous terrain. Some can barely keep up on the flat, and they fall back, or even get off and push on the steep uphill sections, but gravity, bravado and a belly full of pies are every rider's

supercharger on the steep downhill sections.

From Kumara Racecourse, it was just a 25km ride to take the victory lap around the centre of Hokitika. That last section is mainly flat, there was no wind, and the rain had stopped. I had been hemmed in getting out the gate on to the main road from the racecourse, so I was fairly well back in the pack by the time I reached around 60km/h. There were however a few riders whose riding too close and weaving through the group at that speed was becoming more than a little annoying.

By then the *Super Toad* had over 325km on the speedo and was running very sweetly. Choosing a nice long clear stretch of straight road, I checked my mirrors, indicated right, did a head check, and with no traffic coming from ahead or alongside, I kicked into third gear, wound open the throttle and started a long overtaking manoeuvre.

The resulting bark of the exhaust gasses exiting the 50mm diameter pipe slung

under the engine was most efficacious! Riders ahead moved well to the left of the centreline and looked over their shoulders in abject terror as the *Super Toad* flashed by them on the other side. Giving the *Super Toad* a good wind out was a really satisfying way to finish the ride. Once I reached the leading group of four or five riders, I contently dropped in behind them and settled back to 65km/h until we reached Hokitika.

By then my two teammates had caught up, so we did most of the victory lap around the town and then dropped off the ride as we reached our motel. Another great Safari completed.

Team 'We Ate ALL the Pies!!' raised \$4,775.83 towards a grand total for the event which was in excess of \$380,000. We had a fantastic time, splendidly supported by our 'Brolly Dollies' who ensured that our fuel tanks and pie-lockers were always replete. A big thank you to everyone who supported us and the event. Roll on Scooter Safari 2026.



BATON RELAY **fund sharing**

*for some of those affected by Cyclone Gabrielle
in the Waihi/Thames Valley community.*

**Waihi Thames Valley Branch received \$1,701.00 from the Baton Relay
to give away to someone affected by Cyclone Gabrielle in our area.**

Chris Good, a committee member, offered to investigate where the money could be best used. Chris should have been a detective as he did a brilliant job of investigating all the properties damaged by Cyclone Gabrielle. Chris presented to our committee his recommendations, giving us a run-down on each of the home owners he interviewed, then put it back to the committee to decide who would receive what.



**Group gathered at the
L&P Bottle in Paeroa**

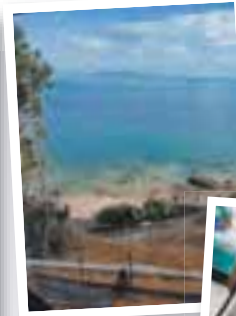
**Over the page are the properties
all Red Stickered after Cyclone
Gabrielle Chris identified as worthy
recipients of our fund-raising event
Icon 150 which we passed on to
the Baton Relay.**

RUAMAHUNGA, 21 Otuturu Cres.

Gale Carlsson

Gale is 84 years old and her house is at the top of the slip that covered and blocked State Highway 25 for over a week.

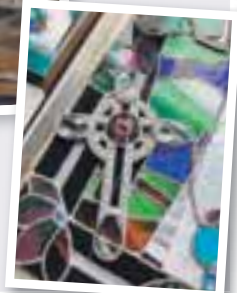
The government is spending around 7 million dollars to repair or remedy the slip area so it doesn't happen again. There has been heavy machinery and workers on and around her property for weeks. She hopes when finished the red sticker will be taken off. She shouldn't be living in her house but has nowhere else to go. She is the lucky one.



Looking out the front window from Gayle's living room.

Left: Gayle with Chris Good.

Right: Gayle's artwork.



KURANUI BAY, 543 Tararu Road

John and Nelly Morrison

The couple are both in their 80s (I think). John has had two strokes and his wife has bad health also. The back hill has sunk down, pushing their house up. This is referred to as a porridge effect. The house is not badly damaged and they are living there because they have nowhere else to go. The house was burgled when they were in emergency accommodation. There needs to be a substantial retaining wall built before the red sticker can be removed, costing hundreds of thousands of dollars, which they do not have. They now just want to sell it as is and move. Insurance nowhere near helps.

Left: Nelly - very emotional - with Chris.

Right: John and Nelly's house for sale.



THAMES, 509 Albert Street

Paula Wallis

Paula's home was severely affected by tons of DOC land coming onto her property, smashing a garage and silting up to the windows on the lower floor - five large privet trees included. She has spent many thousands of dollars so far making the property slightly better. A retaining wall estimated at \$650,000 is needed to remedy the property. She has been offered \$70,000.



Left: Chris Brown and Leigh-Anne Crane presenting the money to Paula.

Below: The group of us at Paula's house.



Right: Where there used to be a garage.

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Above: Phillipa with Chris Good.

Below: Some of the group listening to Phillipa.



THAMES, 52a Waiotahi Road

Phillipa Gavey

Phillipa is elderly and needs 24hr care. Her property is undamaged but a slip below is deemed too close to her house and needs a \$250,000 retaining wall. She has been offered \$50,000. The stress of it all has undoubtedly contributed to her heart attack since Cyclone Gabrielle. Because her house has been red stickered and she has been told not to go inside, she lives in a single room bedsit also on the property. Her caregivers also have to sleep there.

All these properties are either undamaged or minimal damage. Because of this there is little house insurance. Earthquake and war insurance takes over, but it is neither of these. It is an "act of god" says DOC, and they are very sorry but cannot help it if their land falls onto yours. You cannot claim earthquake and war insurance, or house insurance. Earthquake and war can get money from your house insurance. These people were originally given free accommodation in motels, but after nine months the plug was pulled on this. They were left on their own. They are all elderly. The stress on them causes lack of sleep and health problems. They have contacted Complaints Resolution Services, but no help there.



Lunch at the Wharf in Thames after an emotional day.

The next little bit is how Chris presented it to the Committee..

At the following meeting, after listening to Chris's presentation, it was agreed by all we would give \$425 each to the four residents still living in their houses. I suggested we make a big deal out of it, and I would get as many bikes as I could and present them all with the money on a Thursday ride. While Chris contacted them all and arranged a date, I promoted it as much as I could, even contacting the local media. Talked to Leigh-Anne Crane from Rotorua Branch as she started it all off with the Baton Relay.

Thursday 6th July, and I was hoping for 20 bikes. Thanks to Leigh-Anne for spreading the word, we ended up with 30 bikes. Most of us met at the Bottle in Paeroa to ride to Thames to pick up another small group. Chris then led us up the Firth of Thames past the first house we were to visit to see the size of the slip - only what most of us did not realise was, the house was teetering over the top of the slip. We wound our way back past the roadworks to meet Gale. As the drive to her house was so steep, only a small group of us mountain climbed our way to the house to present the cheque.

Gale may be in her eighties, but she had some really great stories to tell us about how the police came to get her out of her house. "No way!" was the answer, "I have lived here for 30 years". Anyway the next morning her son rang her saying three police were coming to get her out as the house was in extreme danger of going down the bank onto the road - so she promptly went and locked every door. However this time there were three female police who somehow convinced her to come out.

Before finishing the story, as I could go on and on, Gale is an extremely talented artist. Yes, she did stay in a motel for a short while. The house still has the red sticker on the door.

After morning tea at Waiomu it was off to meet Nelly. Her house was not looking too bad, only now being a split level with the kitchen a little higher than the rest of the house. It still has a red sticker. The house is up for sale... only who wants to buy a house that you cannot get insurance for - and where would she and her husband go?

Third one Paula - now she was a character. The stories she told us about DOC land coming down onto her property were horrifying; and the way she has been treated by all parties, you could write a book about it. The red sticker has now been removed from the house and she has a yellow one, which means she can go into parts of the house. Not downstairs. The problem being, to get upstairs, you have to enter from downstairs. The kitchen at the back of the house is out-of-bounds. Paula, though, has to eat - this lady had 20 sausage rolls for us all, so it was decided the 20 thin ones could have one. She also had baked us a fruit cake which we took the majority of away with us. She was overwhelmed with our gesture. She had already spent the \$425 and proudly showed us what she purchased - about six native trees she is planting to try and stop any more DOC land coming down onto her property. I could go on about how many truck loads of top soil she had to pay to have taken away. There is a story about the garage as well, only I couldn't tell it as well as she did, but believe me she now has no garage.

The last person we visited was Paula, who is a paraplegic, and who has had a heart attack most likely caused by all the stress over the last 16 months. Paula can no longer live in her house as all the bank in front of the house has gone. She now lives in a small sleepout with her caregiver as she has nowhere else to go.

This was an extremely emotional day not only for the house owners, but also for all of us on the ride. Yes they were all put in motels for a period of time, some not staying the whole nine months offered - preferring to go back to their homes - however after the nine months they had no choice but return home.

They have all had fights with the Council, Earthquake and War Damages and in one case DOC.

Thanks to those who came from out-of-town to support the event and especially Chris Good who really did most of the ground work.

I will let Paula have the last say, with the email she sent to Chris.

Hi Chris.

What a wonderful visit with you all arriving on those fabulous bikes.

I so enjoyed meeting you all.

Thank you again for your very generous gift

- I hope you know it is hugely appreciated.

Please pass on my thanks to the others.

Paula.

What happened to the extra dollar I am not sure.

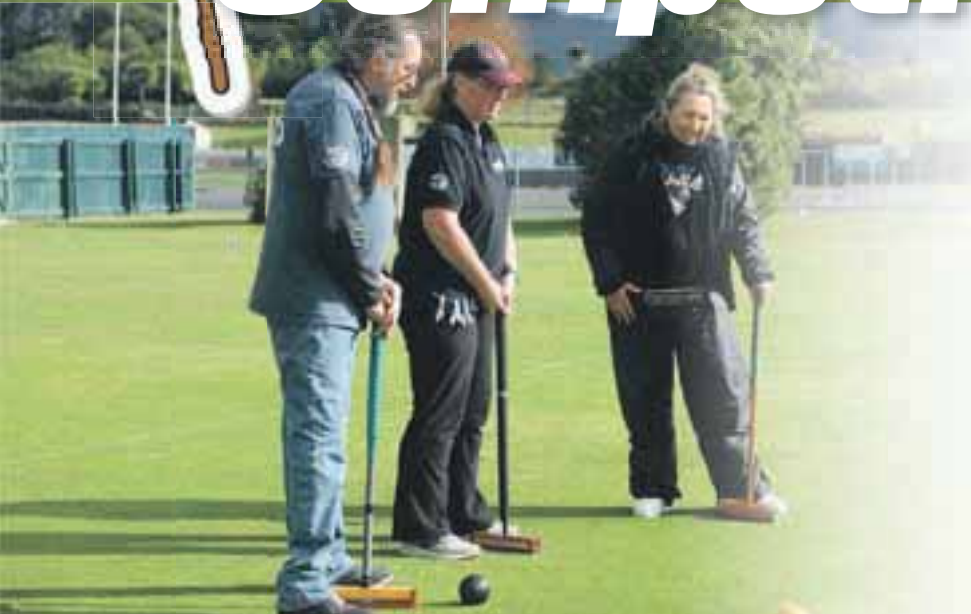
I am looking forward to hearing what happened to the rest of the money raised.

TREVOR BIRCHALL #4060



INTER-BRANCH **Competition**

TREVOR BIRCHALL #4060



Some time ago, Rotorua Ulysses started an inter-branch competition playing ten-pin bowling. Well, that's okay for the big towns, but the Waihi/Thames Valley branch does not have a ten-pin bowling rink. Chris Brown, our branch co-ordinator, and our sheriff Chris Batten put their heads together and suggested we play croquet. So plans were made to host the event in Waihi. A date was set, and advertising put together.

Now, I have not taken part in these competitions in the past, but as it was to be in my neck of the woods I felt I had to give it a go and support our branch. I knew my mother played croquet with the Anderson's Bay Club in Dunedin before the Second World War, and I understand she was quite good, so I thought it had to be in the blood somewhere.





The day arrived and I woke up to the rain coming down. Undeterred by this, I had agreed with my neighbour Kerry that we ride the 50kms to Waihi together. Both donning all our wet weather gear, just after 9am, we took off in heavy wind but no rain. We must have been keen as we were first to arrive.

Not long after that, our instructors arrived, along with a very enthusiastic group from Rotorua branch, and after a cuppa and lovely fresh scones with jam and cream, we were given a run down on how to play the game and with whom we would play. Sorry – at this stage I got completely confused. Then we were asked to choose our mallet and shown how to use it. Well, that part sounded simple. We were playing croquet golf (for those a knowledgeable about the game).

