

NOVEMBER 2024 Newsletter

MONTHLY MEETING

MONTHLY MEETING THIS WEEK IS ON WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 6TH

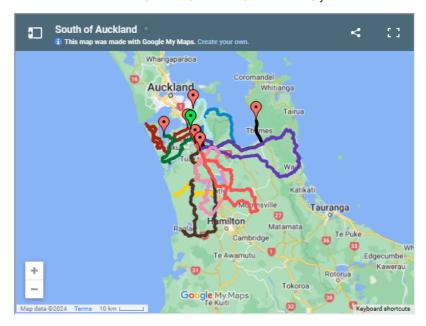
President's Report Hello from Sheryl



NEWSFLASH: As I type.....it's just over 8 weeks to Christmas! Who, like me, is never ready and are always in the shops on Christmas Eve still looking for gifts I'd like to address a few things that are available to us as Ulyssians. You will find in this issue, and in future issues, information and links to:

- Ulysses branded merchandise available place your order directly with Ulysses NZ
- Discounts on the Interislander and Bluebridge ferries

Branch ride routes - It had been mentioned at a branch night that it would be helpful, for those of us that aren't able to join in on our group rides due to work/other commitments/etc., to have a Google link or something similar to some of those rides that we've missed out on. Just in case you hadn't seen it before, we have this available to us on our branch website. It looks like the image below. Here is a link to that page on our website. Ulysses Club - Auckland Branch



Our regular branch rides and meets are happening as listed on our Events & Runs list. On an occasion or two there has been a lack of attendance. I am sure the better weather, that we are all looking forward to, will make a difference. I know I am looking forward to participating on 2 wheels. Being involved with a 4 wheeled club, as well as home chores, my weekends can get quite full.

I was pleased to have made time to ride to our recent CC & C at The Lime Tree Café, Whitford, to catch up with colleagues and the 'goss' that came with that.



Do you know of a secret spot or somewhere you think we'd be interested in riding to? Tell Chris or any of the RIC's.

A great weekend where our branch, together with North Harbour Ulysses, were well represented was at the recent NZ Motorcycle Show held at the ASB Showgrounds. We had a good selection of bikes of different styles to show the public we accommodate all. We came away with a list of enquiries from people interested in knowing more about Ulysses and joining the club.....I'm following up on these



What are we all doing with our printed copies of The Ulyssian when we've finished reading them? If you aren't keeping your copy, would you please share it with others. I've been taking my copies to work and leaving them in our lunchroom. Perhaps you can drop your copy into a waiting room, pass it onto someone that

enjoys reading magazines.... let's get our presence known and out there. On the "social" side of things, and this would be in addition to our bike rides that are already well accommodated, let me know if you have something you'd like us to do and I'll do my best to fit it in.

Chris has prepared our Christmas themed bike ride! On Sunday 15th December, we will meet at The Jolly Farmer, or Murphy's Law as known by some, to depart at 10am. The destination will be Omana Beach. This is a bring your own picnic/food/beverage. Christmas themed accessories/decoration would be a bonus. **AUCKLAND RALLY UPDATE**

Closing date for registrations to our "River Meets The Sea" rally at Port Waikato has been extended. So get in contact with Peggy NOW!! If you are not able to come along for the whole weekend you could come out for a ride/drive for lunch on Saturday (for a koha/donation) but you can also book in just for the dinner.

REMINDER TO ALL - Please check the lights on your m/cycle, including your brake light (handlebar and foot pedal) are working and while you're at it check your tyre tread depth.

Our branch nights are held on the first Wednesday of each month at the Manukau Cruising Club, with people arriving from 6.30pm for the meeting start at 7.30pm. You are welcome to donate something to the raffle table. Perhaps you have a story or a bit of news you'd like to share...we'd love to hear it.

