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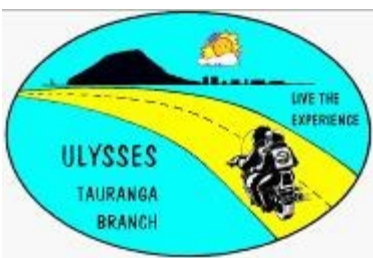
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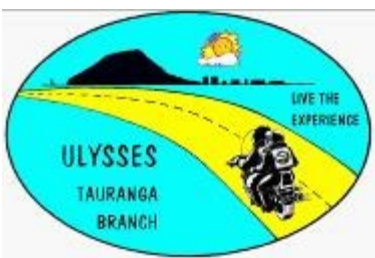
## NEXT CLUB NIGHT

Our next club night is on the  
20th May 2025 at the Tauranga Citz Club  
7.30 pm or 1930 hrs

Even better come for dinner / Light snack  
before the meeting

And you can even have a drink.

Just remember Don't drink and Drive



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TAURANGA BRANCH OF THE ULYSSES CLUB NZ INC.

AGENDA OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING

07/05/2025 @ 7.00pm

**PRESENT:** Mel, Barb, Lee

**Visitors:** JT

**APOLOGIES:** Robyn, Paul, Kerry

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:** As in the newsletter

**MATTERS ARISING:** Nil

Moved Barb

seconded Lee

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**INWARDS:** Natcom - Branch AGM 2026

Natcom - Invoice Service Badges

Natcom - MAM (Motorcycle awareness Month)

Natcom - AA Insurance

Citz Club (Phone Call)

Ulyssian article due 1st May

Rider Down Course

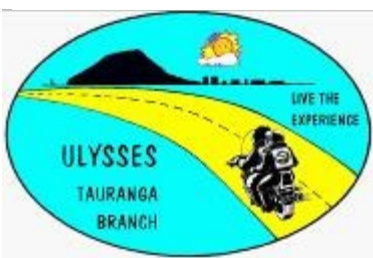
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Certificate to Bayride





# ULYSSES TAURANGA BRANCH FINANCIALS

Financial Report from 01/04/2025 to 30/04/2025

	Debit	Credit	Balance
Opening balance as per bank statement 01/04/2025			\$6,894.58
<b>Deposits</b>			
Interest		\$2.59	
Meat Raffle		\$46.00	
Fines		\$5.60	
2025 Waihi Rally, JT		\$80.00	
2025 Waihi Rally, MacField, C & A		\$160.00	
2025 Waihi Rally, Tawera, PJ, 3834		\$80.00	
2025 Waihi Rally, Van Der Meer # 8753		\$80.00	
2025 Waihi Rally, Shardlow N&A, #6871		\$80.00	
2025 Waihi Rally, Kevin Beagley #4533		\$80.00	
Kerry Murphy, Double Fine		\$2.00	
<b>Total Deposits</b>		<b>\$616.19</b>	
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Meat Packs (Raffle)	\$27.84		
Club Night Tea & Coffee	\$30.00		
Super Saver transfer	\$20.00		
Banner freight inv.# 1016	\$51.18		
NatCom Motorcycle Raffle	\$1250.00		
Seasta Camp and Lodge, 2025 Waihi rally inv.1140	\$1600.00		
Lee White stationary costs	\$27.84		
Lee White Stationary costs	\$143.26		
NatCom invoice # 1062 longevity badges	\$114.50		
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>\$3,264.62</b>		
<b>Total Income</b>			<b>\$616.19</b>
<b>Less Expenditure</b>			<b>\$3,264.62</b>
<b>Balance as at 30/04/2025</b>			<b>\$4,246.15</b>
<b>Bank statement #00235</b>			<b>\$4,246.15</b>

**Savings Account**

	Debit	Credit	Balance
Opening Balance as per Bank Statement 01/04/2025			\$2606.35
Gross Credit Interest Paid		\$5.92	
Transfer from Main Account		\$20.00	
<b>Balance as per bank statement 30/04/2025 #00310</b>			<b>\$2632.27</b>

