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**COVER: Kelly Wilkings - potential future Ulyssian!  
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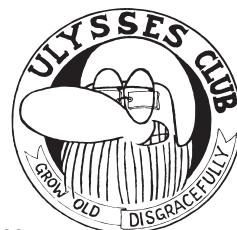
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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**ANDY WILSON #7169**  
National President



**Well September already; time is flying by for Natcom. The strategic Plan and events are starting to happen, driven by Suzie Pentelow and Vicky Chapman. September rides for Motorcycle Awareness Month are being put together to raise the awareness of Ulysses and raise our profile.**

The reason we are pushing events and branches is if we carry on as we are, we will not have a club in a few years and doing more of the same and expecting change and growth will lead to our demise.

So, we are trying different ideas; such as flyers, posters and matching business cards as a national incentive to start to create a brand awareness. Rides and events to put us front and center in the public eye. We have been phoning past members, who have not renewed membership for the last 18 months, it has given some shocking insights and also some great comments about our club.

The website is an ongoing piece of work with the new hosting company. This is a lot of work required to fix everything.

So, I hope all the Branches embrace the ideas and events and bring our club back to where it should be. Also, if you feel you have something to offer the club and the National

Committee, put in a nomination form and join the crew. This is my last year as President, so after 6 years on Natcom its time for some new blood and ideas onto the scene.

Enough of the serious stuff. Now to the next events, first is the North Island Remembrance Run in Taupo in August (which will have been and gone once you read this). A great weekend to remember past Ulyssians but also meeting current and new members at the dinner or around Taupo in bars and Cafes over the whole weekend.

Then again, the same for the South Island in September in Kaikoura, which I am really looking forward to attending again. We are also spending another week in the South, around Westport and Nelson, so hope to meet a few of you on your home turf. When Spring and Summer return, we hope to visit other branches as we travel around the country.

So that's enough from me for this issue. But give Natcom some serious thought and get your nomination in, it is rewarding work and mostly fun.

See you on the Road Somewhere

**ANDREW WILSON #7169**

National President

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# VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

CRAIG MOODIE #8602



## LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR FUTURE

We have something special at Ulysses. We have a club that brings together motorcycle enthusiasts from all walks of life, with differing interests around motorcycling and provides a fun time of motorcycling, camaraderie and socials etc.

However, we are not managing to attract the next generation to join our club. With the average age continually getting older, we are lacking the people to take the club forward into the future.

Two years ago, we changed our constitution to enable younger people to join. This has opened the pathway for the next generation, but it will not happen unless they know about it. We also need to become the sort of club that welcomes them and has that special something they want to be a part of. Bringing in the next generation is not going to be easy, but it is something we definitely need to give our best shot if there is still to be a Ulysses club in NZ in 30 years' time.

Natcom's focus over the past few months has been developing strategies to get the membership we need for the future.

Although we have changed our membership criteria, we have not got the word out there. Finding effective ways to promote our club and get the message out is a strategy we need to embed into our goals.

If some of our long-time members feel a little concerned about a potential loss of culture, we need to think of it instead as an enhancement and something to be embraced. It can be an opportunity where we encompass the energy of the younger generation while maintaining the important parts of our current culture. One event I am involved in, which can support this goal, is the upcoming NZ Motorcycle show,

## NZ MOTORCYCLE SHOW 18TH TO 19 OCTOBER

Ulysses has registered for a stand at the NZ motorcycle Show at Auckland Showgrounds on the 18 and 19 of October. This is an excellent opportunity to raise our club profile in the motorcycling community. We are particularly focusing on letting people know that we welcome new members without the age restriction we have traditionally had. We also want people to know that no matter what you ride you are welcome.



Here is a proof of a banner we are working on for the show. This will also be available to other branches to borrow if they want to use it at their events going forward.



At the show we have space for approximately 9 to 10 bikes on the stand. We want to showcase a bike from each category, i.e. cruisers, street bikes, large adventure, mid weight adventure, dual sport etc. This is a visual way to show people that all kinds of bikes and riders can be part of Ulysses.

Auckland and North Harbour branches are working together to make this happen. However, this is a show that has people coming from all over the country. If you are coming to the show and can spend some time on the stand let me know. If you have a special bike that will attract interest and you would like to put it on our stand also let me know.

## HELP NEEDED:

We still have a few spots for that 'something special' type of bike. If you are able to help out please give me a call 021 797 487.

Cheers,

CRAIG MOODIE #8602

Vice President

# NATIONAL TREASURER'S REPORT



CHRIS GROUBE #7925

## FINANCIAL

For the 6 months to June we had a surplus of \$2,280. There is no depreciation expense recognised in this figure.

There was extra expenditure over May and June with the transitioning to our new Administrator Gemma. Additional costs involved in the change are in the order of \$5,000. This was for the time Gemma spent with Debbie training, moving our stock and equipment from Lower Hutt to Taranaki, new Post Office Box and shelving for the space Gemma will be using for the holding of our stock.

Speaking of stock, we are holding \$9,500 of it in our inventory. If you want to see what's available for purchase, head to:  
<https://ulysses.org.nz/shop/>

We don't believe we need an 0800 number any longer and there is a monthly cost for this service. You will notice the 0800 number disappearing from our website, forms and published material. The 0800 number was diverted to the administrator's mobile phone. Now our contact phone number will be the administrators mobile number.

Fact. 1,000 blank membership cards cost \$1,121. So \$1.12 each then there is the preparation by the Administrator with name, membership number, member since date, and expiry date, for which we have a card printer machine, then posting to the member. So it's a lot more cost effective if members take up the 3 yearly subscription offer, rather than pay a yearly subscription. Our current card printer, purchased May 2024 for \$2,940, is the second one we have purchased after wearing out the first one.

## BIKE RAFFLE.

Thank-you Stuart Burns for completing the documentation requirement for the Bike Raffle drawn at the last AGM. We need a permit to run the raffle. That's one of the first steps. We need to file final documents with the Department of Internal Affairs verifying the

outcome and this needs to be signed off by an independent auditor. Now it's almost time to start the process for the 2026 Raffle.

Under the Gambling Act 2003, money obtained from gambling must benefit the community. The Act states that societies must conduct gambling to raise funds for "authorised purposes". Grants for public education are usually an authorised purpose. Our bike raffle surpluses are held for rider training and safety. On 30 June 2025 we held \$24,000 in the Rider Safety Reserve.

## INSURANCE RENEWAL

We have two policies. In February 2025 we renewed our Liability Insurance, \$1,139. This provides cover up to \$2,000,000 per year under the Public Liability section, for instance if we cause damage to someone else's property during the use by the Ulysses Club, e.g. hiring of a venue for an event or AGM where accidental damage may occur. It also provides cover for Officers Liability. This would cover legal defence costs if for example someone accused the committee of mismanagement of funds.

We also have a Sport Lawsave policy and the \$610 renewal falls in May 2025. This policy covers the legal defence costs for the Ulysses Club and individuals involved in a sporting and/or social event. E.g. organised ride and a marshall working on behalf of the club, sends people in the wrong direction and an accident occurs as a result.

## ASSET PURCHASES

What is an asset as opposed to ongoing operation costs such as the \$40 a month we pay for the Membership Database we use? In our case an asset is something we have purchased which is tangible (tangible meaning you can kick it) which is going to provide us with an enduring benefit, typically greater than a year. As an asset wears out, or 'depreciates' that depreciation is recognised as an expense in the Profit and Loss Account. As an aside, the title

Profit and Loss Account is probably inappropriate as we are a Not for Profit Entity and we don't trade publicly, only with our membership. An Income and Expenditure Statement would be more appropriate.

Since the beginning of this year we have purchased: A new laptop for the secretary \$2,764. The previous one had reached the end of its life, i.e. it died. 19 Branch Banners/poles/stakes/bases \$5,728. Shelving for the new administrator to hold all our stock \$390.

Depreciation on assets is currently calculated at year end in an Excel spreadsheet. The Xero General Ledger we use for our accounting has a Fixed Asset module and we will get this set up so it will be easy to calculate the depreciation expense whenever required.

## SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS

These are currently printed and posted manually, involving paper and postage. New members are now invoiced from Xero and this is working well. Most of you have probably received electronic invoices from suppliers you have purchased from. Generally you receive an email with a link to the on-line invoice with a .pdf of the invoice also embedded in the email. Xero will send automatic reminders so a renewal notice can be sent months before the due date, with reminders as the payment date gets closer. This will give members time to save up for the 3 year subscription option.

## CONSTITUTION AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Our new constitution has been filed and accepted. We now operate under the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 which has a whole section on Financial Reporting. How the new act will impact the reporting requirements at a National and Branch level will be clarified over the next few months

To be continued.

CHRIS GROUBE #7925  
National Treasurer

# NATIONAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

DEBBIE MACFARLANE #9634



## How to Join a Committee with Ulysses Club NZ Inc

### THE VALUE OF VOLUNTEERING

Volunteering is a meaningful way to give back to your community, support causes you believe in and gain valuable personal and professional skills. At Ulysses, volunteers are essential to keeping the club vibrant and active.

### THE ROLE OF VOLUNTEERS

Ulysses Club NZ Inc thrives thanks to the dedication of volunteers at both the National and Branch levels. As a volunteer, you contribute your unique skills and energy while enjoying opportunities for:

- Personal growth
- Skill development
- Community connection

### WHY JOIN A COMMITTEE?

Committee membership lets you:

- Collaborate with like-minded members
- Help shape the future of the club
- Strengthen your leadership and organizational skills
- Build lifelong friendships

### STEPS TO JOIN A COMMITTEE WITHIN ULYSSES

#### 1. Choose Your Committee & Position

- Decide whether you want to join the National Committee or a local branch committee, and which position you're interested in.

#### 2. Get the Right Nomination Form

- National Committee: Form is in the current edition of *The Ulyssian*.
- Local Branch Committee: Updated forms will be emailed to all office holders and included in the December *Ulyssian*.

#### 3. Bring the Form to an Event

- Take your nomination form with you

to a ride, coffee meetup, or branch meeting.

#### 4. Find Your Nominators

- Ask a fellow Ulyssian to nominate you, including their name and membership number.
- Ask a second Ulyssian to support your nomination the same way.

#### 5. Sign the Form

- Complete your nomination by signing the form yourself.

#### 6. Submit the Form

- National Committee: Submission details are in the current *Ulyssian*.
- Local Branch: Submission details will be in the December *Ulyssian*.
- If unsure, contact your local coordinator, president, or secretary for help.

### 2026 NATIONAL RALLY AND AGM

The 2026 National Rally and AGM is being run by the Nelson branch, from Friday the 27th March to Sunday 29th March at the Headingly Centre in Richmond, Nelson.

The meeting for Coordinators and Natcom is on Friday at 1pm and the AGM will be held at 10am on Saturday.

The National Rally is a lot of fun – organise a group of your fellow branch members to attend and create some friendships and great memories. The registration flyer is out now, so get them filled out and back to Nelson ASAP so they can get an idea of numbers etc for forward planning. I hope all the branches are getting their hobby horse routines sorted, should be a laugh.

### NATIONAL COMMITTEE POSITIONS

All National Committee positions are open for nominations each year.

To be eligible for nomination you need to be a financial member of the club. Feel free to contact any of the current Natcom members for more information about the roles.

### LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

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

### ODYSSEY MEDALS

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

Nominations must come from the Branch Coordinator and Secretary and are currently limited one member or couple per branch per year.

The election of Life Membership and Odyssey Medal recipients will be discussed and voted upon at the Coordinators Annual Meeting on Friday 27th March 2026. Nominations will be confidential and will not be disclosed prior to the Coordinators Annual Meeting.

To be successful, the nomination must be supported by not less than 80 percent of the Coordinators and National Committee members present. The vote will be by secret ballot.

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

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

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

- A good quality photograph of the nominee.

In addition to this, the proposing branch must be able to send someone (preferably not the current coordinator)

# AGM

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

Notice is given that the  
Annual General Meeting will be held on  
**Saturday the 28th March 2026 commencing  
at 10am at The Headingly Centre,  
2 Headingly Lane, Richmond 7020.**

In addition to the normal business of the AGM,  
the meeting will elect the National Committee  
members for 2026/2027.

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

These can be emailed to [secretary@ulysses.org.nz](mailto:secretary@ulysses.org.nz) or mailed to the National Secretary, The Ulysses Club of NZ Inc., P.O Box 55, Inglewood, Taranaki 4330 and must be received by Friday 31st October 2025. Mail must arrive no later than 2 business days after the close off date, when the Club post box is cleared.

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

**Future National AGM Information:  
2026 Nelson | 2027 Taupo**

to address the Coordinators Meeting held the afternoon before the main AGM in support of the nomination.

All forms, justifications and photos for Life Membership and Odyssey Medal Nominations are to be sent to the National Secretary by email or mail no later than Friday 26th December 2025 (mail must arrive no later than two business days after the close off date, when the Club post box is cleared).

### **NATIONAL EVENTS CALENDAR**

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

### **BRANCH 2026 AGM NOTICES**

These will be advertised for the branches in the December *Ulyssian*. I have not received branch 2026 AGM information from the following branches. Gisborne, Taumarunui, Taupo and Whakatane (branch AGM minutes still to be received), Nelson, Buller, Rotorua (details were not in branch AGM minutes) Could I please get the coordinator or secretary to send me their branch 2026 AGM details ASAP.