Happy riding Sheryl Boyd VICE-PRESIDENT ULYSSES NZ - AUCKLAND BRANCH Member #9443 Mob: 021 675-328 auckland@ulysses.org.nz

Long Service Badges

Member # 4658 Neville Kerr 25 years

Member # 7961 Charles Cole 15 years

What Has Been Happening

For the latest click on this link <u>Ulysses Auckland Facebook Page</u>

Oct 19 Saturday morning gathering at Lime Tree Cafe





Oct 5/6 NZ Motorcycle Show





AUCKLAND RALLY

Hi everyone, it's time to take time to unwind before the Christmas festivities overwhelm us.

So, to do this make sure you are coming to our 2024 Auckland Rally "River meets the sea", Friday 15 - Sunday 17 November 2024.

We have:

- entertainment for you, Trevor Bolten, who has entertained us before at the Taupo Remembrance Service evening function at the Taupo Cosmopolitan Club
- our great chefs feeding us again
- a raffle table
- 24/7 tea and coffee
- fridges to store your BYO
- home baking Auckland Members please bring your best home baking or supermarket 'home' baking' – whoever does it best for you, I will bring Mum's Chocolate Crunch again...

<u>Click here for</u> the registration form, fill in your details, download and email or print and post. The rally site Port Waikato School Camp is BYO and no dogs allowed - both camp rules that I am sure we can manage."

| Thanks Peggy | | |
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ULYSSES AUCKLAND RALLY "RIVER MEETS THE SEA"

Friday 15 - Sunday 17 November 2024

PORT WAIKATO SCHOOL CAMP, PORT WAIKATO-WAIKARETU ROAD, PORT WAIKATO On-site registration opens Friday 4.00pm NO PETS ALLOWED ON SITE

FACILITIES: Bunkrooms, Camping/Campervan Parking. Hot showers, toilets, tea, coffee and baking available at no cost. Eating utensils, cup, plates & cutlery supplied.

BYO bedding and alcohol/mixers please. Completed forms and payments will help allocate rooms.

Post or email form and pay online only please.

To: Ulysses Club, PO Box 96219, Dominion Road, AUCKLAND 1446 or email peggyulysses@hotmail.co.nz Entries close 1 NOVEMBER 2024 - NO LATE ENTRIES ENTRY FORM: Ulysses No. Ulysses No. Rider/Pillion name: Address: Accommodation - \$25.00 per person per night, bunkroom, tent/camper etc. i.e. 2 nights = \$50 each No. of people: Fri ___ Sat __ nights @ \$25.00 bunkroom No. of people: Fri ___ Sat __ nights @ \$25.00 camp/van x @ \$15.00 per badge Rally Badge: x @ \$ 9.00 per person Friday Night BBQ: Saturday Cooked Breakfast: x @ \$ 9.00 per person Saturday Night Dinner: x @ \$20.00 per person Sunday Cooked Breakfast: x @ \$ 9.00 per person Online- Date of Payment /2024 TOTAL = Bank Details: Ulysses Auckland Branch 03 0296 0046891 000 Particulars "NAME" Code "MEMBERSHIP NUMBER" Reference RALLY 2024 I agree to hold the organizers blameless for any injury or accidental damage whatsoever which may occur whilst travelling to, attending or traveling from this event. NAMES / SIGNATURES: Rider/Pillion: Rider: Date:

AUCKLAND ULYSSES - KNOW YOUR COMMITTEE 2024/2025

Name - Janny Nicoll



Role on committee and any specialist events to look after. General Committee member

Year of Birth and where born.

Haha, none of your business but I will say I was born in Auckland

First full-time job role, apprenticeship or similar and with whom. Nursing training at Auckland Hospital.

Retired or still working.

Semi-retired and loving it.

Pets and names.

My beautiful German Shepherd named Eva and 2 cats named Jessie and Sadie.

First motorbike and year purchased.

When I was 18, I had a 250cc Honda.I can't remember what model, sorry, a lot of water under the bridge as they say.I've had an adventure style bike as well but, again, this was a long time ago and I can't remember what it was either.When I joined Ulysses, after many years "out of the saddle", I had to go through the licensing process all over again. My learner bike that I rode then was a 2003 Honda VTR 250cc. See the photo below.



