



SEPTEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER



Next Club night is Wednesday 2nd September

- Doors open and dinner available from 6.30PM
- Raffles and official 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



August started with an interesting club night, with a guest speaker, 30-year badge recipient and visitors from South Side Riders.

Des from Drury Motorcycles was our guest speaker and he put forward some very passionate views on motorcycle registration and other motorcycle safety related topics. He also reminded us of the discount offered Ulysses members. Drury Motorcycles is also one of the sponsors for the MAM event in September.

Remembrance in Taupo followed the weekend after club night. I rode down Friday morning, meeting up with Philip and his wife at the Enchanted Cafe in Tīrau. It was a beautiful day for a ride and the view over Taupo looking across the lake to Ruapehu, Tongariro and Narahoe was spectacular.

The whole weekend went really well, from getting together at the Cossie Club Friday and Saturday nights to the ride Saturday morning to Rotorua and back. Pulling up at the Rotary venue there were already a lot of Ulyssians there and I think there was a total of around 150 all up for the service. The new venue proved to be very good and hopefully we can use this again next year. I would like to thank the Taupo guys for their efforts in sorting the venue and organising the ride. I would also like to thank Peggy for her consistent efforts in keeping the Remembrance Books up to date and organising the readers. Thanks to the readers and to Raewyn for the verses and Craig and Raewyn for organising the tea/coffee and biscuits. Also, thanks to the rest of our committee, Sandy, Martin, Roger, Evan and Jany for their efforts in making the weekend successful.

Thanks to all who attended that made it a weekend to remember.

The usual other events are going well, especially the Coffee and Conversation with another great turnout and another new potential member turning up and on a bike. Apparently, the Sunday ride had a good turnout as well and an enjoyable ride. Hopefully this will come the norm.

A first for me was a ride around the coromandel loop. Had intended just to ride to Tairua and back but got talking with another group of guys out for a ride and they convinced us to do the loop and very glad we did. Lunch at Coromandel village and very little traffic made it a very enjoyable ride. Got home by 4pm. Needless to say really looking forward to the next trip round the loop.

The next important event is the Motorcycle Awareness event 12th September. We need some helpers and as many riders as we can muster. And or compete in the show and shine.

Please contact me if you want to help on the day.

Well, that's about it for me, hopefully see you out riding.

Safe riding

Grant Johnstone

Branch President



Long Service Awards

😞 No long service awards this month. Has September forgotten how anniversaries work?

Events to note in your Diary

 Date	 Event	 Location
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
19 - 21 February 2027	Ulysses NZ AGM	Taupō



North Island Remembrance Service

2026 Remembrance Service Report

The move to the new venue proved successful, providing a more intimate and inclusive atmosphere than the larger Taupō Events Centre.

The visual presentation met our needs, although we will investigate possible improvements for next year's service. The sound system performed very well and was ideally suited to this event.

Attendance was approximately 150 people, an increase on previous years, reflecting the continued support of members.

The revised badge ordering process, allowing both pre-orders and purchases on the day, worked smoothly and was well received. The recently acquired EFTPOS machine also proved extremely valuable, making badge payments quick and convenient for attendees.

Overall, the service was well supported and the new venue was considered a positive step forward for future events.







A large collection of motorcycle parts and components, including a red fuel tank, engine, transmission, and various smaller parts, laid out on a blue tarp. The parts are organized into several groups, with some larger components like the engine and transmission in the center, and smaller parts like the fuel tank and various bolts and wires around them. The background shows a concrete floor and some cardboard boxes.

Motorcycle Awariness Ride
Saturday 12th September - 9am
Papakura Club



ULYSSES CLUB
AUCKLAND & NORTH HARBOUR
ULYSSES
PRESENTS THE
2026 MAM RIDE
FOR MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH

**LOOK TWICE.
SAVE A LIFE.
WE'RE OUT HERE.
LET'S ALL
GET HOME.**

DATE: SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER
(RAIN DATE SAT 19TH)

LOCATION: PAPA KURA CLUB - 5 CROSKERY ROAD

SHOW 'N' SHINE REGISTRATION: 9 - 10AM

RIDE REGISTRATION: 10 - 11:30AM

COST: \$35 INCL LUNCH AND RAFFLE TICKET
\$10 FOR SHOW 'N' SHINE COMPETITION

BRIEFING: 11:45AM

STANDS UP: 12NOON

PRIZEGIVING: 3PM AT PAPA KURA CLUB

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**LOOK TWICE. SAVE A LIFE.
MOTORCYCLES ARE EVERYWHERE.**



Ulysses Auckland Branch – October Overnight Ride

Auckland - Stratford - Forgotten Highway - Auckland

Date: Saturday 3 October – Sunday 4 October

Meeting Point: Z Station, Bombay

Meeting Time: 9:00 am

Stands Up: 9:30 am

Ride Leader (RIC): Martin Pepper

Tail End Charlie (TEC): Grant Johnstone

Join us for a leisurely weekend ride through some of the North Island's beautiful countryside. The route includes a number of comfort stops along the way, plus a scenic detour before emerging at Inglewood.

