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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**ANDY WILSON #7169**  
*National President*



**Summer is nearly here, and the laid-up bikes are getting WOF's and Rego's ready for the new riding season.**

Motorcycle Awareness Month for most branches was a great success with some great event photos appearing on Facebook and other media streams. Hopefully we have raised our profile and even picked up some new members.

The Auckland Bike Show looked brilliant with the new banners (well done Craig). It is great to see Auckland and North Harbor Branches working together to make this an opportunity for both Branches to gain new members and put our Ulysses Club in the spotlight.

We now have a 5-year service badge available to purchase and we are looking at ways to make these more affordable for Branches.

AA Insurance is looking at a discount scheme for Ulysses members. The Domestic policies will probably have bigger discounts than the motorcycle cover as this is sourced through other companies. I have a meeting with them to go over their offer on 11 November, and I am hoping details will be in this *Ulyssian*.

There are 3 Remits from Natcom this year for the AGM. Please read them and the reasons for needing them. A bigger window for the AGM dates will help keep away from Easter and higher cost associated with it, be it accommodation or Ferry Crossings. Also to avoid peak travelling times.

The Audit remit will save costs as an official audit will cost upwards of \$3000 annually. The other remit is changing branch nomination forms to follow the new constitution guidelines to conform to the New Act.

Ride Forever courses are now being offered in all areas again now, even if you just attend to get the Rego rebate, you will almost certainly learn at least 1 thing to improve your riding skills. You still can claim back the \$50 fee through your

Branch treasurer or coordinator from the Rider Safety Fund. Talking of the Rider Safety Fund, this year it has subsidised the new high vis vests; tourniquets and Israeli bandages for branches. It has helped fund the Rider Down courses to keep them free for participants and reimbursed some courses. The money is there, so come up with courses you want or Ideas. This has also helped fund locator beacons for a couple of branches that often ride to places that don't have phone coverage on quite a few of their rides in remote locations.

The Remembrance weekends for this year are now over, and these are also a vital part of our Club activities and history. For the newer members it is our history, and it won't be long before you will know people in the Remembrance Book and will wish to acknowledge their passing as well. At the moment it is an hour and a half out of a whole weekend to remember your mates, in time the service gets a bit longer, but they deserve this time for us to remember them.

I have seen on Facebook how well the various branch activities and charity runs have been attended. It is really pleasing to see the interaction with other bike clubs and groups from the surrounding areas. This helps to raise our profile the quickest.

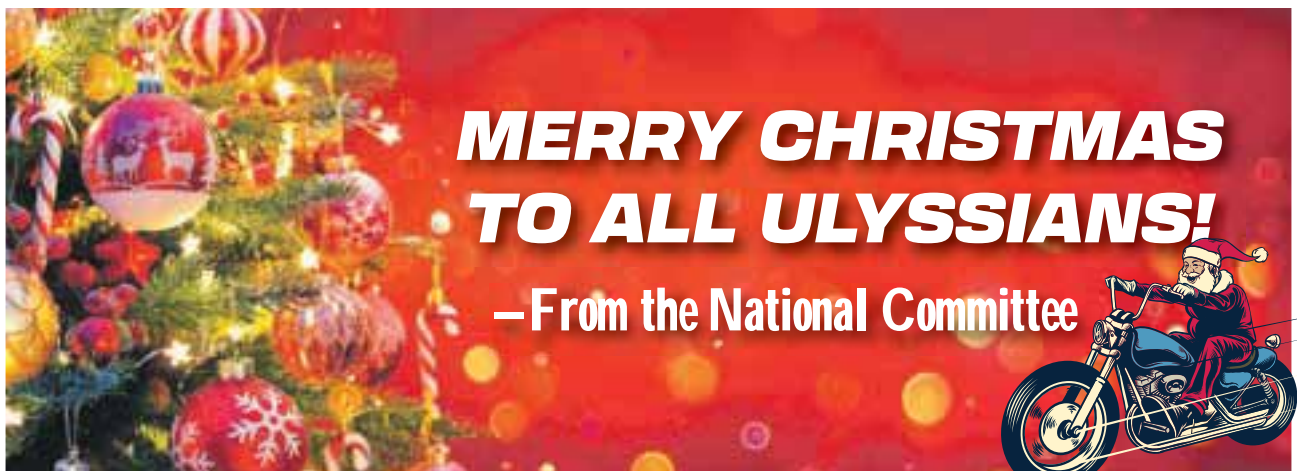
Hopefully we will have a fantastic summer weatherwise, and we can all spend heaps of time on our bikes and spend time with like-minded riders.

I have just received the last of the bikes for the National Bike Raffle and hopefully the tickets will be printed before Christmas, and we can get them out to branches for sale at the January Branch meetings.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas. Catch up in the New Year.

**ANDY WILSON #7169**

*President Ulysses Club of New Zealand*



# VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

CRAIG MOODIE #8602



## NEXT YEAR'S NATIONAL COMMITTEE

Over the past three years I have been in the role of Vice President under Andy Wilson's leadership on the national committee. Andy has done a great job at the helm and together the national committee has navigated through many changes and improvements and issues. Andy has worked tirelessly throughout his time as our President. Andy is standing down from the role as president at the next AGM. A big thank you goes to Andy and Karen for all the great effort they have willingly put into our club. Your leadership has been great and as a Club we are in a great position going forward. I often get asked if I will take up the role of President. Due to a heavy personal load I am currently under I am unable to invest enough time into the role to lead the club forward into the future.

The good news is Suzie Pentelow putting her hand up next year for the role National President. This is something I fully support. Her enthusiasm and ability to get things done is exceptional. It is just what the club needs at this critical time.

To be honest Suzie is the right person at the right time and I am keen to support her in the role of president.

I have agreed to stay on in the Vice President role next year to support Suzie. If I can handle behind-the-scenes jobs, like dispute resolution, logistical issues, etc. this will hopefully free up Suzie to concentrate on leading the club into the next stage of its life with fresh ideas and vision.

I invite you all to support her and let's all focus on making the club thrive going forward into the future.

## NZ MOTORCYCLE SHOW

In October I was involved in organizing a ULYSSES stand at the NZ Motorcycle Show. The Auckland and North Harbour branches came together to make this event happen.

We assembled a diverse range of bikes i.e. large cruiser, small cruiser, street bike, modern classics, adventure bikes, dual purpose, custom trike, a Diken and a land speed bike.

We had a TV playing the Ulysses video out the front and had new welcome banners made up to enhance the publicity.

There was a lot of interest in our club and many great conversations were had with motorcycle enthusiasts. A big thank you to all those who contributed to the show. It was a very successful and worthwhile undertaking.

The message we were looking to portray is that Ulysses welcomes both new and experienced riders without age restriction motorcycle enthusiasts who can join no matter what bike they ride.

The stand was very well received and we came away with membership applications and a list of people wanting to join including couples, both sexes and of various ages. It was great to see some new faces at the following branch night.

As the average age of our membership keeps rising, we need to find ways to attract the younger generations to join and become active in our Club as this is our only option for the future. Breaking down the stereotype that we are just a group of old men, is something we must do in order to go forward into the future.

## THE BRANCH CHALLENGE

The NZ Motorcycle Show is a great opportunity worth pursuing annually for the Auckland, North Harbour and surrounding branches. For our other branches around the country, finding or creating an event where we can connect with the riding community will be of great importance for the continuation of the club.

Ulysses Natcom has purchased the two large banners (2400 x 1200 see photo in article) which we used at the show. These are available for branch events where publicity is needed just ask us. Should you wish to purchase your own one please contact me for the details etc.

Events such as Motorcycle Awareness Month, charity rides and rallies are an excellent opportunity we should capitalize on for promoting Ulysses.

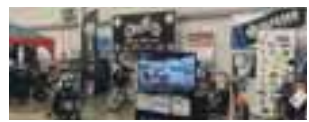
It is all good encouraging people to join but the other half of the picture is on branch needs to be a place people want to belong to.

During my time as Branch President in Auckland, my wife and myself made it a priority to ensure no one felt left out at any of our branch events. Once someone comes along to an event, branch night or ride, everybody needs to ensure that these new people feel really welcomed and quickly able to become a part of the Ulysses family.

## LIVE UPDATES TO BRANCH WEBSITE RUNS AND EVENTS CALENDAR

*Disclaimer: I am not a techno whizz propeller head computer competent person.*

There is probably a better way of doing what I am about to share and I will probably get a lot of feedback as to better ways to do it.



**BUT THE BRAIN FART IDEA WORKED BRILLIANTLY!** Read on if you are having issues with keeping website calendars live, current and up-to-date.

My apologies for those who don't get it, but this is just one beggar telling another beggar where there is food. So if you don't get it, find someone who does, as this was a gamechanger for us.

Recently at Auckland Branch, our long serving runs co-ordinator stepped down after many years in the role. No-one put up their hand to take on the role. I had an idea where the rides co-ordination could be planned and communicated quickly and efficiently.

What I did was:

1. Create a Google drive word document.
2. Shared the link with the webmaster and he embedded the link onto the branch website runs page.
3. I then adjusted the width of the document to make it mobile friendly
4. Then entered the branch calendar information onto the google doc.

Once these steps were done, I could then open up the original document and update it with ease. Cancellations can be done live while I am still talking on the phone with the RIC.

The next stage was to give an edit link to the committee and the RIC's so that they can update the details of events they are responsible for. The only check needed is for those with edit access to check with the runs co-ordinator to ensure no potential clashes occur before entering a new event.

Check out the page if you want. Its not flash but it is up to date and it works. [www.ulyssesauckland.org.nz](http://www.ulyssesauckland.org.nz) then click runs and events. If you want to know more please feel free to contact me.

**CRAIG MOODIE #8602**

# NATIONAL TREASURER'S REPORT

CHRIS GROUBE #7925



## Profit and Loss

Ulysses Club of New Zealand Incorporated  
For the 9 months ended 30 September 2025

	JAN-SEPT 2025	JAN-SEPT 2024	JAN-SEPT 2023
<b>Income</b>			
<b>Gear Income</b>			
<b>Gear</b>			
<b>Sales</b>			
Sales - Gear	8,213	4,099	5,328
Branch Gear Sales Discounts	(177)	(129)	(209)
Freight Income	2,035	380	336
<b>Total Sales</b>	<b>10,071</b>	<b>4,350</b>	<b>5,454</b>
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>			
Gear - Costs of Goods Sold	(8,243)	(3,419)	(4,303)
Gear Purchases - Other Costs	(328)	(252)	(32)
Freight & Packaging on Stock Purchases	(219)	(156)	(70)
Stock on Hand Adjustments	29	-	27
<b>Total Cost of Goods Sold</b>	<b>(8,761)</b>	<b>(3,828)</b>	<b>(4,378)</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) on Gear</b>	<b>1,310</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>1,076</b>
<b>Total Gear Income</b>	<b>1,310</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>1,076</b>
<b>Fees from Members</b>			
Subscriptions	70,542	72,893	73,240
Joining Fees	3,157	2,748	2,722
<b>Total Fees from Members</b>	<b>73,699</b>	<b>75,641</b>	<b>75,962</b>
<b>Other Income</b>			
Donations and Gifts	30	20	-
Interest Received	6,853	10,061	6,953
Sponsorship	4,375	5,000	4,667
Ulyssian Advertising	6,555	11,836	11,126
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>17,813</b>	<b>26,917</b>	<b>22,746</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>92,822</b>	<b>103,080</b>	<b>99,784</b>
<b>Less: Expenditure</b>			
<b>Administration Expenses</b>			
Administration Fees	31,896	21,338	23,213
Computing & Internet	686	836	594
Accounting - Xero Fee	419	499	475
Rent - Office	2,000	2,739	3,044
Post & Courier	3,713	5,424	3,557
Stationery & Photocopy	1,159	660	1,419
Telephone	267	285	577
<b>Total Administration Expenses</b>	<b>40,140</b>	<b>31,782</b>	<b>32,878</b>
<b>Financial Expenses</b>			
Audit Fee	(50)	(50)	(50)
Bank Fees	75	75	67
<b>Total Financial Expenses</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Meeting Expenses</b>			
AGM Travel, Accom, etc	4,132	3,959	6,386
Branch Coordinators Meeting	-	12,388	-
National Committee Travel, etc	2,680	1,486	2,930
Other Meeting Expenses	-	-	672
<b>Total Meeting Expenses</b>	<b>6,812</b>	<b>17,834</b>	<b>9,988</b>
<b>Membership Expenses</b>			
Badges & Medals	1,178	2,109	1,360
Database Hosting & Modifications	470	360	360
New Member Packs - costs	784	-	-
Life & Odyssey Medals Awarded	-	1,230	1,150
Mail Chimp	822	924	795
Magazine	23,956	26,336	27,841
Magazine Advertising Costs	2,298	3,219	3,335
Remembrance Run	1,250	1,250	1,000
Membership Cards	1,173	1,169	-
Sponsorship Expenditure	-	3,405	2,746
Website	1,028	801	623
<b>Total Membership Expenses</b>	<b>32,958</b>	<b>40,803</b>	<b>39,210</b>
<b>Other Expenses</b>			
Publicity & Advertising	3,601	646	1,275
General Expenses	283	-	286
Insurance	1,292	1,310	1,160
Public Liability Insurance	920	1,005	975
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>6,096</b>	<b>2,960</b>	<b>3,695</b>
<b>Extraordinary Expenses</b>			
Legal Expenses	878	-	-
<b>Total Extraordinary Expenses</b>	<b>878</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>86,909</b>	<b>93,404</b>	<b>85,768</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) Before Depreciation</b>	<b>5,913</b>	<b>9,677</b>	<b>13,996</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the period</b>	<b>5,913</b>	<b>9,677</b>	<b>13,996</b>
<b>Equity Reserve Movements</b>			
<b>Raffle</b>			
Raffle Income	23,960	24,012	21,757
Raffle Expenses	(20,547)	(15,064)	(18,711)
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>3,412</b>	<b>8,948</b>	<b>3,046</b>
Rider Safety Reserve Transfer	(3,412)	(8,948)	(3,046)
<b>Total Equity Reserve Movements</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

## Balance Sheet

Ulysses Club of New Zealand Incorporated  
As at 30 September 2025

	30 SEPT 2025	30 SEPT 2024	30 SEPT 2023
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
<b>Bank</b>			
BNZ - Bus First Oncall Account	8,993	15,808	23,947
BNZ - Bike Raffle Account	1,006	1,029	1,013
BNZ - Non Profit Org Account	12,672	11,026	2,684
Kiwibank Now Account	12,836	1,344	4,526
Paypal Account	-	35	35
<b>Total Bank</b>	<b>35,507</b>	<b>29,243</b>	<b>32,205</b>
Accounts Receivable	750	2,178	301
Interest Receivable	3,463	5,761	4,200
National Rally/AGM - Branch Loan	2,000	2,000	2,000
<b>Payments in Advance</b>			
Payments in Advance	14,224	4,872	4,461
<b>Total Payments in Advance</b>	<b>14,224</b>	<b>4,872</b>	<b>4,461</b>
<b>Inventory</b>			
Life & Odyssey Medals On Hand	3,420	1,470	1,390
Inventory - Bumper Stickers	-	293	385
Inventory (Xero perpetual account)	8,499	10,950	9,104
<b>Total Inventory</b>	<b>11,919</b>	<b>12,713</b>	<b>10,879</b>
Quartermasters Club Gear Samples	940	-	-
GST Payable	684	2,003	1,873
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>69,486</b>	<b>58,770</b>	<b>55,919</b>
<b>Non-current Assets</b>			
Fixed Assets	12,937	6,463	2,121
<b>Total Non-current Assets</b>	<b>12,937</b>	<b>6,463</b>	<b>2,121</b>
<b>Investments</b>			
Kiwibank Term Deposits	175,000	200,000	175,000
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>175,000</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>175,000</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>257,423</b>	<b>265,233</b>	<b>233,040</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
<b>Accounts Payable &amp; Receipts in Advance</b>			
Accounts Payable	3,496	12,636	3,576
Sponsorship in Advance	3,125	-	-
<b>Total Accounts Payable &amp; Receipts in Advance</b>	<b>6,621</b>	<b>12,636</b>	<b>3,576</b>
BNZ Visa account	1,094	909	425
Funds Held for Branches in Recess	5,460	5,710	5,710
Rounding	-	(3)	24
Suspense Account	380	113	150
Member Subscriptions in Advance	69,083	74,052	77,579
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>82,638</b>	<b>93,418</b>	<b>87,464</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>82,638</b>	<b>93,418</b>	<b>87,464</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>174,786</b>	<b>171,814</b>	<b>145,576</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Retained Earnings	131,409	123,692	104,787
AGM Equalisation Reserve	20,155	18,125	16,861
Rider Safety Reserve	23,222	29,998	23,928
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>174,786</b>	<b>171,814</b>	<b>145,576</b>

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# NATIONAL TREASURER'S REPORT



CHRIS GROUBE #7925

**Our surplus for the 9 months was \$5,913. A positive result considering this was a period of additional costs for the transitioning of administrators from Debbie to Gemma, and a move of administration from Upper Hutt to Taranaki.**

Additional costs for this transition included: Administrators Contract fees - May and June for Gemma for training and handover. Postage and Courier – new Post Office Box and mail re-direct. There is at least \$5,000 in changeover costs included in these figures.