It was not long before we were into it with lots of joking and laughter. Each team had a coach who knew what they were doing and everything

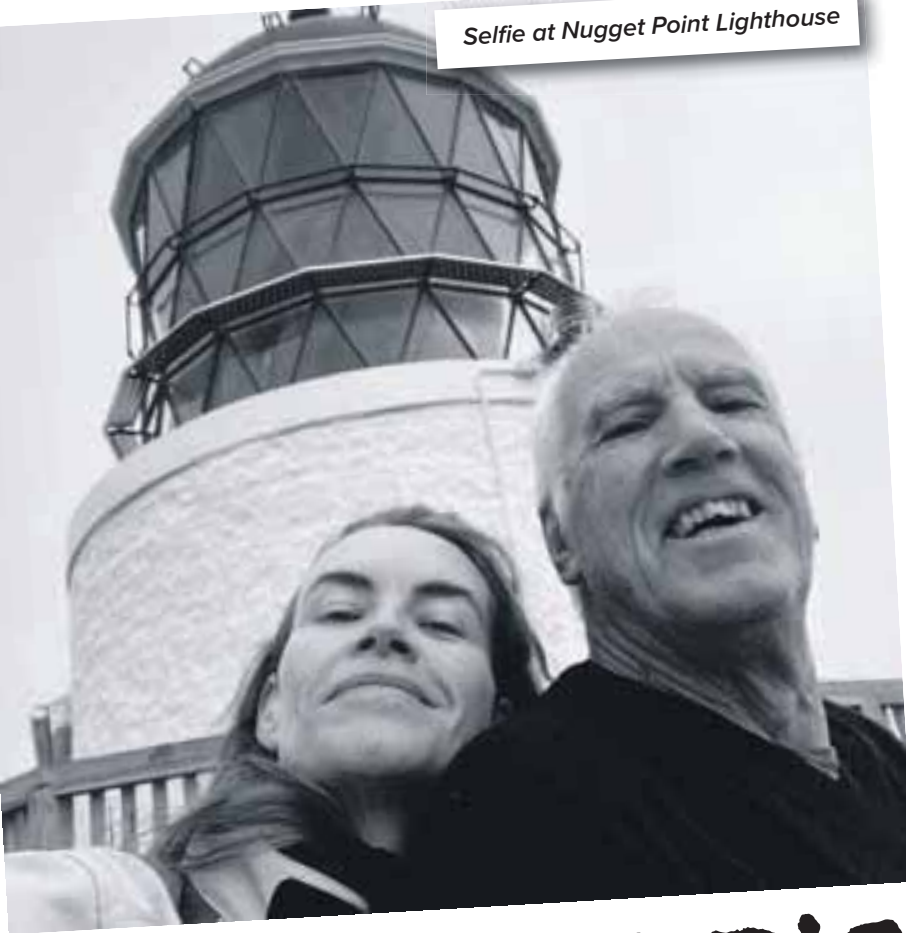
soon made sense... only my opposition just had it in for me, as rather than go for the hoop they just went for my ball, trying to hit it miles from the hoops! Our first round I lost well and truly, but in the second round I really got the hang of it and came out on top. Who really cares as it was just a great social day out. Yes, it was cold and very windy, but in the main the rain stayed away.

For me, the only disappointing thing was the lack of support from the members of our branch. Rotorua members: congratulations on having such an enthusiastic group and those who rode in those conditions are what the Ulysses Club is all about.

Yes, there was a winner: Chris Batten, who I think was the only competitor who knew how to play. Thanks Chris and Chris for organising the day, and Peter for being chief cook, putting on a good lunch.

TREVOR BIRCHALL #4060

Selfie at Nugget Point Lighthouse



GABRIELLE'S ODYSSEY

A father and daughter motorbike trip around the lower South Island.

On Sunday the 19th May, my daughter Gabrielle and I left Pegasus to begin Gabrielle's Odyssey, a six day motorbike ride around the lower South Island. It was a damp, overcast morning so we donned wet weather gear. The weather forecast for the next six days was not promising.

Time restraints dictated we go now or not at all. Limited to a Sunday to Friday timetable we aspired to do a motorbike ride around the lower South Island taking in the Catlins. I have been riding for a decade, most recently on a Triumph Tiger 1050, while Gabrielle has only recently

purchased her first motorbike - a Husqvarna Svartpillen 401 and has a Learners Licence. As preparation for the Odyssey we rode the 'round the block' ride (Lewis Pass, Greymouth and Arthurs Pass), a little over 500 kilometres and often ridden in one day. On this, Gabrielle's first long ride, we chose to overnight in Greymouth.

Following this ride Gabrielle had heated hand grips fitted to the Husqvarna 401 and purchased a one-piece rain suit. Both purchases she describes as game changing. We stopped at the Yaldhurst NPD to

refuel then rode along Yaldhurst Road, Pound Road, Waterloo Road and continued on to Rolleston, where we joined SH1 and headed south. At Ashburton we stopped for lunch at Kelly's restaurant, a lively place with friendly staff before continuing south on SH1. At the Makikihi NPD we fuelled up both bikes - the Husqvarna has a limited range - before turning right onto SH82 to Waimate.

My first memories of Waimate stem from the Waimate 50 held in the sixties - a race for sports and single seater racing cars around the streets of Waimate. Those motor car racing meetings are celebrated by a mural on the wall of a local building. Gabrielle was astounded I could identify the cars pictured in the mural (The Ernie Sprague MK111 Zephyr, Ron Sylvester Chev. Coupe, a Lotus Cortina, Archibald Jaguar 3.8). Waimate is also home to one of New Zealand's largest pieces of street art on the landmark Waimate Grain Silos.

We pit stopped for a coffee at the Waimate Bakery, a favourite stop of the Monday Mafia motorcycle group I belong to.

From Waimate it was a half hour ride to the Oamaru Top10, our first overnight stop. Oamaru is graced by its 'precinct' but many of the town's old buildings made of Oamaru stone are just as interesting, and located in one of these buildings is Fat Sally's restaurant where we dined that evening.

To get to Dunedin from Oamaru you can blast down SH1 but then you will miss the real gems found by taking the marginally longer coast roads. So firstly we headed through Oamaru township towards the precinct and onto Wharfe Street before riding to Kakanui, a town

of two halves split by the Kakanui River. We then rode back onto SH1 and continued on to Hampden, where my grandparents once lived.

The local grocery store has a small collection of old cars parked out front.

We travelled past Moeraki (famous for its round beach boulders) and Shag Point before stopping at the 'real' Palmerston to fuel up.

After refuelling we rode through Waikouaiti before turning left towards the village of Karitane. Truby King, founder of the Karitane Nurses organisation, lived in Karitane and his house - originally a nursing home - still exists. A little further south is Seacliff, the site of the Seacliff Lunatic Asylum. Gabrielle was charmed by Karitane, and yes it is a lovely spot with an inlet on one side of a headland and a sandy beach on the other side.

The coast road climbs sharply to a viewpoint with extensive views over Karitane and as far south as Aramoana. The road from here to Evansdale on SH1 is amusing with its up and down, round and round, sharp corners, a dozen or so rail crossings - at times all coinciding. It is a slow ride but one to be savoured.

From Evansdale we rode south alongside Blueskin Bay to the country's (world's?) best loo/toilet/bog at Waitati - the famous Turdis. The spelling is correct. Though nature was not calling I urged Gabrielle to visit, she emerged suitably impressed.

We followed Blueskin Road over the hills surrounding Mount Cargill, past the Orokonui Ecosanctuary and the turn off to Long Beach and Purakanui, to Port Chalmers. We rode along Port Chalmers' main street to the port, then

turned left towards Careys Bay.

Do yourself a favour and visit the Careys Bay Pub, it is a real gem. The pub is a stone building built a hundred and fifty years ago and restored by Cushla Martini and her husband. Rumour has it, artist Ralph Hotere paid for his beer by donating paintings to the hotel. We sat in the back lounge by the fire for hot chocolate and Earl Gray tea.

I have travelled the road from Port Chalmers to Dunedin many times and it still rates as a favourite: the harbour and the peninsula on one side and passing the small villages of Sawyers Bay, Roseneath, St. Leonards, Maia and Ravensbourne to emerge at the Forsyth Barr stadium, home to the mighty Highlanders. Dunedin is my soul city but we did not tarry long; instead we headed to Outram.

My brother and his wife recently bought a restored villa in Outram and I was keen to see their new home. We were welcomed by a lunch of bread and hearty soup. Delicious. The villa, now well insulated and with a wood fire burning, was warm and very welcome after a cold ride. The last time I visited Outram was nearly fifty years ago. After lunch, a chat and a surprise visit by my niece and her young son, Gabrielle and I mounted our bikes and rode off just as rain set in.

My brother recommended if we wanted to ride along the coast rode to Taieri Mouth, we first ride over Scroggs Hill to Brighton. To my chagrin I stalled the Triumph at the bottom of the hill. Did I detect a smirk on Gabrielle's face? No of course not. Scroggs Hill proved to be very steep and with the rain and decreasing visibility, a little hairy. At the bottom

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Gabrielle and Nick leaving Pegasus



Approaching the Old Bones Lodge



Hampden Store with old car collection



Gabrielle at the Careys Bay Pub

Nugget Point Lighthouse



Colourful Catlins Café at Owaka



Bridge approaching Papatowai



Florence Hill Lookout



of the hill and leading into Brighton was an extremely sharp downhill hairpin bend.

The ride along the coast road to Taieri Mouth on a good day is stunning, but in the rain and with the dark hours approaching the views were not visible. We crossed over the Taieri River bridge, climbed up and over the hill to Lake Waihola and after a brief respite at the NPD station for petrol, we turned south towards Balclutha forty splashy kilometres away. Planning to have our second overnight stop in Balclutha.

We located the Balclutha motor camp where the manager said 'follow me to your cabin, it's three minutes drive away' and jumped into his little white car. I was having doubts about this but put my trust in Gabrielle who arranged our accommodation. The 'cabin' was the top storey of a house with three double bedrooms, a fully equipped kitchen, bathroom and a TV lounge. Undoubtedly the best 'cabin' accommodation of our trip. Needless to say we had a good night's sleep. While our accommodation was excellent, our pub type meal that night was not.

Balclutha is the gateway to the Catlins - a generic term covering that area between Balclutha and Fortrose. I have ridden through the area often enough and I was able to select a route covering most of the sights I thought worth visiting. To do the Catlins justice however you need to take a couple of days and get off your bum and walk. After riding past Finegand, the site of an old freezing works, we rode to the pretty seaside village of Kaka Point. There is a temptation to travel inland, but carry on along the coastal road with its signs of 'beware sea lions'

and up a steep hill and you will arrive at the carpark for the walk out to the Nugget Point lighthouse. Previously a checkpoint for the TT2000.

A natural reluctance to leave her bike and gear unattended after living in big cities was scoffed at by me, and we began the walk out to the lighthouse along a sharp ridge. The track has been upgraded since I first walked it - back then it was little more than a sheep track without safety fencing but the views were the same - spectacular. The lighthouse was a typical white painted one, perched on this high sharp ridge. Was that Stewart Island I could vaguely see in the distance? Gabrielle was entranced with Nugget Point and delighted with all the new spots I was sharing with her that day.

After visiting the lighthouse we backtracked to Karoro (described as the relentless native bird preying on other species) Road and onto Owaka, a sort of Catlins hub with roads leading to all points of the compass, several places to refuel and the cheerful Owaka cafe. A black cat kept us company while we had a drink and something to eat.

We rode west, Gabrielle loving the bridge over the Catlin River, through the Chaslands to one of my favourite places on earth.

There is little to differentiate Waikawa from other coastal settlements, it has the obligatory decrepit wharf, a couple of fishing boats at anchor and an old boat shed over the water. We enjoy a few contemplative moments before we rode over the hill to Porpoise and Curio Bays. Porpoise Bay is a wide sweep of sand loved by surfers, Curio Bay is a wild rocky place facing

the predominant south-westerly swells. The petrified trees so visible when I was a child have mainly gone as a result of pillaging and the flaxed area we played in as children is now a motorcamp.

There are three lighthouses along this stretch of coast (that I know of): Nugget Point, Slope Point and Waipapa Point. A short strip of the road is unsealed as it is occasionally flooded by high tides; it catches Gabrielle by surprise. Waipapa Point is a magic spot. To reach it take a left turn off the Otara-Haldane Road and onto the Otara-Waipapa Road. To the west of the lighthouse is a beach sheltered by rocky outcrops where, no doubt, the children of the lighthouse keepers who once lived in the settlement played.

Sadly the settlement is long gone, though traces remain along with stunted, wind-bent trees. The sun was low just above the western horizon and it was utterly beautiful. We lingered a while taking photographs, then rode on to Fortrose.

Fortrose is situated on the eastern banks of the Maitara river estuary. It is a wild place and as a youth I sailed rugged Idle Along sailing dinghies on the estuary. The sailing club's old black shed has long gone and the area is now a children's playground. I doubt many yachts sail on the estuary now.

It was dusk when we arrived and nearly dark when we left. In the vicinity of Ashers the sunset was orange, then dark red, and Gabrielle tells it like this:

'The road at this point rolled up and down and as Nick reached the top of each slope he and his motorbike were silhouetted black against the deep sunset. It looked like something out of a movie.'

We found our cabin at the Invercargill Motor Camp. The camp and the facilities are rundown, but it was the cheapest place we stayed at. We walked into the CBD for a meal and I pointed out 'Puni Creek' (Otepunui) as we walked up Clyde street. We also passed Southland Honda. Stop the bus! When we left Pegasus I was aware I would likely need to replace both tyres on the Triumph once I returned home. On the ride to Oamaru the bike's handling was just ok, by Balclutha the

handling was not good at all and by Invercargill the handling was so bad as to be unsafe. The reason was obvious - the front tyre was stuffed.

In the morning I rang Southland Honda and yes they had a front tyre and could fit it within the hour. I delivered the bike to them to fit a new front tyre, a Metzler Z7. I got a call a short time later - they had a pair of Metzler Z8's they could fit to the bike, would I prefer that option? When I picked up the bike with its two new tyres they also advised me the rear brake pads were worn. (since replaced).

