

# *The* Crank Case



**June 2024**



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

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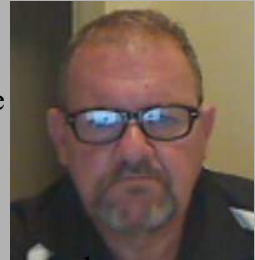
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Hi Everyone

Well, Sadly the Sandy Bay Hill Climb is no more but Jared Dacombe has the satisfaction of now holding a record for the fastest VCC competitor up the hill.

Just like Derek Thomason's Bakersfield speed record neither can ever be broken as both events are no longer run.



This is a timely reminder to all couch sitters or goggle box watchers, when auto events are organised for you, try to participate or contribute in some small way - otherwise these events and the freedom to use our old vehicles when an how we want will cease to exist also.

In “Driving our History”, we all have an obligation to ensure the future for those that follow us . Age and or health is a big reason to get out an enjoy the time we have, the only impediment is lack of motivation.

A thank you to everybody who has taken the time to send me contributions and pics for the Crankcase this month, while I can't always guarantee to use them all they are never the less really appreciated. Please keep it up

Kind Regards *Ray*

**Front Cover:** Kyra Wareings new toy “Angle box” out on it first outing on the Anne Eagan Ladies Run resplendent with its go faster wheels

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## Nelson VCC Calendar Of Events

**Please note these events may be subject to change and some-times it is not always possible to advise in advance**

June 2024			
Tues 4	7.30pm	<b>Committee Meeting</b>	Roy West
Wed 5	10am	<b>Morning Tea &amp; Gordons Mystery Lunch run</b>	Check Roster
Thu 6	9-4pm	Ladies Craft Day	Kyra Wareing
Mon 10	7.30pm	<b>2026 Vero Com. meeting</b>	Karen Thompson
Thur 13	7.00pm	<b>Visit to Craig Boote Collec-tion see page 48</b>	Rob/Maureen/John
Wed 19	10am	<b>Morning Tea</b>	Check Roster
Sun 23	1.00pm	<b>AGM page 20-23 &amp; Restoration of the year and Pride of ownership Page 36</b>	Roy West
Sun 23	8.30am	Rosco Trials 2024 Reefton	Gordon Dacombe
Sat 29	10-2pm	Proposed Club Run to Reef-ton Car Show page 47	Rex Smith or Mike Bryan
Sat 29	1-4pm	Quilters 5th Birthday Display Invitation p25	Kyra Wareing
July 2024			
Tue 2	7.30pm	<b>Committee Meeting</b>	
Wed 3	10am	<b>Morning Tea &amp; Gordons mystery Lunch run</b>	Check Roster
Thur 4	9-4pm	Ladies Craft Day	Kyra Wareing
Mon 8	7.30pm	<b>2026 Vero Com. meeting</b>	Karen Thompson
Thur 11		Club night	Rob/Maureen/John
Sun 14		<b>Snow Run to St Arnaud page 37</b>	Marlborough Branch
Wed 17	10am	<b>Morning Tea</b>	Check Roster
Sat 21st	TBA	Proposed 60th Anniversary Lunch see next Crankcase	Rob/Maureen/John
August 2024			
Thur 1	9-4pm	Ladies Craft Day	Kyra Wareing
Mon 5	7.30pm	<b>2026 Vero Com. meeting</b>	Karen Thompson
Tue 6	7.30pm	<b>Committee Meeting</b>	

