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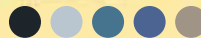
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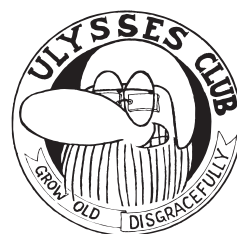
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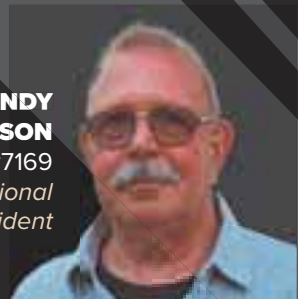
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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**ANDY  
WILSON**  
#7169  
National  
President



**At the time of writing this report the weather has picked up greatly and the Facebook pages are full of photos of rides, get-togethers and events. Just what Ulysses is all about.**

The National Bike Raffle tickets are selling well, and some branches are seeking more tickets, (we will supply if we have any returned unsold from branches. If branches do require extra books, please let me know and we will start a list. First in first served. It's great to see the support from the members for the Rider Safety Fund, which is there to subsidize rider training, First Aid courses and safety courses such as Crash Scene Management. A timely reminder to all branches – if your members attend or organise courses contact us for a subsidy or full payment depending on what the course is and who provided it. Also, the new high viz vests have arrived. So we have stock of sizes XL through to 5XL (See the Quartermaster's report for details).

The constitution is now

completed, and we just need to vote it through at the AGM to register it before November 2025. So if you do not attend the AGM please get your postal votes in. This needs to be passed so that we can remain an Incorporated Society. We have also a remit proposing an additional member onto the National Committee to help with the increased workload from the new rules.

The long-term plan is starting to increase events, such as Fone a Friend rides and also more branches hosting Ambulance rides, whether on Anzac Day or branches have chosen another date. Branches will need to contact Apex Trophies to order badges for their event; the latest date for orders will be 7th March. If branches want a quote, please contact Apex.

The Wairarapa branch is resurrecting the Gathering of the Clans this year, which is a get together of Ulyssians, primarily branches from the Central and Lower North Island, although every Ulyssian is

more than welcome – the more the merrier. This is to be held at Tui Brewery HQ at Mangatainoka on Sunday 2nd March. Pictures to be in the June Ulyssian. Well done Tony Allen and the Wairarapa crew.

Hopefully by now we have all registered for what is going to be a really great AGM in Taranaki; if not, get your registration sent in ASAP to help with numbers, as catering etc needs to be arranged. Hope to catch up with you there.

As some of you are aware AON Insurance has withdrawn its sponsorship for Ulysses on commercial grounds and decided to go with Surf Lifesaving which is more community based for now. However, we are in discussions with a large national entity and can hopefully announce this at the AGM. They are a really good fit for our club, and they seem very impressed with the number of charities supported by individual branches and what we get up to.

Another great thing at the

moment is the number of new members joining, so we must be doing something right, with branches getting out and about a bit more, and more of the population seeing us enjoying life on two wheels and the comradery we share. Remember we are such a great club because of who is in it, making "Growing Old Disgracefully" a lifestyle people want to be a part of.

The committee have decided to give branches a rebate for any new members signed up in March, so spread the word and recruit as many new members as you can.

Enjoy the rest of your summer on two wheels and keep the shiny side up. We will see you all in New Plymouth in April.

## **Until next time**

**ANDY WILSON #7169**  
National President  
Ulysses Club of New Zealand



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# VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

CRAIG MOODIE #8602



## **Rider Safety Fund: Tourniquets and Israeli Bandages available**

Over the past year, several first aid and accident scene management courses been conducted for our members. An important part of these courses is training on the proper use of tourniquets and specialized pressure bandages, such as Israeli bandages.

Given that motorcycle accidents often result in serious limb injuries, having the right equipment and training to stop bleeding effectively before emergency services arrive can be crucial in saving lives.

As part of our Rider Safety Fund, the Ulysses Club is offering Israeli bandages and tourniquets to members who have completed the training but have not obtained the equipment. To make this process more efficient, we will send out the equipment directly to branches upon request from the branch coordinator or secretary. This ensures it goes to trained members who plan to use them on club rides.

*For any enquiries, please contact me directly at [vice.p@ulysses.org.nz](mailto:vice.p@ulysses.org.nz).*

## **New Constitution Remit at Our AGM**

As many of you are aware, new legislation has been introduced for Incorporated Societies. In response, a constitution has been drafted to comply with the updated regulations. This constitution will be put to a vote at the upcoming AGM in Taranaki. Passing this constitution is essential to maintain our society's registration.

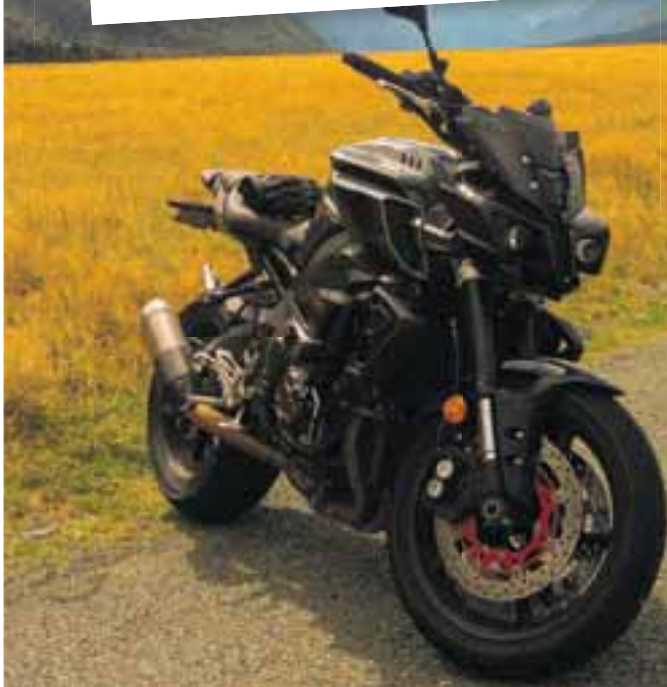
If you are unable to attend the AGM in person, we encourage you to cast a postal vote.

**A link to the new constitution was sent out to all members via email last year. If you did not receive it and would like a copy, please contact myself or Debby our administrator: email [admin@ulysses.org.nz](mailto:admin@ulysses.org.nz), or if you don't have access to email, call 0800 ULYSSES and request one.**

*I wish you all the best for the year ahead and look forward to catching up with you at the AGM.*

*Cheers,*

**CRAIG MOODIE #8602**



# NATIONAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

SUZIE PENTELOW  
#8532



**This is my last report as national secretary! WOW!! I have really, really enjoyed holding this National Committee role, which I took over in 2020. Tiny (Tim Stewart) was the president then and we were all really lucky to be able to attend and get home safely from the Blenheim National Rally. COVID-19 was starting to take hold of the country and I still can't work out how we weren't one of the initial 'super-spreader' events! Pure luck or a bunch of tough buggers I guess?**

There were a bunch of firsts during my time as national secretary and looking back, I think the National AGM we had to hold by post in March 2022 was the most intense. We were so lucky to have the knowledge of Stuart Burns and Jim Furneaux to guide us through this major undertaking.

There have been a number of truly great Natcom committee members come and go while I've been secretary and they have all been strong supporters of what it means to be a Ulyssian and had the best intentions at heart for the Ulysses Club and its branches. I also want to thank Debby Morgan, our wonderful national administrator for being the professional and awesome 'backbone' to our club. The information Debby has stored away in her head is amazing and she was always there to happily answer any questions I had.

I'm hoping to stay on the National Committee (if the second remit passes) to continue the work on the national strategic plan, as I want to bring as many of

the ideas we have collected over time to fruition.

Lastly, thank you to you all - I've enjoyed getting to know so many members over the last four years and made many friends... Here's to growing old disgracefully together!!

## **Taranaki 2025 Rally and AGM - Paritutu Bowling Club, New Plymouth**

I hope many of you are registered to attend our annual Ulysses National Rally being hosted for the very first time by the Taranaki branch, starting on Friday the 11th of April and finishing on Sunday the 13th. I have played a very small part on the organising committee and I can tell you all that they are all talented, enthusiastic and committed Ulyssians, whose main goal at this Rally is to make sure you all have the best time and are well looked after!

I'm looking forward to seeing how each branch has interpreted the dress-up theme for this year - 'Surf Highway 45'.

In this edition of the Ulyssian you will again find the agenda for the National AGM to be held on Saturday the 12th of April 2025 at 10am at the Paritutu Bowling Club in New Plymouth. One change is that Aon won't be doing a presentation.

## **Odyssey and Life Member Medals**

Thanks to those who

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

## **Branch AGMs**

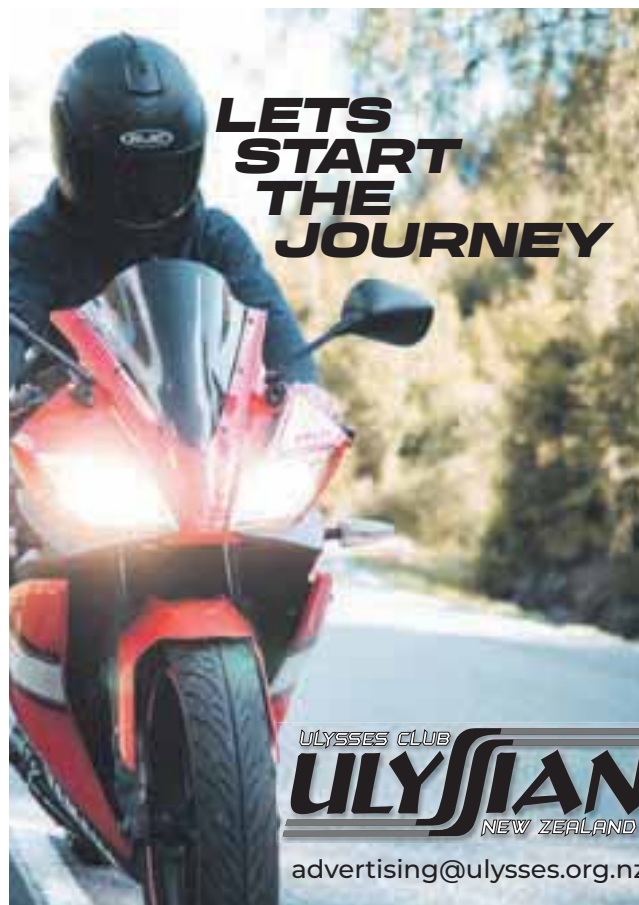
There is one change of date for the Auckland branch in the list, so check it to make sure you have the right date on your calendar. Could all branch secretaries PLEASE make sure that you add to your agenda 'Choose the date, time, venue etc for your 2026 branch AGM'. This way, once you have sent Debbie

your 2025 AGM minutes (plus coordinator's and financial report) she will be able to see and record this information immediately, instead of having to chase you all up in November for the December Ulyssian.

Also - if you have a change of officers, please send Debbie and Debby (our national administrator) their contact details for our records - Thanks :-).

**See you all at the Taranaki Rally and AGM!!**

**SUZIE PENTELOW #8523**  
National Secretary



# NATIONAL TREASURER'S REPORT



**VICKY  
NODA**  
#9990

**Hi everyone! I hope you've all had a fantastic summer, managed many hours of seat time on amazing rides with good friends (old and new) that ended at unique and favourite destinations and filled your soul with joy.**

This will be my last treasurer's report, some bits drafted by our lovely honorary accountant Stuart, and I'm looking forward to handing the reins over to Chris Groube this month and concentrating my spare Ulysses time on the strategic plan and our club's future.

The 2024 Statement of Financial Performance records a surplus for the year of \$11,480 after taking account the costs associated with the biennial coordinators meeting of \$14,347. This result compares favourably with the surplus in 2023 of \$23,223.

Subscriptions & joining fees were down slightly from \$102,974 in 2023 to \$100,833. While we continue to get a steady stream of new members into the club, the age profile of our membership base means that many of our members are ceasing to be involved in motorcycling either due to age or riding on. Our current membership age mix is as follows.

Age of Membership	Percentage
86-95	2.2%
76-85	22.7%
66-75	45.9%
56-65	22.9%
46-55	5.6%
16-45	0.7%

Interest Income from our term deposits was up by \$3,289. At 31 December 2024, the average interest rate for our term deposit investments was 6.03%, in 2023 it was 5.78% and in 2022 it was 3.56%. However, interest rates are on the decline, and this will impact on the club income for 2025.

The net cost of the magazine decreased by \$2,958 over 2023's total. Despite the increases in production and postage costs we managed to achieve cost improvement by limiting the size of the magazine, while the great work by Georgina Collins maintained our advertising base. We are still looking at ways to keep decreasing the cost of the magazine while still producing a paper copy for those members who prefer to hold their reading material and also to keep our advertisers.

Unfortunately, we were advised late last year that AON would not be renewing their sponsorship agreement with the club past August 2024. AON have been club sponsors and supporters for many years, and we thank them for this. The impact of this in the 2024 accounts was a reduction in sponsorship income of \$2,500. This will also impact the members Ulysses discount at 2025 policy renewal time regrettably.

Natcom continues to deal with business via email and zoom with only two face-to-face meetings taking place during the year now, one of these in conjunction with the National Rally/AGM and the other in conjunction with the co-ordinators meeting, meaning with online technology these days we can save so much more money than before.

During the year Natcom undertook work on the development of a constitution based on the club's existing rules, to enable the club to be re-registered under the new Incorporated Societies Act club rules. Legal expenses of \$2,130 were incurred as part of this process. The new constitution will be presented to members for adoption at the club 2025 AGM.

Although attendance at our National Rally/AGM in North Shore was down on previous years a great time was had by all attendees, and it was great to see that North Harbour Branch made a surplus of \$2,528 which

enabled \$1,264 to be added to the AGM Equalisation Reserve, this will help to cover the shortfall of costs for the 2025 AGM that the club's sponsorship income usually covers.

The annual bike raffle was a quick sellout as usual and provided a great surplus of \$8,948 for the year 2024 (2023 \$3,046). Funds from the raffle are used to support rider safety initiatives and training within the clubs' members. During the last year funding was applied towards numerous rider training reimbursements and subsidies towards the new motorcycle riding vests that we've been trying to stock again for ages. Further subsidies will be applied in relation to the second order of 100 vests which are currently on their way.

Our lovely administrator Debby, who has been the mainstay of Ulysses NZ, looking after the club's accounts, database and shop is sadly retiring this year after 20 years of service. From every single Ulyssian, new, old, and passed, we thank you for your time, effort, patience, and dedication to our club for so long, we hope you enjoy your retirement and getting more time back for yourself and your family.

Thank you for all your guidance in the last two years Stuart, doing the next level accounting stuff in the background when you had been so looking forward to stepping back more, hopefully you can do that now with fellow accountant Chris on deck. And to the rest of the awesome Natcom members who freely give up their time in order to support our club, I look forward to hopefully continuing on the committee and working with you into the next few years.

Keep the shiny side up team xx

**VICKY NODA #9990**

National Treasurer  
12th January 2025

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# Strategic Plan

update

## *Where we are at:*

- Tony Hickmott #10416 has written a second article in this *Ulyssian*, 'Ulysses through the Generations', showcasing younger members joining in through family connections.
- New member packs are now being sent to branch coordinators, so that they can present these to 'newbies' at a branch event, to make the most of this special event.
- New member packs are being updated.
- The revised 'Membership Directory' is being planned, with opt-in forms being made available first at the National Rally, then to all branches.
- The cost of the *Ulyssian* is under scrutiny with various ideas being looked at. The Taranaki branch is trialling one idea of branches distributing the magazine internally and not via post. They are receiving their members' March magazines in a carton and will distribute them at events and on rides. We are hoping to have their feedback on how this went (the good and the bad) for the coordinators meeting in April.
- The PR video needs updating to reflect associate members, so this process has started.
- At the upcoming National Rally, we will be getting a photo of all the women riders (probably just before the Saturday ride). This will be used for PR to help us attract more women riders to our awesome club.
- Purchased each branch one 'teardrop' flag for PR purposes.

**Our four 2025 nationally coordinated events are being planned and contact has been initiated with Ride Forever, St John's and the Women's Refuge. Please put these 'save the dates' on your calendars, so you are free to join in.**

More information will come out as these develop and start telling other local clubs, so they can join in too.

*April*

**Ambulance Runs** - All on ANZAC DAY 26th April or the Saturday after (27th)

*September*

**Motorcycle Awareness Month (MAM)** - either the Sat or Sun 13/14th September.

*November*

**'Ride for (Women's) Refuge'** - Saturday 29th Nov.

*February*

**'Fone' a Friend ride** - Hopefully by now, all branches would have held something to invite motorcycling friends to and showed off what a great bunch we are.

Don't forget - each new member your branch signs up in March will get you \$10 for whatever your branch wants. The Wairapa branch had already had an 'Invite your Friends' event late last year, so they have shown initiative and have started up the 'Meeting of the Clans' event again. Awesome work! We love it!

**Suzie Pentelow & Vicky Noda**

# ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

DEBBY MORGAN



## **My final report.**

As I was about to write my report, I realised (sadly), that this is likely to be my last one as the National Administrator for the club. After 20 years I will be signing off in July, once my successor feels comfortable enough to carry on and take the club (administratively speaking) to a better place.

It has been a really interesting ride, as with all roles, some highs and some lows, but mostly a really enjoyable position.

As this is my 'other' job, I am constantly reminded of the absolute dedication and commitment of your National Committees over the years and feel very privileged to have been a part of them.

I cannot start to name the names of those I have worked with/for, as this could end badly, and I may leave someone out that should be included. Suffice to say, a VERY BIG thank you to all National Committee members over the past 20 years, for your support, tolerance and patience.

Finally, to you, the members, my absolute main priority. Without you, I would not have experienced so much enjoyment and satisfaction, sadness at losing some very long-standing members, and laughter as you all find a reason to smile and make me smile with you. I sincerely THANK YOU, such small words but they mean so much.

There would be no need for me, if it wasn't for the club's very loyal members.

I know I am leaving the club in very good hands and look forward to seeing the Facebook posts, hearing and reading how you are 'growing old disgracefully' keeping true to the club's motto.

## **Membership Stats**

It is a bit disconcerting to see membership numbers continue to decline. The good news is, resigned or lapsed members for 2024 are less than the previous year, currently at 295, but I believe we still have a few of these members who advised they will renew.

However, it does mean that our current active membership has reduced to 1454, down by a total of 80 members from the previous year.

I continue to receive a number of enquiries through the website from prospective members; this information is then passed on to the local coordinator in the area where these potential members reside.

Please remember this is NOT an application to join the club as they still need to meet the criteria on the application joining form. This can only be signed off by a branch coordinator or secretary; I as administrator, cannot approve membership directly from this form.

## **Gear items/National Rally stock**

As Karen has mentioned in her article, by the time this goes to print, I will

have all the sizes of the long awaited hi viz vests, therefore those branches who pre ordered will have also received them.