Saturday

- Depart Bombay at 9:30 am
- Scenic ride with regular comfort stops
- Arrive in Stratford for the overnight stay
- Most riders will be staying at the **Stratford Holiday Park** - please make your own booking and advise Grant of participation,
- **Stratford Motel & Holiday Park**
Tel: +64 6 765 6440
Email: info@stratfordholidaypark.co.nz
- Members of **Ulysses Taranaki Branch** will be joining us for dinner

Sunday

- Breakfast: 8:30 am
- Stands up: 9:30 am
- Return ride via the **Forgotten World Highway**
- Several sightseeing stops along the route
- Lunch in **Taumarunui**
- Continue back to Auckland with additional refreshment and comfort stops as required

For any queries, please contact **Grant Johnstone** on **027 535 3066**.

We look forward to seeing you on what promises to be an enjoyable weekend of riding, scenery, and camaraderie. Ride safe! 🏍️

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





ULYSSES AUCKLAND RALLY

"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: _____

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.

<https://ulysses.org.nz/Shop>

 **Shop Here:**



Front of Polo



Went to the shooting range with some friends the other day. Afterwards we stopped at Hooters for some wings and a beer. One of my friends asked, "Which waitress would you like to be stuck in an elevator with?" I answered, "The one that can fix elevators."

I'm old, I'm tired and I pee alot.





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.

September Ride and Social Calendar

Saturday 29 August

Littles Newbies & Oldies Ride • Short Ride

A relaxed, slower-paced ride ideal for new riders, smaller bikes, and anyone who enjoys a pleasant cruise with friends. All riders welcome.

RIC: Nathan

Phone: 027 463 3442

Depart: Bombay Autobarn, 10:00am

Tuesday 1 September

Tuesday Easy Riders • Medium Ride

Destination decided on the day.

RIC: David

Phone: 021 901 274

Depart: Bombay Autobarn, 10:00am

Wednesday 2 September

Club Night

Manukau Cruising Club

Orpheus Place, Onehunga

- Dinner available from 6:30pm
- Licensed bar
- Meeting starts at 7:30pm
- Raffles and plenty of chat

A great night for socialising and catching up with fellow members.

Saturday 5 September

Coffee, Cakes & Conversation

Karaka General Store & Café

[257 Linwood Road, Karaka](#)

Meet from **10:00am** for coffee and a chat. Stay as long as you like and depart at your leisure.

Sunday 6 September
Sunday Ride • Medium Ride

Destination decided on the day.

RIC: To be confirmed

Phone: 021 797 487

Depart: Bombay Autobarn, 10:00am

Tuesday 8 September
Tuesday Easy Riders • Medium Ride

Destination decided on the day.

RIC: David

Phone: 021 901 274

Depart: Bombay Autobarn, 10:00am

Thursday 10 September
West Auckland Dinner & Social Night

New Lynn RSA

[2 Veronica Street, New Lynn](#)

Meet from **6:30pm onwards**.

Saturday 12 September
*Motorcycle Awareness Month Event • Short Ride***Auckland North Harbour Event**

A Show & Shine at the Papakura Club followed by a short loop ride through the Hunua Ranges is currently planned.

See details earlier in Newsletter

Contact: Grant

Phone: 027 535 3066

Tuesday 15 September
Tuesday Easy Riders • Medium Ride

Destination decided on the day.

RIC: David

Phone: 021 901 274

Depart: Bombay Autobarn, 10:00am

Saturday 19 September
Littles Newbies & Oldies Ride • Short Ride

A relaxed, slower-paced ride ideal for new riders, smaller bikes, and anyone who enjoys a pleasant cruise with friends. All riders welcome.

RIC: Nathan
Phone: 027 463 3442
Depart: Bombay Autobarn, 10:00am

Tuesday 22 September
Tuesday Easy Riders • Medium Ride

Destination decided on the day.

RIC: David
Phone: 021 901 274
Depart: Bombay Autobarn, 10:00am

Thursday 24 September
South Auckland Dinner & Social Night

The Papakura Club
[5 Croskery Road](#) (off Hunua Road)

Questions: Chris – 021 034 7996

Meet from **6:30pm onwards**.

Tuesday 29 September
Tuesday Easy Riders • Medium Ride

Destination decided on the day.

RIC: David
Phone: 021 901 274
Depart: Bombay Autobarn, 10:00am

Longer Ride Option • Gravel Ride

Today's longer ride explores a selection of hidden gravel roads west, south, and east of Bombay. Expect a full-length ride with shorter distances and plenty of interesting roads.

Ride Leader: Tony
Phone: 020 414 85160
Depart: Bombay Autobarn, 9:30am sharp

Saturday 3 & Sunday 4 October
Weekend Away • Long Ride

Destination: Stratford via the Forgotten World Highway

See the newsletter for full details.

RIC: Grant
Phone: 027 535 3066

Tuesday 6 October

Tuesday Easy Riders • Medium Ride

Destination decided on the day.

RIC: David

Phone: 021 901 274

Depart: Bombay Autobarn, 10:00am

Wednesday 7 October
Club Night**Manukau Cruising Club**

Orpheus Place, Onehunga

- Dinner available from 6:30pm
- Licensed bar
- Meeting starts at 7:30pm
- Raffles, friendship and plenty of conversation

A great opportunity to catch up with fellow members and hear what's happening around the Branch.



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 Discounts

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
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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.





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*** 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)

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.

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 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

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.

The editor encourages right of reply, correspondence, criticism, and suggestions.
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