A shout out to Southland Honda for excellent service. Thanks guys.

Because of the tyre saga it was midday before we got underway, but before we left Invercargill I took Gabrielle on a short tour. First to the Burt Munro Memorial by the Queens Park's Feldwick gates. I explained Queens Park was the playground of my childhood. We rode to the other end of the park where the schools I attended - Waihopai Primary and Southland Boys High - are located on Herbert Street and a little further on, no. 52 where my family once lived.

After a solid frost the day was still, beautiful and sunny and after crossing the Waihopai River Bridge we pointed the bikes north to Queenstown. It clouded over and became really cold. At Lumsden we stopped for earl grey tea and a scone. A group of country cops came into the cafe. I put a down jacket on for warmth under my riding jacket before we set off. We passed through Athol, Garston and Kingston then rode along the shores of Lake Wakatip (the 'u' is optional in my book). At the Devil's Staircase lookout we stopped briefly to take some photos.

Queenstown has changed enormously since our family lived there in the 90's but its essence remains the same. As an acquaintance once remarked, *'the last time I looked, the mountains were still there.'* We found our cabin in the Arthurs Point camping ground, just above the Shotover River. A group of 60 - 70 school children were there on a school camp. They were energetic and full of the joys of life. We caught the free shuttle into Queenstown and explored the town that is so familiar to us. The buzz is still



Jetty at Waikawa



Sun setting Waipapa Point



Waipapa Point Lighthouse



Maitara River Fortrose



Moon over Fortrose

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GABRIELLE'S ODYSSEY CONTINUED...



Burt Munro Memorial Queens Park Invercargill



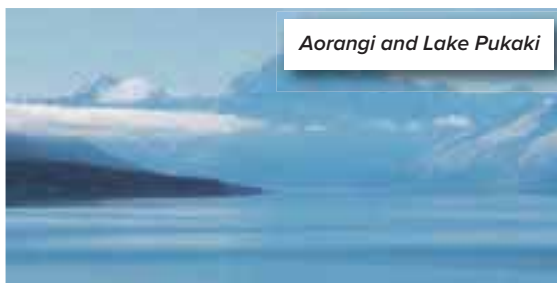
Lake Wakatipu



Frozen bikes outside cabin at Arthurs Point



Aorangi and Lake Pukaki



there, the mall still hums and the wharf looks better than ever with the addition of coloured lights. We went to O'Connells Pavilion, now called O'Connells Mall. Where once there was a McDonalds, the lower area is now a luxury food court with excellent restaurants and an expensive looking bar. I had Thai, Gabrielle had Ramen.

Afterwards we wandered around the upper area of O'Connells with its high end fashion stores - Gabrielle works in the fashion industry so took a professional interest. We entered the Monclear store, one of Gabrielle's favourite brands, where I looked at a T shirt. It was an eye-watering \$650! A customer in the store tried on and bought a puffer jacket with a price tag of \$2,700. Clearly this is not somewhere I will be shopping; however I conceded the clothes were exquisitely made and styled.

To finish our walk around memory lane we bought ice creams at Patagonia on the waterfront and splashed out on a taxi to return us to the Arthur's Point Camping Ground. Quarter of a century ago I drove taxis in Queenstown, fun times, fun job.

In the morning the bikes were iced over. We manoeuvred them into the morning sun and then had showers. Clean and refreshed we loaded the bikes and by 10.30am we were on the road. Contrary to my fears there was little grit or frost on the roads through Arrowtown and the Kawarau Gorge but at Cromwell, where we stopped for earl grey tea and lunch, it

was overcast and cold.

After a smooth and swooping ride we arrived in Tekapo, Gabe commenting on the epic engineering of the road - even the ride over the Lindis Pass was easy. Beware of petrol prices in Omarama - one outlet was \$0.35 per litre cheaper than the other. While the inland scenic route is a beautiful drive with spectacular scenery, we both agree it does not compare with the coastal roads of the lower east coast we had just ridden. We found our lodgings, parked and unpacked the bikes and walked the short distance into 'town'. Tekapo does not have the vibe of a Wanaka or a Queenstown but we really lucked out in our choice of somewhere to eat.

Tekapo's Fishtail Restaurant (named after the Fishtail Mountain in Pokhara Nepal) is great. We sat by a Wegj wood fire and chatted to the Nepalese manager, who explained the restaurant was opened a couple of months ago. Our meals were exceptional. As a by-the-by I have a painting of the Fishtail Mountain at home.

Early the next morning I went for a walk and sat at a spot overlooking the lake and contemplated Gabrielle's Odyssey. It had been a wonderful trip and I thoroughly enjoyed taking Gabrielle to places she had never been to before. The bond I have with my daughter (technically Gabrielle is my step-daughter) has been enriched. We laugh at the same things and enjoy the same things. What could be



Early morning Lake Tekapo Village

finer than going on a motorbike odyssey with your daughter?

Shortly after leaving Tekapo we struck the rain that persisted until we got home. The new Metzler tyres proved their worth in what were miserable conditions. Barkers Café is a must stop in Geraldine, the team took the time to chat with us. I was planning to take the route home to Pegasus through Oxford, Cust and Rangiora

to avoid SH1, but when we stopped at Glentunnel, it was clear Gabrielle was cold, hungry and a little miserable. We changed our route to go through Darfield, where the local bakery provided us with hot drinks, something to eat, a warm fire to sit by and - bless the staff - a couple of towels.

Suitably rejuvenated we splashed our way the 66ks home.

DATA:

DAY ONE

Pegasus
- Oamaru
276ks

DAY TWO

Oamaru -
Balclutha.
238ks

DAY THREE

Balclutha -
Invercargill
210ks

DAY FOUR

Invercargill -
Arthurs Point
(Queenstown)
194ks

DAY FIVE

Arthurs
Point - Tekapo
251ks

DAY SIX

Tekapo
- Pegasus
282ks

Total:
1257ks

*All mileages
from Google
maps.*

THE BIKES:

My 2011 Triumph Tiger 1050 and Gabrielle's 2021 Husqvarna Svartpillen 401 performed faultlessly, the smaller bike easily cruising at highway speeds.

Somewhere between Oamaru and Port Chalmers the Triumph clicked over 70,000k's.

FUEL:

Not unexpectedly, the Husqvarna proved more economical, using about two thirds the fuel the the bigger Triumph used.

Total fuel costs for both bikes around \$350.00

COMMUNICATIONS:

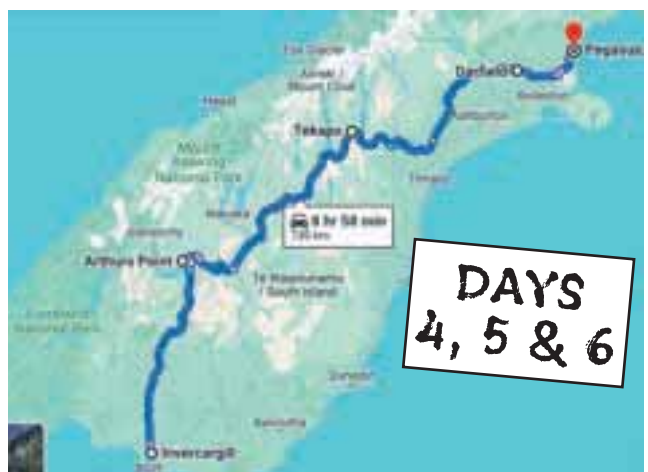
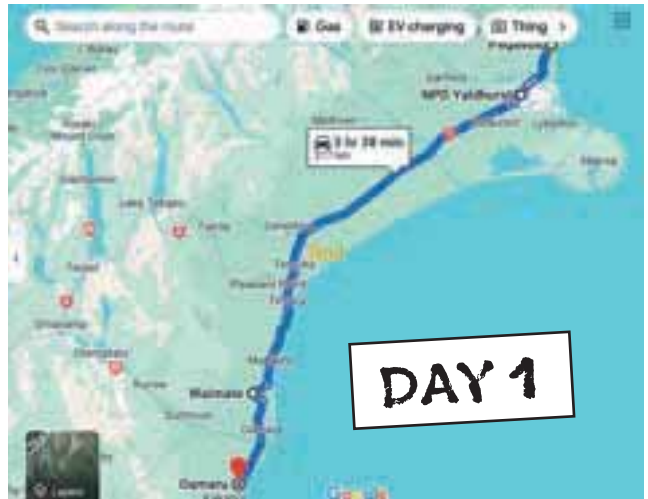
In this the digital age we were in constant contact with others: my wife Chris, Gabrielle's mother and the guys from the Monday Mafia riding group I belong to, who were super supportive. Chris took some amazing screenshots as if looking down from a satellite as we rode over the Lindis Pass.

ACCOMMODATION:

We stayed in cabins at Top Ten Holiday Parks at Oamaru and Arthurs Point and would choose them again.

PHOTOGRAPHS:

Gabrielle and I both used our iPhones, plus I used my Canon camera and my Sony minicam on photo mode.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Email: editor@ulysses.org.nz to list your event

SEPTEMBER

28th

South Island Remembrance Service

Location: Kaikoura Top 10 Holiday Park, 34 Beach Road, Kaikoura

Starts at 1pm. Hosted by Canterbury Ulysses. Punters are urged to book accommodation, tent sites etc at the Top 10 sooner rather than later.



OCTOBER



27th

Taupo Dice Run 2024

Wairakei BP Service Station

Wairakei Drive

Sunday 27th, departing 11am.

Registrations from 9.30am.

Entry \$20.

Cash prizes - Highest, second and lowest.

Breakfast available at Wild Bean.

Enquiries to Steve 021 795 645.

NOVEMBER

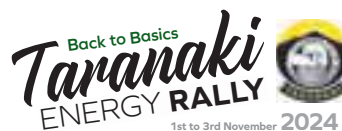
1st - 3rd

Taranaki

Energy Rally

'Back to Basics'

Location: New Plymouth



3rd

Ulysses North Harbour

"Ronnie Run"

Location: North Harbour



in 2023, Ulysses North Harbour raised \$8000 for Ronald McDonald House. This enables parents and/or caregivers from all over NZ to have free accommodation in the adjacent Ronald McDonald House while their sick children are in Starship Hospital.

15th - 17th

Ulysses Auckland Rally

"River Meets

The Sea"

Location: Port Waikato



DECEMBER

Ulyssian Summer Edition is out!

Editorial deadline Friday, November 1st, 2024, get your submissions in to editor@ulysses.org.nz



2024 - 2025

JANUARY

1st

Southland 300 Henry's Tiki Tour 2025

Follow the instructions provided and traverse the backroads of Southland. Stop in places mentioned and answer the questions provided. Ride can be done anytime between Jan 1st and Mar 31st 2025. For entry form, email: southland@ulysses.org.nz
Enter before November 30th 2024.
Entry fee of \$25 per person required.

FEBRUARY



MARCH

Ulyssian Autumn Edition is out!



APRIL

11th - 13th

2025 National Rally and AGM Hosted by Ulysses Taranaki

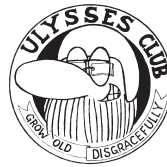
Come and experience our great Taranaki Welcome and a National AGM Weekend like no other!

Venue: Paritutu Bowling Club, 445 St Aubyn St, Moturoa NP

Queries and Questions: Martin Peyerl: 027 203 5902
or Gemma Peyerl: 027 623 7626
Or email: UlyssesTaranaki25@gmail.com

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MORE DETAILS AND REGISTRATION FORM IN THE RALLY SECTION OF THIS MAG.



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NATIONAL RALLY AND AGM

MAY



JUNE

Ulyssian Winter Edition is out!



