

The Crank Case



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**Newsletter of the Nelson Branch
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Hi Everyone

Welcome to another exhilarating issue of *Crankcase*, where the hum of vintage engines and the artistry of classic design take centre stage.

For many of us, these vehicles are more than machines—they are pieces of history, each with a story etched into their worn leather seats and chrome-lined exteriors. Owning, restoring, or even admiring a vintage car is about preserving a slice of the past, where every bolt and rivet tells a tale of an era when the journey was as cherished as the destination.

But it's not all about the cars. It's about the people—the collectors, restorers, and drivers—who keep this legacy alive .

I invite you to share your own stories, restorations, and triumphs with the *Crankcase* community. Whether you're unearthing a barn find, taking a classic for a Sunday spin, or simply dreaming of the one that got away, this magazine is your home.

This month we showcase Wes Daytons MG and welcome four new members to our fold

Kind Regards Ray

Front Cover : Wes Dayton's MG racer converted to Street machine



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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 2024	
Tue 3	7.30pm	Committee Meeting	John Barker
Wed 4	10am	Morning Tea and Gordons Mystery lunch	Check Roster
Wed 4	7.00pm	Swapmeet meeting	Malcolm Baker
Thur 5	10.00am	Swapmeet working Bee to prepare signs	Malcolm Baker
Thu 5	9-4pm	Ladies Craft Day	Kyra Wareing
Sun 8	1.00pm	Xmas Lunch Clubrooms p37	Maureen & Dianne
Mon 9	7.30pm	2026 Vero Com. meeting	Karen Thompson
Wed 18	10am	Morning Tea	Check Roster
Sat 28	3.30pm	Speedway - Carparking - Meet at the Clubrooms	Paul Lewis
		January 2025	
Wed 1	10.00am	Coffee Cruise page 16	Joanne Hoffman
Wed 8		Pomeroy - Ruapuna	
Fri 10		Speedway - Carparking - TBC	
Sat 11		Speedway - Carparking - TBC	
Mon 13	7.30pm	2026 Vero Com. meeting	Karen Thompson
Wed 15	10am	Morning Tea	Check Roster
Sat 18	10.00am	Golden Bay A & P Show	Mike Bryan
Sat 25	12 noon	Nelson North Hop	Kevin Bannan
		February 2025	
Tues 4	7.30pm	Committee Meeting	John Barker
Wed 5- Sat 8		2025 National Veteran Rally Marlborough	Chris Bird
Wed 5	10am	Morning Tea - Mystery Lunch	Check Roster
Thu 6	9-4pm	Ladies Craft Day	Kyra Wareing
Mon 10	7.30pm	2026 Vero Com. meeting	Karen Thompson
Thur 13		Club Night (TBA)	Maureen & Dianne
Fri 14		Moutere Hop	4

Sat 15		Moutere Hop	
Wed 19	10am	Morning Tea and Swapmeet find and mark set out steel pins	Check Roster
		March 2025	
Sat 22		Top Of The South Motorshow - A & P Showgrounds	
Tue 4	7.30pm	Committee Meeting	John Barker
Wed 5	10am	Morning Tea	Check Roster
Thu 6	9-4pm	Ladies Craft Day	Kyra Wareing
Fri 7		Swap meet set up	Malcolm Baker
Sat 8		Swap Meet	Malcolm Baker
Mon 10	7.30pm	2026 Vero Com. meeting	Karen Thompson
Thu 13		Club Night (TBA)	Maureen & Dianne
Fri 14		Speedway - Carparking - TBC	
Sat 15		Speedway - Carparking - TBC	
Wed 19	10am	Morning Tea	Check Roster
		April 2025	
Tue1	7.30pm	Committee Meeting	John Barker
Wed 2	10am	Morning Tea	Check Roster
Thu 3	9-4pm	Ladies Craft Day	Kyra Wareing
Thu 10		Club Night	Maureen & Dianne
Sat 12		Club Run	
Mon 14	7.30pm	2026 Vero Com. meeting	Karen Thompson
Wed 16	10am	Morning Tea	Check Roster
Wed 30		Photographic Society - Pickup in Old cars	Rob
		May 2025	
Thur 1	9-4pm	Ladies Craft Day	Kyra Wareing
Tues 6	7.30pm	Committee Meeting	John Barker
Wed 7	10am	Morning Tea	Check Roster
		March 2026	
Sun 15 - Fri 20		2026 Vero International Festi- val of Historic Motoring Nelson	Ray Robertson Festival Director

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CHATTER FROM THE CHAIR...