As these items are very bulky and expensive to post, they will only be available from your branch quartermaster. Please do not order them directly through me.

It is customary to supply gear items to purchase at the national rally, however Karen Wilson and I have discussed this with the outcome being, there will be limited items available to purchase on the day.

I.E. Tribal design shirts, other logo T's etc will be available only as sample stock and orders will be taken at the rally. This ensures we can maintain stock levels, lowering the cost to the club, so they are not sitting on the shelf until the following year's national rally.

Other memorabilia items will be available to purchase on the day, so make sure you bring some cash... please.

See you there.

*Debby Morgan*

— National Administrator

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# QUARTERMASTERS REPORT

KAREN WILSON #7787

I am really pleased to be able to let you know that we have now received a new shipment of the Scoyco hi viz vests.

So, now we have XL; 2XL; 3XL; 4XL and 5XL. I have attached photos. I took samples to the coordinators meeting last year so if your coordinator was there they will vouch for the quality.

They will be for sale at \$60.00 each. They cost the club just over \$120 each and we are subsidizing these through our Rider Safety Fund. These have to be purchased through your branches. Your coordinator or quartermaster will take orders and payment into your branch account and send the order through to our administrator. We are doing this as the postage individually is horrific, and we are trying to keep the price down for members.

Remember when you order, they go over your riding jacket, so you don't want it too small. They will also come with a Ulysses logo that will have velcro on the back to swap out with the Scoyco velcro label on the chest.

We will have a sample of each size for you to try on at the National AGM & Rally in New Plymouth in April.

Don't forget these have to be ordered and purchased through your branch. You cannot get them individually from the administrator.

Hope to see you in New Plymouth. **KAREN WILSON #7787**

National Quartermaster



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#10798	Andrew Morris.....Far North	#10775	Bernie Lepper.....Nelson
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#10795	Selma Karsten.....Waihi-Thames Valley	#10772	Peter O'Connor.....Wellington
#10794	Robin Monk.....Canterbury	#10771	Jeff Ross.....Canterbury
#10793	Kerre McKinley.....Waihi-Thames Valley	#10770	Bruce Bankier-Perry.....Waihi-Thames Valley
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#10785	Michelle Hickmott.....Hawkes Bay	#10761	Darren Hill.....Rotorua
#10784	Andrew Kain.....Far North	#10760	Paul Ewans.....Taranaki
#10783	Derek Taylor.....Far North	#10759	Simon Yates.....Auckland
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# Important Information and Call to Action



The 2025 National Rally and AGM in Taranaki is fast approaching, and we are eagerly preparing for this significant event. Mark your calendars! The cut-off date for registration is the 7th of March, 2025. This deadline allows the committee ample time to finalize preparations, ensuring a successful and smooth event.

## IMPORTANCE OF TIMELY REGISTRATION

We have noticed that the registration count has been slow so far. It is crucial for coordinators to encourage members to register before the cut-off date. Early registration helps us finalize numbers, create a seamless schedule, and cater to everyone's needs efficiently.

## COORDINATOR AND NATCOM MEMBER REGISTRATION

To date, only about six coordinators have registered. It is important to note that the registration fee of \$40.00 is covered by Natcom. Therefore, coordinators do not need to pay this fee themselves. When completing the registration form, simply tick the box indicating that you are a coordinator or Natcom member. This will automate the fee payment process, ensuring a hassle-free registration experience.

## REGISTRATION FORM AND QUERIES

Included in this booklet is the registration form. The form includes all necessary contact details in case you have any queries or require further assistance. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you need any help with the registration process.

## CONCLUSION

Your timely efforts in encouraging registrations are highly appreciated. Together, we can ensure that the 2025 National Rally and AGM in Taranaki is a memorable and successful event for all participants.

Should there be any questions please make contact as per the registration form.

Email: [UlyssesTaranaki25@gmail.com](mailto:UlyssesTaranaki25@gmail.com)

Thank you in advance, we look forward to seeing you there!

**BILL KIDNEY #7217**

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Event parking (over 288hrs)	\$300
Event parking (over 312hrs)	\$325
Event parking (over 336hrs)	\$350
Event parking (over 360hrs)	\$375
Event parking (over 384hrs)	\$400
Event parking (over 408hrs)	\$425
Event parking (over 432hrs)	\$450
Event parking (over 456hrs)	\$475
Event parking (over 480hrs)	\$500
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Event parking (over 552hrs)	\$575
Event parking (over 576hrs)	\$600
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Event parking (over 624hrs)	\$650
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Event parking (over 696hrs)	\$725
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# **Ulysses,** *through the* **Generations**

**Ulysses for me is a family environment where we make lifelong friendships over a shared passion of motorcycling. For some, though, the passion is shared by family members, and to no greater extent than in the Hawkes Bay branch where three generations of one family live life on two wheels.**

Through their words as shared to me, I want to convey to you the experiences and memories of three family members who all share the common love of motorcycles, and also their time as Ulysses members.

*Being the ever reserved and quiet*



*fellow, John Woodcock has shared his memories of Maurie.*

At the end of 1987, Maurie Bridge #18 was involved with other New Zealand members in forming the fledgling New Zealand branch of Ulysses. The very first branch meeting of this newly formed Napier branch was held in Maurie's shed, at 14 Trinity Cres, Pirimai, Napier. Naturally many a party was held there too. Some of the other original members that attended branch meetings and parties there were David Willingham #6, Gary Partridge #7 and Lloyd Cox #20. David Willingham was also flatting with Maurie at this time in Trinity Cres.

Maurie attended the New Zealand Ulysses first AGM in Taupo. This was also called "The 1st New Zealand National Ride In", in April of 1988. To this he rode a Honda GL400. This was also the bike he owned when he first joined. At this meeting Maurie was made the 1st official Napier Branch coordinator, even though it was for all of only three months, by newly made national president Lloyd Cox. When Lloyd was made national president, he threw Maurie the Napier branch coordinator's badge, saying, "Looks like you're it".

Maurie has been a member of the Napier branch, Tauranga, Taranaki, Tauranga again and then back to what is now

Hawkes Bay branch where he is still a member to this day. It is now 35 years since he first joined Ulysses in 1987. This is just some of what I have learnt about Maurie, or as I respectfully call him, Pop.

*John Woodcock now tells us his journey into the world of Ulysses and how he became a member of the Hawkes Bay branch.*

For me, my journey on two wheels started in 1985, with me getting my learner then full licence. My father owned a Yamaha RD50, which he used as an every day runner. On the odd occasion I was able to go out for a hoon on it; as I remember I was able to use it to complete a defensive riding course at the then Hawkes Bay Polytech.

1995 saw me owning my own bike finally, a 1970 Triumph T100R Daytona, 500cc of triumph fun. That bike was so much fun on twisty roads. Taught me to spanner check, with bolts always rattling loose.

Now riding a 2021 Triumph Bonneville T100 Black the roads have opened up to miles of fun and excitement as Ulysses #10181.

The comradery, the fellowship, the common enjoyment of motorcycles is what Ulysses is all about to me. Miles ridden together; yarns told; these are all part of it.

There can be no feeling better for a father, than to enjoy the road with his son, to share the thrill of the ride



*country. Now the family has three generations as members of Ulysses*

*And with that we have the final member of the family with their thoughts.*

Name's Alex; I've been riding since I was a kid on a dirt bike. Growing up I remember my pop, aka Maurie, always owning a bike, especially the Goldwing. I started on the road with a 89 ZXR 250 and slowly worked my way up to bigger bikes. I currently ride a Gen 1 Hayabusa.

enjoyed it so far. I can't wait to be retired so I can have the free time to attend all the rides.

*A real family affair with two wheels has lead them all to our club by their own paths but it has given the family a true connection to each other and to Ulysses.*

together. To create memories, a common bond that will last throughout their lives. I can say that I have watched from behind my handlebars while following my son lean into corners and power away on smooth lines and to feel the same passion that he feels and to know the same joy of riding.

*With the change in membership requirements there came the opportunity for another member of the family to join the ranks. Alex, John's stepson has now since joined, as one of the first Associate Members in the*

I joined Ulysses because Pop rode with them and my step dad John had joined as well, so it was a good way to get out on the bikes with a group for decent rides. I have learned a lot in Ulysses. It was the first group where I have ridden with more than a handful of bikes, and learnt techniques for riding in groups safely. As soon as I was able to join as an associate I did, and I have



# 2025 MOTORBIKE RAFFLE

**Drawn on Saturday, April 12th, 2025**

At: Paritutu Bowling Club, 445 St Aubyn Street, Motoroa, New Plymouth.

**PRIZE New Motorcycle, of Winner's Choice!\***

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**Lottery Drawn:** Between 7.30pm and 9.30pm, Saturday 12 April, 2025

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**Results Published:** NZ Herald & The Press, 17 April, 2025 & Ulyssian, June 2025

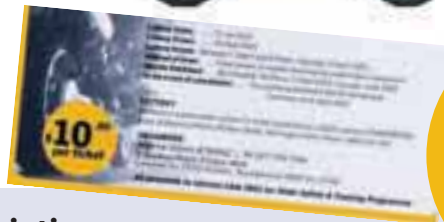
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<b>KAWASAKI</b>	MTM890A ..... \$18,555	F800GS ..... \$21,500
NINJA 500 X 2 BIKES ..... \$18,198	YZFR7 LAMS ..... \$15,107	<b>BSA</b>
2650 LAMS ..... \$12,699	YZFR7HO ..... \$16,107	GOLD STAR X2 BIKES ..... \$23,980
NINJA 650 LAMS ..... \$13,599	YZ250X TRAIL 2 STROKE ..... \$15,248	
NINJA 650 FULL POWER ..... \$13,399	YFZ450R SPORT ATV ..... \$20,109	<b>11 Manufacturers - 44 bikes to choose from</b>
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# UPDATE FROM THE WINNER OF THE **2024 ULYSSES RAFFLE**

*Lewis Pass with Yamaha*

**On the 20th of April 2024 I received the bike I chose from the long list of bikes in the raffle. From the moment I was informed by Andy that I had won the raffle I was faced with a slight problem: the bikes listed were mostly bikes I didn't know anything about or what they even looked like. Some I was familiar with and some of the bikes on the raffle ticket were bikes I would like to own. I had to go on a mission to Christchurch and have a look at the one I might choose. Andy told me not to let on to any dealer that I was the winner of the raffle.**

I looked at the different makes and especially bikes I really thought I would like but I had made up my mind the bike I would chose had to be light, and low enough for an old

bloke like me to climb onto (because I'm 74). Riding comfort is important because I like longer rides and living at Hokitika we have a fair distance to go anywhere. The roads on the coast suit light, easy-to-handle bikes as well. After much spying on dealers I found myself in Trevor Pierce Yamaha looking at the different models which I hadn't seen before. Sharron, the sales lady, let me sit on the different sized ones and I found the MT 07 to be light and low.

They had a demonstration bike available for the test ride, and after a ride I found it was comfortable so I chose that. Ulysses included the extras for the bike which was the top box and Panniers. Since owning it I have been back to Trevor Pierce for its services

and also a clutch plate replacement done under warranty by Yamaha. I have added a radiator protector and the lower engine protection fairing as well as the windscreen. The bike's just what I wanted and now has 13,208kms on it.

Since I got it the minimum distance it would do each time it was started would be about 50km. Average rides around 200 up to almost 600 for a return ride to Christchurch. I've never idled it around. I cruise about 100 to 110 most of the time and on a trip from Motueka to Greymouth it used 10 litres to cover the 293kms. With the 14 litre tank it's a great little cruiser.

**DAVID HEALY #9034.**

# 2024-25 *Helicopter Hunt*

CAPTAIN CAREFREE #3497



**I'm unsure how long this event has been running, or who started it, but I know Thea played a major part in organizing the event for quite a few years with Bruce and Maree taking over the reigns some years back.**

Basically, a seek-and-ye-shall-find event, those signing up get emailed a list of questions for which they must find the answers, with the sum of the entry fees going towards the local rescue chopper appeal.

Now you can (or could), Google a lot of the answers but that's not the point, is it. Not only is the money raised going to a good cause, but it also provides a legitimate excuse for going for a ride. I mean to say, who is going to say no, you're not going for a ride, the lawns need mowing, when it's all for a good cause, eh?

Picking a fine weather window in what has been a pretty bloody average Christmas period of just grot, I rode west towards the first checkpoint at Greyney's Shelter. 138km. So now you know where one of the answers can be found 2 – but you'll have to sign up to see what the question was, won't you.

The answer to question two I found at the Greenstone Cemetery on the

Kumara Inchbonnie Road. 223kms. Rides like this, and especially the iconic TT2000, will take you to places you've never been to before, and this was one of them.

Question three took me to the old Arahura bridge and from there, seeking the answer to question four, further on to Kowhitirangi and the Stanley Graham Memorial. 283km.

There was a group of riders at Stumpers Bar-n-Grill, Hokitika when I pulled up for breakfast and a coffee. They were doing pretty much what I was doing, getting a ride in before the weather shat itself again.

It was time to fill up, which I did at Z, Greymouth, putting in just under 17litres with 346kms so far. Charlotte was enjoying this. She's a good girl, and not just anyone's good girl. She's mine, all mine. She holds 21 litres and I've never run her dry to see exactly what I'll get out of a tank. I guess it's how you ride that ultimately determines how far you'll get, but 20-25kms per litre for that amount of horse power is pretty damned good, I think.

Blackball and the Pike River Mine Memorial was next on the list of

questions. You know, if the Wet-n-Forget boys or the 30 Seconds 'splay and wall away' team want a real challenge, then this is the place.

I have always enjoyed the ride up from Stillwater, through Moonlight and Atarau to Ikamatua. It's a lovely road with lovely sweeping bends and just plain good fun, oft with little traffic to interrupt one's flow.

The old schoolhouse at Blackwater, on the road to Waiuta, was where I found the answer to question six.

With 440kms clocked, thus half the Hunt completed and getting close to lunchtime, I called into friends at Reefton for a cuppa. Dennis got into riding a few years ago and is now a TT2000 addict. The Mistress of Miles has well and truly sunk her claws into him, so we discussed the 2025 ride and who was doing what checkpoints and where was mystery no.8? Katherine shares the same opinion as my wife, resigned to the fact that when the website goes online, accepting the fact their husbands will be "Yellow Brick Roading", laptop on knees, oblivious to what's going on around them, night after night in front of the tele with Google Maps and MapsMe.

Inangahua, Murchison, tick, tick, two more done, I headed south towards Springs Junction. It was on this leg of the ride that my happy bubble was burst when I was unexpectedly interviewed by a humorless member of the strategic traffic enforcement program.

Suddenly from behind a bush appeared blue and red disco lights and a white SUV right up my freckle. Signaling thumbs up, yeah, yeah ok, ok, I'll pull over but not here, it wasn't safe, he turned them off until I found a shoulder with enough room.

I was confused, pissed off. The kick in the nuts was that I thought I was being a good boy; but no, apparently not, because I thought I was under the speed limit. In fact, I was slowing down for the impending speed reduction sign up ahead.

Before he'd walked up to me, I had my helmet and balaclava off and asking what the hell had I done wrong?

"You were speeding. 94 in an 80."

"No, I wasn't. It's 100 here, the 80 starts just up there."

"No Sir, its starts back there now."

I was then asked for my license, which he photographed, and if Charlotte was road worthy, WOF'd, rego'd and was that a 'O' or a '0' on the plate? I looked at him, incredulous, and said a 0 has an oblique line through it. It's obviously an O, besides Sir, you would have read all this on your laptop when you stopped behind me and looked it up, including any outstanding warrants and demerits, which incidentally, I don't have.

I was asked how I knew this. Doesn't matter, I replied.

Apparently, there was no coverage. The results of this survey would arrive by mail, which it did and again I wondered how come NZ Post can deliver these letters within days, yet private mail can take weeks? Go figure.

Calling into the NPD at Springs Junction (607kms) for a quick splash-n-dash, which would see me home, I got talking to a couple in a campervan from Alexandra, who having seen the patch on my vest, were previous competitors in the Chatto Creek 1000 miler. They too had nearly fallen foul of the same officer, had it not been for a motorist flashing a warning. The Marble Hill Campsite provided quick pause for yet another answer before I continued, my ride through the Lewis pretty much f\_\_ked up, the 20 demerits and pending donation to the Dole Bludgers/Job Avoiders benefit casting a downer on what had been a bloody good ride.

A two-scoop ice cream at Hamner, where it was a race to eat it before it dissolved in the heat, provided some respite. Oh, and the answer to question 10.

The iconic sheep statues at Waikari provided the penultimate answer and from there it was a straight run through to home, the holiday traffic from the Waipara turn-off to Lincoln frustrating slow.

852kms and an easy 12 hours for the day.

My sincere thanks to Bruce and Maree Vincent for organizing this event.

**CAPTAIN CAREFREE #3497**





**APRILIA TUAREG RACING READY FOR THE 2025 AFRICA ECO RACE AT THE START, DEFENDING CHAMPION JACOPO CERUTTI, FRANCESCO MONTANARI, AND MARCO MENICHINI ASTRIDE THE APRILIA TUAREG RALLY**

Milan, 23 December 2024 – The Aprilia Tuareg Racing Team gears up to tackle the most eagerly awaited challenge of the year: the 2025 edition of the Africa Eco Race, which will officially start on 28 December in Monte-Carlo. After their winning debut last year, Aprilia Tuareg Racing has set sights on the ambitious goal of defending the 2024 title. Defending champion, Jacopo Cerutti, will be striving to replicate his successful 2024 performance, where he won in his rookie season, making the Tuareg a reference motorcycle in this legendary rally raid. Riding alongside him will be Francesco Montanari, who already participated in the 2024 edition, demonstrating consistent improvement, as well as new entry, Marco Menichini, a promising young rider making his debut astride the Tuareg Rally in the Junior class, which is reserved for competitors under 25 years of age.

Following the start with the classic presentation parade in Monte-Carlo on Saturday, 28 December, bikes and vehicles will set out for the African continent to begin the 12 stages. The 2025 Africa Eco Race will start from Tangier on 31 December and will end on 12 January at the legendary Lac Rose in Dakar. The route for this 16th edition will include a total of 5,903 km, including 3,572 km of timed sections, crossing over the gorgeous landscapes of Morocco, Mauritania, and Senegal.

During 2024, in preparation for the Africa Eco Race, the Aprilia Tuareg, developed in collaboration with the Guareschi brothers' GCorse, dominated the national and international rally raid scene. Some of the more noteworthy wins include the title in the Motorally G-1000 class, victory in the Hellas Rally Raid M6 class, and triumph in the multi-cylinder class of the Baja Aragón, also with Jacopo Cerutti. These results confirm the competitiveness and exceptional performance of the Tuareg on any type of terrain, ready to leave its mark in the 2025 Africa Eco Race as well, for the second year in a row.

