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**Newsletter of the Nelson
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Hi All

Great attendance at the AGM and the Restoration of the Year -when you get vehicles of high-quality resto on show it makes it hard to choose a winner. It is awesome to see some new blood coming onto the committee, this always brings new ideas and freshness to things. View the new committee on the next couple of pages.



This of course does not exempt the rest of you biscuit munchers from hoping in with your thoughts and attendance at other events Now Vero is out of the way, I plan to start writing a few more member profiles and have my eye on a few people to spill their life stories for all to read.

Let me know if you have a yarn or two to tell. Restoration / garage runs have always been popular winter or summer, so if you are in the process of rebuilding a vehicle or something else – let us know, we could do perhaps two or three short visits in an evening, finishing with a tea or coffee.

Regards *Ray Robertson*

Front: Ross Sice and Grandson Jack put the Model A thru its paces at the Quail Valley Eggs Grasskhana

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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

July			
Tue 7	7.30pm	Committee Meeting	Gloria Pegg
Thu 9	7.30pm	Social Night at Clubrooms	Maureen Joblin
Wed 15	10.00am	Morning tea and Mystery	
Sun 26	10.00am	Snow Run to St Arnaud – Meet at Clubrooms page 19	Maureen Joblin
August			
Tue 4	7.30pm	Committee Meeting	Gloria Pegg
Wed 5	10.00am	Morning Tea & Mystery Lunch	
Thu 6	9-4pm	Ladies Craft Day	Kyra Wareing
Sun 9	1.00pm	Mid Winter Xmas Lunch –Clubrooms page 12	Maureen Joblin
Wed 19	10.00am	Morning Tea & Mystery Car (Visit to Club By Tahuna Stoke Mens Group)	
Sat 22	9.00am	Daffodil Day Set Up	Dianne Lewis
Sun 23	10.00am	Daffodil Day	Dianne Lewis
Tue 25	12.45pm	Daffodil Deliveries- Cancer Society	John Barker
Sept			
Tue 1	7.30pm	Committee Meeting	Gloria Pegg
Wed 2	10.00am	Morning Tea	
Thu 3	9-4pm	Ladies Craft Day	Kyra Wareing
Wed 16	10.00am	Morning tea	
Sat 26	TBA	Proposed Fundraising Run for Riding for Disabled	
Oct			
Thu 1	9-4pm	Ladies Craft Day	Kyra Wareing
Tue 6	7.30pm	Committee meeting	Gloria Pegg
Wed 7	10.00am	Morning Tea	
Sat 17- Sun 18		Marlborough Biennial Rally –Donegal House Kaikoura	Cath Miller
Wed 21	10.00am	Morning Tea	
Sun 25	TBA	Run to Ngatimoti School Festival	Maureen Joblin
Nov			
Tue 3	7.30pm	Committee Meeting	Gloria Pegg
Wed 4	10.00am	Morning Tea	
Thu 5	9-4pm	Ladies Craft Day	Kyra Wareing

Nelson Branch Committee & Appointments

		
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Chairman Report



Well, another AGM been and gone. It was very pleasing to see so many members attend. After a quite couple of years, I am honored to lead our incoming committee and appointees for this next year.

I wish to thank last year's committee and other members for the vast amount of work involved in the organization of many events and day-to-day running of our club during such a busy period in the club's history. The Vero Rally certainly put the VCC Nelson branch out there in the motoring enthusiast's community. Well done to all involved. Nelson is really proud of you.

I am looking forward to working with our incoming committee, appointees and everyone wishing to assist with any of our upcoming events, be it working bees, runs etc.

Congratulations to Tim McDowell on taking home the trophy for Restoration of the Year with your lovely MGB.

Well done Richard Conlon on receiving the Pride of Ownership trophy with the La France. Your Dad would be so proud to see this vehicle motoring on New Zealand roads. It was wonderful seeing so many entries in the line-up for this trophy.

I would like to encourage our members to join the Nelson Vintage Car Club Face book page. This is a new page worthy of following. On a more somber note, I was saddened to hear the passing of our long-standing member, Ian Dymond this last week. Our condolences go out to Dawn and family. I first met Ian in the early eighties while he was in the Marlborough Branch when I swapped a early veteran hand painted number plate for the single cylinder engine for the 1911 AC Sociable. He had a wonderful collection of AA memorabilia, hub caps and number plates.

Look forward to seeing as many vehicles as possible out on the snow run at Daffodil Day and the upcoming Biennial Rally this year to be run by the Marlborough Branch and will be held in Kaikoura.