Hi, Folks,
Well by the time you read this there will be less than a month before the red faced, rotund chap drops down your chimney, eats all your Chrissy cake and drinks your best port! Hopefully, your chimneys are all cleaned ready... Sadly our very own Sweeper, Darcy B, has hung up his brushes recently so there may be a few more dirty red coats around this year!



Already, our various summer season events are under way and it was great to participate in our 'acting' Club captains team retreat at Camp Gilbert a couple of weeks ago! An ideal spot, buried in the bush, around 30 minutes from Wakefield, saw 10 caravans and campers along with a few bunk room crashers, enjoying a great weekend with lots of outdoor challenges and indoor fun, enjoyed by around 20 Club members!

A big thank you to team Thompson assisted by team Lewis for putting together a great 'chill out' weekend! Croquet, Petanque, Cub [well it was a Scout camp], and Camp Golf filled the days, whilst the evening allowed for a Singsong from a team of 4 Club musicians [thnx Karen, Rob. Rex and Dale], followed by a challenging card game and the usual banter of tall stories! This escape should become an annual recharge weekend! Even if you couldn't come for the entire weekend, you could be a day tripper as 2 Model As and a modern were!

A couple of weeks earlier the Gordon's Run, hosted by Geof Clark, had taken us through some interesting countryside before we gathered at the Golf Club by Foxhill for a lovely lunch with amazing hosts! Thnx Geof.

Sadly, on our return from Gilbert Lodge, we learned of Malcolm Russ's passing. Malcolm was the inspiration behind the Speedway setting up the Camping areas, as a Club fund raiser, and had diligently kept an eye on it all, as well as chasing 'our Malcolm' along if the grass wasn't cut to his liking! Our sympathy to the Speedway President, Wayne, his son, their family and the wider Speedway

fraternity. A past Branch Secretary, Sharon Kennedy, also passed away recently and our sympathy also to her family.

Also, in the last Classic Driver, I learned of Avon Hyde's recent passing. A motor sport competitor through most of his life. He won the OSCAR Championship in 1986 and the SI Mini Champs in 1990 as well as pairing to be placed sixth driving a BMW 635CSI at the 1988 Wellington waterfront races. More recently Avon raced his Club eligible Austin 7 at Teretonga and Ruapuna as well as becoming a regular trialist at all the VCC 'offroad trails' including our own events at Cable Bay.

The same magazine had a great write up on Dave and June Campbell and 'Old Essie', there 100 year old Essex. Dave was a previous Chairman in Nelson and they now enjoy retirement on the West Coast. All the route and Stage maps for the Silver Fern Rally were also in the Classic Driver and by the time you read this I should have returned from a week helping sweep [collecting signs] from CHCH to Greymouth to Timaru to Dunedin and finally to Cromwell and finishing in Wanaka... another busy week in store!

Talking of busy happenings, Ray and his team remain hard at work as we head into 2025 and only one year to go before we host the **VERO Festival of Historic Motoring** here in Nelson. How can you be involved? Finish that restoration or drag out the old reliable and enter, offer to help out during the course of the rally... parking, directing, setting up, breaking down... there will be a job for everyone... don't miss out, decide now to be involved!

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Only a fortnight after the VERO, **MURCHISON will be holding it's 150th** birthday celebrations at Easter 2026. A parade of historical vehicles, some with an early connection to the town, is being put together by a few of us, and we would hope to have a display of plenty of other vehicles, particularly Veteran, Vintage and Commercials all lined up at the Show grounds and the owners participating in the towns festivities! You are invited to join us!

Don't forget the **GOLDEN BAY SHOW on Sat 18th JAN** from 10am... or join us for a weekend at the River Inn, including a champagne break-fast on the Sunday.
The **MURCHISON A and P follows on Sat 15th FEB**, from 10am, with free admission to drivers for both shows. **The MOUTERE HOP** is on the weekend of 14th - 16th FEB, as well

Kate and the team at **Nelson Classic Car Museum** have advised us that they will be open until **8.30pm on December 5th, 12th and 19th** to allow us to have a quiet drink, enjoy dinner and buy those last minute Christmas gifts from their excellent selection. If you are buying for a 'Petrol Head' there is a wide selection of excellent books as well as cups and other related merchandise. The NCC Museum are great supporters of the Nelson Branch of the VCC, so please support them... take your summer visitors in for a gander at the 'treasures' housed within and buy a few souvenirs!