**JACOPO CERUTTI**

*"The dream is to win again, in spite of the fact that there are almost 4,000 km of timed*

*sections extremely demanding along the way where anything can happen. In the Africa Eco Race, navigation is always a huge challenge and each day can hold surprises all the way to the last mile. I have trained as well as I can and everything has gone according to plan, so I feel like I'm ready. I'm confident that we will be able to win some of the stages and achieve a good overall position. All that's left now is to start and to give it our all!"*

**FRANCESCO MONTANARI**

*"I can't wait to start! I've been working hard all year to be as prepared as possible for this race and I think that I'm ready. The goal is to improve on last year's result and to try and put pressure on my rivals in the top end of the standings. I'm obviously also dreaming of taking home some satisfaction and – why not? – even winning some of the stages!"*

**MARCO MENICHINI**

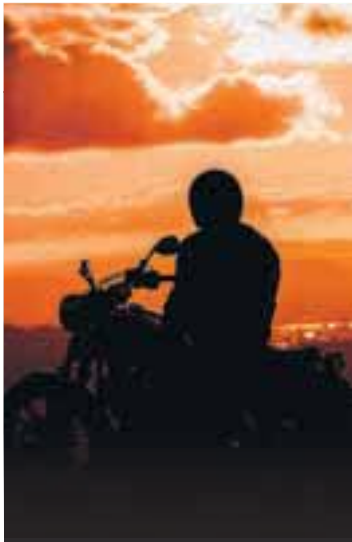
*"This will be my second Africa Eco Race and tackling it with new colours and a new bike, has already given us outstanding sensations, it is truly a moving experience. I am pumped up and motivated, as is the team, with which a great feeling developed straight away. The race promises to be demanding with extremely long stages both in Morocco during the first week and in Mauritania the second week, where we'll also be tackling lots of sand dunes. The main goal is to finish the race and to bring home the best possible result. We know that in a race like this one there are countless variables at play, but we'll be giving one hundred percent."*

**VITTORIANO GUARESCHI**

*"We'll be starting with the number 1 on the fairing, so this year all eyes will be on us, but we know how to be ready. We've had outstanding pre-race preparation, with several tests which have provided extremely positive feedback and we've also participated in and won international races, as well as winning the Italian Motorally Championship title. We'll have three bikes on the track for this edition. In addition to Jacopo and Francesco, Marco will also be with us, thereby upping our commitment compared with last year. It will be a demanding race, but we know that we have a highly competitive bike and riders who are skilled and confident in their own capabilities."*

**MASSIMO RIVOLA**

*"After last year's outstanding performance, it's hard not to be optimistic about this edition, although being defending champs comes with great responsibility. It won't be easy to repeat the performance, partly because our rivals are even more prepared. Jacopo is in grand form and he is determined to demonstrate his full potential. We are also counting on Montanari's experience, who showed us his value last year, and on Marco Menichini's skills in the Junior class. We are confident in the Guareschi Team's great performance."*



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# ACC levy

....are we being ripped off or what?

Unless you have been hibernating under a tree, I'm sure you all are aware that the ACC is significantly increasing the ACC levy payable by motorcyclists.

I've seen different figures published based on differing assumptions...this is my take on it.

Current ACC levy, 600cc up, is \$397.18 plus registration plus Motorcycle Safety Levy (MSL) plus admin plus GST – currently giving \$538.44.

25/26 for 750cc up, this will be \$643.29 plus rego/MSL/admin/GST totalling \$805.37-ish.

0-250cc	\$440.21
251-600cc	\$589.61
601-750cc	\$589.61
751cc+	\$805.37

26/27 ACC plans to introduce a 25% discount on the ACC levy if a Ride Forever course is done every two years. The below again are my estimations.

26/27	with training discount		
27/28	with training discount		
0-250cc	\$469.36	\$364.56	
0-250cc	\$498.78	\$386.66	
251-600cc	\$637.59	\$490.73	
251-600cc	\$678.41	\$521.38	
601-750cc	\$637.59	\$490.73	
601-750cc	\$678.41	\$521.38	
751cc+	\$873.24	\$667.46	
751cc+	\$931.05	\$710.86	

No other special interest group I can find pays ACC levies on a per item basis. Yes, sports clubs etc pay ACC levies, but it is on a club basis, not the responsibility of the individual. We only do it because there is a mechanism in place for it already which ACC leverages.

We are expected to cover 40% of the cost to ACC for motorcycle accidents; this includes the estimated 40% of accidents where the bike or rider is illegal (e.g. no WOF or no licence). As of October 2024 there were 94,937

licensed bikes in NZ, 97,420 on hold (many probably due to the current cost) and 22,409 unlicensed. The on hold and unlicensed numbers will undoubtedly increase due to these changes, so it seems unlikely they will reach their budgeted income.

This cost is calculated by the ACC on what appears to be very dodgy data. Some is collected by police but also by people who can have little knowledge of motorcycling (e.g. a nurse at A&E).

There are other special interest groups that cost ACC millions of dollars to support. The classic is cyclists. In 2023 motorcycle accidents cost the ACC \$133 million. In the same year cyclist claims were \$97 million.

But to put this in perspective, the cost to the ACC for motorcycle injuries is a quarter of one percent of the total cost of total accident injury claims. We are actually very small fish.

ACC's major argument for the increased levies was the fact that other road users were subsidising us, so they wanted to make it "fairer" by increasing our share of the cost. No mention of groups like cyclists being asked to do the same. No allowance made for multiple bike ownership.

The only ray of sunshine is that the levy for Classic Bikes will remain largely unchanged.

There is much more to this than what I have written here; I encourage you to do your own research if you want to discover more.

Online there are several reference points. One of the best is a Facebook group MAGNZ. Have a look and join up with the 4,000 others who have already.

MAGNZ are actively campaigning. For example, the ACC minister who made this call has recently been sacked and his replacement has been targeted. They have also gone to the Human Rights Commission and the Ombudsman.

## What can you do?

> Spread the word, make sure everyone knows we are being ripped off.

> Talk/write/email to your local MP. Even better, get them to come to club night.

> Write/email the ACC minister Andrew Bayly and his associate minister Nicola Grigg.

> Join MAGNZ

> Limit the amount of rego you pay by carefully managing your registration, see MAGNZ for details on this.

> Look out for and join in any upcoming protest action. It is highly likely there will be more protest rides happening.

**Enough noise just might work, we now have many roads speed limits being returned to what they were after all.....**

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

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

# The ACC Levy Increase:

*A Punitive Hit to New Zealand's  
Motorcycle Community*



**For many motorcyclists in New Zealand, the proposed ACC levy increases are more than just another financial burden - they're an attack on the heart of our community.**

The Motorcycle Advocacy Group New Zealand (MAGNZ) has made it clear: they oppose the planned hikes to motorcycle registration fees that could see riders of motorcycles over 751cc facing annual charges approaching \$870 by 2027. While it's expected that the final levy amount yet to be announced is likely to be less than originally floated in September 2024 during the short consultation period, it will still be a significant increase from the current price. These increases will not only hit the pocketbook but, more concerning and yet again, seem rooted in an inaccurate interpretation of accident data that distort public policy.

At the core of MAGNZ's stance is a call for the REGO FREEZE, which proposes minimizing registration payments to no more than three months at a time - perhaps even less. This tactic is designed to place financial pressure on ACC and NZTA, forcing a review of the proposed changes. The hope is that such a move will prompt a reconsideration of the unfair levy structure that targets motorcyclists, despite the lack of sound data to justify it. MAGNZ was formed in September as a response to the then proposed (now passed) intention to raise the motorcycle ACC levy yet again. MAGNZ has over 4000 members at the end of January and is growing steadily.

## **MISUNDERSTANDING OF RISK**

One of the key issues with the ACC levy increases is the way the no-fault insurance scheme is being applied to motorcyclists. ACC claims that many riders are partially at fault in Single Vehicle Accidents (SVAs), but evidence shows that in many cases, other vehicles are actually to blame. This creates a worrying imbalance where motorcyclists are unfairly penalized under the "no-fault" system. It's an example of how the motorcycling community is being wrongly targeted based on incomplete or misinterpreted data.

## **THE ENGINE SIZE DILEMMA**

The new levy structure also unfairly targets larger-engine motorcycles. From a policy standpoint, this doesn't make sense. Engine size has not been proven to be a reliable indicator of risk, and yet motorcycles with larger engines will bear a disproportionate financial burden, while other vehicles - such as cars, trucks, and buses - are not penalized in the same way. Why should a motorcyclist who enjoys a larger engine pay more simply because of their chosen bike? The approach feels biased, ignoring the fact that larger engine sizes don't necessarily equate to higher risk on the road.

## **MULTIPLE BIKES, MULTIPLE PENALTIES**

For motorcyclists who own more than one bike, the situation gets even worse. Under the system, each bike is subject to a full levy, even though riders can only operate one at a time.

This is a clear example of how the levy structure is punitive and doesn't take into account the actual risk posed by individual riders. It's a financial double-whammy for enthusiasts who simply enjoy a variety of motorcycles - each one costing them significantly more in registration fees than any other type of vehicle owner.

## **IS THIS ABOUT RISK OR POLICY?**

Another unsettling possibility is that the levy increase might be part of a broader strategy to push motorcyclists away from internal combustion engines and toward electrification. While there's nothing wrong with the future of electric vehicles, it's hard to ignore the feeling that these levy increases are part of a broader effort to make internal combustion motorcycles too expensive for many riders to afford. Similarly, the proposed discounts tied to a flawed training system seem more like a way to force motorcyclists into a subpar training framework than a genuine safety measure. These measures may seem less about public health and safety and more about pushing a political agenda.

## **AN UNFAIR FINANCIAL BURDEN**

Despite making up just 0.26% of all ACC claims, motorcyclists are carrying a vastly disproportionate financial burden. Meanwhile, other high-risk groups - such as commercial transport operators, sport and recreation enthusiasts, and even cyclists and scooter users contribute far less to the overall cost of

ACC, if at all. It's a glaring disparity that raises serious questions about the fairness of the levy structure.

## **A CALL FOR FAIR TREATMENT**

The proposed ACC levy increase represents more than just a financial hit - it threatens to undermine the inclusivity and diversity that the motorcycle community has worked hard to establish. Many riders may be forced to abandon their passion for motorcycling, not because it's dangerous, but because it's simply unaffordable. That would be a sad day for a community that plays a vital role in the social and economic fabric of New Zealand.

Motorcycling is not a hobby for the few; it's a lifestyle for many. It's a form of transport, a source of income, and a key element in the well-being of countless Kiwis. The proposed levy increases unfairly target this community while other, more dangerous road users are given a free pass. It's time for ACC to reconsider its approach and ensure that motorcyclists are treated fairly and equally.

The motorcycle community deserves better. We deserve a registration and vehicle licensing system that reflects the real risks we face, not one that punishes us for simply choosing two wheels over four. Let's keep motorcycling accessible, fair, and free from discrimination. The future of New Zealand's riders depends on it.

**RICHARD TOHU**  
**0272219717**  
**Founder MAGNZ**

# APRILIA ALL STARS IS BACK

**SUNDAY 1 JUNE 2025 -**

**THE MISANO WORLD CIRCUIT IS SET TO HOST AN UNFORGETTABLE DAY OF CELEBRATION, BRIMMING WITH MOTORCYCLING PASSION, GREAT RIDERS AND PLENTY TO SEE ON THE TRACK AND IN THE PADDOCK**

**THE APRILIA RACING MOTOGP MOTORCYCLES AND RIDERS WILL TAKE CENTRE STAGE, WITH WORLD CHAMPION JORGE MARTIN AND MARCO BEZZECCHI FROM THE TRACKHOUSE TEAM AND THE TUAREG RACING TEAM WITH JACOPO CERUTTI, FRESH FROM HIS VICTORY IN THE AFRICA ECO RACE IN THE AFRICAN DESERT**

**THE MOTO GP AND APRILIA BIKES THAT HAVE MADE HISTORY AND THEIR CHAMPIONS WILL APPEAR ON THE TRACK**

**IN THE SPIRIT OF APRILIA ALL STARS, THE GUESTS OF HONOUR AT THE PARTY WILL BE THE FANS, FAMILIES AND GROUPS OF FRIENDS WHO ARE EXPECTED TO INVADGE THE CIRCUIT IN THEIR THOUSANDS - COMPLETELY FREE OF CHARGE - WELCOMED BY A REAL PARTY PADDOCK FEATURING A HOST OF EXCITING EVENTS**

Verona, 25 January 2025 – Aprilia has announced the date of the Aprilia All Stars 2025 at the Verona Motor Bike Expo.

The big Aprilia party will be held on Sunday 1 June at the Misano World Circuit. The event, which is totally free to attend, is set to be incredible, with visitors able to take a

closer look at the magnificent Aprilia RS-GP bikes racing in the MotoGP world championship, as well as meeting the Aprilia Racing riders, both from the Factory Team and the Trackhouse Racing Team: MotoGP World Champion Jorge Martin, Marco Bezzecchi, test rider Lorenzo Savadori and Trackhouse Team riders Raul Fernandez and Ai Ogura.

These amazing riders will showcase their skills on the track, and alongside the great champions of Aprilia's history, led by Max Biaggi, they will also step into the spotlight in the paddock: in true Aprilia All Stars tradition, they will join thousands of fans to celebrate Aprilia, the European manufacturer with the most victories in the motorcycle world championship - a grand total of 298 GP wins.

Elsewhere, there will be plenty of space dedicated to off-road bikes too, with the Aprilia Tuareg Rally, queen of the desert, which dominated in the recent Africa Eco Race, plus the entire off-road team, with riders Jacopo Cerutti, Francesco Montanari and Marco Menichini.

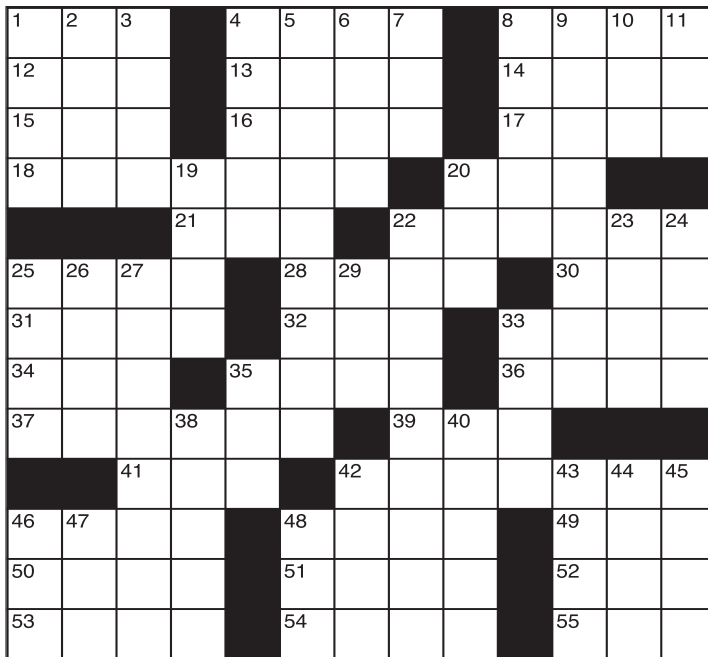
As ever, Aprilia All Stars will be a fabulous party: visitors to the paddock will be constantly entertained by the brilliant test rides, enabling everyone to try out the range of Aprilia motorcycles on the roads of the Romagna region - once again free of charge. The Racing Museum, which is home to the race bikes that shaped the legend of the celebrated Italian brand, will be a must-see for every enthusiast.

Music provided by Radio DeeJay will provide the soundtrack to an event overflowing with exciting initiatives, including the gaming area, the shopping area dedicated to Aprilia Racing-branded clothing and merchandise, the food areas and much more besides.



# COFFEE BREAK

## PUZZLE NO. 160



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### ACROSS

- 1. First gear
- 4. Dude
- 8. Corrosive liquid
- 12. Miner's product
- 13. Body of knowledge
- 14. Party
- 15. Rowing blade
- 16. Pass over
- 17. With competence
- 18. Like some skirts
- 20. "\_\_\_\_ Abner"
- 21. Which person?
- 22. Discussion groups

- 25. Skin hole
- 28. Food for Muffet
- 30. Dove's cry
- 31. Cut down
- 32. Follower of neither
- 33. Ensemble
- 34. Pod vegetable
- 35. Appeals urgently
- 36. Scope
- 37. Respond
- 39. Church seat
- 41. Grass
- 42. Variety of language
- 46. San Antonio athlete
- 48. Kitty sigh

- 49. Ginger drink
- 50. \_\_\_\_ Grey tea
- 51. Unlocked
- 52. Take legal action
- 53. Spotted
- 54. Ties the knot
- 55. Commandment number

### DOWN

- 1. Circuit
- 2. Voiced
- 3. Had been
- 4. Fabric
- 5. Mortgage possessor
- 6. Extremely dry
- 7. Fido, e.g.
- 8. Encore!

- 9. San Francisco transport: 2 wds.
- 10. Not well
- 11. Dawn to dusk
- 19. Startled
- 20. Deposit eggs
- 22. Sweated
- 23. Solitary
- 24. Fountain drink
- 25. Mate for mama
- 26. Yoke of \_\_\_\_
- 27. Restore to confidence
- 29. Pig
- 33. Weep
- 35. Flower plot
- 38. Planet
- 40. Deserves
- 42. Hoodwink
- 43. Direction
- 44. Sherlock's find
- 45. Juvenile
- 46. Realize
- 47. Remit funds
- 48. Sound of a punch

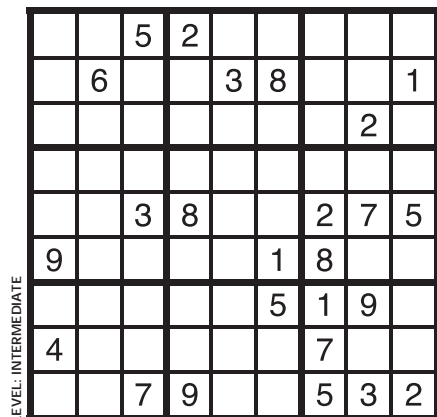
## SUDOKU

### 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. 916



Answers to these puzzles are on page 54



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# UPCOMING EVENTS

Email: [editor@ulysses.org.nz](mailto:editor@ulysses.org.nz) to list your event

## MARCH

2nd

### A Meeting of the Clans

We are having it at **TUI HQ** in Mangatainoka on Sunday, March 2nd. We would ask that branches please RSVP as a group to our secretary at [wairarapa.sec@ulysses.org.nz](mailto:wairarapa.sec@ulysses.org.nz) so we can let TUI HQ know how many to expect. They will have food available on their normal commercial basis.

Any questions, please contact Tony (Branch coordinator) at [wairarapa@ulysses.org.nz](mailto:wairarapa@ulysses.org.nz) or 0274325075



## 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](mailto:UlyssesTaranaki25@gmail.com)

Keep updated: <https://ulysses.org.nz/national-rally-and-agm/>

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



2025 NZ ULYSSES



NATIONAL RALLY  
AND AGM

12th

### 2025 Motorbike Raffle

Drawn on Saturday, April 12th, 2025  
At Paritutu Bowling Club, 445 St Aubyn Street,  
Moturoa, New Plymouth. All proceeds to Ulysses Club  
(NZ) Inc Rider Safety & Training Programme.

