



DEBEMBER 2025 Newsletter



CLUB NIGHT - WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER

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 - DECEMBER 2025



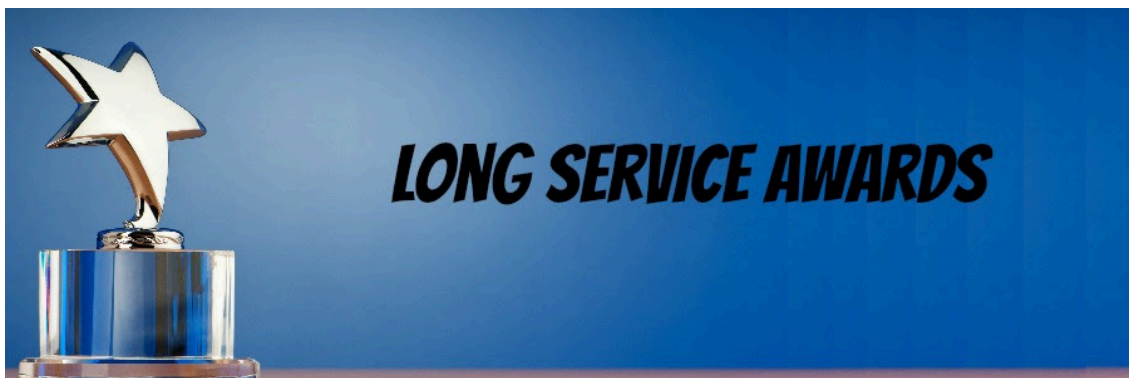
Hi folks and welcome to the December edition of my ramblings. We have just completed a very successful River Meets The Sea Rally at Port Waikato. I must say a huge thank you to the following people. Craig and Raewyn Moodie for organizing all of the food and working tirelessly in the kitchen to turn out great meals, Peggy O'Neal for taking care of all of the Rally registrations and the raffles, Brian Moorwood for making us a wonderful ring for us to raffle and everyone else who helped out over the weekend, the old saying is true that many hands make light work and it certainly works when so many people just get stuck in. I always look forward to going to rallies as it's great to catch up with people from other branches around the country. I was very sad to hear of the passing of long time Auckland member Peter Batts #2308. Peter joined Ulysses two months before I did in 1993 and I always enjoyed his company on many rides and rallies over the years. RIP mate. I have also heard that Bill Keesing is very unwell in Middlemore Hospital and if anyone would like pop up and visit him, he is on ward 32 room 40, I'm sure he would appreciate it. The Auckland branch has plenty of activities that are happening over the next couple of months so please keep an eye on the (Auckland Ulysses Runs List) on the internet to keep right up to date in case there are any changes. As this is my last report for the year, I would like to wish everyone a very merry Xmas and a very happy new year. My greatest wish is that 2026 starts off better than this year did. Pat and I will be heading to Tinopai in early January for three weeks so if you are looking for a great motorcycle ride then come up for a visit. Please remember this is your Branch so give some thought to going on the committee year and giving something back. It will be greatly appreciated. If you have any ideas that can help us move forward and grow, then please drop me line but if you do not like putting pen to paper then a phone call will do as I am always willing to listen.

Ph 0274 812 700

Cheers

Clive Thomas #2383

Auckland President



December 2025 - 10 years - Roger Judd - Member 9372

REMEMBRANCE 2025 METAL BADGES FOR SALE \$15 EACH

We still have a number of badges left, if you want one please contact the Secretary with

your name and postal address. Price is \$15 each including postage NZ wide.

email: auckland.sec@ulysses.org.nz

phone: 021 844 040



FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
25 th Dec 2025	Christmas Day !!	Wherever!
1 ST Jan 2026	Milky Bar Run	See the Runs list
4 th March 2026	Auckland Branch AGM	Manukau Cruising Club
27 th – 29 th March 2026	National Rally & AGM	Nelson
8 th Aug 2026	Remembrance 2026	Taupo TBA



Ulysses

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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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Contact your local branch for upcoming events and joining information:





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

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 INCLUDE YOUR 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 .

Tue 2nd December

TUESDAY EASY RIDERS

RIDE - MEDIUM

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

Wed 3rd December

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. A great nite of socialising and catching up

Sat 6th December

BRONZ Annual Toy Run - Short, anyone

Meet 9am, leave 10am. Destination Salvation Army. Papakura. Finn 027-6326 or 09-625-5533. Departs Bombay Z 10-00am
Bring a new packaged toy if you can

Sat 6th December

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.

Tue 9th December

TUESDAY EASY RIDERS

RIDE - MEDIUM

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

Thurs 11th December

SOCIAL – West Auckland Dinner & Social Night.

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

Sat 13th December

SOCIAL – Coffee, Cakes & Conversation

Karaka General Store & Café [257 Linwood Road Karaka](#)

Meet at 10.00am, choose your own departure time

Sun 14th December

RIC Rocky

Departing Z Bombay 10:00am

Tue 16th December

TUESDAY EASY RIDERS

RIDE - MEDIUM

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

Autobarn at 10.00am.

Thurs 18th December

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 20th December

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 027 463342

Departs Bombay Autobarn at 10.00am.

Tue 23rd December

TUESDAY EASY RIDERS

RIDE - MEDIUM

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

Tue 30th December

TUESDAY EASY RIDERS

RIDE - MEDIUM

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

PLEASE NOTE - there is no Longer Ride for December.

Wed- 1st Jan

MILKY BAR RUN 2026 MEDIUM

Anyone

Take a gentle cruise around the streets of Auckland without the traffic, possibly the only chance we will get to do this is early on the first day of year. Have a laugh with your clubmates, celebrate the fact the new year is beginning without a hangover.

Those of you who regularly come on this run, please note, the later start time.

Chris is RIC - Phone or 0210347996

MacDonald's Quay street at 09.00 am.

Tue 6th January

TUESDAY EASY RIDERS

RIDE - MEDIUM

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

Sat 10th January

Little's Newbies & Oldies

RIDE – SHORT

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Nathan is RIC Ph 027 463342

Departs Bombay Autobarn at 10.00am.

Tuesday 13th January 2026 Easy Riders Longer Ride

This month we will break from our routine of last Tuesday in the month. The reason is to take advantage of the (hopefully) quieter traffic volumes and head north.

The lunch destination will be Matakana or nearby.

The start location will be the Manukau Cruising Club carpark departing 9.30 a.m. sharp.

Any questions - ask Tony 020 414 85160 or David T

Sun 18th January Vance Medium

Departing Z Bombay 10:00am

Tue 20th January

TUESDAY EASY RIDERS

RIDE - MEDIUM

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

Sat 24th January

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.

Tue 27th January

TUESDAY EASY RIDERS

RIDE - MEDIUM

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



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 [Auckland Ulysses Facebook](#) 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
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12. TOP TEN MOTOR CAMPS Join Top Ten Group

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Phone Aaron **027 228 9724**

email aaron@quartersawn.co.nz

Paul B #8082

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

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

If you would like to attend a meeting to present an item for discussion please contact the Branch President - auckland@ulysses.org.nz or 027 481 2700

If anyone would like to see the minutes of a meeting you just need to request such from the Branch Secretary - auckland.sec@ulysses.org.nz or 021 844 040

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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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