

AUGUST 2025 Newsletter



CLUB NIGHT - WEDNESDAY 6th AUGUST

Location: Manukau Cruising Club, Orpheus Drive, Onehunga

Doors open: 6.30pm - Dinner available (from \$16) Raffles, Prizes, catch up with friends, chat etc.

Presidents Report



As you all know our membership is falling and we need to do whatever we can to get new members and retain those that are already members. I think every branch in the country is having the same problem here in Auckland I think we have a very different set of problems compared to most other places. First off we are getting less and less people coming to our club nights and this is mainly due to traffic congestion and the length of time it takes people to get there and unfortunately this is something that is impossible to fix. We have even thought about changing venues to get somewhere more central for everyone but in the ideal area there is nowhere that is suitable. I have had some members mention to me that unless the club can get an insurance scheme that is similar to what we have with Aon Insurance then they will have to give up riding and the club because their pension is not enough to cover it. I know that our national committee is working hard to try and get an insurance company on board so lets all cross our fingers and hope they get a good deal. I also think that the national website needs revamping to make it a lot easier for prospective members to navigate. Our Auckland Coffee and conversations are still attracting reasonable numbers as are our rides, I think this is due to the fact that we cater for just about every type of bike and rider :ie short rides, long rides and some gravel road rides thrown in occasionally.

Please remember that our remembrance service will be one week later than normal. This year will be my 33 rd remembrance and will probably be the toughest one yet as I have lost so many great friends and club members since the last one.

September is Motorcycle awareness month and the Auckland branch in conjunction with North Harbour are organizing an event on Saturday the 13 h (details will be in the runs list). Our River meets the sea rally is on again this year 21st, 22nd and 23rd November. Cabins are allocated on a first come firs served basis so get your entry in asap as usual just bring your sleeping bag and alcohol. I look forward to seeing you there.

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

Cheers
Clive Thomas #2383
Auckland President

LONG SERVICE AWARDS Congratulations to:

<u>July</u>

Member # 8167Jude Burrows15 yearsMember # 8166David Stephens15 yearsMember # 6402Terry Walsh20 years

<u>August</u>

Member # 6420 Chris Henderson 20 years



YES, ONE WEEK LATER THAN USUAL, this year Saturday 16th of August 2025

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

If you intend to stay in Taupo, please make your own accommodation arrangements.

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

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

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

A formal ride of respect through Taupo will be held on the day of the service. All ride details will be available in the Branch Newsletters and websites closer to the event.

Any questions, please contact: Auckland Branch President auckland@ulysses.org.nz or Peggy O'Neal at remembrance@ulysses.org.nz.

Please also keep visiting our website <u>www.ulyssesauckland.org.nz</u> for further information.

<u>Ulysses Club - Auckland Branch (ulyssesauckland.org.nz)</u>



Motorcycle Awareness Month is run by ACC and the Motorcycle Safety Awareness Council (MSAC). It celebrates the start of the motorbike-riding season and encourages riders to get ride ready.

Hello fellow Ulyssians, as you are aware September is Motorcycle Awareness Month (MAM) and we are working with Northshore Club to run a joint event on the 13th of September.

At this stage we are looking to start in a car park close to Warehouse head office, which will include registration and hopefully a coffee truck on site. From there we will travel up the Northern Motorway and off at constellation, riding through upper harbour highway way onto the North western Motorway then onto South Western Motorway to Manukau taking the sweeping left at Rainbows End, heading north on the Southern Motorway, over the bridge and getting off at Wairau Rd and to Cyclespot for BBQ and prizes and the usual lie telling on how good we used to be.

Also, if we could have a couple of volunteers to help on the day please. Also, the colour of the day is yellow, so wear something yellow please.

For further details contact Grant Johnstone - 027 5353066



Whether you are an experienced rider, returning to riding or just starting out - No matter your age, gender or style of bike - We are the club for you!

What makes us different from the basic social media riding groups? For less than \$1.50 a week, Ulysses members enjoy:

- Over 20 branches spread across the country, working together to provide interesting riding, rallies and social events to cater to all members' needs.
- A dedicated rider safety training fund that subsidises member's training, first aid courses and safety equipment.
- An annual National Bike Raffle where members have a one in less than 3000 chance to win a new motorbike.
- The Ulyssian, our national magazine which contains national and branch news, information about upcoming events and articles of interest to riders.
- Branch and national level long service and recognition awards - Including Odyssey and Life member awards.