Hope you all stay warm, especially if you are out motoring.

As the saying goes, Spring is around the corner

.Cheers

Trevor

Wow, spring is just around the corner!



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Some of you may have met Jordon, who has for the past 10 years enjoyed the experience of working in a number of high-profile businesses around Nelson.

Some of you will remember Jordon and his mates turning up to a VCC run in his first classic car a beautiful little Triumph Herald Convertible which he still owns.

Jordon & Holly we wish you all the very best in your new venture and I am sure you will enjoy some customs from VCC Members

Jordons contacts are cell 021 29 51017 or
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you when on VCC Events

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Notice of Visit to the Club

On **Wednesday 19th August** the committee has invited a Men's Group from Tahunanui /Stoke area to join us for morning Tea. (Possibly 12 or so people)

The group are interested in learning what the club is about and meeting some of our members.

It is an opportunity to further our Club awareness with the public, something we achieved very well during the Vero Rally

So, bring your vehicles along and show them off – who knows we may pick up a couple of new members.

Ray Robertson

Mid-Winter Xmas Dinner Fully Catered



Clubrooms Sunday 9th August

Cost \$25.00 pp

**Numbers to Maureen by
Wed 5th Aug
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Our 1st Irishmans by Dianne Lewis

Last year we had the opportunity to buy a complying car, a 1930 Model A, so we could do the Irishman's Rally at long last. One thing on our 'Bucket list'.

We did a rekkie with the car the week before to iron out any issues by going over the hill to the Model A lunch in Havelock and giving her a good trial run.

Luckily we did cos it gave us a few days to fix a couple of issues.

We discovered we had problems with her boiling going up the hills so after an investigation, flushing out the radiator, we decided we may need to replace the head gasket.

We also discovered a couple of tiny cracks in the head so after putting in 6-7 plugs to fix it plus a new head gasket we were on our way south with her on the trailer.

We had a good trip down arriving in Fairlie on the Friday afternoon to register at the Kimble pub.



I don't often see the sunrise these days so it was nice to see some beautiful colours in the sky ...as you get down south.

It was a beautiful clear morning but as we headed for the hills we ran into fog

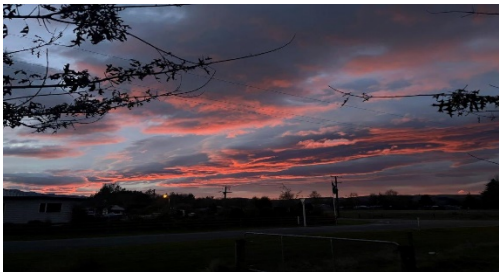
It was a couple of hours before it finally burnt off but as we were driving the roads I looked right and a horse was trotting and galloping beside us. I thought it was in the paddock but then when it passed us we all realised it had got out of its paddock spooked and ran beside our cars for about 2-3 km before it ran out of puff and a brave lady got out and calmed it down.



That was the time I realised our car wasn't even 1 horsepower!

We drove on some pretty picturesque roads during the day, got a flat tyre when the valve somehow came out. A couple of cars stopped and gave us a hand to change it then when we got to our lunch stop at Bush Town in Waimate, Kevin Mercer and a friend were able to put our spare tube into the tyre so we could feel safe to carry on on the rough roads and fords set to print for the afternoon.

We headed back inland and up over Elephant Hill and to the Waitaki Valley then motored up the Valley and turned into the Hakataramea Valley. It was a beautiful drive through several fords taking a couple of hours as the sun set



This was when we realised our generator wasn't charging our battery so as we came out onto the main road back to Fairlie

we had no headlights so it was out with our torch and I held into onto the windscreen so we could see our way back.

Goodness knows what the cars coming towards us thought cos in the distance we probably looked like a motorbike or cycle coming towards them.

As it turned out we weren't the only ones who had no lights coming home so the support vehicles were busy supporting or towing cars coming home



We had to get Dave and Yvonne Bell, the only other entrants from Nelson, to give us a tow to get us going. From then on we either had to keep the car going or make sure we were parked on a rise so we could crash start it each time.

Yvonne and Dave came with us on the Sunday as Yvonne's car broke down on Spooners so they came down in their Ute.

We travelled through Verdant Downs station, told to follow the arrows, don't go through any closed gates but it wasn't long before we all got totally lost and because the 1st cars made wrong turns...none of us could find the arrows we were supposed to follow. We must've looked funny going all over the place through many (wrong) open gates til the only way to get us out of the property was for the farmer to cut some wires in his fence to let us all out!



