

JUNE 2026 NEWSLETTER

NEXT CLUB NIGHT IS WEDNESDAY 3RD JUNE
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



I'm sitting on a train from Sydney to Port Macquarie, reflecting on what's been a busy month for the Club.

We've re-introduced moonlight rides and the first one was on Saturday 2nd May, just happened to be a full moon. Nine bikes left the Botany BP and rode out through Whitford, over Brookby and via Clevedon out through Kawakawa Bay and to Kaiaua for fish and chips. Riding over the hill and looking out over the Firth of Thames with the moonlight striking the water was picturesque. After Kaiaua we rode out to Mangatawhari and most carried on to Bombays and home, however four of us stopped for dessert at the Bombay service centre.



Writing my report, sitting on a train from Sydney to Port Macquarie



The Kaiaua Moonlight Fish and Chips team

For the next moonlight ride we're looking to go out to Awhitu Peninsula. The regular Saturday rides get the usual half dozen riders, however it would be good to see more. The Tuesday rides still get a good turnout, but the Sunday ride has dwindled, so we need to get an idea of what people want and a regular RIC.

I along with a number of other Auckland Branch members, attended the Memorial ride for Neil. He was a well respected member of Ulysses and it was great to see so many turn out to show support. All the best to Faye and the family.

We've had a bike down, with Clive ending up in hospital, initially Northshore then transferred to Middlemore. With a broken ankle, which needed surgery, cracked ribs and damaged shoulder, he's taking a bit to come right. Our thoughts are with you and hopefully see you back on the bike soon.

There's a few other Club events coming up, with the BBQ at Craig and Raewyn's place on the 4th of July. There will be a few of us meeting at the cruising club and then ride out to Waimauku. Details on the website. A couple of other events to keep in mind are, Remembrance at Taupo in August, Motorcycle Awareness Month event at Papakura Club including a, Show n Shine, on the 12th of September and the overnight ride to Stratford 3rd & 4th of October, coming back through the Forgotten Highway the next day. All event details are on the website.

The Committee are cooking up some other events, so if you have any ideas, let us know.

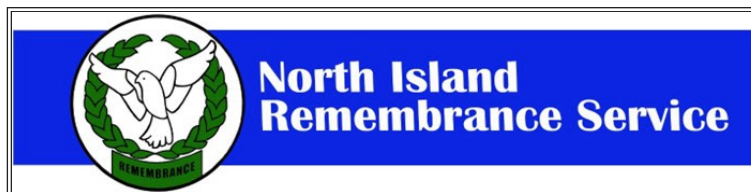
Growing the club is important and we've had a couple of new applicants, one being Paul who has been on a couple of rides and attended Club night, so hopefully more to come.

That's it for now.
Ride safe
Grant Johnstone
Auckland President

Long Service Awards

The following members are due their Long Service Awards and these will be presented at the next Club night if the recipients would like to attend.

Janny Nicoll	Member # 9471	10 years
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**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.

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 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 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.

A formal ride of respect through Taupō 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, 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 (ulyssesauckland.org.nz)

UP COMING EVENTS TO NOTE.

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
4 th July	Mid-Winter Lunch	Craig & Raewyn's – see notice
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

LUNCH EVENT - INVITATION



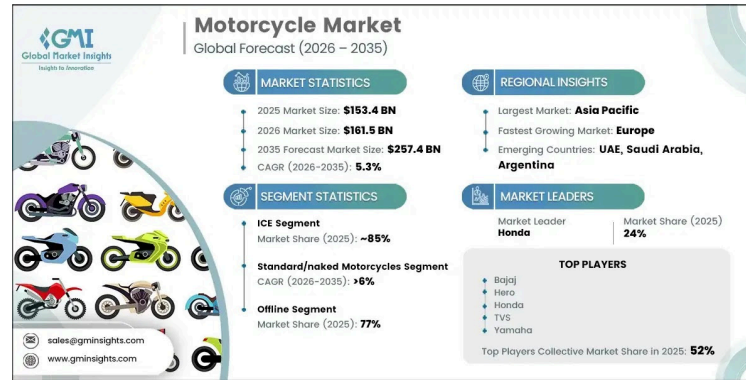
Craig and Raewyn Moodie invite any Ulyssians to attend a mid winter lunch at their place - July 4th - 12 noon

Address: [278 Matua Road, Kumeu](#) (turn right past 2 story white house), heaps of parking down the driveway.

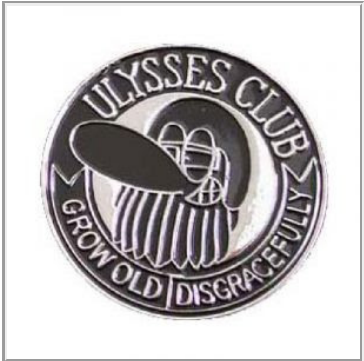
DETAILS: Meat, tea and coffee provided for a koha, BYO drink and either nibbles, salad or dessert.

Text Raewyn 021797427 to RSVP. See you there.

Note: there will be an organised ride to the event, see the Rides list



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](#)

IS YOUR MEMBERSHIP UP TODATE?

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.

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- 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 YOU 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 to Clive Thomas (President) 027 481 2700 .

Tues 2nd June

TUESDAY EASY RIDERS RIDE - MEDIUM

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

Wed 3rd June

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

Sun 7th June

Sunday Ride RIDE - MEDIUM

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

Tues 9th June

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Thurs 11th June

SOCIAL – West Auckland Dinner & Social Night.

New Lynn RSA, 2 Veronica Street, New Lynn. Meet from 6.30pm onwards.

Sat 13th June

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 16th June

TUESDAY EASY RIDERS RIDE - MEDIUM

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

Sat 20th June

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 21st June

Sunday Ride RIDE - MEDIUM

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

Tues 23rd June

TUESDAY EASY RIDERS RIDE - MEDIUM

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

Sat 27th June

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 30th June

TUESDAY EASY RIDERS RIDE - MEDIUM

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

Wed 1st July

CLUB NIGHT

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Sat 4th July

Ride to Craig and Raewyns Lunch function

Leaving at 11am from

Manukau Cruising Club - Orpheus Place Onehunga

Phil Biddick is RIC 0274811595

Lunch at Craig and Raewyns

Sun 5th July

Sunday Ride RIDE - MEDIUM

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Tues 7th July

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Departs Bombay Autobarn at 10.00am.

Tues 14th July

TUESDAY EASY RIDERS RIDE - MEDIUM

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

Sat 18th July

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 19th July

Sunday Ride RIDE - MEDIUM

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



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.



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Contact your local branch for upcoming events and joining information:

DISCOUNT

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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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.

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

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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