

The Crank case



December 2023



**Newsletter of the Nelson Branch
of The Vintage Car Club of NZ (Inc)**

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Hi Everyone

I ask you all to take a minute to applaude the contrib -
ution those amongst you make for your benefit.

The South Island Easter Rally team have put in a huge effort to bring you some thing pretty special, make sure you complete your entry forms early as this helps the teams planning immensely. To that end I will send you a separate email with the entry forms to make it easier for you to print off in A4 size.



The other group who have been quietly chipping away at things is the building group working on everything from concrete slabs to painting shipping containers—once completed the covered outdoor area and court yard will improve our use of the area considerably.

On page 37 you will find a group of special people who have undertaken to kick off the Vero Festival Organising Committee.

I have also been contacted by a number of other members also willingly offering their assistance for this event. Your offer is gratefully received and not forgotten— as things develop I will have important roles for you all.

This event is a big event for Nelson and will take the collective minds and bodies of you all to make this a truly successful event.

Kind Regards *Ray*

Front Cover: Peter Williamsons latest purchase - Triumph Stag

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Nelson VCC Calendar Of Events

Please note these events may be subject to change and sometimes it is not always possible to advise in advance

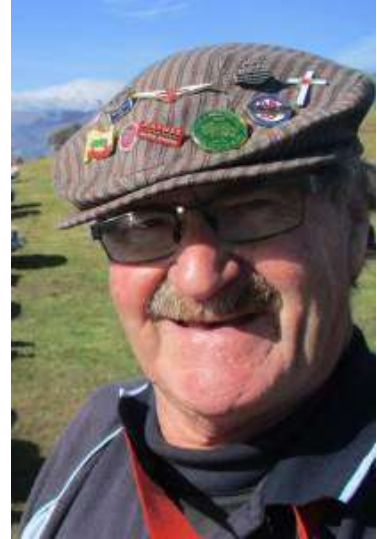
December 2023			
Sun 3	1.00pm	Richmond Santa Parade	Rob Thompson
Sun 3	4.00pm	Christmas BBQ— at the Clubrooms page 14	Rob/Maureen/ John
Tue 5	7.30pm	Committee Meeting	Roy West
Wed 6	10 am	Morning Tea at Clubrooms	Check Roster
Wed 6	12noon	Gordons Mystery Run to Lunch	Gordon Dacombe
Thu 7	9-4pm	Ladies Craft Day	Kyra Wareing
Wed 20	10am	Morning Tea Christmas	Check Roster
January 2024			
Wed 10		Pomeroy Banks Peninsula	Gordon Dacombe
Wed 17	10 am	Morning Tea at Clubrooms	Check Roster
Fri 19		Proposed Trip to Cobb Valley for those going to A & P Show in Golden Bay Page 10	Rex Smith & Mike Bryan
Sat 20	10.am	Golden Bay A & P Show— Takaka Show Grounds pg 10	Mike Bryan/ Rex Smith
February 2024			
Thu 1	9-4pm	Ladies Craft Day	Kyra Wareing
Mon 5		National Vintage Only Rally	Chris Bird
Wed 7	10am	Morning Tea	Check Roster
Sat 10	10-3pm	Top of the South Motor Show at A & P grounds	Pete Glue
Fri 16-		Moutere Hop Weekend	Charil 0276 469250
Sat 17		Murchison A & P show	
Mon 19-22		Proposed Coast to Coast Adventure	Gordon Dacombe
Wed 21	10am	Morning Tea	Check Roster
Fri 23	6.00pm	Proposed Music with Darcy the DJ page 19	Darcy 021 029 65632
March 2024			
Wed 6	10am	Morning Tea	Check Roster
Thu 7	9-4pm	Ladies Craft Day	Kyra Wareing
Thur 7	9.00am	Working Bee for Swap meet	Malcolm Baker
Fi 8	9.00am	Working Bee for Swap meet	Malcolm Baker