**Term Deposit: ANZ \$10,000.00**

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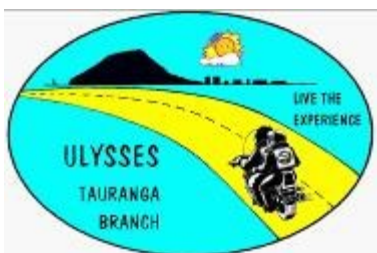
## Coordinators Report for Committee Meeting - 7 May 2025

National AGM in Taranaki - Seven members attended the AGM held in New Plymouth 11-13 April. Coords meeting was attended on the Friday afternoon and covered such issues as:-

1. New constitution requirements. 2. Reciprocal long service recognition. 3. Costs of Ulyssian magazine & options for distribution. 4. Membership & joining fees. 5. Recognition of 30 year memberships. 6. AGM & Remembrance service. 7. Coords Zoom meetings. 8. Logo. 9. New email addresses (branch treasurer etc). The AGM itself saw a unanimous vote to accept the amendments to the constitution, and a majority vote to increase Nat Comm members. There were two afternoon events (very popular from the feedback) and the Saturday night entertainment, meal, raffle draw was very well timed and run. All credit to the Taranaki team. A first was the Bike raffle winner actually being in the room. To say excitement was palpable could be an understatement. Also:- Lifetime medal nominees were voted; 2026 National rally was presented; National bike Raffle; & Rider safety training fund.

Branch AGM 15 April - All went off without drama and standing office holders and committee are reinstated. Paul is happy to continue running the raffles and JT as Rides coordinator. Thank all. I'm thinking of doing a small questionnaire/survey of members to find out where we are in terms of riders/non-riders/part-time riders, social (coffee) get togethers, social activities, etc, and find out what our members are wanting with the club. Where are all our members? Who is riding - weekly / monthly / seasonally? What do our members want from the branch? Our Speaker (JT) for the May meeting - has postponed as he will be away. Hopefully he will all good for June. Maybe a quiz night? Suggesting May and November meetings for service badge awards.

Waihi Beach rally 2-4 May.- Another awesome event that was enjoyed by everyone who attended (as far as I know). Great food and drink service, many old acquaintances reunited, much catching up of mates and meeting new ones. We had Ulyssians from North Auckland to Wellington, including Taumaranui. Hawke's Bay and Whakatane. Friday night saw almost everyone taking part in the quiz, while ambient background music provided by Carsons friend BT. fitting in nicely while still allowing much social chat. Ps. Sorry I forgot to bring card & board games but it didn't affect things too badly.



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Rides coord has picked up on carrying a list of riders including their I.C.E. contact. Can we look at printing out the rides protocol and include it in the new members pack?

Discussed at the last committee meeting - Ambulance Run. We need to move forward with this. I have an idea/destination in mind...tbc. Has there been any interest shown in the Ulysses Hi Viz Vests?. Rider Down Course?

Two members (or more) do not receive the emailed Newsletter. Can we get copies printed off to hand out at the Branch meeting?

Be mindful ----- > "If at first you don't succeed, then sky diving may not be for you!"

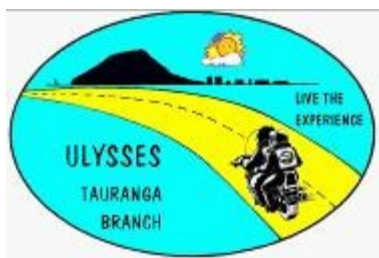
Nga mihi

Mel T (#7873)

Coordinator Tauranga

## THINGS YOU SAY AFTER 50

1. Where the h\*\*\* is my phone?
2. How did I get this bruise?
3. That isn't my password either? WTH!?
4. How do they expect you to read this small print?
5. Where did I put my glasses?
6. I don't care if it doesn't look fashionable, it's comfortable!
7. Who the heck is calling at 9:30pm??
8. Does anyone say please and thank you anymore?
9. Geez, how do you throw your body out of whack just sleeping wrong?? WTH?
10. This scale can't be right!!
11. WTH is wrong with people nowadays??
12. Why did I come into this room?



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## Editors Mumbblings

It's been an interesting month with Rain; couple fine days; then rain and now sun. I enjoy these temperatures 18—22 during the day and 10 at night.

The Waihi Rally went well and sounds like everyone enjoyed their time. Even had 1 Ulyssian come up from Wellington. Thanks go to Paul & Robyn for their well run rally. Mustn't forget Bayride and Smiths for the donated goods used for prizes.