*Thanks,*

**DEBBIE MACFARLANE #9634**

# **NOMINATION FORM**

## **FOR NATIONAL COMMITTEE POSITION 2026/2027**

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

Position \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

# ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT



GEMMA PEYERI

## My First Report:

Hi everyone. I've been 'flying solo' since the start of July and I thank you for your patience while I make the inevitable 'rookie' mistakes. Debby, who is enjoying some well-deserved rest, certainly left me big shoes to fill. I am really enjoying the diversity of the role and I especially enjoy interacting with all of you. Working together, we will accomplish great things for our amazing club, Ulysses.

## Updates:

We have a new PO Box address! So please change your records to reflect it as: PO Box 55, Inglewood, 4330.

You can contact me by phone on 021-072-3636. We are going to phase out the '0800 Ulysses' number as it is not often used and is an unnecessary expense.

You will not believe how many places need to be updated. If you see something that has old information,

please email me – administration@ulysses.org.nz – so that I can get it changed. Thank you to those who have already let me know e.g. the most recent Newsletter's footer.

## Gear:

We still have an ample supply of Hi Viz Vests in sizes M, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL and 5XL. Purchase price (for shipping more than one per bag) is \$60 which includes the Vest, the Patch and freight. Costs for the freight component will be individual if shipping one vest per bag. If you are keen to order, please work through your Coordinator who will place the order for you.

We have some Ulysses Lanyards available which are great to pin your name badges (and other badges) to. No more holes in your



tops and a great way to display our club name when you are at functions.

The cost of postage is always increasing and some gear is more expensive to ship than others. If you order gear from the website, you may notice a change. The response will now say that we will send you an invoice, and once paid, the gear will be shipped to you. This is so that I can allocate the correct amount for shipping in line with the size of the purchase. I hope you understand why we had to make this change.

## Membership Renewals:

Just a reminder and heads-up that payment for membership renewals are due by 31.12.25. These can be paid in advance of that date. If you want to pay your subscription early, drop me an email and I'll prepare and send you an invoice.

I hope you have a lovely next quarter and please reach out to me if I can help you with anything.

## Spring is on the horizon...

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# QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT

KAREN WILSON #7787

Those that have purchased the new vests, I hope you are finding them good. Plenty of pockets and adjustable with the Velcro side tags.

I did get a member that wanted to get a longer version as he found that it was partway up his back. Unfortunately, this was not possible with our suppliers. Also remember that we use EUR sizing not the CHN.

We have been contacted by a company that has a couple of items that they thought we could add to our gear sales.

The first is a Cooler bag approx. 30cm x 30cm x 30cm in black and we would have our Logo printed on, either the front or top. Waiting for a costing, but would be about \$40.00 per bag. We need to order 100 of these to keep the price reasonable. Please let me know if you are interested by emailing me.

They have also sent through a black fine merino beanie, which is fine enough to wear under your helmet. I have tried it!!! It's great and keeps the head a bit warmer in the cold weather.

Again, have not got a cost for these either but we would get the Logo embroidered on the front.

Watch this space for these new items. Once we have confirmed the costs we will send out a Mailchimp to all members and they can be purchased through our Administrator.

If you have any ideas as to what new items that would sell well to our members, send me an email on [com.3@ulysses.org.nz](mailto:com.3@ulysses.org.nz).

**KAREN WILSON #7787**

National Quartermaster



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# STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE

**SUZIE PENTELOW**  
#8352



**VICKY CHAPMAN**  
#9990



## MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

Branch	2022	2023	2025*
Canterbury	199	201	176
Auckland	212	188	153
North Harbour	151	145	104
Marlborough	119	112	100
Wellington	109	108	98
Nelson	125	116	88
Hawkes Bay	88	94	87
Manawatu	80	102	84
Far North	85	83	77
Waikato	98	90	68
Tauranga	95	82	67
Waihi TV	54	60	64
Taranaki	61	62	61
Kapiti Coast	60	58	54
Whakatane	63	64	54
Rotorua	59	57	51
Otago	49	46	40
Westland	39	38	38
Southland	46	39	33
Taupo	44	40	33
Wairarapa	50	43	32
Buller	23	22	16
Gisborne	25	24	16
North Otago	21	17	10
S. Canterbury		13	10
Taumararui	9	7	7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1995</b>	<b>1919</b>	<b>1621</b>
*As of July 2025			

Andy's 'State of the Nation' email certainly got members talking about falling membership, which is what Natcom wanted. Thanks again to all who sent feedback - We hope you read the reply that came via email, which shared some of our 'where to next' for us as a Club. I am sharing some of that again below, along with new information.

Ulysses vs free social media groups - One of the items discussed in the 6 zoom meetings we held for branches to attend, was the idea that we, as a Club, are in competition with the free social media groups that are popping up. Natcom does not believe that we are in competition with these groups - we provide so much more!

The comparison used was that of a Golf Club (Ulysses) vs a couple of mates going down to the beach to hit golf balls into the ocean (social media group). The golf club provides regular social and golfing events, tournaments, coaching, recognition, history, manicured greens, staff, a shop, newsletters, structured management to keep things running smoothly etc. The mates who get together sporadically for a hit, while having fun, are generally doing only that.

Being a member of the Ulysses Club gives you so much more than a free group, as well as giving the opportunity for making life-long friendships all over the country.

I (Suzie) personally belong to two paid clubs and two free ones and am happy to report that out of all four, Ulysses easily provides the most value for me - I don't mind paying the annual fee to get this.

Membership data - For your information, we have included in this report a 'Branch Active Members' table, using data from 2022, 2023 and July 2025. Natcom have never (as far as I can tell) historically kept membership number records at a branch level, so we will be doing this from now on. Our goal is to have branch membership numbers start to rise, as then we will know if our strategic plan actions are working to support branches to increase their membership.

We often have conversations with members and a regular comment we hear is - 'There's not as many people riding these days!' Google tells us "While the number of licensed motorcycle riders in NZ has remained relatively stable, there's been a shift in how motorcycles are used. Fewer people are using them as a primary

mode of transport... with a trend towards using them for leisure and recreation."

We as a Club need to start looking at who is riding, what they are riding, and start creating riding groups tailored to them. For example, how many branches have a women's group? How many have an off road group? How many have a newbies/slower/shorter/getting back into riding group? If your branch doesn't have these groups already, have a think about starting them up. Even if numbers are small to talk about with prospective members; E.g. "Yes, we have a women's riding group!". Taranaki started their 'Ulysses Chix' group a few months ago with 4 women riders and now they have 6.

At the time this edition arrives, Natcom will have finished their Past Member Survey. This was done in an effort to gather information about why people were joining our branches, then leaving when their first renewal came around. Early indications are proving interesting and will be shared with branches. Ask your coordinator for details, as the results will be able to be used by all branches to improve.

We will also share the findings in the December *Ulyssian*.

As part of our national push to encourage new members to join up, we are asking branches to create two new roles - A PR & Marketing role (To work on creating opportunities to recruit new members) and a New Member role (To support new members who have joined recently). The people who take on these roles do not need to be on the committee right now - They could just be someone keen and who can see the need to try new things. If that's you, please talk to your coordinator or a committee member to find out more. You won't have to do everything by yourself, but look for opportunities and get others to help.

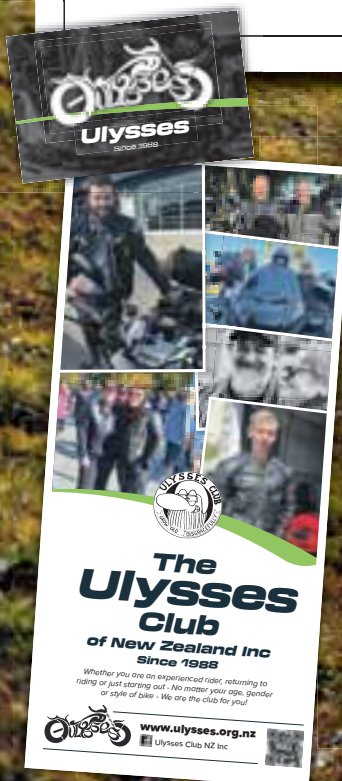
NEW Marketing material will have arrived at your branches in the form of flyers, posters, business cards. These have all been designed with a uniform look and feel, and are designed to promote Ulysses to all riders, of any age. Again - ask your coordinator for a look and get a few business cards to hand out on your travels.

**We might be a tanker, but we just dropped a gear!**

**SUZIE PENTELOW** #8352

**VICKY CHAPMAN** #9990

Long Term Goals	Vision	Annual Plan
Long Term Goals to end of 2029	Where the KPI's fit into the vision	Short Term Goals for 2025
Key Performance Areas		
Increasing and retaining membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be the biggest club;</li> <li>• Welcoming, positive, committed &amp; proactive members;</li> <li>• Diverse membership;</li> <li>• Value for money;</li> <li>• Increased member benefits;</li> <li>• Strong &amp; vibrant Natcom and branches</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue development of and hold the 'National Rides' <i>IN PROGRESS</i></li> <li>• Ulyssian Articles (Showcasing younger members) <i>DONE</i></li> <li>• New flyer, poster, business cards <i>DONE</i></li> <li>• Membership Directory idea - How to make that work <i>ON HOLD</i></li> <li>• Create NEW Branch New Member role <i>ACTIVE</i></li> <li>• Facebook Promo <i>IN PROGRESS</i></li> <li>• Past Member survey <i>IN PROGRESS</i></li> </ul>
Increasing the profile of the Club locally and nationwide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be well known;</li> <li>• Involved in local communities;</li> <li>• Welcoming, positive, committed &amp; proactive members;</li> <li>• Strong &amp; vibrant Natcom and branches</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Rides <i>IN PROGRESS</i></li> <li>• Update the PR video <i>DONE</i></li> <li>• Tear drop flag for each branch <i>DONE</i></li> <li>• 2028 Club 40th Anniversary - Out to members for ideas <i>ACTIVE</i></li> <li>• Create NEW Branch PR &amp; Marketing role <i>ACTIVE</i></li> </ul>
Operational Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Value for money;</li> <li>• Wise and diligent management</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue work on the Ulyssian costs <i>ACTIVE</i></li> <li>• Find new National sponsor <i>DONE</i></li> <li>• Continue cost savings where possible <i>ACTIVE</i></li> <li>• Search for national discounts <i>ACTIVE</i></li> </ul>
Resilience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcoming, positive, committed &amp; proactive members;</li> <li>• Diverse membership</li> <li>• Strong &amp; vibrant Natcom and branches;</li> <li>• Wise and diligent management</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Give out folders for coordinators with Rules, Policies and Procedures etc at National Rally. <i>DONE</i></li> <li>• Update new member packs <i>DONE</i></li> <li>• July Zoom meetings with branch committee members <i>DONE</i></li> <li>• Treasurer emails <i>DONE</i></li> <li>• Past Member survey <i>IN PROGRESS</i></li> </ul>



## **The current Ulysses Mission statement, Vision and 2025 Annual Plan:**

### **Mission - Te Uaratanga - What we do now**

The Ulysses Club is a social club for motorcyclists to enjoy having fun 'Growing Old Disgracefully' and who pursue safe and enjoyable motorcycling.

### **Vision - Whakakitenga - Where we want to be in 5 years**

To be the biggest and most well known motorcycle enthusiast social club in Aotearoa New Zealand, with members of all ages, cultures, genders and abilities.

To have a strong, vibrant National Committee and branches, made up of welcoming, positive, committed and proactive members, working together well, for the betterment of their branch and the Ulysses Club as a whole.

To be well involved in our local communities, providing the public with positive interactions and experiences with motorbikes and Club members.

To provide outstanding 'value for money' to our members through increased member benefits and continued wise and diligent management of costs involved with running the Club, that all members understand.

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

#10892	Lianna Kennedy	Manawatu
#10891	Andrew Toye	Hawkes Bay
#10889	Kevin Stevens	Waihi Thames Valley
#10888	Lee Runciman	Waikato
#10885	Kim Wong	Waikato
#10884	Roger Wong	Waikato
#10883	Stephen Higgs	Otago
#10882	Brian Williams	Canterbury
#10881	Tony Tombleson	Tauranga
#10880	Josh Cook	Canterbury
#10879	Stephen Neilson	Westland
#10878	Peter McDermott	Canterbury
#10877	Andy McCabe	Hawkes Bay
#10876	Howard Warner	Auckland
#10875	Kim Collier	Far North
#10874	Peter Russek	Far North
#10873	Howard Clement	Far North
#10872	James Read	Canterbury
#10871	Gerry Jackson	Canterbury
#10870	Sonya McGee	Westland
#10869	Brad Maclure	Canterbury
#10868	Kerry Jenkins	Canterbury
#10867	Allan Todd	Southland
#10866	John Stockley	Waihi-Thames Valley
#10865	Jason Howcroft	Nelson
#10864	David McFall	Manawatu
#10863	George McCallum	Whakatane
#10862	Sam Ellingham	Manawatu
#10861	Kim Fougere	Taranaki
#10860	Brent Fougere	Taranaki
#10859	Nicole Green	Taranaki
#10858	Aaron Green	Taranaki
#10857	Paul Boniface	Nelson
#10856	Tim Ross	Wellington
#10855	Morgan Williams	Canterbury
#10854	Gillian Casidy	Taupo
#10853	Mark Casidy	Taupo
#10852	Martin Thompson	Taupo
#10851	Graeme Howarth	Marlborough
#10850	Ana McIlroy	Rotorua
#10849	Luke Watson	Rotorua



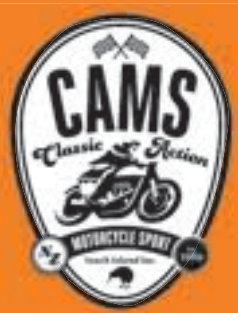
## Here are the winners who received some FREE FUEL thanks to AA Insurance!