Sat 9	6.00am	Annual Swap meet	Malcolm Baker
Wed 20	10am	Morning Tea Christmas	Check Roster
Sat 23		Scenicland Rally	
Fri 29- Mon 1st		National SI Easter Rally & 60th Anniversary Celebration pages 20-22	Mike Bryan & Gordon Dacombe
		April 2024	
Wed 3	10am	Morning Tea	Check Roster
Tue 2-Fri 5		Post Easter Rally Tour to Golden Bay page 23	Jim and Kyra Wareing
Thu 11	7.30pm	Club Night	Rob/Maureen/John
Wed 17	10am	Morning Tea	Check Roster
Sat 27		Proposed run to Quail Crossing Gardens, upper Moutere	
		May 2024	
Wed 1	10am	Morning Tea	Check Roster
Thu 2	9-4pm	Ladies Craft Day	Kyra Wareing
Thu 9	7.30pm	Club Night	Rob/Maureen/John
Sat 11/ Sun 12		Ladies Run	Debbie/Ray Robertson
Wed 15	10am	Morning Tea	Check Roster
		June 2024	
Wed 5	10am	Morning Tea	Check Roster
Thu 6	9-4pm	Ladies Craft Day	Kyra Wareing
Thur 13		Clun Night TBA	
Sat 15		Club Run TBA	
Wed 19	10am	Morning Tea	Check Roster
Sun 23		AGM & Restoration of the Year and Pride of Ownership	
		March 2026	
Sun 15 to Fri 20		2026 Vero International Festival of Historic Motoring Nelson	Ray Robertson Festival Director

CHATTER FROM THE CHAIR

Hi everyone,

Well, it's just around the corner.... Christmas and shortly after the start of another busy year for us all! We are participating in the **Richmond Santa Parade again this year on Sunday Dec 3rd**, and we will meet prior to the parade in the Waimea College bus bay before moving to the parade assembly area. Remember to decorate your vehicle and wave out to all the excited children! Afterwards the Club rooms will be open for a **BBQ tea**, the Club will provide most of the meats but please BYO extras and come and relax with your Branch friends!



It's a huge THANK YOU to the ladies of our Branch and all they do for us! Sadly, Jenny has resigned as our Club Captain and I must thank her very sincerely for everything she planned and organized for us... there were several different and interesting activities introduced during Jenny's time on the Committee. Maureen and the team are continuing..... watch this space for new and interesting activities in the New Year!

Also a big thanks to our Deputy Chairman, Jo for her informative and interesting column in our November Crank Case. It's always great to get other opinions and personal updates in our mag. Thanks Jo and maybe this will be the inspiration for others to write a personal profile for Ray to publish for us.... your life story may not always seem interesting to you but fellow members usually enjoy reading about the vehicles you've owned and motoring experiences you've had!

Jo has been investigating how we can up our image and promote the Branch more through the Club clothing we wear. The Committee looked at several forms of **apparel** at the last meeting, particularly liking the idea of upgraded shirts, shower jackets and caps. Some felt our current shirts were a bit dated and a revamp might appeal to more members. Mike Wilson has been looking at various options for updating our Branch logo used on our apparel as well....we await these exciting developments! Ron Johnson continues to hold our existing shirt stocks but these may now be limited in sizes.

. A reminder to try and wear your **name badges** on activities, particularly the morning teas when prospective members are often present. Wayne Price can organize a badge for you if you don't have one.... these are about \$15 each. Great to see interested folk joining us for morning teas and several joining up as new members. Please make them welcome. Also a big thanks to Gordon for his tours to a lunch spot following the first Morning teas of the month. Our chance to visit a variety of cafes and pubs around the area and support the local economy as well! We have had some great turnouts at Biscuit Munchers recently, often with over 40 members, chewing the fat... if you haven't been along, or you need a ride, please give another member a ring... we want to see you there!

I missed most of October when I was holidaying in the South, taking in the Cauty Swap Meet at McLeans Island, the Otago Classic Motoring Clubs magnificent Auto Spectacular, filling the Edgar Centre in Dunedin the following weekend, and the Vauxhall Club's Nationals in Gore over Labour weekend. I followed all this up with a couple of nights in Invercargill and a few hours in the Richardson Transport World one day and a look at the Motorcycle Mecca the next day. Both fantastic collections and 'must go to' attractions if you are down South!