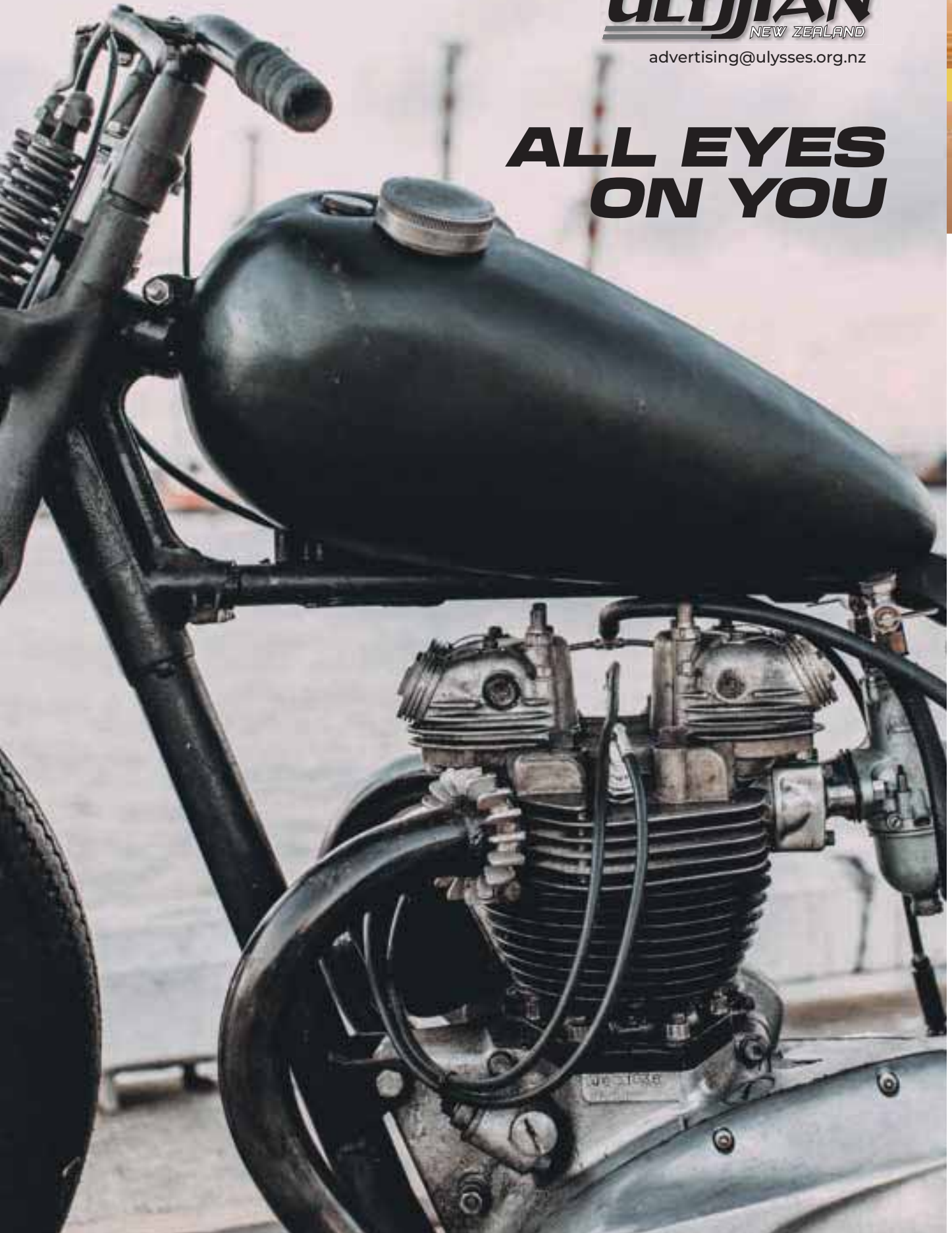
JULY / AUGUST



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ON YOU**





MENTOR'S MUMBLINGS

TONY ALLEN #08420

WINDY

Tony is a Club Mentor and co-ordinator of the Wairarapa Branch. He is also a full IAM member and one of the NZ Distance Rider nutters.

To state the bloody obvious, it is not unusual for us in New Zealand to have to ride in the wind. A head wind is ok, but it can be tiring. The real issue is side winds, especially when it is gusty.

The most problematic wind is more often from the north. Other winds are generally much steadier and often not something to worry about.

I'm from the Wairarapa. A northerly on the Rimutakas can really get your attention, a southerly is a non-event.

In a constant side wind you counter steer away from the wind so that the bike leans sideways into the breeze but because of the force of the wind you keep going straight ahead. You probably do this anyway without realizing you are doing it.

Just watch for hedges and buildings etc that will shield you from the wind because if you are leaning into the wind, and it suddenly stops...well I'm sure you've got it.

Whatever direction or strength the wind is, you **MUST RELAX**. If you tense up, you tend to overreact and the bike swerves around a lot and it feels as though you are getting blown all over the road. Yes, you are making it worse.

If you can relax, you will counter steer naturally and the bike will go straighter and the whole plot will feel much more stable.

Gusty side winds are the real challenge. They are one of the more challenging things to tackle on a motorbike. There is a need for concentration and the right attitude and technique. There seems to be a reasonably large range of differing opinions though, on what is "best".

This is what I think and what works for me.

DON'T SLOW DOWN!

This is really, really important! Simple physics are at play here and you have two allies.

- You have three gyroscopes on your bike (two wheels and your crank) the faster they are spinning the better they are at holding you on line.

- The faster you are moving the harder it is for another force (the wind) to deflect you offline. Picture this: a ball rolling at a steady speed across a table goes straight and true, the same ball rolling across the same table with a "wind" blowing across the table is deflected by the wind, however if the speed of the ball is increased the amount of deflection is lessened. For the physicists think Newton's second law $F=ma$.

LOOK WHERE YOU WANT TO GO.

Yeah, that oldy...it always works.

RIDE "UPWIND".

Ride closer to the side of your lane the wind is coming from (but not hard over to that side) so to give you more reaction time for large gusts. Watch out for hedges etc though, on the upwind side.

LOOK FOR THE GUSTS.

Look upwind at the grass on the side of the road, the trees, the bushes, if the road is wet, watch the way the water on the road is being moved about etc. With a bit of practice, you can often spot the windier bits.

STICK TO THE CLIFFS.

Especially good on the Rimutakas this one, but only when heading over to Wellington. On a really windy day I hug the cliff because the wind has largely stopped blowing across the road and has started blowing up the cliff.

STOP IF YOU HAVE TO.

Yeah ok I will agree that all this only works so far and does depend on your confidence and skill levels. If you have to stop because it is all getting too hairy for you, do so and wait for the wind to lessen.

Two other things people

commonly use (and it may work for you) are...

- stick your knee out on the side the wind is coming from; the theory is that the wind from your forward momentum will catch the knee and help keep you going straight. Think of it a bit like a sail. This gets rather uncomfortable very quickly for me, but I have a regular riding companion who swears by it.

- reduce the profile that is exposed to the wind, so crouch down a bit on the bike. Don't crouch down so much that it restricts your ability to control the bike.

I don't do this because I keep more comfortable and relaxed in my normal riding position.

Of course, winds are one thing, but rain just adds to the fun. I don't change much when the two are mixed together. Just watch out for the dodgy surface a bit more.

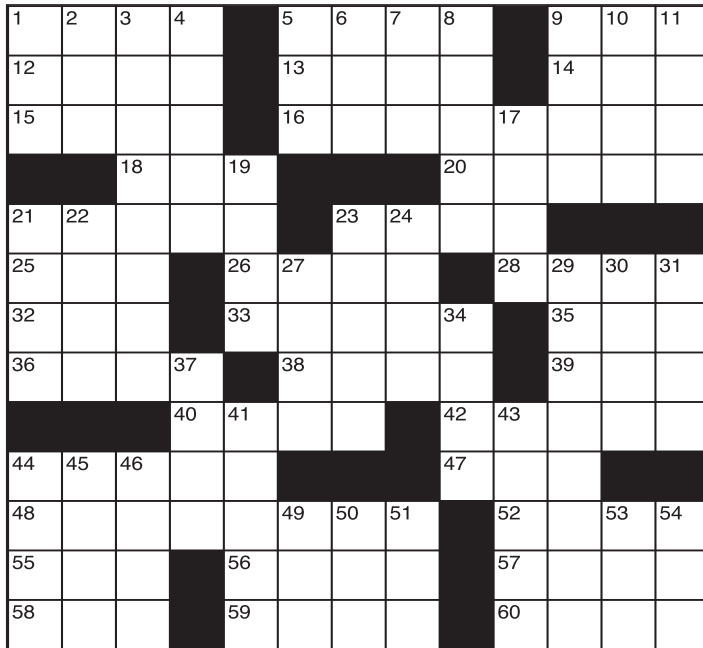
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These articles are my own opinion, and you may not necessarily agree. That's a good thing, discuss it with your mates. If you come up with something that works better for you that you have consciously considered, that can only be good. Just don't get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

COFFEE BREAK

PUZZLE NO. 158



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ACROSS

1. Sailors' yeses
5. Coral barrier
9. "_____ to a Nightingale"
12. Caper
13. In excess of
14. Coffee holder
15. Reflex site
16. Postponing
18. Natural
20. Brief letters
21. Uniform color
23. Face card
25. Naught
26. Urge on
28. Roof extension
32. Unusual

DOWN

33. Gala
35. Soup veggie
36. Trial
38. Snout
39. "My country, _____ of thee ..."
40. Customer
42. Moan
44. Game tally
47. Posed
48. Bits of paper
52. Humdinger
55. "_____ in the Family"
56. Intend
57. Smell
58. Howl
59. Descended
60. Sutured

DOWN

1. Biblical vessel
2. In the distance
3. May gems
4. Say
5. _____ and reel
6. Night before
7. Long, skinny fish
8. Former French coin
9. Eliminate
10. Sand ridge
11. Hen products
17. Oxen neckwear
19. Puff of smoke

21. Snarl
22. Pelt
23. Court listener
24. Linkletter and Carney
27. Window unit
29. Talent
30. Mineral deposit
31. Ill at _____
34. Evergreen bushes
37. Grass
41. Appears
43. Angels' headgear
44. Body bandage
45. Popular drink
46. Just
49. Afternoon meal
50. Get sun
51. Writing liquid
53. Far down
54. Footed vase

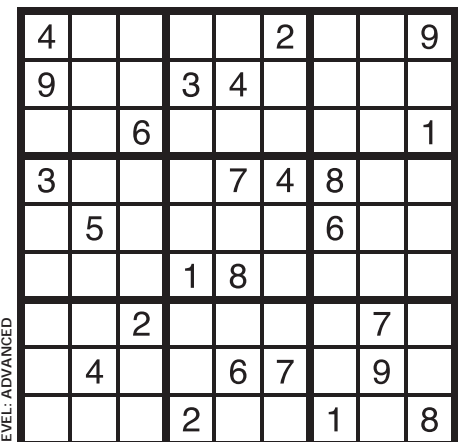
SUDOKU

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. 902



Answers to these puzzles are on page 62



Wellington

ROSS #8542 *Witterings*

Despite the shorter days and cooler weather, we've still managed to pack in quite a few rides and events since May. And not one cancellation!

The weather gods put on a stunning day in early May for our trip up to The Rush Collection in Feilding. Not a breath of wind, and blue skies all the way. Only open by appointment, this fascinating collection houses all sorts of New Zealand motoring history – from single seaters, classic Chevys, endless motoring memorabilia, to an eclectic range of motorbikes. Well worth a visit.



McLaren M22 at Rush Collection.

The branch is keen to promote other motorcycle-related events – especially when in support of a worthy cause. Several branch members attended the Wellington Distinguished Gentleman's Ride, and a small team headed south to take part in the Tranz Alpine Scooter Safari (look for a report on that elsewhere in this issue).

We have for some time been trying to organise a local ride to get some photos to use on our branch webpage Facebook Group. The idea has been to meet up at a local cafe and ride around town to get some iconic Wellington

shots. Unfortunately the day hasn't been one of those, "You can't beat Wellington ..." days. Never mind, the coffee and company was good!

The Kāpiti Branch invited us along to their 'Shortest Ride on the Shortest Day' mid-week run in June. It's always great to meet up with another branch for morning tea and a chat at Pauatahanui. After coffee the group paid a visit to Steam Inc railway museum at Paekākāriki. I wasn't able to make this one but reports back say it is great to see the passion that these folks put into restoring and maintaining the old work horses.

We have run a couple of rides now where we try to add a bit of local interest to the kilometres. One was a mystery ride where riders were directed to points of interest in the Wairarapa – many of which we would have ridden past before but not had an excuse to stop. This was combined with an economy ride. Gerard came out the least thirsty on his trusty W800 with just 3.6 litres / 100km.

Another ride included three stops at historic points of interest in the Wairarapa to look at the remains of



Grave for victims of the Zuleika (1897).

prehistoric gardens, the grave of 11 crew from the wreck of the Zuleika (1897), and trying to imagine what the now long-gone port and whaling station at Te Kōpi would have looked

like. A lovely lunch at the Lake Ferry Hotel finished off the day nicely.

Lighthouse Cinema in Pauatahanui is a keen supporter of our branch and our fundraising efforts. With the help of the Coffee Riders of Wellington (CROWS) we managed to sell 75 seats to Fly me to the Moon and raise over \$800 for Wellington Free Ambulance.

And finally, the Mystery Overnighter. Once again ably organised by Camp Mother, a group of fourteen headed off - only five brave enough to go by bike.

Weaving our way up SH1 through showers and, sometimes, torrential rain we were led to Bushy Park at Kai Iwi (just west of Whanganui). Bushy Park Tarapurui is a remnant of native forest protected by a predator-free fence. The homestead is a magnificent Category 1 heritage building built in 1906 and beautifully decorated with antiques. It's a great venue for a group of this size, the hosts were very welcoming, and the food was great. It would be good to return some time when the days are a bit longer and warmer and we can walk a few of the forest tracks.



Departing Bushy Park.

Keep safe out there.

Ross #8542

Taupo Tails

STEVE #9232

Well, we are back. I know some of you thought we were lost forever. We have a new committee now with Bart (Babyface) Rhodes as our coordinator, with plenty of support around him.

Rides are a bit hard at the moment, with the weather, but we have a hardy group of riders who don't mind the cold and enjoy a bit of gravel, who are getting some regular rides in. Hopefully by the time you read this we will be back up to speed with our social rides. We had a great lunch meet up with

the team from Hawkes Bay, who turned up in Taupo with over 20 riders on a cold Sunday morning. It was a great catch up and so nice to see so many familiar faces. We will return the visit soon.

We have re-established the club monthly dinner at the Cossie Club on the 3rd Sunday of the month, so if you are in Taupo by chance let us know. Taupo is a nice central location for the mid North Island, and we are always pleased to meet up if you are riding this way.

Taupo is a good place to

ride to, and to ride from. Some of our members have been taking advantage of this and have been putting in some milage over the last few months of summer.