26/27th

### Ambulance Fundraising Ride

As per the Strategic plan we are asking every branch to hold an Ambulance Fundraising ride every year either on ANZAC Day (26th April) or the first Saturday after Anzac day, (this year is the 27th April).

## MAY

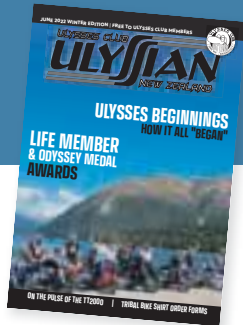
### 2nd, 3rd, 4th Tauranga Branch Ulysses Rally

Sea Esta Camp & Lodge, 48 Seaforth Rd, Waihi Beach. Cost: \$80 per head, limited to 75 people.  
MORE DETAILS IN RALLY SECTION OF THIS MAG.



## JUNE/ JULY

**Ulyssian Winter  
Edition is out!**



## AUGUST

**16th**

### **North Island Remembrance Service**

Saturday, August 16th at 2pm, Great Lake Centre, Taupō (Tongariro North Domain, Story Place, Taupō) Ulysses Auckland branch, in association with Ulysses Taupō branch, invite all Ulyssians to come together at our annual Remembrance Service and remember members who have passed away.

An organized social even is intended for the Saturday evening. Once planning is finalized, details will be available on the Auckland Ulysses website.

The Remembrance Service starts at 2pm, please be early so you can be seated in the hall before that time. A group ride on Friday 15 August from Auckland to Taupō is being planned. A formal ride of respect through Taupō will be held on the day of the service. All ride details will be available in the branch newsletters and websites closer to the event.

Any questions, please contact: Auckland Branch president, or Peggy O'Neal at [remembrance@ulysses.org.nz](mailto:remembrance@ulysses.org.nz).

## SEPTEMBER

**Ulyssian Spring Edition is out!**

**13/14th**

### **Motorcycle Awareness Month (MAM) Ride**

As per the Strategic Plan we're asking every branch to have a 'Motorcycle Awareness Month Ride on either the Saturday or Sunday 13/14th. Theme colour is yellow.



## NOVEMBER

### **2nd Ronnie Run**

North Harbour Ulysses hold a Ronnie Run every year on the 1st Sunday of November - this year is the 2nd Nov.

**21st - 23rd**

### **Auckland Rally "River Meets the Sea"**

Lock in the date. Rally details in the next Ulyssian.

### **29th Ride for Refuge**

We're hoping to have an every branch 'Ride for Refuge' every year, this year being 29th Nov.

## OCTOBER

**DATE TBC**

### **2025 North Island Compass Rally**

Pencil in October 2025 for this biennial event. Further details to follow in the next *Ulyssian* issue.



## DECEMBER





## Vespa 946 Snake

**An icy elegance for the new limited edition Vespa model to celebrate the Year of the Snake. The Vespa lifestyle project is also set to expand with the opening of pop-up stores in selected prestigious locations.**



**Milan, 8 January 2025 - Vespa unveils the Vespa 946 Snake, a new limited edition reinterpretation of the iconic model, embodying the essence of winter and building out the empty space lifestyle project offering for the coldest season.**

With its design inspired by icy landscapes and the ethereal beauty of winter, the Vespa 946 Snake stands out for its iridescent blue livery in icy shades which pay homage to the purity and strength of snowy landscapes. Woven into this glacial scenery is the inspiration of the snake, conveyed through the handlebar grips and saddle, modelled to recall the soft texture of the animal's skin. The chrome-plated snake featuring on both the fuel cap and mudguard completes a design project that combines strength, grace and originality.

Available in a limited edition of

only 888 numbered scooters, the Vespa 946 Snake is a true style statement destined to become a collector's item in the Lunar Collection, the series of limited-edition models paying homage to the Lunar Calendar. After the year of the Dragon, we are transported to 2025, the year of the Snake, an imperial and enigmatic creature that invites us to go beyond our limits, to live with boldness and to travel beyond boundaries. The Vespa 946 Snake was created to express this philosophy.

The Vespa 946 Snake is accompanied by a series of accessories, created with the utmost attention to design and functionality, and closely aligned with the style of the collection. The helmet, with its removable interior and smoked visor, features a handcrafted attention to detail and echoes the finish of the scooter: an iridescent blue with a 3D chrome snake. Ideal for

those seeking safety without sacrificing style, which won't go unnoticed.

The Vespa Snake universe is rounded off with a selection of ready-to-wear articles and accessories from the Vespa Snake Capsule, previewed in October, and now enriched with two key items: the long puffer coat and the bomber jacket. The white, floor-length puffer coat wraps the body in a warm embrace, while the tone-on-tone snake profile detailing recalls the central theme of the collection. The bomber jacket has an iridescent sheen which evokes the icy hues of the winter landscape, the contrast between the shiny fabric and the embroidered graphic details gives the piece a strong, contemporary aesthetic.

Vespa's is building out its journey into the lifestyle arena with the activation of an international retail project that will see the opening of a series

of pop-ups rolled out within the first quarter of 2025 in selected prestigious locations, where the Vespa 946 Snake will be displayed together with the Vespa Snake Capsule and the limited-edition accessories.

Vespa's trip around the world will include pop-ups in iconic lifestyle locations: After an initial stop in Rome at Rinascente Tritone, the first appointment of the new year will be at Galeries Lafayette Champs-Élysées in Paris from 7 January to 5 February. This will be followed by openings in Milan at La Rinascente, Vienna at Steffl, Beijing at Galeries Lafayette, Istanbul at Vakko, Bangkok at Emquartier, Singapore at Paragon, Hanoi at Trang Tien, and at the Jakarta Plaza Indonesia. For more information on Vespa 946 Snake and Vespa Snake Capsule, visit [vespa.com](https://vespa.com). Vespa 946 Snake pre-order is available from 8 January 2025.

# RECIPES



## Gooey Brownies

*What could be more delicious than brownies to round out a meal in good company?*

Servings: 16

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup unsalted butter, melted
- 1 1/4 cups white sugar
- 3/4 cup cocoa powder
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup flour

### DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 325 F. Line an 8" x 8" square baking pan with parchment paper, lightly oiled.
2. Melt the butter in a saucepan over low heat. Remove from the heat and add the sugar, cocoa, vanilla and salt. Mix well and let cool for about 10 minutes.
3. Add the eggs one at a time, mixing well between each addition. Fold in the flour.
4. Pour the mixture into the dish and bake for 25 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean.
5. Cool and cut into 16 pieces.

## Macaroni and cheese bites

*Golden, chewy and crispy, these cheesy bites are sure to please little ones and grown-ups alike!*

Servings: 4

### INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups uncooked macaroni
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1 cup flour, divided
- 1 cup 15% cooking cream
- 2 cups grated sharp cheddar cheese
- 1 cup grated Gruyere cheese
- 1/4 cup cream cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon smoked paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon mustard powder
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup breadcrumbs
- 2 cups vegetable oil
- 1 cup store-bought marinara sauce
- A few fresh basil leaves

### DIRECTIONS

1. In a large pot, cook the macaroni in salted boiling water according to the package instructions. Drain and set aside.
2. In the same pot, melt the butter. Add a 1/4 cup of flour and whisk to combine. Cook for about 3 minutes, until the roux is golden brown.
3. Add the cooking cream a little at a time, whisking constantly. Add the cheeses gradually, allowing them to melt between each addition. Add the spices. Season with salt and pepper to taste and remove from the heat.
4. Combine the cooked macaroni and the cheese sauce. Pour the mixture into a large shallow dish. Place in the refrigerator and let stand for at least one hour.
5. Put the remaining flour, 2 eggs (lightly whisked) and breadcrumbs into 3 separate bowls. Set aside.
6. Using your hands, shape the cooled macaroni and cheese into balls. Coat each ball, first with flour, then the beaten egg, and then the breadcrumbs. Set aside on a plate.
7. Heat the vegetable oil to 350 F in a large pot. Fry the balls in small batches for about 5 minutes, until golden brown. Set aside on a clean cloth or paper towel. Repeat until all balls are fried.
8. Garnish with fresh basil and serve immediately with marinara sauce.



## Rotorua RAMBLINGS

SMILEY #10243

### Time for another catch-up of 'Wassup??' from Rotorua.

Exciting shit really. December was such a great month with rides, food, catch ups, drinking, and winning prizes. We entered a float in the local Rotorua Christmas Parade. It was all hands on deck as the trailer, with the chopper on board was decorated, in the rain! Cameron used his ute to tow the trailer and the bikers were placed in the front of the ute like Santas reindeers. Fluffy antlers were adorning the bikes, elves were on the bikes and we were all set to go in our colourful display of Christmas. We even had our own Santa 'cept.....

There can only be one Santa in the parade, and it wasn't supposed to be ours! Oops!

Sent Chris Seaman on a quick trip to the Costume Hire to change out our Santa suit. However, Chris decided to just change the headpiece and swapped it with a Grinch head!

The parade started and all the decorations and things on the trailer came to life. Our bro Rob on the guitar, Huston the dog alongside, sausages cooking on the barby, box of piss, chilly bin, wrapped present boxes, sun umbrella and wide brimmed summer hats completed our Christmas Summer themed trailer. Some elves and pixies gave out lollies and others were on the bikes.

We were vibe'ing out with the locals, spirits were high despite the rain, Team Awesome, were out in force!!

The parade made its way around the streets and at the end, everyone was keen to gap it as we had a party to get to!!

They asked us to wait for a bit, for the prizegiving. Excitement was growing as we chatted about what we may have won.....

...well check this out we won:

### Early Entry

**Best Character – The Grinch and**

### Best Float!!

Our branch netted a collective amount of \$300!

I tell you, by the time our Team Awesome got to the party, shared the good news, we were in full swing for a late, rowdy night.

The following week we did our first Toy Run to the Rotorua hospital and a huge thank you to all of the riders who attended and donated toys. We were blessed with riders from other branches and you guys really made the day a special treat for the sick kids in hospital.

Personally, I would like to thank our branch members who pulled these events together. It was a proud moment for me to have members sharing ideas and all working together for our community, Well done to you all!! Xx

Into the New Year of 2025, and we have been so busy riding and socialising that January slipped by without a branch meeting. But, that's okay, as we are all using our messenger platform to keep members in the loop and making some plans for more rides. Aroma Café is still our regular Saturday watering hole and our rides committee will be hitting the fb platform with some more events.

Be careful out there – It has been a bit manic on the roads with fatalities and seriously injured riders.

We share a love of freedom and the being able to embrace life on two wheels; me personally, I just love to ride. Always take a moment to look twice and stay safe.

Till next time

Cheers

**SMILEY AND KEBIN #10243**



# Taranaki Tails

**BLAIR CAMPBELL #2772**

**The sight of gleaming bikes cruising against the backdrop of lush green or browning landscapes has become a common yet delightful sight. Riders from various regions have flocked to Taranaki, drawn by the region's scenic routes and the promise of a thrilling ride.**

The November winds were noted by many traveling the roads as the sudden gusts did inconvenience some.

The summer period had us start the monthly 'Pie N Pint' ride, venturing the highway and rural roads of Taranaki and finishing at a suitable establishment for rehydration and replenishment of nutrients. These rides not only offer an exhilarating experience but also strengthen the camaraderie among riders, creating stories with each ride.

We have continued with our Friday morning coffee sessions, which are attended in good numbers. This has been a great initiative to meet up with those who either don't ride and current members' wives and partners.

Prior to Christmas, a potluck evening held at Mark (#10045) and Janine's (#10046) home was greatly appreciated homemade dishes. The event not only celebrated the festive season but also served as a delightful prelude to the upcoming rides and gatherings planned for the new year.

It is with regret that we announce the passing of Taranaki Ulysses member Perry Alchin (#1710). Perry lived in Ohura and, due to health reasons, was not able to ride as frequently as he had in the past. At his service, many stories were shared, highlighting his truly colourful character. The service

was attended by family, friends, and Ulysses members, both current and old. Rest in peace, Perry Alchin.

The year 2025 will have a very busy start with local rides and an overnight trip to Lake Ferry, which has been indicated to be well attended by the branch. As with other branches we will be encouraging new membership and attempt to coordinate meeting points with other branches where possible.

Over the past 12 months, the Taranaki branch has focused on the National AGM 2025. Martyn and his committee have done a lot of work coordinating the venue and festivities expected on this occasion. Registration had been slow in coming to fruition but has improved over the last month. As the excitement builds, members are looking forward to the event, which promises to be a landmark gathering, celebrating the spirit and community of our riders.

The Taranaki branch is looking forward to catching up with members of the 26 Ulysses branches throughout New Zealand. These connections and shared experiences enrich the camaraderie and fellowship that define the Ulysses Club. Whether through local rides, overnight trips, or larger gatherings, each interaction with fellow branches strengthens the bond within our community, offering opportunities to share stories, tips, and the joy of riding. The upcoming National AGM in 2025 will serve as a perfect platform for these reunions, as we unite to celebrate our shared passion and the adventures that lie ahead.

**BILL KIDNEY #7217**



# Wairarapa KEVIN MORGAN #6559 Whisperings



*Wairarapa branch is pleased to announce the return of*

## A MEETING OF THE CLANS

We are having it at **TUI HQ** in Mangatainoka on Sunday the **2nd of March**. This is a great opportunity for branches to bring prospective members along to a large event. Could everyone please add this to their ride calendars.

We would ask that branches please RSVP as a group to our secretary at [wairarapa.sec@ulysses.org.nz](mailto:wairarapa.sec@ulysses.org.nz) so we can let TUI HQ know how many to expect. They will have food available on their normal commercial basis.

**Any questions, please contact Tony (Branch coordinator) at [wairarapa@ulysses.org.nz](mailto:wairarapa@ulysses.org.nz) or 0274325075**



# Wellington Witterings

ROSS #8542

**The Christmas and New Year periods are usually quiet times for the branch - behaving disgracefully takes a back seat to spending time with family and friends.**

Branch end-of-year activities included a local coffee catchup, and a BBQ at Kaitoke Regional Park, and the shortened Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) ride.

For over 30 years, the branch has held the annual MDA ride – getting dressed up in Christmas attire and delivering gifts to the children. With just seven children wanting a visit from Santa and his helpers, it was decided to shorten the ride to just one Sunday, with a sausage sizzle at the Furneaux' residence at the end.



PHOTO: SANTA ON THE MDA RUN

Unfortunately, with the smaller number of children on the association list, and the increasing cost to branch members, the 2024 ride was the final branch MDA ride. We will all miss meeting up with the children and their families, and the camaraderie that comes with spending time away on the road.

The branch Wellington Anniversary weekend in Hanmer was well attended with 23 members heading south.

A group of four took the inland route through a very dry and dusty Molesworth station. (A note to self: check the NZTA website before heading off. We were well up Taylor's

Pass before we discovered that it was closed for roadworks – so adding time to our journey as we backtracked to SH1 and the Awatere turnoff).



PHOTO: HEADING TO THE MOLESWORTH

Meanwhile, the road riders took the coastal route - stopping for the traditional icecream in Waiau.

The success of these overnights doesn't happen by chance. A huge amount of work goes into booking the accommodation, organising food and, now that we do our own catering, preparing the evening meals. Huge thanks goes to Colleen and Sandy, and all the other members who chipped in to make the evening gatherings as memorable as the rides.

Jason and Phillip had headed down a few days earlier than the main group and spent time 'roughing it' under canvas while exploring parts of the West Coast and North Canterbury.

On the Sunday, many of the group went to visit a collection of cars, motorbikes and helicopters at a private collection in Rangiora. This group came back buzzing about the scale and scope of the items, and the hospitality of this avid collector.



PHOTO: BOYS AND THEIR TOYS

Another smaller group headed out to the east coast to check out the Gore Bay loop and some gravel roads linking through to Motunau Beach. A stop at the Greta Valley Tavern on the way back to Hanmer was a welcome break from the heat.

While most headed home on Monday, being across the Strait gave a few of us the opportunity to extend our stay in the South.

Dean and 'Big' Kev headed down the West Coast for a few days of exploration.

Woody, Bryan (aka The Sheriff), and I added another few days onto the trip to complete the Ulysses Canterbury 1000km Challenge. Starting in Hanmer, we headed to Westport (for a pie from the West Coast Pie Company), down the Coast to Greymouth, over Arthur's Pass to Sheffield (Sheffield Pies), Fairlie (you get the idea), through the Mackenzie Country, over Lindis Pass and Crown Range, and then to our stay in Clyde. One thousand and forty-four kilometres - and stunning weather all the way. (I'll share more about this challenge in the next *Ulyssian*).

Seeing we had a few days in Clyde, Bryan and I decided to tick another of our must-do roads off the list - The Nevis. What a stunning, remote, and beautiful piece of New Zealand this is!

Branch meetings have continued to be well attended. In October we had Jay and Amy from TSS Motorcycles talking about motorcycle clothing - things such as features between entry-level and a high-end garments, Gore-Tex's pros and cons, how waterproofing is 'rated', and general apparel construction.

We're hoping to offer members more interesting speakers and events at our branch meetings throughout 2025.

Keep safe out there.

**ROSS ALEXANDER #8542**

# Nelson

## nibblings

LORRAINE #1117

Hi Everyone,

**This is my very last coordinator's report for the national magazine. Over the 35 years I have been a member, I have been in the coordinators role three times with a total of 18 years! That's a lot of reports to write.**

It gives me much pleasure to remind you all that our Nelson branch is going to host the 2026 AGM/Rally, on the weekend of 27th – 29th March. This is the weekend just before Easter weekend, so we are hoping that you will all take a decent break and make this your holiday and come enjoy what our part of the world has to offer.

Please find the registration form in this magazine.

A small group of us have worked really hard at getting all this info together. We held a naming of the theme competition amongst our own members with a prize for the winner. There were about 25 entries, and the winner got \$50 petrol voucher. Congrats to our secretary, John, whose entry won by two votes.

There was a lot of blood, sweat and tears that went into choosing a suitable venue. We are hoping you like the venue we finally agreed on. There is FREE parking onsite for self contained RV's (the venue won't be open with toilets and showers after hours). You must let us know on the booking sheet if you wish to take advantage of this because we are making up special notices to put on your vehicle so we can distinguish our guests from any freeloaders that may turn up. We can seat up to 300 at this venue so please help us fill it up.

The venue is at the edge of Richmond so other accommodation is not within walking distance. We will be running mini buses.

If you choose to have breakfast, this is happening down the road at our

branch's favourite Saturday coffee morning venue. Alison and Mark will be putting on a special breakfast for you. Once again, you need to book this with us on the rego form.

Another big plus of this venue is that it is right beside the "Great Taste Cycle Trail". If those of you in your RVs come with cycles you can make the most of one of the best parts of this trail, especially if you go north to the delightful village of Mapua.

There is so much for you to see and do in Nelson and the odds are that the weather will be more settled by then as well. Still beach days as well!

