



AUGUST 2026 NEWSLETTER

NEXT CLUB NIGHT IS WEDNESDAY 5th AUGUST
DOORS OPEN AND DINNER AVAILABLE FROM 6.30PM
RAFFLES AND OFFICAL FUNCTION COMMENCES 7.30PM



Location: Manukau Cruising Club - Orpheus Drive - Onehunga

- **Wear your membership badge or face a fine if the Sherrif catches you.**
- **Bring along a few Gold coins for raffles, fines, tips etc...**

PRESIDENTS REPORT - Grant Johnstone



Twenty seven turned up at the Karaka Store Cafe to enjoy good company and conversation. I'm sure some of the stories told, get more interesting as they evolve. Several of the more senior members of the club showed up and thanks to Jane for providing a lift.



Craig and Raewyn hosted another great BBQ on the 4th of July, with fifty odd people turning up from different clubs. Philip led a group of eleven of us from the club rooms out to the event. Look forward to next year's gathering and to even more on bikes.





The usual events happening through the month and the usual attendees. It would be good to see a few more coming along to the Newbies and Oldies runs on Saturday mornings. This run is well led by Nathan and an easy pace. I think however, we need to perhaps look at some interesting places to go, such as private collections or museums. Any suggestions would be welcomed.

The upcoming Remembrance at Taupo is an important annual event and we need to get as many there from the Auckland Branch as possible.

Yell out if you need a lift, there's bound to be some that are travelling by car.

There's no carvery facility at the Cosmopolitan Club anymore, so if you're going there you'll need to book a table.

I'd like, at this point, to thank the Taupo Ulysses committee for their help. They've been great.

Remember it's at the new venue behind the Events Centre at the Rotary Club hall.

Motorcycle Awareness Month is in September and on Saturday the 12th we are holding an event at the Papakura Club. They have a huge carpark where we will assemble. There is a Show n Shine and a ride through the Hunuas and back for a lunch catered by the cafe at the club. Also, we'll have a trio playing 60s and 70s rock music. The day will wind up after prize giving at 3pm. We have several sponsors, so we have tangibles and vouchers as prizes.

October we have the overnight ride to Stratford. We have about a dozen people that have shown interest and have booked accommodation. This will include a get together with several of the Taranaki Ulysses guys for a meal on Saturday night.

The other event which is really important is the Rally we host at Port Waikato in November and we need as many to come along and encourage friends from other Ulysses branches to attend.

Well that's it from me for another month, hope to see you at club night.

Safe riding

Grant Johnstone

Branch President

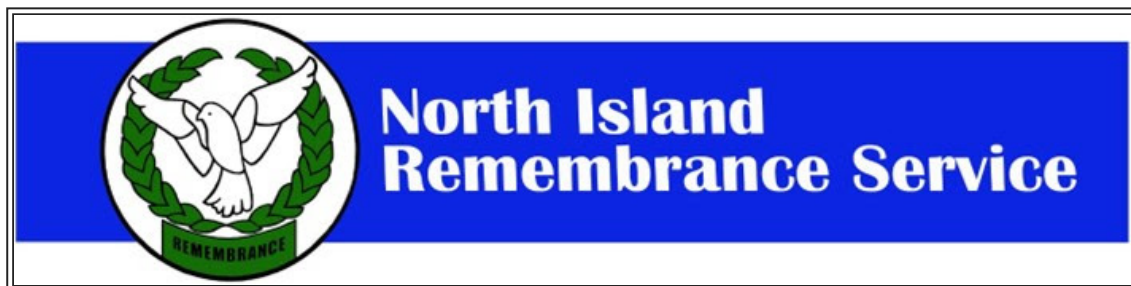
Long Service Awards

Congratulations this month to

Shane Masterson

Member # 3580

30 years



**Saturday 8 August 2026, 2:00 pm at Lake Taupo Rotary Club,
12 Story Place Taupō**

**** note the change of venue ****

Ulysses, Auckland Branch, in association with Taupō 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 Taupō, please make your own accommodation arrangements.

There are no organised social events this year for either Friday or Saturday nights so you are

encouraged to talk to other members and make your own arrangements to meet.

Badges and embroidered cloth badges this year will need to be 'pre ordered' and collected at the event, to place your order please email:

auckland.sec@ulysses.org.nz or phone / text 021 844040.

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.