Wed 7	10am	<b>Morning Tea &amp; Gordons</b>	Check Roster
Thur 8		Club night	Rob/Maureen/John
Wed 21	10am	<b>Morning Tea</b>	Check Roster
		<b>August continued</b>	
Sun 25		<b>Daffodil Rally for Cancer</b>	
Wed 28		<b>Daffodil Deliveries</b>	Ian MacLennan
		<b>September 2024</b>	
Mon 2	7.30pm	<b>2026 Vero Com. meeting</b>	Karen Thompson
Tue 3	7.30pm	<b>Committee Meeting</b>	
Wed 4	10am	<b>Morning Tea &amp; Gordons mystery lunch run</b>	Check Roster
Thur 5		Ladies Craft Day	Kyra Wareing
Thur 12		Club Night TBA	Maureen & Gordon
Sat/Sun 14 / 15		Club Run	Maureen & Gordon
Wed 18	10am	<b>Morning Tea</b>	Check Roster
Sat 29		<b>Gentlemans Drive raising money for prostate</b>	Mike Wilson
		<b>October 2024</b>	
Tue 1	7.30pm	<b>Committee Meeting</b>	
Wed 2	10am	<b>Morning Tea &amp; Gordons Mystery Lunch run</b>	Check Roster
Thu 3	9-4pm	Ladies Craft Day	Kyra Wareing
Mon 7	7.30pm	<b>2026 Vero Com. meeting</b>	Karen Thompson
Thu 10		Club Night	Maureen & Gordon
Sun 13		Gymkhana Skills	
Wed 16	10am	<b>Morning Tea</b>	Check Roster
Fri 18-20		<b>Biennial Rally Blenheim</b>	Marlborough Branch
		<b>November 2024</b>	
Mon 4	7.30pm	<b>2026 Vero Com. meeting</b>	Karen Thompson
Tue 5	7.30pm	<b>Committee Meeting</b>	
Wed 6	10am	<b>Morning Tea</b>	Check Roster
Thu 14		Club Night TBA	Maureen & Gordon
		<b>March 2026</b>	
Sun 15 - Fri 20		<b>2026 Vero International Festival of Historic Motoring Nelson</b>	Ray Robertson Festival Director

## *CHATTER FROM THE CHAIR.*

Hi Everyone,

I hope the Winter ills and chills are still being kept at bay! Wrap up and keep warm and only venture out when you are feeling well or when 'cabin fever' has kicked in and a dose of VCC activity is needed to revive you! By the time you read this, several crews will have headed to Canterbury to take part in the 70<sup>th</sup> Irishman's Rally based over three days, initially in the Rangiora area, then centred on Fairlie.



Our intrepid Coast 2 Coast organizers, Jo and Gordon are taking part and will no doubt return with ideas and enthusiasm for our next C2C, tentatively ear marked for November 2025, I believe. Mark it in your diaries now!

Our recent May run to Quail Crossing, put together by our acting CC Maureen, was a great success.. an interesting rally route, a beautiful cloudless day with all the Autumn shades, topped off by a picnic lunch beside a lake and stately home. All in grounds planted with a variety of trees and shrubs.... a magic spot team Joblin, and **thank you** for organizing a great outing for us! My count had 17 vehicles and about 36 folk participating!

Gordon has re instated the popular lunchtime cruises in your Club eligible vehicles, following the first Morning Tea of each month... **THNX** Gordon and **thank you** everyone for supporting him! Simple instructions to follow... and only one 'lost' team, with the owner of a huge Buick vehicle, deciding his fuel tank contained too much fuel and decided to 'burn off' a few gallons by flying via Upper Moutere and Motueka before landing in Mapua as others were leaving!

As an aside... I recently attended a vegetarian BBQ held by another sister Club with many members also from our Branch. This was on a beautiful sunny Sunday at Rabbit Is and about 20 folk were relaxing in the sun when.... Suddenly, the organizers [they drive a Vauxhall] took off... the Club meat was still on their front lawn at home..... hence the Vege BBQ! But wait... there's more... 30 minutes later RING RING... Is there a Chilli Bin somewhere...? yes, under the table... whats in it...? You guessed it, it's full of meat... no you hadn't

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forgotten it... all we have to do is cook it and eat it before you make it back!! **THANKS** for cooking it VCC members Lindsey and Allan!