Current 'ride bike'. 2017 Triumph Street Triple 660cc



Other bikes , project bikes / cars. Nothing other than my car.

Best bike you have owned or most regret selling it.It was sad to see my Honda VTR go but it meant I could get my Triumph Street Triple...woohoo!

Any notable long-distance trips / motorcycle tours completed in the last 10 years I rode around the South Island including going to the "Burt".

A long-distance motorcycle trip you might be planning into the future. No longdistance trips on the cards at this stage.

What you enjoy about the Ulyssess Club. I've enjoyed and will continue to enjoy meeting other fellow bike riders.

ACC Levies - Are They Fair For Bikers

Below is an opinion piece by the editor and not the view of the club. To the best of my knowledge there is no club view on ACC. A summary version of this was my submission to ACC.

As any insurance company knows to make money you need plenty of policy holders that will never make a claim or any claims costs will be well below premiums in the long run. All you careful drivers are paying the repair bills for the less careful ones. ACC is no different. As part of your income tax ACC charges a levy even though the majority of those tax payers will have only minor accidents. Kiwis decided a long time ago that as a caring society we would have part of our taxes pay for health care. There are obviously many of us that simply don't have the sort of money to pay the actual cost of doctors and hospitals.

Then came ACC. It was sold as a way of freeing up the court system by removing the right to sue for accident personal liability in return the state would cover all accident costs. These costs would be covered by levies. To some extent this was a bit of a con as the right to sue could have been removed without the ACC bureaucracy and the existing tax paid health care extended to cover the scope of what is now ACC. In part at least the ACC levy is actually another way of paying for health care.

ACC was also intended to be 'No Fault' meaning not only does the at fault individual not get penalised but high risk groups within the tax paying population are not targeted. Rugby players, other sports injuries, DIYers', dirt bike riders, scooter riders all have injuries that

are a significant cost. All of us non-sports players contribute to covering the huge cost of sports injuries. Why are all these groups not levied? The reasons are pretty obvious. There would huge outcry if before playing your favorite sport, or getting out your power tools you had to register and pay hundreds of dollars to ACC. Also there is no mechanism in place for collecting the money and all these individuals are already paying a levy.

So why are bikers targeted. Firstly with the process of registering a bike was already in place so it was easy to add an ACC charge. Secondly your average Joe Public considers bikers to be a bunch of risk taking anti-social types who deserve to be wacked ever cent possible because then Joe's own levy will be less. Likewise politicians don't see supporting bikers as a vote winner so ACC can do what they like.

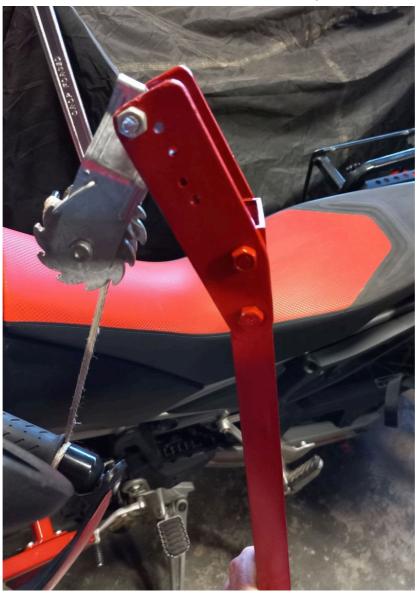
It is inequitable to expect all us safe motorcyclists who have never had an ACC claim to cover even part of the cost of the relatively small number of riders that have accidents. Plus there are all the accidents where the rider is not at fault. Perhaps one day motorcyclists will fall in to the same category as push bikers, dirt bikers, e_bike riders, e_scooters and rugby players.

Ed.