There is a formal ride of respect to Rotorua and back to Taupō on Saturday the 8th, details as follows:

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

Please also keep visiting our website www.ulyssesauckland.org.nz for further information.
Ulysses Club - Auckland Branch auckland@ulysses.org.nz)

UP COMING EVENTS TO NOTE

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
8 th August	Remembrance 2026	Taupo Rotary Club
12 th September	Motorcycle Awareness event	Papakura Club
2 nd /3 rd October	Overnight ride	Stratford
20 th – 22 nd November	Annual Rally	Port Waikato

YOUR AUCKLAND BRANCH OFFICERS & COMMITTEE

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Your Auckland Committee meets once a month and a record is kept of the meetings, its attendees and any motions and discussions.

These minutes are now made available on our webpage for anyone interested.



Your 2026-27 Committee , from left to right..

Grant Johnstone, Martin Pepper, Evan Swenson, Roger Judd, Sandy Senk and Janny Nicol

Best Motorcycle Cafés Around New Zealand - Part 1 Nth Island

Perfect coffee stops for the mature rider.

One of the great pleasures of motorcycle touring is discovering those memorable cafés that become destinations in their own right. Whether it's a legendary pie, fantastic coffee, a spectacular view, or simply plenty of bike parking and good conversation, these are the places riders remember long after the ride is over.

What Makes a Great Motorcycle Café?

After years of riding, most motorcyclists will agree the best cafés usually have:

- ✓ Easy bike parking with level preferably tarseal surfacing
- ✓ Good coffee - cabinet food - pies - toasted sandwiches etc
- ✓ Clean facilities
- ✓ Friendly staff
- ✓ Outdoor seating
- ✓ Scenic location

✓ Fellow riders to chat with

Often, it's not the fanciest venue that becomes a favourite—it's the place where you've shared stories, escaped the rain, fuelled up before the next mountain pass, or met old friends.

1. The Coromandel Café, Coromandel Town

The Coromandel Loop remains one of New Zealand's most popular motorcycle rides, and Coromandel Town offers several excellent café options.

Why riders love it:

- Natural stop on the Thames–Coromandel–Whitianga loop.
- Plenty of motorcycle traffic on weekends.
- Good coffee and relaxed atmosphere.
- Ideal base before tackling the twisties.



2. Kaiaua's Famous Fish & Chip Stop - 941 East Coast Road Kaiaua

While not strictly a café, countless Auckland riders have made Kaiaua a traditional destination via Clevedon and the Pohutukawa Coast. The ride itself is as much the attraction as the food. Rider forums have highlighted Kaiaua as a favourite motorcycle destination for years.

Why riders love it:

- Scenic coastal roads.
- Large parking area.
- Popular weekend gathering point.



3. The Boatshed Café, Karapiro ** note you currently need to check this cafe is open **

Located beside Lake Karapiro and close to the riding roads around Cambridge and the Waikato.

Why it's worth the stop:

- Lake views.
- Good breakfasts.
- Popular meeting point for group rides.
- Easy access from State Highway 1.



4. L'Arte Café, **Taupō - 255 Mapara Road Acacia Bay Taupo**

A common stop for riders travelling between Auckland, Hawke's Bay and Wellington.

Highlights:

- Outstanding garden setting.
- Excellent food and coffee.
- Easy motorcycle parking.
- Convenient location close to major touring routes.



5. Ronnies Forest Glade Cafe **1196 State Highway 5, Tapapa 3485**

A favourite with many riders attending events around Rotorua and Taupō.

Why riders stop here:

- Great forest setting.
- Excellent food.
- Popular stop on Central North Island tours.
- Good group seating.



6. MC3 Collection & Café, Wellington - 47 Montgomery Crescent Clouston Park Upper Hutt

Possibly one of New Zealand's most motorcycle-oriented cafés. MC3 features a collection of more than 60 motorcycles spanning several decades and combines coffee with genuine motorcycle culture.

Highlights:

- Extensive motorcycle collection.
- Motorcycle-themed environment.
- Popular meeting place for Wellington riders.
- Plenty to see while enjoying a coffee.





Is Harley Davidson in trouble?

On **8 July 2026**, S&P Global Ratings downgraded Harley-Davidson from **BBB-** to **BB+**, which means it lost its investment-grade credit rating and moved into what is commonly called "junk" or speculative-grade" credit status. The outlook was maintained as stable.