Our mid-winter Christmas dinner was a great affair, with proper Christmas dinner including turkey and all the trimmings. Great fun was had by all who came. Special thanks to all who contributed and helped with the occasion.

We are planning for our annual Dice run again this year on Labour weekend (end of October). We had

a good day last year which we all enjoyed. See the ad in the mag.

We are planning some winter rides to keep us going, not too long and with an eye on the weather/frost. You can't set out much before 10am up here by the mountain and even then you have to keep an eye out for the frost hiding in the shady spots.

Anyway. Just a bit of news and more to come with a bit happening over the next month or so.

Cheers,
STEVE #9232



Waihi-Thames Valley Branch Waffling's

CHRIS BROWN #4797

This is my first branch report as my faithful scribe Trevor Birchall #4060 has decided he was getting boring and has dumped it in my lap.

Just because he was awarded an Odyssey medal at the National AGM earlier this year, he thinks he can do what he likes. However, I can't be ungrateful because Trevor has been doing this report for years, and yes, perhaps, he is boring? But you will never shut him up; there's bound to be an article in the magazine somewhere from him. All said and done Trevor is a great bloke, and I would like to thank him for all that he does for me and the WTV Branch.

The WTV Branch is a rural branch with 50 odd members (some very odd) spread out over the Hauraki Plains, Thames Valley and Coromandel Peninsula. Most of us have to ride up to an hour (two

hours for a couple) just to get to the starting point of a ride. Which is the Paeroa L&P Bottle. With that in mind we get 12-20+ to the weekly Thursday ride, 15-20 to the monthly Bike Nights and 20+ to our monthly meetings. The main reason for that is we just like to ride our bikes. And that's what the club is all about.

We recently received our share of the funds from the Gabriel Baton Relay. One of our members Chris Good #10296, who lives up the Thames Coast, sought help four people in our region still living in red stickered homes. They have nowhere else to live and get no assistance from Insurance companies, EQC, DOC or any other part of the Government. So, they were worthy recipients. It was very satisfying handing over some money and hearing

their stories. They were so grateful that someone cared enough to give them a bit of comfort. Rotorua branch joined us and swelled our numbers. It was a great day out and great PR for Ulysses in the local rag.

The winter has been good to us with mostly blue-sky sunny days. Although leaving the Whangamata sunshine to end up in the freezing Paeroa fog can be trying. The warmth coming off the Guzzi's heads is well received.

Roll on spring & summer. Well, that's enough from me, I don't want to get boring.

CHRIS BROWN #4797
Coordinator.



Read more about the Baton Relay Fund Sharing on Page 18 of this publication.



Westland CO-ORDINATOR'S DISCOURSE



KERRY CHAPMAN #3443

2024 WINTER RIDING SEASON

Well, that time again, Westland has been busy with the coffee mornings each Saturday and the attendance has been roughly 25 percent on average.

When the weather is good, we usually go for a ride that is decided by the members present. Some of these are to our regular stops like Punikaiki, Reefton, Franz Joseph, Hari-hari, around Lake Brunner, around the block which is over Arthurs Pass and back over the Lewis Pass.

Recently we had our mid-winter overnighter in Westport, staying at the Palm Court Motel just 100 meters from the

Quarry restaurant. We met up with some of the Buller branch members and the food, company, and venue was brilliant. This year I had the opportunity to present three of our members with their long service badges. Dave Healy, Peter Morgan, and John Fensom. We had our AGM at the local Hot rod Clubrooms, a very good venue with lots of room and facilities for club needs. As I am a man of few words, I will leave it at that because I will be riding instead of writing.

Keep the shiny side up.

**KERRY CHAPMAN
#3443**

Westland Coordinator.



Westport Overnighter dinner.

2024 AGM



Nelson nibblings

LORRAINE #1117

Since winter has arrived, we have not slowed down on any of our activities at all. In fact, we have added more things to do.

We have re-introduced the social nights once a month. These are held at a very central place in Richmond — so that our Motueka members don't get left out — at Armidillos Restaurant and Bar (which is where we used to hold these many years ago. We have our own area with digital hookup so we can have a guest speaker as well. They allow us to have the pensioners' menu, which has six choices of meals for \$15 a head. Not bad.

These dinners have had an attendance of around 25.

We have a great selection of guest speakers lined up for the year and they are all our own members who have had interesting adventures or jobs.

The first speaker was Gerry Tonkin (ex Police and Search and Rescue). He presented awesome photos, taken from the helicopter during the time they were trying to find two young guys who got lost in the Richmond ranges overnight.

This was followed by myself presenting a Powerpoint and videos on the last trip I took in the High Himalayas in Nepal. The area we visited was unique in that no tourists have ever been allowed in this remote area right up on the Tibet border.

The next speaker will be Trevor on his recent circuit of Australia on a very small motorcycle.

We also hold raffles on these nights as well.

We have a very able and well organised Rides and Events Coordinator — Allan Smith, who presides over his own committee where they put together rides and events for the next three months. It is working well.

There are some great and interesting rides happening and planned. Gerry Tonkin is a mastermind and dreaming up rides with a difference.

The latest event we have just had was our own personal showing of the new movie *The Bike Riders*. We booked out and filled the 90 seat theatre with only bikers (we also invited members from the other bike groups around us in Nelson).

For those of us that grew up riding motorcycles in the 60's and 70's this movie is a must see. Its based on a true story and the acting was superb.

Our rides are carefully planned to avoid any potential black ice areas and of course we start them much later in the morning.

We are still gaining new members who have been great at coming to the events.

Another new initiative we introduced was that we now have a New Members mentor. It happens to be one of our new members from last year. He regularly phones or emails new members, especially if he hasn't seen anyone for a while. This is working really well.

Stay safe!

LORRAINE #1117



Saturday ride to Kaiteriteri - May 11th.



Over the Takaka Hill to Molly B's Pohara - May 26th.



Brilliant day at Miller's Rest, Rai Valley - June 2nd.

Canterbury Capers



CHRIS CAREY #3497

Good morning, evening, fellow Ulyssians.

I'm totally over July. It's been bloody damp, pretty wet, considerably cold, and virtually sunless. Riding to work when its -2°, and on one day -6° isn't comfortable. However, July and I achieved another milestone, and while not quite three score years and ten, my daughters were looking for a suitable t-shirt to celebrate the occasion but couldn't find anything with the numerals six and nine on it that wasn't totally inappropriate.

Our committee continues to function well. We have a lot of fun, its not a chore and many a month passes where we haven't actually had a meeting because there's either nothing to discuss or whatever business needs our attention, can be handled via email.

The three previous monthly branch nights have been well attended. Ian Templeton from MCDU and former Michelin tire agent/distributor and superbike team member gave us a really interesting and detailed talk using a range of tyres to illustrate his arguments. He reinforced some points and dispelled many myths around tyre pressures versus tyre temps, pressure to keep the tread 'open' to expel water, and

pressure vs the life of your tyres, etc. This topic arose when I commented to him once that my tyres were great but in an "Oh shit!" moment the rear would squirm. Following his advice I now run 4psi higher on the rear than Suzuki recommends simply because the tyre I use — its construction, in particular, the side walls — needs plenty of air to maintain its shape particularly when cornering and under heavy braking.

Having just stumbled through months with Dad refusing to go into care when that's really where he should be, and in order for him to remain at home, my sisters and I had to put in place quite a lot of resources for him to be able to do so, such as visits from Nurse Maude, extra visits, Enduring Powers of Attorney etc. Then there were legal minefields with end-of-life choices, do not resuscitate decisions, what happens if the courts take over etc. So, Greta Bond (Chief Executive, Age Concern Canterbury) and Diane Matthews (Registered Nurse) were invited to speak to us and answer any questions we had. As luck would have it, Nick Birdsey and his wife Margaret, recently relocated from Auckland and brand spanking new members are retiring/retired lawyers who

have dealt with every aspect, getting clients into rest homes, drafting EPOAs (and I also gave independent advice to the clients of another firm), drafting wills, dealing with trusts and yes, the non-resuscitate and Court aspects too. For those about to go through the process or looking to put their ducks in a row for themselves before the time comes so their children know what you want, it was hugely informative, and I recommend it's a discussion all branches need to have.

July was the time of our annual Mid-Winter Christmas Dinner, again hosted by the Papanui RSA. Dave the Papanui Club spokesman welcomed us and thanked Ulysses for their continuing support by using the RSA for their meetings, meals and functions. Speaking of which, the meal was fantastic, and the catering staff certainly raised the bar with this one. But this event would never happen if it weren't for Debbie Macfarlane, our much-loved Madam Secretary who puts it all together along with arranging food hampers, raffle prizes etc.

There were also trophies awarded.

Barb Hunton received a thoroughly deserved 30 years badge. You'll

recall that Barb and her husband Ray were the first to receive the couples Odyssey Medal.

Grant Hyde was the recipient of the Ted Youngman Trophy for most kms ridden in one calendar year (ANZAC Day - ANZAC Day) 65,063kms. His name has been on this piece of silverware since 2008, the only year where it isn't was due to injury and he wasn't riding, with Paul Schroeder taking out the honours in his stead.

Thea Turner wasn't there to receive the Noel Simpson Trophy; I dropped it off to her this morning. This is awarded to members who are just 'good bastards' who do good work, often thankless or underappreciated, for the branch. Thea has been a very long-standing committee member, deputy co-ordinator and has had to stand down from those duties due to work and health reasons. However, she is still happy to co-ordinate the Longest Day ride as she has done for quite a number of years.

Debbie Macfarlane accepted the Laurie Payne Trophy for the most improved rider. Debs took a leap of faith from being the constant companion and pillion behind Deano and now rides by herself — and ride she does, putting a lot of our other

members, me included, to shame with the number of kms she clocks up. She is also committed to working her way through the Bronze, Silver and Gold Ride Forever courses.

Stan Rodgers was awarded the Sheriffs Trophy, given to members who have a little bit of misfortune or bad luck, or a damned good hard luck story to tell. I love this guy. He's always happy, positive, and enjoys a good joke and is a valued member of our committee. Stan received this trophy because he lost his licence for three months for having an exhaust on his Harley that was just a tad too loud, and if he hadn't fired it up, hit the rev limiter as the cop went past...

The next event on our calendar is the South Island Remembrance Service, same place, same time at the Kaikoura Top 10 Holiday Park, 34 Beach Road, Kaikoura, 1pm on Saturday September the 28th. We have the use of the conference facilities. Afternoon tea and non-alcoholic drinks will be provided after the reading of names. As usual there will be an 'after match function' for recovery and rehydration in the TV lounge. 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 behaving disgracefully. Those whose names have been read out would expect nothing less of us.

One change to proceedings is that Colin "I Fix Things" Kennedy, our IT guru, is knocking up a short 15 to 20 minute video of photos from our branch photo albums and various members' collections of rides, rallies and disgraceful behaviour which will play after the formal service during the afternoon tea.

Lastly, the word is out; www.tt2000.org Google it.

Regards,

CAPTAIN CAREFREE #3497

Auckland Actions

NEVILLE KERR #4658

Well here we are September already, and all has been great.

Auckland has been busy with rides and social activities. We had our first Wednesday monthly meeting on the 3rd of July which was a big success - 40 plus members attending - that is a damn good turnout. Our meat pack raffle was made up of six slabs of lovely meat from Fresh Choice Māngere Bridge. Thank you Lua the Head Butcher.

Our dinner and movie night at Ryders was a great night with prizes and free ice-cream going to Peggy and Anne - congrats girls. The meal was great, really worth the effort to go - scrumptious, and the movie was The Blues Brothers - enjoyable.

Thank you Sheryl for the time and effort you put into making so many people happy.

The rides have been going well with a lot of out-of-the-way places visited and a lot of good eateries, making our members welcome then sending them on their way after enjoying some good food. Thanks to all the RIC's who give their time to lead, also thanks Chris for being our runs co-ordinator.

Our Remembrance weekend will have been over by the time this *Ulyssian* publication is out so I hope everyone had a good trip to and from the weekend.

Regards, **NEVILLE KERR #4658.**



North Harbour



JOHN SHEARER
#9242

This is my first article for the *Ulyssian*. I've been with the North Harbour Branch since 2015 most of the time as a club member.

Three years ago I became treasurer and got more involved in committee work. Then after years of service Wayne Painter decided to take a step back and I've stepped up into the role as our branch president. So, first things first, a big thank you to Wayne and to Dale - his wife. We are grateful for all that you have both done. It has been a huge contribution from this dynamic duo.



North Harbour has continued to be an active club, as you would have seen if you attended the AGM we hosted. Our club nights continue to be well attended but rides in this winter season have been less well attended. We have two riding groups, a Wednesday group and a Sunday ride. We have had destinations like Thames, Matakana, Helensville, and Nikau Caves (south of Port Waikato) to name a few. We had one ride with massive numbers on a brilliant sunny day organised by Greg Norton (RIC) to almost the Awhitu Lighthouse. We

had a stop at Waiuku and saw a historic jail where our Sherriff Peter Webb looked very much at home. There was an early pioneering homestead there too that had had slaves, and the house recalled a very dark bit of NZ history. The last part of the ride was easy going B roads and it was a truly epic pothole that finally blocked our way. Great run and a lot of fun.