DIY Bike Lift

As we all know one of the down sides of getting old is not having the strength you used to. While currently I can just lift my bike up off the ground so long as it is on the flat and I remove the luggage I know the time is coming when I am going to need help. As I frequently ride alone in remote places I am going to have to carry that help with me. I tried a couple of options recently none of which were practical but I was doing a bit of fencing down on the farm recently when it occurred to me as I tightened the fence wire with a strainer that I could crank up some real tension with a wire strainer. In fact probably the full two hundred kilos that my bike weighed.

I had a bit of aluminum square tube left over from another project. Bolt the strainer on the end and wind on one of my bits of dyneema rope that I use for interisland ferry tie downs and it was done. Dyneema by the way is great stuff. I use four millimeter which has no stretch and a breaking strain of fifteen hundred kilos. Just to make it look better I sprayed it with some of the red paint left over from my crash bars. While I have not had to use it in the wild I have tested it a few times and found it works best attached to the end of a handlebar.





Group versus Club

Ed (Paul B)

With the no adventure bike club rides (gravel and dirt roads) I had been largely riding alone when I met up with a group of like minded fellow adventure riders and joined their group. There are a number of significant differences in organisation between the club and the group. I thought it worthwhile to highlight these differences.

The first major difference is simply that there is no group money at all. No sub, no ride fee and no group funds. This means no one member of the group can incur liability on behalf of others. No need for incorporation or group officers. While on occasions a purchase will be made for the group (a couple of dozen beer being the most common) each of us chip in and we make sure no cash is left.

With no officers any decisions are made by group consensus. Usually discussion is about trip routes and dates. So how are rides decided? Fortunately technology makes this easy. A shared Google sheet lets anyone enter a date, time and google maps route of a ride they want to do. The ride can be anywhere, anytime and may be something you are definite about and don't mind company or just a route you fancy doing. If the ride has difficult sections where we are concerned for someone's safety we will discuss it and may walk the bike or change the route. The group always stays together on rides for safety, to help each other and because it is all about enjoying the ride and each others company.

While we cannot undertake something like a rally we have what amounts to the same thing in a get together around a fire at some remote campsite. There are also regular gatherings in a garage or a front lawn or around a couple of tables in a garden bar.

Perhaps some of these could be considered to make the club experience more enjoyable.





ULYSSES CLUB MERCH

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.

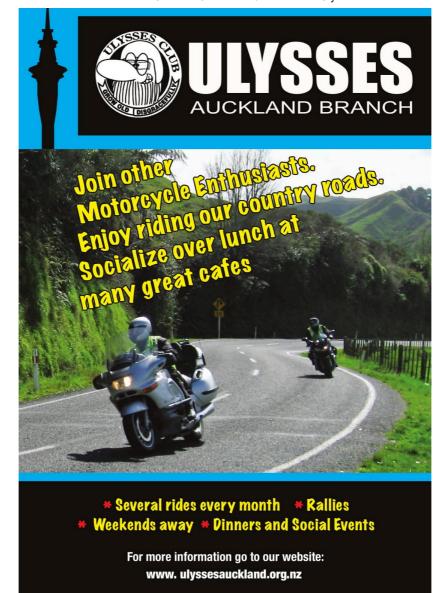
There is currently one for twenty percent but subject to conditions. Click here for details. Note you cannot use two discount codes at the same time.

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

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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 INCUDE YOU NAME AND ULYSSES # IN THE DETAILS

Job done thanks.

Important Runs Information

For all rides, please be at the departure point 10 Minutes early with a FULL GAS TANK and an EMPTY BLADDER. If you are not sure if the run may be cancelled because of inclement weather phone the RIC before leaving home.

Ride format

SHORT: 150 km, MEDIUM: 150 - 300 km, LONG: 300 - 500 km, XTRA/LONG: Over 500 km

CRUISE: These runs, usually monthly on a Saturday are offered at a more leisurely pace and of short distance.

ANYONE: A ride for any Club member, noting that you are to assess your own capability in relation to the RIC of the day, the destination and likely distance. EXPERIENCED: Intended for experienced riders these are generally longer rides with less stops to regroup.