- Various member discounts
- Supporting multiple charities at a national and branch level.
- National level strategic plan initiatives including marketing, networking, member support and coordinated events, provided by an enthusiastic volunteer National committee and paid National Administrator.
- An annual National Rally with fun themes and camaraderie.
- · Remembrance Rides to honour fallen members.
- Proudly sponsored by AA Insurance.

National Administrator: 021 072 3636 • admin@ulysses.org.nz



www.ulysses.org.nz

Ulysses Club NZ Inc

Contact your local branch for upcoming events and joining information:





NZ Motorcycle Show 18th to 19 October

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







Ulysses Welcomes



New & Experienced Riders Motorcycle enthusiasts No Age

All Brands and Bike Types



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

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

Alan Thoreson is planning bring up his Bonneville salt flats speed record bike and we

also have a vintage bike and custom trike in the frame as well.

Help needed:

- People to help set up on Friday 17th
- You have a Bike that you can put into the stand
- People to do a shift on the stand while the show is on
- People to help with the pack down.

We still have a few spots for that something special type of bike. If you are able to help out please give me a call 021797487.

Cheers
Craig Moodie #8602

" RIVER MEETS THE SEA " Auckland Rally Friday 21st - Sunday 23rd November 2025

Hi everyone, it's time to take time to unwind before the Christmas festivities overwhelm us. Start planning now...

So, to do this make sure you are coming to our 2025 Auckland Rally "River meets the sea", Friday 21 - Sunday 23 November 2025.

We have:

- our great chefs feeding us again
 - a raffle table
 - 24/7 tea and coffee
 - fridges to store your BYO
 - home baking
 - great company

Registrations are open now so book early to get your preferred room / bunk bed!

ULYSSES AUCKLAND RALLY "RIVER MEETS THE SEA" Friday 21 - Sunday 23 November 2025

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

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

FACILITIES: Bunkrooms, Tent/Camper etc. Hot showers, toilets, tea, coffee and

baking available at no cost. Eating utensils, cup, plates & cutlery supplied. BYO bedding and alcohol/mixers please.

Please pay online and email or post form:

<u>peggyulysses@hotmail.co.nz</u> Ulysses Club, PO Box 96219, Dominion Road, AUCKLAND 1446

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Saturday Cooked Breakfast:	X	@	\$ 9.00 per person	=
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ULYSSES CLUB MERCHANDISE

Show your club pride with some of our Ulysses branded merchandise. Decals, Patches, Clothing and Badges all available online.

Click this link to purchase online: The Ulysses Club of NZ | Club Store

MEMBERS DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

There have been changes to the Interislander and Bluebridge discounts.

Click here for the new details.

Re the Interislander please note if you are a senior tick the seniors box and enter the discount code. You will get discount on the seniors price. Also the Interislander on occasions has discount promotions.

There is currently one for twenty percent but subject to conditions. Click here for details. Note you cannot use two discount codes at the same time.

KIWI FUEL LTD current Ulysses card 0800 438383 or info@kiwifuelcards.co.nz

Motorcycle Doctors 10% discount for Ulysses members to use at the online store www.shop.motorcycle-doctors.co.nz. Enter "Ulysses" as the discount code at checkout.

For further discounts click on the link above

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Are you a financial member?

There are still some people who have not renewed their membership yet. If you think this might be you please go and get out your Membership Card.

- Check the expiry date. If your membership expired last year, it is still not too late to renew your membership.
- Go online now and pay your sub.

One Year Individual Member is \$70.00,
Three Years Individual Member is \$190.00
One Year Joint Member is \$66.00 per each member
Three Years Joint Member is \$180.00 per each member.
Pay money into:

BNZ Bank A/c: 02-0412-0001771-097.

DON"T FORGET TO INCUDE YOU NAME AND ULYSSES # IN THE DETAILS

Job done thanks.