I was then literally blown back north as I towed my Classic caravan back up the Island and parked up at Donegals POP just north of Kaikoura on a night when roofs were being blown off and trucks tipped off the road both north and south of me! After a weekend with friends at Canvas town and the finals of the World Cup..... enough said... I arrived back at the Club room in time for our Registrar, Neil Beckenham's informative delivery on the **VCC's updated VIC process**. Thank you to the 10 members who attended.

A few brief notes from the morning... photos submitted with your VIC or DOMAS [Date of Manufacture Authenticity Statement] can now be of any size as long as they can be digitally manipulated to fit. They must still show the front and side of your vehicle clearly. A P.O Box is NOT sufficient as your address, it must be the actual physical address.

The lighting endorsements are for the Vintage, and earlier vehicles before 31st Dec 1931.

Non member fee has now risen to \$130. [Perhaps this is why some new members join the VCC to get the certification, then leave again, as member certification is free!]

It is not necessary to send the original documents now, they can now be scanned and emailed to Nat office.... [please ask for help if you need this done]. Ideally the process takes about 6 weeks.... but remember at times of National events everyone wants theirs... yesterday! To participate in any National event, such as our South Island Rally at Easter, you **MUST** have a VIC!

Neil, updated us that the 12 month WOFs have not been forgotten and Government processes are still being worked through.... and the change of Government won't have helped.... and the appointment of vehicle inspectors to key testing stations, who are experienced with pre 1976 vehicles, is also being investigated.

It was interesting to read that following the National survey earlier in the year, it has been revealed that our NZ Classic Car Scene is worth over **\$11 billion to the economy!** Great data to have available as we drive forward onto much less clearer roads as directed by the Government policies!

Finally, a bit of housekeeping closer to home... **a few things have been left less than secure recently**

.... apparently the storage shed was left open, lights have been left on and a few weeks ago when I arrived, although the doors were locked, the key access code was still left set on the correct number and the flap was down.... inviting an entry. Please ensure the dials are rolled and the trap door put up after the key is returned... thnx!

Lots happening in our courtyard area now thanks to Paul and his team... the new concrete has been laid, all the new roofing timbers primed, the container water blasted [thnx Malcolm and Brent] and the new 40 footer should be in place by the time you read this! Huge amounts also happening with SI Rally Director Gordon's team as they move towards the pointy end of our hosting of the Easter Rally and our 60th birthday in March/April 2024. This will be a big event so please plan how you can help or participate now. **Entry forms are out now!**

Our hard working CC Editor, Ray, is also extremely busy both as the Rally Director for the VERO INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL of HISTORIC MOTORING early in 2026, and also producing a publication of photos and information covering the last decade of our Branch which will compliment the first 50 years booklet, produced by Dennis

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LeCren back in 2014.

We are fortunate to have so many of these willing workers in our Branch, who put up their hands to contribute 'above and beyond' for the benefit of the many! Thnx team!

Thnx also to Rob, who has stepped back onto the Club Captain's team to help out until someone else puts their hand up to give Maureen and John a hand.

Rob coordinated the parking team for the Speedway's Fireworks night and they were very busy..... raising funds for our Club coffers! **Around \$1500 was raised in the evenings work by 14 members.... brilliant team, THANK YOU!**

Our next big Club FUNDRAISER is our annual SWAP MEET on MARCH 9th. You will be needed to help in anyway you can, setting up on the Friday, gate attendance, parking, having your own stall, packing out afterwards.... the list goes on.... SITES can now be booked ONLINE, too!

Jan 20th is the **Golden Bay A & P show**, Takaka Show grounds. If coming for the day, aim to be there by 10am and stay till around 2pm. Traditionally driver enter for free, with passengers paying to the Lions Club on the gate who receive a reimbursement for community funds.

A group of us usually make a weekend of it, travel over on the Friday and stay a couple of nights traditionally staging a champagne breakfast at Ligar Bay on the Sunday morning then exploring elsewhere in the Bay before returning home, often on the Monday.