This meant we had to miss the next farm which was a shame cos the family were looking forward to seeing all the cars go through.



We then went onto Waratah Station with its steep hills and descents which gave our brakes a good workout. We also suddenly stopped in the middle of a river so had to not only get towed out but towed along to get started again.

This was where we stopped in the yards of the station for lunch and to look through the museum they have there in the old wool shearing shed circa 1870. From here we went down Limestone Valley Road and back to Fairlie for the prizegiving and socialising.



Even tho we had a few hiccups with the car we really enjoyed

driving all the back country roads for the 2 days.

It can be a tough rally for the cars, many rough roads, fords, hills to climb and decend but we thoroughly enjoyed it and met some really nice, down to earth people. Typical South Canterbury/ McKenzie country hospitality and fun.



Check the crack out in our trailer



*Dave Bells need for speed
just pushes things a bit to
far*



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for the*



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Membership

We welcome new members to the club.

Liane Harding of Upper Moutere – Liane has joined as a joint member with husband Andrew, they have a 1991 Mazda Eunos Roadster. It is great to see the Hardings at number of events in the last month or so.

Gordon and Sue Adamson of Mapua - who have a 1985 Ford Sierra and are keen to participate in events

Passing - It is with much sadness that we advise the passing of longtime member **Ian Dymond** on the 14th June.

Ian Transferred from the Marlborough Branch to Nelson and became our Branch Librarian. He joined the VCC in 1970's He was Chairman of the Branch 1985-1986 and Secretary 1996-1999. Many will recall Ian's amazing collection of vintage hub caps and arguably the most complete collection of Automobile Association memorabilia ever assembled in New Zealand

Our warmest condolences to Ian's wife Dawn and his family



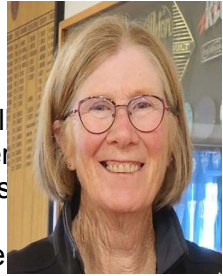
Wot is it about **Tall** men and small cars ? (spotted
at the Anne Egan Ladies Run)







Club Captains Report



June is coming to an end and the AGM will be over by the time this comes out, another Club year finished but all our club activities continue on.

Thank you all for the support you have given over the past year, it has been invaluable and I look forward to this coming year and what mysteries and fun we can get up to.

Here are a few dates of what has been and up and coming activities, don't be shy, come along and join us

JUNE

Wed 3 Morning tea Mystery lunch.

We had 57 attend this morning, our turnouts seem to be growing each time we get together. Huge Thank you to Lesley, Lynette, Jill, Glenda, Andrea, Rob and Karen Grey. This was followed with our mystery lunch organised by John & Carolyn Bolland (who could not join us) to MV Café in Marsden Valley. The café was very happy when 30 of us turned up.

Thurs 11 Games Night

We had 19 come along for what turned out to be a very relaxed evening, lots of chat, a couple of games played (not strictly to the rules) plenty to eat & drink. A good social evening.

Sat 13 Ladies Rally

Rachel & Les Limmer put today's run together, named 'No winter blues' with 29 of us attending. We had several questions to contend with along the way, but the destination was worth it. The Garden House, Kina peninsular coped well with all of us as we took over the building then explored the gardens.

Debbie Robertson (Ray) was the overall winner, Dianne Lewis (Paul) won best dressed, Gail Brydon (Kit) won for their quote on the rally sheet, 'Bugged if I know'. A good day out and Huge Thanks Rachel for organising today's adventures.

Sat 20 Grasskhana, Quail Valley

Lloyd and Gwen Ewing provided the venue, and Jared Dacombe organised the event. It was such a fun day with 26 attending and getting right into the swing of things. Well, I think Ray swung more than most and did a bit of ploughing, but he didn't get stuck, just ploughed his way out.

The ground conditions were perfect, a bit damp underfoot but enough moisture on top to make you think about your driving skills or end up off course. Winner was Les Limmer who hand braked his way around the various courses in true rally style. I think everyone left with a smile on their face and mud to share around the district.

Sat 27th Pride of Ownership & Restoration of the year and our AGM

Morning tea, mystery lunch and mystery vehicles or what other mysteries we can unearth, will continue on the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

JULY

Thurs 9 Club Night. This will now be a **Social Evening**. Our Movie man is unavailable. Please bring a plate.