So ride and get into it. Ride while you still can is a message I'm learning. I've read that the real factors to consider are: your physical ability, your mental awareness, and your ability to understand the risks that come with riding. While our age can affect these factors, any able-bodied person can ride a motorcycle, regardless of age. Leslie Harris (New Zealand) at the age of 97 raced at the Pukekohe 43rd Classic Motorcycle Festival in Auckland, making him the world's oldest competitive motorcycle racer. That's pretty good inspiration to keep on enjoying riding through the years. That feeling of youthfulness and of almost flying as you roll on the throttle or go through twisties is so cool and almost addictive. Age doesn't have to diminish this experience for us - not yet.



But we need to be prepared. There is no doubt that motorcycling is a dangerous sport. Coming off can happen, so taking a Rider Down First Aid Course is one way you can help a mate, or a mate can help you, should the worst happen. A few weeks ago, some of our North Harbour group went on the Rider Down First Aid Course with a special emphasis on stopping heavy bleeding. It was a great course but one I hope I am never going to use.

Tips I picked up: Prevention is so much better than cure.



Gear on all the time. Check your bike, get your line right, watch your speed and adjust for the conditions and how you are feeling.

Tourniquets, and compression bandages, especially the Israel bandages are good, but if

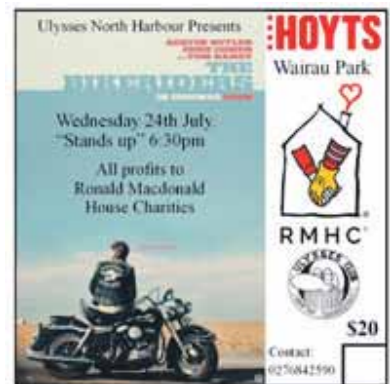
you are smashed up on the side of the road, while these emergency aids can save you, they are going to hurt.



And for all the stupid car drivers out there, motorcyclists still come out at 61% as the primary cause of the crash. We need to take care. For more information on courses go to: riderdown@gmail.com or on their Facebook page Rider Down NZ.

My final update for you in this edition is on our community outreach for Ronald McDonald House Charities. This year our Ronnie Run event is being held on Sunday 3rd November and is our branch's major fundraising focus. Ronald McDonald House provides accommodation for children (and their families) needing specialist hospital treatment. We are trying to provide at least the cost to run a family room which is \$7,500 per annum. Over the years, our branch has raised thousands

of dollars for this charity but the need every year is great. Thanks to Vicky Noda setting up a screening of *The Bikeriders* for the club and friends — we have already made \$682 to go towards this year's Ronnie Run. This is likely to climb a little further with some late ticket sales to over \$700. A good start, but we have a bit to go to reach our target. So, if you are in Auckland on Sunday 3rd November 2024, feel free to come along and support. Everyone's help is appreciated and some of our littlest next generation riders need a bit of a hand today.



Hope you can catch a dry patch of weather and you can get out and ride.

JOHN SHEARER #9242

Taranaki News

BLAIR CAMPBELL #2772

Hi all. The last 3 months passed really fast. What has been happening in good old Taranaki?

In my last report I mentioned that our branch has started having Coffee Mornings on each Friday at the Coffee Club in Fitzroy at 10.30am. This has proved to be very successful as to the numbers attending. I say this because we are seeing members that maybe don't always manage to get to other events and that has to be (in my opinion) a good thing.

We had nine members attend the Rotorua Masquerade Ball and from feedback I have heard it was a great weekend of fun and being disgraceful by all in attendance. Well done Rotorua Branch. We look forward to providing you the same sort of fun in November at our Energy Rally. The three members who travelled over by bike had a very wet trip home when leaving Rotorua. That's the joy of motorcycling!

They got home safe and sound and that is the main thing.

Planning for the 2025

National AGM Rally and AGM being held here in New Plymouth is well under way; you can all look forward to a fun weekend. Check out the Registration form in this *Ulyssian*.

The last Friday in June saw our co-ordinator (Martin) head off to Wellington leaving his home at 05.30 to get what some of us thought was a service on his bike. His said the temperature never got above 0°C until he reached Samson, then the sun came out. I rang him later in the day to see if he had a good ride there and back. Then I discovered he came back with a new bike - good on you Martin!

Planning is well on the way also for our Energy Rally this year, we have 36 registrations to date, looking to be a good weekend, so don't miss out.

The winter has played its hand with planned rides - some postponed, others rescheduled, but that is the nature of winter.

Stay safe and remember, growing old is a privilege denied by many.

BLAIR CAMPBELL
#2772



Just waiting



Waiting for cows



Waiting for Brian



Waiting for leave



Waiting for food

Marlborough Musings

JOHN (JG) SINCLAIR #9272

We are now past the official halfway mark of winter. The lack of significant snow has made for a relatively benign winter so far. The week or two of frosts and fine weather typified a Marlborough winter and so it has been disappointing to have cloudy, moist easterlies for days on end a lot of the time.

Those who attended our Mid-year Dinner now know what a real fiasco looks like. Despite this, and because of the efforts of Sherrif Jock, we still had lots and lots of laughs. And that's what it's all about I reckon. Following our complaints, The Redwood has been extremely generous and, by way of making amends, has offered a free meal to the 50 who attended on July 6th. You've heard of the Rovers Return. Well, the Redwood Return will be

Saturday 7th September.

Attendance on Thursday rides is averaging 20 riders, down from the usual 30, despite the cooler temperatures. Thursdays are the highlight of our week. Why is that? It's the unfiltered abuse that we give each other and the laughing this generates. It's the camaraderie, it's hanging out with our mates, it's sharing our common love for motorcycles, it's eating food that's forbidden at home, it's the positivity; we don't do negative! Thursday is laughing day. It has been great to have several Nelson Ulyssians joining us too. If you're passing through Marlborough on a Thursday, you will be made most welcome. We meet at Brayshaw Park from 1000 for an 1100 departure.

Sept 28th sees the South Island Remembrance Service at Kaikoura

Top10 Holiday Park. This is a time we remember those Ulyssians who have passed before us. It is a special occasion and is always poignant. It's followed by tea and small cakes, followed later by drinks, in the best traditions of Ulyssians, for those that are staying the night. The event is kindly organised by the Canterbury Branch.

Our Christmas Party will be held on 7th December at the Marlborough Aero Club Clubhouse where we can be entertained by some special aviation displays, weather permitting.

We look forward to warmer weather when we will be running longer rides again, including another MU1000 and the big question is, will we exceed our Thursday record of 42 riders?

JOHN (JG) SINCLAIR #9272

Southland "Scribbles"

ROSS L #1177

Hi all. Over the past few weeks, due to cooler temperatures and changeable weather, our branch events have been held indoors. Pleasingly our monthly dine-outs and coffee mornings have been well supported. For our recent dine-outs we have been spreading our business around and our choices have included local Indian, Turkish and Chinese restaurants.

Perhaps a little optimistically we continued to include various rides in our monthly program. Regrettably the weather has not been very co-operative and we have had to cancel the majority of them.

Our branch AGM was held in conjunction with our monthly dine-out mid-May, as a result of which we had better numbers in attendance compared to previous years. This year the election of officers resulted in some changes occurring as two long serving committee members did not seek re-election. However we were fortunate; two of our newer members put their names forward and were duly elected.

Looking to the future, a survey has been prepared and sent to all branch members seeking feedback as to their ride preferences etc. It is hoped that the information

gathered will assist the committee with planning an interesting activity program for the year ahead.

I can report that work is underway on planning the Southland 300 Ride for 2025, more information about this event should be found elsewhere in this *Ulyssian*. The 2024 event proved to be an excellent way to spend a day enjoying our great Southland roads so we hope you will add the 2025 event to your "rides to do list".

With best wishes to you all from the Deep South.

ROSS L #1177

Hawkes



TONY HICKMOTT
#10416

Bay BUZZ



The winter months are truly here with solid frosts in the mornings, rain and more rain some weeks.

Nevertheless, through the chills and cold morning we continue to ride with our thermals and sweaters up under the leathers. Local rides are the name of the game for this time of year, with the exception of the Rotorua rally, which a number of our branch members attended. A great weekend away was had, with plenty of laughs and tales of old days told. It was great to meet folks from other branches and enjoy the fantastic hospitality of the Rotorua members, I for one am sold on attending these rallies and will get to as many as I can; it is a great way to meet others from our club and experience roads and scenery one has not seen before, in some cases. I highly recommend attending one if you haven't before.

The club continues to grow with new members joining the branch and as we celebrate them, we also celebrate members who have been with the club for the long haul.

With recent membership badges presented to John Kennerly (20 years), Graeme Pederson (35 years), Mike Shaw (10 years). Along with new members Andy Lyver, John

McAter, Aaron Spence, David Jones, Wayne and Nadene Savage, with whom we look forward to many years of riding together.

The new committee were also tasked with choosing recipients for our two memorial trophies, which are presented each year to dedicated members of the branch to acknowledge their efforts. This year I was extremely proud to present the trophies to two very well deserving members: Maurie Bridge #18 and Jeff Mcphun # 6670. Maurie Bridge, a founding member, received the

John Birch Memorial Trophy, a recipient for all his years of service to not only the Hawkes Bay branch but other branches as well.

A great representation of what it means to be a Ulyssian. Jeff Mcphun received the David Taylor Memorial Trophy for his unwavering service to the HB branch, with 16 years on the committee serving as the branch secretary. This is a huge commitment made by Jeff and one that has not gone unnoticed. Along with these, one other trophy was handed out, with Mac Macaulay receiving the

Dick of the Year Trophy for an unforgettable blunder involving his bike keys and all the contents of his man bag being locked in his top box.

With the Annual Bowling competition rolling around this month it was back to the lanes to defend an unblemished record of winning the 10-pin bowling challenge between The Hawkes Bay British & European Car Club against the Hawkes Bay Ulysses members. It did not disappoint with strong competition for the coveted trophy. With two games to decide the winner there were





memorable moments, with one of them being the many strikes by our very own Liam. He also managed the highest tally for the day to lead the way for another win for the Ulysses team to retain the trophy for another year and carry on the winning streak.

We continue to enjoy the comradeship that this club offers with old friends and new ones during our weekly Tuesday diet club and weekday rides, which offer members the chance to get out and ride when their schedule aligns. The Sunday ride continues to offer fantastic locations for members to gather and enjoy each other's company. A big thanks goes to our committee members for picking up extra tasks and going the extra mile while this author is unable to ride.

By the time this is read we will have attended the North Island Remembrance Ceremony in Taupo where we pay our respects to those members who have passed on. This to me is an important part of being a Ulyssian, where we gather as an organisation to honour those who have gone. Other than the armed forces I personally know of no other group that shows such reverence to past members. Ride safe and be careful out there folks.

TONY HICKMOTT #10416



Kapiti Kapers

PAUL NEES #6782

It has been winter, and cooler days, inclement weather and less inclination to ride can all be expected. In truth, it really hasn't been too bad this year. There has been less rain than usual and temperatures have been better than the average for the time of year.

Knowing that it might be a bit difficult to attract riders during the winter months, the Kapiti Ulysses Rides Committee planned some shorter rides.

The first one was on the shortest day of the year, and was billed as Shortest Day, Shortest Distance led by our Shortest Rider – Pete Whittington. The distance was approximately 65km, which took us from our Paraparaumu meet point to Ground Up Café in Pauatahanui, then on to Steam Incorporated in Paekakariki before the homeward run.

In Pauatahanui, we met up with some Wellington branch members and had a very social morning tea. It's great to get together with our neighbouring branches and we keep telling ourselves we must do it more often. The Steam Incorporated visit allowed us to get up close and personal with

the steam trains that this museum restores and operates. Everyone found it fascinating, and one of our members, Lance Miller, has since volunteered to work with the museum – a win-win for all concerned.

A slightly longer winter ride took us to Cuba! Well, would you believe Palmerston North? A group of hungry mid-week riders decided to ride to the Cuba Street Café for lunch. And they did have Havana Coffee. This is a favourite Palmy eatery and is very popular, so you need to be prepared to queue patiently. It's well worth it, though. We dined outside (in July) in very warm temperatures – just a pity the weather packed up while we were returning, meaning gear needed to be dried out once we got home. The only potential problem with going to this café is parking difficulties, but the Palmerston North City Council has thought of everything and created a motorcycle sized space on a corner between the road and footpath. Perfect!

We now have a Dad's Army ride to look forward to before we get stuck into our spring and summer riding season.

PAUL NEES #6782

Barry Brown passes his train driving licence



Wellington and Kapiti bikes meet at Pauatahanui



In the background you can see Palmy's considerate motorcycle park.



BMW recycling in Palmerston North!



from the

MALCOLM PERRY #10115

Far North

Hi all from the Far North.

I'm putting this together having got up at silly o'clock this morning to watch the opening ceremony of the Olympics. The first three hours were fine, but it dragged after that to the point that I decided to go watch my grandson play football without knowing who was lighting the flame. As I left the house, I reflected that whatever else I get fed up doing, I never get fed up riding the bike, and I know that our members feel the same – that's why we are members and why our Wednesday and Sunday rides continue to be so successful. Of course, we mustn't overlook the laughter, camaraderie and opportunity to sort the problems of the world as well.

As usual these last few months have seen lots of good riding, with the weather living up to its winterless North reputation. This has meant great turnouts, good food and even better company. On those clear sunny days when we are up north of Whangarei, an obligatory stop is made at Paihia for an ice cream on the waterfront.