We have moved JT's presentation on his recent motorcycle trip around the middle Himalayas to the Club night in June which will also be the night for presenting service badges.

I have organised the Rider Down course to be held at the Tauranga RSA on Sunday 20th July. (See my flyer in this newsletter). This is not solely a first aid course but it's there to teach you what to do and not to do when you came across an accident on the road. With more and more time spent driving / Riding you may save someone's life. This course is 50% subsidised by the rider fund from NATCOM. ( This is from the profits from the motorcycle raffles). I still have Vacancies so please contact me ASAP to put your name down. You will receive an \$80.00 First Aid kit.

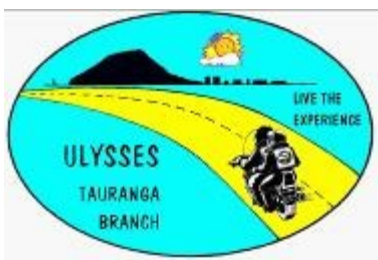
Our Rescue Service fundraiser (Ambulance Run) will be held in the month of September. More information next month but it will be held over 2 weekends (if we get enough riders) and you can do it either on a bike or Car. It will be a Cryptic Clue find the answer ride.

Keep the sunny side up.

**Lee White**

**# 5925**

**Secretary / Social Media**



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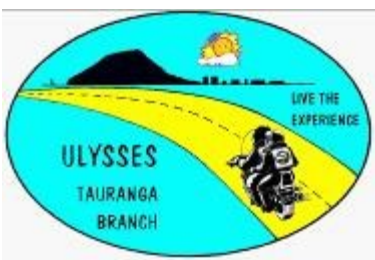
## Scenes from our Waihi Rally

May 2025

Great weekend at our branch rally at Waihi Beach. Awesome group of Ullybods enjoying the chance to catch up with mates from as far away as North Harbour, Wellington & places in between.

Great to see you all. Might even do it again next year.

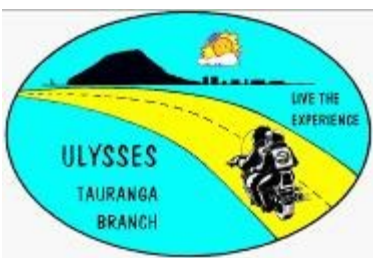
Hope you all got home safely.



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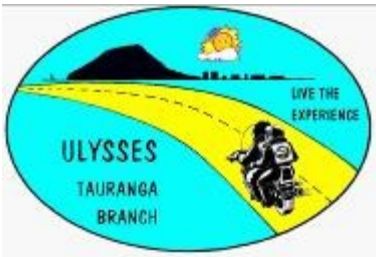
Love bikes? Over 40?  
Cafe stops, day trips, overnight stays

Ride bikes, have fun,  
look out for each other  
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If you can still get your leg over  
GROW OLD DISGRACEFULLY

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## NATCOM AGM New Plymouth 2025



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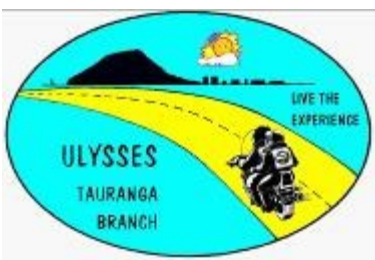
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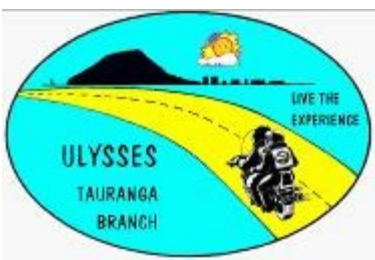
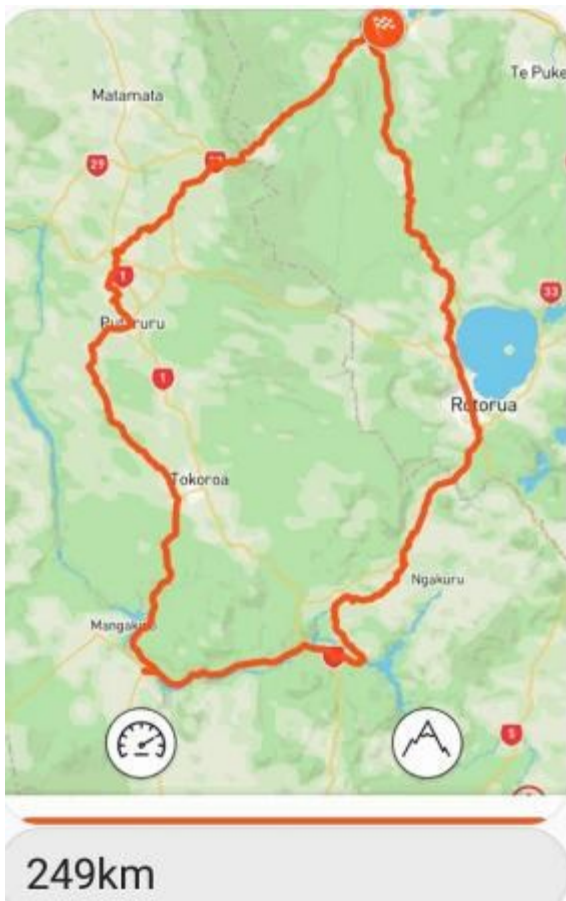
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May 11