Sun 26 Snow run to Lake Rotoiti Hall. Meet 10 am at our club rooms, Bring your own Lunch please

AUGUST

Sun 16 Mid-Winter Xmas Lunch, 1pm

Sat 22 Set up for Daffodil Day - Contact Dianne Lewis

Sun 23 Daffodil Day Show & Shine. Shane Kemp from the Mouere hop (Upper Mouere) has a run back to our clubrooms on the day.

Tues 25 Daffodil Flower delivery, contact John Barker

September

Saturday 26 - proposed Fund-raising run to Richmond RDA (Riding for the Disabled)

There are details still to be fleshed out but put the date on your calendar, the more cars from our branch and other car clubs we can get, the better.

OCTOBER

17 – 18 There is the biennial Rally which will be held in Kaikoura, organised by the Marlborough branch

Sun 25 Club run to Ngatimoti School Fair. Add it to your calendar

This wee school did an outstanding job when the Vero Rally vehicles called into this school for our lunch break. They were dressed in 'period' costumes, clip boards in hand with a great range of questions. They made everyone very welcome & were a delight so let's support their fund raiser for the year displaying our beautiful vehicles and spending some money at the fair.

We wish a very warm welcome to any new committee members from our AGM and to new members to our club

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Maureen & Dianne



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Grasskhana by Mort



The wall poster promoting the event suggested a drive in the country was called for, after all who could pass up the opportunity of some grass. Upon arrival at the beautifully manicured park like surroundings at the Ewing family property in Quail Valley, the realization that damp grass calls for a joint effort hit home, the mist was lifting and cones were a plenty, all upright and scattered about setting the challenge if you dare.



The fella's from Blenheim stopped in for a turn, while some of the more relaxed locals were out for a picnic, Karen spinning a wheel to keep her line.



Jeanette & Ross rolled up, getting a giggle on as they reminisced about their last attempt, “Such Fun”



Mum's car, who is tickling the hand brake? The expression on Rachel's face suggests some “Skill”



As the spectators were seen wagging the chin, the girls reflected

a beaming smile all in “Good Company”



Keep it to yourself, some of those “on the Grass”, John care-ssed the old bird, Sice’s rumbled in the ute “A”, Andrew’s topless Mazda is about the view, Mike chauffeured his bride in the comfort of the Merc and Mr Robertson dug trenches in the Toyota.

A big shoutout to all involved in delivering such an enjoyable day, not least Jared and his helpers, the Ewing family who allowed the use of their grass & facilities, don’t forget Hughie for taming the weather.

Take care of you & yours, keep smiling 🙏



Restoration of The Year

Entry 1 Holden Belmont Utility – Owner Maree Peters





Owner of the Holden Belmont Utility Maree Peters does a final touch up before judging

Entry two – MGB Roadster – Tim McDowell
owner and winner of the 2026 Restoration of the
Year





Entry Three – Mazda Cosmo – Owner Jared Dacombe





Pride of Ownership Winner- Richard Conlon and His La France





Clockwise from
 Left hand Page :
 Malcolm Bakers
 Escort, David Ching
 Standard, Barry
 Evand Holden
 Sunbird, Murray
 Schwass Willys
 Whippet, Richard
 Conlons La France,
 Dale Shattocks Fiat
 850, Richard
 Topliss Morgan,



AGM and Awards





Clockwise from LH Page Attendance at Meeting, Debbie Robertson - Anne Egan Ladies Run Trophy, Jared Dacombe - Trevor Evans Plate, Leigh Joblin - Commercial , Richard Conlon - Pride of Ownership, Tim McDowell – Restoration of the Year





Clockwise: : Chairperson Joanne Hoffman presents Duncan Rutherford trophy to Mike Bryan, Jill Holmwood receives the Mooloo Cup, Club Capt Maureen Joblin presents annual report, Dave & Yvonne Bell receive the Hard luck Trophy

Clockwise: Geoff Morris 60-year award, Jack Angelsey – 60-year award, Richard Topliss receives 50-year award from Rebecca George, Derek Martin 50-year award, Centre: Richard Conlon receives his 35-year service award



Mystery Car June 17th – Bill Dense daughter in laws Escort 1.3l





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Held on the first Thursday of every month at the clubrooms. **Next meeting Thursday August 6th 2026 9am to 4pm.** Just come for a chat and or share your hobbies. Come for the day or an hour or two. Tea and coffee on the house. If staying for the day bring your lunch.

Need to be pickup, this can be arranged with others.



For more info contact

Kyra 544 99



Just a Heads Up New Facebook page

Courtesy of Maureen s efforts the
Nelson Branch now has a Facebook page all set up and
operational

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