



MARCH 2026 NEWSLETTER

**NEXT CLUB NIGHT IS OUR AGM - WEDNESDAY 4TH
MARCH - 7 PM SHARP-**



**Location: Manukau Cruising Club - Orpheus Drive - Onehunga
Doors open at 6.30pm - Dinner and drinks available
The AGM starts at 7pm
Please bring your membership Card**

PRESIDENTS REPORT



Hi folks and welcome to my last report as your Auckland President. This has been a particularly tough year for me but I will be forever grateful for the help and support I've received from club members. It does my heart good to know that the Auckland branch will be in good hands. I must say a huge thank you to the people that put their hands up to take on certain rolls that help make the branch run smoothly. Grant Johnstone (President) Martin Pepper (Vic President) Roger Judd (Secretary) Evan Swenson (Treasurer) and Janny Nicoll (Committee). I would love to see a couple more people join the committee, as they say many hands make light work. A couple of other rolls that needed are a welfare officer and a runs coordinator so if you would like to volunteer for either of these rolls then please let any committee know. Craig & Raewyn Moodie for hosting the inter branch BBQ, taking care of the food at our rally, looking after the interactive runs list, making the Motorcycle Show a great success and conducting the service at our Remembrance Run. Peggy O'Neal for her tremendous work in looking after the Remembrance books, organizing the readers and looking after the registrations for our Rally. The RICs that give up their time to organize and take rides. Neville Kerr and Claudia Wilson who are standing down from the committee. It has been great to see a turn out of people on the few Coffee & Conversations that I have been able to attend over the last year. Please remember folks you get out of something what you are prepared to put into it. Ulysses is a fantastic club that has to rely on volunteers to be able to function. Be kind to your fellow humans and keep the shiny side up. Cheers

Clive Thomas (2383)
Auckland President (Retired)

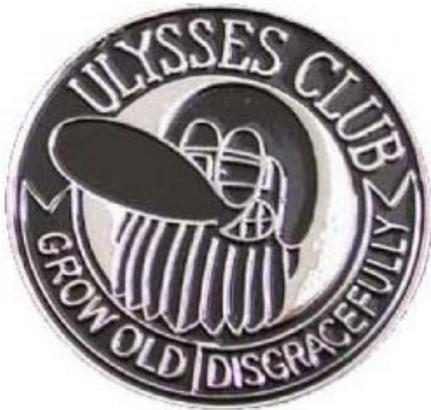
Long Service Awards

There are some members due a Long Service Award badge this month but as our next meeting is the AGM, we will combine March and April presentations at our April Club night meeting. Watch out for next months Newsletter where there will be March and April's award recipients published.

UPCOMING EVENTS OF NOTE

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
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 Rotary Club

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](#)

CHANGE OF VENUE - REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY 2026 - 8TH AUGUST

In an effort to reduce costs for this event, and the smaller participation in recent years, this years event will be held at the Taupo Rotary Club [12 Story Place Taupo](#) (diagonally opposite the Taupo Event Centre).

It is suggested you book your accomodation early !



247cc SOHC Twin
Dry Weight 373 LB / 169 KG



1960 HONDA CB72 HAWK
POWER : 24 HP / 9,000 Rpm
TORQUE : 13 Ft-lb / 5,700 Rpm

FB : MOTOPOST-13

444cc DOHC Twin
Dry Weight 412 LB / 187 KG



1965 HONDA DREAM CB450
POWER : 42.4 HP / 8,500 Rpm
TORQUE : 27.7 Ft-lb / 7,250 Rpm

FB : MOTOPOST-13

ULYSSES
AUCKLAND BRANCH

NOTICE OF AGM
ULYSSES CLUB OF NZ INC, AUCKLAND BRANCH
WEDNESDAY 4TH MARCH 2026

Location: The Manukau Cruising Club, Orpheus Drive, Onehunga, Auckland

Date: Wednesday 4th March 2026

Time: 7:00 pm

1. Welcome and Introductory Comments
2. Attendees and Apologies
3. Minutes of 37th Branch AGM held on 5th March 2025
4. President's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Runs Co-ordinator Report
7. Social Events Report
8. General Business and remits
9. Election of Officers and Committee Members

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Secretary

Committee

Note: All Apologies, Remits / items for General Business and Officers and Committee completed Nomination forms -

Please email to: Auckland.sec@ulysses.org.nz

or mail to The Secretary, 6 Jackies Place, Pukekohe, Auckland 2120

Nomination form for Uylsses Club of NZ Incorporated.
Auckland Branch Committee Positions 2026/2027

Name:	Ulysses Number:
Position nominated for:	
Nominator:	Ulysses Number:
Seconded:	Ulysses Number:
Nominees Consent Signature:	Date:

IS YOUR MEMBERSHIP UP TDATE?