Our annual Toy Run happened at end of last year. There was a great turnout from all sorts of riders and bikes. Dogs on bikes were also really popular this year. The biggest dog came on the smallest bike! Really a sight to see. Check out our photos in this spread. I was particularly impressed with the number of riders who made an effort to decorate their bikes and themselves this year. We will need more prizes to give out next year.

Also, the media really got on board this year and gave us lots of coverage and, as a result, the public lined the highway in their family groups with toys to give us as well.

Nick Smith, our Mayor, led the ride this year. He had just got his provisional motorcycle licence and Tasman Honda lent him a bike to ride. We are hoping to sign him up as a member soon.

Next year will be the 40th Toy Run. We inherited this run off BRONZ about 30 years ago, after they folded in this area.

Look forward to seeing you all at our AGM 2026. Book early, especially your ferry crossings!

LORRAINE #1117





## Canterbury Capers



CHRIS CAREY #3497

**Well, I don't think I'm the only one happy to see the arse of 2024. Family bereavement, illnesses and another diagnosed with a serious medical condition just prior to Christmas – the new year has welcomed our family with a proverbial knee in the swannacles as our family rallies around her on her journey to (hopefully) a full recovery.**

So, while it's not an excuse, it is a reason why my focus towards Canterbury and its operation through the latter part of 2024 has been spasmodic, oft absent and very much wayward at times, my mind elsewhere.

However, with Madame Secretary Debs at the helm of a bloody good committee, Canterbury was/is in very safe hands.

The Papanui RSA premises where we hold our committee meetings and bi-monthly branch nights, is being sold but we still have the use of the facilities to the end of 2025. However, all is not lost. They will be moving, and we will move with them. It has become very evident that our RSA, as I believe a lot of RSA's, really need interest groups, sporting clubs, etc. outside that of the military, to use their facilities to keep them afloat. As a kid I remember with great fondness going with dad to the RSA hall in Johnsonville for various events, the Christmas

party with Santa most memorable, the pastel toned paintings of the Desert Campaign lining the walls forever etched in my memory. RSA's need to be supported, we can't let them wither away.

We try and get a guest speaker where we can, and at our December meeting, Dan Ornsby of RideForever spoke about the various courses they offer and what we are likely to expect when the ACC levies reform kicks in, and how the RideForever courses are likely to become even more important than ever to offset or mitigate the increase in ACC levies. Not only that, but they're also just good to do to knock those bad habits out which do creep in. RideForever doesn't teach you to ride, more show you areas where you can improve and I for one need constant reminders of where those areas are.

Despite Christmas and New Year with most businesses closed, people away, families getting together for Christmas and New Year, the rides calendar under Euan's stewardship continues to deliver great rides on any given Sunday, rain, hail or shine.

His Old Bones overnighter at the Old Bones Lodge, on the coastal Beach Road south of Oamaru was, as it always has been, well attended and a lot of fun, and one I must do,

because I haven't, yet. Google: Oamaru Lodge Accommodation – Old Bones Lodge

The Summer Solstice ride held on the 21st of December was also a success. Departing at sunrise and returning on sunset, it is a ride to celebrate the longest day of the year, it is always held on the closest weekend to the Southern Solstice. While there were no circles of standing stones, long haired dudes dressed in robes and virgins sacrificed on alter stones, unfortunately, the popularity of this ride always 'Druid' a good crowd.

A couple of Riders from The Monday Mafia and I headed south for the Chatto Creek 800 and 1600 rides in November. As always, Alexandra Ross, of the famed Chatto Creek Motorcycle Club, organises a great event. If you've not done a ride like this and are thinking of having a crack, this is the one to do. Start with the 800. Honestly, when you have time to sit down for half an hour mid-way and enjoy a meal (all part of the entry fee) it makes for an easy, relaxing ride.

No doubt similar likeminded and enlightened Ulyssians will also be in the final throes of planning the 2025 TT200 to be held next month. If you haven't registered best get your A

into G because registrations close on January, the 31st. If the idea of planning puts you off, voila! There's a planned route already for you. All you have to do is follow it and figure out where you're going to stay. Easy Peasy. Registrations close the 31st of January to if you're not in to win, or if you're not fast, you're last etc... [www.TT2000.org](http://www.TT2000.org)

Thea's 1000k Ride is still open for registrations, as is the Rescue Helicopter Hunt, which I did in a day over the Christmas – New Year break on one of the few days where it wasn't raining.

The Wednesday Knitters is always popular and always well supported. I've had a number of non-Ulyssians ask me about the club and I suggest that this is a great place to meet our members, go for a ride, all very social and probably the best way to see if this club is what ticks the boxes. So well done to the boys and girls of the Knitters Group for fostering such a great culture.

So that's it from me. It's enough, but as far as Canterbury goes, we'll continue, continuing on, having fun, growing old disgracefully but with a finesse, style and grace. Wishing all Ulyssians the very best for 2025

**CHRIS 'CAPTAIN CAREFREE' CAREY #3497**

# Gisborne Happenings!

**CHRISSY #5993**

**Our thoughts are with Mac Macaulay family, and the Hawkes Bay Branch and the wider Ulysses community.**

It's always with sadness when I/we hear of riders' losses. It reminds us all to

be ever vigilant the roads.

It's hard to believe 2025 has rolled along so fast. We as a branch have been quiet, day rides. Two members have moved to Tokomaru Bay, so a good reason for a trip up there,

and lunch at the pub, or Cafe35 for a paua pie. Dave has been getting out and meeting up with other Ulysses members, riding miles with them, which is great. Ulysses is a great way to make life long friends, even though time

and distance separates us, and we meet infrequently.

On that note I look forward to a fantastic of riding, friendship and our branch moving forward.

**CHRISSY #5993**



# Southland "Scribbles"

**ROSS L #1177**

Hi all,

In the time since the last report, members have had the opportunity to attend a number of social and ride events. In November we had a ride to Mandeville near Gore to meet up with members from the Otago branch. Later in the month we had a ride to Lawrence for lunch. Two very enjoyable rides and it was certainly great to be able to spend time with members from the Otago branch.

In late November members joined together in a private room at a local restaurant when we held our branch Xmas function. The service

and meals were excellent and the traditional multi draw raffles were great fun. A big thank-you to the members who organised the raffles and ensured no one went home empty handed. This was a most enjoyable occasion and an excellent way to conclude our activities for 2024.

Branch activities were pretty much put on hold over December and early January as members spent time with family and friends as they celebrated the festive season. However while we had no formal branch activities in place, we understand that two of our members had organised

their own personal ride program for the Xmas holidays. If this went according to plan, by now they will have completed a number of special events and long distance rides.

Our branch program advertised a ride to the Brunel Peaks Café at Monowai in mid-January. I understand a small team took advantage of the excellent weather on the day and had a most enjoyable, if rather long, ride. We have also held our first indoor event for 2025, with a dozen or so members meeting up at a local café on Sunday morning for some quality

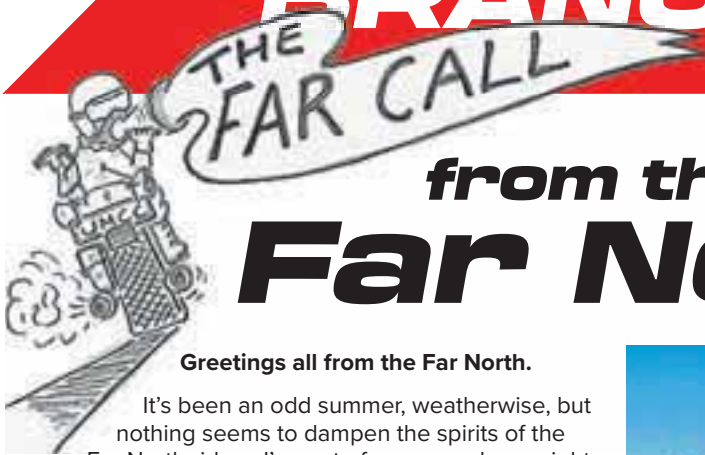
socialising, the food and refreshments were pretty good too.

Before closing, it is with much sadness that I would advise fellow members of the passing of a long serving Southland member, with Elaine Lindsay #2736 passing away in late December. Elaine was an active and much respected member of the Southland branch for 30 years and will be very much missed by all who knew her.

In conclusion, regards to all from the "sunny" South.

**ROSS L #1177**

# BRANCH NEWS



## from the **Far North**

Greetings all from the Far North.

It's been an odd summer, weatherwise, but nothing seems to dampen the spirits of the Far North riders. I'm sort of sure a cyclone might make them think twice but, that aside, we are out twice a week regardless, cruising both the main and back roads and experiencing the fabulous scenery and fare that the area has to offer. Our Wednesday and Sunday rides continue to be successful with numbers growing on both. We are also holding monthly twilight rides although these have not been as well attended as we had hoped – back to the drawing board to see how we can improve that.

This month, two of our members (Mike Couchman and Brent Percy) achieved 20-year badges and three (Tim Foley, Mike Pullen and Bev Payton) achieved 30-year badges. Congratulations to them all and thanks for staying with us. Alongside that, we have recruited six new members over the last month or so and it's a big welcome to them. We also celebrated one of our members, Don McDonald-Spice, being awarded a Mayoral award for decades of voluntary work not related to motorbikes, which just proves that some of us can multitask! Well done Don.

We had a different, less formal, Christmas lunch this year at the Tutukaka (Whangarei) Deep Sea Angling Club. We enjoyed a beautiful outside day by the sea with the usual raffles and fun, but we gave Santa the day off.



On the 29th December we organised a “last chance” ride up to Cape Reinga through the newly reopened Mangamukas. This route had been closed for around 2 years following the cyclones. A brilliant and really hot day covering around 500ks, so an awesome way to see the old year out and it looks like we have a new annual event.

Some of the attending crew are in the next photo...



January brought the annual spud dig – a hotly contested competition mainly for bragging rights but a cash prize as well. The winner was Roger Ballard with a total yield of 6,613g and a largest single spud at 680g. Well done to Roger who traditionally does well in this event. Many think it has something to do with the quantity of, and how freely he shares, his fertiliser but who knows? Here's Roger and an odd-looking potato (I'll leave deciding which is which to you).

As well as club events, members got out and about at other events like the Whanganui races and some got some rider down courses in. All in all, a busy and fun time over the period.

We are busy selling bike raffle tickets at the moment and hoping to see a new bike heading northwards (if it can stop at my garage that will be awesome).



Looking forwards, we are planning for the ambulance run and we are hoping for a good event this year. The sausage sizzles held in October and December have ensured a decent pot of money to build on through the generosity and support of local people.

Best wishes all. Ride safe and don't forget to continue to “grow old disgracefully”.

**MALCOLM PERRY #10115**

# Waihi- Thames Valley WAFFLINGS

**CHRIS BROWN #4797**

With Christmas and New Year done & dusted and all the parties, lunches and dinners that go with it, we have still managed to get some good riding in. Our summer here on the Coromandel has been pretty nice. The Thursday rides are well supported, although I miss most of them due to that dirty four letter word "WORK". However now that I am a 65yr old pensioner I intend to remedy that with my new years resolution "STOP WORK". Sometime soon??

The branch enjoys the riding and social occasions we have. Our January picnic meeting in Whangamata saw over 40 turn up for a fun afternoon as the

pictures show. We are not big on organising events, rallies etc as these tend to fall to the loyal few to do the work. That dirty four letter word again. But! Watch this space! We are planning a riding event for November 2025 involving the Coromandel and road legal motorcycles capable of at least 80kph. So dust off your 125's.

It's been sad to hear of the motorcycle fatalities over summer. It reminds us that we are all human and fallible. The best of us can get caught out or make a mistake. Be vigilant out there, do the Pro-Rider courses, keep safe and enjoy the ride.

Cheers,

**CHRIS BROWN #4797**



## Westland CO-ORDINATOR'S DISCOURSE



**KERRY CHAPMAN** #3443

Westland has been dry and hot again this year, with events like the Greymouth Street races, the annual Top of The South Ride, The Last Woodstock Rally (WCTMC), all events were well patronized by Ulysses members from branches all over NZ.

Most members have been doing lots of rides around the coast. A few going down to Burt Munroe; looking forward to going as this year I will be staying at the rally site for the first time. It seems that members are seeing a bit of a trend with the raffle tickets, so I ordered a couple of extra books from Andy these are selling fast. Can we make it a Trifecta. I keep telling them they must be in to win. The last

Woodstock rally has run and what a weekend, numbers far outdid the expected. Good to see the Christchurch branch and a few extras from around the country. Will not overload the pages with photos so go to southland rallies pages to see the tent city and the revelers at the entertainment tent. The raffles are selling fast. But for now, I have to say goodbye, I need to pack the bike ready for the Burt Munro Rally.

Off for another ride keep the shiny side up.

**KERRY CHAPMAN** #3443,

Westland Coordinator



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# Marlborough Musings

JOHN (JG) SINCLAIR #9272

**Greetings from paradise everyone. Our joy in winning the NZ Sunshine Stakes for 2024 was short lived as that pesky low-pressure system developed over the Chathams and sat there for weeks on end. Most of NZ's East Coast can testify to the unseasonal weather it brought.**

BUT

In Marlborough, we stayed mostly dry so all we had to suffer were strong south easterlies and overcast skies. The bonus was lower temperatures, much lower than we saw in December when we had several days over 30°. That takes the enthusiasm out of riding whereas the 18-20° days we've been seeing are just perfect. If you wanted to see the sun, it was simply a matter of heading for a ride on the West Coast, which is less than three hours from Blenheim. During this period, the Cook Strait

ferries were either tied up or became vomit buckets. By the way, do you know the cure for sea sickness? It's simple – just sit under a tree (we're only here to help).

In our last report we said that we had 20 riders complete R4E Training. As of today, we have 15 booked for upcoming courses in February and March. It is hugely gratifying to get these numbers when you consider that the number of motorcyclists who complete this training are represented in something like 25% less crashes than non-attendees.

The Toy Runs to Nelson and Westport went smoothly except that those who rode to the Nelson one had to deal with rain until arriving in sunny Nelson, and that kept the numbers down. Our own Toy Run was on a beautiful morning and so was very well supported

indeed. We are going to make some changes next year to advertise our presence a bit better, namely using the Ulysses banners we have. For the last two events, we have joined with the local car club at the Riverlands Truck Stop and will likely do the same this year.

In an attempt to stimulate Sunday rides, we introduced a WhatsApp system whereby riders could advertise their intentions and have others join in, but this has not proven to be hugely successful. We have our AGM on 12th February so are hoping to get further ideas to get these rides underway again. On the other hand, our Thursday Rides continue to be very well supported indeed. Whereas we typically go to the various out of town cafes these days, in January we threw in two picnics and those who attended were thoroughly supportive of

doing more. The issue in summer is finding places that aren't overrun with tourists, but we're on the case and successful so far.

On Saturday 18th January, Nelson branch joined us for morning coffee, cake, scones and a natter at The Runway. Altogether 12 made the journey over the hill and I thank all our members for making them so welcome. Their visit reciprocated our one to their Saturday coffee on the 19th October. It is fantastic to see the engagement of the two groups of members in this way. And a few of their members are regularly joining us on our Thursday rides too. We look forward to other opportunities to join forces.

See you on HWY 45 in the Naki.

**JG #9272**

We have a happy little branch that thrives on riding, fun and compassion.



*Some of the Nelson members enjoying the Marlborough Sunshine*

# Hawkes Bay **BUZZ**

**TONY HICKMOTT**  
#10416

Hawkes Bay Ulysses has faced no greater challenge as of late than the sudden loss of a valued and respected member of the branch, a person who dedicated themselves to the club and particularly his branch. Mark "Mac" Macaulay #9938 was a member of Ulysses for nearly six years and in that time, he spent four of them as the branch president and almost another year serving on the committee.

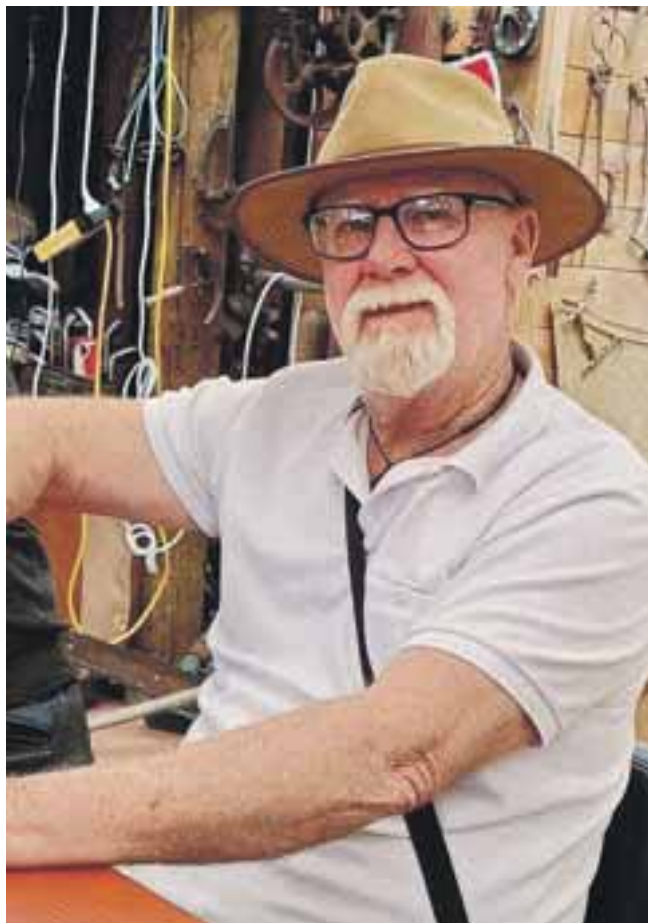
A sadness that will linger on for many years as we move on without his infectious smile, and enthusiasm for anything to do with riding, whether that was with his beloved branch or with other clubs in Hawkes Bay that he frequently rode with.

For those that suffered the trauma of the accident that took Mac's life we can only hope that in time you all will come to peace with this day and be able to look back and remember the times of happiness, of those there were many.

We pay homage to a friend, mentor, confidant, a true dedicated member of Ulysses and a person who will forever be etched into the hearts and souls of those that knew him. Mac has left a legacy that will forever live on in the branch with the many members he had brought into the club, each with their own memories and stories about him. Mac will join those that we pay respect to each year in our John Birch memorial ride, and I'm confident we will find a way to honour him further and to keep his memory alive.

"What we once enjoyed we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes part of us" — Helen Keller

**TONY HICKMOTT** #10416



# Tauranga Tidbits

MEL #7873

**Happenings over the past couple of months include several rides and other activities taken on by members. Rides have been taken on Saturdays, Sundays and any other days as the desire arises by various R.I.C's under the organisation of our rides coordinator JT. Any Sunday rides not specified with a destination will be DOD so if you're travelling through just pop in, meet up and chat with our Sunday morning coffee group at Columbus in Bethlehem.**

My thanks go to Robyn and Paul Carson for their organising of the branch pre-Xmas BBQ at McLaren Falls Park and also for hosting a BYO BBQ event at their home on New Years Eve. Both were greatly enjoyed by those who attended.