The time for more thanks.... now that we are no longer printing copies of the CRANKCASE and hand addressing or label sticking nearly 300.... it's time to say a **HUGE THANK YOU** to our lickers and stickers for as long as I can remember! JAN and RON JOHNSON at last, you have worked yourselves out of a job and are now officially redundant! What can we say BUT..... you deserve the rest... enjoy time out! Again **THANK YOU!**

Also a Thank you to Lauren and Stuart Gibbs, strong supporters of our Swap Meet who bring their ice cream stall on the day. Rightly, they pointed out a number of concerns with the allocating of stalls and space at this year's Meet and your Committee agreed with them that some additional checks needed to be put in place for 2025. We decided to refund their site fee and thank them for their positive comments, however, they have donated the \$50 back to us to be used to ensure our organization is better sorted..... and it will be! **THANK YOU to the GIBBS!**

Our **2025 SWAP MEET** will have a separate Manager to oversee the satisfaction of all our food carts. This should also apply to the arrangements for the **DAFFODIL RALLY DAY, Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August**. Could you be that person... The Committee await your kind offer! **THANK YOU!**

Could you be our **SWAP MEET Coordinator and team leader for March 2025**. This is our big fundraiser of the year and all money raised goes to our Branch to off set our costs to run the Club! Bluntly, if we don't run our Swap Meets we will have to raise the approx. \$8 000 annually, by adding around \$40 per member to our Branch levy..... Yep, I can see an increase in this levy being proposed at this months's AGM!

**More THANK YOU's** to our many members who Insure their vehicles, and other assets, with VERO. The commissions returned to our Branch from these Premiums are substantial... and with **VERO's Sponsorship** contributions to our 2026 International Rally, Ray and his team are already seeing the advantages of VERO's contributions. **THANK YOU** for being a VERO member!

**THANK YOU** also for being an **NBS Client**. Our local Branch consistently provides sponsorship for our various Club activities. The recent financial success of our South Island Easter Rally would not have been possible without the significant assistance of the NBS. **THANK YOU** for supporting them!

**This Month is our Branches AGM on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 2pm. At 1pm is our RESTORATION of the YEAR and PRIDE of OWNERSHIP Vehicle display.** So far I have no vehicles entered, but hopefully.... and knowing what a keen lot we are.... several will roll up on the day!  
**THANK YOU** for bringing your PRIDE and JOY along for our Enjoyment!

**THANK YOU** for considering joining our Committee or offering to assist on one of the several Sub Committees that we will need to form for the next year! The big position still open, is that of **TREASURER...** the heart beat of our Branch! Ian has set the systems up correctly over the last 4 years and he is available to help guide you into the position if required! Our alterative is to add further to our Branch Levy and pay an outsider to do the work for us! **THANK YOU** for supporting your Committee by attending the AGM. [please bring something to share for afternoon tea.]

Please wear your name badges to the AGM and if you would like another one please contact Wayne Price. These are available at \$15 each. Also available, ex CO Branch, are **CLUB WINGS** stickers, for your vehicle's windows. They have **NELSON BRANCH** underneath and are only \$3.00. I will be ordering these after the AGM, please put your name on the clip board at the Clubrooms.

The upgraded courtyard area is looking great and received positive feedback from our visitors at the recent SI Easter Rally. Some planters and better tables are still needed.

**Paul** our building supervisor has already installed a vehicle gate to allow us better access to the side of our gifted 40 foot container.

**Gordon and Paul** have already brought in the first “mystery vehicle for its owner Peter field to tell us all about it. Well done guys -- thank you.

We need this rear entrance because the front of that container will soon contain the **Fire Engine** that our Branch is to take care of! The owners want us to use it and care for it and have appointed Lloyd Ewing as it's custodian, assisted by Malcolm Baker as our representative. Some work is still required on it, a 1948 Ford V8 light truck believed to have served in both the Collingwood and Motueka Brigades.



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Two new wall heaters and additional strip lighting have been purchased, and soon the club rooms will be even more toasty and the courtyard better lit for your enjoyment - thanks **Brent and Max**

25 people enjoyed Darcy's Old Time records and dance night a big thanx to **Darcy, team Milne and Chris and Malcolm** for the BBQ!

Another great crowd turned out for an interesting and educational Ladies Rally, where we “**Drove our History**” right through the Wakapuaka Cemetery and back to Smugglers for a yummy lunch together - Thanx to **Debbie & Ray**

**REEFTON CAR SHOW... Sat 29th June** We've had no feedback on making a weekend of this but we can still rally down together, if you wish!

