ULYSSES
AUCKLAND BRANCH

NOVEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

Next Club night is Wednesday 4th November

- Doors open and dinner available from 6.30PM
- Raffles and offical function begins at 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 Johnston



October has been very busy, starting with the overnight run to Stratford. Fourteen of us, twelve bikes started out from Bombay and whilst the weather was good to start it got progressively wetter as we travelled southwest, so unfortunately the decision had to be made not to do the detour taking us in the back roads into Inglewood. We arrived in Stratford with the weather starting to clear and everyone in good spirits. After everyone booked in and settled into their digs and rested, we walked down to Captain Malones, where the guys from the Taranaki branch met up with us for dinner. With our lot and the Taranaki branch, there were about 35 enjoying good company and conversation. Thanks to Bill from Taranaki Branch for organising their end. Sunday dawned, a beautiful day and once we had breakfast, headed off to travel the Forgotten World Highway. Fantastic scenery and interesting roads, stopping a couple of times to enjoy. But seeing Mt Taranaki in the mirror was terrific along with Ruapehu and Tongariro a bit further on. Whangamōmona came into sight after an hour and half where we stopped as the pub was just opening and coffee and scones were enjoyed.

The rest of the trip through to Taumaranui was really enjoyable with more spectacular scenery and interesting roads. Highly recommend riding the

Forgotten Highway.
Lunch and rest then making our way home and I think we all slept well that night. It was a long way and demanding roads but a great weekend with good people.
We're already working on the next overnight run. Won't be as long but will take in some interesting places to visit.





















The following weekend, Martin, Craig and I rode to Wellington on the Thursday. Martin peeling off in Palmy North to stay with friends before joining us in Wellington for the bbq on the Friday evening. We were attending the Ulysses Branch Co-ordinators meeting along with National Committee chairing the meeting. It was good meeting up with other branch Presidents/coordinators and realising we're facing some of the same issues. A number of subjects were covered over the weekend and from my point of view well worth attending. A big thanks to the Wellington branch for hosting, the food was great.
We left at different times on the Sunday; I had breakfast with family and left Wellington about 8.30 in the rain. Had an enjoyable ride back stopping at Taihape and Tīrau for replenishment and got home about 4:30





We have several events coming up over the next few months. The first, apart from our regular events, is the Annual Rally at Port Waikato. Come along and support this event, as members from other branches also attend. Please, we're open to suggestions for making this event memorable for all. The Saturday morning ride will start from Autoharn at Bombay, with stands up at 10am and finishing at the Rally venue with lunch served for a modest fee of $10.00. Craig and Raewyn, overseeing the food ensures a great feed whilst swapping lies with the others. The RIC is Roger.
Also, our December/Christmas club night will be at The Landing in Onehunga.

The theme is, well, Christmas so come dressed in costume and there will be the odd prize. You can order your meal from the Landings menu and there will be some Christmas treats as well. See you there.
Looking to next year, March club night is the Auckland Branch AGM, and we would love your input. It's your club after all. Don't worry, you won't be gang pressed on to the committee.

Well, that's it from me, safe riding and hope to see you at club events.

Safe riding
Grant Johnstone
Branch President

Long Service Awards - November 2026

Congratulations to the following member who has reached a significant milestone in their Ulysses Club membership.

Name	Member No.	Service
Peter Van Schalkwyk	#9881	10 Years

Congratulations on your 10-year milestone! 🎉🏍️

Events to note in your Diary

Date	Event	Location
20-22 November 2026	Annual Rally	Port Waikato
2 December 2026	Christmas Dinner & Club Night	The Landing, Onehunga
1 January 2027	New Year's Day Ride	Refer to Runs List
19-21 February 2027	Ulysses NZ AGM	Taupō Great Lake Centre
3 March 2027	Auckland AGM	TBA

🏍️ Ulysses Auckland Rally 2026

"River Meets the Sea"

🗓️ **20-22 November 2026**
📍 **Port Waikato School Camp**
67 Port Waikato-Waikaretu Road, Port Waikato

Join us for a great weekend of riding, friendship, food, and entertainment at the western edge of the Waikato where the river meets the sea.