The Calendar and runs list: Live and up to date

We now have a runs list which can be updated live at any time. As new events are organized (or if an event gets cancelled) it will go up live on the website, so please save the link on your phone and/or computer and always check before you leave on a ride to ensure you have the latest information.

https://www.ulyssesauckland.org.nz/new-runs-list

If you have any questions with regards to the calendar please contact Craig Moodie 021 797 487

RIDES AND SOCIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

When attending a Club Ride be at the departure point 10 Minutes early with a **FULL TANK OF FUEL** and an **EMPTY BLADDER**.

If you are not sure if the ride may be cancelled because of inclement weather, check the website or phone the RIC.

Unless the Ride shows **'EXPERIENCED'** beside it, the Ride is for all experience levels and bike types.

RIDE DISTANCE GUIDE

Short - 150kms

Medium - 150-300kms

Long - 300 + kms

Each RIC will carry a Mobile Phone for emergencies. In an emergency use the number listed next to the relevant RIC. If no answer leave a message.

- The Rider in Charge will be organising the day. Contact them for details. All Riders participating in a Ulysses Club Ride are expected to hold a current licence, relevant to the motorcycle that they are riding, wear suitable clothing and have a registered and warranted road-worthy motorcycle.
- Riders are asked to complete the Rider list on the day and give your contact number and that of a contact not taking part in the ride.
- Direct ride related questions to the displayed Runs Co-ordinator / RIC of the day. General questions to Clive Thomas (President) 027 481 2700.

Sun 3rd August

Smoko Café with Vance

RIDE - MEDIUM

Vance is RIC Ph 021 023 83498

Departs Z Bombay at 10.00am

Tue 5th August

TUESDAY EASY RIDERS

RIDE - MEDIUM

LONGER RIDE (carried forward from last week) with a short ride option.

Tony is RIC Ph 020 4148 5160.

Departs **BOMBAY Autobahn at 9.30am** Destination is Cambridge.

For those not wanting a longer ride, the regular ride will depart at 10.00am, pick your own RIC and destination.

Wed 6th August

CLUB NIGHT – Manukau Cruising Club - Orpheus Place Onehunga –dinner available from 6.30pm, licensed bar and drinks available, event starts at 7pm, raffles and chat. Wear your Club badge or face a fine from the Sheriff!

Sat 9th August

Littles Newbies & Oldies

RIDE - SHORT

Nathan is RIC Ph 027 463342

Departs Papakura Autobarn at 10.00am.

Tue 12th August

TUESDAY EASY RIDERS

RIDE - MEDIUM

Dave is RIC Ph 021 901 274. Destination decided on the day.

Departs BOMBAY Autobahn at 10.00am.

Thurs 14th August

SOCIAL – West Auckland Dinner & Social Night. New Lynn RSA, 2 Veronica Street, New Lynn. Meet from 6.30pm onwards.

Sat 16th August EVENT

REMEMBRANCE WEEKEND TAUPO

Keep this in mind. This is a "Must Do" event for club members.

Please try to keep this weekend free. Arrange own accommodation. A brief summary of events is as follows.

Remembrance Service Sat 16th August 2pm at the Taupo Events centre. Ride down from Auckland.

We have members going down at various times Friday and Saturday on both cars and Bikes. At this stage no official ride has been organised but if you are riding down and would like to join in with others please contact Craig Moodie 01797487 and he will try to sort out something that works.

Check this page for updates!

Saturday ride details (organised by Taupo Branch)

Ulyssians may join in at any stage of the ride. The itinerary is as follows:

- 8:30 am ride meet at Spa rd outside Taupo-nui-a-tia College
- Stands up 8:45am heading to Aroma Cafe in Fenton st Rotorua
- Ride departs from the Whakarewarewa carpark (just past the BP petrol stn) at 12:30pm heading back to the AC Baths car park in Taupo
- Ride departs from AC Baths at 1:15pm Heading to the Great Lakes Events
 Centre for the Remembrance service.

Saturday afternoon and evening Social

Members will be at the Cosmopolitan club in Taupo late afternoon through to the end of the night. Ulyssians are welcome. If you are planning on dining at the club it is strongly recommended that you phone ahead to book a table.

Alternatively there will be a group of ulyssians dining at Finn's bistro Ulyssians are welcome to join. After the meal you are welcome to make your way back to the Cossie Club

Tue 19th August

TUESDAY EASY RIDERS

RIDE - MEDIUM

Dave is RIC Ph 021 901 274. Destination decided on the day. Departs **BOMBAY Autobahn at 10.00am.**

Sat 23rd August

Coffee Cakes and Conversation

Lime Tree Cafe.