As it's winter, the monthly Twilight Rides have been swapped for a social evening at the Kamo club on the first Thursday of the month. Attendance at these has been intermittent, due mainly to the venue's kitchen being out of commission (and Ulysses cannot meet without some kai being involved). The kitchen is now back in operation, and these will continue until daylight saving clicks back in, when our twilight rides will recommence.

The monthly quiz night, again at the Kamo club, has been a success in terms of fielding a team, but not so much in terms of winning prizes. No matter, it's a good

fun evening and we all learn something on the night - generally how little we know about quite a lot, but we do try hard and sometimes surprise ourselves.

We are busy planning our events for the coming few months with a couple of sausage sizzles planned as fundraisers for St. John, as well as our annual spud dig and Christmas activities. Our mid-winter Christmas lunch is planned for Sunday 4th August, which promises to be a nice event.

Through the relationship we have with our local St. John following the success of the Rider Down training, we have been asked to help produce some video footage of us on a ride that can be used to supplement the presentation. We are working through what we can do and trying to find some volunteers willing to be filmed while not behaving disgracefully.

As a new co-ordinator, I am still learning the ropes, but I have learned this month just how much importance our members place on being members of the club and receiving recognition of service and medals. We have issued some long service medals recently and I had one member do a 90-100k return trip just to pick his up. That's what makes us a club rather than a random bunch of bikers who get together for a ride every so often and it's clear that the club has played, and continues to play, a significant role in members' lives. I'm glad to be part of helping that to continue (so far at least).

We continue to get new member applications so that's great and a big welcome to them.

Best wishes all and ride safe.

MALCOLM PERRY #10115

Ulysses Far North Coordinator.

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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. 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 the 13th July was a big success, with 49 members, partners and guests attending. The national president was our guest of honour, and his wife Karen received her 15 year membership badge. Other members that were recognised were Bruce Ebbett and Gavin Nash, past branch co-ordinators, both receiving 30 year badges.

The branch did not have an organised ride for May as Murray Cross and Les Maddaford organised their second Distinguished Gentleman's Ride, riding out from Feilding. Several members joined the ride on their classic-styled bikes and dressed dapper for the occasion. Others volunteered to be corner marshals. The ride had beautiful clear weather and over 100 bikes participated in the ride. There was lots of public interest and the ride raised \$8,921.00 for the Movember charity. A big thanks to the sponsors, especially Repco Feilding who manned their branded sausage sizzle trailer and donated the proceeds to the charity. In response to popular acclaim the planning has already begun for next year.

The June branch ride became a ride of one. The weather forecast had not been great but was still OK if you had the right gear.

Unfortunately everyone chickened out, except for Howard Asplin who ended up doing the ride on his own. Never mind, I believe he enjoyed himself anyway. Howard was at pains to point out the weather was actually ok, despite the poor forecast.

The July branch ride was a short local event. Some pistol shooting at a local range had been planned, but confirming numbers and range staff became an issue. The replacement ride attracted around 15 bikes and they travelled from Feilding, over Vinegar Hill and up to Mangaweka, before turning right onto some great back country roads through to lunch at the Apiti Tavern. After a very nice lunch the group split up, with some going straight home, and others were led on a spirited ride down the Pohongina Valley to Ashhurst. The mid-winter weather played ball with high cloud and light winds.

One new type of event for our branch is the introduction of gravel rides. There have been a few of these now and they are becoming more popular. Led by Howard on his RE Himalayan, they are a blend of sealed and gravel backroads that are ideal for adventure machines but can be tackled by experienced riders on road bikes. They have seen up to a dozen machines tackling varied terrain and coming back suitably dirty.

Our monthly Retreads Rides (mid-week), New Chums Rides (slower or returning riders) and coffee mornings are all being well supported. Hopefully now we are past the shortest day the weather will continue to improve and we can all get some more riding in.

Be safe on the roads.

MURRAY CROSS #7908

Manawatu Co-Ordinator



First branch ride for Rod Anderson after his major crash 18 months ago.



Lunch at Apiti - it's not a Ulysses ride without food.



DGR organisers Murray Cross and Les Maddaford.



Solo group ride in June Howard confounds the forecasters.



DGR at Feilding.



Convivial table at the annual dinner.



Gravel ride to Waihi Falls.



Murray gives the riders briefing before the July branch ride.

Whakatane waffle

**JEREMY
NEWELL**

Well I must say taking over as a new coordinator for the club has been an interesting experience and I would like to express my thanks to my branch members and the National Committee members for their support while I get my feet on the ground.

The advent of the colder and wetter months has meant we had a few more potluck rides up this way of late; but on those much treasured sunny days we have had some longer rides to great destinations. With minimum numbers of six or so riders on Sundays and up to thirty on Thursdays there is always plenty of good company to be had and even if members make it down to the morning coffee meet there is always a laugh to be had, and the retelling of tales from the last ride. We are currently considering the numbers of riders and how to keep them all together but we seem to be managing well at the moment.

Thursday rides are really well sorted with the first of each month being split into a gravel ride and a road ride leading on to a common destination. My appreciation goes out to both Theo D (dutch type of last name I won't try to spell) and Tricky Cunningham who do the bulk of the organising for these rides with regard to planning and appointing lead riders. The last Thursday ride was a great success with the team heading up to Te Karaka where they enjoyed the hospitality of the local Rangatira Tavern.

We are fortunate to have State Highway 35 to travel east on as well in our area, with a fine hotel located in Te Kaha; and to the west many of our trips take in the Old Coach Road which is

used to access both Rotorua and Tauranga. The review of speed limits through Rotoma is eagerly awaited.

Both the Old Coach Road and State Highway 35 require undivided attention, particularly in these cooler months, as both are prone to moss and lingering wet areas in the shade. This combined with bright sun through the trees can make for difficult sight conditions.

One of my main takeaways from leading group rides this year has been to ensure that if I miss a turn, or identify one late, I wait for a safe area before pulling up and correcting my error so that those following are not put in a position of having to take emergency action. I hope to improve my lead riding as time goes by but there always seems to be something new to learn.

Our club continues to grow with four new members coming aboard this year and hopefully more to come, and I will look forward to my first organised charity ride for the club as coordinator, which will be our annual mountain to sea run on the 10th of November.

Before signing off I wanted to note that it was great to see our previous long term coordinator Greg Evans back on a bike when he came to visit on his Yamaha Roadstar. It is always inspiring to see those who overcome major health battles get back in the saddle so my hat goes off to him, Well done Greg and good to see the bike lost those ape hanger handle bars.

Until next time stay safe and enjoy the coming warmer weather.

Kind regards, **JEREMY**

Rotorua RAMBLINGS

SMILEY #10243



Hats off to the Cantabrians for being the bike raffle sales champs at the 2024 AGM!

Our branch was like, "OMG, are we doing that again!"

Gotta love a bit of friendly competition between branches! Even if they didn't know, that's what the Rotorua branch was up to back in 2023!

I laughed as we were mentioned in the June edition, as the Cantabrians proudly shared that they had nailed the most sales this year.

2025 we are looking forward to the next challenge and hopefully shaking hands with Andy as he hands over the keys to a new bike to one of our members. That would be epic, aye, "Captain Carefree!"

Now, that that's out of the way...

Here we are with some updates on what has been going on in the BOP.

Eugene Berryman is currently overseas doing a mammoth long distance challenge: 9400 miles from Florida to Alaska. Riding through 20 states and three Canadian provinces. That is pretty impressive.

We also hosted the Okataina Rally where we had a record number of bikers registered for this Masquerade Ball event.

The weather was quite chilly and the fire was roaring all weekend. Shame some of the in-house heaters didn't quite get the sleeping quarters warm.

Another great weekend with some amazing raffles won. A huge shout out to all our sponsors who offer amazing prizes!

Camaraderie, food and beverages were on point and great to catch up with many others!



NEXT RALLY

We have been doing some research and have another idea that we are working on. For the moment we have decided to host every second year. This will give us the chance to support other Ulysses rallies and also plan our next one. We will keep you posted for the 2026 event.



OTHER NEWS:

It has been great catching up on rides with fellow Ulyssians from other branches: Taupo, Waikato, Whakatane, Auckland, Waihi and Thames Valley. Always up for a bit of banter and a lot of bullshit about how fast someone rode, how many potholes were missed ... unfortunately one of our members hit one pot hole too many.

Bryan is okay but his Trumpy is a writeoff! Pretty sad that our roads are in such a state!



Sadly we had the passing of another pretty cool ole fulla Bruce Roe. On the 19th of May, 2024, Bruce got his angel wings and silently departed.

He was a bloody good sort and shared many stories of his time with the Ulysses. He was our number one porridge maker at the Okataina Rallies and was missed be everyone at this year's rally.



Our members have been riding all over the place and visiting many cafes and watering holes. Always a great turnout and if you miss the ride, there is always a Saturday coffee catchup at Aroma Cafe.

As for me, I hit the islands for some RnR and plenty of piña coladas to keep the bar busy. Lesley was in Thailand, Carol in Ozzy, Eugene in the USA, Sandy and Graeme somewhere exotic. Other members planning holidays, and heading off soon.

It's a busy branch, living life to the fullest! Best way to live, unless you are on two wheels!

Take care out there, **SMILEY** and **KEBIN** #10243



MATARIKI CELEBRATIONS:

Under the starlit sky, Matariki Night Market lit up the lakefront in Rotorua with a mindblowing drone light extravaganza! The locals were spellbound by the dazzling storytelling in the dark sky. Crowds of all ages gathered to witness this spectacular show, making the lakefront buzz with excitement. Sounds were pumping before the show began. The vibe was on!

Once the show wrapped up, navigating through the gridlocked traffic was a bit like a rubix cube challenge. But fear not, the traffic eventually untangled, and everyone managed to get home.



News from sunny **Tauranga**

LEE WHITE #5925

Hello everyone from sunny Tauranga.

The AGM has been, and we have ended up with a caretaker committee for a period of time.

They have done a great job sorting out issues within the membership and reinforcing correct policies moving forward. It's surprising how bad habits form, or how easy it is to forget why we are members and why we are here. Big thanks to NATCOM for their guidance.

The committee have decided to revamp the rides in the winter to just one advertised destination ride per month and the other weekends will be DOD for anyone who turns up for coffee/brekky.

We have had a number of good riding days recently with numbers of riders increasing from the usual three - five to 16 riders. The weather has been playing ball with some warm days and clear skies.

One impressive ride was a very fine BOP weather day to Arapuni and down to view the enormous swing bridge to the power station. Very impressive.

Several members attended the Rotorua Masquerade Ball at Okataina. They enjoyed their time and were well looked after by the Rotorua branch.

Our branch club nights have had a drop in numbers attending but it

seems to happen when it is cold and wet outside. We have our service badge night coming up in August. Badges from 10 years to 35 years to be presented. By coincidence we have Denis Linde flying back into town from Australia and he will collect his 35 year service badge (must be his shout as he tells us the beer is too expensive in Australia).

We have had two new members join the ranks recently. We welcomed back to the fold Kevin Thomas #10663. Kevin was a member a few moons ago when his number was #876

Our other new member is Mark McKeown #10714. A very keen man who went for one ride and wanted to join straight away.

We had some sad news recently with the passing of a very popular member of our branch. Don Mardle was with us for a number of years as well as the president of the local Vintage Motorcycle Club. He moved to Christchurch last February 2023 and passed away in June 2024.

Looking forward to catching up with a number of friends who it seems we only get to meet at the North Island Remembrance Service. That is one item on my calendar I try not to miss.

Keep smiling and keep the sunny side up.

LEE WHITE #5925



Don Mardle.



Don Mardle's farewell dinner.



Ride to Arapuni to view the swing bridge and power station.



Okataina Rally - group photo.



Colin Kepple and ice-cream.



Kevin Thomas.



Okataina Rally - Paul.

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Drive, Onehunga, First
Wednesday every month, 7.30pm

NEVILLE KERR

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027 307 1088

AUCKLAND N.HARBOUR

1st Thurs of the month, 5.30-9pm,
Hobsonville RSA, 114 Hobsonville
Road, Hobsonville.

JOHN SHEARER

n.harbour@ulysses.org.nz
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BULLER

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CANTERBURY

RSA Hall, 55 Bellvue Avenue,
Papanui, Christchurch. Second
Thurs every month. 7pm

CHRIS CAREY

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021 497 155

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Sunday mornings. Depart 10am
from Burger King, Whangarei.

MALCOLM PERRY

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027 438 0052

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1st Tuesday of the month.
Bushmere Arms Public Bar, 7.30pm

CHRISTINE (CHRIS) CAMERON

06 868 9661 / 027 460 2430
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HAWKE'S BAY

Clubs Hastings, 1st Wednesday
monthly 7.30pm

TONY HICKMOTT

hawkes.bay@ulysses.org.nz
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KAPITI COAST

2nd Tuesday each month, 7:30pm.
Manukau Bowling Club, 10
Mokena Kohere Street, Levin

PAUL NEES

kapiti@ulysses.org.nz
022 571 9381

MANAWATU

1st Wednesday each month
(except January) at the
Bunnythorpe Tavern
at 7.30pm.

MURRAY CROSS

06 323 2660 / 027 702 4455
manawatu@ulysses.org.nz

MARLBOROUGH

3rd Wednesday monthly,
Portacom A&P Park. Coffee
Morning Runway Café, SH6
every Saturday 10am.