Rally Facilities

✅ Bunkroom accommodation
✅ Tent & camper sites
✅ Hot showers and toilets
✅ Complimentary tea, coffee & baking
✅ Eating utensils provided

Please bring: Bedding and your own refreshments.

Costs

- Accommodation: **$25 per person, per night**
- Rally Badge: **$15**
- Friday BBQ: **$12**
- Saturday Cooked Breakfast: **$12**
- Saturday Dinner: **$25**
- Sunday Cooked Breakfast: **$12**

Registration

🕓 On-site registration opens **4:00pm Friday**

⚠️ **Entries close 8 November 2026**
⚠️ **No late entries accepted**
⚠️ **No pets permitted on site**

Payment

Ulysses Auckland Branch
03-0296-0046891-000

Reference: *Your Name - Membership Number - Rally 2026*

Entry Forms & Enquiries

👉 **Rally Entry Form**

Download the full entry form from our website, click below or contact Peggy for a copy.
https://www.ulyssesauckland.org.nz/2026-auckland-rally

📧 paonealulysses@outlook.com

📮 Peggy O'Neal
1/70 Haycock Avenue
Mt Roskill, Auckland 1041





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“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: _____

🎄 Christmas Dinner & Club Night

Wednesday, 2 December 2026

Join us for our final Club Night of the year as we celebrate Christmas and wrap up another great year of riding and friendship.

📍 **The Landing Restaurant & Bar**
2 Onehunga Harbour Road, Onehunga, Auckland

🕕 **Start:** 6.30 - 7:00 pm
🍽️ **Dinner Orders:** 7:15 pm sharp

Menu: À la carte (see detail below)
Drinks: Fully licensed bar available.

Accessibility

Please note that our function room is located upstairs and there is no lift access. If you require assistance with the stairs, please let Grant know beforehand and we will arrange assistance on your arrival.

Let's make this a great way to finish 2026, celebrate Christmas, and enjoy an evening of good food, good company, and plenty of laughter.
🎄 **Theme: Christmas Cheer**
Members are encouraged to wear festive clothing, Christmas shirts, hats, or other seasonal attire. Prizes may be awarded for the best dressed. 🎅🏍️

We look forward to seeing you there!









Welcome 2027 with the Annual Milky Bar Run

No Hangovers, Just Handlebars!

Friday, 1 January 2027

Start the New Year on two wheels with a relaxed cruise through Auckland's streets, enjoying the rare opportunity to ride with virtually no traffic. It's a great chance to catch up with fellow members, share a few laughs, and welcome 2027 without the burden of a New Year's Day hangover!

Ride Details

- **Departure:** McDonald's, Quay Street, Auckland
- **Time:** 9:00 am sharp - stands up
- **Destination:** Food Court, NorthWest Shopping Centre, opposite Westgate, Massey
- **Expected Arrival:** Between 11:00 am and 11:50 am

Ride Coordinator (RIC): John Heebink Mobile: 021 128 5806 or 09 8109 160

All members are welcome. Come along and enjoy a leisurely start to the year with good company and great riding.

For further details and registration, visit the **Milky Bar Run 2027** event on the Auckland Ulysses Club website.



🏍️ Ulysses Club Merchandise

Show your Ulysses pride with our range of official club merchandise!

- 👕 **T-Shirts & Hoodies**
- 🦺 **Hi-Vis Vests**
- 🏷️ **Name Badges**
- 🚀 **Decals**
- 🎖️ **Badges & Belt Buckles**

All items are available to purchase online.

🛒 **Shop Here:** https://ulysses.org.nz/Shop





🪪 Is Your Ulysses Membership Up to Date?

There are still some members who have not yet renewed their membership.

If you think this might be you, please take a moment to check your Membership Card and confirm your expiry date.

✅ **What to do**

1. Check your membership expiry date.
2. If your membership expired last year, it is not too late to renew.
3. Go online and pay your subscription:

https://ulysses.org.nz/statics/application_single.pdf

💰 **Membership Fees**

Membership Type	Fee
Three-Year Joint Membership	$180.00 per member
One-Year Joint Membership	$66.00 per member
Three-Year Individual Membership	$190.00
One-Year Individual Membership	$70.00

🏦 **Payment Details**

Bank: BNZ
Account: 02-0412-0001771-097

⚠️ **Please remember to include your name and Ulysses membership number in the payment details.**

👍 **That's It!**

Once you've made your payment, you're all set.