Comments on the current reports:

**Assets.** There is no depreciation in the accounts. Xero has a Depreciation Schedule which I will set up. Depreciation for the Annual Accounts has been calculated via an external spreadsheet. Once the asset schedule has been set up in Xero depreciation can be calculated monthly.

Publicity and advertising is higher due to planned additional expenditure in this area. The July to Sept period includes the final advertising in Bike Rider Magazine \$620. New Business Cards \$399. Flyers & Posters \$1,500 and two \$200 payments to Branches for MAM expenditure.

Website expenditure is higher due to the work being done to bring it back up to scratch.

Payments in Advance \$14,878 comprise: Insurances \$932. Prepaid envelopes and bags \$7,500 (there was an order in May for Prepaid and printed DLE Envelopes \$2,343

which didn't come to light and get paid until 8 Sept). Wellington Holiday Park Accommodation for the Oct 2026 Coordinators/Nat Com meetings \$5,710.

On 24 Sept we have \$33,842 in our BNZ and Kiwibank Current Accounts (on-call money). We have \$175,000 on Term Deposit. This totals \$208,842 in cash funds.

The more significant commitments or obligations these funds cover are Rider Safety Reserve \$23,222, AGM Equalisation Reserve \$20,155, Member Subscriptions paid in advance \$69,083, Accounts Payable and Sponsorship paid in advance \$6,621. The remainder is funds accumulated over the history of the Club which puts us in a reasonably sound financial position.

We are about to start sending out invoices for subscriptions expiring 31 December 2025.

CHRIS GROUBE #7925

National Treasurer

5/10/2025

**Greetings, in this lead up to the rapidly approaching end of year madness break.**

I have added the 30 September Financial Report and notes to this report, although they are two months out of date. Financially this is a busy club. There is a lot going on, particularly when you include the activity generated by new members, renewing members, the shop, and supporting Branch activities - MAM (Motorcycle Awareness Month an ACC initiative) being the most recent.

Those of you who attended the last AGM will be aware of the heightened level of anxiety evident in the National Committee when stressing the need to pass the remit to approve our new Constitution. A lot of work and even cost in legal fees so that we got it right, was put into the re-write. Thankfully the remit flew through, and our new Constitution was filed and approved by the Companies Office in

June 2024. So now we are operating not only under our new Constitution but also the new Incorporated Societies Act 2022.

What changes has the new Act imposed? The main one is the requirement to now include in our Annual Report a **Statement of Service Performance**. Historically, Annual Reports have focused on financial information. There is a move now to incorporate non-financial information. You may have heard of the term ESG which stands for Environmental, Social, and Governance. ESG reporting refers to the disclosure of data covering these three areas to help investors, regulators, and stakeholders assess an entity's sustainability and ethical impact. We don't have to go this far.

A Statement of Service Performance focuses on non-financial information closely aligned with the goals we have defined in our constitution. It's about what we are doing as a club and how

well we are achieving those things we set out to do. This is not a National Committee task as all the clubs activities happen in the branches. Therefore, it is the branches who will be providing information to go into the report. Exactly what this information will be is a work in progress. As we are a social club, the information is likely to include numbers: social meetings held, rides, fundraising activities, donations made, members who undertook rider or safety training, overnights/weekenders run by members.... suggestions welcome.

You will have heard of the term 'full disclosure'. It's a popular buzz word. Well in the interest of 'full disclosure', I will replicate here, because I'm not going to paraphrase it, both the goals detailed in our Constitution, which the Statement of Service Performance will address, and, from the XRB (External Reporting Board) Tier 3 (NFP) Standard, the section "Reporting Requirements for Tier 3 Not-for-Profit

Entities”, Section 4: Statement of Service Performance. Then you will all be fully informed when we come asking for information we are going to need to put in our Annual Report.

The report could be something as simple as a table detailing the activity and numbers. It still involves the collection of information.

### **Constitution. Section 1.3.1 Purpose of the Society**

(a) Provide a means by which eligible persons can meet for companionship, social activities, and the responsible pursuit and enjoyment of motorcycling.

(b) Promote among government, regulatory authorities, manufacturers, media, and other relevant bodies the interests of older motorcyclists in particular, and motorcyclists in general;

(c) Encourage and promote safe motorcycling among **Society Members** and the community.

(d) Make donations to any worthy cause in any way as may be likely to further the purposes of the Society provided that such donations can only be made by a **Branch**. Such donations are to be approved by the **Branch Committee**.

(e) Execute or engage in any business or undertaking or project which may seem to the **Society** to be capable of being conveniently undertaken to further the purposes for which the **Society** is established.

(f) Communicate, affiliate, or enter into other relations with other Societies, Clubs or Associations with a view to furthering the purposes of the **Society**.

(g) Purchase, lease, hire, exchange or otherwise acquire any real or personal property, rights or privileges which may further the purposes of the **Society**.

(h) Sell, lease, hire out, improve, develop, exchange, or otherwise dispose of any real or personal property, rights or privileges which may further the purposes of the **Society**; and

(i) Do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the purposes of the **Society** outlined in clauses 1.3 (a) to (h) above.

### **Section 4: Statement of Service Performance**

#### **Purpose and Value to Users**

A41. The purpose of the statement of service performance is to provide information to help users understand what the entity did during the financial

year to achieve its objectives.

A42. The statement of service performance provides information about: (a) What the entity is seeking to achieve over the medium to long term (i.e. its objectives); and

(b) The significant activities the entity has undertaken during the financial year in working towards these objectives.

#### **Required Information**

A43. The statement of service performance shall:

(a) Describe what the entity is seeking to achieve over the medium to long term; and

(b) Describe, and quantify to the extent practicable, the significant activities the entity has undertaken or what it has achieved during the financial year.

A44. The information required by paragraph A43(a) is likely to be closely related to the entity’s mission or purpose. The main difference is that the mission or purpose is usually stated in broad or general terms and applies over the life of the entity. By contrast, the information required by paragraph A43(a) should be more specific, focused on what the entity is seeking to achieve over the medium to long term.

A45. The information disclosed in the statement of service performance should be what the entity considers important for a user’s overall understanding of its service performance (i.e. its significant activities or achievements). Therefore, the entity is not expected to include a detailed account of everything it has done in the financial year.

A46. To meet the requirements in paragraph A43(b), the entity shall provide users with an appropriate and meaningful mix of measures and/or descriptions of its significant activities or achievements for the financial year. The measures and/or descriptions used by an entity may be: (a) Quantitative measures – e.g. quantity of goods and services, time taken to provide goods and services, etc.

(b) Qualitative measures – e.g. compliance or non-compliance with a quality standard, ratings such as high, medium or low, etc; or

(c) Qualitative descriptions – e.g. those based on participant observations.

A47. The most appropriate and meaningful measures and/or descriptions are those that measure or describe aspects of performance

that are of particular value or importance to users to understand the entity’s service performance. Refer to paragraph A14(b) for guidance on the qualitative characteristics that information should have to make it useful for users.

A48. An entity may present the information in the statement of service performance in whichever format it considers to be the most helpful to users’ understanding of the entity’s significant activities or achievements. The Tier 3 template reports provide a generic simple example. For example, an entity may choose to present information using:

(a) Graphs;

(b) Tables; or

(c) Images or infographics showing the entity’s activities and achievements during the financial year.

A49. Service performance information shall be reported consistently from year to year. If the entity changes what it reports or how it reports its service performance information, it shall explain the nature of those changes and the reason those changes were made. Possible reasons for a change in what is reported and how it is reported include changes in:

(a) The nature of the entity’s activities from the prior period or from what was planned.

(b) The descriptions of goods and services or the way in which they are aggregated; or

(c) The measures and/or descriptions used.

Changes to comparative information are permitted but not required.

If an entity chooses to restate comparatives, it shall disclose the effect of the changes on that comparative information.

#### **Optional Information**

A50. An entity may wish to report additional information such as: (a) Comments on those factors which affect the achievement of the entity’s objectives. This might include the working relationships between volunteers and employees, decisions to broaden or narrow the delivery of services, or the impact of factors external to the entity – such as economic, legal and geographical factors; and

(b) The entity’s plans for the financial year being reported on, and an explanation of actual performance achieved against the plans set by the entity.

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# NATIONAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

**DEBBIE MACFARLANE #9634**



**Hello fellow Ulyssian's.**

I hope you have all survived the stormy spring weather that we have been experiencing and you've enjoyed going on some rides despite the weather. I know personally that getting out on a ride on my motorbike and socialising with fellow Ulyssians is great for my mind and soul. I would like to thank everyone on the National Committee, you have all been great to work with over the last two years but due to personal reasons I will not be standing for National Secretary for the coming year. I wish Tony Hickmott all the best for his upcoming term as Secretary.

This edition of the *Ulyssian* has a lot of important information about the 2026 National and Branch AGMs, so please read carefully.

## **Nelson 2026 National Rally and AGM**

In this edition of the *Ulyssian* you will find the Agenda for the National AGM to be held on Saturday the 28th March 2026 at 10am at The Headingly Centre in Nelson. There is also important information about the 3 remits - plus the postal voting form and instructions. The Natcom nominations received for 2026 are advertised, all positions are unopposed, no vote will be required for these.

## **Branch 2026 AGMs**

The branch AGM notices for next year are advertised, as well as the generic branch AGM nomination forms. It has taken work to get the details for some branches' AGMs and at this time some branches have failed to supply details of their 2026 AGMs, so if you are the coordinator or secretary of your local branch, could you please, please remember to add this item to your next AGM agenda. That way Tony will be able to check your AGM minutes for elected position holders and 2027 AGM details and he won't have to chase these up :)

## **Odyssey Medals - Reminder**

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 limited to **one per branch** per year.

## **Life Members - Reminder**

Our club rules state that there can only be 15 living Life Members at any one time, and currently there are 3 vacancies. It is an award for valuable 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.

All nominations for the Odyssey Medal or Life Member must be accompanied by:

- **Nomination form (available on the Links page of the national website)**
- **A detailed justification setting out why it is believed that the nominee deserves the honour**
- **A photograph of the nominee.**

All forms, justifications and photos for Odyssey Medal or Life Member nominations are to be sent to the National Secretary by email or mail no later than 26th December 2026 (mail must be postmarked no later than this) .

**DEBBIE MACFARLANE #9634**  
National Secretary

# ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT



GEMMA PEYERL

Hi everyone!

**GEAR:** As you may know, we are in transition with our providers for printed gear. This includes the different sizes of logos and most of the gear currently advertised on the Web. Our 'catalogue' of branded gear is nearly ready and we will have this out to you soon – and will then update the website.

We have supplies of the following sizes of Hi Vis Vests – M, XL, 4XL and 5XL. If you need to order, please do so through your Coordinator or Quartermaster.

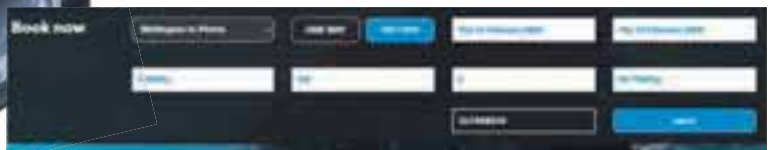
We have some lovely branded Chilly Bins – very spacious - and embroidered Merino Beanies – fits easily under helmet:



You can get the Chilly Bins for \$41.00 each and the Merino Beanies for \$35.00 each (both plus postage and packing). They aren't on the website yet, so if you're keen, send me an email – [administration@ulysses.org.nz](mailto:administration@ulysses.org.nz)

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS:** For the first time ever, using Xero, we have sent out Renewal Invoices to all members whose subs are due by 31.12.25. It seems to have been a seamless process and is working really well. If your subs are due by this date, and if you haven't received your email with the invoice attached, please contact me at [administration@ulysses.org.nz](mailto:administration@ulysses.org.nz). I'll look into it for you. We may not have your updated email information. We have also posted out invoices to those members who do not have an email address. Thank you to all who have responded so far. We'll send reminders out mid-November. No rush. Deadline is 31.12.25.

**FERRY DISCOUNTS:** Save up to 10% on your Ferry crossing. If you go to the Ulysses website ([Ulysses.org.nz](http://Ulysses.org.nz)), click on the three horizontal lines top right of the screen and scroll down to "Members" and then "Members Discounts", you will be able to find the Ferry Discounts. We are in discussions with Inter-Islander to get their discount extended to 2026. More on this later. BlueBridge has their code which can be used through to end October 2026. When making your online bookings, please ensure that you put the discount code in the correct place to enjoy these discounts.



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

**Gemma**

# STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE

**SUZIE  
PENTELOW**  
#8352



**VICKY  
CHAPMAN**  
#9990



## **MAM (MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH) REPORT**

Well, what an awesome result for the branches who got involved in 2025! It was great to see all the publicity for the Ulysses Club on social media, local newspapers and on the radio! Natcom would like to thank all the organisers of the various events over the country - We personally know how much work and effort it can take behind the scenes, but when you get the results we did, it's all worth it.

We currently don't have the final numbers of bikers involved and Ride Forever sign-ups, but we know that branches did have their 'prospective members' list numbers boosted by getting out there and holding these events.

Many branches also started building great relationships with the local Ride Forever reps, their councils, other motorcycle groups and local media.

We are hoping to see ALL our branches getting involved in MAM in 2026 - Let's make it bigger and better next year!

## **PAST MEMBER SURVEY**

You may remember in the last *Ulyssian* we mentioned this survey. It was done in an effort to gather information about why people were joining our branches, then leaving when their first renewal came around.

Your branch coordinator has received the results, so they can share these with any interested member. We will also include the results in the next Administrator newsletter, so that you all can see the results.

We plan to use the findings from this survey over 2026 to help branches strengthen areas that are causing some people to leave.

## **CREATING DIFFERENT BRANCH RIDING GROUPS**

One of the findings from the Past Member Survey was that branches need to be thinking more about offering activities to suit all members.

Did this topic in the last *Ulyssian* trigger any branches into starting (or even think about starting) any new groups?

Ideas that were given in the last *Ulyssian*: a women's group? an off road group? a newbies/slower/shorter/getting back into riding group? What other groups does your branch have? Let us know and we can share your idea with everyone.

## **NEW BRANCH COMMITTEE ROLES**

As part of our national push to encourage new members to join up, we asked 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).

We have only heard from one member who has taken on one of these roles. Please let us know if you have, as we want to support you with a Ulysses email address, professional development and more PR tools.

Prospective members are another group who could do with a person looking after them and inviting them personally to join in with branch events...

## **FONE A FRIEND RIDE REMINDER FOR FEBRUARY - PART OF THE NATIONAL RIDES**

You will have noticed that we quietly canned the idea of a national Women's Refuge Ride. This wasn't due to the fact that this organisation isn't worthy of our support, but more 12 | *Ulyssian* DECEMBER 2025

because the Ambulance Ride and the MAM Events took a lot of organising, and many branches hold Toy Runs or their own charity ride already, like the Ronnie Run later on each year. We will just continue with the 'February Fone a Friend' ride, the Ambulance Ride, and MAM. If your branch didn't get involved with any of these events in 2025, please ask your coordinator and committee why not - they might need your help!

## **FACEBOOK AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS COMPETITION**

Currently we have heaps of people who like our national Ulysses Facebook page, but who are not members of their local branch. We also have many people on branch 'prospective member' lists, so we have created this competition to try to entice some (many) of these people to join up in 2026.

We have had some wonderfully generous Ulysses members offer their holiday homes up as a prize for one lucky new member who joins up by the end of February 2026. The choices for the holiday home prize are located in Auckland, Rotorua, Taranaki and Mt Somers and we will draw the winner at the AGM in Nelson. The branch who has the most new members join up (this will be worked out percentage wise) will receive one of our new Ulysses branded cooler bags to either raffle off or include in a member draw. New members will still need to go through your usual branch joining process.

## **2026 ANNUAL PLAN**

There were a number of people who offered support when we did the "State of the Nation" email. We will be contacting you early in 2026 to follow up with your offers, as we sort the 2026 Annual plan.

Turing a tanker takes time and teamwork - but with everyone leaning in, even the biggest machine can change course. Let's do this!!

## **QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT** KAREN WILSON #7787

### **There hasn't been a lot of things happening on the Quartermaster front.**

The Company that we were getting our Tee Shirts, Polo Shirts and Hoodies from has decided they were not getting big enough orders to carry on with and pulled the plug.

We have sourced another supplier, and they have a bigger range of colours and are creating an electronic catalogue for us which hopefully will show the range they have available. Gemma, our Administrator, has been working closely with them. I am hoping to be able to take samples down to the AGM in Nelson, so that members can try on sizes and order them. Which means that the existing samples will be on special at the AGM, so come along for some bargains.