November rides saw a group ride to Thames via Paeroa, to catch the Steam Punk parade. Return via various routes as chosen by each rider. Our branch long-distance ride addict participated in the 1KC (1000km challenge) that was held throughout Northland...it 'only' took him 17+ hours (ferry crossings included). There was the Whakatane branch Mountain to Sea charity ride. A ride enjoyed by several from the branch over the years and again this time. Always great comradery and fun to be had. Sadly I missed out due to an injury. Further November rides had a dedicated group of riders cruising around the Manawahe loop, riding via SH26 & Hamurana, through the lakes to Rotoma. Return via Kawerau and Manawahe. An obligatory stop at the Matata Ice cream shop is always part of the East coast route. Ae Colin?.

Late November saw a prearranged visit to a local rest home, well supported by a Spyder, two trikes and 11 bikes. Some very excited residents got their thrills with a blat around the block. This was followed in December by another rest home visit again with morning tea provided.

December was the Rotorua branch toy run which was attended by a couple of our members. Hopefully more of us

will be able to support the next one. Go Rotovegas!!! And the year ended with a fun ride through rural roads to Karapiro Dam and Ohaupo. 330km covered in very warm weather.

2025 began and started with the Ohope wharf meet up between Tauranga, Whakatane and Rotorua branches.

A great ride (via Taneatua) to meet up with Rotorua and Whakatane folks at the Port Ohope Yacht club on Sunday 12th Jan. Thanks to JT and Colin for liaising, organising and leading. Ten bikes (11 riders) left Columbus in Bethlehem and picked up another bike on the way. A great day for the meet up, eat and chat.

The branch held our Annual Christmas dinner on the 7th December at the local Citz Club (also our branch meeting place) and was much enjoyed by those who attended. Not many fights over the secret Santa game this time. Thanks for the many who have paid their sheriff fines over the year and the work of our branch night raffle team it was a well subsidised event.

A number of members are still meeting at Columbus, Bethlehem on Sunday mornings. I am looking at a parallel meet up on the beach side of the city for those who reside there. It may become a popular option.

Our Waihi Beach Autumn Rally is once again coming up in May. The planning for this is well in hand. Come and join us 2nd – 4th of May '25. The Carsons do a great job with the catering and are pivotal to this event. So see you there, it should be a goody.

I have booked my accommodation for the National AGM in New Plymouth and will be representing Tauranga at the coordinators meeting. Hopefully catch up with many of you there.

On that note I wish you and us all a great autumn of riding.

Cheers all, Nga mihi & as always, stay safe.

**MEL #7873**



## Auckland Actions

SHERYL BOYD  
#9443

I'm preparing the "Auckland Actions" on our Anniversary Weekend...how appropriate. It's a gorgeous Saturday morning in Hunua and so far I've counted 10 different bikes enjoying the countryside as they drive through the township. I wish I was with them.

Not to worry as I've been commuting to work on my bike most of this month. The trains in Auckland have not been running due to maintenance on all lines. I never thought I'd say it but I miss the train travel. Riding a motorbike during peak hours (Hunua to Newmarket and then back again), both to and from work, is an experience to say the least.

Another person I'm sure has been missing his rides is branch member Ian Methven. He's on his way to joining us again, although there's a long way to go with his rehabilitation. After having spent four months in Middlemore Hospital and now in the rehab ward at Pukekohe Hospital, Ian's on a mission to get through this and we're looking forward to seeing him again on his feet and back in the saddle.

Our branch is very active in regard to rides thanks to our rides co-ordinator and RIC's. We have Tuesday rides, Saturday rides, Sunday rides and our always popular Coffee, Cakes & Conversation Saturdays.....enjoy these images taken by branch members:

Our branch held our "River Meets The Sea" Rally at Port Waikato in November which I was not able to attend this time. As always, the meals were substantial and people were well fed thanks to Craig and Raewyn Moodie for leading the crew. I believe there was opportunity for old friends to catch up as some that had never attended before came along, like Jim Bolten, Reg Davey and even our own Evan Swenson. This was good to hear. Jim's brother Trevor provided our Saturday night music....thank you Trevor.



**BRONZ TOY RUN 7TH DECEMBER**

– This annual ride is open to all motorcyclists and is always well supported by Ulyssians. The ride started from Z Bombay and travelled various South Auckland roads to our destination at the Salvation Army Church on Clevedon Road. We received a lovely welcome as we went in to rest before enjoying a lovely spread of food, soft drinks, teas and coffee. The table filled with toys donated by the riders was a joy to see and will be enjoyed by many children.



*After the BRONZ Toy Run some of us thought we'd pop over to visit our favourite people...they didn't let us in (they were closed).*

**MILKY BAR RUN 1st JANUARY**

– 1st January was hailed in and so was our Milky Bar Run. It was impressive just how many riders had not overindulged the night before... well done us.

Our RIC this year was John Heebink from North Harbour Ulysses. We met in the carpark at McDonalds Quay St with many giving and receiving New Years' hugs before our rider briefing. Then it was time to ride.... woohoo!

After cruising over the Harbour Bridge we then parked under it on the northern side. It's always a good view of our city from the boat sheds. Looking even better was our lineup of bikes, trikes and side cars.

John sounded the "get ready" horn and we were off. We rode various North Shore roads through various suburbs. The corner marker system works very well. Although there was a slight

hiccup and three riders were temporarily geographically embarrassed.

Our next stop, and this is where our embarrassed riders caught up, was Sanders Reserve. What a great place to visit. I'm sure there were some that were tempted to take their two wheelers down the mountain bike track. No one was growing old disgracefully this time.

After a decent break, bathroom stop, and natter the "get ready" horn sounded and we were off again, this time to our final destination.

We've got some great roads out there and some that were new to me.

We arrived at our lunch stop. We must have looked like an invasion as we all entered the food court en masse at Westgate/Norwest.

After we all had our fill of food and refreshments we made our own way home both local and not so local.



**AUCKLAND BRANCH AGM -**

Our branch AGM is coming up on March 5th, 7pm at the Manukau Cruising Club. I'm looking for a good turnout and lots of enthusiasm from our members. Please remember this is your branch and your opportunity to add value as your input can make a difference. **SHERYL BOYD #9943**

## North Harbour

JOHN SHEARER  
#9242



### Peter Webb Sheriff Rest in Peace (#4603)

**It's with great sorrow that I write that Peter has passed away. Peter had been doing some gardening for his daughter and was using compost. Unfortunately he breathed in some of the dust while he was using it and he contracted Legionnaires disease which progressively got worse and finally overcame him.**

Peter was a larger-than-life type figure. As our sheriff he had the gift of the gab and with his quick wit and repartee he was able to call you out, fine you, take your money and still leave you smiling. He was a quick rider too (always within legal limits of course) and on the rides we went on I couldn't catch him. Except for the one to Whangarei but he, er, fell off his bike on that one so I shouldn't really count that I suppose. Behind his sometimes gruff and brash appearance he had an amazing soft side. Note, he was helping his daughter as one of his last acts, he supported new members to feel welcome into the club, shake their hand, point them out, include them in the night's banter. That's how I got my nickname the Rev – he thought I looked like a Reverend. He advocated for club members to get into rides and activities and he was in there boots and all. He advocated for charities and the one he pushed for the most was Hospice. Yes Peter could be sharp, he told me to bugger off once when I didn't do the treasurer's report his way and use his format. He may have told a few others he wanted them to do it his way too from time to time. Yep he could do that, but damn if you try to take the measure of this man he rings true.

I will really miss you Peter; we all will. To Diane, his wife and family and his friends, our deepest condolences. Every peace and blessing.

*Peter admiring the Hundertwasser tiles. As a tiler in the past himself Peter thought this tiler had to have been on something or was pissed. Nothing matched, they were all over the place.*



*Peter did not always comply with convention. There was an anti-patch move so he put on his patch, lined up his mates and wore them anyway. Nothing was said, and a good night was had by all. This was at the Remembrance weekend in Taupo.*



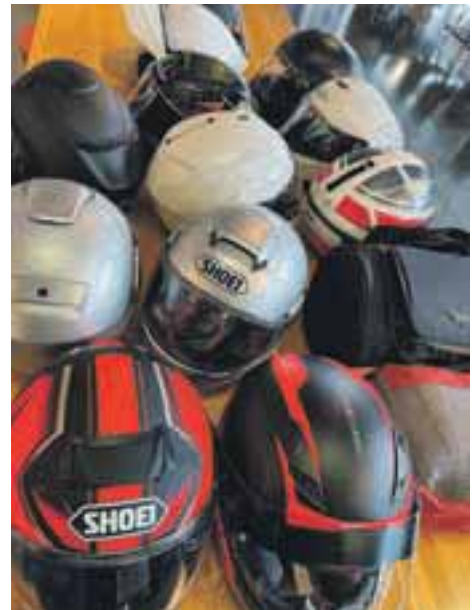
## **The Ronnie Run 2024**

In my last entry I wrote our goal was to raise \$7500 to continue sponsoring the family room and look after its upkeep for another year - 2025. But thanks to everyone who attended we raised just over \$10,000 for the Ronald Mc Donald House Charity. This is an exceptional effort from our club, sponsors (special mention here to Datacom) and all our friends and supporters to help children facing serious health issues. Next year's Ronnie Run is already booked for Sun 2nd November 2025 and we go again.



## **New Year's Day 2025 Milky Bar Run**

Huge turn out of bikes, we were there in strength. That's no trick photography, that really is bikes stretched out to a vanishing point, for a mystery tour under the Harbour Bridge, over the North Shore into the Havens and out West for lunch. Our thanks to John Heebink for all the thought and planning that he puts into these rides, and a big thank you, too, to everyone who turned up and supported. Amazing way to start the year.



*There's a whole lot more we have got up to on the Shore but I want to give Peter a big mention. He deserves it. Rest in peace.*

**JOHN SHEARER #9242**



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## **TRIUMPH UNVEILS THE ULTIMATE BOBBER TFC**

- **Triumph Motorcycles reveals a new Triumph Factory Custom – the ultimate expression of Bobber style and attitude**
- **Just 750 individually numbered motorcycles worldwide**
- **Beautiful gloss carbon fibre bodywork and a unique, two-tone paint finish with hand-painted marble gold accents**
- **Custom-tuned 1200cc engine and twin Akrapovič silencers**
- **The very best components and a chassis optimised for agility and precision**

Triumph Motorcycles has unveiled the new Bonneville Bobber TFC, a Triumph Factory Custom that is the ultimate expression of custom Bobber style and attitude.

With only 750 available worldwide, featuring an individually numbered badge on the billet-machined top yoke, this very special limited-edition motorcycle features exclusive modifications and hand-crafted customisation. Its unique blend of heritage-inspired style, advanced engineering, and characterful sound, blends style and substance, with a focus on responsive handling.

With a design scheme developed by Triumph's world-class paint team, the Bobber TFC features a unique, two-tone paint finish with hand-painted marble gold textured accents on its minimalist

tank and side panels, elevating its visual impact. Adding a personal touch, each fuel tank is hand signed on the underside by the artist.

Clip-on bars give a more focussed riding position while the slim 19-inch front wheel of the TFC epitomises the purest expression of classic British Bobber style, contrasting with the wide rear tyre to perfect a commanding stance.

A pair of matt black slash-cut Akrapovic silencers with carbon fibre end caps combine with an intoxicating induction roar from twin airboxes and throttle bodies, to perfectly complement the Bobber TFC's more aggressive engine map and the exhilarating throttle response in its extra Sport riding mode.

The Bonneville Bobber TFC also benefits from high specification Öhlins suspension front and rear, powerful Brembo radial monobloc brakes with a Brembo MCS master cylinder, and a significant weight reduction compared to the standard Bobber - all set up and optimised by Triumph's chassis development experts to deliver a ride that is as special as the bike looks.

Chief Commercial Officer, Paul Stroud said: "The Bobber is the bike of choice for many incredible custom builders and we know that more than 70 per cent of our customers in this category personalise their bike with accessories. That's why our design engineers, inspired by a passion

for the global custom scene, have set out to create the most beautiful, exclusive and desirable motorcycle possible. For those customers looking for a motorcycle that is even more special, customised and modified by the best design engineers within Triumph, this Triumph Factory Custom is simply exceptional."

"For those customers looking for a motorcycle that is even more special, customised and modified by the best design engineers within Triumph, this Triumph Factory Custom is simply exceptional. From this exclusive paintwork finish to the high-end components finished in gold, each feature has been crafted with unmatched precision. With only 750 of these Bonneville Bobber TFC motorcycles in the world, this is a rare, hand-crafted gem that showcases Triumph's heritage and innovation, and while it will look incredible as part of a collection, this bike will be fully appreciated on the road."

### **HAND-CRAFTED CUSTOM STYLE**

From the gold detail on the ignition key to the embossed leather seat, the Bobber TFC has a luxurious appeal. As well as its unique, two-tone paint finish with hand-painted marble gold textured accents, gloss lacquered real carbon fibre side panels and mudguard stays add a high-end, performance-inspired touch.



Golden fork lowers and suspension fork adjusters with gold-anodised details add striking contrast and a refined, custom appearance, while billet-machined engine cover badges with intricate gold detailing and a gold coloured chain highlight the meticulous attention to detail.

The black premium leather seat, embossed with the Triumph triangle logo, offers both comfort and exclusivity. This floating single seat, and hard tail style hidden RSU, creates the Bobber's signature purposeful presence, muscular poise and attitude, while its distinctive proportions create a commanding ride.

The clip-on bars with billet aluminium yokes provide a poised, assertive riding position, enhancing both control and handling, while a reduction of more than 5kg over the standard Bobber model enhances the bike's agility and responsiveness, for an even more effortless and agile riding experience.

With twin Brembo M50 radial calipers and 310mm discs, the braking system delivers powerful, responsive stopping power, ensuring confidence at every turn. The Öhlins 43mm NIX 30 upside-down forks and rear shock ensure precise, sporty handling to match the purposeful look, and are fine-tuned to provide optimal comfort and handling.

#### RAW CUSTOM-TUNED PERFORMANCE

The new Bonneville Bobber TFC is engineered to deliver a riding experience that's as powerful as it is refined. Its legendary 1200cc Bonneville twin engine is custom-tuned to reach a peak power of 78PS at a lower 6,000 rpm and achieves its

peak torque of 106Nm at just 3,750 rpm. This enhances low-end responsiveness, giving the TFC an effortlessly powerful feel. The TFC also has a new Sport riding mode; as well as Road, and Rain, which provides an even more instant throttle response. The striking twin Akrapovič exhausts with carbon fibre embellishers produce a deep, hot-rod sound that perfectly matches the bike's assertive character.

#### SEAMLESSLY INTEGRATED TECHNOLOGY

The New Bonneville Bobber TFC incorporates advanced technology with a timeless aesthetic, proving that innovation and classic style can co-exist in perfect harmony. Traction control ensures stability and control in all conditions, adding confidence without compromising style. New multi-function bullet-style rear lights\* remove the need for a central rear light, providing full functionality while preserving the bike's clean, minimalist look.

#### ON THE ROAD

The new Bobber TFC is expected to arrive in New Zealand dealerships from March 2025 with pricing to be confirmed closer to the bike's arrival in market. Customers can reserve their Bobber or find out more at [www.triumphmotorcycles.co.nz](http://www.triumphmotorcycles.co.nz)



#### SPECIFICATION ENGINE

Type	Liquid-cooled parallel twin, 8 valve, SOHC, 270° firing order
Capacity	1200 cc
Bore	97.6 mm
Stroke	80.0 mm
Compression	10:1
Maximum Power	78 PS / 77 bhp (57.5 kW) @ 6,000 rpm
Maximum Torque	106 Nm @ 3,750 rpm
Fuel System	Electronic fuel injection with electronic throttle control. 3 rider modes (Road, Rain, Sport)
Exhaust	Brushed stainless steel 2 into 2 exhaust system with twin Akrapovič silencers and carbon tips
Final Drive	X-ring chain
Clutch	Wet, multi-plate, slip & assist
Gearbox	6-speed

#### SPECIFICATION CHASSIS

Frame	Tubular steel cradle
Swingarm	Twin-sided tubular steel
Front Wheel	32-spoke 19 x 2.5 in
Rear Wheel	32-spoke 16 x 3.5 in
Front Tyre	100/90-19
Rear Tyre	150/80-16
Front Suspension	43mm Öhlins NIX 30 upside-down forks, adjustable for pre-load, compression and rebound damping. 90 mm wheel travel.
Rear Suspension	Öhlins monoshock with linkage, adjustable for pre-load and rebound damping. 77 mm wheel travel.
Front Brakes	Twin 310mm fixed discs, Brembo M50 4-piston radial calipers, ABS
Rear Brakes	Single 255mm fixed disc, Nissin axial caliper, ABS
Instruments	Analogue speedometer with integrated multi-function LCD display and TFC branding

#### SPECIFICATION DIMENSIONS AND WEIGHTS

Length	2,235 mm
Width (Handlebars)	774 mm
Height Without Mirrors	1,060 mm
Seat Height	690 - 700 mm
Wheelbase	1,510 mm
Rake	25.7°
Trail	93 mm
Wet weight	237 kg
Fuel Tank Capacity	9 litres

#### SPECIFICATION CONSUMPTION AND EMISSIONS (EU)

Fuel Consumption	TBC
CO2 Figures	TBC
Standard	EURO 5+

(CO2 emissions and fuel consumption data are measured according to regulation 168/2013/EC. Figures for fuel consumption are derived from specific test conditions and are for comparative purposes only. They may not reflect real driving results.)