Hi all

We had 6 riders, leave Columbus cafe with another rider & pillion who caught us up in the Pyes Pa, gorge. Certainly cooler conditions but the Scenery made up for it. Cob Webs everywhere on the ride all hanging off our bikes; very weird. Nice and sunny with lunch at Whakamaru back via Okororie for a lemonade. A very enjoyable day out.

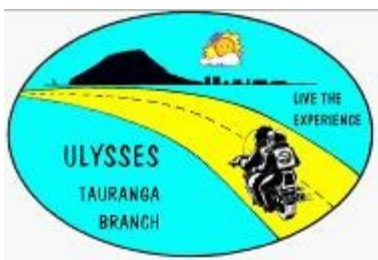
Cheers J.T



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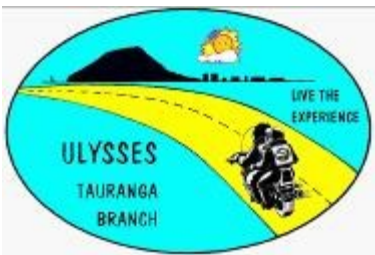


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Sunday 18th May

A group of us decided to Visit Paul Carson for a surprise lunch. Paul has had a very painful week. He is waiting on test result from a number of scans & X rays.

Get better soon.



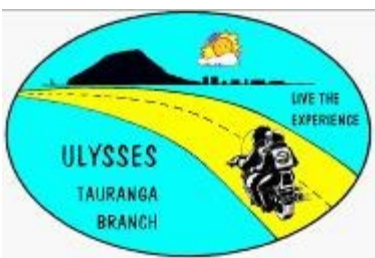
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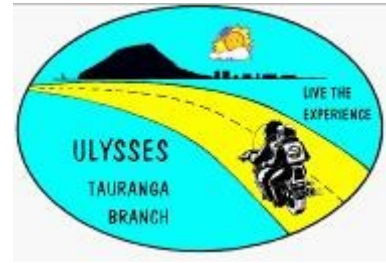
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Robyn Carson Presenting Damian Fleming from Bayride a Ulysses Tauranga Branch thank you certificate for their recent support of our Rally.





## **Rider Down Course**

**To be held at the Tauranga RSA July 20th 2025**

**Starts at 9.30am until 2.30pm.**

Cost is \$60.00

A small fee for lunch and the Bar will be open for a drink after the course.

Attendees will get a free compact 1st Aid kit valued at \$80.

The Workshop is limited to a maximum of 30 riders, so please register early so you don't miss out.

You can register here: [leew.lynnco@xtra.co.nz](mailto:leew.lynnco@xtra.co.nz)

PLEASE NOTE: I need Confirmed numbers by the end of May.

Payment not required until number are reached.

This interactive, targeted, rider training will be a mix of theory and practical to inform and train participants on what to do when they are in a Rider Down situation.

The main themes include -

Causes of crashes

Scene safety

Getting help

Patient assessment\*

Breathing\*

Bleeding\*

Bones

Helmet removal\*

Positioning\*

CPR\*

Other participants questions/needs...

# FOR SALE

## DESSERT WINE



X 2  
Bottles





These Dessert Wines are all brand new, They have been in storage in a cool dark place since purchased.