Why S&P Downgraded Harley

Interestingly, the downgrade was **not because S&P believes Harley is in immediate financial trouble**.

The main concern is that Harley's new "**Back to Bricks**" strategy relies on introducing more affordable motorcycles to attract new and younger riders. While this could increase sales volumes, S&P believes it may take several years before Harley can restore profit margins to historically acceptable levels.

Harley-Davidson's financial position is **still profitable, but under pressure** from declining motorcycle sales and reduced demand in its core markets.

2025 Full-Year Results

Metric	2025	2024	Change
Revenue	US\$4.47 billion	US\$5.19 billion	-14%
Net Profit	US\$339 million	US\$455 million	-26%
Profit per share	US\$2.78	US\$3.44	-19%
Global Motorcycle Sales	132,535 units	151,220 units	-12%

Strengths

- Remains profitable with US\$339 million net profit in 2025.
- Ended 2025 with approximately **US\$3.1 billion in cash and equivalents**, nearly double the prior year.
- Returned **US\$434 million to shareholders** through buybacks and dividends.
- Harley-Davidson Financial Services (HDFS) generated record earnings after a strategic partnership with KKR and PIMCO.

Concerns

- Revenue has fallen from nearly US\$5.8 billion in 2023 to US\$4.47 billion in 2025.
- Global motorcycle retail sales continue to decline, particularly in Europe and Asia-Pacific.
- Harley's manufacturing division (HDMC) recorded an operating loss in 2025 as shipments dropped 16%.
- The electric motorcycle division, LiveWire, continues to lose money

Most Recent Trading (Q1 2026)

The first quarter of 2026 showed some early sales improvement:

- Global retail motorcycle sales +8%.
- North American retail sales +14%.
- However, net income fell sharply to US\$25 million as restructuring costs and lower financing income impacted results

Overall Assessment

From a financial standpoint, Harley-Davidson is **not in distress**. It has strong cash reserves, remains profitable, and benefits from its finance arm. However, the company faces significant challenges:

- an aging customer base,
- declining global motorcycle demand,
- pressure on premium discretionary spending,
- and ongoing losses in the electric motorcycle segment.

ULYSSES AUCKLAND 2026 RALLY
“RIVER MEETS THE SEA”

Port Waikato**Friday 20 November 2026 – Sunday 22nd**

Registrations are now open for the Ulysses Auckland 2026 Rally !

Join fellow riders for a fantastic weekend at the point where the mighty Waikato River meets the Tasman Sea. Enjoy great riding, good company, scenic roads, and all the camaraderie that makes a Ulysses rally so memorable.

Great chefs and food - raffles - 24/7 tea & coffee - fridges for your BYO - home baking

Be in early and secure your place — registrations are now being accepted.

We look forward to seeing you at **Port Waikato in November 2026** for a memorable weekend of riding and friendship. Enquiries to: Auckland.sec@ulysses.org.nz

Register now and start planning your ride to “River Meets the Sea”. 🏍️ 🌊

**U L Y S S E S A U C K L A N D R A L L Y**
“RIVER MEETS THE SEA”- ENTRY FORM

Friday 20 - Sunday 22 November 2026

PORT WAIKATO SCHOOL CAMP,

[67 PORT WAIKATO-WAIKARETU ROAD, PORT WAIKATO](#)

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

FACILITIES: Bunkrooms, Tent Site/Camper Site 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 post Peggy O'Neal, 1/70 Haycock Avenue, Mt Roskill, Auckland 1041
or email paonealulysses@outlook.com form: Entries close 8 November 2026 - NO LATE ENTRIES.

Completed form and payment will help allocate rooms.

Rider Name: _____ Ulysses No _____

Rider/Pillion Name: _____ Ulysses No _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Accommodation - \$25.00 per person per night, bunkroom, tent/camper etc.