Glenn	New Plymouth	Catrina	Torbay
John	Tairua	Mike	Ferrymead
Mark	Henderson	Sandy & Graeme Lake	Tarawera
Mark	Kaipara	Stephen	Beachlands
Neil	Palmerston North	Geoff	Taumarunui
Phil	Auckland	John	Masterton
Robert	Auckland	Tetsu	Nelson
Ron	Hāwera	Alan	New Plymouth
Adrian	Upper Hutt	Ingo	Henderson Valley
Nik	Carterton	Pete	Nikau Valley
P. A.	Fairlie	Sally	Mairangi Bay
Sharran	Katikati	Kevin	Lower Hutt

### Ulysses Member Discounts

All relevant information is on the Ulysses NZ website.

- Butt Buffer**  
info@buttbuffer.co.nz 15%
- Bluebridge Ferry**  
**Ulysses10** 10%  
Valid to 31/10/2025
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- Interislander**  
**XULYSSES1** 10% Valid to 15/12/2025
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# HOBBY HORSE SYNCHRONISED DRESSAGE COMPETITION

## **NATIONAL AGM 2026 NELSON**

***A fun idea for branch participation!***

***On Friday evening we will be running a  
Hobby Horse Synchronised Dressage Competition.***

We have twelve Hobby Horses here for all to use, so you don't need to figure how to take your Dobbin on your bike. Of course, if you choose to bring your own, that's great.

- Teams of any number up to 12
- Bring your music (we will bring the UE Boom, we can play from Spotify)
- Synchronise your routine (any style of dance or fancy footwork)
- Feel free to dress up (optional)
- And have lots of laughs all round
- Maximum routine time 2 minutes

There will be time and Hobby Horses available on Friday for you to practice, or whip up a new routine.

Judges are ready with their checklist and the Judges decisions are final.



# Throttle Talk

***“Grow old disgracefully - and have a damn good ride while you’re at it.”***

**Greetings fellow throttle twisters, fair-weather rebels, and caffeine-powered adventurers!**

As winter stubbornly hangs on like a worn-out sidecar passenger, the HB Ulysses Club shows no sign of slowing down. Whether it’s bowling, biking, or balancing our waistlines on Diet Club night, there’s been plenty happening in our spirited corner of the motorcycling world.

## **Lady of the Highway**

All hail Andy Lyver, our fearless adventurer and the club’s answer to Ewan McGregor (but with better hair). Andy has just returned from conquering the iconic Route 66 on a Harley — because nothing says

“freedom” like 16 days of open road, questionable motel breakfasts, and dodging tumbleweeds.

Her tales include deserts, diners, and dodgy gas station coffee, and we suspect she may have come back with a slight southern drawl and a new appreciation for Elvis memorabilia. Welcome home, Andy! Your Harley called. It misses you.

## **Rick Rolls Through Canada**

Meanwhile, Rick Barker has packed up his Triumph and shipped it off to Canada, presumably in search of maple syrup, moose, and mountains. He’s currently cruising through the Great White North, proving that adventure knows no postal code.

Rumour has it he’s planning to return only when he finds a grizzly bear wearing a Triumph T-shirt. Ride safe, Rick — and watch out for moose with attitude.

## **30 Years of Revving with the Best**

A hearty congratulations to Jeff Beach (member #3230) who has been awarded his 30-Year Badge. That’s three decades of dedication, camaraderie, and probably more than a few layers of chain grease.

Well done, Jeff. You’ve officially outlasted most marriages, several governments, and at least four versions of Microsoft Windows. Respect.

# In Memoriam



## Bert Cunningham

With a heavy heart, we mark the passing of Bert Cunningham (member #9647) who left us on July 13th at the age of 85. A long-time member, a gentleman, and a legend in our club. We'll remember Bert fondly and often — usually when someone tells a story about "that one time on the East Cape ride..."

*Ride in peace, Bert. May the roads be smooth and the petrol always cheap where you are now.*



### Diet Club: More Salad, Less Sidestand

The Tuesday evening Diet Club continues to run smoothly, with a surprisingly strong turnout considering it competes with "beer and pie" night in the same time slot. The scales may tremble, but the commitment is strong. Keep it up team — you're all looking lighter on the seat already!

### Winter Warriors Still Riding

Winter may have arrived, but that hasn't stopped our more determined (or slightly unhinged) members from getting in a weekly ride. Hats off to the hardy few who don multiple layers of thermal gear just to keep their knees from seizing mid-corner. You know who you are — and so do we, because we can hear your joints creak from

across the café.

### Coffee, Catch-Ups & Carburettors

Wednesday coffee mornings are thriving, with lively gatherings at Coffee Club in Napier and Angkor Wat in Hastings. Great conversation, better coffee, and just enough motorbike chat to remind everyone we're not (just) here for the muffins.

### Bowling Bragging Rights Retained

In nail-biting news, we've just edged out the HB British & European Car Club in our annual 10-Pin Bowling Challenge — winning by a mere 26 points. That's four wins in a row for our finely tuned bowling squad. Apparently, years of balancing bikes pays off at the lanes too.

Well done to all our bowling bandits. It's not about how many pins you hit — it's about how many smug looks you can manage while sipping your celebratory coffee.

### Final Tighten of the Nuts

That's it for this month's edition of Throttle Talk. As always, keep the shiny side up, the rubber side down, and don't forget to wave at the rider you pass — even if they're on a scooter. (Okay, maybe just a nod.)

See you at the next ride, the next coffee, or the next chat about whether carburetors are better than fuel injection. (Spoiler: they're not. But argue anyway — it's tradition.)

*Keep riding — The HB  
Ulysses Newsletter Team*

# BSA unveils the all-new BSA Bantam 350

*A dynamic disrupter for design, price and performance*



**BSA has officially debuted its second model – the new BSA Bantam 350, during an exclusive international launch event in July.**

BSA's newest bike set to disrupt the market with an introductory price of £3,499 RRP.

The BSA Bantam 350: a modern-day bike with classic features including a round headlight, teardrop fuel tank, curved rear fender and a choice of an analogue or digital dashboard.

Efficient Single: 334cc liquid-cooled DOHC engine, which is Euro 5+ compliant.

The new Bantam 350 encapsulates the joy of easy riding, with BSA targeting new riders, in particular the ones who seek 'an entry ticket' into the world of motorcycling. The original BSA Bantam was credited with getting post-war Britain moving again during the 1940s, and being the UK's bestselling bike of all time with three iterations of engine: the 125cc, 148cc, and 175cc. Much like the original, the new BSA Bantam 350 is for all ages, levels of experience, and attainable for new bikers who can ride it on an learner motorcycle licence, providing accessible mobility and more independence for the masses.

Featuring a Euro 5+ compliant single 334cc liquid-cooled DOHC engine, the compact model also boasts dual-channel ABS, telescopic forks, and twin shock absorbers. Aesthetically, it takes a nod from the past with a classic round headlight, teardrop fuel tank, curved rear fender and a choice of an analogue or digital dashboard.

The British-born legacy brand made a comeback on the motorcycling scene with the reimagined icon, the BSA Gold Star. Following the unveiling

of the BSA Scrambler 650 in late 2024, (scheduled to be released in coming months), it was revealed, during an international launch event at London's Bike Shed in July, that another model would be hitting the roads sooner. In attendance were a selection of motorcycling industry journalists and influencers from across the globe, who witnessed the debut of the new BSA Bantam 350 and were given the chance to take it for a spin through the busy streets of the capital.

Anupam Thareja, Co-founder of Classic Legends Pvt Ltd, which owns BSA, said: "Today, with pride, gratitude, and a bit of audacious hope, I present not just a motorcycle, but a movement: the return of the BSA Bantam. What is the new Bantam 350? It's not a relic, and it's certainly not an imitation. It's a vibrant, modern classic – built on the principles that made the original legendary – simplicity and pure riding joy at an attractive price. In a digital, distracted world, the spirit of motorcycling is shrinking and BSA is here to change that. The new BSA Bantam 350 is built to reignite that passion, especially in the next generation. With a price that invites everyone to start their own two-wheeled story, it's more than a motorcycle – it's a movement.

"Our promise to you: every BSA will honour the craftsmanship, character and 'built-to-

last' beauty that made this brand famous from Birmingham to every corner of the world.

Look closely at what we've built, ride it, feel its heartbeat. We're not here to borrow heritage for a quick headline – we are here to build the next chapter of a living story with all of you. Let's ride into the future – with the heart of the past, and the eyes wide open to new horizons. The Bantam is back."

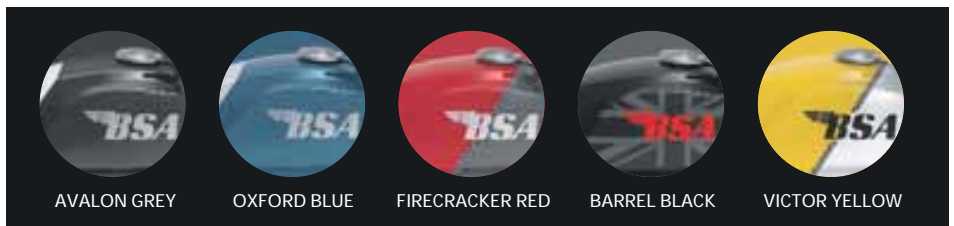
The company, whose roots trace back to 1861 was once the world's largest motorcycle manufacturer and an integral part of Great Britain's industrial offering. Following its closure in the 1970s, the brand was brought back to life in 2016 thanks to Classic Legends Pvt Ltd, a subsidiary of global automotive manufacturer The Mahindra Group.

Since the successful return of the BSA brand, the manufacturer is reinvigorating its golden legacy, having re-introduced the brand to the UK, EU, New Zealand, the Philippines, India and Japan.

The new BSA Bantam 350 is scheduled to be available in early September with pricing to be announced closer to the bike's arrival in BSA dealerships.

<https://www.bsacompany.co.uk/bantam>.

## PRICE TBC



AVALON GREY

OXFORD BLUE

FIRECRACKER RED

BARREL BLACK

VICTOR YELLOW



# BSA's much-anticipated Scrambler hits the road



**British-born motorcycle brand BSA has officially launched its second model, the BSA Scrambler 650, at an exclusive international launch event in London.**

- The new BSA Scrambler 650 blends rugged design with modern engineering
- Innovative Single: 652cc liquid-cooled single cylinder engine and Euro 5+ compliant
- Versatile city Scrambler with on and off-roading capabilities: Brembo brakes, dual-channel ABS, and grippy Pirelli Scorpion Rally STR tyres

The BSA Scrambler 650 will be available mid-September in the UK and EU, following a run of appearances at popular motorcycling events in both the UK and Europe and an official international launch event at the Bike Shed, London in July.

BSA's newest model combines solid British engineering design, unique styling, and the practical features necessary for any modern-day rider. The bike, which is unlike anything the brand has released before, benefits from a high riding position, easy manoeuvrability, wide handlebars and low down torque for easy riding and efficiency, perfect for urban commutes and off-road adventures.

Featuring a liquid-cooled 652cc single cylinder engine which produces 45bhp at 6500rpm, the BSA Scrambler 650 is Euro 5+ compliant and equipped with industry leading Brembo brakes with dual channel ABS and grippy Pirelli Scorpion Rally STR tyres. Described as rugged-looking, the newest BSA promises to turn heads with its three colourway options, yellow, grey and black.

Historically, BSA Scramblers have been produced for off-road competitions, achieving notable successes that contributed to its legendary status. Key moments include the Junior Clubman race at the Isle of Man in the early 1950s, and the 1954 Daytona beach race where BSA riders dominated the top positions. Additionally, BSA's Jeff Smith captured the FIM 500cc Motocross World Championships in 1964 and 1965, showcasing the brand's prowess in competitive scrambler-type bikes.

BSA is a British-born heritage brand with a rich history spanning decades, brought back to life in 2016 with a promise to honour the storied heritage of the past whilst incorporating the innovative technology of the present day. It's inaugural bike was a reimagining of the iconic BSA Goldstar, the BSA Goldstar 650, whilst the brand's second model is the new BSA Bantam 350, described as an 'entry-level' bike for the masses.

The brand prides itself on producing bikes for all abilities, with all models conforming to the Learner Approved Motorcycle Scheme (LAMS) in New Zealand.