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 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 .

- **Sun 1st March**
- **Sunday Ride** to Kawhia *RIDE - Long* Dave is RIC Ph 0211486831. Departs Bombay Autobarn at 10.00am.
- **Tues 3rd March**
- **TUESDAY EASY RIDERS** *RIDE - MEDIUM*
- David is RIC Ph 021 901 274. Destination decided on the day. Departs Bombay Autobarn at 10.00am.
- **Wed 4th March**
- **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 7th March**
- **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 027 463342
- Departs Bombay Autobarn at 10.00am.
- **Tues 10th March**
- **TUESDAY EASY RIDERS** *RIDE - MEDIUM*
- David is RIC Ph 021 901 274. Destination decided on the day. Departs Bombay Autobarn at 10.00am.
- **Thurs 12th March**
- **SOCIAL – West Auckland Dinner & Social Night.** New Lynn RSA, [2 Veronica Street, New Lynn](#). Meet from 6.30pm onwards.
- **Sat 14th March**
- **SOCIAL – Coffee, Cakes & Conversation**
- Karaka General Store & Café [257 Linwood Road Karaka](#)
- Meet at 10.00am, choose your own departure time
- **Sun 15th March**
- **Sunday Ride** *RIDE - MEDIUM*
- RIC to be confirmed Ph 021797487. Destination decided on the day. Departs Bombay Autobarn at 10.00am.
- **Tues 17th March**
- **TUESDAY EASY RIDERS** *RIDE - OPTIONS*
- **Medium ride option:**
- David is RIC Ph 021 901 274. Destination decided on the day. Departs Bombay Autobarn at 10.00am.

- **Long Ride option:**
- Our longer ride for March is brought forward one week,
- Tony is RIC Ph 020 4148 5160 - Departs Bombay Autobarn at 9.30 a.m. sharp.
- Today we are going to explore roads between Cambridge and Te Kuiti. In order to make this happen within our timeframe, we will tackle the ride a little differently. On leaving Bombay, we will stay on the SH1 Expressway to Huntly.

- **Sat 21st March**
- **Littles Newbies & Oldies** *RIDE – SHORT*
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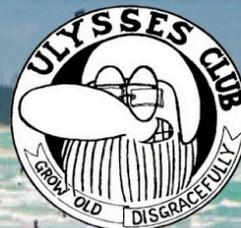
- **Tues 24st March**
- **TUESDAY EASY RIDERS** *RIDE - MEDIUM*
- David is RIC Ph 021 901 274. Destination decided on the day. Departs Bombay Autobarn at 10.00am.

- **Sun 29th March**
- **Sunday Ride** *RIDE - MEDIUM*
- Rocky RIC to be confirmed Ph 021797487. Destination decided on the day. Departs Bombay Autobarn at 10.00am.

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

27th to 29th March

National Rally weekend in Nelson

A perfect time to do the big south Island tour and put The Nelson rally/AGM on the agenda.

Don't miss one of the highlights of the Year.

- Tues 31st March
- 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 April**
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 - Departs Bombay Autobarn at 10.00am.

 - **Tues 7th April**
 - **TUESDAY EASY RIDERS** *RIDE - MEDIUM*
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 - **Sun 12th April**
 - **Sunday Ride** *RIDE - MEDIUM*
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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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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!**



POWER : 87 PS @ 8000 rpm
TORQUE : 83.4 Nm @ 6000 rpm
WEIGHT : 234 kg (Dry)

1978 SUZUKI GS1000E
997cc | Inline 4-cylinder



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onTrack

POWER : 84 PS @ 8000 rpm
TORQUE : 79.5 Nm @ 6500 rpm
WEIGHT : 245 kg (Dry)

1978 KAWASAKI Z1000
1015cc | Inline 4-cylinder





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- * Rallies**
- * Weekends away**
- * Dinners and Social Events**

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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.

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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 interest

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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