Two nights = \$50 each, two nights, two people -\$100

No. of people: Fri ____ Sat ____ nights @ \$25.00 Bunkroom = _____

No. of people: Fri ____ Sat ____ nights @ \$25.00 Tent/Camper etc. = _____

Rally Badge: x ____ @ \$15.00 per badge = _____

Friday Night BBQ: x ____ @ \$12.00 per person = _____

Saturday Cooked Breakfast: x ____ @ \$12.00 per person = _____

Saturday Night Dinner: x ____ @ \$25.00 per person = _____

Sunday Cooked Breakfast: x ____ @ \$12.00 per person = _____

Online – Date of Payment _____/2026 TOTAL = _____

Bank Details: Ulysses Auckland Branch 03 0296 0046891 000

IMPORTANT please include YOUR NAME - MEMBERSHIP NUMBER - RALLY 2026

I agree to hold the organizers blameless for any injury or accidental damage whatsoever which may occur whilst

traveling to, attending at or traveling from this event

NAMES / SIGNATURES:

Rider: _____

Rider/Pillion: _____ Date: _____

2026 Suzuki SV-7 SX just released - quick look

Performance and Engine

- Powered by the tried-and-true 645cc 90° V-twin engine.
- Generates 72 horsepower at 8,500 RPM and 47 lb-ft of torque.
- Features new ride-by-wire throttles, allowing for three riding modes and traction control.
- Includes a smooth bi-directional quick-shifter



Handling and Comfort

- Built on a steel trellis frame with 17-inch wheels.
- Offers an upright, accessible 795mm seat height.
- Uses basic, non-adjustable front forks and a preload-adjustable rear shock tuned for soft compliance.
- High footpegs can feel slightly tight for taller riders on long journeys.

Technology and Practicality

- Equipped with a clear color TFT display featuring smartphone connectivity and basic turn-by-turn navigation.
- Comes standard with handguards, a rear luggage rack, and an adjustable windscreen.
- Highly economical, with strong fuel efficiency and a 17.4-litre fuel



UYLSSES CLUB MERCHANDISE



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

Click this link to purchase online: [The Ulysses Club of NZ | Club Store](#)



CACTUS UPHOLSTERY Motorcycle seat re covering and re padding / foaming along with car and furniture upholstery. Workshop is at 13B Laurie Avenue, Papakura Auckland. Contact via admin@cactusupholstery.co.nz or phone 022 186 6914

IS YOUR MEMBERSHIP UP TO DATE?

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.

Three Years Joint Member is \$180.00 per each member.

One Year Joint Member is \$66.00 per each member

Three Years Individual Member is \$190.00

One Year Individual Member is \$70.00,

Pay money into:

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

DON'T FORGET TO INCLUDE YOUR NAME AND ULYSSES # IN THE DETAILS

Job done thanks.

RUNS / RIDES AND SOCIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

**** Note **** this document is now live and updated constantly on our Website. Before heading off for an event please check the Website for any changes or cancellations.

<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

RIDERS - PLEASE READ

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

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

RUNS / 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 Grant Johnston (Auckland President) 0275 535 3066

Thursday 30th July

SOCIAL – Sth Auckland Dinner & Social Night.

Papakura Club [5 Croskery Rd](#) (off Hunua Rd).

Questions Chris Ph 021 0347996.

Meet at 6.30pm onwards.

Sun 2nd August

Sunday Ride

RIDE - MEDIUM

RIC to be confirmed Ph 021797487. Destination decided on the day. Departs Bombay Autobarn at 10.00am.

Tues 4th August

TUESDAY EASY RIDERS

RIDE - MEDIUM

David is RIC Ph 021 901 274. Destination decided on the day. Departs Bombay Autobarn at 10.00am.

Wed 5th August

CLUB NIGHT

Manukau Cruising Club - Orpheus Place Onehunga –dinner available from 6.30pm, licensed bar and drinks available, event starts at 7:30pm, raffles and chat. A great nite of socialising and catching up

Sat 8th August

North Island Remembrance Service Taupo

NOTE: Change of venue

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Tues 11th August

TUESDAY EASY RIDERS

RIDE - MEDIUM

David is RIC Ph 021 901 274. Destination decided on the day. Departs Bombay Autobarn at 10.00am.

Thurs 13th August

SOCIAL – West Auckland Dinner & Social Night.

New Lynn RSA, [2 Veronica Street, New Lynn](#). Meet from 6.30pm onwards.

Sat 15th August

Littles Newbies & Oldies

RIDE – SHORT

This is a slower paced shorter ride. Ideal for new riders smaller bikes and those who enjoy pleasant cruise with friends. All riders are welcome.

Nathan is RIC Ph 0274633442

Departs Bombay Autobarn at 10.00am.

Tues 18th August

TUESDAY EASY RIDERS

RIDE - MEDIUM

David is RIC Ph 021 901 274. Destination decided on the day. Departs Bombay Autobarn at 10.00am.