Anupam Thareja, Cofounder of Classic Legends Pvt Ltd, which owns BSA, said: "The BSA Scrambler 650 embodies the free spirit and sense of adventure that all our riders embrace when out on the road. It's dynamic design and unique

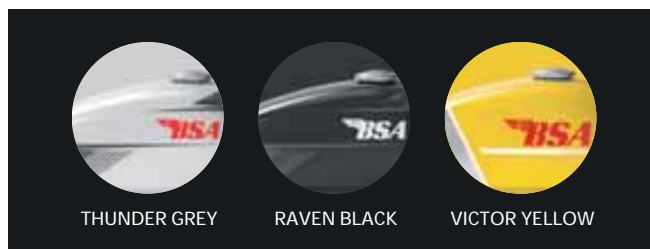
aesthetic ensures it is both eye-catching and innovative in its performance; we hope riders will be encouraged to 'try something different' with this bespoke bike.

"Functionality and style go hand in hand at BSA; we create beautifully crafted modern classics and want riders to feel confident and exhilarated every time. The BSA Scrambler 650 is exciting, accessible, and fit for everyday journeys through urban jungles or on wide open roads – it takes on any obstacle in its path with ease."

The company, whose Birmingham roots trace back to 1861 when it was widely known as Birmingham Small Arms (BSA), was once the world's largest motorcycle manufacturer and an integral part of Great Britain's industrial offering. Following its closure in the 1970s, the brand was brought back to life in 2016 thanks to Classic Legends Pvt Ltd., a subsidiary of global bike manufacturer The Mahindra Group.

The new BSA Scrambler 650 is scheduled to be available in September this year with pricing of \$12,490 RRP; motorcyclists can register interest via the website: <https://www.bsacompany.nz/bsa-scrambler/>

## RRP \$12,490



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# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

## SEPTEMBER

### Motorcycle Awareness Month (MAM) Ride/Events

Many branches are organising their own ride or event for Ride Forever's MAM. If they aren't organising their own, some are supporting another organised event. Various dates in September.

**13th**

### South Island Remembrance Service Hosted by Canterbury Ulysses

Kaikoura Top 10 Holiday Park, 34 Beach Road, Kaikoura.

1pm Saturday, September 13, 2025.



## 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.

### 2nd Taupo Dice Run

Wairakei BP Service Station, Wairakei Drive. Details in the Rally section of this magazine.

### 7th - 8th 37th Waikato Branch Annual Rally Pureora Forest

Back to Nature Rally still going after 36 years. Info in Rally section of this magazine.

### 15th Rallye Moto-Coro

A motorcycle helipad hunt around the Coromandel Southern Loop to raise funds for the Auckland Rescue Helicopter Trust. Details in the Rally section of this magazine.

### 21st - 23rd Auckland Rally "River Meets the Sea"

Rally details and registration form are in the Rally section of this magazine.

### 23rd Whakatane Mountain to Sea Charity Ride

Meet at Kawerau New World Carpark. Ride ends at Thornton Beach Holiday Park. Details in the Rally section of this magazine.

### 29th Ride for Refuge

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

## OCTOBER

### Oct 1st - Nov 1st 2025 North Island Compass Rally Motorcycle Poker Run

Registration form in Rally section of this magazine.

### Oct 12th 22nd Pink Ribbon Ride

Fundraising for the Breast Cancer Foundation NZ. Auckland Netball Centre Car Park. Gate opens 8.30am, ride departs 10.30am sharp! More details in the Rally Section of this magazine!



## DECEMBER



## JANUARY 2026

### 1st Southland 300 - Henry's Tiki Tour 2026

Between Jan 1st and March 31st  
Traverse the back roads of Southland.  
Details in the Rally section of this magazine.

## FEBRUARY 2026

## MARCH 2026

### 27th - 29th 2026 National Rally and AGM Hosted by Ulysses Nelson

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National AGM Weekend.  
Information in the rally section of this  
magazine.

## APRIL 2026

## MAY 2026

### 1st - 3rd

### Tauranga Branch Ulysses Rally

Sea Esta Camp & Lodge, 48 Seaforth Rd,  
Waihi Beach. Registration form in the  
Rally section of this magazine.

### 15th - 25th

### Australian National Rally 2026

Nambour on the Sunshine Coast in  
Queensland.

Theme: Sun, Surf and Sand.

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## Marlborough Musings

JOHN (JG) SINCLAIR #9272

**Greetings from paradise everyone. Our Thursday rides continue to be well supported and in mid-May, we had 42 on a ride which equals our best ever number.**

Like many of you, paradise became a bit wet from mid-June until mid-July and not only did it rain in buckets, but the rain turned up five Thursdays in a row! This 7-day weather cycle is not uncommon but it did become a bit trying. We did however, meet every Thursday but not always on our bikes with numbers reducing to mid to low 20's.

We had our mid-year dinner on 5th July and had a great time led by three of our own members who provided Karaoke and their own vocals. They provided great entertainment and managed to encourage quite a number of others to step up to the microphones. We invited Dr Grant Johnston's widow, Lis to be guest speaker and she did a fabulous job recounting the adventures they had together all over the world. Lis was christened "Pillion in a Million" for her skills in helping to keep everything pointing in the right direction, especially off-road. Many of you will remember Sawbones' 1984 Beemer that had accumulated well over 300,000 kms.

Now we wouldn't want you to think our Branch is focused on health, and/or safety (as opposed to Health and Safety) but you may be interested in what we've been up to in the winter months. First up, a number of us attended a Men's Health Expo where we listened to a lot of useful advice and where we also had checks on heart rate, blood pressure and blood sugar levels. Comparing our results afterwards provided plenty of entertainment...

Then, following an initiative of Phil

Bishell, our committee voted to require that all Thursday Rides are attended by a Tail End Charlie (TEC) who is a qualified First Responder. The call went out and we had not two, but 13 volunteers to do a course with Nine Scott, a local trainer. All qualified and that gives us a great choice of TEC's for the rides. This provides another layer of safety for our riders. Then the week before the course, we elected to buy an AED Defibrillator for the TEC to carry too. We selected a unit that comes with a yearly subscription which guarantees to replace the light-weight unit if it is used and, in any case, every two years when its battery has expired. Nine Scott was asked to include its use into his training so we now have 13 members who can confidently help out in the event any rider suffers a cardiac arrest on our rides. There's another layer of safety.

Ever wondered what your subscription returns to you? Natcom is providing Israeli Dressings and tourniquets to all who qualified at the First Responder Course and as well, they are subsidising the AED. Thank you Natcom! The balance of the AED cost will be provided by our Graham Check Safety and Training Fund.

Lastly, spare a thought for the Nelson farmers who have lost their farms to the Motueka River and also spare a thought for our Nelson riders who have lost access to some of the best motorcycling roads in the country. Those roads will be in a mess for quite a while.

Keep the shiny side up and enjoy springtime.

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

JOHN (JG) SINCLAIR #9272



Some of the famous 13.



Mens Health.



When and how to remove a helmet.



Easy way to roll patient into recovery position.

# Waihi-Thames Valley WAFFLINGS

CHRIS BROWN #4797

Winter on the Coromandel means a mix of frosts, warm sunny days and rain. Unfortunately our Thursday ride days have been plagued with rain for weeks. We have never cancelled so many rides before. However we got one fine Thursday in July and 20 bikes showed up all clean and polished after weeks in their garages. Roll on Spring!

June saw 4 of us do a 4 day trip to the winterless north. We booked 3 nights at the Mangonui Hotel, a classic old Kiwi Hotel with interesting narrow rooms, no frills but clean & dry, food & beer. All you need for \$50/night. We did day trips from there. One day saw myself, Trevor and Philip head to the Cape while Lewis on his KTM chook chaser went exploring gravel roads and ninety mile beach. Another day the 3 of us again went west this time exploring Ahipara, Herekino, Broadwood to Mangamuka where we met some interesting friendly locals. Lewis turned up on the chook chaser and we rode the fantastic Mangamuka Gorge. What a great piece of road that is. Lewis spotted another gravel road and was off up it like a rat up a drainpipe. We had perfect weather at 18 - 20 degrees, the evenings were filled with beer, banter, good food and laughs. It was the best trip I have had in a long time. However a lady in her car did try to push me off the road, I managed to stay upright, no harm done apart from a broken foot peg. I used a pillion peg to replace it and carried on.

July we had our Little & Oldie ride organised by Trevor Birchall. It was a cold wet day but 16 scooters, old bikes and club bikes turned up for a 130km lap around the Hauraki Plains. Lunch and Prizegiving was at the Tahuna Tavern. 1st prize went to a lady (sorry your name escapes me) from Auckland riding her 150cc Vespa, 2nd prize went to Chris Good for his Ducati being the oldest bike, 3rd Prize went to Cliff McChesney for his unique Moto NZ 50 which is bored out to a whopping 75cc.

Four WTV members did the Rider Down course in Hamilton. A very worthwhile full day course. I highly recommend it, it can save lives just knowing what to do in case of a crash. I hope to never have to use it but we now have 4 qualified surgeons in our branch.

Finally in July seven WTV members went to the Branch Meet-up at Ross Bros Museum in Cambridge where we caught up with Waikato, Auckland, Rotorua, Tauranga branch members. It was a great turnout and nice to see the Ulysses branches mixing and mingling together.

## EVENTS COMING UP.

Saturday 13th September for Motorcycle Awareness Month (MAM). Leaving the Ngatea Z Station at 10am riding through Paeroa to Thames for a Show n Shine display in the Goldfields carpark. \$5/bike to go to local charity.

Saturday 18th October is a charity ride for Mental Health Awareness Week. Ride to Ballymena Home in Putaruru to give some of the residents a ride around. Leave the Paeroa Bottle at 9am, \$10/bike.

Saturday 8th November is Wheels on Whanga. A static display of anything on wheels. Bikes, cars, wheelchairs?? We will do a club display and Ulysses promo. Port Road, Whangamata outside the Summer Bar.

Saturday 15th November our main event, the Lower Loop Road Rallye. Start/Finish Paeroa RSA, involves finding 10 checkpoints, suitable for little bikes capable of 80km/hr and big bikes of course, \$20/bike going to Westpac Rescue Helicopter.

Phew after all that we'll need to have a lay down, then it will be time for Christmas!! It's all good fun, bring it on!

Cheers, **CHRIS BROWN #4797**



## Rotorua RAMBLIN'

SMILEY #10243

**Like other branches, our branch has been busy just doing things. Lots of rides and get-togethers have been organised, and well attended. At monthly meetings we are getting through a lot of ideas as we move forward with a goal of how to increase visual awareness of 'Ulysses'**

Our yearly fundraising SWAP MEET event went off, without too much effort. Albeit of a cold and a usually misty start to parking the cars, for those punters in search of a bargain. This year we rode our bikes to the event and put the Ulysses flag up. Managed to connect with a couple of interested locals who also ride bikes and after exchanging details, we have invited them to our Saturday coffee group.

As most of you are aware, we usually support Aroma Cafe every Saturday, however, we have been looking for alternatives to consider. A place that we can call our own and set up as a clubroom. Display Ulysses memorabilia and create a hub for members to mix and chat.

We have reached out to Bike Force on Lake Road, Rotorua and we will be trialling these premises for three months. Basically Steve has unused floor space upstairs so we pitched the idea, so long as he installed a coffee machine, we could be very interested.

Ideally situated on Lake Road, we will get a lot of exposure with our flag flying and he will also get noticed with more bikes parked outside his doors.

We feel that this is where we need to be now, to grow our branch and further promote the Ulysses brand. Steve is keen to support our new

venture so it will be interesting to see where this leads to. He's also the number one Suzuki dealer, so if you are after another bike, check out his showroom.

July has been busy with the Rider Down Event in four BOP locations. Waikato, Whakatane, Rotorua and Taupo will all host 30 riders with this very useful course. Always pays to upskill and continue learning, knowledge of what to do in an accident situation is always advantageous.

MAM is coming up on September 13, and we are planning a bike show at the Lakefront. Our fundraising efforts will be to support St Chads in Rotorua. This is a great local community based place that helps adults, who have challenges, to get re-established into society.

Anyway, we will keep endeavouring to move forward and get some more ideas in place. More riding, more socializing with other branches and some overnights are on the cards.

Super happy with our members, who are throwing ideas into the planning and to Stumpy who has taken up the role as our fundraising event person for this year. Stumpy's going to organise a Quiz night first up, which is a start at least, to make some club funds in a new direction.

That's about all from Rotorua this time round.

**LET'S RIDE!**

**SMILEY AND KEBIN #10243**



*Update on the Dice Run recipient Piripi - He was stoked to receive his new chair. Thank you to all who supported this worthy cause!*



*Eugene went to collect his other bike in Anchorage and ride back, enroute to LAX, but was struck down with a flat tyre. Whipping out his repair kit, kiwi ingenuity at its best, but the repair didn't hold and he wrecked his tyre.*

*The local tow truck rocked up to help out. Go big or go home...*



*Group ride for a BBQ. Apparently we were only a little lost, and then we found a park, not the one we had planned on heading to, but we were close!.. and Hartley rode to find us coz we were done navigating!! He knew where we were, but we didn't know where we were.*

# Nelson nibblings

LORRAINE LINDSAY  
#1117

Hi Everyone,

**The big thing on our minds at the moment is the upcoming 2026 AGM/Rally.**

**After the initial flurry of activity up until we got the registration form out, we stepped back a bit to work on what we needed in the way of teams to plan the different areas and responsible members to run these.**

Vicki and I have been working constantly behind the scenes on planning and have been rewarded with a reliable team of planners who are now looking after their allocated areas.