730 Whitford Rd, Howick

Meet at 10:00am for a coffee and chat, choose your own departure time.

Sun 24th August

Sunday ride to Kawhia

RIDE- MEDIUM

Dave is RIC Ph 021 901 274.

Departs Z Bombay at 10.00am

Tue 26th August

TUESDAY EASY RIDERS RIDE – OPTIONS

LONGER RIDE with a short ride option.

Tony is RIC Ph 020 4148 5160.

Departs BOMBAY Autobahn at 9.30am Destination is Matamata.

For those not wanting a longer ride, the regular ride will depart at 10.00am, pick your own RIC and destination.

Thurs 28th August

SOCIAL - Sth Auckland Dinner & Social Night.

Papakura Club 5 Croskery Rd (off Hunua Rd).

Questions Chris Ph 021 0347996.

Meet at 6.30pm onwards.

Sat 30th August

Littles Newbies & Oldies RIDE – SHORT

Nathan is RIC Ph 027 463342

Departs Papakura Autobarn at 10.00am.

Tue 2nd September

TUESDAY EASY RIDERS RIDE - MEDIUM

Dave is RIC Ph 021 901 274. Destination decided on the day. **Departs BOMBAY Autobahn at 10.00am**.

Wed 4th September

CLUB NIGHT – Manukau Cruising Club - Orpheus Place Onehunga –dinner available from 6.30pm, licensed bar and drinks available, event starts at 7pm, raffles and chat. Wear your Club badge or face a fine from the Sheriff!

Sun 7th September

Sunday ride Waihi RIDE- MEDIUM

Chris is RIC Ph 021 034 7996 Departs Z Bombay at 10.00am

Tue 9th September

TUESDAY EASY RIDERS RIDE - MEDIUM

Dave is RIC Ph 021 901 274. Destination decided on the day. Departs **BOMBAY Autobahn at 10.00am**.

Thurs 11th September

SOCIAL – West Auckland Dinner & Social Night. New Lynn RSA, 2 Veronica Street, New Lynn. Meet from 6.30pm onwards.

Sun 13th September EVENT

Motorcycle Awareness Month Event

Auckland and North Harbour branches are organising an event for this day to get everyone together.

Details will be available shortly.

Auckland contact person/organiser for this event:

Grant Johnson (VP) ph0276363066

WARNING: This event may Contain Riding, Food Guest speakers and a good time catching up with friends.

Mark this date in your calendar.

More details coming Watch this space.

Tue 16th September

TUESDAY EASY RIDERS

RIDE - MEDIUM

Dave is RIC Ph 021 901 274. Destination decided on the day. Departs **BOMBAY Autobahn at 10.00am**.

Sat 20th September

SOCIAL - Coffee, Cakes & Conversation

Karaka General Store & Café 257 Linwood Road Karaka Meet at 10.00am, choose your own departure time

Sun 21st September

Sunday ride with Rocky

RIDE- MEDIUM

Destination to be decided.

Rocky is RIC Ph 021 204 8159.

Departs Z Bombay at 10.00am

Tue 23rd September

TUESDAY EASY RIDERS

RIDE - MEDIUM

Dave is RIC Ph 021 901 274. Destination decided on the day. Departs **Bombay Autobahn 10.00am**.

Thurs 25th September

SOCIAL - Sth Auckland Dinner & Social Night.

Papakura Club 5 Croskery Rd (off Hunua Rd).

Questions Chris Ph 021 0347996.

Meet at 6.30pm onwards.

Sat 27th September

Littles Newbies & Oldies

RIDE - SHORT

Nathan is RIC Ph 027 463342

Departs Papakura Autobarn at 10.00am.

Tue 30th September

TUESDAY EASY RIDERS

RIDE - OPTIONS

LONGER RIDE with a short ride option.

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THINGS CAN CHANGE BETWEEN NEWSLETTERS!

Check before departing on a club ride

To keep up-to-date with Branch events, runs and news between newsletters visit our website for the latest information www.ulyssesauckland.org.nz
We also have a face book page.

Join the <u>Auckland Ulysses Facebook</u> page. You will find notices of upcoming events, ride reports immediately after (or during!) rides, ride cancellations, and much more.