Enjoy your riding over the Summer months

**KAREN WILSON #7787**

*National Quartermaster*

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

#10926	Thomas Oestreich.....	Manawatu	#10909	Sarah Ivinson.....	North Harbour
#10925	Rex Gibbs .....	Hawkes Bay	#10908	Rex Danby.....	Waihi-Thames Valley
#10924	Nick Blythe.....	North Harbour	#10907	Alan Kain.....	Far North
#10923	Colin Evason.....	Marlborough	#10906	Richard McGrath.....	Wairarapa
#10922	David Gordon.....	Manawatu	#10905	Tony Roddan.....	Marlborough
#10921	Richard Hancock.....	Hawkes Bay	#10904	Alan Campbell.....	Auckland
#10920	John Wiessing.....	Far North	#10903	Daryl Huggard.....	Waikato
#10919	Peter Thorne.....	Far North	#10902	Stuart king.....	Southland
#10918	Bill Ludeke.....	Taranaki	#10901	David Bott.....	Waihi-Thames Valley
#10917	John Wilson .....	Hawkes Bay	#10900	Andy Watson .....	Westland
#10916	Omar Berretta .....	Taranaki	#10899	Cliff Ormiston.....	Manawatu
#10915	Cullin Du Plessis.....	Hawkes Bay	#10898	Dave Paku.....	Hawkes Bay
#10914	Rob De Jong.....	Waihi-Thames Valley	#10897	Todd Brady.....	Hawkes Bay
#10913	Robert McVeigh.....	Waihi-Thames Valley	#10896	Bernie Wilkinson.....	Gisborne
#10912	Dave Warne .....	Auckland	#10895	Bruce Harris.....	Taupo
#10911	Murray Green .....	Auckland	#10894	Cherie-Mary Taylor.....	Rotorua
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**Lottery Drawn:** Between 7.30 pm and 9.30pm on Saturday 28 March 2026

**Method of Draw:** Ticket drawn at random from barrel under Police supervision

**Results Published:** NZ Herald & The Press, 10 April, 2026 & Ulyssian, June 2026

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## 2026 Motorcycle Raffle - Prize Listing

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<b>HONDA</b>	C 400 GT..... \$17,490	MT07HOA 24 ..... \$15,299
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CBX500X ..... \$11,500	F 800 GS ..... \$21,990	XTZ690 25 ..... \$20,199
CRF450R ..... \$16,495	<b>SUZUKI</b>	YZF-R6 22 ..... \$22,499
TRX420FA2 ..... \$20,694	GSX800FR ..... \$15,999	YZF-R7HO 23 ..... \$16,149
CRF300L X2 ..... \$21,590	GSX800R ..... \$15,999	
<b>BSA X2 BIKES</b>	GSX800T..... \$16,999	
GOLDSTAR 650 LEGACY..... \$12,990	GSX800TT ..... \$17,999	
BANTAM ..... \$6,990	DL800DE..... \$18,999	
<b>MOTO GUZZI</b>	DL1050RJ..... \$23,999	
V7 SPORT..... \$19,990	<b>KAWASAKI</b>	
<b>TRIUMPH</b>	Z650RS (LAMS) 2025 ..... \$14,699	
DAYTONA 660 LAMS..... \$14,490	NINJA 650 FP..... \$13,399	
DAYTONA 660 FP..... \$15,190	Z900 ZR900FRFBN 2024 ..... \$15,999	
TRIDENT 660 TRIBUTE FP ..... \$15,990	NINJA ZX-6R 2026 ..... \$19,358	
TIGER 800 SPORT ..... \$17,995	MULE SX 4X4..... \$18,099	
<b>VESPA X2 BIKES</b>	<b>INDIAN</b>	
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<b>BMW</b>		
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**10 Manufacturers - 36 bikes to choose from**

Note: All prices exclude on road costs. Prize winner accepts prize on condition that they will cooperate with publicity for the Ulysses Club (NZ) Inc and prize sponsors. All Bike prices include GST and unless stated RRP is our cost as suppliers cant hold pricing as far out as March next year. We may also have to wait for stock to arrive in country .

**All proceeds to Ulysses Club (NZ) Inc Rider Safety & Training Programme**

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# CANTERBURY REV and RESPECT



Motorcycle Awareness Month (MAM) occurs each year in September and signals the start of the summer motorcycle riding season. This is the time where over 50% of riders register their bikes and get back on the road after winter. With the return of riders to the road, this campaign is designed to inspire action, educate, and ultimately reduce road trauma by promoting safety through the Ride Forever programme.

This year I volunteered to run the Ulysses Club run Motorcycle Awareness Month event and Charity Ride yesterday for the NZ Spinal Trust. Assisted of course by my favorite hot blonde Annabelle Karen Batchelor. Met in Cathedral Square and made our way around the city and out east and then north to Burwood Hospital to the Spinal Unit. Our tail end Charlie was shadowed by Liam from the NZ Police Motorcycle Unit who came along with us for the morning and was there to chat to people (and probably make sure we behaved ourselves... Lol) There we had a sausage sizzle and did the prize draws while some of the patients had the chance to join us and check out the bikes. Many thanks to Greg Barrett (ride leader) and his team from the Red Knights who provided the corner marshals to get us all to Burwood. On site we were met by Hans, Su and others from the NZST who had prepared the food/drinks. We then had a final blast north up the motorway for a chill out at Leithfield before heading home. We have raised \$1410 that goes into the Spinal Trust General Appeal fund which is being matched dollar for dollar by their appeal partner so the total will be \$2820!!! What a great effort. Already planning for a bigger and better event and turnout for next year.

**JASON BATCHELOR #10631**  
Canterbury Secretary



# Motorcyclists fuel awareness

**CAMPAIGN**  
Will Johnston

Taranaki motorcyclists are gearing up to participate a Motorcycle Awareness Month ride tomorrow.

Taranaki's Ulysses Club branch has organised a "rev and respect" event tomorrow as part of a nationwide campaign to raise public awareness about motorcycle safety.

Riders wearing bright yellow accessories will begin their ride in Waitara, travel along State Highway 3 to New Plymouth, along Devon St East and West and then out to Butler's Reef in Oakura.

Ulysses national and Taranaki committee member Suzie Pentelow said the event was a way to engage the community and emphasise the importance of rider visibility and respect on the roads.

"We've lost many members to accidents where other motorists simply didn't see the bike," she said.

"This ride is about uniting all riders with one voice to ensure everyone gets home safely."

Former road safety instructor and Ulysses member Bill Kidney, who has been riding motorcycles for more than 30 years, said drivers often did not see motorcyclists because they got distracted.

"It's important drivers look ahead, 300 to 500 meters ahead, and keep their head up so they can see motorcyclists," he said.



Taranaki Ulysses Club members Suzie Pentelow and Bill Kidney will be participating in the ride tomorrow.  
JONATHAN ASPLANALP/TARANAKI DAILY NEWS

"Intersections are the biggest threat, so people should be looking left to right, right to left before pulling out."

New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi data said car drivers were at fault in 90% of urban intersection crashes involving motorbikes, often due to not seeing motorcyclists in blind spots or failing to

stop when turning or merging.

Kidney said motorcyclists could mitigate damage to themselves by wearing appropriate clothing like leathers and gloves.

Registrations open at 9.30am tomorrow at the MANA Riders Taranaki Clubrooms in Queen St in Waitara. The ride will start at 11.0am.

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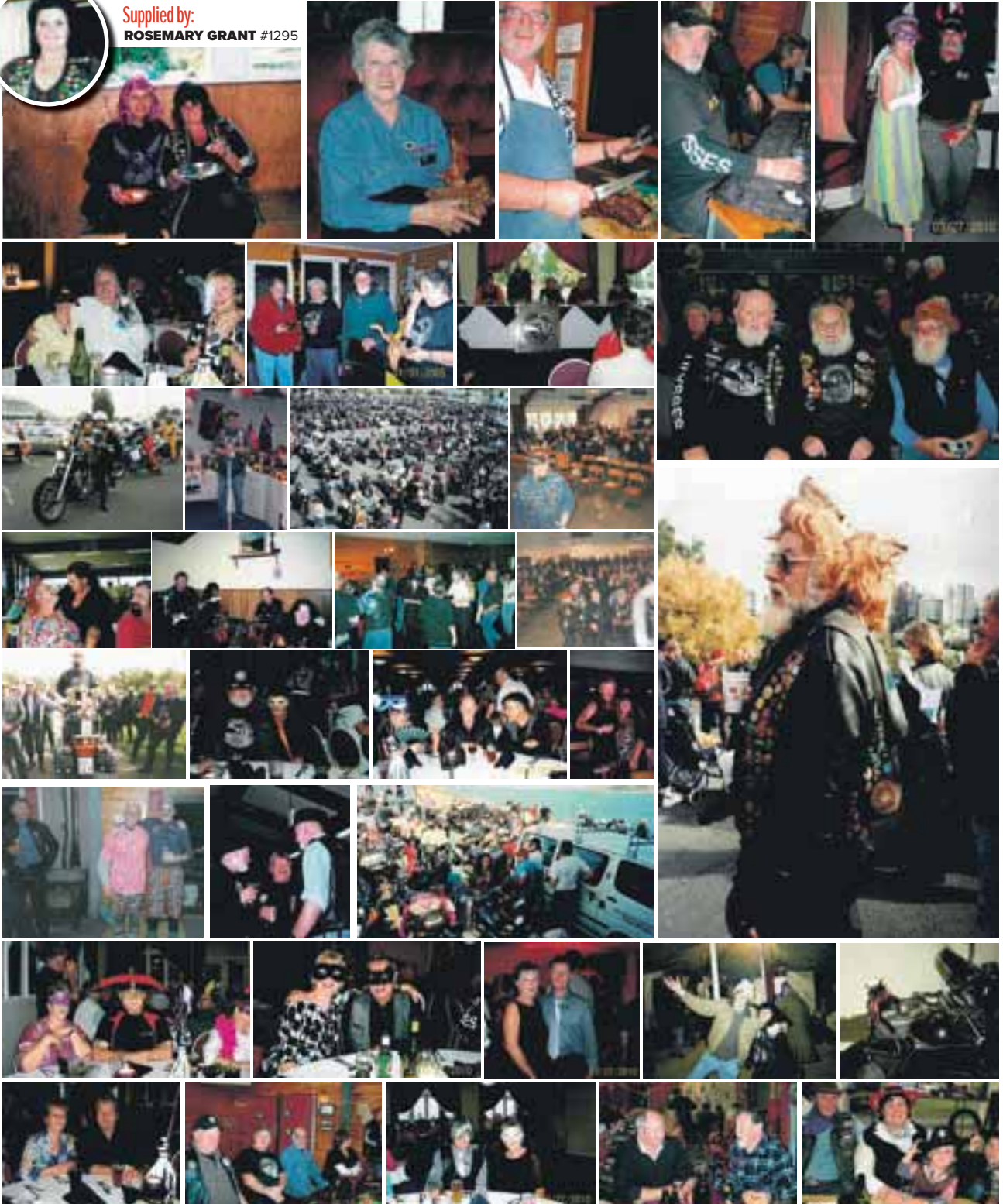


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# A RIDE TO IKAMATUA

**I must start this saga before I forget it all. For those who don't know Ikamatua is a tiny settlement located inland between Greymouth and Westport**

This was a ride my mate Dave Armstrong planned and was postponed many times before we hit the road. Dave put a lot of thought into the ride planning it around places and roads he had not visited. On the Tuesday we were going to ride to Reefton then through to Inangahua onto the beautiful Buller Gorge road to Murchison for lunch and fuel up there.....We wanted to do an overnight ride because both of us had the 'bot' and missed out on an overnight ride with the Monday Mafia to Karamea.

Whatever. We agreed to meet at Sheffield (Nick) Springston (Dave) at 10.30 and eventually met at Sheffield around 10.00. We were off but first a fuel stop at Springston for the Triumph. We rode over Porters Pass and onto Arthurs Pass. At the Arthurs Pass Cafe we were served by an Argentinian lady and drank hot chocolates. It was a magic ride but how often have I described rides as magic so just understand we enjoyed it immensely.

By the time we left it was raining and we put on our wet weather gear before continuing. At Jackson's we turned right onto the road to Moana. Several kilometres further on near Inchbonnie the road turns hard right to Moana but if you go straight ahead the road leads to Mitchels and beyond. Having not ridden this road before, we asked ourselves why not? The road was sealed for ten kilometres or so before it became gravel.

I do not like riding on gravel roads and neither my Triumph Tiger 1050 nor Dave's Harley Davidson are ideal machines for riding on gravel roads. Nevertheless we continued on. The road was mostly well compacted with some loose gravel and shingle making

for some interesting moments. The bikes coped surprisingly well and I started to enjoy myself and occasional glances at the speedo showed we were getting along at a good clip 40 - 50 kph. We stopped to take some photos and about this time I realised that this road probably linked up to the road leading to Kumara and it proved to be the case. A little back story. In 2024 I rode the Helicopter Hunt. One of the checkpoints was the tiny cemetery located on this road. I was able to identify the cemetery on this ride.



**Dave on the left and the writer on the right.**

From Kumara it was a short run to Greymouth where we refuelled at the local NPD. At a local cafe we again had hot chocolates and shared a piece of banana cake. This time our waitress was a Chilean lady. We asked if Argentina and Chile were friends and she was quick to say they were.

Our bit for international relations.

Our final destination for the day was Ikamatua (love the name). There are several routes from Greymouth to Ikamatua and one of them goes past the Pike River Mine Disaster Memorial site. Dave had not been there before but I had visited the Memorial site several times. Despite its sometimes rough and ready appearance with its collection of old motorbike parts, number plates from favourite cars, bottles of beer and bottles of bourbon - the memorial has its own tranquility and reverence. The disaster, like it or not, is part of New Zealand's history and the Memorial should be visited by kiwis.



**Semi composite photos of Pike River Mine Disaster Memorial.**

The memorial is located on Logburn Road which runs off Atarau Road which runs parallel to the Grey River and on the opposite bank runs SH73. We wondered where Logburn Road led to. So it was back on our bikes to do some more exploring. Logburn Road is 50% sealed and 50% gravel and runs alongside Big River before eventually crossing it. Thirteen kilometres later it ends at the Pike 29 Memorial Track start, QGFC+WR, Atarau 7871 according to Google. To the left was a gravel carpark and to the right a steel gate blocking the entrance to the track leading to an under construction memorial. Also to the left was a track leading into the bush with several destinations listed. We opted to walk the ten minutes to the Twin Bridges.



**Nick and Dave on Twin Bridges.**



**The writer's Triumph Tiger 1050 on the shores of Lake Brunner.**





One of the many streams in the Twin Bridges area.

We rode back along Logburn Road proud of ourselves for tackling a road that was by no means suitable for a Triumph Tiger or a Harley Davidson. At one point of the road where there were mud ruts it was definitely sketchy for a road bike on road tyres. Our afternoon exploring done, we continued on to Ikamatua.

The Ikamatua Hotel is a relic from the past. It is a shambles with an area for camper vans and a row of possibly workman's huts from the days of the 'think big' projects. At the rear is a building called the (railway) station used as two more huts and a leisure/ kitchen room. I opted for the tiny \$40.00 hut with a single bed. I stayed in it on a previous ride and found it



The Triumph outside the \$40.00 a night hut.

perfectly adequate, the bed was comfortable and an old electric heater made the hut cosy. Dave chose the \$70.00 hut. Inside the bar come dining room a log fire kept the area warm. The staff were great, just a tad curious about the two old guys on motorbikes, and looked after us well.

It was an early night for both of us. Our plan for the following day was to ride to Reefton for a morning coffee at the Reefton Bakery always a popular spot on Ulysses rides. From Reefton we would ride to Springs Junction to refuel at the NPD, then to Murchison for lunch. After lunch the plan was to ride to St Arnaud near Lake Rototiti (the South Island one) before returning to Ikamatua.

eight kilometres from Ikamatua is the turn off to the historic gold mining town of Waiutu. A narrow sealed road winds its way through cattle paddocks to the historic partially restored Waiutu one room school and a small settlement. The school was a checkpoint in the 2024 Helicopter Hunt.

We decided to keep riding past the settlement and into the hills. Soon we were on a narrow gravel road that twisted and turned its way up the hills to the Waiutu gold mining village. DOC and I expect others have done an amazing job of restoring parts of the village with lots of information signs and photographs of how the village once was. The last inhabitants left in the 1950's. We continued riding and reached a high plateau where the remains of machinery from the Prohibition Mine were scattered about. Signs and photos described the mine and its workings. I am not a great fan of museum pieces but I found it all fascinating and must read up about the village and the mines.



View from the plateau (Prohibition Mine)

It was such a buzz to explore the village and the mine. Once again we were proud to have ridden our bikes up the steep, narrow, gravel access road. I felt as though my confidence riding on unsealed roads had taken a quantum leap.

It was quite an adventure but little did we know what was coming.

Once back on the main road (SH7) we rode to Murchison to refuel the bikes and to refuel ourselves at the excellent Riverside Café. We scoffed down mince on toast topped by two fried eggs. The staff we talked to were all kiwis. The Riverside Café located on a side street off SH7 is a warm and welcoming place.

A few kilometres north of Murchison and turning right of SH7 is the secondary gravel road that leads to Lake Rotoroa. I rode my Suzuki Vstrom on this road to Lake Rotoroa nearly a decade ago and recalled it as an easy ride on compacted gravel through native forest. Dave had also ridden this road and had similar memories

of it so we approached it without trepidation. Much had changed since then as the road was quite rough and a lot of the forest had been cleared.

But our biggest surprise was yet to come...water fords...four of them!

The second and third fords were the deepest. The fourth was the trickiest as it had a channel going through it on the diagonal. We made it through all four fords without mishap if not a few wobbles.