Each RIC will carry a Mobile Phone for emergencies. You will be required to provide your own details and contact details on arrival and before the ride briefing.

RIC Contact List

Please click on this link and read our Branch's <u>Club Ride Guidelines</u> before going on any of our organised rides.

The Rider in Charge (RIC) will be organising the day. Contact them for details.

All riders participating in a Ulysses Ride are expected to hold a current motorcycle license and to have a registered and warranted road-worthy motorcycle. All riders are responsible for their own safety and compliance with all road Rules.

Questions relating to rides call the RIC or Chris Moller (Runs Co-ordinator) 09 298 1702 or 021 034 7996.

General questions to Sheryl Boyd (President) or Secretary auckland.sec@ ulysses.org.nz

RUNS AND SOCIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

TSun- 3rd Nov

RONNIE RUN 2024

Meet at the Africa bar.10 William Pickering Drive. Albany From 09-00. Registration \$10. Further info Auckland & North Harbour Facebook page.

Tue- 5th Nov

TUESDAY EASY RIDERS MEDIUM

Please Note Early Start. 10-00am Anyone

Dave is RIC - Phone or 021-148-6831

Departs Papakura Service Centre 10-00am

Wed- 6th Nov

CLUB NIGHT, CRUISING CLUB

Sun- 10th Nov

CAMBRIDGE WITH CHRIS MEDIUM

Chris is RIC - Phone 09 298 1702 or 021 034 7996

Anyone

Departs Bombay Z 10-00am

Tue- 12th Nov

TUESDAY EASY RIDERS

Pick your R.I.C.and Destination on the day. For more info contact Dave Tantrum 021 901 274 Departs Papakura Service Centre 10-00am

Thu- 14th Nov WEST AUCKLAND DINNER & SOCIAL NIGHT Fri- 15th Nov AUCKLAND BRANCH RIVER MEETS THE SEA

16TH 17TH PORT WAIKATO SCHOOL CAMP

PORT WAIKATO-WAIKARETU ROAD, PORT WAIKATO 2695

Registration Opens 4.00PM Friday 13th Nov 2024.

Sat- 16th Nov

LITTLES NEWBIES & OLDIES SHORT

Take a leisurely ride to call in at the rally site in Port Waikato.

Nathan is RIC - Phone or 0274633442

Departs Papakura Service Centre 10-00am

Tue-19th Nov

TUESDAY EASY RIDERS

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Pick your R.I.C.and Destination on the day. For more info contact Dave Tantrum 021 901 274 Departs Papakura Service Centre 10-00am

Sat- 23rd Nov COFF

COFFEE, CAKES AND CONVERSATION - SOUTH

KARAKA GENERAL STORE & CAFÉ. 257 LINWOOD ROAD

KARAKA.

Meet at 10:00am for a coffee and chat, choose your own

departure time.

257 Linwood rd, Karaka.

Sun- 24th Nov

CORO LOOP WITH DAVE LONG

Dave is RIC - Phone or 021-148-6831

Departs Bombay Z 10-00am

Tue- 26th Nov

TUESDAY EASY RIDERS EXTRA LONG

Please note. Early start 10-00am. Lunch at McLaren Falls. With

Tony. Anyone

For more info contact Dave

Tantrum 021 901 274

Tony is RIC - Phone or 020-414-85160
Departs Papakura Service Centre 10-00am

Thu- 28th Nov

SOUTH AUCKLAND DINNER & SOCIAL NIGHT

Papakura Club,5 Croskery Rd,off Hunua Rd. Contact Chris 092891702 or 0210347996.

Tue- 3rd Dec

TUESDAY EASY RIDERS

Pick your R.I.C.and Destination on the day. For more info contact Dave Tantrum 021 901 274 Departs Papakura Service Centre 10-00am

Wed-4th Dec

CLUB NIGHT, CRUISING CLUB

Sat-7th Dec

BRONZ 40TH ANNUAL TOY RUN SHORT

Meet 9am, leave 10am. Destination Salvation Army. Papakura.