You will all love our awesome venue - the Headingly Centre (this is the home of the Grace Church), they have been so helpful and accommodating to deal with.

They are situated just outside Richmond on Lower Queen Street in a beautiful rural area and right beside the Great Taste Cycle Trail.

Because it is a little bit out of town, we have hired two minibuses to do the motel pickup and drop off.

We are picking these buses up at 10am on the Friday, so we have got the ability to pick any of you up from the airport. Let us know.

Dropping off on Sunday may not happen unless you have a really early flight.

Getting to the venue may be a bit confusing as the council are removing and replacing a bridge that is right beside our venue. Its possible there may be a different entrance road. We will keep you posted closer to the time. Our Ulysses banners will be up on corners.

RV parking at the venue is FREE, BUT you will need to be self contained totally.

Check out our section in this magazine for rego form etc.

We have added an extra section to tell you about one of our Friday night activities, because you will need to practice!

As you all know, our motto is "Grow Old Disgracefully" so it's time we are going to make sure you do just that! Our breakfast venue is just down the

road at Alioke Café. This is our Saturday morning coffee venue. You can park your motorcycles right outside on the concrete area. There's heaps of room.

We have added a Saturday afternoon tour to Talley's Classic Car Museum. We will use our mini buses or you can ride there. There will be a small charge per head. TBA

The other Saturday afternoon activity will be a short informative ride led by our very capable Gerry.

Our winter so far has been diabolical weatherwise. Some of the flooding has knocked out many of our favourite back roads, and including some main highways.

This is the first year in a long time where we have had to cancel multiple Sunday and Thursday rides.

The rides we have managed, have been varied and interesting. The Poker Run was re-introduced along with an overnighter to Murchison to meet up with Westland and Buller branches.

The monthly social nights are still very popular. There is a short presentation given by one of our members on any subject, including a very artful quiz night.

Motorcycle Awareness month (Sept) is really busy in our Nelson area with so many riding groups running various events, we have decided to support their rides so we don't clash and cause bad feelings.

I look forward to seeing all your registrations rolling in for next year

**LORRAINE LINDSAY #1117**



## Kapiti Kapers

PETE WHITTINGTON #9311

**I was elected co-ordinator at our May AGM and it now falls upon me to follow in the footsteps of Kapiti's previous co-ordinators in writing up our "Kapiti Kapers"**

Paul, our immediate past co-ordinator finished in the last issue with our film night and Ngawi Ride.

Since then our rides team led by Glen have come up with some cracking rides both on weekdays and weekends through out late autumn and early winter.

We have had rides to Stonehenge (the NZ mini one, not the original). Lunch in Whanganui. Makara Beach. Pauatahanui. Aston Norwood. A bitter cold ride to Thomson's Motorcycle Museum Fielding way. A special ride over and back

on the new Manawatu Gorge replacement road. The Herb Farm, Ashhurst and The Black Dog Tavern, Makotuku.

Our Monthly coffee mornings have continued to be well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by members - both riders and partners. We held a mid-winter dinner at Cup Vista Paraparaumu beach close the solstice. Social events are always well attended and we love the Craic.

On top of all of this, a few of us completed a ride forever Gold course.

In conclusion, despite some inclement winter weather we have remained active and are looking forward to spring and more Kapers.



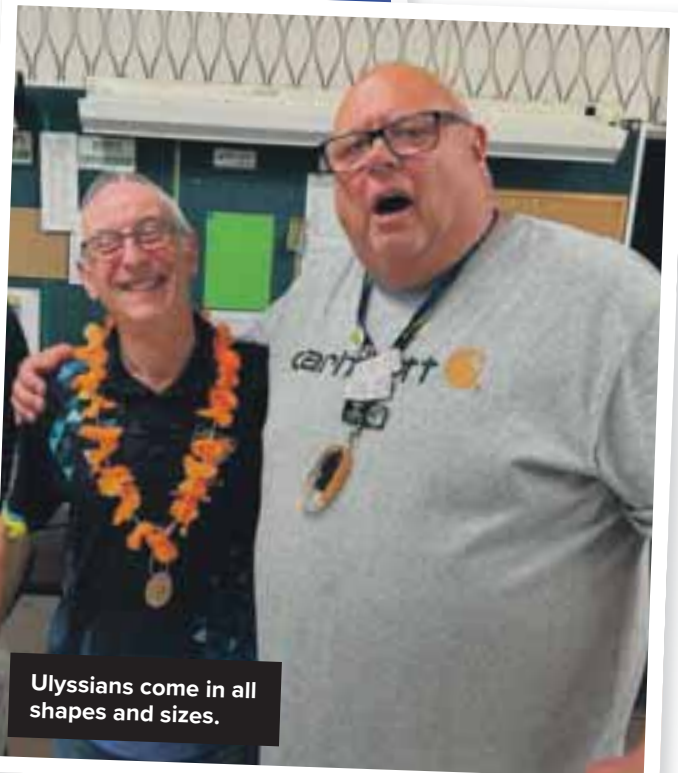
Emyr Roberts #8056 presented with his 15 yr badge.



Ready for Lunch at the Black Dog



Our mid winter dinner at Club Vista.

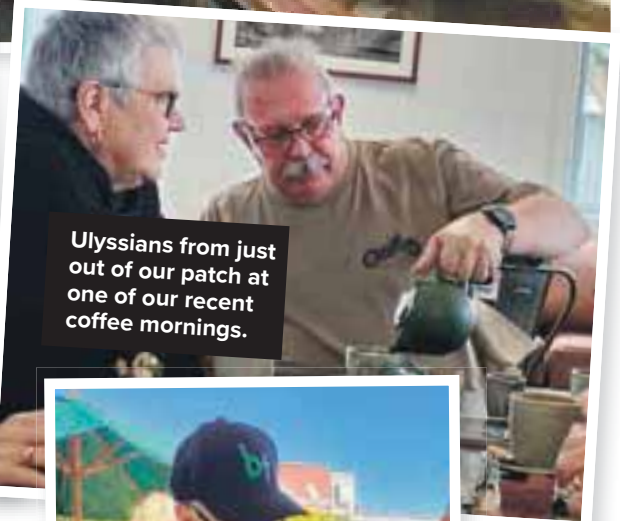


Ulyssians come in all shapes and sizes.

Frozen Ulyssians at Thompsons Motor Cycle Museum.



Paul presents Roger Tidman #2813 with his 30 yr badge.



Ulyssians from just out of our patch at one of our recent coffee mornings.



Coffee on the way to ride the new Manuwatu Gorge road.



Pete #9311 tucks into a light snack on the Whanganui ride.

## Canterbury Capers



**CHRIS CAREY #3497**

**Well, I'm damned if I know where this year is going. I only just finished the last Canterbury thing for the previous *Ulyssian* and I'm reminded that then next one is due in a few days' time!**

Despite the grot, the cold, the damp, the fug, overcast, gloomy and generally crap weather, the Sunday and Wednesday rides are still pulling in reasonable crowds.

We've had a steady number of riders signing up or showing interest over the past couple of months, namely Josh Cook, Gerry Jackson, Peter McDermott, James Read, Morgan Williams, Kerry Jenkins and Brad McLure into the fold. I did my best to dissuade them, but they couldn't be swayed. And secretly I'm kind of pleased because every club needs an infusion of new blood, energy and ideas.

Our Mid-Winter Christmas Dinner was another great evening, hosted by the Papanui RSA with 63 members fed and watered. It was also an occasion to celebrate some milestones with the

awarding of 35 and 30 Year badges and the branch trophies.

Ray Hunton #206 and Bill Gaskill #398 both received 35-year badges and Pete Shaw #3199, his 30th.

The other branch 35-year recipients in absentia were Kevin Clarkson #12, Kenneth Andrews #204, Dennis Charnley #601, John Clark #925 and John Wards #971, so these recipients got a visit from me.

The Ted Youngman Trophy for the most kms ridden in a calendar year since 2009, went to Grant Hyde #7525, again. In fact, the only time he's been toppled from these lofty heights was way back in 2010 when Paul Schroeder received the accolades. And not taking anything away from Paul, Grant couldn't ride for a good part of that year. I got close, once, with a high 40's score but fell short by a healthy 30k!

Richard Horne took away the Noel Simpson memorial Trophy for his efforts with the Wednesday Riders which continues to grow from strength to strength and soon to be joined by another.

Euan Quaid #8661 was awarded the Laurie Payne trophy for his tour of duty as Rides Coordinator (Sundays), the Summer Solstice long distance ride and Old Bones overnighter. Euan is RIC and turns up rain, hail or shine and always puts on a good ride for those following on behind.

As well as a 35-year badge, Dennis was awarded the Sheriff's

Trophy which goes out to members who for whatever reason have a bit of bad luck through the year and as things haven't gone his way from time to time and because he's a good bloke, we thought it was his turn to put this in the pool room.

The next event for us is the South Island Remembrance Service, on Saturday 13th September. The details are in the back section of this magazine and also on FB. Please note if you want to have a meal, you need to make a reservation at the Black Rabbit.

The following Saturday, and as part of the Rev & Respect Ride for the Motorcycle Awareness Month, Jason Batchelor, our Branch Secretary is organising a charity ride raising funds for the Spinal Unit at Burwood. Starting in Cathedral Square, riders will head down Colombo St riding past all the tourists which makes for great photo opportunities, then doing a loop to the east before stopping at Burwood Hospital. The spinal unit will bring their patients out into the carpark to see all the bikes. The ride will finish somewhere at the end of the northern motorway. Jason is hoping to have a badge available to purchase on top of the registration fee (which gets donated to the Spinal Trust) and is hoping to make this a yearly event as a fundraiser for the NZ Spinal Trust. There are a number of motorcycle accident victims that end up with spinal injuries, so I believe that ties in nicely with the theme set for this event. I believe the BMW and Red Knights have also put their hands up to be a part of it. Watch this space.

**CHRIS "CAPTAIN CAREFREE" CAREY #3497**

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Ray Hunton, Bill Gaskill and Pete Shaw.

# Auckland's Answer

CLIVE THOMAS #2383

## Hi folks and welcome to Auckland's Answer.

First off I would like to say a huge thank you to Craig and Raewyn Moodie for hosting the Mid-Winter Lunch at their place. Many Ulysses members from far and wide enjoyed a few hours of great food and the friendship and camaraderie that the club is all about. As you all know our membership is falling and we need to do whatever we can to get new members and retain those that are already members. I think every branch in the country is having the same problem here in Auckland I think we have a very different set of problems compared to most other places. First off we are getting less and less people coming to our club nights and this is mainly due to traffic congestion and the length of time it takes people to get there and unfortunately this is something that is impossible to fix. We have even thought about changing venues to get somewhere more central for everyone but in the ideal area there is nowhere that is suitable. I have had some members mention to me that unless the club can get an insurance scheme that is similar to what we have with Aon Insurance then they will have to give up riding and the club because their pension is not enough to cover it.

I know that our national committee is working hard to try and get an insurance company on board so lets all cross our fingers and hope they get a good deal. I also think that the national website needs revamping to make it a lot easier for prospective members to navigate. Our Auckland Coffee and conversations are still attracting reasonable numbers as are our rides, I think this is due to the fact that we cater for just about every type of bike and rider :ie short rides, long rides and some gravel road rides thrown in occasionally. I was hoping to do this report after I had been to our Remembrance Service but unfortunately with it being a week later than normal I would have missed the deadline. This year will be my 33rd Remembrance and will probably be the toughest one yet as I have lost so many great friends and club members since the last one. Our River Meets The Sea Rally is on again this year 21st, 22nd and 23rd November. As usual just bring your sleeping bag and alcohol. You will find an entry form in this issue of the *Ulyssian*. I look forward to seeing you there.

Well that's all from me until next time but remember to keep the shiny side up

Cheers,

**CLIVE THOMAS #2383**  
Auckland President

# Southland "Scribbles"

ROSS L #1177

**Hi all. Time to write another item for the *Ulyssian* and it is pleasing to report that we are continuing to hold a mixture of social and riding events for our members. Encouragingly, these have continued to attract positive support from our members.**

Our Branch AGM took place in early May and once again was held conjunction with our monthly dine. The number in attendance was rather disappointing, however sufficient to hold the meeting. The Election of Officers resulted in the 2024 Committee being re-elected for another term.

It is also pleasing to report that in recent weeks, our Branch has succeeded in attracting some new members. This is obviously most encouraging and we are very much looking forward to enjoying their company at future events.

On the social front, our monthly dine-outs at local restaurants have continued to be popular and members and guests appear to enjoy the variety of dining options that have been chosen. Our monthly Sunday coffee mornings also remain popular, we are now meeting at The Cheeky Llama Café in Queens Park. With our previous two choices having "closed their doors", we are really hoping that this Café will continue operating for the foreseeable future.

Our ride organisers have continued to actively promote the rides advertised in our monthly program. Their

efforts have been rewarded with good weather on the chosen days and attracted a reasonable level of support. They also regularly monitored the long range weather forecasts and when it looked good, advertised additional impromptu rides. It was good to see that these have also been quite successful.