What a buzz and successfully crossing the water fords was a tremendous boost to our confidence to cope with what the road could throw at us.



Dave crossing the fourth water ford on his Harley.



The Gowan River exiting Lake Rotoroa.

Lake Rotoroa is a forbidding lake and with clouds on the top of the mountains and rain in the distance more so. The lake was high as the walkway of the jetty was only inches above the lakes surface. Unlike the nearby Lake Rototiti I could see no sign of the eels that undoubtedly live in the lake. I took photos of a lonely black swan, a Toyota Corolla that I sent to my daughter tongue-in-cheek suggesting she might like to buy it, and from the bridge the very impressive Gowan River.

The Gowan River flows into the Buller River that begins at Lake Rototiti.

The ride out of Lake Rotoroa is on a sealed road to join SH7 and onto St Arnaud. We stopped at the St Arnaud shop slash NPD station for an ice cream and then rode the short distance to Lake Rototiti.



**A lonely black swan on Lake Rotoroa tries to make friends with the writer. Sadly I could see no other black swans and wondered if indeed this was a lonely swan.**



**Toyota Corolla for sale, good condition, one careful lady owner.**



**The jetty at Lake Rotoroa. Note how high the lake is and the concrete boat ramp under water.**

Every year a Wooden Boat Festival is held on Lake Rotoiti very much like the event held on the other (North Island) Lake Rotoiti except bigger and shinier. I used to sail my Idle Along class sailing dinghy in the festival having spirited battles with an old restored 'R' class sailing dinghy for line honours in the race for sailing boats. It remains a favourite place of mine.

Underneath the jetty at Lake Rotoiti are hundreds of big black eels. They are curious gentle creatures that watch everything you do. Should you quietly walk into the lake they will swim to within a foot of you before back pedalling away if you get closer. They are quite beautiful and not the



**Friendly inquisitive gentle eels.**

maligned creature often portrayed.

That is the concrete boat ramp in the bottom left of the photo. I don't know why they congregate in this spot.

After the ride to the Waiutu Village and the prohibition mine plus the exciting ride to Lake Rotoroa with its water ford crossings and 'interesting' gravel road the ride back to Ikamatua was just a ride. Back at the hotel we shed our wet weather gear and prepared for our evening meal. Our choice HUGE chicken burgers.



**The photo above does not lie - huge chicken burgers.**

Wednesday morning dawned with light rain and mist. The previous evenings weather forecast was dire for the South - high winds and snow down to 400 metres. We had not planned which way to return home to Christchurch, Arthurs Pass or Lewis Pass, the sensible decision was the Lewis Pass. Our considered opinion was Arthurs Pass could be blocked by snow. Coffee and toast for breakfast, pack up the bikes and don our wet weather gear. The ride to Reefton was straight forward and we headed to The Bakery for a mid morning coffee. Famously or infamously at The Bakery I once dropped a pie that landed on the floor with a resounding plop much to my embarrassment.



**A gloomy outlook from the Reefton Bakery**

The rain was falling and in the distance we could see low clouds skirting around the hills. It was a wet and cold but enjoyable ride. In those conditions take it a little slower and be gentle on brakes and throttle. Concentrate on smooth gear changes. After coffee it was off to Springs Junction and the NPD to refuel. Weird as it sounds I like riding in adverse conditions. Providing I am wearing the right gear I like riding in the cold and/or rain I find it exhilarating. Wrapped up and seeing the world through a helmet visor.

But what happened next led to one of the most exhilarating rides I have ever experienced and am extremely unlikely to ever experience again. It rained as we rode over the Lewis Pass always a buzz and down the other side. And it continued to rain until we got into the Boyle River area then the raindrops turned into splodges that hit the windscreen before trickling down. Another ten kilometres further down the road those raindrops were turning into sleet and then wet soggy snow flakes. Speed was down to 60 to 70 kph and probably that was too fast and corners were taken slowly but luckily the snow was not settling on the road.



**Snowy conditions**

Five kilometres further on we were in the midst of a full-blown snow storm. It was bloody exciting. By this time I was in the lead and watching Dave who at times was falling behind. The snow was beginning to lie on the ground though thankfully the snowflakes turned to slushy water when they hit the road surface. I started to get a little worried, if the snow started to lie on the road or the low ground we could be in trouble. I've got to stop and get photo of this I thought.

Dave stops in front of me wondering what I was doing as I struggled to get my iPhone out of a jacket pocket under my wet weather gear and take some photos.



That is ice on the windscreen of my Triumph.



Dave gives the thumbs up but I know he is cold and concerned.

Between where we stop and Hanmer Springs the road travels over some high ground and this is where the snowfall is heaviest but as our elevation decreases so does the snowfall.

By the time we reach Culverden the snow has gone and as I turn into a café carpark the last of the ice slithers off my windscreen.

**WHAT A RIDE!**

My gloves are saturated, thank goodness for heated grips, and my backside and feet feel cold and wet. Dave also reports his gloves are wet and his boots are squelching with water. When I get home I find my backside and my feet are dry but cold. I treat my boots with coats of Dubbin and have never known them to leak.

Dave tells me he covered about 1,070 kilometres, I would have done slightly less.

**NICK BENFELL # 9873**

# Help Complete the Badge & Patch Collection



Hi all, Scruff here, I have been over a long period of time collecting badges and patches for the club history, I had a break for a few years but now am trying to catch up on a few badges i have missed out on.

AGM badges missing from a full set are Marlborough AGM 2020 local area and AGM badge.

Remembrance badges 2022 and the very early ones marked in photo from Mel Curren.

St John's Ambulance Badges 2020, 2021 and 2022.

The other 2 pictures are what I have collected over many years as they have turned up.

If you can help with any of the badges that are missing or you think you have something that may be regarded as club history, please contact me, once these things are gone they are gone. Thanks for all the help from clubmates who have grabbed a badge here and there to help me out.

**scruffbodmc@gmail.com** should find me.

Thanks heaps.  
Cheers. **SCRUFF (Geoff Young)**  
#4762





# Take ya hat off mate!

**Drivers wearing hats have been a warning flag to me for years.**

I am categorically of the opinion that most hat wearing car drivers need to be watched very carefully and treated with the utmost suspicion.

These motorists primarily manifest themselves as the slow prat at the front of a queue of cars or those changing lanes/turning/crawling down the road looking for a park with scant regard for their surroundings and other road users.

I have seen this so many times I'm thinking there must be something to it, so a bit of research was in order.

It appears I am not alone in my opinion....

*"Beware any driver wearing a hat"* says Kevin Strongman in an article written for *Stuff*. He was a psychology professor at the University of Canterbury. To further quote him *"One guiding principle that seems to have worked for me is to keep a decent distance from any car being driven by someone wearing a hat."*

An Australian judge, one Robert Hall made the statement when sentencing a road rage case (yeah the hat wearing driver got thumped) that *"slow ....drivers in hats annoy me too"*.

Then there is the purportedly *"Well-known motorcyclists saying Beware of Morris Minors and drivers wearing hats"*. *And if you ever meet a Minor driven by a man in a hat -stop, turn round and ride off in the opposite direction."*

Here's a good one, written by a motorcycle safety blogger

*"Hats are meant to keep the rain and sun off our heads. Wearing a hat in a car is an indicator that the driver is a few floats short of a parade. Is it raining in the car, so they need a hat to keep their heads dry? Do they need the hat to keep the sun off their heads, just in case it shines through their roof top? The kind of hat is another indicator: baseball caps worn backward is a significant warning: anyone not bright enough to figure out the front of a cap should not be allowed to drive a far more complicated vehicle. It is, however, a good warning to potential mates that this person is from the shallow end of the gene pool. These people are also most likely to wear hats indoors, and at the table - which, while not a danger, is an indicator that good manners are at death's door in their company. For that reason*

*alone, they should be shunned. We must try to save the remnants of our civilization from the barbarians."*

This idea has been around for a long time. Ian Fleming mentioned it in *Goldfinger* (the book) and there is multitudinous comment online about this phenomenon.

YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!

**TONY ALLEN #08420**

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

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

# COFFEE BREAK

## PUZZLE NO. 163

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### ACROSS

- Bass bait
- Secret agent
- Venomous serpents
- Notion
- Shoe tip
- Halt!
- Scary creatures
- Welfare
- Con's companion
- Made a choice
- Guided
- Lid
- Eternal spirit
- Decorate again
- Felony

### DOWN

- Opera highlight
- Water barrier
- Objective
- Nervous
- Nurtures
- Dateless
- Get free of
- False front
- Proportion
- Cut wood
- British title
- Octopus's arm
- Row of seats
- Timetable info
- Grate
- Nothing but
- \_\_\_\_\_ Moines
- Snag

### DOWN

- Weak person
- Aroma
- Casino city
- More, to Juan
- Walked
- Sweet wine
- Affirmatives
- Pack animal
- Steed
- Jab
- Drove too quickly
- Frog's kin
- One of Snow White's seven
- Shore
- Encouraged

- Informer
- Before, to poets
- Medieval singer
- Race circuit
- Thick pad
- Subways' cousins
- Boat basins
- Cock an \_\_\_\_\_
- Uproar
- Like some communities
- Choir voice
- Mint issue
- Beret filler
- Read hastily
- Plus
- Mourned
- Thirsty
- "Raiders of the Lost \_\_\_\_\_"

## 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 1037

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Answers to these puzzles are on page 54



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# UPCOMING EVENTS

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## DECEMBER 2025



**1st**

### Canterbury 1000km Ride

Anytime between November 1st 2025 and April 1st, 2026. Plot any course you choose for 1000kms. On a bike, by yourself or in a group, your choice. Complete within a continuous 24 or 48 hours. More information in the Rally section of this magazine.

Cost: \$30.

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

Challenge yourself! Distance riding is addictive!

**7th**

### Rotorua Children's Ward Toy Run

Please join us to spread some Christmas cheer for tamariki and whanau in hospital during the festive season. More information in the Rally section of this magazine.

Any queries, please contact Eugene Berryman-Kamp #9353 on 027 840 2390

## 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

### Fone a Friend Ride

Branches will be organising a ride sometime in February. We ask all members to invite a friend along who rides to enjoy the day and hopefully encourage membership.

**28th**

### Rallye Moto-Coro

A motorcycle helipad hunt around the Coromandel Southern Loop to raise funds for the Auckland Rescue Helicopter Trust. Starts at the Paeroa RSA 10am. Entry: \$20 per bike. For more info, contact: [waihi.tv@ulysses.org.nz](mailto:waihi.tv@ulysses.org.nz)

## MARCH 2026

**27th - 29th**

### 2026 National Rally and AGM Hosted by Ulysses Nelson

The Headingly Centre, 2 Headingly Lane, Richmond 7020. Come and experience Nelson/Tasman like never before for our National AGM Weekend. Information in the rally section of this magazine.

# 2025-26

## 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.

### 2nd

#### **Ambo Rides**

The Ambulance Ride is back up and running! The first Saturday after Anzac Day in 2026 is the 2nd of May. We look forward to seeing all your rides go up online!

### 15th - 25th

#### **Australian National Rally 2026**

Nambour on the Sunshine Coast in Queensland.

Theme: Sun, Surf and Sand.

For more information go to the Australian website at: [www.ulysses.org.au](http://www.ulysses.org.au)

## JUNE - AUGUST

## SEPTEMBER

### 12th

#### **MAM Rides**

We hope to see lots more branches doing this ride in 2026. The Motorcycle Awareness Month ride is a big one for Ulysses and our strategic planning goals.

## NOVEMBER 2026

### 6th

#### **Taranaki Energy Rally Back to Basics**

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

Registration form and more information in the Rally section of this magazine.



# Hey Ulyssians!

To list your event on this page, email details to: [editor@ulysses.org.nz](mailto:editor@ulysses.org.nz)

## Marlborough Musings

JOHN (JG) SINCLAIR #9272



*Pelorus Tavern for Lunch*

**Greetings from paradise everyone. As most will know from personal experience, NZ is getting thrashed by spring winds that are making weather predictions unreliable and riding challenging. As an East Coast Branch, we are not seeing much rain, while our friends on the West Coast must be utterly sick of the wet stuff.**

When it rains in the west, Blenheim is typically in the rain shadow, so for most rides it's been dry, but the wind? On a recent ride to Ward for lunch the forecasters all agreed that the wind would be 25 knots. Getting home after the ride and checking the weather stations showed that when we departed for home, the local wind was gusting 50 knots. That's over 90kph. In hilly country and through the cuttings, this is about the limit for motorcyclists, especially for those on tall adventure bikes. On the other hand, the tourers handle those big gusts with aplomb.

The reliability of MetService has come into question several times lately. One example was a day it was forecast to blow norwest all day, but that day saw not one but two 30knot southerly changes come through! For boaties, this is life threatening stuff. Is this unreliable forecasting just happening in Marlborough?

On 13th April, 12 of us rode down to Kaikoura for the Remembrance Service hosted by Canterbury Branch. Thank you Canterbury for turning on this event again. It was great to catch up with friends from other South Island Branches. From a riding perspective, the ride down was superb with a healthy tailwind. At 1pm a souwest front went through Kaikoura and provided us with another great  
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tailwind nearly all the way back to Blenheim. Those riders from further south would have had a headwind both ways.

Our August and September Thursday Retread Rides averaged 34 riders which was amazing given some pretty ordinary weather on those days. We are promoting Sunday rides again and looking to assess the interest in these. Doing this will give more riding opportunities to our younger members and it may even attract some new ones too.

**Safety Tip:** Please take note that watching our riders leave a SH1 lunch venue showed a very dangerous practice. Leaving the venue, you have to turn left (North) onto SH1. Most riders looked to the right to see if there was any oncoming traffic and rode out onto the highway WITHOUT LOOKING LEFT!!! Have a think of the consequences if a southbound vehicle was overtaking as it went past the café.....! Idiots will overtake others in a built up area like this one. Just because the speed limit here is 80kph, and just because there's a rule that it is illegal to overtake at an intersection, doesn't mean that drivers will always follow the rules.

Make it your standard practice when moving onto a highway, or elsewhere too when there is limited visibility, to stop and have a good look BOTH ways.

Keep the shiny side up and enjoy summer.

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

JOHN (JG) SINCLAIR # 9272

# Waihi-Thames Valley

## WAFFLINGS

**CHRIS BROWN #4797**

### Spring has sprung, Summer is here, what the hell happened to this year?

At WTV it has been biking as usual with our social Bike Nights, meetings and Thursday rides going to some interesting private bike collections and a very clever mate of mine who has hand built two radial engines. A nine cylinder made from Honda XR600 engines and a fourteen cylinder made from Yamaha Virago 1700 engines. He ran the big engine for us and yes it can blow you over in the wind wash.

Our September Ride 'n' Shine MAM event went well with 35 bikes turning up in Ngatea for a group ride through to Paeroa and on to Thames to the Goldfields Shopping Centre. We parked up, displayed the bikes and handed out Ulysses information to the public. The Coromandel FM radio classic caravan was there broadcasting music and doing interviews onsite and the Waikato Regional Council Road Safety Team were there with a display of information also. It was a great day for our first MAM event.

Now October we have just had Mental Health Awareness Week. A group of thirteen of us rode over to Ballymena Home in Putaruru and raised some funds. They put on an excellent BBQ lunch and the clients had a good look at our bikes. After lunch we headed home via the Te Poi Pub for a beer and relished the

thought of how lucky we are to have good mental health. Doctors should prescribe motorcycle riding as an aid to mental health. Thanks to our club member Marlene Fisher for the work you do for those less fortunate.

November 15th was to be our Lower Loop Road Rallye where a course had been mapped out with various checkpoints and helpads to find. However the powers that be have decided in their wisdom to close SH25A (Kopu-Hikuai Road) from the 10th November for a two + week period. This is a major part of our route. Alternative routes meant a lot of double backing and postponing to December interfered with Christmas functions. So we have postponed this event to Saturday 28th February 2026. See advert in this issue.

The Brains Trust Coffee Group is now officially ensconced at the Refinery Café Paeroa and has marked their territory with a flag and plaque. You will find them there every Friday at 9:00am solving the problems of the world with dubious intelligent conversation. Feel free to pop in.

Lastly I'd like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a great summer of riding. Keep the shiny side up and if you find yourself in the Coromandel, come join us for a ride.

Cheers,

**CHRIS BROWN #4797**



**Dog of the day**



**Brains Trust**



**MAM**



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**MAM**

# BRANCH NEWS

## Rotorua RAMBLIN'

SMILEY #10243

**Many things have been happening in Rotorua, and joining in with the surrounding districts - plenty of riding, socialising and catch ups. The Bay of Plenty has a great bunch of Ulyssians that meet up and support each other, that's what Ulysses is all about.**

Sometimes being in the co-ordinator role definitely has some challenges when dealing with others opinions about how things should be run, but feedback is always an important part in adjusting the way forward. There will always be some negative hits within the ranks, but things tend to work out in the end. Once all the toys are back in the cot, we plough on. Our branch is unique where we all have opinions and sometimes we don't agree with each other, but the bond is there and we soon make up and create new ideas to focus on. It is important to acknowledge this, as we are all capable of firing off, but what a great foundation it builds to bring our members back to the fold!!