Thank you for keeping your Ulysses membership current. 🏍️

🏍️ Runs / Rides and Social Events Calendar

⚠️ **Important Notice**

The **Runs & Events Calendar** is now maintained and updated on the Auckland Ulysses website. Please check the website before attending any event in case of changes or cancellations.

🔗 **Runs Calendar:**
https://www.ulyssesauckland.org.nz/new-runs-list

📞 **Calendar enquiries:** Craig Moodie - 021 797 487

🏍️ Riders Please Read

✅ Arrive **10 minutes early**
✅ Start with a **full tank of fuel**
✅ Arrive with an **empty bladder**

Unless marked **"Experienced"**, rides are suitable for **all rider experience levels and motorcycle types**.

Ride Distance Guide

- **Short:** Up to 150 km
- **Medium:** 150-300 km
- **Long:** Over 300 km

📱 Each Ride Coordinator (RIC) carries a mobile phone for emergencies. Use the number listed with the ride and leave a message if there is no answer.

Ride Requirements

- Hold a current motorcycle licence appropriate for your motorcycle.
- Wear suitable riding gear.
- Ride a registered, warranted, and roadworthy motorcycle.
- Complete the rider register form and provide emergency contact details.

Ride Questions: Contact the listed RIC.
General Enquiries: Grant Johnstone (President) - 027 535 3066.

🏍️ November 2026 Events Calendar

Thursday 29 October

South Auckland Dinner & Social Night 📍 Papakura Club, 5 Croskery Road, Papakura
🕕 From 6:30 pm onwards
☎️ Chris: 021 034 7996

Sunday 1 November

Sunday Ride *(Medium Ride)* Departure from Bombay Autobarn at 10:00 am. Destination decided on the day.
☎️ RIC to be confirmed: 021 797 487

Tuesday 3 November

Tuesday Easy Riders *(Medium Ride)* Departure from Bombay Autobarn at 10:00 am. Destination decided on the day.

☎ David: 021 901 274

Longer Ride Day - Sealed Roads Due to poor weather forecasts for 27 October, this ride has been postponed by one week.

This month's destination is **Pat's Pies in Bethlehem**, runner-up in this year's Bakels National Sausage Roll Competition, travelling via Old Te Aroha Road.

🕛 Depart Bombay Autobarn at 9:30 am sharp.
☎ Tony: 020 4148 5160

Wednesday 4 November

Club Night 📍 Manukau Cruising Club, Orpheus Place, Onehunga
🍽 Dinner available from 6:30 pm
🍺 Licensed bar
🎟 Raffle
🕛 Meeting starts at 7:30 pm

Saturday 7 November

Littles Newbies & Oldies Ride *(Short Ride)* A relaxed ride ideal for newer riders, smaller bikes, or anyone wanting a pleasant cruise with friends.

☎ Nathan: 027 463 3442

Tuesday 10 November

Tuesday Easy Riders *(Medium Ride)* Departure from Bombay Autobarn at 10:00 am. Destination decided on the day.
☎ David: 021 901 274

Thursday 12 November

West Auckland Dinner & Social Night 📍 New Lynn RSA, 2 Veronica Street, New Lynn
🕛 From 6:30 pm onwards

Saturday 14 November

☕ **Coffee, Cake & Conversation** 📍 Karaka General Store & Café
257 Linwood Road, Karaka

Meet from 10:00 am for coffee and a chat. Stay as long as you like and depart when you wish.

Sunday 15 November

Sunday Ride *(Medium Ride)* Departure from Bombay Autobarn at 10:00 am. Destination decided on the day.
☎ RIC to be confirmed: 021 797 487

Tuesday 17 November

Tuesday Easy Riders *(Medium Ride)* Departure from Bombay Autobarn at 10:00 am. Destination decided on the day.
☎️ David: 021 901 274

🌊🏍️ Feature Event: Auckland Rally 2026

"River Meets the Sea"

20-22 November 2026 📍 Port Waikato School Camp

Join fellow members for a fantastic weekend of riding, friendship, entertainment and great food at the point where the Waikato River meets the Tasman Sea.