Service Interval	10,000 miles (16,000 km) /12 months (whichever comes first)
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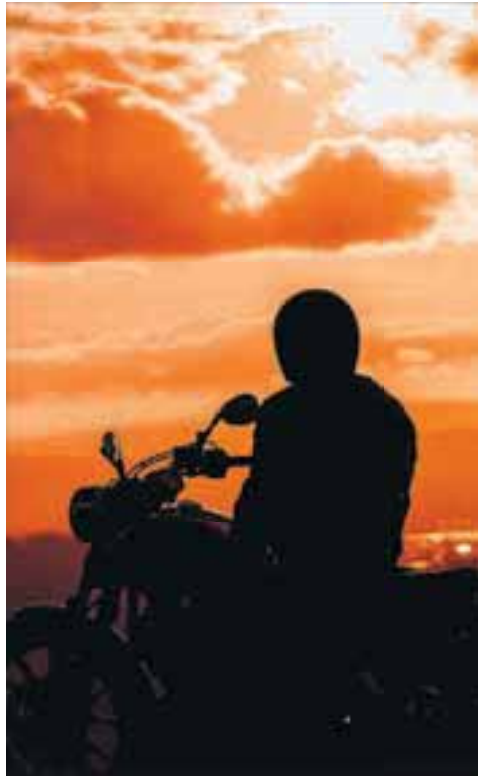
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## AUCKLAND

Manukau Cruising Club,  
Orpheus Drive, Onehunga,  
First Wednesday every  
month, 7.30pm  
**SHERYL BOYD**  
[auckland@ulysses.org.nz](mailto:auckland@ulysses.org.nz)  
021 675 328

## AUCKLAND N.HARBOUR

1st Thurs of the month,  
5.30-9pm, Hobsonville  
RSA, 114 Hobsonville Road,  
Hobsonville.  
**JOHN SHEARER**  
[n.harbour@ulysses.org.nz](mailto:n.harbour@ulysses.org.nz)  
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**TREVOR TAYLOR**  
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027 480 9976

## CANTERBURY

RSA Hall, 55 Bellvue Avenue,  
Papanui, Christchurch.  
Second Thurs every month.  
7pm  
**CHRIS CAREY**  
[canterbury@ulysses.org.nz](mailto:canterbury@ulysses.org.nz)  
021 497 155

## FAR NORTH

Rides every Wednesday and  
Sunday mornings. Depart  
10am from Burger King,  
Whangarei.  
**MALCOLM PERRY**  
[far.north@ulysses.org.nz](mailto:far.north@ulysses.org.nz)  
027 438 0052

## GISBORNE

1st Tuesday of the month.  
Bushmere Arms Public Bar,  
7.30pm  
**CHRISTINE (CHRIS)  
CAMERON**  
06 868 9661 / 027 460 2430  
[gisborne@ulysses.org.nz](mailto:gisborne@ulysses.org.nz)

## HAWKE'S BAY

Taradale RSA, 1st Wednesday  
of the month at 7.30pm  
**TONY HICKMOTT**  
[hawkes.bay@ulysses.org.nz](mailto:hawkes.bay@ulysses.org.nz)  
027 432 2362

## KAPITI COAST

2nd Tuesday each month,  
7:30pm. Manukau Bowling  
Club, 10 Mokena Kohere  
Street, Levin  
**PAUL NEES**  
[kapiti@ulysses.org.nz](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:marlborough@ulysses.org.nz)  
03 577 6822 / 027 300 1309

## NELSON

Coffee morning, every  
Saturday 10am-12noon.  
Alioke Eatery, 4A Central Park  
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welcome, with space to park  
your bike or car.  
**LORRAINE LINDSAY**  
[Nelson@Ulysses.org.nz](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:otago@ulysses.org.nz)

## ROTORUA

Mcds room, Fenton Street,  
Rotorua, 7pm last  
Sunday of the month  
**LEIGH-ANN CRANE**  
[rotorua@ulysses.org.nz](mailto:rotorua@ulysses.org.nz)  
021 0266 0528

## SOUTHLAND

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**ROSS LAWRY**  
03 218 2900 / 027 227 2522  
[southland@ulysses.org.nz](mailto:southland@ulysses.org.nz)

## SOUTH CANTERBURY

3rd Thursday of Month at  
7pm  
Ascot Sporthouse and Eatery  
Washdyke, Timaru  
**GAVIN BARKER**  
021 468 979  
[s.canterbury@ulysses.org.nz](mailto:s.canterbury@ulysses.org.nz)

## TARANAKI

New Plymouth Club,  
49-55 Gill Street,  
New Plymouth. 6pm,  
3rd Wednesday monthly  
**BILL KIDNEY**  
[taranaki@ulysses.org.nz](mailto:taranaki@ulysses.org.nz)  
021 264 9598

## TAUMARUNUI

RSA, 1st Wednesday each  
month. 7pm. Rides 10am,  
Mobil, Sundays  
**TONY RITCHIE**  
[taumarunui@ulysses.org.nz](mailto:taumarunui@ulysses.org.nz)  
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.  
**MEL THOMPSON**  
Ph 027 646 3084

## WAIHI-THAMES VALLEY

2nd Sunday monthly  
2pm at the Paeroa RSA  
**CHRIS BROWN**  
[waihi.tv@ulysses.org.nz](mailto:waihi.tv@ulysses.org.nz)  
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](mailto: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](mailto:wairarapa@ulysses.org.nz)  
027 432 5075

## WELLINGTON

Petone Workingmen's Club,  
Udy Street, Petone, 7.30pm,  
2nd Tuesday monthly  
**JIM FURNEAUX**  
021 244 2091  
[wellington@ulysses.org.nz](mailto:wellington@ulysses.org.nz)

## WESTLAND

Coffee every Sat, 1000hrs at  
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**KERRY CHAPMAN**  
[westland@ulysses.org.nz](mailto:westland@ulysses.org.nz)  
027 472 8289

## WHAKATANE

Ohope Chartered Club,  
Ohope, 7.30pm,  
2nd Wednesday monthly  
**JEREMY NEWELL**  
Ph 022 625 5935

# UPCOMING RALLIES

**To avoid missing out and having our rallies the same weekend as another branch we are planning ahead for November rallies.**

*1st Friday of November Taranaki Rally  
- every second year so next will hopefully be 2026*

*2nd Friday of November Waikato Rally*

*3rd Friday of November Auckland Rally*

**We hope to adhere to these dates but of course we are reliant on venue availability. Remember this is not locked in concrete, it is an idea we hope will work for each of the three branches.**

## ULYSSES AUCKLAND RALLY “RIVER MEETS THE SEA”

Start planning now... Lock in these dates on your calendar and make sure you are coming to our 2025 Auckland Rally.

**Friday 21 - Sunday 23 November 2025.**

### **We have:**

- ✓ Our great chefs feeding us again
- ✓ A raffle table
- ✓ 24/7 tea and coffee
- ✓ Fridges to store your BYO
- ✓ Home baking

**Rally details will be in next Ulyssian.**

# Ulysses Club NZ 2025 National Rally and AGM

2025 NZ ULYSSES



**11 - 13 April 2025**

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

<b>Name</b> _____	<b>Address</b> _____
Ulysses Membership # _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Tick if Coordinator <input type="checkbox"/> and/or Natcom member	_____
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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	
<b>Meals and drinks available for members and partners</b>			
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	
<b>DRESS UP!</b> Prizes for <b>BEST INTERPRETATIONS OF: SURF HIGHWAY 45</b> Please make every effort to dress up, it will be FUN!			
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Please list any <b>DIETARY REQUIREMENTS</b> here:			
<b>Rally Polo Shirt</b> CUT OFF DATE FOR ORDERING IS JAN 31, 2025		\$45	
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Men: S M L XL 2XL 3XL 4XL 5XL			
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<b>TOTAL (add total \$ here)</b>			

**Registrations  
close:  
March 7, 2025**

**PLEASE NOTE: Self contained motorhomes/caravans - please book Belt Road Seaside Holiday Park**

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.

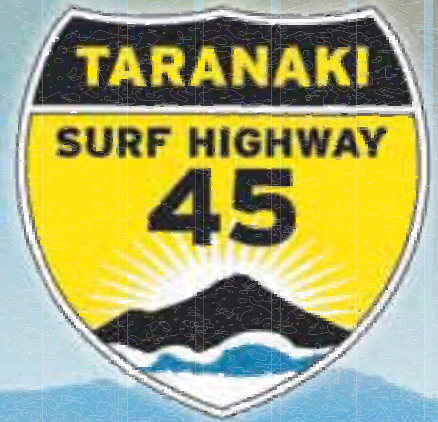
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**Ulysses Club NZ**

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**2025 NZ ULYSSES**



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**11 - 13 April 2025**

***Come and experience our great Taranaki Welcome  
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**Venue:**

Paritutu Bowling Club,  
445 St Aubyn St, Moturoa NP

**Queries and  
Questions:**

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027 203 5902  
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027 623 7626  
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UlyssesTaranaki25@gmail.com

**Keep Updated:**

<https://ulysses.org.nz/national-rally-and-agm/>

**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

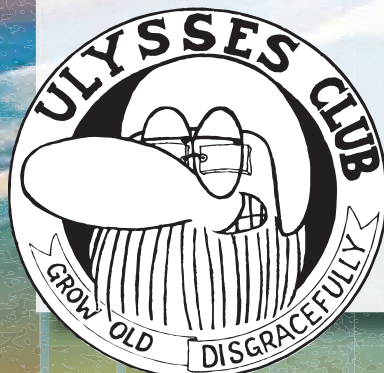
Theme: "Surf Highway 45"

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

32 Queen Street, New Plymouth  
www.bellavista.co.nz  
(06) 769 5932  
Distance to venue: 2km

## Flamingo Braemar Motor Inn

152 Powderham Street, New Plymouth  
braemarmotorinn@xtra.co.nz  
(06) 758 0859  
Distance to venue: 2.1km

## Kings & Queens Hotel Suites

Cnr King & Queen Street, New Plymouth  
reservations@kingandqueen.co.nz  
(06) 757 2999  
Distance to venue: 2.1km

## Millenium Hotel New Plymouth

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

## Brougham Heights Motel and Apart- ments

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@ducksanddrakes.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 (Motor- homes 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 Plym-  
outh  
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



EXAMPLE:  
Rally Polo Shirt  
(Male cut)



EXAMPLE:  
Rally T-Shirt  
(Ladies cut)

# 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)

# NORTH ISLAND *Remembrance Service*

**Saturday 16 August 2025, 2:00 pm at Great Lake Centre, Taupo  
(Tongariro North Domain, Story Place, Taupō)**

**YES, ONE WEEK LATER THAN USUAL, this year 3rd Saturday of August, 2025**

Ulysses Auckland branch, in association with Ulysses Taupō branch, invite all Ulyssians to come together at our annual Remembrance Service and remember members who have passed away.

If you intend staying in Taupō, please make your own accommodation arrangements.

An organized social event is intended for the Saturday evening. Once planning is finalised, details will be available on the Auckland Ulysses website.

Badges and embroidered cloth badges will be sold on the day, both at the morning organised Taupō ride and at the venue. Hot drinks and biscuits will be available in the main foyer on your arrival in the afternoon. A donation will be appreciated.

**The Remembrance Service starts at 2pm, please be early so you can be seated in the hall before that time.**

*A group ride on Friday 15 August from Auckland to Taupō is being planned. A formal ride of respect through Taupō will be held on the day of the service. All ride details will be available in the branch newsletters and websites closer to the event.*

Any questions, please contact:  
Auckland branch president,  
or Peggy O'Neal at  
[remembrance@ulysses.org.nz](mailto:remembrance@ulysses.org.nz).

Please also keep visiting our website  
[www.ulyssesauckland.org.nz](http://www.ulyssesauckland.org.nz) for further information.

Ulysses Club - Auckland Branch  
([ulyssesauckland.org.nz](http://ulyssesauckland.org.nz))



# OCTOBER 2025 NORTH ISLAND COMPASS RALLY

**Preliminary notice to pencil in October 2025 for this biennial event. Further details will be in the next Ulyssian in the new year, along with entry forms.**

As usual, the event will be a poker run which involves you visiting up to five extremes of the North Island to draw a playing card during the month, and a final card drawn at a prize-giving event to be held in Palmerston North. Cash and spot prizes will be on offer.

The more entries, the bigger the prizes!

Please don't swamp us for requests for details yet – we are still in planning stages! Just mark your calendars now!

Ride On!

**HOWARD ASPLIN** #4594  
Branch Secretary, Manawatu



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## Southland 300 Henry's Tiki Tour 2025

### MISSION

To follow instructions provided and traverse the back roads of Southland.

### CHALLENGE

To stop in places mentioned and answer questions provided.

### REWARD

Summer day ride with a badge.

### FACTS

Total distance 300km. Ride can be done anytime between January 1st and March 31st.

Instructions and questions will be emailed upon receipt of payment.

All roads are tar sealed as per instructions. Any mode of transport can be used.

### ENTRY

Entry fee of \$25 per person required.

Entries close November 30th.

To receive an entry form, email: [southland@ulysses.org.nz](mailto:southland@ulysses.org.nz)

# Terrific Thailand

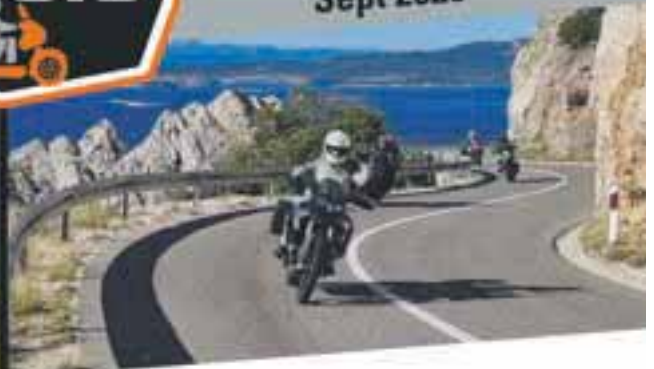
July 2025



# Magical Croatia

Sept 2026

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



A 15 day tour that starts and finishes in Zagreb, Croatia, and also includes Bosnia & Herzegovina, and Montenegro making it a Magical triple treat! Ride Croatia and the Adriatic coast with its breath taking azure blue waters and centuries of ancient history and medieval cities. This spectacular combination of rugged high country and stunning coastal roads will give you some of the most invigorating riding possible.

magicmotorcycling

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

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

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

# Tauranga Branch Ulysses Rally

**Date: 2nd, 3rd & 4th May 2025**

**Venue: Sea Esta Camp & Lodge, 48 Seaforth Rd, Waihi Beach.**

Cost: \$80 per head, Bunk room accommodation and mattress (BYO Bedding), Friday night meal, Saturday breakfast and evening meal & Sunday breakfast all included. Limited to 75 people. ON SITE Check in from 2pm



Name..... Ulysses No.....  
 Pillion..... Ulysses No.....  
 Address.....  
 Email..... Phone No.....  
 Enclosed Entry Fee \$ ..... **Closing Date: 15th April, 2025**

Confirmation email will be sent once payment and registration form received.

No REFUNDS after close off date.

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

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

**Email completed form to paulrobyn7@xtra.co.nz**

Direct credit to 01-0434-0208650-00 and please put "your name" as particulars and Ulysses membership No. as "code" and "Rally 2025" as reference

**Queries to 075433042 or 0275862121**

**ULYSSES CLUB NZ INC.**  
**2026 NATIONAL**  
**RALLY AND AGM**

Hosted by  
**ULYSSES NELSON**

**27-29 MARCH, 2026**



**VENUE:**

**THE HEADINGLY CENTRE**  
2 Headingly Lane, Richmond 7020

**Come & experience  
Nelson/Tasman like  
never before for  
our National AGM  
Weekend.**

**KEEP UPDATED**

<http://ulysses.org.nz/national-rally-and-agm/>

For all queries or  
questions:

**Lorraine Lindsay**  
**021 276 5656**  
or **Vicki McGhee**  
**021 278 3552**

or email:  
[ulyssesnelson2026@gmail.com](mailto:ulyssesnelson2026@gmail.com)

**ITINERARY:**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2026**

9am - 12pm: NatCom Meeting  
1pm - 4pm: Co-ordinators' Meeting  
12pm - Registrations Open  
4.30pm - Bar opens  
5.30pm onwards - Welcome,  
Housekeeping, Mix & Mingle, Games  
6pm - Dinner starts

**FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2026**

9am - AGM Registrations (new arrivals)  
10am - 11.30am - AGM  
12pm - 4pm - Ride and other non-ride activities

**Theme: Life's a Beach**

4.30pm - Venue opens for evening  
6pm - Dinner starts  
6.30pm - 'Don't Fred' band starts  
8.30pm - Bike Raffle, followed by other  
raffles & prizes  
11pm - Close of Evening

**SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026**

7am - 11am - Breakfast & Farewells at Alioke Eatery

# Ulysses Club NZ 2026 National Rally and AGM

## 27-29 MARCH, 2026

Headingly Centre  
[N.B. ONLY FOR SELF CONTAINED RV's]  
2 Headingly Lane, Richmond  
To book your free site (limited spaces):  
UlyssesNelson26@gmail.com  
Distance: On site

Queen Street Holiday Park  
422 Lower Queen Street, Richmond  
info@holidayparknelson.co.nz  
03 544 7677  
Distance: 0.3 km

Richmond Park Motorhome Camp  
358 Lower Queen Street, Richmond  
manager@richmondpark.nz  
03 544 7181  
Distance: 0.9 km

Redwood Stables Holiday Park  
384 Lower Queen Street, Richmond  
redwoodstablesholidaypark@gmail.com  
021 0912 7868  
Distance: 1.0 km

Oxford Court Motel  
73 Oxford Street, Richmond  
enquiries@oxfordcourtmetel.co.nz  
0800 351 352 / 03 544 8003  
Distance: 1.6km

Gladstone Motel  
19 Gladstone Road, Richmond  
info@gladstonemotel.co.nz  
0800 449 984 / 03 543 9984  
Distance: 1.6km

Queen Street Studios  
244 Queen Street, Richmond  
info@aw.kiwi.nz  
0800 427 844 / 03 544 7164  
Distance: 1.6km

Richmond Motel and Holiday Park  
24 Gladstone Road, Richmond  
stay@richmondmotel.co.nz  
0800 250 218  
Distance: 2.0km

Parkside Motel  
42 Gladstone Road, Richmond  
info@parksidemotel.co.nz  
0800 161 212 / 03 544 2264  
Distance: 2.2km

Room For Two B&B  
77 Champion Road, Richmond  
027 566 4842 (Cindy)  
Distance: 2.5km

Lavender Studio B&B  
222 Hill Street, Richmond  
027 312 3517 (Daphna)  
Distance: 3.4km

Rose Cottage B&B  
83 Hill Street, Richmond  
Distance: 3.6km

The Pear Orchard Lodge  
569 Hill Street, Hope  
stay@thepearorchard.co.nz  
03 544 5361 / 021 022 46501  
Distance: 4.0km

Saxton Lodge  
103 Saxon Rd East, Stoke  
info@saxtonlodge.co.nz  
0800 088 866 / 03 547 1375  
Distance: 4.8 km

Country Retreats on Ranzau  
216 Ranzau Road, Hope  
021 548 373 / 03 547 1375  
Distance: 4.8km

Appleby House / Rabbit Island Huts  
305 Redwood Road  
Rabbit Island  
027 663 2639  
Distance: 6.5 km

Boutique Motel  
7 Bail Street, Stoke  
boutiquemotelnelson@gmail.com  
03 547 1439  
Distance: 6.8 km

The Beachcomber  
23 Beach Road, Tahunanui  
stay@beachcomber.co.nz  
03 548 5985 / 027 625 5116  
Distance: 7.8km

The Honest Lawyer, Ascend Hotel  
1 Point Road Monaco, Stoke  
info@honestlawyer.co.nz  
03 547 4070 / 0800 921 192  
Distance: 8.1 km

The Apple Pickers Cottages  
43 Apple Valley East Road  
stay@applepickers.nz  
021 721 730  
Distance: 11.0km

Redwood Valley B&B  
159 Stringer Road, Redwood Valley  
0275483793 / 035483793 (Maria)  
Distance: 11.0km