Anyone

Finn 027-6326 or 09-625-5533 Departs Bombay Z 10-00am

Sun-8th Dec

MOKAU WHITEBAIT FRITTER RUN. LONG

Please note. Early start 09-00am. Expncd

Chris is RIC - Phone 09 298 1702 or 021 034 7996

Departs Bombay Z 09-00am

Tue- 10th Dec

TUESDAY EASY RIDERS

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Sat- 14th Dec

Thu- 12th Dec WEST AUCKLAND DINNER & SOCIAL NIGHT

Nathan is RIC - Phone or 0274633442

Departs Papakura Service Centre 10-00am

Sun- 15th Dec

CHRISTMAS PICNIC RIDE SHORT

LITTLES NEWBIES & OLDIES SHORT

Bring your own food. Or we will stop at a bakery on the way. Nice

Anyone

and slow ride everyone welcome

Chris is RIC - Phone 09 298 1702 or 021 034 7996

Departs The Jolly Farmer Inn, Drury. 10-00am

Tue- 17th Dec

TUESDAY EASY RIDERS

Pick your R.I.C.and Destination on the day. For more info contact Dave Tantrum 021 901 274 Departs Papakura Service Centre 10-00am

Thu- 19th Dec

SOUTH AUCKLAND DINNER & SOCIAL NIGHT

Papakura Club,5 Croskery Rd,off Hunua Rd. Contact Chris 092891702 or 0210347996.

Sat-21st Dec

COFFEE, CAKES AND CONVERSATION - EAST

Back to Lime Tree Café

Meet at 10:00am for a coffee and chat, choose your own

departure time.

Lime Tree Café. Whitford

Sun- 22nd Dec

HOPIN STOPIN CAFÉ WITH VANCE MEDIUM

Vance is RIC - Phone 09 278 7229 or 021 023 83498

Anyone

Departs Bombay Z 10-00am

Wed- 1st Jan

MILKY BAR RUN 2025 MEDIUM

Take a gentle cruise around the streets of Auckland without the Anyone

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.

John is RIC - Phone 098109160 or 0211285806 MacDonald's Quay street at 09.00 am.

BRANCH SOCIAL NIGHT Starts at approx. 6-30pm. Dinner Tea &

Coffee are available at all venues. Name badges must be worn. Visitors Welcome.

Venue; Manukau Cruising Club. Orpheus PI, Onehunga.

WEST AUCKLAND SOCIAL EVENING; Venue -New Lynn RSA. 2 Veronica St, New SOUTH AUCKLAND SOCIAL EVENING; Venue -Papakura Club, 5 Croskery Road, Papakura

Committee Meetings are held at 7:00pm on the third Monday of each month at The Manukau Cruising Club, Orpheus Road, Onehunga

"After Match Function" means an organized group ride returning back to a venue. Rally Entry Forms etc. are available on Club Nights.

Club Night Meeting Wednesday 4th December

Held at Manukau Cruising Club on the 1st Wednesday of the Month. Meals available from 6:00pm and meeting starts at **7:30pm**



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 <u>Auckland Ulysses Facebook</u> 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 2024

- 1. Interislander and 2. BLUEBRIDGE Click Here
- 3. VTNZ current Ulysses card 31 Dec 2024
- 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
- 11. ASURE ACCOMM GROUP Join Azure Group
- 12. TOP TEN MOTOR CAMPS Join Top Ten Group

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MEMBERS' FREE ADS

QUARTERSAWN Custom Wood Creations

We are experienced craftsman that will create your custom piece to your requirements. Furniture, cabinetry, library, doors any wood project.

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

| For examples click on <u>quartersawn</u> Phone Aaron 027 228 9724 email <u>aaron@quartersawn.co.nz</u> Paul B #8082 | |
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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.

- Paul Edgar # 8897

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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