Accommodation is available at the River Inn, to book call Paula on 027 435 0575. Further info please call Mike on 027 233 4893 or Charil on 027 646 9250. This year Rex Smith is proposing a trip into the Cobb Valley on Friday. Hoping others will join us.

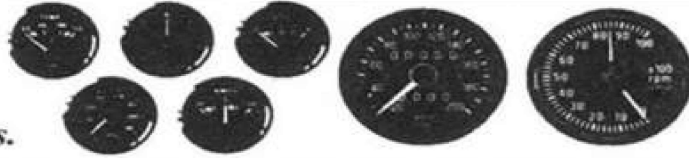
Also the weekend **17th—18th March** we have a clash of dates with both the **MOTERE HOP** and the **MURCHISON A & P SHOWS**, being on Sat 1th. Last year we almost won the Club Display at Moutere and with a few more vehicles participating our camping display would

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A theme will be in place again this year.... If you want to roll up your sleeves and fly the club flag again please give **Charil** a ring on 027 646 9250

The **Murchison A & P Show** welcomes you to travel down, display your vehicle and explore the show!. The show is on the 17th March. Again, entry is free for drivers, with supporters paying. Arrive by about 10am and head home about 3 ish. If you want to make a weekend of it... I can recommend **Penmans Motel** ph 03 523 9278. Please let Mike know if you are coming **Mike** 027 223 4893

Early in 2024 the NI Club Captains tour is on from 2nd to 11th March in the Lower North Island visiting Branches Whanganui, Hawkes Bay, Central HB, Wairarapa and Manawatu. Glyn 021 0833 4081.

Also the Scenicland is set in Greymouth for Sat 23rd March. Will we have a pre or post tour? Watch this space.

With Christmas just around the corner.... may I wish all our wider VCC Whanau a very Merry Christmas, with family and friends and a happy and enjoyable New Year. I look forward to seeing everyone out and about in their 'wheels' over the Summer motoring season! Have a safe and enjoyable holiday period.

Be safe in Motoring out there!
MIKE BRYAN.



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Club Room Improvements—Stage 1



The team of Sam Carter and Sons supplied ,
placed and finished the covered outdoor area slab
Well done team and thanks

Meanwhile another team of seven members turned up at Ewing
Poultry Main Road Hope and put a first coat of paint on our
new 40 foot container





PAK'NSAVE RICHMOND SANTA PARADE



Sunday, December 3, 2023 *The*
VCC Nelson Branch has been entered—meet at Waimea
College Bus Bay—Salisbury Road at 11.00am to decorate
the cars and travel as a group to Edwards
Street to form up for the start of the Parade.



Our Xmas BBQ will follow at 4.00pm at the Clubrooms
Bring a Salad and desert.

Nelson Branch 60th Anniversary Booklet “ The Past Ten years”

The Nelson Branch celebrates its 60th Anniversary at Easter 2024. In conjunction with the National South Island Easter Rally the branch has produced a Commemorative Booklet to celebrate the 10 years from our 50th Anniversary in 2014 to Easter 2024.

This booklet is a Glossy 48 page story of our move from Founders Park to our new clubrooms at the Speedway Association Grounds in Lansdowne Road.

Featuring over 240 photos with captions , of branch events, members and their vehicles there is a good chance you are amongst them.

We now at the stage of determining the size of print runs. It is expected the price will be approx. \$15.00 each subject to print volumes



If you are interested in purchasing a copy, please put your name on the Clipboard at the Clubrooms



Ron Johnson asks what it is ! Roger Lusby says its not a Rover V8 ! , while Peter Williamson (centre) thinks he bought a Triumph V8 in a Triumph body!



Silkey Otter—Holden Verses Ford Night

Fifteen people attended this movie and enjoyed a light meal following at Joes Garage.