Purchased dates are shown on the close up of the labels.

I have tried an older one from 2002 at a recent gathering and it still tasted nice.

\$20.00 per bottle.

Contact Lee White

027 291 6151

Leew.lynn@xtra.co.nz

**We have some alcohol left over from the Waihi Rally:**

1. Corona x 18 bottles \$37.50
2. Steinlager Lite x 11 bottles \$25.00
3. Heinekin x 11 bottles \$22.90
4. Export Gold Zero x 5 bottles \$9.00
5. Diet Cola cans x 3 \$4.50

Contact Paul Carson 027 5862121

# YAMAHA...the Standard for Quality

## STREET

TX750



## RD series

RD350



RD250



RD200



RD150



RD125



RD100



YAMAHA is now able to give that which is the result of the high performance and high quality theme at YAMAHA.

The RD series, born from the world-famous YAMAHA Road Racers, carry a newly-changed image which will place them second to none in the light-to-middleweight street machine class with their 7-port, Torque Induction engines. And for more power, the parallel-twin TX750. The DT Trail series, equipped with reed-valve, Torque Induction engines and Motocross-type frames, are equally at home on the road or off. The Road Racer and Motocross series are championship bred from a long line of YAMAHA winners. The Mini and the L.W. series, featuring easy operation and economy, are real crowd pleasers, and the Trial series, developed with the help of Mick Andrews, is destined to lead the others.

With performance, safety, design and durability, YAMAHA is for those who know and want real value.

## LIGHT WEIGHT

LS3



LS2



FS50



YR50



V50



## TRIAL

TY250



T750



## TRAIL

DT series

DT360



DT250



DT175



DT125



DT100



## MINI series

GT80



GT50



## ROAD RACER

YZ750



YZ350



YZ250



YZ125



## MOTOCROSS

YZ360



YZ250



YZ125



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## 2025 Service Badges

15 year	Lucy Lawson # 8076
	Dave Lawson # 8075
20 year	John Salisbury # 6313 (JT)
25 year	Doug Cook #4833
	Julie Cufflin # 4743
	Jim Salvidge # 4967
30 year	Paul Greaves # 3325
	Graeme Horne #3372
	Peter Remetis # 3203
35 Year	Robyn Carson # 1167

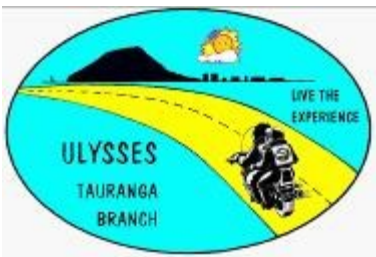
**CONGRADULATIONS EVERYONE**

*The only thing better*

*Then A Woman Who Doesn't Complain  
about you riding your motorcycle*



*is one who  
loves it much  
as you do*



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## Member Discounts

### Butt Buffer

info@buttbuffer.co.nz 15%

### Bluebridge Ferry

**Ulysses10** 10% Valid to 31/10/2025

### Ezibed NZ

www.ezibed.com

### Interislander

**XULYSSES1** 10% Valid to 15/12/2025

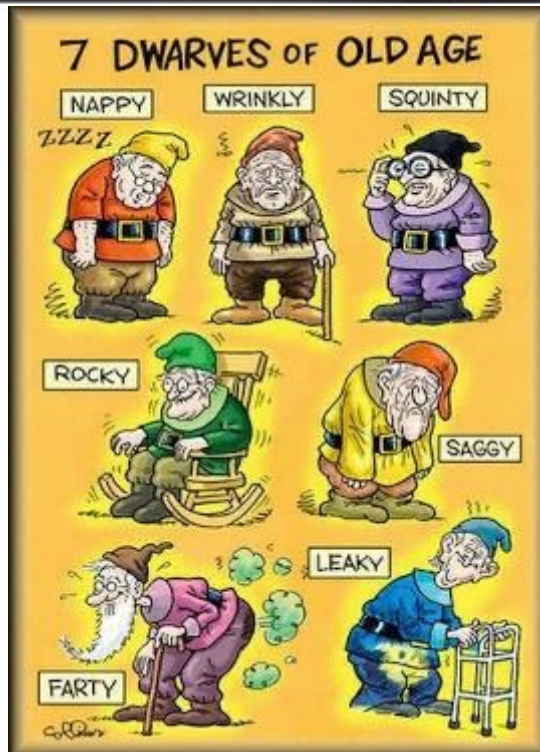
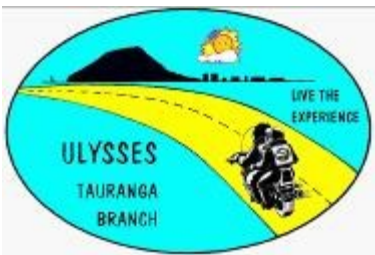
### Kiwi Fuelcards