The rides have taken members to a variety of locations including Waikaia, The Catlins and Otautau. The riders have been able to enjoy lunch and the usual socialising at the local tavern or café.

Looking to the future, our organising team have put together an interesting program that we hope will continue to encourage our members to get their bikes out. Planning is also underway to hold an "overnighter". It is some time since our Branch included one of these events in our Calendar, so we are hoping it attracts good support.

Planning for the Southland 300 Ride for 2026 is also well advanced, more information about this event should be found elsewhere in the Spring Edition of the *Ulyssian*. The feedback for the 2025 event was very positive, so if you want to spend a day enjoying our great Southland roads, with a challenge "thrown in", I would recommend that you add the 2026 event to your "rides to do list".

That's it for now, regards to you all from the Deep South.

**ROSS L #1177**

## Gizzy News

DAVE #10204

The Ulysses group in Gisborne is a tight knit group that gets on very well together some members are more active than others but we all get on well together. With this said, we make new folk very welcome. And with the social activities and riding together, makes a lot of fun at all levels.

We usually do a Sunday run weather pending of course we have three choices we can head to Toko which is always a good choice and we get to meet up with two of our fellow members which are now residing in Tokomaru Bay we normally go to the Te Puka Tavern for a bite and a beautiful view across the ocean.

Otherwise we can head to Wairoa, once we hit Nuhaka we can make a call we either go to Wairoa for lunch or we can head off to Mahia to Sunset point or the rocket cafe for a munch. If the weather is nice our third choice is to go through the gorge to Opotiki also for a munch at the bakery. We have a heap of rural roads that we can ride but unfortunately most of us are road orientated so only a few get to enjoy those facilities, we also have a few fellow riders from other clubs and or non-members that join us from time to time they always have a good time and an enjoyable ride.

Dave #10204



## Westland CO-ORDINATOR'S DISCOURSE

KERRY CHAPMAN #3443

Another three months have gone by so fast. First welcome to our new members from Whataroa and Greymouth. The branch rides are still getting low numbers, but those that are keen to ride have been to The Not the Brass Monkey. Windy but not so cold. I am glad it was that weekend and not the next when it turned very cold and wet even with a good covering of snow on the mountains.

Then the first of something new, the multi branch overnight dinner at Murchison. The feedback on this ride was all positive. So we have decided that we will try it once more. The trike is back and ready to go to the Cold Kiwi 4th -7th Sept (Father's Day). Other rides to Reefton, Westport, Charleston, the usual rides south and north and even around the lake (Brunner), and many other that the rides coordinator Peter decides to send us out to. (anywhere but West).

There is one good thing about getting older you get pick up the Great-grand children from school, as most of the kids in Hokitika have seen the Harley and Sidecar at the kid's day out. The look on the other kids' faces when the grandies get to ride home in the Harley gives them lots to talk about in class. I had a visitor at home one of our new members, Rowena came to show us her new Honda Rebel, suits her fine.

Off for another ride keep the shiny side up.

KERRY CHAPMAN #3443,  
Ulysses Westland Coordinator



Sevenpenny Café Greymouth



Charleston Café



Rowena's Honda Rebel

# Wellington Witterings

JIM F #2098

**This winter was the first time I have put my bike rego on hold. We had been away for a couple of months, and the three-month hold helps to offset some of the horrendous cost of rego on the V-Strom! I have felt a bit sad though: knowing I could only touch – don't ride – for the past few weeks!**

As well as trying to encourage more members out on rides, we have also endeavoured to get speakers to our monthly branch meetings. So far this year our speakers have included: Wayne Juno from Stantec speaking the RiverLink Project in Lower Hutt; Professor Kjesten Wiig, Director of the Malaghan Institute of Medical Research talking about re-directing immune cells against cancer; and, Paul Carline from Fire and Emergency talking about fire safety around the home. Many members followed up Paul's presentation with requests for a FENZ representative to do an in-home fire safety assessment.

At our July meeting, Mark Shakespeare from Wellington Free Ambulance ran a training session in the use of the tourniquets and Israeli Bandages provided to the branch by NatCom. I would encourage all branches to take up this offer and organise a training session. Hopefully, we will never need to use them in a real-life situation.

Rides at this time of year generally involve catchups at local cafes followed (when the

weather permits) by a short ride. Compass Café at the Seaview Marina is always popular, as is Simmer Café in Churton Park.

Some members have also become regulars at the monthly Bikers' Breakfast at Cars Inc in Trentham (held on the second Sunday of each month).

If you're coming to the Wellington area, keep these places in mind.

As always, The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride was well supported by branch members.

It's also good to see members taking the initiative and organising impromptu rides promoted through the branch Facebook Group.

A few members managed to do an inaugural ride over the new Te Ahu a Turanga – Manawātū Tararua Highway on, what looked like, a magnificent winter's day. Feedback from those who have been over the new route report that it is a fantastic piece of engineering, and a tribute to all those involved in its construction.

And finally, the quest for a good pie is an important talking point in our branch. A few of us have entered the Ulysses Manawatu Compass Rally in October, but added an extra challenge - to seek out the best gourmet pies in the North Island.

Looking forward to longer days, drier rides, and getting back on the bike.

Stay safe out there.

**ROSS ALEXANDER #8542**



**Coffee at Simmer Café.**



**Demo of tourniquet use.**



**The hunt for the best pie begins.**

## Taranaki Tales

BILL KIDNEY #7217

**Well, the winter arrived in Taranaki with a damp vengeance, rain and more rain. This did not detract us from our rides and social events over the past few months.**

We had a very special night acknowledging the support of our branch members over the past 12 months, and their assistance with a very successful AGM. This was celebrated by an evening meal dining at the Stumble Inn, this is our regularly supported venue with our monthly luncheon on the first weekend of the month. The attendance of 49, included our wives and partners which set a fantastic atmosphere of catchup and general socialised conversation. The plus for the night was the 'Sherrif' was off duty, great relief to several of us.

Our monthly ride was well planned and attended by 17 riders, a level of apprehension as we caught a break in the weather and enjoyed the ride out on the rural roads behind Stratford. We all made it to the lunch venue with a few stories to be told especially how come 4 riders were having a drink before the main group arrived. This eventuated after being left behind at an intersection and lost sight of the main group. A decision was made, rather than getting geographically embarrassed let's head to the finish RV, which we did in time for a Guinness before lunch.

Our monthly club social night are well attended, although we dread the Sherrif standing and blowing his whistle before announces the indiscretions of selected individuals. A great time to

catchup and chat over a meal and a social drink.

Taranaki is getting all sorted for the 'Motorcycle Awareness Month', a great effort by Andrew and Suzi Pentelow promoting the event, having contacted several motorcycle groups within the area, planning a tentative ride route through New Plymouth and communicating with Ride for Ever representatives. The theme will be to wear something yellow, proceeds from the ride supporting the 'MenCan' charity supporting men's cancer. By all accounts this event lends itself to being a great success.

Winter lends itself to clubs having activities that don't always include the bike but making good use of the 'Tin Top' and including wives (navigators) and those who don't ride regularly. So, we had our annual mystery drive, this time planned by



Graeme Asquith who had taken time to 'hand write' a crypto set of instructions covering a route of 57 odd kms around the New Plymouth area. We all finished some taking a little longer than the rest, but managing to get to the finish venue 'The Fitz Bar and Grill', where sheets were marked by who else than the Sheriff, who was adamant not enquiries will be discussed. His pen was final.



A prize giving session, the winner car/team awarded to Martin, Gemma, Andrew and Suzi for the best result.

**Quote: *The road is calling and I must go, we in Taranaki had a great month.***

**BILL KIDNEY #7217**

**A Big welcome to Ulysses Taranaki Branch, four new members:**

- 10858 Aaron Green**
- 10859 Nicole Green**
- 10860 Brent Fougere**
- 10861 Kim Fougere**



# Tauranga Tidbits

**MEL #7873**

**What's been happening in the sunny Bay of Plenty and what is coming up as the winter riding season is here with wet gusto! It's been a bit quieter with the cooling, rainy weather but the hardcore are still riding while others enjoy their chat and Latte. Rides go on any day Saturdays, Sundays and any other days as the desire arises.**

The Waihi Beach rally held in May was a successful event (again) and well attended by Ulyssians from as far away as Wellington and North Aucks. A great time was had by all with a Quiz Night on Friday, cash raffles throughout, background music and a yummy dinner on Saturday night as well as some great raffle prizes. Thanks again to our hard-working team and the raffle doners. We can now start to look forward to the next beach rally in 2026.

Our branch meetings try to keep everyone entertained. Recently our Himalayan explorer (JT) gave a talk about his recent motorcycling travels in Northern India with a great display of photos. A very interesting and entertaining presentation evening. Thanks JT.

Congratulations go to several of

our members for their many years of association with the club and our branch. It was a privilege to be able to present the badges to you all and I thank you for your participation and contribution. Service awards were presented to John Salisbury "JT" #6313 (20 years) – Jim Salvidge #4967 (25 years) - Graeme Horne #3372 and Peter Remetis #3203 (30 years) - Robyn Carson #1167 (35 years)

A perfect winters, solstice ride departed 22 June. With ten riders, and a 4 wheeled tin top as the TEC (Thanks Paul & Colleen). Lots of good dry twisties. The service & food at the lunch stop was top notch even giving us the long table by the fire. Return back was through Waihi, golden Vally rd. & Waihi beach for a Colin inspired ice-cream. A very enjoyable days ride, about 270 kms .

July 6 gave us a cracker day for a winters ride. 7 riders & a pillion left Columbus Cafe with 2 new bikes Gary's 2014 Triumph Trophy & Kevin's new BMW Trophy. We did some new roads, Kihikihi way that cut back though beautiful country to Lemington & onto the Podium Cafe at Karapiro. Nice lunch but a bit cool outside. Back thru the backroads to Okororie for a lemonade. A huge amount of bikes there. Total of about 220kms.

The Rider down course that was to

be held 20th July had unfortunately been withdrawn from the Tauranga Branch. We had the venue and 29 people booked for this so it was a bit unexpected and several disappointed members. Only one of our members attended the course in Whakatane. Hopefully we can have this event in Tauranga sometime later this year.

Allan from Waikato branch invited our members to join them for an interbranch meetup on the Sunday 27th July to visit the Ross Bros. Muscle Car Museum in Hautapu (near Cambridge). Those interested saw five riders and nine wheelers head "over the hill" and meet up with Waikato and others. An hour was spent wandering through a really large and varied collection of cars from the 50's, 60's and 70's along with motorbikes, bikes trikes and pedal cars then through to a display of huge 9 diggers, dozers and dumpers set up with a couple of model displays of similar type. Something for everyone including the kids. We then headed to the lunch destination at Café 9. Nice to meet and chat with you Allen.

Our next branch event in September is the Rescue Services Fun Runs. Watch this space. Meanwhile stay safe and warm on the road.

Nga mihi  
**MEL #7873**



## Whakatane TIDE...ings

Usual rest point to shoot the breeze between Opotiki and Te Kaha

**As we pass the midwinter I am pleased to report that in this neck of the woods we have been blessed to have had not to many really wet Sundays so have been able to keep a healthy ride calender up. With a town that has two directions out we are always spoilt for choice, haha but SH35 is never a left down and nor is the Gorge through to Te Karaka. Boasting a great tavern which is highly recommended. Te Kaha Hotel is always a nice stop as well.**

It is a surprise how much the road conditions can change on a lot of our local roads with many being subject to slips and rock falls and local knowledge is key in some of the route planning. This is particularly so for the Thursday riders who on the first Thursday of the month plan a gravel ride, I have not attended these but two of our active branch members Theo and Tricky work them out and always report back with photos and a ride report that is shared on our Facebook page.

The other direction takes us to Rotorua, Tauranga and on to Waikato which does give a wider choice of venues.

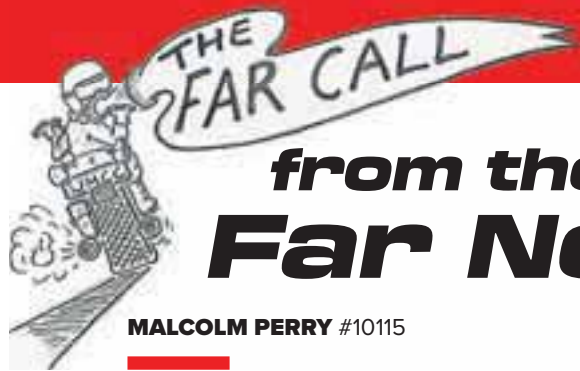
With the seasons changing we will hopefully get a little further afield. We have Motorcycle awareness month with everyone else in September which is in a planning stage and In November we will be holding our Mountain to Sea run which is an annual event we hold to help raise a little money for local charities. Starting

from Kawerau it normally follows a route of 100 - 150km and ends at Thornton where we indulge in burgers, music and raffles.

A number of members recently attended the Motorcycle Rider Down courses which we were lucky enough to have sponsored by the Whakatane District Council and by all reports it was a cracker. We also have Pro Rider training happening in October which is not to far away now and lets all hope for a great spring and summer season.