This was followed on the 23rd where twenty two people saw the Napoleon movie—obviously Senior nights at Silkey Otter are a hit



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2024 VCC NATIONAL SI EASTER RALLY

Including Nelson Branch 60th Anniversary

29th March to 1st April 2024



RALLY ENTRY FORM

Entrant Name.....
Entrant Address
Contact Phone Email.....
Driver Name Navigator.....
Other Passengers
VCC Branch Membership No.
Vehicle Make Year Model
Vehicle Rego. Vic No. (Mandatory).....
Rally Route. (Tick One); Short Medium Route..... Long Route
(70ml/112km sealed) (89ml/143Km, 7ml gravel) (113ml/181Km, 4.5ml gravel)
Concours Entry; Yes / No (Circle one).
Any dietary requirements

RALLY ENTRY FEES (Entries Close 1st March 2024)

Entry Fee (Includes Rally Plaque & Friday Meet & Greet)	=	\$ 70.00
Late Entry Fee, after 1 st of March 2024, an additional \$30	=	\$.....
Saturday Lunch Pack @ \$19.00 each x No.	=	\$.....
Saturday Dinner @ \$27.00 each x No.	=	\$.....
Sunday Lunch Pack @ \$19.00 each x No.	=	\$.....
Sunday Prize-giving Dinner @ \$43.0 each x No.	=	\$.....
<u>TOTAL</u>	=	\$.....

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GOLDEN BAY TOUR Tuesday 2nd to Friday 5th of April 2024.

This additional tour, based in the Pohara/Ligar Bay area has an optional discounted 6 ½ hr. 4WD bus trip to Farewell Spit Lighthouse for those interested, the tides are perfect on Thursday 4th.

A separate Entry Form and Tour Details are attached.

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Rally through scenic countryside

Entry Forms will be available in November.
The Rally will be based in Richmond, Nelson.
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is recommended.

Followed by a

**POST RALLY TOUR
OF GOLDEN BAY
2 - 5 APRIL 2024**




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Contact Rally Secretary
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**Celebrating
Nelson Branch
60th
Anniversary**

The Post South Island Easter Rally Golden Bay Tour is designed principally as an add on to the SI Easter Rally to give those rally entrants an opportunity whilst in the Nelson Tasman Area a chance to visit beautiful Golden Bay.

If you are considering the Post Rally Tour ensure you have your Rally and tour entries in soon, as preference for the Farewell Spit bus trip will be given to those people who have entered the SI Rally and are out of towners.

ENTRY FORM – GOLDEN BAY TOUR

FOLLOWING SI NATIONAL EASTER RALLY 2024

April 2nd – 5th Entries close; 1st March 2024



Entrant Name

Navigator

Passengers

Contact Phone.....Email.....

*Vehicle Make.....Model.....

Year.....Registration No.....

Any Special Dietary requirements

Note:- This TOUR is led by Jim & Kyra Wareing, Ph 03 544 9998, Mob. 027 544 9998
 If you need more information; Email jimnkyra@xtra.co.nz

Vehicle is optional, 'Your choice'. The aim of this Tour is to give you an opportunity to visit a unique area of the Tasman District. Your involvement in parts of this event is entirely up to you. We want you to enjoy the area and make the most of your time here with activities that suite you. Don't forget to book your accommodation early, this is a popular holiday area. Pohara / Ligar Bay area is the base for events. Takaka township is approx. 10min. away.

TOUR PROGRAMME:-

Tuesday 2nd April: Assembly VCC Club rooms and travel to Golden Bay, 60miles includes couple of stops. Lunch own responsibility. Happy Hour at Ligar Bay holiday home, BYO drinks/nibbles a light meal will be provided.

Wednesday 3rd April: Organised run with visits to private Museums, Arts etc. and unique Golden Bay attractions. Lunch & Dinner, locations will be suggested at own cost.

Thursday 4th April: Travel to Collingwood, join the "Farewell Spit" 6 ½ hr 4WD bus trip. This is discounted by 10% if more than 11 people join, currently have 6, discount cost \$166.50pp (+lunch \$15 if reqd.) To book a place you need to pay the \$50 deposit below with balance on the day. Lunch can be ordered for the bus trip. An alternative to the "Spit Bus Trip" will be suggested and run details provided to have a full and interesting day. **"Farewell Dinner" at a Pohara Café/Bar.**

PLEASE INDICATE NUMBERS TO ATTEND THIS :- No. for Dinner = _____ own cost.