Ulysses Sign up online

### Kiwi Motorcycle Rentals

info@kiwimotorcyclere rentals.co.nz 10%

All relevant information is on the Ulysses NZ website.



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## **NORTH ISLAND** *Remembrance Service*

**Saturday 16 August 2025, 2:00 pm at Great Lake Centre, Taupo  
(Tongariro North Domain, Story Place, Taupō)**

**YES, ONE WEEK LATER THAN USUAL, this year 3rd Saturday of August, 2025**

Ulysses Auckland branch, in association with Ulysses Taupō branch, invite all Ulyssians to come together at our annual Remembrance Service and remember members who have passed away.

If you intend staying in Taupō, please make your own accommodation arrangements.

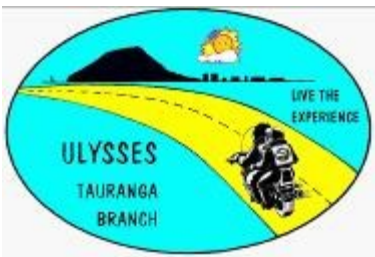
An organized social event is intended for the Saturday evening. Once planning is finalised, details will be available on the Auckland Ulysses website.

Badges and embroidered cloth badges will be sold on the day, both at the morning organised Taupō ride and at the venue. Hot drinks and biscuits will be available in the main foyer on your arrival in the afternoon. A donation will be appreciated.

**The Remembrance Service starts at 2pm, please be early so you can be seated in the hall before that time.**

*A group ride on Friday 15 August from Auckland to Taupō is being planned. A formal ride of respect through Taupō will be held on the day of the service. All ride details will be available in the branch newsletters and websites closer to the event.*

Any questions, please contact:  
Auckland branch president,  
or Peggy O'Neal at  
[remembrance@ulysses.org.nz](mailto:remembrance@ulysses.org.nz).



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## PUT A SMILE ON YOUR DIAL

**BRAINS OF OLDER PEOPLE ARE SLOW BECAUSE THEY KNOW SO MUCH, IT JUST TAKES A WHILE TO RECALL SOMETHING FROM SO MUCH INFORMATION.**



**Wife texts husband on a cold winter morning:**

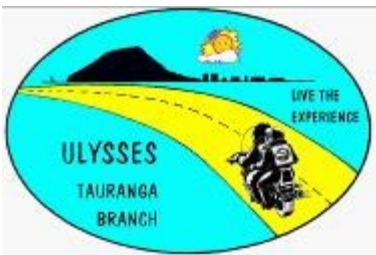
**"Windows frozen, won't open."**

**Husband texts back: "Gently pour some lukewarm water over it and then gently tap edges with hammer."**

**Wife texts back 10 minutes later: "Computer really messed up now."**



**Paddy says to Mick, "I'm getting circumcised tomorrow."  
Mick says, "I had that done when I was a few days old."  
Paddy asks, "Does it hurt?"  
Mick says, "Well I couldn't walk for about a year."**



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## TAURANGA BRANCH RUNS LIST WHAT WE ARE DOING AND WHEN WE ARE DOING IT

20th May — Branch Club Night

15th June — Fun & Twisty ride to the refinery café

17th June — Branch club night with JT trip talk & Service badge presentation

13th July — In & Around Ride

16th August — Remembrance Service Taupo

September — Rescue services Fun Runs

Any Sunday rides not listed will be a DOD ride.

Remember at any time if there is a location you would like to ride too or you have planned a ride you would like to do please let us know.

Meeting Place: Columbus Coffee Shop Bethlehem Town Centre  
Please be ready to ride at 10 am with your bike all gassed up  
Having a coffee or breakfast before your ride please come early

### Rides Co-Ordinator

JT

021 263 5618