The fun stuff in the branch is definitely riding and get-togethers. Regular Saturday morning coffee at Aroma Café is the place to catch up with members every week.

October is a busy month with the Long Distance Riding challenge which is held every year in Ohakune. Such an amazing vibe with riders from all over NZ coming to participate. Need a few more women riders in the mix, but each year there seems to be an extra one or two riding. This year was a rather damp and windy ride most of the day and into the evening. The Moki tunnel was a hazard with bikes dumping their riders on the very slippery wet surfaces in the tunnel. It was like walking on butter and then you had to try to pick up your bike while balancing on the surface! A bit of a WTF moment was had by a number

of riders in that tunnel, including myself.

Another WTF moment happened five minutes later. I managed to miss a gear on a tight 15km corner, leaning to the left....which resulted in the bike running out of steam in neutral and as my boy went over, I stepped off the bike! Sean and Hartley quickly parked up and helped me pick up my bike, and as I balanced myself back on the bike, off we went again!

Of the 10 riders in our group, Hartley, Sean W and myself we rode together as cruisers don't zip as well as the other road bikes.

Throughout the day we would pass the rest of our group and then they would catch us up, envelope us and then we would watch their tail lights. I only managed one comfort stop, where we lost the riders as we had to stop, at a designated loo. Jump around to get gear off, then gear back on...but the boys found trees everywhere so they were sorted! Such an awesome experience though and totally recommend it.

Go challenge yourself. P.S. - Cruisers are great, no need to stand up on the pegs our bikes are designed to sit in, all day.

Next up was to tackle the Compass Rally put on by Manawatu, which is another great way to plan and ride to distant places for the month of October. Totally worth doing and will definitely do it again next year.

As for our local news - We have had members tripping around the world on cruises, flying to islands and many engaging in local activities. Some of our members have been a bit crook, some undergoing surgery and some are dealing with major health issues. It is times like this when life is busy, you have to seize the moments and catch up with them. A hello with coffee in hand goes a long way!

The September MAM event was another day where we all got together to educate the public on looking twice before pulling out on the roads. ACC and the local council also got behind this. One of our members, Lynda Bain, put St Chads forward for consideration and we all agreed they would be a community business worthy of our support.

RAM (Riders Against Meth) had a tent on the day and they donated all their cake sales to St Chads, which was about \$300. St Chads is an organisation that helps to rehabilitate adults with learning difficulties back into society. I was lucky to have a guided tour around their facility and the amazing art work that these guys do was so inspiring. The money we donated \$1k, will be used to enable them to buy extra art supplies. They have a lot of talent there!

St Johns - We also donated \$5000 to our local ambo service and Gordon White (Flash) presented them with 'a cheque'. The amount was split and \$500 went to Aroma Café to provide coffees for the drivers and paramedics who also frequent the cafe regularly as we wanted to say thank-you to those who attend crashes assisting the fallen.

Our branch rides are every fortnight and these are being well attended. With all the events loaded up on Facebook every weekend there is always something on. Sunday 2nd November we are off to Taupo to support the branches Dice Run. Then there is our busy December coming up with the Santa Parade, the Children's Toy Run to the Rotorua Hospital, Christmas Dinner and a bunch of fun in the sun, heading to the beach, heading to the lakes, work and family time.

Have a safe Summer, stay well, one down 5 up works for me, the longer the ride, the better!!

SMILEY #10243 and Kebin



St Johns Donation



St Chads Donation



MAM Event 2025 - Peoples choice winner from R.A.M.

# Nelson nibblings

**LORRAINE LINDSAY**  
#1117

Hi Everyone,

Planning for the 2026 AGM is coming along nicely and registrations are coming in slowly.

By the time this newsletter is published in December you will have only one more month to get your registrations in! Closing date is 27th January 2026.

We cannot go later than this as we need to get badges and Tee Shirts made in time.

We would really appreciate it if you could send your registrations in sooner rather than at the last minute please as our administrator has a huge job collating all your info.

We are aware that these events are becoming more and more expensive but as its only a once a year event it gives you plenty of time to save up for it.

How is the practising for the Hobby



Horse Dressage Competition coming along?

The rest of our programme is ticking along with better numbers on rides as the weather is improving.

Last month we held our usual Awards Dinner/Lunch where we awarded long service badges and branch trophies.

There were also some raffles run so that we could top up our coffers for

the year.

This year Vicki and I took a step back and let the newer and younger members organise the whole thing. What a great job they did too.

See you all at the AGM

NB Early bookings are essential for the ferry crossings as it is close to Easter and we are one ferry down at moment.

**LORRAINE LINDSAY #1117**



## Kapiti Kapers

PETE WHITTINGTON #9311

We ended our previous “Kapiti Kapers” report with us continuing to ride in the seasonal inclement weather, well not a lot changed.

Glenn and Alan have come up with some cracking rides and our waterproofs have had a full workout. August started with a short ride to the Sandbar Pub in Mana for lunch, only mildly damp, the weather not the pub. However the following weekend we set off for Napier via Taihape and the Gentle Annie. We had rain, sleet, hale and snow all in the space of the few hours it took to cross the Gentle Annie. The temperature dropped to 3 degrees at the top and rose to a dizzying 7 in Napier. We have had a ride round Wellington Bays and discovered a new Café. Rides to the tram museum and the police museum, Cars Inc, Lake Ferry and

most recently Woodville when surprisingly it didn't rain and 13 motorcycles and 15 humans turned out on a Wednesday ride after almost two weeks of solid rain.

Our Monthly coffee mornings continue and are thoroughly enjoyed by members both riders, non riders and partners. We also held our spring Bring a Plate social in Manakau.

Finally, we erected our tent at the Kapiti “Bikers Breakfast” motorcycle safety event in October and had a great day talking to motorcyclists from all over including Ulyssians from Wellington and Waikato. We handed out a lot of the flyers from Nat Com and had a really positive response. Hopefully we will get a few new members from this event.

We are now awaiting the better weather with baited breath.



Getting mistyeyed and nostalgic at Cars Inc



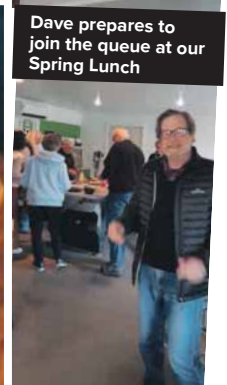
Glenn relives his Grandads job



Martin auditions for Chips at the Police museum



Dinner in Napier



Dave prepares to join the queue at our Spring Lunch



At the Tram Museum



Alan and Doreen leaving Scorch o Rama Cafe after a windy and wet round the bays ride



Glenn tucks in, lunch in Taihapi on the way to Napier



Intrepid Ulyssians prepare for the Gentle Annie in Winter



Pete has a light snack in Woodville



September Coffee Morning



October Coffee Morning



Our black tent at Kapiti Bikers Breakfast

Out side the Sandbar pub



## Westland CO-ORDINATOR'S DISCOURSE



**KERRY CHAPMAN #3443**

**The year is going faster, they reckon the older you get the faster life goes.**

I am having fun trying to outrun it, but it's still catching up. The last few months have been busy with the Cold Kiwi, and home via Auckland, and the Remembrance Rally Kaikoura, then the MAM event which we gained three members and a couple of enquiries. This being the first time of this event and the weather that would have scared a few riders away. The club coffee mornings are still well attended with up to 15 members weekly, and solving all the coasts problems and sorting rides for Sunday. The weather is not good for riding down here now with flooding, slips, and wind that makes me glad I am on a trike.

A couple of us had the pleasure of presenting a cash donation to ROA mine Rescue Helicopter, that was raised by the MAM event show and shine, then a

Poker run. We had the Motorcycle police from Nelson come down and escort the group on the ride around Lake Moana. And the lucky winner was Alex Van M with three of a kind. And he decided to donate the winnings Thanks Alex. With Dan Ornsby from Ornsby Motorcycle Training (Westcoast Ride Forever Provider) putting on a display of how to jump on a police bike and show how to control and slow ride. Labour weekend at street races is always a great day out. Westland Ulysses help by manning the gates and selling tickets to the public with riders from all over NZ, Australia, and visitors from around the world. Now we start to get our annual bottom of the south long weekend ride sorted, so far 16 riders are keen to go.

Off for another ride keep the shiny side up.

**KERRY CHAPMAN #3443,**

Ulysses Westland Coordinator



# Auckland's Answer

CLIVE THOMAS #2383

**Hi folks and welcome to Auckland's answer.**

This year was my 33rd remembrance and was probably the toughest one yet as I have lost so many great friends and club members since the last one. My wife was in hospital but insisted that I had to go so I shot down to Taupo on Saturday morning, did the service and then shot back to Auckland in time for visiting hours. The numbers at the service were well down on previous years and by my count only about 120 people attended. Because of the low numbers and the cost of the venue we are looking at a cheaper alternative that will meet our needs. We will let you know well in advance of any change.

The Auckland and North Harbour branches have been working in collaboration on a couple of projects this year. The Motorcycle Awareness Month ride and the Auckland Motorcycle Show. A big thank you to all of the members from both branches that made these events a great success, in particular to Grant Johnstone the Auckland VP for his dedication to the MAM ride and Craig Moodie our national VP for his organising of the troops and bikes that were displayed on the stand. Without their commitment these things just don't happen. It was just unfortunate for me that the date for MAM ride had to be changed and ended up on a day that I had another commitment but did get a ride in as one of my sons and I got on our bikes and rode to Thames for a granddaughter's 2nd birthday. The AMS was a great success and we had a good number of

inquiries from prospective members for us to follow up on. This time of year is the time when many charity rides start happening and recently I did the Pink Ribbon Ride. I have probably participated in a couple of hundred charity rides and this one was by far the worst one I have been on. It is such a pity that a very dedicated bunch of people put in so much time and effort to organise a fundraiser for such a great cause and over 270 motorcyclists turn up to give their time and money only to have the police officer in a car lead the ride at a pace of between 10 and 15kph. It was bad enough for solo rides and nearly impossible for those with a pillion. I know that the organizers have asked a lot of people for feedback on the ride so they can pass it on and hopefully next year will be better.

By the time you read this our Auckland River Meets the Sea Rally will have been on and I hope that I managed to catch up with some of 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. A quick review of branch "happenings" since our last report has confirmed how much the current changeable weather has affected our planned events.**

Rides were planned for August, September and October, sadly only the September ride took place, all the others were cancelled due to the weather. Numbers were down for the September ride, however those who did attend reported that they had a good ride and an excellent lunch at a local tavern.

Pleasingly our dine-outs and coffee

mornings have continued to attract reasonable numbers. We have also continued with the theme of sharing our business around various local cafés and restaurants, so far our choices have been pretty good.

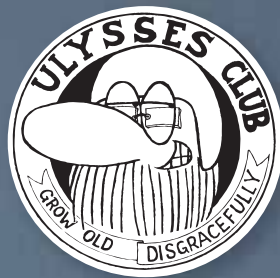
It has been pleasing to welcome a number of new members to our Branch over recent weeks, however sadly we did have to mark the passing of **MAX WARHURST #480**. Although no longer a financial member, his many exploits are "stuff of legend" and he is spoken of with considerable respect by those who knew him here

in Southland and further afield.

Looking ahead, we haven't as yet given up all hope of the weather improving, therefore our event calendar continues to include a variety of rides, plus our important monthly dine-outs and coffee mornings. We are also looking forward to another important social event, this being our annual Branch Xmas function which we plan to hold in late November.

In closing, best wishes to you all from the Deep South.

ROSS L #1177



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# Wellington Witterings

ROSS #8542

**I'm over it! (As is Susie!) I'm sitting here writing as 140kph winds and driving rain rattle the house - reminding me just how rubbish the weather has been for motorcycling over the past three months.**

Our scheduled Backroads of the Wairarapa ride had to be cancelled twice - as well as our Views of the Mighty Hutt Valley ride.

Given the gusty conditions travelling out of the capital, we do tend to be a bit conservative in making a call to proceed - or not - with our branch rides. With hindsight, I was pleased that we made the call to cancel each of these rides early on.

It was with great sadness that we farewelled one of our long-time, and most committed branch members in August: Brian 'Woody' Woodcock following his tragic death in a motorcycle accident in the USA. Jim will have a separate writeup in this edition with more about Woody.

Our movie fundraiser this year was *F1 (The Movie)* with Brad Pitt. The event was once again very well supported with a full house raising over \$600 for Wellington Free Ambulance. It is good to see other motorcycle groups - along with friends and family - supporting our branch and this excellent cause.

Some of the members saw their attendance at the *F1* movie as motivation to hone their go-karting skills a few weeks later. As always, the competition was fierce (some would

say dodgy). John Maroulis managed to get the fastest lap and take home the coveted trophy.

One of the few motorbike trips we did manage to complete was with Pete Silverwood taking a Thermos and Bun run up to the Kourarau Dam above Gladstone in the Wairarapa. The road to the dam is the venue for the annual Gladstone Cliffhanger event, while the dam itself was built in the 1920s to feed a local power station. It's well worth a visit if you're over that way.

In support of Motorcycle Awareness Month we teamed up with Cars Inc Car Museum and Café as part of their regular Bikers' Breakfast for our Rev and Respect Ride. There was a great turnout of bikes and we took the opportunity to spread the word about the Ulysses Club and our branch.

We got around a dozen branch members out to the Cars Inc, Porirua / Kapiti Coast Bikers' Breakfast at Southward Car Museum. It was great to see other branches there as well and a fantastic array of bikes.

Branch meetings have continued to draw good numbers. In August, Glen Marshall spoke to us about his role in the Wellington District Serious Crash Unit.

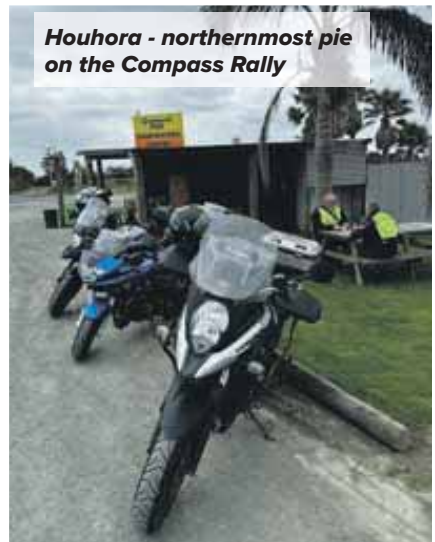
Former Police Association President and current MP, Greg O'Connor, provided interesting anecdotes about his time as Police Association President, as well as his early years growing up on the West Coast.

Chris Stewart, General Manager – People and Culture, from The Wellington City Mission gave us a great insight into how important their work is in supporting the less fortunate citizens of the Wellington area. Branch members were very generous in their support by bringing along goods for the Mission's Social Supermarket.

In October, four of us again took part in the Manawatu Branch's North Island Compass Rally. We were able to get to the four

most distant points in six days, and managed to get home before the weather really packed in in the King Country and Taranaki. It was also

**Houhora - northernmost pie on the Compass Rally**



an excuse to sample some to the gourmet pies listed on the Sheriff's tea towel.

Keep safe out there.

**ROSS ALEXANDER #8542**



**Sheriff with gourmet pie tea towel in Tokomaru Bay**



**Go Karts starting grid**

## Taranaki Tales

BILL KIDNEY #7217



The Team: Margaret, Gemma and Suzie



Martin and Andrew - the chefs



Greg and Garry, didn't win anything but are happy

In recent months, the Taranaki Branch has been actively engaged in a variety of events. Although the weather has often been unfavourable, the team made effective use of clear skies whenever possible, despite their infrequent occurrence.

Thanks to the dedicated efforts of Suzie and Andrew Pentelow, the Motorcycle Awareness Ride, organised in partnership with the MenCan Charity, proved highly successful, attracting a substantial number of participants. Despite inclement weather at the outset, which quickly intensified from drizzle to heavy rain, riders completed the journey to Oakura for lunch, refreshments, and a prize-giving ceremony. A significant donation was made to MenCan

and was gratefully accepted.

It is with deep regret that we acknowledge the passing of #5686 Graeme Weston, a dedicated member of the Ulysses Taranaki Branch since 2003. Graeme was passionate about both adventure and highway motorcycling, and his positive and adventurous spirit will continue to inspire those in Taranaki and beyond. In accordance with Graeme's wishes, his final journey was taken on a sidecar, and we were honoured to support Janice and the family during this tribute. He was respectfully accompanied by 23 Ulyssian members on motorcycles.

The overnight trip to Pahiataua was well attended 15 riders/pillions, despite challenging winds en route south and



IN  
Memory  
OF A LIFE  
SO  
Beautifully  
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Rest in Peace  
Graeme Weston  
#5686



a stop in Whanganui. The group continued over the newly constructed Manawatu Gorge bypass, which provided an excellent roadway featuring a steady ascent and a smooth descent on the eastern side. All riders regrouped at the Mangatainoka Tui 'Rest Stop' before completing the final leg to Pahiatua. Accommodation was arranged for participants at The Brown Trout Motel, The Post Office Hotel, and The Masters Lodge (formerly the Maternity Hospital). An evening at The Post Office



Hotel ensured that everyone was well catered for. The following day, the return journey to Taranaki was marked by additional rainfall; nevertheless, all participants arrived home safely, albeit wet. The Summer is just around the corner; this has enabled us to start up our Pie and Pint Rides which run on the first Thursday of the month after work. The first ride for the season was attended by 12, a couple outings more before Christmas.