Proof of a trip into Waikato



# from the **Far North**

**MALCOLM PERRY #10115**

**The AGM is done and dusted (feels like an age ago) so we now have a new committee up and running in the winterless North. We managed to retain those members who had been in the officer roles and add a further three who will be taking the lead in areas such as rider safety and events organisation. That's really good for the branch and gives us extra capacity to get things sorted and grow the activity level of the branch. Thanks everyone for stepping up.**

We held our mid-winter Christmas event on 20th July and had a record (for recent years) attendance despite a nasty bout of something going through the branch. It was great to welcome Peggy and Craig from Natcom who said a few words each and the crew from North Harbour who made the trip as well. Having people from outside the branch join us added a certain something extra to the day.

Riding motorbikes is always the main attraction up here in the Far North. This period has been no exception (although even we have been forced to a café on a couple of occasions this winter), and we have managed to include some interesting visits to local motorcycle related companies. We are really grateful to them for giving up their time for us so here's a plug for them:

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A number of our members go off and do daring things off road that the rest of us just listen to with envy. So, we decided to add an option of a gravel

ride to the Wednesday rides and see how that goes. We chose a final destination that could be reached via gravel or tar seal, so we still met up as a group at the end. This Wednesday was our 1st trial, and under the guidance of some of our more competent Off-roaders, 10 riders took part with another 5 on tar seal. All arrived at the destination in good spirit and intact, looking forward to the next one – just goes to show that you can teach an old dog new tricks. This will add a new dimension to our rides and help to keep the interest up in the club (as well as pushing some of us outside our comfort zones).

There are some photos of what our members get up to on our rides. As I said to them, sometimes I look at these photos and think “wow” that was a good day and other times I just shake my head and wonder.

Purchases of the Hi-Viz vests are going well, and we are starting to look rather grand in our new attire. The Ulysses badge is a good addition as I have had a number of conversations away from the rides with random people who have noticed it – a bit of visibility never hurts, eh? On another safety front, some of our members have attended the Rider Down training up here and found that very useful.

This month we celebrated the 90th birthday of our oldest regular rider, Gary Woodbury. Gary has some wonderful tales to tell about riding motorbikes and is an inspiration to us all. Right is a picture of Gary sitting in his happy place.

Looking forwards, we are hoping to get a small crew down to the North Island Remembrance ride and are making plans for the MAM events. It's a roller coaster of things that never seems to slow but, I suppose that's part of the fun!

All done from the Far North.

**MALCOLM PERRY #10115**



**Happy  
90th Gary  
Woodbury!**

## North Harbour News

JOHN SHEARER #9242

We have had some stunning winter days with the wane warmth of the sun just holding the cold off and drying the roads. The Irrestible Cafe in the Waikato was a brilliant run, with one of the best quotes of the day after multiple backroads was where the hell are we? Good sometimes to just get lost. There are so many places in NZ we haven't seen - yet.



And we have been busy. North Harbour joined with our Auckland Chapter for lunch at Craig and Raewyn's Moodie's place. Superb gathering with good food and company. Our own mid winter dinner was also a big hit with roast meats and vegetables, apple pie and ice cream for dessert. But not to be out done the Far North's mid winter lunch was excellent too and another invite we couldn't turn down. Our thanks to Malcolm Perry and his team for the invite. I even won a block of butter and a dozen eggs in the raffle! That butter almost paid for a meal. None of your 500gm blocks here, it was a kilo of the good stuff!



We also joined in with the Waikato's trip to the Ross Brothers Museum and their cafe lunch. Again our thanks here to Allan Brunskill for the invite. And we plan to do



more of these joint rides/activities in the future.

We also commemorated some of our long standing members with service awards and dinner shout. A special congratulations to John Heebink on getting his 35 years badge earlier this year. His is a huge commitment to the club both in time and in the events and activities he has organised over his many years of service.



Still while the sun can shine, it is winter and we have had our share of rain. One of our rides down to the Firth of Thames was like taking a shower with your bike gear on. That Pink Dairy pie and hot coffee - damn that was good. So too is the story that goes with it. (Now remember as Peter our late Sheriff used to say, "You shouldn't let the truth get in front of a good story.") As cold rain sank in

deeper, one of our female riders had to make a bathroom stop which was a public convenience 50m down the road from the Dairy. Now it's raining hard, so she started walking, her black leathers glistening with freshly pelting rain drops. Anyway this car sees her plight and being a gentleman, the guy pulls over and offers her a lift. Well what can a girl do? So she gets in. No alarm bells here, getting into a stranger's



car and driving off to a public toilet. Unbelievably the driver then waits at the toilet to take her the 50m back to the Pink Dairy. Being hopeful the driver strikes up a conversation and uses pick up lines about what sort of bike she was riding etc. Now it was all going well till then, warming up even, but when our black leather biker lass replied "I'm riding that Harley Davidson" it was all over. Our gentleman driver of good taste stopped the car and immediately told her to get out and she had to walk the last few metres back in the rain. The driver had thought she was on my classic Triumph. Ah well the course of true love never runs straight. Sniff, I never got a lift to the toilet. I walked both ways.

Our charity push for The Ronnie Run is gearing up for Sunday 2nd November. Our latest fundraiser was a night in Takapuna watching the movie F1. Great to see such a big turn out. We have also received an impact report from Michelle Pallet who is the regional manager for Ronald McDonald House Charities and it makes extremely thoughtful reading. We can not resolve all the world's problems and save everyone but we are called to make a difference where we can and together we can have an extremely powerful effect. Your efforts on past Ronnie Runs have really helped families cope with the terrible



effects of child cancer and other serious illnesses. Do not underestimate the good that you have done by taking part in the run. Hope to see you all there again Sunday 2nd November

Finally I've seen a few articles about our Ulysses numbers not looking so good at the moment but if I may comment here with a few hacked and plagiarised phrases:-

***We will not go quietly into the night. Rage, rage against the dying of the light. (Dylan Thomas)***

***What good we can do we will do. As Ulyssians we are called to this - get out there, have some fun, help others and it beats the hell out of sitting on the sofa.***

And from *The Lord of the Rings*

***I see in your eyes the same fear that would take the heart of me.***

***A day may come when courage of men/(woman) fails, When we forsake our friends***

***And break all bonds of fellowship,***

***But not this day.***

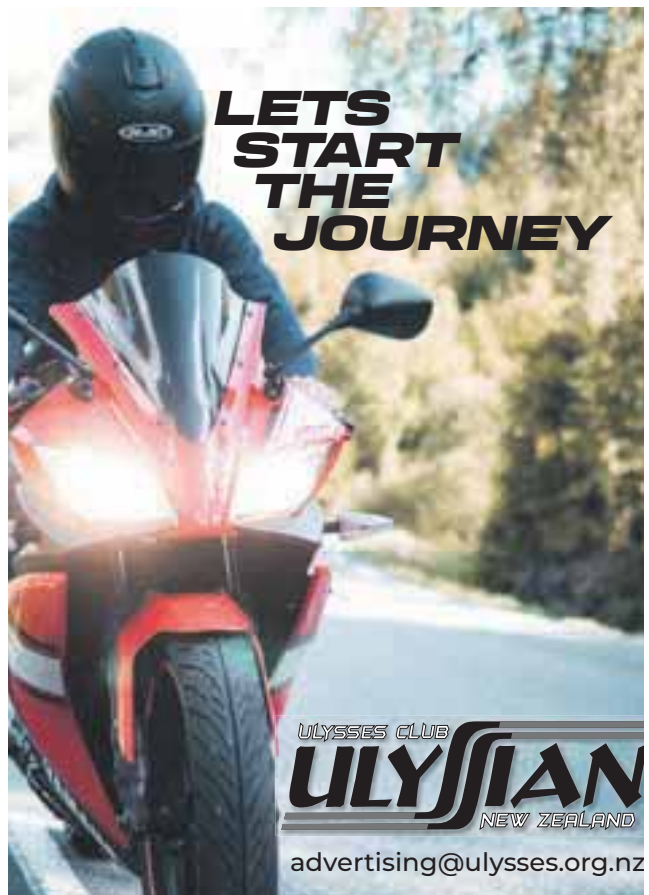
***An hour of wolves and shattered shields***

***When the age of men comes crashing down,***

***But it is not this day!***

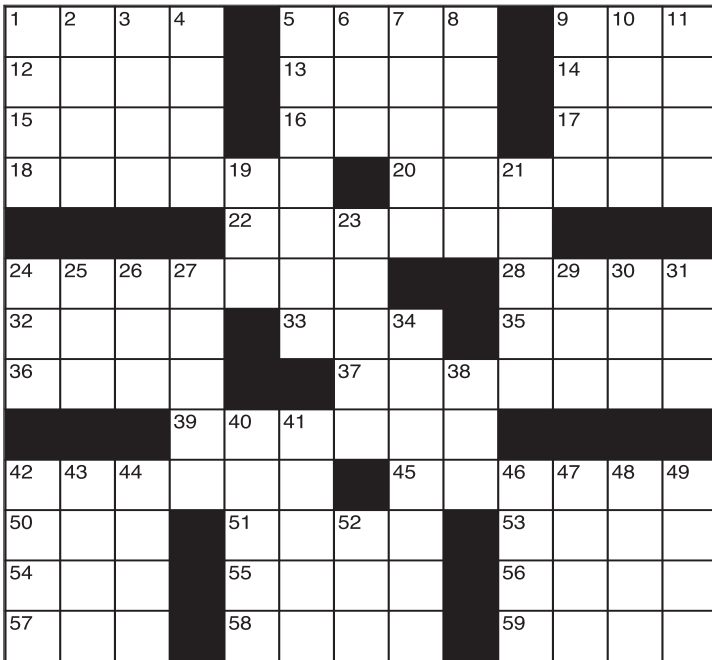
This means what it says. I'll see you out there.

**JOHN SHEARER #9242**



# COFFEE BREAK

## PUZZLE NO. 162



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### ACROSS

1. Guzzling sound
5. Wails
9. Model
12. Muzzle
13. Taunt
14. Charm
15. On a voyage
16. Buddy
17. Had pizza
18. Intense fright
20. South American animals
22. Raveled
24. Hastier
28. Frank
32. Wet behind the \_\_\_\_\_

### DOWN

33. Fawn's mom
35. Barely cooked
36. Female wool growers
37. Smirked scornfully
39. Request
42. Dingier
45. Whitener
50. Semi
51. Radio knob
53. Unmixed
54. Tavern brew
55. Estate measure
56. Gossip topic
57. Cot
58. Rents
59. Cattle

### DOWN

1. Bothersome fly
2. Finish last
3. Patron
4. Equipment
5. Played the lead
6. Night bird
7. Director Wilder
8. Fashion
9. Did the backstroke
10. Minute amount
11. Piggies
19. Not in tune
21. Idolize
23. Stood

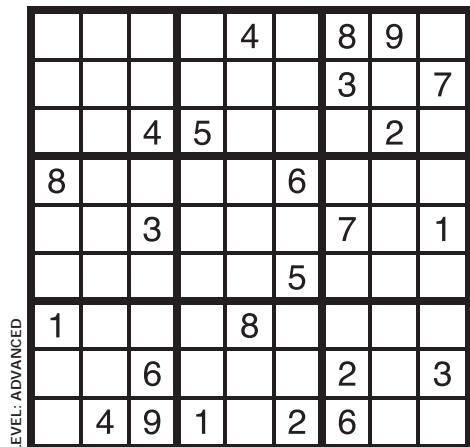
24. Spelling competition
25. Unfinished
26. Great rage
27. Literary output
29. Golfer's goal
30. Bard's before
31. Actor Sparks
34. Makes possible
38. House annex
40. Bicycle feature
41. Cost
42. Seize
43. Annoy
44. Like some cheese
46. Heroic tale
47. Mobile or biography starter
48. Plane's personnel
49. Borders
52. Renoir's forte

## 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 918



LEVEL: ADVANCED

Answers to these puzzles are on page 44



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# JUST FOR FUN

*"It's better to grow old with a sense of humour, than to grow old with no sense at all!"*



## MURPHY'S OTHER 15 LAWS

1. Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
2. A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.
3. He who laughs last, thinks slowest.
4. A day without sunshine is like, well er, er, night.
5. Change is inevitable; except from a vending machine.
6. Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don't.
7. Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool.
8. The 50-50-90 Rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.
9. If the shoe fits, get another one just like it.
10. The things that come to those who wait, may be the things left by those who got there first!
11. Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man how to fish, and he will sit in a boat all day drinking beer.
12. Flashlight: A case for holding dead batteries.
13. God gave you toes as a device for finding furniture in the dark.
14. When you go into court, you are putting yourself in the hands of twelve (12) people who weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty.
15. Making good people helpless won't make bad people harmless.

## COFFEE BREAK SOLUTIONS

### XWORD

#### ANSWER TO PUZZLE NO. 162

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### SUDOKU

#### ANSWER TO PUZZLE NO. 918

6	3	1	2	4	7	8	9	5
2	5	8	9	6	1	3	4	7
9	7	4	5	3	8	1	2	6
8	1	2	7	9	6	5	3	4
5	9	3	8	2	4	7	6	1
4	6	7	3	1	5	9	8	2
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# AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL RALLY 2026

**For your information and possible planning of holidays: The Ulysses Club Australian National Rally 2026, will be held from 15th - 25th of May, at Nambour on the Sunshine Coast in Queensland. The theme is: "Sun, Surf and Sand"**

The Ulysses Club Australian National Rally 2027 will be held in April (date to be determined) at a place some of you may have heard of, Mt Panorama (famous race track) at Bathurst in New South Wales. The Grande Parade for the 2027 event will be three (3) laps of the circuit. Maybe more, but officially only three for the actual Grande Parade.