Rally Highlights ✅ Bunkroom accommodation
✅ Tent and camper sites
✅ Hot showers and toilets
✅ Complimentary tea, coffee and baking
✅ Saturday ride to the rally site
✅ Great company and entertainment

Important Dates

- Entries close: **8 November 2026**
- Registration opens: **4:00 pm Friday**
- No late entries accepted
- No pets permitted

Saturday Club Ride to the Rally Leaves Autohaus Bombay at 10:00 am sharp.- see below

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Saturday 21 November

Club Ride to the Rally Site Starts at Autohaus Bombay. Stands up at 10:00 am.
Lunch at Port Waikato Rally Site.
RIC: Roger / Nathan 021 844 040
Lunch at the rally site ($10 donation requested).
** This will be a crusie and suitable for all skill levels and bikes

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Tuesday 24 November

Tuesday Easy Riders *(Medium Ride)* Departure from Bombay Autobarn at 10:00 am. Destination decided on the day.
☎️ David: 021 901 274

Longer Ride Day - Gravel Ride Our bi-monthly gravel ride returns this month.

Further details will be advised once the route is finalised.

🕖 Depart Bombay Autobarn at 9:30 am sharp.
☎️ Tony: 020 4148 5160

Thursday 26 November

South Auckland Dinner & Social Night 📍 Papakura Club, 5 Croskery Road, Papakura
🕖 From 6:30 pm onwards
☎️ Chris: 021 034 7996

Saturday 28 November

Littles Newbies & Oldies Ride *(Short Ride)* A relaxed ride for all members, particularly newer riders and those who enjoy an easy-paced cruise.

☎️ Nathan: 027 463 3442

🎄 Christmas Club Night - Change of Venue

Wednesday 2 December 2026

The Landing 📍 2 Onehunga Harbour Road, Onehunga

Join us for a festive evening from 6:30 pm at our Christmas-themed Club Night.

🤶 Christmas theme and dress-up encouraged
🎁 Spot prizes for best festive outfits
🍰 Christmas cake and fruit mince pies provided
🍽️ Order from the restaurant's à la carte menu
🍺 Licensed bar available

Come along, enjoy the holiday spirit, great food, and even better company as we celebrate another year of riding together. 🎄🏍️✨

** see seperate notice for more details **



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:

BECOME A MEMBER

- 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

Contact your local branch for upcoming events and joining information:

www.ulysses.org.nz

Ulysses Club NZ Inc



Ulysses Member Discounts

A range of businesses throughout New Zealand recognise the value of Ulysses Club membership and offer discounts to members.

⚠️ **Important:** Please present your current Ulysses membership card and **ask before making your purchase** to confirm that the discount is available.

Available Discounts & Offers

🚄 **Bluebridge Ferry** - 10% discount using promo code **ULYSSES10**
🚄 **Interislander Ferry** - Member discounts available (check when booking)
✅ **VTNZ** - 14% off Warrant of Fitness (WOF) inspections. Present your current Ulysses membership card.
⛽ **Kiwi Fuel Cards** - Apply online or contact info@kiwifuelcards.co.nz
🏍️ **Drury Motorcycles** - Auckland
🏍️ **Kiwi Motorcycle Rentals** - 10% discount. Email: info@kiwimotorcycles.co.nz
🚗 **Apex Auto Centre** - Hamilton
🪑 **Butt Buffer** - 15% discount. Email: info@buttbuffer.co.nz
🛏️ **EziBed NZ** - www.ezibed.com
⚖️ **Frankton Law**
🪡 **Cactus Upholstery** - Papakura

Offers may change from time to time. Please confirm discounts directly with the supplier before purchasing.