Another handy contact for us is **TONY HURST**, who is a booking agent for any trips we need to do across the 'ditch' on an Inter Island ferry. I always use Tony and have found him always quick to reply to an email and to arrange the crossing I require at a very good VCC discounted price. Contact Tony on 021 726 711 for a great Cook Strait deal!

Thanks to everyone who assisted Paul with our new fundraiser, helping the **Speedway with their parking** during bigger events. The fire-works night was awesome and should add \$1500 to our Club coffers with similar amounts hoped for on **28th Dec, 10th - 11th Jan** and likely [TBC] 14-15th March. Its not a hard job... directing, parking and later patrolling on security... but your help is needed... particularly for the back to back meeting in January..... **Your CLUB NEEDS YOU!**

Well, it's that time of the year again... Our **End of Year BBQ at the Club rooms on Sat 8th Dec** from 1pm. [See notice elsewhere].



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Another new one from our Deputy Chair, Jo, who is inviting us all to a Branch picnic with games and activities on **NEW YEAR'S DAY**. At Ewings, **Quail Valley** farm **from 4pm....** Thnx Jo, I'm sure there will be a good number of members still at home over New Year, possibly with visiting guests, wondering what to do after they'd all slept their way into another New Year. Come along.... details elsewhere, but I believe there is to be a lucky dip.... wrap that Xmas present that U don't want and give someone else the pleasure of taking it home!

Jo's also planning to reintroduce her previously popular **Saturday Coffee cruises** to surrounding, parks and places of interest, now that her years of study and assignments are nearly over [well done Jo... and Vern for his untiring support!] Watch this space for these forthcoming cruises!

As your Chairman, **may I wish you all a relaxing and happy festive season** with your families and friends. Forget about the wheels in the shed for a bit [apart from New Year's Day], and have some well deserved timeout with the other ones you love! After too much eating and drinking and not enough exercising and recreation, I look forward to welcoming everyone in our wider Club Whanau, back to another happy and rewarding year in 2025.

Our huge Club fundraiser of the year, **our 2025 SWAP MEET, is on Saturday 8th March....** and again your help will be needed... **YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!** Grab a site or assist both before and on the day. Malcolm and Lloyd are coordinating things this year and very soon the advertising signs will be re dated... and popping up all around Nelson and Tasman. BUT... They don't pop up by ¹¹

themselves... YOUR CLUB NEEDS.... Thnx, please give Malcolm or Lloyd a ring and tell them how you would like to help! Thank you!

Chris and Charil were heading out for a drink before Christmas but the hotel security told Chris he couldn't enter the bar without a tie. He headed back out to the PA, rummaged in the boot and found his jumper leads! Charil arranged them around his neck and he looked electrifying! Up to the door they went and the security guard reluctantly let them in.... **but don't START anything**, he warned!

And so, **please all have a relaxing Holiday Season** and I look forward to another busy motoring and socializing year in 2025.

MIKE BRYAN. CHAIR, Nelson.

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with Wayne at Wednesday morning tea

Acting Club Captains Report

October 18 19 Biennial Rally

This was a great weekend, unfortunately only 5 cars making the trip from our Nelson Club. Some fun was had on the rally traveling through a vast Pine Nut orchard, most getting lost, having to turn about 30 cars on a narrow signal lane road by the sea. We were following like sheep on private farmland with the wonderful destination of Cape Campbell Lighthouse. The famer's wife



gave a talk on the history of the Lighthouse and farm and many hard cases that had lived there in the past. Prize giving and a fantastic meal was consumed in the Clubrooms on the Saturday evening.

November 2 Fireworks Spectacular car parking.

Thank you to Paul and the team who helped out on this evening Club fund raiser. A good chin wag, Pizza and Chicken was had after all were parked and before we made sure they went home again. We have more evenings like this coming up. If you can help please add your name to the clipboard sheets in the Clubrooms.

November 6 Morning tea and mystery lunch.

Many thanks to all 40 plus who attended this morning tea. About 17 took part in the lunch run, which was an interesting drive through farmland, backcountry to the lunch venue, no dust, however our cars needed a wash when we got home. Thank you to Joking Geoff and Margaret for organising this event.