Friday 5th April: Travel back to Richmond and Home. South-bound owners can short-cut to Murchison via the Motueka Valley Highway.

Entry Fee per Vehicle (Covers; organising costs, Tues. evening Light Meal)	\$ 25.00
Farewell Spit Bus Trip Deposit = \$ 50.00 x Number attending	\$ _____
Farewell Spit Bus trip Lunches = \$ 15.00 x Number required	\$ _____
<i>"TOUR BOOK" with full details provided at Registration</i>	TOTAL = \$ _____

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Member Profile – Peter Field

Peter's grandparents came over to Nelson from Collingwood in the 1920's, purchasing 150 acres of land encompassing the three peninsulas of what is now the locations of the Honest Lawyer Tavern, Monaco, Oyster Island, and Nelson Airport to the Golf course.



In 1935 fifty acres on the Quarantine Road side of the farm was taken by the Government for defence purposes. Peter's Father married in 1940 and took over running the farm milking cows. Peter was born in 1941 and had three brothers. In 1942 the Government took a further 50 acres for defence purposes, building a military camp in the location of the Golf course / Otterson Street.

This left the farm with only 50 acres which they sold to Chisnalls. This last block included Seaview Road, the honest lawyer and part of what is now Whakatu Drive. They then moved to McShanes Road purchasing 100 acres and setting up another dairy farm for town supply.

Peter said the land had large areas of swampy ground which had bull rushes so big the cows could hide behind them.

Over the next 40 years, Peter and two of his brothers, Phillip and Alan extend their property East towards Jubilee Park and West towards Swamp Road, growing the property to 450 acres all in dairy. In 1963 Peter married Steph and they moved out to Sunrise Valley on a 325 acres farm with 200 acres in grass, 35 acres in pines and the balance undeveloped. This farm was used as run off for the main dairy farm in McShanes road but also ran 800 ewes. In the same years they purchased a 1963 Vauxhall Victor.

Steph and Peter have two sons, Nick who was born in 1966 and Gerry born 1969. The boys have given Peter five grandchildren and a great grandson with another great grandee due soon.

In 1970 Peter and Steph move back to Richmond onto the property opposite Nelson Pine MDF Plant. The St John ambulance station is now built on land in front of their house which I came to know intimately.

As a side story - In the 2008 I was the Project Manager for the building of the new Richmond Ambulance Station and having been out to Peters several times during the rebuild of his Morris Cowley and knowing the land to be quite low lying, arranged for the ground levels to be raised by a metre.

For my sins what I was to find out when the digger came to drill pile holes was that Peter had dug a massive swimming pool size hole in this area and buried all the apple tree stumps from an orchard they had pulled up. Digger augers do not work so well amongst buried apples stumps.

The move to Queen St was fortuitous as in 1972 the 13th International Rally was held just down the road at the racecourse, Peter caught the bug and joined the



VCC in 1973.

Jack Morrison who owned the Museum in Geraldine and a family connection gave Peter a 1927 Morris Cowley on the understanding that Peter could restore and use the Cowley but if Jack wanted it back at any time,

Jack would pay for the cost of the restoration in return.

Because Peter did not technically own the Cowley, in 1974 he purchased the 1931 Morris Minor for \$2000.00. This car had its chassis laid down on the 12th of January 1931, tested on the 12th January and dispatched on the 20th January and finally registered for the first time in New Zealand in September 1931 to Quennie Kynnett.



Peter finished the restoration of the Cowley in 1975 and had its first run up Pidgeon Valley to Ngatamoti to John Hurleys paddock.

He also sourced some extra bits and pieces of the Cowley up Aniseed Valley including a couple of chassis, 2 motors and rear axles etc.

Phillip had gone off to Lincoln College and became a qualified farm advisor and in 1978 the family started to diversify into boysenberries and then in 1984 into apples.