A reminder - Club night Raffle donations

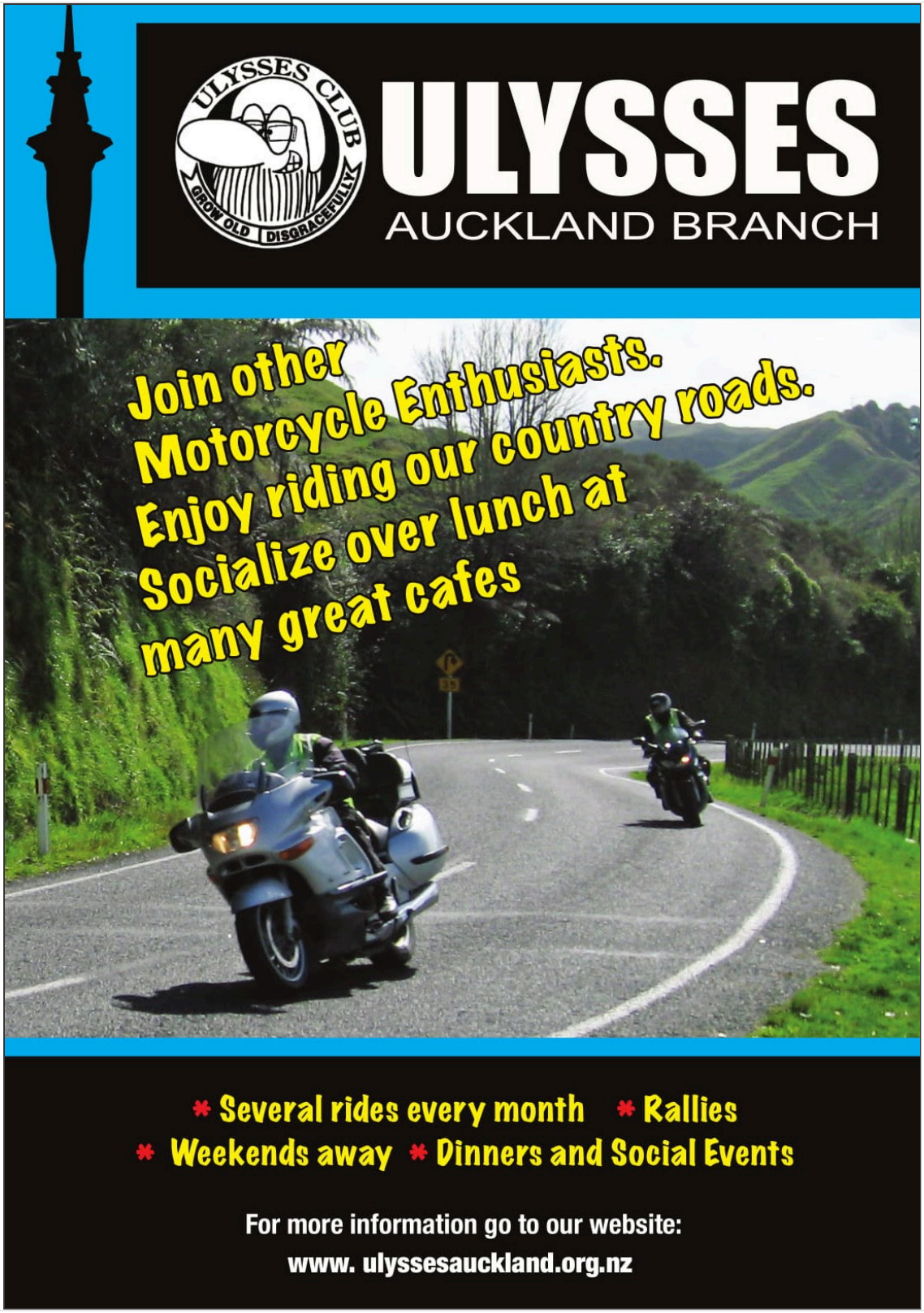
A friendly reminder that raffle prizes for our monthly Club Nights are not just the committee's responsibility. The raffles are an important source of income for our Branch, and member support is greatly appreciated.

Here are a couple of easy ways you can help:

🎂 **Birthday Month Donation**
If it's your birthday month, please consider donating a bottle of wine or another item of similar value for the raffle.

🎁 **Unwanted Gifts**
Have a Christmas or birthday gift gathering dust? Donate it as a raffle prize and give it a chance to bring joy to someone else.

👏 **Thank You!**
A big thank you to all the members who regularly support our raffles with donations. Your generosity helps keep our Branch thriving.



Business's, Cafes & 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 Avenye, 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 sandwhich 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.

Auckland Branch Officers and 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.

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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