Tahunu Beach Holiday Park  
Golf Road, Tahunanui  
huna@tahunabeach.co.nz  
035 452 127  
Distance: 12.0km

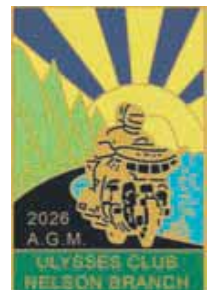
## AGM 2026 Accommodation options around Nelson/Tasman

### Example of Rally 2026 Polo Shirt front and back:



**Polo Shirt -  
Colour Grey/  
Green. A  
BIZ COOL™  
performance  
polo. Grid  
mesh  
underarm  
and side  
panels  
for added  
ventilation.**

Example of  
cloth patch -  
size 10cm x  
7cm (100mm x  
70mm)



# Ulysses Club NZ

## 2026 National Rally and AGM

### VENUE:

**THE HEADINGLY CENTRE**  
2 Headingly Lane, Richmond 7020

## 27-29 MARCH, 2026

Name:	Address:
Ulysses Member No:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tick if Coordinator and or <input type="checkbox"/> Tick if NatCom Member	
Phone:	Branch:
Email:	
Partner Name:	Partner Ulysses Member No:
<input type="checkbox"/> Tick if Coordinator and/or <input type="checkbox"/> Tick if NatCom Member	

	Number	Per Person	Amount						
National AGM / Rally <b>Registration Fee:</b> Payable by all attending		\$40.00							
SELF CONTAINED RV overnight limited parking for Friday & Saturday [N.B. ONLY FOR SELF CONTAINED RVs: Any queries email: <a href="mailto:UlyssesNelson2026@gmail.com">UlyssesNelson2026@gmail.com</a> ]		Free							
<b>National Rally Badge 2026:</b> <i>Cut off badge order: 27th January 2026</i>		\$10.00							
<b>Nelson Badge 2026:</b> <i>Cut off badge order: 27th January 2026</i>		\$10.00							
<b>Friday Evening:</b> Meal – The Headingly Centre, light food. <b>Bar Opens:</b> 4:30 pm <b>Dinner Starts:</b> 6.00pm		\$27.00							
<b>Saturday Afternoon:</b> <b>Rally Ride - Banjo Country adventure.</b>									
<b>Saturday Evening:</b> Meal – The Headingly Centre 'Smorgasbord Menu' <b>Bar Opens:</b> 4:30pm <b>Dinner Starts:</b> 6.00pm		\$50.00							
<b>Dress Up:</b> Prizes for <b>Best Interpretations</b> of <b>"Life's a Beach"</b> Please make every effort to dress up. It will be fun!									
<b>Sunday Morning:</b> Breakfast 7:00am to 11:00am - <b>Alioke Eatery</b> <b>4A Central Park Lane, off Berryfield Drive, Richmond 7020.</b>		\$25.00							
Please list your <b>Dietary Requirements</b> here:									
<b>Rally Embroidered Cloth Patch- <i>Cut off badge order: 27th January 2026</i></b>		\$30.00							
<b>Rally Polo Shirt</b> – Refer to Accommodation page for polo style <i>Cut off for order: 27th January 2026</i>		\$50.00							
Polo Shirt Sizing: Please circle size required:	<b>Total</b>		\$						
<b>Men:</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>XL</b>	<b>2XL</b>	<b>3XL</b>	<b>5XL</b>		
<b>Ladies:</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>24</b>

**Payment** will be by Bank Deposit or Online Banking: **NBS 03-1354-0222852-01**

Please include your **Ulysses Number** and **Surname** in the details.

Scan and email the **Registration** form to: [UlyssesNelson2026@gmail.com](mailto:UlyssesNelson2026@gmail.com)

Registrations will be acknowledged via reply email.

**Cancellation Policy:** In the events of a Covid outbreak or similar related Regional/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.

**Registrations & Orders Close: 27th January 2026**



# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING APRIL 2025

**VENUE: PARITUTU BOWLING CLUB,  
445 ST AUBYN STREET, MOTUROA, NEW PLYMOUTH  
SATURDAY, 12 APRIL 2025 AT 10:00AM**

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

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# **THE ULYSSES CLUB OF NZ INC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2025**

**VENUE: Paritutu Bowling Club, 445 St Aubyn Street, Moturoa, New Plymouth  
SATURDAY, 12 APRIL 2025 AT 10:00AM**

## **MEETING AGENDA**

- 1. Welcome and Greetings
- 2. Apologies
- 3. Minutes of AGM held at North Harbour 2024
- 4. Matters arising
- 5. President's Report
- 6. Matters arising from report
- 7. Treasurer's Report
- 8. Matters arising from report
- 9. Coordinators' Meeting Report
- 10. Remits/Resolutions - discussion & voting
- 11. General Business (If any)
- 12. Odyssey Medal Presentation (if any forthcoming)
- 13. Life Member Presentation (if any forthcoming)
- 14. 2026 National AGM - Nelson Presentation
- 15. Election of Officers

Nominations for the National Committee received by Friday Nov 1st 2024 deadline with their proposer and seconder are listed below. There are 4 nominations for Committee members.

If the second remit passes, then all nominees are in. If the second remit fails, then Suzie will be withdrawing her nomination, so there will be no voting.

<b>Nominee</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Nominator</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Secunder</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Incumbent?</b>
<b>President</b>						
Andy Wilson	7169	Tony Allen	8420	Murray Cross	7098	Y
<b>Vice President</b>						
Craig Moodie	8602	Jim Furneaux	2098	Sheryl Boyd	9443	Y
<b>Treasurer</b>						
Chris Groube	7295	Stuart Burns	3703	Andrea Thompson	5500	N
<b>Secretary</b>						
Debbie Macfarlane	9634	Chris Carey	3497	Leigh-Ann Crane	10243	N
<b>Committee</b>						
1. Karen Wilson	7787	Leigh-Ann Crane	10243	Paddy Ngawhika	10341	Y
2. Vicky Noda	9990	Wayne Painter	1756	Marty Noda	10136	N
3. Tony Hickmott	10416	Tim Stewart	8959	Suzie Pentelow	8532	N
4. Suzie Pentelow	8532	Gemma Peyerl	9484	Andrew Pentelow	8533	N

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **2025 Taranaki AGM**

Please note that only those items of General Business or Members Questions which are notified in writing, (including by email) to the National Secretary by Tuesday 11th February 2025 will be accepted for discussion in General Business at the National AGM.

### **Current Membership**

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

**Future National Rally and AGM information:** 2026 Nelson, 2027 Taupo, 2028 Marlborough

2025

# REMIT AGM

## REMIT/ RESOLUTION 1

**The following is a request seeking to replace the existing Club Rules in their entirety and adopt a Constitution in accordance with the provisions of the Incorporated Societies Act 2022.**

This remit is intended to be presented at the National Annual General Meeting to be held on 12 April 2025, as permitted by Rule 5.1 of the Club Rules.

We further request publication of the remit in the December 2024 *Ulyssian* as required by the Club Rules.

### Proposed:

**CRAIG MOODIE** #8602 – National Vice President

**STUART (SMOKEY) BURNS** #3703 – Life Member & Past National Treasurer

This Remit is supported by the National Committee of the Ulysses Club of New Zealand (Inc).

### Background

All Incorporated Societies incorporated under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908 are required to re-register in accordance with the provisions of the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 (The Act) if they want to remain incorporated. As a part of this process each Society is required to adopt a Constitution which includes provisions that satisfy the requirements as set out in the Act.

The National Committee has coopted a small group of club members along with legal advisors, to update the existing “Club Rules”

into a Constitution that meets the requirements of the Act.

While the existing Club Rules have formed the basis for the Constitution there are specific items which require inclusion due to the requirement of the Act. In addition, National Committee has identified certain items in the existing Club Rules and options contained in the Act which have been included in the Constitution. The key items of change from the existing Club Rules are set out below.

**Note:** All Clause references apply to the Constitution

**Clause 1.2 Definitions;** This section had been expanded and updated to refer to the Constitution, Financial Statements and Contact Person.

**Clause 2.5 Register of Members;** Updated to incorporate the requirements of the Act

**Clause 2.8 Unacceptable Behaviour;** This clause sets out the information previously forming part of the Discipline clause in the Rules.

**Clause 2.9 Disputes and Complaints;** Clause 2.8 Discipline contained in the Club Rules has been deleted (apart from the description of Unacceptable Behaviour which is now clause 2.8 in the Constitution) and replaced by the new Disputes and Complaints clause, which is in accordance with the provisions of the Act and clearly sets out the procedures in place to protect members rights.

**Section 3.0 Governance;** The clauses applying to National and

Branch Committees now includes the requirements of the Act in relation to the consent process for committee members.

**Clause 3.3.5 Electronic Votes;** This is a new clause from the Rules to allow for electronic voting.

**Clause 3.4 Committee Meeting;** The current rule provisions have been expanded to allow for the use of postal and electronic voting.

**Clause 3.5.2 The National Secretary is responsible for;** Clarifies the National Secretary responsibility in relation to document filing with the Registrar of Incorporated Societies (including an annual return).

**Section 3.7 Meetings;** Clarifies the information required to be presented to members at Society and Branch meetings which also includes the disclosure of interests of committee members and Financial Statements in a form that complies with Section 6 of the Financial Reporting Act 2023.

**Clause 3.8.9;** Allows for Special Resolutions by signing the resolution or approving the resolution by electronic means.

**Section 5.0 Alteration of the Rules;** Clarifies this aspect in accordance with the Act.

A copy of the proposed Constitution will be made available to members electronically.

Members requiring a printed copy should contact the National Administrator for this.

# Remits/Resolutions

## The National Secretary, Ulysses Club of NZ Inc

### REMIT/ RESOLUTION 2

The following is a request seeking, Subject to the adoption of a Constitution in accordance with the provisions of the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 to replace the existing Club Rules in their entirety, an amendment to the Constitution to increase the membership of National Committee from Seven (7) members to Eight (8) members.

This remit is intended to be presented at the National Annual General Meeting to be held on 12 April 2025, as permitted by Rule 5.1 of the existing Club Rules and Section 5.1 of the Club Constitution (subject to its adoption).

We further request publication of the remit in the December 2024 *Ulyssian* as required by the Club Rules.

#### Proposed:

**ANDY WILSON** #7169 – President

**CRAIG MOODIE** #8602 – National Vice President

This Remit is supported by the National Committee of the Ulysses Club of New Zealand (Inc).

#### Background

The new club Constitution will provide for Seven (7) members of the National Committee members as is the case with the Club Rules that the Constitution is replacing.

The existing National Committee has considered the current and future obligations applicable to the members who undertake their National Committee roles, in a voluntary capacity and consider that

the National Committee should be increased from the existing seven (7) members to eight (8) members with the addition of an additional non-role specific office bearer.

As such approval for the following amendment is sought.

**Clause 3.1(b)** is deleted and replaced with

(b) The National Committee shall comprise eight (8) Members:

- (i) the National President;
- (ii) the National Vice President;
- (iii) the National Secretary;
- (iv) the National Treasurer; and
- (v) Four non-role specific office bearers



# POSTAL VOTING FOR REMITS

To ensure your votes are counted please:

- Use the forms provided on this page
- Don't write other information on the forms
- Put the forms in a sealed envelope
- Write your Ulysses Membership Number and the words 'Secret Ballot' on the outside of the envelope (your number is used to only determine your eligibility to vote, not how you vote.)
- If combining votes in one envelope then ALL membership numbers need to be recorded on the envelope
- All postal votes must be sent to the National Administrator at PO Box 40218, Upper Hutt 5140 and postmarked no later than March 28th 2025.



## REMIT VOTING FORM

### REMIT/RESOLUTIONS 1

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

<b>REMIT/RESOLUTION 1</b>	<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>
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**The request seeking to replace the existing Club Rules in their entirety and adopt a Constitution in accordance with the provisions of the Incorporated Societies Act 2022**

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## REMIT VOTING FORM

### REMIT/RESOLUTIONS 2

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

<b>REMIT/RESOLUTION 2</b>	<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>
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**The request seeking to increase the membership of the National Committee from Seven (7) members to Eight (8) members**

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# FORTHCOMING BRANCH AGM NOTICES 2025

Branch	AGM date	Venue	Time	Positions	Noms close	Address for nominations
Auckland	Wed, 5th March, 2025	Manukau Cruising Club, Orpheus Dr, Onehunga 1061	7 pm	P, VP, S, Com	3 Feb	Branch Secretary, 6 Jackies Place, Pukekohe 2120
Buller	Sat, 3rd May, 2025	Star Tavern, Cape Foulwind, Westport	12 pm	C, T, S, Com	3 April	Branch Secretary, 71 Snodgrass Road, RD 2, Westport 7892
Canterbury	Thurs, 13th March, 2025	Papanui RSA, 55 Bellvue Ave, Papanui, Christchurch	7:00 pm	C, S, T, 5 Com	13 Feb	Branch Secretary, 588 Pound Road, Yaldhurst, Christchurch 7676
Far North	Sun, 18th May, 2025	Whakapara Hall, Whakapara	12 noon	C, VC, S/T, 4 Com	18 April	Branch Secretary, P.O Box 3207, Onerahi, Whangarei 0142
Gisborne	Tues, 6th May, 2025	Bushmere Arms, Gisbourne	7:30 pm	P, VP, S/T, 3 Com	6 April	Branch Secretary, 14 Mullolly Road, RD 1, Gisborne 4071
Hawke's Bay	Wed, 7th May, 2025	Committee room, Taradale RSA, Taradale, Napier	7:30 pm	P, T, S, 4 Com	7 April	Branch Secretary, 72 Tait Drive, Greenmeadows, Napier, 4112
Kapiti Coast	Tues, 1st May, 2025	Manakau Bowling and Sports Club, 10 Mokena Kohere St, Levin	7:30 pm	C, VC, S, T, 3 Com	1 April	Branch Secretary, 3 Te Nehu Dr, Paraparaumu 5032
Manawatu	Wed, 7th May 2025	Bunnythorpe Tavern, Bunnythorpe	7:30 pm	C, S, T, Up to 8 Com	7 April	Branch Secretary, 361 Ruahine Street, Palmerston North 4410
Marlborough	Wed 12th Feb, 2025	Redwoodtown Community Hall, Cnr Weld & Cleghorn St, Blenheim	7pm	C, VC, S, T, up to 8 Com	12 Jan	Branch Secretary, 94 Howick Rd, Blenheim 7201

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<b>Branch</b>	<b>AGM date</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Positions</b>	<b>Noms close</b>	<b>Address for nominations</b>
Nelson	Sun, 2nd March, 2025	Armadillo's Restaurant, 183 Queen Street, Richmond, 7020	4 pm	C, CV, S, T, 4 Com	1 Feb	Branch Secretary, 76 Berryfield Drive, Richmond, Nelson 7020
North Harbour	Thurs, 3rd April, 2025	Hobsonville RSA, 114 Hobsonville Rd, Hobsonville, Auckland 0618	7:30 pm	P, VP, S/T, 3 Com	3 Mar	Branch Secretary, 14 Waimoko Glen, Swanson, Auckland 0612.
North Otago	Wed, 16th April, 2025	13 Stour Street, Oamaru	7 pm	P, VP, S/T, 3 Com	16 Mar	Branch Secretary, 13 Stour Street, Oamaru 9400
Otago	Tues, 6th May, 2025	Otago Motorcycle Clubrooms, 3 Clarke St, Dunedin	7:00 pm	P, VP, S, T, 4 Com	6 April	Branch Secretary, 20 Stewart Street, Waikouaiti 9510
Rotorua	Sun, 21st April, 2025	Mclds room, Fenton Street, Rotorua	7:00 pm	C, S, T, 4 Com	21 March	Branch Secretary, PO Box 1791, Rotorua
South Canterbury	Fri, 16th May, 2025	Timaru	7:00pm	C, S, T, 3 Com	16 April	Branch Secretary, 1 Lincoln Street, Timaru
Southland	Tues, 13th May, 2025	Function Room, Ocean City Rest, 282 Dee Street, Invercargill	6:00pm	C, S/T, 3 Com	13 April	Branch Secretary, 12 Martin Street, Strathern, Invercargill 9812
Taranaki	Wed, 19th Feb, 2025	The New Plymouth Club, 55 Gill St, New Plymouth	6:30 pm	P, VP, S, T, 4 Com	19 Jan	Branch Secretary, 70 Shelter Grove, Frankleigh Park, New Plymouth 4310
Taumarunui	Wed 7th May, 2025	RSA Club, 10 Marae Street, Taumarunui	7:00 pm	C, S, T, 3 Com	7 April	Branch Secretary, PO Box 244, Taumarunui 3946
Taupo	Thur, 8th May, 2025	Taupo Cosmopolitan Club, Taniwha St, Taupo	7:00 pm	C, S, T, 3 Com	8 April	Branch Secretary, 2 Anna Place, Hilltop, Taupo 3330
Tauranga	Tues, 15th April, 2025	Tauranga Citizens Club. 170 Thirteenth Ave, Tauranga South	7:30 pm	C, VC, S, T, Com	15 March	Branch Secretary, 31 Ponga Place, Golden Sands, Papamoa 3118
Waihi-TV	Sun, 11th May, 2025	Paeroa RSA, 67 Belmont Rd, Paeroa	2:00 pm	C, S, T, 4 Com	11 April	Branch Secretary, 22 Waimarei Ave, Paeroa 3600
Waikato	Tues, 6th May, 2025	Hamilton Cosmopolitan Club, 32 Claudelands Rd, Hamilton East	7:00 pm	C, T, 5 Com	6 April	Branch Secretary, 19 Coronation Road, Morrinsville 3300

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Wairarapa	Mon, 19th May, 2025	Carterton RSA, Broadway, Carterton	7:30 pm	C, S, T, Com	19 April	Branch Secretary, 11 Alton Grove, Masterton, 5810
Wellington	Tues, 8th May, 2025	Petone Workingmen's Club, Udy St, Petone	7:30 pm	C, S, T, 4 Com	14 April	Branch Secretary, 81 Houghton Bay Road, Houghton Bay, Wellington
Westland	Sun, 4th May, 2025	Greymouth Rodders Club, Anzac Park, Greymouth	11.00am	C, S, T, 4 Com	4 April	Branch Secretary, 16 Stafford Road, RD 2, Awatuna, Hokitika 7882
Whakatane	Wed, 9th April, 2025	Ohope Chartered Club, Bluett Rd, Ohope	7:30 pm	C, S, T, Com	10 March	Branch Secretary, 15 Myrtle Street, Hamilton East, Hamilton 3216

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



## GENERIC BRANCH AGM NOMINATION FORM 2025

### THE ULYSSES CLUB OF NEW ZEALAND INC.

I nominate:

For the position of: (please circle one)

**Co-ordinator**  
**Vice-Co-ordinator**  
**Branch treasurer**  
**Committee member**

Member No.#

**Branch president**  
**Branch vice president**  
**Branch secretary**

Nomination accepted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_

Member No.# \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

Member No.# \_\_\_\_\_

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