***“A Bike in the rain is worth two in the shed”***

**BILL KIDNEY #7217**

# Tauranga Tidbits

**MEL #7873**

**What's been happening in the Sunny Bay of Plenty? Typical Spring weather so looking for some improvement. Sunday morning coffee at Columbus Coffee in Bethlehem continues to be well attended and we even have our rides from there too.**

In July/August a survey was undertaken within our branch regarding riding / non-riding members, age group and social expectations. The results being much as expected with rider status, suggestions and feedback. Useful information for forward planning.

A Rider Down Course that was fully booked for Tauranga in July was cancelled on us. I was certainly not the only member disappointed by this and while other branches hosted the course, three to five hours travel didn't make it worthwhile for many. The bike raffle had been well supported by our branch members (Rider Training fund) so here's hoping that something can be done for our members and other interested riders in the future.

A successful interbranch meetup was held end of July with a visit to the Muscle Car Museum in Cambridge followed by lunch at Café 9 in Leamington. This was for two, three and four wheelers. Five riders and nine wheelers were there for Tauranga branch along with others from North Harbour, Auckland, Waihi Thames. It was a great opportunity to meet up with other members from other branches. Thank you, Waikato.

The Remembrance run and service is in August at Taupo events Centre was a great opportunity to catch up with old acquaintances. Feedback from members was mixed as some were disappointed with the coordination of names read out and PPT operation. A good service none the less.

Rescue Services Fundraiser went well for those who took part in the event. Our runs had been surreptitiously worked on by Lee and Barb. Several Riders and 'Driders' (in cars) took part in the three set routes offered, to be done

on a ride day or at ones own discretion. Badges for those who completed any of the routes were presented at our October Branch meeting. Thanks to Barb and Lee for their time and effort in planning and organising the routes and badges. We do have some extra badges available for those who would like to purchase one.

Two speakers entertained members at the October branch meeting. Swanie gave a talk on his most recent experience in the NI800 with encouraged interjections from accomplices. This was followed by a informative dissertation from a local bike shop owner who rebuilds older bikes for sale. The talk covered comparisons and differences between where he was from and NZ. Also very entertaining.

Service badge presentations are coming up at our November meeting ranging from 15 – 30 years. This is our last meeting for 2025 and the last at our current meeting place.

As our branch meeting place is changing, we are now looking forward somewhere new. The committee had been working on this in the last couple of months. Our grateful thanks go to our Secretary, for the enormous time and effort he has put in to securing somewhere to have our branch meetings with the benefits (food & drink) at a minimal cost. He had work constantly on this issue and members have given full support for the move. Thank you, Lee.

I'll look forward to some summer riding, Aerocool Rescue Open Day display in November, our Christmas lunch at the new venue, and the New Years BBQ, as well as the Tauranga A & P Show in Feb '26. Not to forget the National AGM rally 2026 in Nelson, and any other rides in between. Of course there is also the Waihi Beach Rally in May '26. Always a great weekend with good company, food and laughter.

Cheers all, Nga mihi & stay safe

**MEL T #7873**



## from the **Far North**

**Greetings from the top of the country where the weather is warming up as spring gets underway and we just keep on riding.**

Sadly, we lost a member this period, **BRIAN MOON #4981**, passed away. Ulysses members new and old turned out to pay their respects to one of our mates and a number of us joined the hearse escort in what can only be described as absolutely atrocious weather. It's good that the Ulysses spirit does not get dampened even when we get absolutely soaked! RIP, Brian.

This period we have continued with our Wednesday and Sunday rides

attracting big numbers of great guys (and girls) looking for a decent ride, a good laugh and somewhere to fill empty stomachs - we're pretty easily pleased up here in the Far North!

The gravel (roads less travelled) rides continue to be a huge draw and we have explored some amazing areas and seen scenery in our own backyard that most of us had not visited previously. We may have to

*Beautiful scenery*



curtail them for a while in view of the dust we create (we generally have a group of around 10 riders) as well as the condition of the tracks. We will keep that under review as we go along. We are currently exploring the purchase of an epirb for these rides.

Two of our members (Graeme Nelson #9501 and Derek Taylor #10783) organised a trip around Taranaki for the guys. Sadly Derek had to pull out at the last moment but we all know he'll make that up. Four/Five days of varied types of road and adventure that was very well attended and, it seems, pushed some outside of their comfort zones a tad.

A couple of us got down to the annual Remembrance ride in Taupo. That was a sobering experience when we realised just how many of our members had died as a result of motorcycle accidents. I guess that can be expected with a motorcycle club but it's still a reminder to ride within yours, the bikes, the road's and your guardian angel's limits. The MAM event was a big one for us this period. We joined forces with NorthCoast Moto to organise an event that went really well. We would like to thank ACC for the initiative to drive this event and their partnership with Ride For Ever to continue to support the motorcycle riders of NZ. The



Row of bikes at the MAM



event was held on Saturday the 13th of September and North Coast Moto supplied us with a stunning showroom and ample parking and shelter from the wind. The event started at 10 am with a group ride in that swelled an already large crowd of motorcyclists to approximately 350 people at the peak time closer to midday. We had representatives from Northcoast Moto, NZ Police, ProRider, Roadsafte Northland Far North Ulysses, of course, and Jock Woodley and his very knowledgeable team interacting with the crowd .

The BBQ went off beautifully (thanks to everybody who helped on the day) and was a welcome addition as was the coffee. Our advertising through posters, social media, radio and word-of-mouth seemed to work very well considering Northland's wide spread areas and we had many motorcyclists travel some long distances to get here.

We received a few member enquiries and met up with one ex member who had sold his bike. After talking to us on the day, he test rode a bike the following week and then turned up on a group ride - sweet! This period we have welcomed two new members.

As well as our Northland rides, we have made a couple of excursions to the big city recently. The 1st was to support the Auckland and North Harbour Pink Ribbon ride which was an awesome event and then back down the following week to the motorbike show where we caught up with the good guys on the Ulysses

stand. One of our members (Al Atkins #7219) took away a prize for his bike (see picture below). We are planning another trip down shortly for the annual Ronnie Run.

Our attention is now turning to planning up-coming events. We have the 1st of our fund-raising sausage sizzles at Bunnings, Whangarei on Labour day and the 2nd on 16th November. These will raise funds for Hato Hone St.John. The date is booked for our annual Christmas lunch and sales of spuds have started for the annual Far North spud dig competition. This is a good diversion for members as, for a while, they can concentrate on digging and applying the manure instead of just talking



about it! (that'll get me in trouble!). It's all go up here at the top of the country, if anyone is in the area and fancies joining us for a ride get in touch or just rock up to BK Whangarei for a 10.00 (sharp) departure any Wednesday or Sunday.

Best wishes and ride safe, all.

**MALCOLM PERRY #10115**  
Coordinator



## North Harbour News

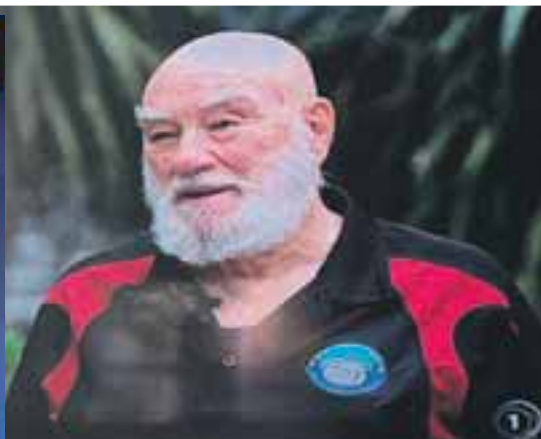
JOHN SHEARER #9242

It's been another hectic few months for North Harbour with so much happening. As you read this we will have completed the Ronnie Run and presented the cheque to Ronald McDonald House Charities. Whatever the amount that we raised, thank you for taking part. This was only possible with everyone's support. I would like to highlight though a couple of people in this year's effort

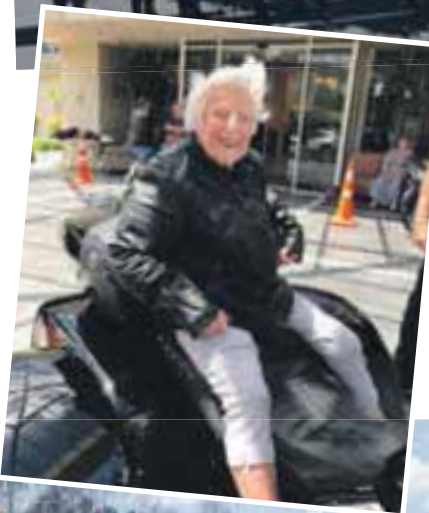


This beauty is Peter and Diane Webb's 1954 Matchless. Before Peter's death he spoke to Diane about giving this bike to support our Ronald McDonald House Charity and Diane has followed through on Peter's last request.

The upshot of this is that Barry Deane paid \$8,000.00 for it. This money will go to our fundraising for RMCD House alongside whatever else we manage to raise this year. What will happen though is that in the naming of the room, Peter and Diane will get the full acknowledgement of their generous bequest. Barry has also said that when he passes, he will ask the family to sell it and all the proceeds to go to RMHC as well. So a generous gift from the Webb family will come again through the Deane family to the House Charity. Hell of a legacy people.



And we now have our own television superstar. Last week Wayne Painter was on a TV One news item about the good work he is doing for Ronald McDonald House Charities. Monday - Thursday Wayne is driving families with their sick child back and forward to their medical appointments. Wayne gave us all a significant nod by wearing his North Harbour colours too during the interview as he discussed the work of Ronald McDonald House Charities. His is a significant support role, all volunteered out of his and Dale's free time. Our congratulations to Wayne and Dale for all they are doing.





**Auckland Motorcycle Show  
18-19 October 2025**

We had a great show with Auckland and we fielded a number of inquiries for the club. Mostly for Auckland and the North Harbour area as you would expect but a few too far out of town. My thanks to Craig Moodie our National VP and our Auckland branch who hosted this year (We will do 2026) and to everyone who came along, brought their bikes or helped man the stand and support over the two days.

Our area was a lot more compact than last year but we did well with the space after shifting the bikes around a few times. The star of the stand I think was Faye's trike. So many people commented and took photos. In a sea of plastic fantastics hers is a very unique bike.

We gave the idea of picking up our magazine at a club night a good go but it hasn't worked well. So with a small group of volunteer posties we have been dropping magazines off at people's homes. There are still a few more areas to do but we should have all magazines out within the next week. I've written to our National Committee and said that going forward we need to go back to posting out. My apologies to everyone who didn't get their quarterly magazine on time. With a cost of living crisis we were trying to save money for the club as postage is expensive but this just didn't work.

Our MAM run, (Motorcycle Awareness Month) back in September had about 80 registered bikes plus a few more in attendance which brought our numbers probably to just under 100 on the day. The run around the motorway system was helped by an initial green light wave from our start point but after that a few red lights and the whip-like effect that makes the tail go faster than the leading bikes kicked in. I kept my lead bike speed down to just 90km but I knew the tail was going a lot more than that. Still we stayed reasonably together especially as we ran into stationary/crawling traffic from Highbrook to the bridge on the way back. Again the Auckland motorway

speaks volumes for itself in its unpredictability. However this helped us regroup into a solid steel column and gave us the strong end we had at CycleSpot where we roared in mass. Some BBQ sausages and drinks were a nice touch too to end the day along with some great spot prizes. The bunch of bananas (or a hand) won the best dressed yellow riders prize with their magnificent outfits. I'm not sure they could see the road but wow what a sight they made! A good day and a nice way to catch up with other riding clubs. We also made \$1,800 that went to Ronald McD House Charities which is fantastic. Special thank you to everyone who chipped in: Shane our Cook with Sue Pearce in assistance, Grant our commentator, Neville our eftpos connection and cashier, Vicky support in the mid field and planning and to everyone who came along, many, many thanks.

As we head into November and December we have GOPAT (Giving Older People A Thrill). This is taking our very senior citizens out from Evelyn Page for a blast around the motorway. (Photos from last year's GOPAT) Then we have the Iron Thunder run, Fire Station Poker Run and our Christmas end of year function at Rosebank Speedway. I'm not sure what I'm looking forward to more, the glazed ham or the racing. This year tickets into the racing and our Christmas dinner are all up going to cost members just \$10. That's outstanding value and is part of a deliberate policy of giving more back to members who step up time and time again for all the charity work we do.

**The Shit Happens Trophy**

*"It's a dangerous business, Frodo, going out your door. You step onto the road, and if you don't keep your feet, there's no knowing where you might be swept off."* — Elrond to Frodo Baggins

Our young man Cedric Chambers has more lives than a cat. After extolling the virtue of his brute of a Niken and that it was hard to drop with all its



extra grip, Cedric was knocked off by a car failing to stop. Cedric was sent flying and his bike reduced to scrap metal. Not deterred though Cedric immediately bought another Niken. It has been fully restored after its own recent crash and is now in tip top condition. Now not letting the truth here get in the way of a good story, but isn't there a theme here to these superior Nikens? Cedric's Niken was written off and the replacement one he has now was also involved in a major accident... cycle of life? 'Hakuna Matata?' (Swahili for no worries)

Congratulations Cedric. I'm not sure if it's the 'Shit Happens' Trophy you should be winning mate or the 'Cat



With Nine Lives' award, but you are our winner this month. Stay shiny side up.

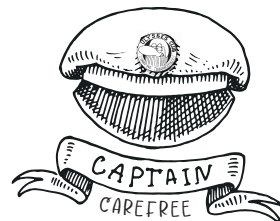
And yes Niken's can fly.

My thanks to our North Harbour Committee for all the work they done this year. This team is amazing and has just gone the extra distance. "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has" — Margaret Mead

**JOHN SHEARER #9242**

## Canterbury Capers

CHRIS CAREY #3497



I now know what it's like to be cancelled. After three months away on holiday with 'er indoors' I answered a call to go into the office to help my replacement with a few admin issues that he was unfamiliar with. Following a familiarisation tour through the net shed and gear store I was soon riding home in the rain when it hit me right between the eyes. They don't need me! I don't know what I was expecting, but I suddenly felt lost.

They did say my handover notes had been exceptionally thorough and easy to follow. Silly me? My work email has been closed, stopped, deleted. My work phone number also gone although I have managed to save it with another server. As they were paying the phone bill, my number belonged to them! I was not having that, and it wasn't that straight forward for 2Degrees to release it, but now it's mine! Cancelled! I no longer have a reason to get up at 6am, or even to get up at all. Might as well slash

my wrists and be done with it. "You'll enjoy retirement" everyone's said, but so far it sucks!

Enough of me. While my wife and I have been travelling, our committee and branch have been keeping the ship on course and doing an admirable job with it. I know I've said it before, but a branches strength lies with its members.

The Remembrance Service at Kaikoura was, I believe, a success in no small part to Chrissy at the helm, and I must also thank Mike Dew and Steve Orpwood for the part they played in it. The venue has been locked in for next year...a bit of a juggling act working around the Kaikoura Hop (which takes precedent) and the school holidays. While I understand the after-match function went well at the Black rabbit, plans are afoot for running a BBQ dinner at the venue instead. Watch this space.

The Motorcycle Awareness Month went off well too. Jason, our secretary,

along with the Red Knights and BMW Club organised a fund-raising ride for the Burwood Spinal Unit. I'm unsure of the numbers but feedback I've received has been very positive. ACC and Burwood were also very enthusiastic with their support of the ride, and it can only build in popularity from this point onwards as Jason is determined this is to become an annual event.

The Wednesday Knitters group continues to grow and with time on my side, expect another member of this elite group of riders.

The committee has organised a Christmas BBQ for the 30th of November. The 1000km Longest Day is back, what route you choose, when you want to do it, who you want to do it with, is entirely up to you. Thea's not the fun police, no proof is needed, it's up to you to have a crack and if you nail it, all the better. Email Thea at [thea.t-r@hotmail.com](mailto:thea.t-r@hotmail.com) with entries and questions. See more in the rally

## Hawkes Bay

# BUZZ

TREVOR WYLIE

It's been busy in the Bay — bikes everywhere, riders everywhere, and coffee consumption at record-breaking levels. Between mid-week runs and our every-second-Sunday rides, the wheels haven't stopped turning (well, except when someone forgot to switch their fuel tap back on...).

With daylight saving back, our Diet Club rides have also kicked off every Tuesday evening. A quick spin followed by dinner — the "diet" part is clearly just in the name. So far, the weather gods have been mostly kind; only two Tuesday nights saw us swap handlebars for steering wheels and take the tin tops instead.

A few of our members have been polishing up their skills at the Ride Forever Gold Course. The feedback? Fantastic. Apparently, you can teach an old biker new tricks — highly recommended for anyone who thinks they already know it all (you don't).

Our weekly coffee mornings at Angkor Wat in Hastings and the Coffee Club in Napier continue to draw good crowds. Between caffeine and conversation, we've successfully solved most of life's problems — except for how to stop buying more bikes.