**For more information, please go to the Australian website at: [www.ulysses.org.au](http://www.ulysses.org.au) Allan Pratt #9186 D.M#22 President, Ulysses Club Inc. Australia**

# ULYSSES CLUB MANAWATU

## COMPASS RALLY - MOTORCYCLE POKER RUN

### REGISTRATION FORM 2025: CLOSING DATE MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND

(Badge orders for hand-out at prize-giving close 12th September)

**\$50 per Card Hand (includes light refreshments and a \$10 donation to Hato Hone St John. Badge please add \$10 Pillion at Prize-giving (if not playing poker) add \$5**

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

Prize-giving is in Bunnythorpe. Winners must be present. All riders welcome!

**Rider Name** .....

**Ulysses# (if member)** .....

**Pillion Name** .....

**Ulysses# (if member)** .....

**Address:** .....

**Branch (or other club)** .....

**Year and Make of Motorcycle** .....

**Rego (for photos)** .....

**Cell Phone:** ..... **Home phone:** .....

**Email address:** .....

#### INTERNET BANKING 03 0726 0495751 00 "Ulysses Club Manawatu"

Please include **4Points25** in 'Particulars' and your **Name (and Ulysses number if applicable)** in the 'Reference' field, then email this form to the email address below.

I have paid \$\_\_\_\_\_ being \_\_\_\_\_ hands, and \_\_\_\_\_ badges\* on \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

Incl pillion if not holding a hand and attending the prize-giving @\$5.00

\*Badge orders have to be in with the supplier by 3 September. Later entries requiring badges may have to wait for them to be sent after the prize-giving.

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

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

**Email: 4pointsrally@gmail.com Text (Enquiries): 021 102 8855**

Postal address and cell contact subject to change due to pending Branch AGM.

Email is the simplest way to communicate, please.



**Further information for the event and destinations, including your score sheet will be sent by email in the 2 weeks prior to the rally commence date. Let us know of any bike changes if necessary.**



# Rallye Moto-Coro 15 November 2025



*A motorcycle helipad hunt around  
the Coromandel Southern Loop  
to raise funds for the  
Auckland Rescue Helicopter Trust*

Start: Paeroa RSA 10.00 am  
Entry: \$20.00 per bike  
All proceeds going to support  
the WESTPAC Rescue Helicopter

For more info, contact:  
[waihi.tv@ulysses.org.nz](mailto:waihi.tv@ulysses.org.nz)

## SOUTHLAND

# 300

## HENRY'S TIKI TOUR 2026

**ENTRY FORM** AVAILABLE BY EMAILING: [southland@ulysses.org.nz](mailto:southland@ulysses.org.nz)

**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.

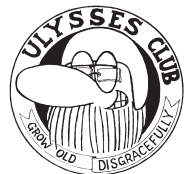
Instructions and questions will be emailed upon receipt of payment.

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

Entry fee of \$25 per person required. Entries close November 30th, 2025.



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# ULYSSES AUCKLAND RALLY

## “RIVER MEETS THE SEA”

### Friday 21 - Sunday 23 November 2025.

PORT WAIKATO SCHOOL CAMP, PORT WAIKATO-WAIKARETU ROAD, PORT WAIKATO  
 On-site registration opens Friday 4.00pm **NO PETS ALLOWED ON SITE**

**FACILITIES:** Bunkrooms, Camping/Campervan Parking. Hot showers, toilets, tea, coffee and baking available at no cost. Eating utensils, cup, plates and cutlery supplied.  
 BYO bedding and alcohol/mixers please. Completed forms and payments will help allocate rooms.

Post or email form and pay online only please.

To: Ulysses Club, PO Box 96219, Dominion Road, AUCKLAND 1446 or email peggyulysses@hotmail.co.nz

**ENTRIES CLOSE: 8TH NOVEMBER, 2025 NO LATE ENTRIES!**

Rider Name .....

Ulysses# .....

Pillion Name .....

Ulysses# .....

Address:.....

.....

Phone: .....

Email address:.....

**ACCOMMODATION:** \$25.00 per person per night, bunkroom, tent/camper etc. i.e. 2 nights = \$50 each

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

No. of people: Fri \_\_\_ Sat \_\_\_ nights @ \$25.00 camp/van = \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

**ONLINE - DATE OF PAYMENT** \_\_\_\_\_/2025 **TOTAL** = \_\_\_\_\_

**BANK DETAILS:** Ulysses Auckland Branch **03 0296 0046891 000**

**Particulars: "NAME" Code: "MEMBERSHIP NUMBER" Reference: RALLY 2025**

*I agree to hold the organisers blameless for any injury or accidental damage whatsoever which may occur whilst travelling to, attending or travelling from this event. Please sign below:*

RIDER: ..... RIDER / PILLION: .....

DATE: ..... DATE: .....



# South Island Remembrance Service

*Hosted by Canterbury Ulysses*

**Kaikoura Top 10 Holiday Park, 34 Beach Road, Kaikoura  
1pm, Saturday, September 13, 2025**

We have the use of the conference facilities.

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

At 6pm, join us for a meal at the Black Rabbit Pizza Kaikoura. Ph (03) 319 6360.

[blackrabbitkaikoura@gmail.com](mailto:blackrabbitkaikoura@gmail.com)

Bookings later than 3rd September will not be taken, so first in, best dressed.

Later on, after dinner, an 'after match function' for recovery and rehydration will be held in the TV lounge. Members are asked to BYO a plate and whatever type of plonk 'tickles ya fancy', to put the world to rights whilst striving as best we can to get back to core values by behaving disgracefully.

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Those whose names have been read out would expect nothing less of us.

Punters are urged to book accommodation, tent sites, etc at the Top 10 sooner rather than later. For bookings: (03) 319 5362, or email: [reception@kaikouratop10.co.nz](mailto:reception@kaikouratop10.co.nz) and use Ulysses as the reference.

Ride badges are \$20 and must be paid for online. Email Debbie Macfarlane at [canterbury.sec@ulysses.org.nz](mailto:canterbury.sec@ulysses.org.nz) and she'll take your order.

Online payment to:  
Westpac 03-1594-0041946-00

Please include your name and 'Rembadge' in reference fields.



# ULYSSES TAUPŌ DICE RUN 2025



Wairakei BP Service Station, Wairakei Drive  
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND, 2025**  
**DEPARTING 11AM**

Registrations from 9.30am

**Entry \$20**

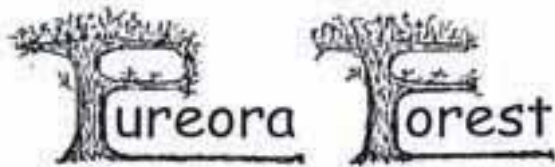
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AT WILD BEAN**



**ENQUIRIES:  
PH. IAN PILBROW  
027 435 8259**



## **37th Waikato Branch Annual Rally**

**7-8 November 2025**

**Entry Fee - \$25.00 per person, Tea, Coffee, Hot water, Gas rings,  
Breakfast. BYO food, utensils, refreshments & accommodation.  
Tin tops and caravans OK.**

The Ulysses Club's first Back to Nature Rally and still going after 36 years.  
No bands. No organised entertainment.

Directions – From Whakamaru, travel south on SH32 (Western Access) for approx 24kms.  
Turn right into Kakaho Road (Look for Ulysses sign) then 3km to campsite.

**Enquiries to N Tyler 078288230, 0274943506, nevt Tyler@xtra.co.nz.**

**Registration and payment (cash) on site please.**

Ulysses Members. Family & Dearest Friends only.

I agree to hold the organizers blameless for any injury or accidental  
damage while attending or travelling to or from this event.

NOV 23, 2025

# ULYSSES WHAKATANE MOUNTAIN TO SEA CHARITY RIDE

Raising funds for **Bay of Plenty Energy Cancer Centre, Whakatane**

**MEET AT KAWERAU NEW WORLD CARPARK.**

Ride ends at Thornton Beach Holiday Park.

**Registration from 10am • Ride briefing 10.55am • Stands-up 11am**

Ride starts at Kawerau New World Carpark & concludes at Thornton Beach Holiday Park with BBQ, Raffles and Prizegiving.

Ride length between 100 & 120km

**Enquiries to Tricky Cunningham 027 629 3317 or Alan McClumpha 021 253 1462. Announcements will be made on social media prior to 8am incase of extreme weather.**



## Tauranga Branch Ulysses Rally

**Date: 1st, 2nd & 3rd May 2026**

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

Cost: \$85 per head + \$15 badge, includes bunk room accommodation and mattress (BYO bedding), Friday night meal, Saturday breakfast and evening meal and 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: 14th April, 2026**

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 **Ulysses Club Tauranga: 01-0434-0208650-00** and **please put "your name" as particulars and Ulysses membership No. as "code" and "Rally 2026" as reference**

Queries to 07 543 3042 or 027 586 2121

**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**

**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

**SATURDAY, 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 Fret' 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@oxfordcourtmotel.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 <b>'Smorgasbord Menu'</b> <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)

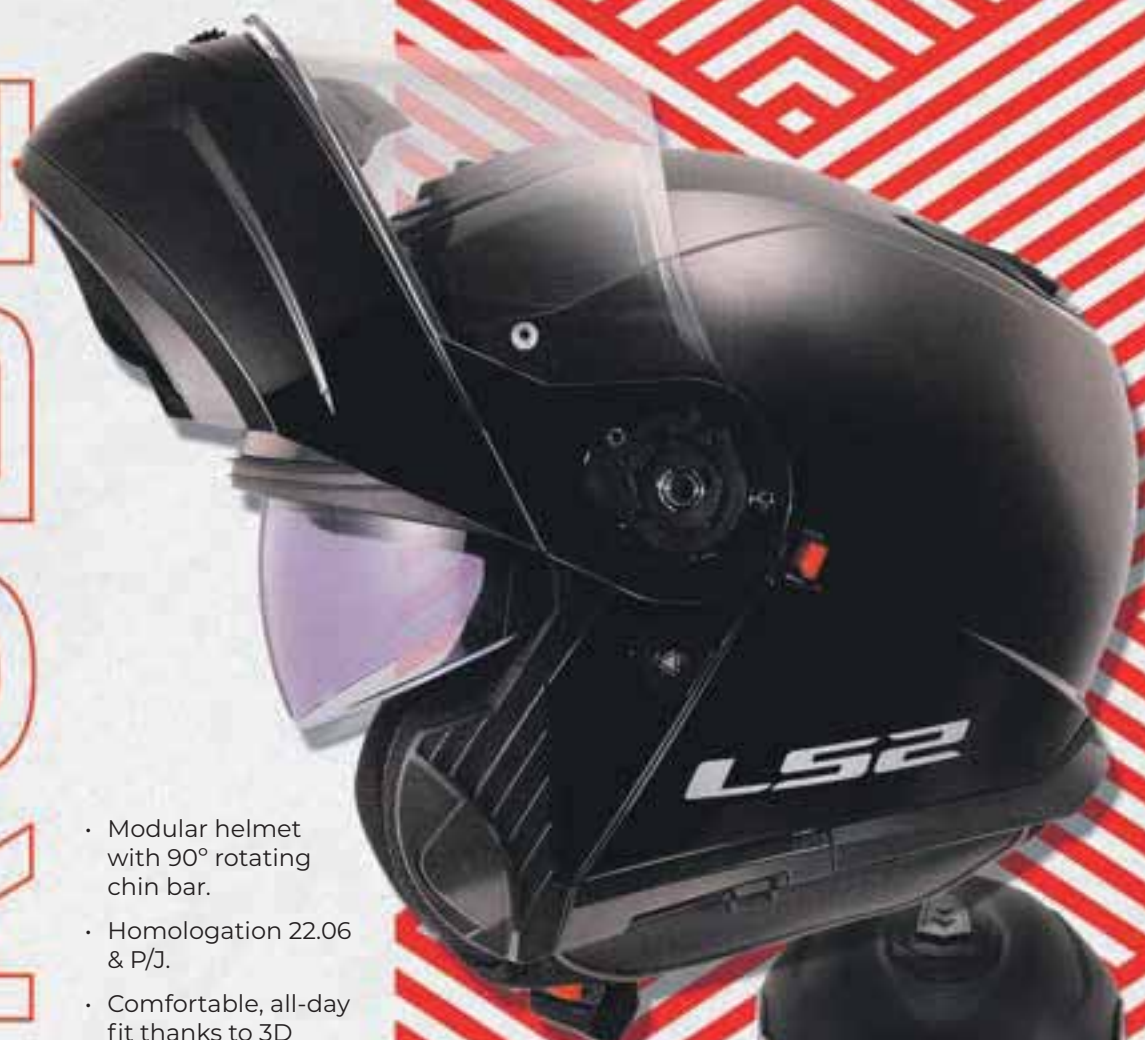
Registrations will be acknowledged via reply email.

**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**

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