JUST A REMINDER - RAFFLE DONATIONS

It's not just the committee's job find to find the raffle prizes at the monthly meetings - it's up to all members. The raffles (and the modest run fees) form a vital part of our Branch's income.

- Idea 1: if it's your birthday in a particular month please donate a bottle of wine or something else of similar value.
- Idea 2: consider donating any unwanted Christmas or birthday gifts as a raffle prize. That way it will still bring joy to someone.
- A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN HELPING OUT WITH THE RAFFLES!

BUSINESSES WHO SUPPORT AUCKLAND ULYSSES

ULYSSES MEMBERS' DISCOUNT

There are a range of businesses throughout New Zealand that recognise the value of the Ulysses Membership.Note that to obtain the discount you will need to produce your current club membership card.

CLUB DISCOUNTS 2025

- 1. Interislander and 2. BLUEBRIDGE Click Here
- 3. VTNZ current Ulysses card 31 Dec 2025
- 4. KIWI FUEL LTD current Ulysses card 0800 438383 or info@kiwifuelcards.co.nz
- 5. KIWI MOTORCYCLES current Ulysses card Christchurch
- 6. APEX AUTO CENTRE HAM current Ulysses card
- 7. TREVOR PIERCE YAMAHA CHCH current Ulysses card
- 8. BUTT BUFFER WHANGANUI current Ulysses card
- 9. EZIBED NZ "ULY10" current Ulysses card
- 10. FRANKTON LAW current Ulysses card
- 11. ASURE ACCOMM GROUP Join Azure Group
- 12. TOP TEN MOTOR CAMPS Join Top Ten Group

MEMBERS' FREE ADS

QUARTERSAWN Custom Wood Creations

We are experienced craftsman that will create your custom piece to your requirements. Furniture, cabinetry, library, doors any wood project.

For examples click on <u>quartersawn</u>

Phone Aaron **027 228 9724**

email <u>aaron@quartersawn.co.nz</u>

These adverts are for Ulysses Auckland members only and are free of charge. Email the Editor. Support your fellow members.

Paul B #8082	

BUSINESSES WE LIKE

LIFESTYLE IMPORTS: For all your motorcycle gear and clothing. Shop online at www.lifestyle-imports.co.nz. They have now set up shop at 13 Queen Street Waiuku. Call Florence at 027 262 5287 for opening hours.

CAFES:

Waiomu Beach Cafe - 622 Thames Coast Road. Great coffee and food. Good parking just across the road.

Native Tree Cafe - 7 Church St, Mangatarata (on SH27 about 200 meters south of intersection with SH2). Great food & coffee. Sheltered outdoor seating. Excellent parking off main highway.

Coach Cafe &Takeaways - 37 Seddon Street, Raetihi An excellent stop in the central North Island.

CLUBS:

Manukau Cruising Club offer memberships to Over 65's for \$6 and \$30 per year for everyone else. A great opportunity to have a spot for a few drinks with friends or to join in with their great entertainments!

Parnell Returned Services Club - 139 Parnell Road, Parnell

We welcome anyone from Ulysses to pop in and enjoy a beer at a reasonable price.

We don't have pokies or TAB – but we do have pool tables, dart boards, and a juke box.

We are surrounded by some of the best eating places in Auckland including pizza at La Porchetta, local Indian etc - bring the takeaways back to the club - they are virtually next door.

Guests will need to sign the visitors' book, but please consider membership at \$30 per calendar year. (This will give reciprocal rights with clubs all over NZ:

see https://clubsnz.org.nz/) There is a bike parking space across the road next door to the Windsor. Generally we are open 2pm to at least 9pm daily.

Please send details of any businesses that treat Ulysses members well to the editor for future inclusion in this list.



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The newsletter is freely available to any non-members who wishes to subscribe. Members receive it automatically. Feel free to forward this on to anyone who may be interested. To subscribe email the editor.

The newsletter is distributed by email on or about the Saturday prior to the monthly meeting. Eleven monthly issues are produced, January being the missing month.

If a printed copy is required the annual subscription will be \$30. Printed newsletter is available for pick-up at the monthly social night at the Manukau Cruising Club. Copies not picked up by hand may be mailed out.

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