The MAM event on September 13th was a real highlight. We had 52 bikes from around Hawke's Bay join the ride, and most of us leaned right into the "Rev and Respect" theme — highlighter-yellow vests everywhere! You could've seen us from space. A huge thanks to everyone who joined in and made it such a great day.

Since the last magazine, we've welcomed five new members — clearly word is spreading that we're the best bunch of riders this side of the ranges.

On October 19th, we held our annual John Birch Memorial Ride to Mahia. Seventeen bikes rolled out of Napier for a 380 km round trip — a day of great roads, good company, and maybe a few sore backsides. During lunch, Dave Gant and Marie Mitchell were presented with the John

section of this magazine.

Welcome to the Rescue Helicopter Hunt run by the Canterbury branch of the Ulysses Club. This is a fun event for anybody to take part in. It has been designed for all levels of riders and bikes, trikes and even cars. It is all about raising funds for the Canterbury West Coast Air Rescue Trust. The course can be done as it suits you, either direction, starting and finishing where and when you choose. You can complete this ride anytime from 1 November until 1 March, 2026. Contact Bruce Vincent for entry fees and the list of questions: [bruce.vincent@hotmail.co.nz](mailto:bruce.vincent@hotmail.co.nz)

Now the cunning of us would combine both of the above events...two entries, two badges, one ride.

The Southern Classic MC event is on again at Levels International Raceway, Timaru, from Friday 21 November to the Sunday 23. Run by CAMs, this event brings in hundreds of classic machines, and 100's of classic riders from all over the place. Even travelling over from the West Island. If you are able to help with the SC even if only for 1 day would be appreciated, give Steve Orpwood a bell (ASAP) or email him at [sorpwood2119@gmail.com](mailto:sorpwood2119@gmail.com) or 021 127 3363. CAMs provide the best seats in the house, lunch, and

whatever the weather sends.

A number of enlightened members are heading south to Chatto Creek for the annual 800km ride on the 15 and 16 of November. Do it twice and you've nailed an IBA Saddle Sore 1600. Thrice and you've earned the coveted Double Badger. I took my old girl in to have new Pilot Road 6's fitted where upon Jonno at JR Motorcycles found a potentially serious issue with one fork leg. Long story short, the pair are winging their way to Taupo to be rebuilt and will hopefully be back in time to ride south for this event.

And of course, the TT2000 website is up and running and the number of Ulyssians becoming addicted to this event is growing as well. [www.tt2000.org](http://www.tt2000.org) - Yes it sounds a lot, 2000km over 48 hours, but as its actually over 3 calendar days, and provided you don't push the boat out, proper prior planning gives you two opportunities to hit the sack (Friday and Saturday nights) for a well-earned break. There is also a pre-planned route which all you have to do is follow and you'll knock it off. Easy peasy.

On a sad note, the Papanui RSA where we hold our committee and monthly branch meetings is finishing up. I know they have been struggling financially to remain afloat, as have a number

of clubs and associations. People aren't joining clubs anymore when they can correspond, communicate and organise through social media at no cost. I don't know what the RSA is going to do with all their memorabilia because they have a lot. And it's sad this is happening particularly as Carey and I visited ANZAC Cove, Chunuk Bair and Lone Pine recently and saw firsthand where our troops landed and fought. That another venue to remember those veterans is disappearing is sad.

In the interim, Debs has been very proactive and has booked the Cashmere Club for the next few months leading up to our AGM (to give us continuity) while we explore all options. As we don't hold branch nights over December and January... people are away doing other stuff, our branch nights will be 7.00pm on the 3rd Thursday of November, February and March (the AGM) at the Cashmere Club, 50 Colombo Street, Christchurch. Rock up earlier for a pie and a pint, but you will need to be a member of an associated club in order to buy alcohol.

Regards

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

Birch Memorial Trophy for all they do for our club. Well deserved — thank you both for keeping the wheels turning (figuratively and literally).



And speaking of epic rides, Darren Henson led a group to the Southwards Motor Museum on Friday 24th October. Four hardy souls braved the wind leaving Hawke's Bay, but once they hit the Kapiti Coast, it was all sunshine and smiles. 520 km later, they were back home — full of admiration for Southwards' incredible collection of cars, bikes, and boats, and probably a touch of saddle soreness. All in all, it's been a full throttle few months — great rides,

great company, and plenty more to come. See you out there, and remember: it's not about how fast you go, it's how good the coffee stop is.



# Manawatu

# Murmurs

**MURRAY CROSS #7908**

The Manawatu Branch has had a busy spring with a number of rides and social events, though these have been affected by the very spring-like weather (wind & rain). The big one has been the biennial North Island 4 Points Compass Rally with concluded with the prize giving at the Bunnythorpe Tavern on Saturday 1st November. More on this later.

On 16th & 17th August the Manawatu Classic Club had a bike show in the Barber Hall in Palmerston North. There were over 270 bikes on display of all makes and models. The event raised funds for the Arohanui Hospice. There were good crowds on both the Saturday and Sunday. It was nice to see a member's Bimota YB11 take away the prize for best 1990's era bike.

The August branch ride was a back road ride to Martinborough for lunch. A large group left Summerhill and proceeded over the Pahiatua Track then to Eketahuna, Alfredton, Masterton and via Longbush Road to a sunny Martinborough Square. The group parked up and disappeared into several local eateries for a well deserved feed. The route home was more direct, the main road north on SH2. A couple of people deciding it was shorter to get home (Otaki) via the Rimutukas and with the good weather

that would have been a great ride.

The September branch ride was a ramble through the Hawkes Bay backroads, led by Ray Stephenson. The lunch stop was in Waipawa. A good sized group (17 bikes) enjoyed the sunny weather on a great day for a ride. A puncture on one bike led to the rider pillioning home to Palmerston North and returning to Waipukurau with a trailer to recover the bike.

On Saturday 28th September the branch had a presence at the Bikes & Burgers event in The Square in Palmerston North as part of Motorcycle Awareness Month. Murray & Jacqueline set up a stall with the Ulysses flags and the promotional material recently provided by Natcom. There was quite a bit of interest with a dozen contacts taken and lots of material given out.

October has been dominated by the branch's 4 Points Rally. It ran from 1st October to 1st November and attracted 61 entrants. It was good to see the number of people who went to all the points on offer; Rahotu (West), Houhora (North), Coromandel (alt North – bonus point), Te Araroa (East) and Lake Ferry (South). The event is a poker run with the final card being drawn at The Bunnythorpe Tavern. There were entrants from all over NZ, including



**Branch Ride - Lunch Stop at Waipukurau**



**Compass Rally Ride to Lake Ferry.**



**Compass Rally Ride to Rahotu.**



**Ponga Robinson picked better weather for his ride.**

as far away as Whangarei, Christchurch and Greymouth. There were lots of stories of wind, rain and bad roads. Unfortunately there were some accidents, one serious, during the event. The event included raising money for St John, and it is great to know they are there when we might need them.

Both the spot and major prizes were donated by branch members, using their contacts in the local business world. It was nice to not need to pester the local motorcycle trade, as they are busy with other charity events. The poker run was won by Terry Ploen, a pillion with her husband on a Can Am Spyder. She won a \$500 cash prize with a four of a kind hand. Overall a great event and a big

thanks to the organisers and all those who helped out.

The branch coffee mornings on the first Saturday of the month are proving very popular. We are averaging 20-25 people each month and it is great to see partners coming along to join in. I think its easier to convince your significant other to let you go out riding when they have met the people you will be spending the day with.

With daylight saving and better weather the branch plan to do some evening Pie & Pint rides before Xmas, with our next major branch event being the Coast-to-Coast charity ride on the 13th December.

Be safe on the roads.

**MURRAY CROSS #7908**  
Manawatu Co-Ordinator



**Plenty of tucker at the prizegiving afternoon tea - none went away hungry.**



**Winner winner chicken dinner - Murray presents Terry with the first prize.**



**Rod Anderson up at Tokomaru Bay after a quick trip to Te Araroa for the East Card.**



**A big turnout at the prizegiving at Bunnythorpe.**

# OBITUARY

## Brian Woodcock 'Woody' #8352



**Members of the Wellington Branch of the Ulysses Club, Police, and others were left stunned that Club member and decorated former police officer, Detective Sergeant Brian Woodcock (known by all as Woody), had died in a motorcycle crash while on a Route 66 tour in Arizona on August 18.**

Police Commissioner Richard Chambers told Stuff news that he'd known Woody for decades and that he was a "remarkable man". "He got involved in almost every significant event that our country has experienced during the time he's been a policeman - a person whose leadership, reliability and skill set added tremendous value to the safety and security of our country."

When he retired from Police in April 2023, several of our Branch members attended the event at Police National HQ. It is believed he was the longest serving police officer in New Zealand with more than 56 years of distinguished service.

I first met Woody during my time in NZ Police in the 1980s but caught up with him again around 2009 when he was just getting into motorcycling. I helped him in his early days of riding, and after a while I got him along to Ulysses meetings, joining in April 2011, just three weeks after his 62nd birthday.

By 2012 he had his full licence and in December that year he went on his first MDA Ride. The MDA was a Wellington Branch event that took place over three days around the lower

North Island distributing Christmas presents to kids with Muscular Dystrophy. Woody had just graduated to a larger bike and unfortunately, he crashed on day two of that ride and injured his leg.

His leg took well over 6 months before it was properly mended, and from then on, he undertook regular rider training. In typical Woody fashion he took it to perfection and became a very skilled road rider – he was very smooth even at speed. While he was also competent on gravel roads and back country tracks, he was never as comfortable off the bitumen as he was on it.

A few members of our Branch were part of the Long-Distance Riders. Woody completed his first event in 2014, and several more over the following years.

By this time Woody had also linked up with Ross, Bernie and Young Bryan and the four of them rode together for over a decade completing several long rides and tours around the country each year.

With Woody involved, those trips were meticulously planned, right down to the last detail. He would often start planning 9 or 10 months in advance. Even though the rest of us might well know the details of those rides from talking to Ross, Bernie or Young Bryan, Woody would never let on where they were going to go. Clearly, we never had the right levels of security clearance.

Woody did several





overseas motorcycle tours and the same secrecy and attention to detail was applied there too. Despite being given a fully comprehensive tour itinerary, an inch thick covering every possible detail, and broken-down day by day, Woody would pull it apart and reassemble it with extra pages to suit his exacting requirements.

I wouldn't be at all surprised if he also cross-indexed the chronological order of the itinerary alphabetically, geologically, and astronomically. That's the sort of person he was.

He could take almost 10 minutes, from starting his engine until he was ready to ride away, standing by his bike putting on his helmet and gloves. It was a ritual, with the everything done the same way every time.

Woody attended all our club events, most of our rides as well as many of the personal life and social events of several members who had become good friends over the years.

When we were at a café, even when

dining in, Woody always asked for his coffee in a takeaway cup. He could be rather blunt if his coffee or his order, was not to his requirements.

He also had a large collection of coffee cards. He seemed to have one for every café that we went too. He very rarely shouted a coffee, and it was not uncommon for him to get his card stamped for the coffees bought by others who didn't have a card. While he was certainly parsimonious in that regard, he could also be generous, often turning up at home with fresh fish and paua from his diving trips.

Besides riding and diving, Woody was also a keen photographer and took photos at all the rides and events that he attended.....literally hundreds of photos from each trip. He frequently stopped along the way to take photos and then caught up with the rest of the ride.

On the very rare occasions he gave his camera to someone to take a group photo with him in it, you would

invariably hear a loudly mumbled For F%\$# Sake!! from the back of the group because the photographer had dared to take a pace away from the precise spot Woody had (repeatedly) designated as the ideal place to stand.

There was a large turnout of Police, Ulyssians, other riders, divers and friends at his funeral at the Mana Cruising Club, where he had also been a member. More than 30 Police formed an honour guard after the service out to the carpark where his family placed his urn in the top box of my bike for Woody's last ride.

With his sister Pat as my pillion, and with more than 20 Ulyssians and other riders following, we headed towards Porirua, circled back past the front of the Royal New Zealand Police College and returned to Mana.

Woody was very much a constant part of our Branch and our social lives for over a decade. Despite his foibles, he was a loyal friend, and he is deeply missed. It was a great ride together.

***Rest in Peace and Ride Forever old friend.***

**JIM F#2098**





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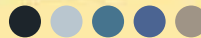
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## TARANAKI

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Petone Workingmen's Club,  
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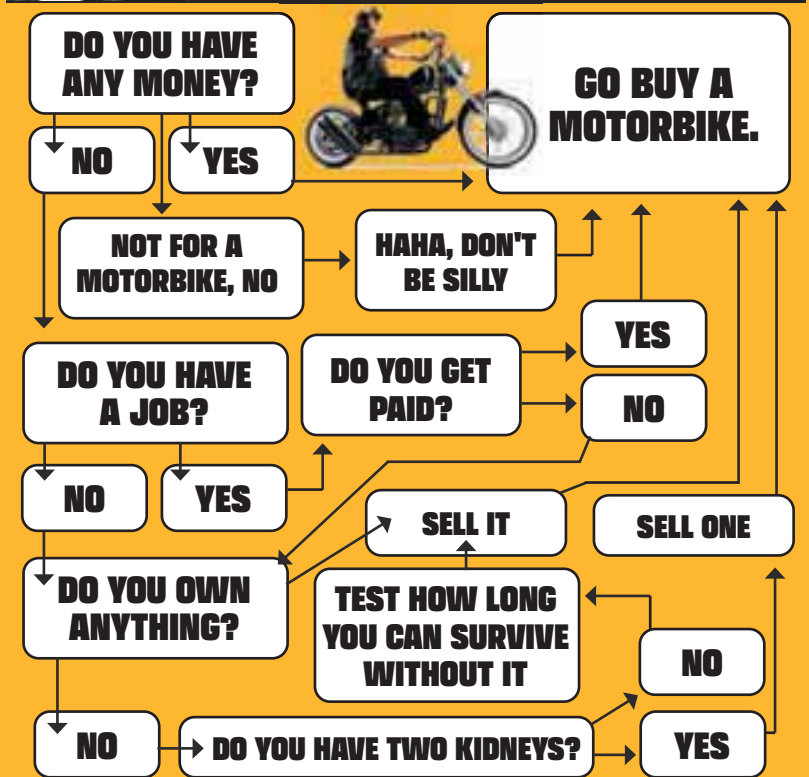
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**Time:** Complete within a continuous 48 or 24 hours

**Validation:** Email Thea of ride completion & date - we trust you!

**To Register, email:** [thea.t-r@hotmail.com](mailto:thea.t-r@hotmail.com) with name and address

**Pay:** \$30 online to **03-1594-0041946-00** reference 1000km



**Badges will be posted after 1.04.26  
by Thea [thea.t-r@hotmail.com](mailto:thea.t-r@hotmail.com)**



# ***Ulysses Rotorua Children's Ward Toy Run***

- **9.00am** Meet Aroma Café, 1126 Fenton Street
- **9.15am** Rider Briefing
- **9.30am** Stands up - ride to Rotorua Hospital Children's Ward  
- rear entrance
- **10.00am** Children and families come down, receive toys, photos on  
bikes, speeches
- **11.00am** Riders depart for Waitapu Tavern for lunch

A list of suitable toys will be provided by the hospital play therapist,  
posted to the Ulysses Rotorua Facebook group page:

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/965513854092625/>

Only new, suitable toys please

For more information on Ulysses, see the national website <https://ulysses.org.nz/>

Please join us to spread some Christmas cheer for tamariki and whanau in  
hospital during the festive season.

**Any queries, please contact Eugene Berryman-Kamp #9353 on 027 840 2390**



# 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

## 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.

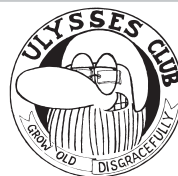
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**The Southland**  
SPORTS BAR





# Back to Basics Taranaki ENERGY RALLY

6th to 8th November 2026

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

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

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

COST	NUMBER	TOTAL
Friday night BBQ	\$12.00 p/p	_____ \$ _____
Saturday Breakfast	\$8.00 p/p	_____ \$ _____
Sunday Breakfast	\$8.00 p/p	_____ \$ _____
Saturday evening meal	\$30.00 p/p	_____ \$ _____
Friday accommodation	\$20.00 p/p	_____ \$ _____
Saturday accommodation	\$20.00 p/p	_____ \$ _____

Cooked Breakfast.  
 Tea and coffee available all weekend.  
 Cut-off Date, 18th October 2026. Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Please forward this form with your remittance to [harrybayliss@xtra.co.nz](mailto:harrybayliss@xtra.co.nz)

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

**INTERNET BANKING: 15-3949-0289502-00** Use your Ulysses number as reference.  
 Contact Harry Bayliss on 027 470 5300 with any queries.