KELVIN WATSON

marlborough@ulysses.org.nz
03 577 6822 / 027 300 1309

NELSON

Coffee morning, every Saturday
10am-12noon. Alioke Eatery,
4A Central Park Lane, Appleby,
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LORRAINE LINDSAY

Nelson@Ulysses.org.nz
021 276 5656

NORTH OTAGO

Various venues.
3rd Wednesday of each month.
Contact Glenda

GLENDA HAGENSON

n.otago@ulysses.org.nz
021 162 8110

OTAGO

First Tuesday. each month, 7pm
at the Otago M/C Club (OMCC)
rooms, 3 Clark St

MIKE WYATT

03 453 5287 / 027 642 8400
otago@ulysses.org.nz

ROTORUA

St John Ambulance Hall,
Peririka Street 7pm last
Sunday of the month

LEIGH-ANN CRANE

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SOUTH CANTERBURY

3rd Thursday of Month at 7pm
Ascot Sporthouse and Eatery
Washdyke, Timaru

GAVIN BARKER

021 468 979
s.canterbury@ulysses.org.nz

TARANAKI

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

MARTIN PEYERL

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027 203 5902

TAUMARUNUI

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

TONY RITCHIE

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027 475 0428

TAUPŌ

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

BART RHODES

Ph 027 522 7866

TAURANGA

Tauranga Citizen Club, 13th Ave;
Upstairs at 7.30, 3rd Tues monthly.

MARIUS (SWANIE) SWANEPOEL

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WAIHI-THAMES VALLEY

2nd Sunday monthly
2pm at the Paeroa RSA

CHRIS BROWN

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027 257 6602

WAIKATO

Hamilton Cossie Club
32 Claudelands Road,
Hamilton East
First Tuesday of every month
except Jan.

ALLAN BRUNSKILL

waikato@ulysses.org.nz
022 438 0627

WAIRARAPA

Club Carterton (RSA),
35 Broadway Street, Carterton.
3rd Monday monthly, 7:30pm

TONY ALLEN

wairarapa@ulysses.org.nz
027 432 5075

WELLINGTON

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

JIM FURNEAUX

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WESTLAND

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KERRY CHAPMAN

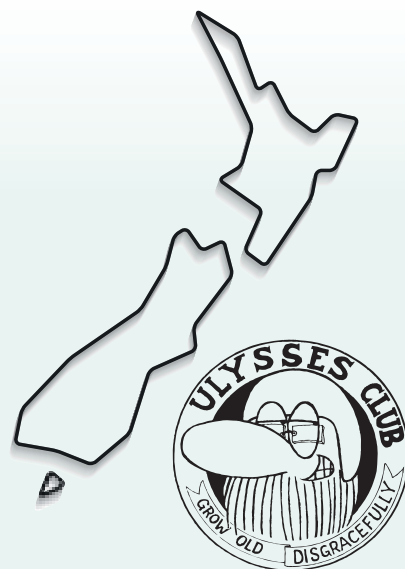
westland@ulysses.org.nz
027 472 8289

WHAKATANE

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

RICHARD BARNETT

JEREMY NEWELL
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RECIPES



Butter Chicken

Are you looking for a deliciously spicy meal to warm up your taste buds? If so, cook a simplified version of this well-loved Indian dish.

DIRECTIONS

- In a large, deep skillet, melt 2 tablespoons of butter. Cook the onions over medium-high heat until translucent. Add the garlic, ginger, curry paste, garam masala, curry powder, salt and cardamom and continue cooking for about 2 minutes. Pour the mixture into a blender and add the yogurt. Blend for a few seconds until smooth.
- In the same pan, melt the remaining butter. Add the spice paste, cream, honey, tomato paste and coconut milk. Whisk until all ingredients are incorporated.
- Bring the mixture to a boil and add the chicken. Reduce the heat and simmer for about 20 minutes or until the chicken is cooked through. Serve with basmati rice or naan bread.

Servings: 4

INGREDIENTS

- 4 Tbsp butter
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 1 Tbsp fresh ginger, grated
- 2 tsp curry paste
- 2 tsp garam masala
- 2 tsp curry powder
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp ground cardamom
- 1/4 cup plain yogurt
- 3/4 cup heavy cream
- 1 Tbsp honey
- 1 can tomato paste
- 1 can of coconut milk
- 1 kg boneless, skinless chicken thighs, cubed
- Salt and pepper, to taste



Blueberry Crisp

Blueberry crisp is a "berry" delicious antioxidant-packed treat.

DIRECTIONS

- Preheat the oven to 375 F.
- Place the blueberries in a large bowl and add the lemon juice. Sprinkle the mixture with the sugar and 2 tablespoons of flour. Mix well.
- Divide the mixture among 8 small ramekins or pour into a regular pie dish.
- In the same bowl, combine the cup of flour, oats, brown sugar and salt.
- Slowly pour in the melted butter to moisten all the ingredients. Then, spread the mixture evenly over the blueberries.
- Bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until the topping is golden brown.
- Meanwhile, lightly toast the chopped almonds in a pan.
- Remove the crisp(s) from the oven and let sit for 10 minutes before serving. Divide the toasted almonds among the crisp(s) and garnish with the other toppings, if desired.

Servings: 8

INGREDIENTS

- 4 cups fresh (or thawed) whole blueberries
- 2 Tbsp lemon juice
- 4 tablespoons sugar
- 1 cup and 2 Tbsp flour
- 1 cup oatmeal
- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- A pinch of salt
- 3/4 cup melted butter
- 1/2 cup almonds, coarsely chopped

FOR GARNISH (OPTIONAL)

- A few mint leaves
- 1/2 cup whole almonds
- 1/2 cup fresh blueberries

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1pm, Saturday, September 28th, 2024



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Afternoon tea and non-alcoholic drinks will be provided after the reading of names.

Later on after dinner, an 'after match function' for recovery and rehydration will be held in the TV lounge. 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 have been read out would expect nothing less of us.

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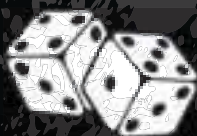
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Name..... Ulysses No.....
Pillion..... Ulysses No.....
Address.....
Email..... Phone No.....
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Signature Rider..... Signature Pillion

Email completed form to paulrobyn7@xtra.co.nz

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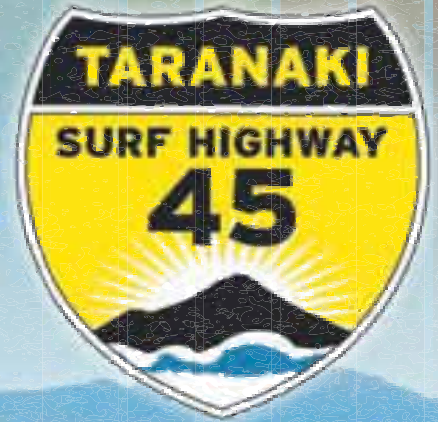
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11 - 13 April 2025

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Or email:
UlyssesTaranaki25@gmail.com

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Itinerary:

Friday 11 April

9.00am – 12.00pm – NatCom Meeting
1.00pm – 4.00pm - Coordinators' Meeting

12.00pm – Registrations Open

4.30pm – Bar opens

5.30pm – onwards – Welcome, Housekeeping,
Mix and Mingle, Games, Dinner

Saturday 12 April

8.00am – AGM Registrations

10.00am – 11.30am – AGM

12.00pm – 4.00pm – Ride and other non-ride
activities

4.00pm – Venue opens for evening

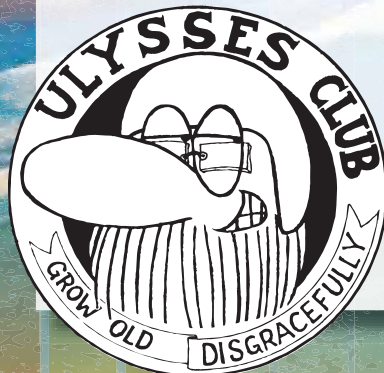
Theme: "Surf Highway 45"

7.30pm – Bike Raffle + other Prizes

8.00pm – "On Yer Bike" band starts

Sunday 13 April

8.00am – 10.00am – Breakfast & Farewells



ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

Flamingo Motel

355 Devon Street West, New Plymouth
(06) 758 8149
Distance to venue: 850m

Belt Road Seaside Holiday Park (Motorhomes and units)

2 Belt Road, New Plymouth
info@beltroad.co.nz
0800 804 204
Distance to venue: 1km

299 Ondevonwest Motel

299 Devon Street West, New Plymouth
info@the299motel.co.nz
(06) 757 9151
Distance to venue: 1.2km

The Dawson Motel

16 Dawson Street, New Plymouth
info@thedawsonmotel.co.nz
0800 581 177
Distance to venue: 1.8km

Bella Vista New Plymouth

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(06) 769 5932

Flamingo Braemar Motor Inn

152 Powderham Street, New Plymouth
braemarmotorinn@xtra.co.nz
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Kings & Queens Hotel Suites

Cnr King & Queen Street, New Plymouth
reservations@kingandqueen.co.nz
(06) 757 2999
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Millenium Hotel New Plymouth

1 Egmonth Street, New Plymouth
millenium.newplymouth@milleniumhotels.co.nz
(06) 769 5301

Brougham Heights Motel and Apartments

54 Brougham Street, New Plymouth
book@broughamheights.co.nz
0800 107 008
Distance to venue: 2.5km

Ducks & Drakes Boutique Backpackers

48 Lemon Street, New Plymouth
stay@ducksandrakes.co.nz
(06) 758 0404
Distance to venue: 3.2km

Landmark Manor Motel

72 Leach Street, New Plymouth
book@landmarkmanor.co.nz
0800 117 617
Distance to venue: 3.6km

Auto Lodge Motor Inn

393 Devon Street East, New Plymouth
reservations@autolodge.co.nz
(06) 759 9918

The Devon Hotel

390 Devon Street East, New Plymouth
mail@devonhotel.co.nz
0800 843 338
Distance to venue: 3.8km

Plymouth International Hotel

220 Courtenay Street, New Plymouth
reservations@plymouth.co.nz
0800 800 597
Distance to venue: 3.9km

Beach Street Motel Apartments

25 Beach Street Fitzroy, New Plymouth
info@beachstreetmotel.co.nz
(06) 757 2925
Distance to venue: 5.1km

Fitzroy Beach Holiday Park (Motorhomes and units)

1D Beach Street, Fitzroy, New Plymouth
bookings@fitzroybeach.co.nz
(06) 758 2870
Distance to venue: 5.4km

Top 10 New Plymouth Holiday Park (Motorhomes and units)

29 Princess Street, Fitzroy, New Plymouth
info@nptop10.co.nz
0800 758 256
Distance to venue: 5.7km

Various Motels up Coronation Avenue

Coronation Avenue
Distance to venue: 3.7 - 5.2km away

Ulysses Club NZ 2025 National Rally and AGM

2025 NZ ULYSSES



NATIONAL RALLY
AND AGM

11 - 13 April 2025

Venue: Paritutu Bowling Club,
445 St Aubyn St, Moturoa NP

Name _____ Address _____
 Ulysses Membership # _____ Tick if Coordinator and/or Natcom member _____
 Email _____ Ph _____
 Partner Name _____
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 and/or member _____ Branch _____

Options and payment	Number	Per person	Amount
National Rally/AGM Registration Fee - Payable by everyone attending		\$40	
National Rally Badge		\$10	
2025 Taranaki Badge		\$10	
Meals and drinks available for members and partners			
Friday evening - Meal: 'Smok'n Comrades' "Slow. Smoked. Seared." and Games Bar opens: 4.30pm		\$25	
Saturday afternoon - Juno Gin Tasting Tour - www.Junogin.com (Alternative option to Rally Ride)		\$25	
Saturday evening - Meal: 'Andersons Catering' with Live Band 'On Yer Bike' and Dancing. Bar Opens: 4pm		\$50	
DRESS UP! Prizes for BEST INTERPRETATIONS OF: SURF HIGHWAY 45 Please make every effort to dress up, it will be FUN!			
Sunday morning - Breakfast - 8am to 10am - 'The Tree House' treehousebar.co.nz/		\$22	
Please list any DIETARY REQUIREMENTS here:			
Rally Polo Shirt CUT OFF DATE FOR ORDERING IS JAN 31, 2025		\$45	
Rally T-Shirt CUT OFF DATE FOR ORDERING IS JAN 31, 2025		\$25	
Men: S M L XL 2XL 3XL 4XL 5XL			
Women: 8 10 12 14 16 18 20 22 24			
TOTAL (add total \$ here)			

**Registrations
close:
March 7, 2025**

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Payment by bank deposit or online banking to account number:
15-3949-0289502-01 Please include your surname and Ulysses number in the details
 Scan and email registration form to: UlyssesTaranaki25@gmail.com
 Registrations will be acknowledged via email.

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.

Rally Shirts

MALE POLO SHIRT & TSHIRT SIZES:

HALF CHEST (CM)

- S (52CM) • M (55CM) • L (58CM) • XL (62CM)
- 2XL (65CM) • 3XL (71CM) • 5XL (79CM)

LADIES POLO SHIRT & TSHIRT SIZES:

HALF CHEST (CM)

- 8 (46.5CM) • 10 (49CM) • 12 (51.5CM) • 14 (54CM)
- 16 (56.5CM) • 18 (59CM) • 20 (62CM)
- 22 (65CM) • 24 (68CM)



EXAMPLE:
Rally Polo Shirt
(Male cut)



EXAMPLE:
Rally T-Shirt
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