1975 the Morris Minor was trailered to Christchurch easter Rally where it won a large platter.

From 1974/75 the three brothers each had their areas of expertise – Phillip kept the books and looked after horticulture, Alan continued with the dairy and Peter managed all the buildings, machinery and maintenance on the farms. Speaking of farm machinery, Peter wasn't always kind to his Tractors – one day out with his tractor on Borcks Creek, muching willows he rolled the machine upside down in the creek escaping with only a bruise on this leg. Unfortunately, the tractor suffered considerably more damage



than a mere bruise with the engine needing a full rebuild. In 1975/76 Peter purchased a Willys Knight or at least a rolling chassis and a truck load of bits for \$1000, put it in a shed where it stayed for 10 years and then sold it for \$1000 but he did get the motor running using a Honda 50 fuel tank. During a New Years parade of vehicles through the main streets of Geraldine, one of the cars caught fire and destroyed Jack Morrisons Museum – you guessed it Jack then wanted his Morris Cowley back.





So Peter obliged and was paid for the restoration but a bitter sweet occasion for the Field family

By 1980 the Minor had received a full body off restoration and was repainted the blue that is today – they then drove the car to the 1980 International Rally in Rotorua.

The Morris Cowley was in Geraldine until 1996 when Jacks widow offered the car back to Peter for the price jack paid for it in 1980 – hence its return to Nelson and Peters Garage

It was in 1996 that the Fields were set to go to the 1996 Christchurch



international, but to Peter disappointment Steph became ill and they had to cancel the trip.

However, since then they have enjoyed attending many national /



Easter Rallies and Internationals.

Peter has had a couple of stints on the branch committee but says he prefers to offer help in other ways – doesn't really see himself as a committee type person.

Sadly, Steph developed Alzheimer's and passed away in 2019.

On cars Peters first pride and joy was a 1954 Morris Minor Van owned jointly with his brothers, which ended up a a farm hack.

This was followed by:

1963 Vauxhall Victor, Mk3 Zephyr, MK 4 Zephyr, Fiat 125, Fiat132, Mitsubishi Mirage (twin shift model), 1972 Morris Minor Ute, Toyota Corolla, Mazda 626, Mazda Hatchback, Ford Cortina Stn Wagon, Ford TX5 Hatchback, 1997 Honda CRV, he has since had 9 Honda CRV's including the one he now drives.

Peter has an amazing talent as a wood worker and furniture maker.

He believes his introduction to woodwork started when he found some live 303 bullets and proceeded to drive them into an old hardwood Cross arm with a hammer – I would say he was a bit lucky it wasn't the end of his affair with wood.

He was given a wood lathe when he was 10 years old, but it wasn't until he was in his 30's that he took a Polytech course and got into serious wood turning.





He joined the woodworker's guild which started 40 years ago and has belonged to it since its inception. Over the years he has turned 100's of bowls and bits and pieces. He then decided there must be more to wood than turning and made a move into furniture making. A quick look

around his home will have you feasting your eyes on the many pieces of furniture he has crafted, from side boards to rocking chairs and everything in between.

Another quirky thing is the vast array of puzzles and talking pieces where he challenges you to figure out how he made them or what they are for. I can easily see a fascinating club night utilizing his collection. All of these items are exquisitely made and beautiful. A very talented man is our Peter.

Peter is still enjoying the Vintage Car club and believes the future of old cars is assured and hopes the the LTSA Waka Kotahi continues to allow us to preserve them and use them on the roads as we are at present.

The 8th of November 2023 is an important date in Peter's Vintage car life as he will have clocked 50 years continuous membership in the Nelson Branch

Ray Robertson - Editor

Acting Club Captains Report

October 28

The Headingly Centre /Grace Church Car Show was a relaxed event with half a dozen or so of our members attending. This merged into the Pink Ribbon fundraiser for Breast Cancer NZ.