# Rallye Moto-Coro



## New Date: 28 February 2026

**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

# 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**



# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MARCH 2026

**VENUE: THE HEADINGLY CENTRE, 2 HEADINGLY LANE,  
RICHMOND, NELSON 7020.  
SATURDAY, 28TH MARCH, 2026 AT 10AM.**

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

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# **THE ULYSSES CLUB OF NZ INC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2026**

**VENUE: The Headingly Centre, 2 Headingly Lane, Richmond, Nelson 7020.  
Saturday, 28th March, 2026 at 10am.**

## **MEETING AGENDA**

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|---|---|
| 1. Welcome and Greetings - Andy Wilson  | 6. Coordinators' Meeting Report                     |
| 2. Apologies  | 7. Remits/Resolutions - Discussion & voting         |
| 3. Minutes of AGM held in New Plymouth 2025<br>Matters Arising from those minutes | 8. General Business*                                |
| 4. President's Report - Andy Wilson<br>Matters arising from report                | 9. AA Presentation                                  |
| 5. Treasurer's Report - Chris Groube<br>Matters arising from report               | 10. Odyssey Medal Presentation (if any forthcoming) |
|   | 11. Life Member Presentation (if any forthcoming)   |
|   | 12. 2026 National AGM - Taupo Branch                |
|   | 13. Election of Officers                            |

Nominations for the National Committee received by Friday 31st October, 2025 deadline with their proposer and seconder are listed below. All candidates are unopposed, so no vote will be required for these.

<b>Nominee</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Nominator</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Seconder</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Incumbent?</b>
<b>President</b>						
Suzie Pentalow	8532	Tim Stewart	8959	Wayne Painter	1756	N
<b>Vice President</b>						
Craig Moodie	8602	Suzie Pentalow	8532	Peggy O'Neal	2849	Y
<b>Treasurer</b>						
Chris Groube	7295	Euan Quaid	8661	Dean Macfarlane	9633	Y
<b>Secretary</b>						
Tony Hickmott	10416	Wayne Savage	10699	Nadene Savage	10700	N
<b>Committee</b>						
1. Karen Wilson	7787	Donald Morrison	1984	Maxine Perrett	4159	Y
2. Vicky Chapman	9990	Chris Perrett	8086	Tony Breg-Yates	10149	Y
3. Leigh-Ann Crane	10243	Suzie Pentalow	8532	Vicky Chapman	9990	N
4. John Macdonald	7528	Kenneth Scoltock	10562	Andy Wilson	7169	N

## **\*GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **2026 Nelson AGM**

Please note that only those items of General Business or Members Questions which are notified in writing, (including by email) to the National Secretary by 28th January 2026 will be accepted for discussion in General Business at the National AGM.

### **Current Membership**

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

Future National Rally and AGM information: 2027 Taupo, 2028 Westland

2026

# REMIT AGM

## REMIT/ RESOLUTION 1

**The following is a request seeking to amend the Club Rules to increase the date range for holding Annual General Meetings of the club.**

This remit is intended to be presented at the National Annual General Meeting to be held on 28 March 2026, as permitted by Rule 5.1 of the Club Rules.

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

**Proposed:**

**CHRIS GROUBE** #7925 - National Treasurer

**ANDY WILSON** #7169 - National President

**Background**

**Clause 3.71(a)** of our Constitution states that "There shall be a Society Annual General Meeting held each year between 14 March and 26 April.

It is proposed our 2027 AGM be hosted by the Taupo Branch. The only suitable venue is available in February, outside the current permitted date range.

**Section 84 (1)** of the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 states that "Every society must call an annual general meeting of members to be held –

Not later than 6 months after the balance date of the society; and

Not later than 15 months after the previous annual general meeting

Our current balance date is 31 December so under the Act the latest date we can hold an AGM is 30 June. There is no restriction on how soon after the balance date we can hold an AGM but logistically we need time to complete the financial statements and reports required for distribution to the membership.

Therefore there is no restriction under the Act to bringing the commencement date forward. It is proposed to change the 14 March date to 15 February and the 26 April date to 31 May.

Approval is therefore sought for the following amendment:

Clause 3.71(a) is amended with "There shall be a Society Annual General Meeting held each year between 15 February and 31 May.

## REMIT/ RESOLUTION 2

**The following is a request seeking to amend the Club Rules to remove the default requirement for the accounts to be audited and instead only require an audit if the members agree by resolution at an AGM.**

This remit is intended to be presented at the National Annual General Meeting to be held on 28 March 2026, as permitted by Rule 5.1 of the Club Rules.

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

**Proposed:**

**CHRIS GROUBE** #7925 - National Treasurer

**ANDY WILSON** #7169 - National President

**Background**

An audit is a formal examination of an organisation's financial records, conducted by a qualified auditor, to ensure accuracy, compliance, and transparency.

Our constitution currently states at clause 3.5.3 the National Treasurer is responsible for:

(d) Ensuring that the Society annual Financial Statements are presented to the person appointed for audit or review.

Audits are expensive. Our audit fee last year was \$1,550, in 2023 \$1,500 and this is probably at the lower end of what would be considered a market rate.

Reporting Requirements Under the Incorporated Societies Act 2022

We are required to adopt reporting standards set by the XRB (External Reporting Board)

Standards are applied based on Tier Sizes, 1 to 4.

1 and 2 are large Incorporated Societies with Public Accountability.

Tier 3 Societies don't have public accountability and have expenses less than or equal to 5 million.

Tier 4 does not have public accountability, is allowed by law to use cash accounting, has expenses  $\leq$  \$140,000 and elects to be in Tier 4.

To put the size of our Club in perspective, we had total operating expenses of \$129,223 in the 2024 financial year and \$118,413 in 2023.

While we could fall into Tier 4, our accrual accounting system and current reporting standard puts us into Tier 3 so we will elect to adopt Tier 3 Reporting Standards.

**Audit Requirement**

Tier 3 societies need to have their financial statements audited if:

they are not a charitable entity, and

in each of the two previous financial years of the society, the total operating expenditure of the society and all entities it controls (if any) is \$5 million or more.

This is a two-part test and both parts must be satisfied for an audit to be required. We don't meet the second test. Our operating expenses hardly register on the scale of a \$5 million threshold. Therefore, we are not required to have our financial statements audited

**Financial integrity**

All payments from our bank accounts require two authorisations. Typically, the administrator sets up accounts payable or bank transfers between accounts and these are checked and authorised by a second account signatory, normally the Treasurer. The risk of fraudulent transactions is negligible.

Our Accounting system, Xero, has very good reporting capabilities so we have real time information on our financial transactions. Financial Statements generated from our accounting system

# Remits/Resolutions

## The National Secretary, Ulysses Club of NZ Inc

provide a transparent picture of the Clubs finances and comply with generally accepted accounting principles.

Under clause 3.5.39(f) or our constitution the National Treasurer is responsible for: If requested by a Society Member, arranging for the records, books, and other financial documents of the Society to be inspected free of charge at any reasonable time and

place.

We are a small Club in the context of Financial Reporting Standards and the cost of having our Financial Statements audited is hard to justify.

### Recommendation

It is recommended we amend the Constitution by amending paragraph (d) to

read:

(d) If required by members by resolution at an AGM, ensure that the Society's annual Financial Statements are presented to the person appointed for audit or review.

Under this amendment, only if the members decide and resolve to have the accounts audited will the treasurer be required to organise for and audit.

## REMIT/ RESOLUTION 3

**The following is a request seeking to amend the Club Rules to simplify the Nomination Form for the election of Branch Committee members.**

This remit is intended to be presented at the National Annual General Meeting to be held on 28 March 2026, as permitted by Rule 5.1 of the Club Rules.

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

### Proposed:

**CHRIS GROUBE** #7925 - National Treasurer

**ANDY WILSON** #7169 - National President

### Background

It has come to the attention of the National Committee that a version of the Committee Nomination form circulating comprise only one half an A4 page requiring name, Ulysses number and signature of the person being nominated for a position, a proposer and seconder.

This format does not satisfy the requirements under our constitution.

### The Constitution states at 3.2(d):

Each elected Branch Member of the Branch Committee shall upon their consenting in writing and certifying that they are not disqualified from being elected, appointed, or holding office as an officer of a society, hold office until the time at the next Branch Annual General Meeting when all positions are declared vacant.

### Qualification of Officers

The Incorporated Societies Act 2022 (the Act) imposes a standard to be met by Officers. Under our Constitution this

standard is also applied to Officers of Branch Committees.

Officers seeking election must consent in writing and certify they are not disqualified from being elected, appointed, or holding office as an officer.

The criteria are detailed the Incorporated Societies Act 2022, Section 47 Qualifications of Officers, and are replicated at the end of this remit. They are extensive.

### Proposal

While it is entirely appropriate National Committee appointees are subject to the consent and certification requirement, being the officers of an Incorporated Society, we don't believe this needs to be applied at branch level.

### Recommendation

It is recommended we amend the Constitution by amending paragraph 3.2(d) to read:

Each elected Branch Member of the Branch Committee shall upon their consenting in writing hold office until the time at the next Branch Annual General Meeting when all positions are declared vacant.

### 47 Qualifications of officers

- (1) Every officer of a society must be a natural person.
- (2) A natural person who is not disqualified by subsection (3) may be elected or appointed as an officer of the society, so long as that person—
  - (a) has consented in writing to be an officer; and
  - (b) certifies that they are not disqualified from being elected or appointed or

otherwise holding office as an officer of the society.

(3) The following persons are disqualified from being elected or appointed or

otherwise holding office as an officer of a society:

- (a) a person who is under 16 years of age;
- (b) a person who is an undischarged bankrupt;
- (e) a person who has been convicted of any of the following, and has been sentenced for the offence, within the last 7 years (refer to legislation for full list):

- (ii) a crime involving dishonesty
- (iii) an offence under section 143B of the Tax Administration Act

1994:

- (vi) a money laundering offence or an offence relating to the financing

of terrorism, whether in New Zealand or elsewhere

- (vi) a money laundering offence or an offence relating to the financing

of terrorism, whether in New Zealand or elsewhere:

- (f) a person who is subject to any of the following orders:

- (i) a banning order under subpart 7 of Part 4:

- (ii) an order under section 108 of the Credit Contracts and Consumer

Finance Act 2003:

- (iii) a forfeiture order under the Criminal Proceeds (Recovery) Act 2009:

# POSTAL VOTING FOR REMITS

To ensure your votes are counted please:

- Use the forms provided on this page
- Don't write other information on the forms
- Put the forms in a sealed envelope
- Write your Ulysses Membership Number and the words 'Secret Ballot' on the outside of the envelope (your number is used to only determine your eligibility to vote, not how you vote.)
- If combining votes in one envelope then ALL membership numbers need to be recorded on the envelope
- All postal votes must be sent to the National Administrator at PO Box 55, Inglewood, Taranaki, 4330 and they need to be postmarked no later than March 13th, 2026.

## REMIT VOTING FORM

### REMIT/RESOLUTIONS 1

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

<b>REMIT/RESOLUTION 1</b>	<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>
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**The request seeking to amend the Club Rules to increase the date range for holding Annual General Meetings of the club.**

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## REMIT VOTING FORM

### REMIT/RESOLUTIONS 2

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**The request seeking to amend the Club Rules to remove the default requirement for the accounts to be audited and instead only require an audit if the members agree by resolution at an AGM.**

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## REMIT VOTING FORM

### REMIT/RESOLUTIONS 3

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<b>REMIT/RESOLUTION 3</b>	<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>
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**The request seeking to amend the Club Rules to simplify the Nomination Form for the election of Branch Committee members.**

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# FORTHCOMING BRANCH AGM NOTICES 2025

Branch	AGM date	Venue	Time	Positions	Noms close	Address for nominations
Auckland	Wed, 4th March, 2026	Manukau Cruising Club, Orpheus Dr, Onehunga 1061	7 pm	P, VP, S, Com	4 Feb	Branch Secretary, 6 Jackies Place, Pukekohe 2120
Buller	TBC	TBC after National Rally in Nelson		C, T, S, Com		Branch Secretary, 71 Snodgrass Road, RD 2, Westport 7892
Canterbury	Thurs, 19th March, 2026	Cashmere Club, 520 Colombo St, Cashmere, Christchurch	7:00 pm	C, S, T, 5 Com	19 Feb	Branch Secretary, 11 Aberfoyle Place, Parklands, Christchurch 8083.
Far North	Sun, 17th May, 2026	Whakapara Hall, Whakapara	12 noon	C, VC, S/T, 4 Com	17 April	Branch Secretary, 28 Markson Ave, Onerahi, Whangarei 0110
Gisborne	N/A			P, VP, S/T, 3 Com		Branch Secretary, 14 Mullolly Road, RD 1, Gisborne 4071
Hawke's Bay	Wed, 18th June, 2026	Committee room, Taradale RSA, Taradale, Napier	7:30 pm	P, T, S, 4 Com	18 May	Branch Secretary, 72 Tait Drive, Greenmeadows, Napier, 4112
Kapiti Coast	Thurs, 7th May 2026	Manakau Bowling and Sports Club, 10 Mokena Kohere St, Manakau, Levin	7:30 pm	C, VC, S, T, 3 Com	7 April	Branch Secretary, 69 Nimmo Ave East, Waikanae, Kapiti Coast 5036
Manawatu	Wed, 6th May, 2026	Bunnythorpe Tavern, Bunnythorpe	7:30 pm	C, S, T, Up to 8 Com	6 April	Branch Secretary, 361 Ruahine Street, Palmerston North 4410
Marlborough	Wed, 11th Feb, 2026	Redwoodtown Community Hall, Cnr Weld & Cleghorn St, Blenheim	7pm	C, VC, S, T, up to 8 Com	11 Jan	Branch Secretary, 94 Howick Rd, Blenheim 7201

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Branch	AGM date	Venue	Time	Positions	Noms close	Address for nominations
Nelson	Sun, 3rd May, 2026	Club Waimea Meeting Room	4 pm	C, CV, S, T, 4 Com		Branch Secretary, 76 Berryfield Drive, Richmond, Nelson 7020
North Harbour	Thurs, 2nd April, 2026	Hobsonville RSA, 114 Hobsonville Rd, Hobsonville, Auckland 0618	7:30 pm	P, VP, S/T, 3 Com		Branch Secretary, 14 Waimoko Glen, Swanson, Auckland 0612.
North Otago	Wed, 15th April, 2026	13 Stour Street, Oamaru	7 pm	P, VP, S/T, 3 Com	15 Mar	Branch Secretary, 13 Stour Street, Oamaru 9400
Otago	Tues, 5th May, 2026	Otago Motorcycle Clubrooms, 3 Clark St, Dunedin	7:00 pm	P, VP, S, T, 4 Com	5 April	Branch Secretary, 20 Stewart Street, Waikouaiti 9510
Rotorua	26th April, 2026	Bike Force, Lake Road, Rotorua	7:00 pm	C, S, T, 4 Com		Branch Secretary, PO Box 1791, Rotorua
South Canterbury	Fri, 21st May, 2026	1 Lincoln Street, Timaru	7:30pm	C, S, T, 3 Com	21 April	Branch Secretary, 143 Peters Street, Hinds 7747
Southland	Tues, 12th May, 2026	Ocean Seafood Restaurant, Dee Street, Invercargill	6:00pm	C, S/T, 3 Com	12 April	Branch Secretary, 12 Martin Street, Strathern, Invercargill 9812
Taranaki	Wed, 18th Feb, 2026	The New Plymouth Club, 55 Gill St, New Plymouth	6:30 pm	P, VP, S, T, 4 Com	18 Jan	Branch Secretary, 70 Shelter Grove, Frankleigh Park, New Plymouth 4310
Taumarunui	N/A			C, S, T, 3 Com		Branch Secretary, PO Box 244, Taumarunui 3946
Taupo	Thurs, 11th June, 2026	Taupo Cosmopolitan Club, Taniwha Street, Taupo	7.30pm	C, S, T, 3 Com		Branch Secretary, 189 Rifle Range Road, Taupo, 3330
Tauranga	Tues, 21st April, 2026	Tauranga Citizens Club. 170 Thirteenth Ave, Tauranga South	7:30 pm	C, VC, S, T, Com	21 Mar	Branch Secretary, 31 Ponga Place, Golden Sands, Papamoa 3118
Waihi-TV	Sun, 14th June, 2026	Paeroa RSA, 67 Belmont Rd, Paeroa	2:00 pm	C, S, T, 4 Com	14 May	Branch Secretary, 22 Waimarei Ave, Paeroa 3600
Waikato	Tues, 5th June, 2026	Hamilton Cosmopolitan Club, 32 Claudelands Rd, Hamilton East	7:00 pm	C, T, 5 Com	5 April	Branch Secretary, 19 Coronation Road, Morrinsville 3300

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Wairarapa	Mon, 18th May, 2026	Carterton Memorial Rooms, Carterton	7:30 pm	C, S, T, Com	18 April	Branch Secretary, 11 Alton Grove, Masterton, 5810
Wellington	Tues, 12th May, 2026	Petone Workingmen's Club, Udy St, Petone	7:30 pm	C, S, T, 4 Com	12 April	Branch Secretary, 81 Houghton Bay Road, Houghton Bay, Wellington
Westland	Sun, 3rd May, 2026	Greymouth Rodders Club, Anzac Park, Greymouth	11.00am	C, S, T, 4 Com	3 April	Branch Secretary, 16 Stafford Road, RD 2, Awatuna, Hokitika 7882
Whakatane	N/A			C, S, T, Com		Branch Secretary, 15 Myrtle Street, Hamilton East, Hamilton 3216

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



## GENERIC BRANCH AGM NOMINATION FORM 2026

### THE ULYSSES CLUB OF NEW ZEALAND INC.

I nominate:

For the position of: (please circle one)

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

Member No.#

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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