Sat 22nd August

Coffee Cakes and Conversation

KARAKA GENERAL STORE & CAFE

[257 Linwood rd, Karaka](#)

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

Sun 23rd August

Sunday Ride

RIDE - MEDIUM

RIC to be confirmed Ph 021797487. Destination decided on the day. Departs Bombay Autobarn at 10.00am.

Tues 25th August

TUESDAY EASY RIDERS

RIDE - MEDIUM

David is RIC Ph 021 901 274. Destination decided on the day. Departs Bombay Autobarn at 10.00am.

Thurs 27^h 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 29th August**Little's Newbies & Oldies***RIDE – SHORT*

This is a slower paced shorter ride. Ideal for new riders smaller bikes and those who enjoy pleasant cruise with friends. All riders are welcome.

Nathan is RIC Ph 0274633442

Departs Bombay Autobarn at 10.00am.

Tues 1st September**TUESDAY EASY RIDERS***RIDE - MEDIUM*

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Wed 3rd September**CLUB NIGHT**

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Sun 6th September**Sunday Ride***RIDE - MEDIUM*

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Sat 7th September**Coffee Cakes and Conversation**

KARAKA GENERAL STORE & CAFE

[257 Linwood rd, Karaka](#)

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Tues 8th September**TUESDAY EASY RIDERS***RIDE - MEDIUM*

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Thurs 10th Sept**SOCIAL – West Auckland Dinner & Social Night.**

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Sat 12th September**Motorcycle Awareness Month Event***RIDE –Short*

Auckland north harbour event

show and shine Papakura club with a short loop ride through the Hunuas is currently planned. more details to follow.

Grant is our contact Ph 027 5353066



Ulysses

Club of New Zealand Inc Since 1988

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



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 Ulysses Club NZ Inc

Contact your local branch for upcoming events and joining information:



ULYSSES MEMBERS' DISCOUNT

There are a range of businesses throughout New Zealand that recognise the value of the Ulysses Membership. **Note to obtain the discount you will need to produce your current club membership card and please ask first before purchasing to ensure the a discount is applicable.**

- IINTERISLANDER AND BLUEBRIDGE ferries [Click Here](#)
- VTNZ current Ulysses card 31 Dec 2026
- KIWI FUEL LTD 0800 438383 or info@kiwifuelcards.co.nz
- DRURY MOTORCYCLES Auckland
- KIWI MOTORCYCLES Christchurch
- APEX AUTO CENTRE Hamilton
- TREVOR PIERCE YAMAHA Christchurch
- BUTT BUFFER WHANGANUI
- EZIBED NZ "ULY10"
- FRANKTON LAW
- ASURE ACCOMM GROUP Join Azure Group
- TOP TEN MOTOR CAMPS Join Top Ten Group



JUST A REMINDER - CLUB NIGHT 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 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.
- **and a big thankyou to all those who have been helping out with the raffles!**







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AUCKLAND BRANCH

**Join other
Motorcycle Enthusiasts.
Enjoy riding our country roads.
Socialize over lunch at
many great cafes**



*** Several rides every month * Rallies
* Weekends away * Dinners and Social Events**

For more information go to our website:
[www. ulyssesauckland.org.nz](http://www.ulyssesauckland.org.nz)

BUSINESS'S - CAFES AND CLUBS WE LIKE AND SUPPORT



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.

CACTUS UPHOLSTERY Motorcycle seat re covering, repadding along with car and furniture upholstery. Workshop is at 13B Laurie Avenue, Papakura Auckland. Contact via admin@cactusupholstery.co.nz or phone 022 186 6914

CAFES:

Waiomu Beach Cafe - [622 Thames Coast Road](#). Great coffee and food. Good parking just across the road.

Nikau Caves Café – [1770 Waikaretu Valley Road, Waikaretu](#). Good food and coffee, friendly hosts, good parking

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.

Maramarua Bakehouse Café – [1971 State Highway 2 Maramarua](#) (the old Pink Pig). Café has new owners, has been totally refurbished and offers a typical Bakehouse menu. Good bike parking.

Smoko Café – [3331 State Highway 2 Waitakaruru](#) - Good menu, good outside seating, good bike parking

Hopin Stopin Café – [60 great South Road Taupiri](#) - Good menu, good outside seating, good bike parking - Eds recommendation - toasted sandwich and Iced Coffee!

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.

ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER

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