The two events were very enjoyable; the show had many interesting vehicles partake. After the show cars headed off to meet at the Sprig and Fern in Bright-

water where numbers of cars and people swelled. A very good run route and back to the S and P for raffle draws. I'm sorry we were not able to advertise these events in the CC but the info came between issues.

Both events are ones to look out for next year.



November

1 Wednesday Morning tea and Mystery lunch run.

A hot day, so it was inside escaping from the UV. Many thanks to Wayne and Fresh Scones, Jam and Cream from Ray Mc. Ray R gave an up date on the work he has been doing on the International 2026 Rally. Also John B updated us on next years Easter Rally. Numbers were taken for the lunch but when phoned up they were not ready for us. So a quick change of venue to The Honest Lawyer. The tide was high, sun out and very pleasant it was too.

4 Saturday Car parking for the Speedway.

Many thanks to all our members who helped out on Saturday afternoon and evening. I feel we did a pretty good job. If you have any constructive suggestions on what we could do to improve please let me know.

9 Thursday Club night movie at the Silky Otter

This we thought was a great idea, little did we know that it would be so difficult to find out what the up coming movies would be and times. But we had the price. (Cheap for pensioners). Many thanks to Maureen for ringing and ringing trying to sort times and movies screening. In the end it went well with the movie Ford verse Holden that filled in interesting bits of the Aussie rivalry.

15 Wednesday Morning tea

Another good morning tea and chin wag with some new faces, so welcome to those guys and we hope to see you again. Many thanks to Wayne and helpers in the kitchen. What a great line up of VCC cars today.

23 Movie night instead of visit to Bobs. Movie (Napoleon) a chance to brush up on our French history.

25 Saturday Club visit to Bob Wagner's

Sorry this visit had to be postponed, as Bob's wife was very ill and has subsequently passed away

Extra Bits

I feel we need to tighten up on locking the clubrooms after events. A couple of doors have been left open recently. If you are one of the last to leave the clubrooms after an event please check with others to make sure someone is going to lock up. Also mix the numbers a little on the lock box. Thank you.

It is fantastic to have our Nelson VCC web page working with the latest Crank Case and Swap Meet 2024 info. This is as up to date as possible info on our club events and dates.

Please give Wayne a hand in the kitchen on Biscuit Munchers morning teas, thank you.

We have clipboards in the clubrooms needing names and numbers for the Richmond Christmas parade and also our Christmas Bar-B-Q afterwards.

Because of the finishing time of the Christmas parade we are now having the Christmas Bar-B-Q at the Clubrooms. Any help to set up the clubrooms would be much appreciated.

Membership

We welcome to the branch a new member
Peter Green of Nelson who owns the very well known
1952 Vanguard Sedan with the Taxi sign on its roof

It is with much sadness we share our sympathies with the **PEGG family** following the passing of **Margaret Woodley**. Margaret was a long time member of the branch who actively participated in many branch events over the years.

We also offer our thoughts and sympathies to **Bob Wagner and his family** following the recent passing of his wife **Margaret**

We also offer our sympathies to the families of **Lindsay Wogan** who passed away recently. Lindsay according to our records joined the VCC in 1959—64 years ago at the age of 17

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Anyone with a secure shed /sheds or dry storage. It will be purely for storage so I won't need to get to them often and no power required.

Any help would be appreciated

Thanks Stephen Anderson—021 082 54660

2026 VERO International Festival of Historic Motoring

We have a Festival Organising Committee
I sincerely thank the following branch members for putting
their hands up to help deliver the next Festival

Karen Thompson—Festival Secretary

Simon Linstone—Festival Treasurer

Jim & Kyra Wareing—Rally Controller/Route plotters

Mike Wilson—Festival Communications Manager

George Kear—National Mgmt. Committee Rep.

Again many thanks
Ray Robertson—Festival Director

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Help Wanted

Do you have the gear, skill and time to help spray paint my 1954 Singer Roadster. So far I have rebuilt the engine, brakes and rewired it and it is now ready for painting, I intend on striping back to bare metal and will do all the preparation myself but I do not have the skills or equipment to spray paint it, if you can help with advise or spray painting please contact Allan Brown on 021 306 919.”

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