The final destination was a place we, and probably most of us, would have never thought to go to, very pleasant and homely.

Who can organise the March lunch run?

November 15 16 17 Mystery Camp/Club Run weekend.

Thank you to all who took part in this event. The idea was covering all bases, we hoped having a mystery run on either Saturday or Sunday plus those that wanted to could go up Friday afternoon with a Caravan or Motorhome and park up for the weekend. Or there was an option of staying in one of two bunkrooms in the building, which Ray and brave Debbie did.

It was BYO everything and not far from Wakefield in case people needed supplies.

We had a lot of fun with Karen T and Mike B bringing a variety of fun games if you wanted to take part, thank you both.

We have had comments along the lines of “we are in for the next one when is it”?

Lesley B was at the Clubrooms all weekend with instruction for anyone who wanted to come along. I'm sorry John B got lost and had to return to the Wakefield Bakery for the biggest potato top pie to ease his disappointment. He probably wasn't lost but the destination is a bit off the beaten track, he probably just felt lost.

November 20 Morning tea.

What a great turn out, new members, visitors, a heap of people and a wonderful mystery car to cap it off. Thank you to all who attended and huge thankyou to Wes for bringing your MG and telling us yours and the cars story.

If you have a mystery car please let us know and we will fit you in some time.

Extra Bits

Just a heads up for 2025.

A part you can play in running of the 2026 Vero International Festival of Historic Motoring. We are going to need VCC cars on 30 April to May 4 2025 to transport members of the Photographic Society of NZ Convention. Numbers are not confirmed yet. These people will need to be taken to the Rutherford Hotel from Nelson Airport and also during the time to the Classic Car Museum over these dates. This group have been asked, and agreed to photograph the 2026 International Rally, so it's a thank you to them for donating their time for our clubs most major event. We will have a clipboard in the Clubrooms in the New Year to add your name to assist.
All the best Maureen Dianne and Rob



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and something to sit on.
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There is a stream if you fancy a cool dip.

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Membership

We warmly welcome the following new members to the branch

April Graighead who is now a Joint member with her partner Ian MacLennan

Eric MacPherson of Atawhai who has two Honda Motorcycles, a 1966 CB77 in storage and a 1968 CD125 which is Drivable

Ross Strawbridge of Richmond. Ross has a restored 1975 Yamaha XS650B and is currently restoring a 1954 Commer Superpoise Commercial Vehicle

Murray McLean of Onekaka, Takaka.
Murray has a 1937 Chevrolet Flatback Sedan under restoration, a 1974 Mercedes Benz 280S Sedan and a 1954 Matchless G3LS Motorcycle



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The show and shine will be held at the Solway Showgrounds in Masterton.



The navigation trial and scenic tour will give you the opportunity to take in some of the Wairarapa's stunning scenery, great driving roads, and local hospitality.



Our motorsport events will be held at the Masterton Motorplex, where you will get the chance to enter a range of events including timed runs down the drag strip.

We will finish up with our prizegiving dinner at the Copthorne Hotel & Resort.

Further details will be available on www.mowog.co.nz

We look forward to seeing you all in 2025!



VINTAGE CAR CLUB OF NEW ZEALAND, INC

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5TH TO 8TH FEBRUARY 2025

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71st DUNEDIN-BRIGHTON VETERAN VEHICLE RUN

SATURDAY 25TH and SUNDAY 26TH JANUARY 2025

ENTRIES CLOSE 15th January 2025



The Otago Branch invites you to take part in the 71st Dunedin – Brighton Veteran Car Run.

Vehicles will be flagged away from the Octagon

We will then drive to Brighton for lunch and field tests

The event is open to all Veteran Vehicles built prior to 1st January 1919.

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The event will start from the First Church Carpark –

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THANKS

Rally packs will be available at 8.45am. and the briefing will be at 9.15am sharp.

Shorts

Overall winners of the Marlborough Biennial Rally run 19th October was Debbie & Ray Robertson. They were presented with a beautiful travel rug made by Lynn Fairweather

**The Vintage Car Club also pass on our condolences to the Russ Family with the passing of Malcolm Russ
Malcolm was well know around the district from his days in the P&T, and his life long association with the Nelson Speedway and he would be quietly smiling knowing he kept us all in line.
Rest in peace Malcolm.**



Ray Robertson was also the winner of the Recent Grasskhana held at Quail Valley with the three most consistent run times

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