**MEET at BEECHWOOD'S CAFÉ**, main Road **MURCHISON** at 9.00am on the Saturday and we will drive to REEFTON. Vehicles usually are displayed till about 2pm then home via Rahu Saddle or Buller Gorge ,as you wish! Refer page 47 for details

**A few random figures for you to digest... And pair up! [1]**

369,000 [2] 3,700km per year.

[3] \$6 355. [4] \$52 500 [5] \$16.5 billion. [6] 26%.

[A] Average distance Collectible vehicles drive annually. [B] The estimated number of historic vehicles and classics on the NZ roads. [C] Annual average spend per vehicle. [D] Estimated total economic footprint of this group of vehicles in NZ. [E] Average value of each vehicle above.

[F] Proportion of the NZ population who would love to own an historic or classic vehicle.

A lady recently was given two pups so she named them **TIMEX** and **ROLEX!**

The neighbour said... 'What stupid names!'. 'Be careful,' the lady said, 'they're Watch dogs!'

A member, Paul, recently went into a hardware shop and asked for some nails...

'How long do you want them?' the salesman asked...

'Oh', said Paul' I have a big job on at the Car Club and I was rather hoping to keep them!

**SEE YOU AT YOUR AGM on SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1pm [Don't forget a few nibbles to share!]**

**ROLL THEM ALONG!**

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# Membership

We welcome the following new members to the branch, we look forward to meeting and seeing you at a club activity soon.

**Ron & Kerrin Mazey** who have a 1959 Morris minor Saloon

**Chris Jones of The Wood, Nelson.** Chris owns a 64' Austin Mini Sedan and currently under restoration a 69' Morris Cooper S Mk 2

**Errol Harper of Richmond.** Errol has a 1936 Austin Ascot 12/6 Saloon



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## Robert ‘Bob’ Wagner

We offer our condolences to the Wagner Family following the recent passing of **Bob**

A service was held for Bob on the 11th May in his aircraft hanger on Pughes Road Hope amongst several planes that Bob had built.

The service was attended by a significant number of people a testament to the connection Bob had with so many.

Ray Robertson, Paul & Diane Lewis represented the VCC with Paul saying a few words at the service.



This Chrysler Bob had only taken possession of it a short time before he died -not this was used in the 1964 VCC Nelson Rally in Motueka - the last Canterbury Branch organized rally for the Nelson Area





Not to be out done , and to ease the burden of compliance Bob registered the Model T as a 24 Ford T Tractor



A guard of honour flanks Bobs Home on his Hope airstrip.



Bobs 3 planes - the yellow plane at rear and the replica Peitenpol on right he built but he also owned the plane in foreground above



# Nelson Car Club

## Sandy Bay Sealed Hillclimb

7<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Rank	#	Name	Club	Car	Class	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3	Fastest Run
1	16	Neil Webb	MCC	Mitsubishi Mirage	D	1:29.09	1:30.04	1:29.75	1:29.09
2	8	Brett Stevens	CCC	Mitsubishi Evo	D	1:33.94	1:32.45	1:33.45	1:32.45
3	32	Glenn Taylor		Honda Civic	B	1:33.79	1:35.08	1:32.61	1:32.61
4	7	Bjorn Cowdrey	MCC	Honda Civic	B	1:33.40	1:33.24	1:32.84	1:32.84
5	6	Stuart Carter	Ratec	Toyota Starlet	C	1:39.23	1:33.58	1:33.20	1:33.20
6	12	Riley Stubbs	MCC	Toyota Starlet	B	1:34.36	1:34.74	1:34.31	1:34.31
7	35	Harry Stevens		Mitsubishi Evo	D	1:37.82	1:35.63	1:34.37	1:34.37
8	38	Peter Roach		Honda Civic	C	1:40.66	1:39.84	1:39.78	1:39.78
9	24	Merv Hatcher	NCC	Mitsubishi Starion	C	1:40.67	1:41.01	1:40.15	1:40.15
10	3	Paul Roughan	MCC	Toyota Starlet	A	1:45.63	1:42.47	1:40.52	1:40.52
11	44	James Martyn		Toyota Corolla	C	1:44.51	1:41.15	1:44.60	1:41.15
12	5	Michael Parkes	MCC	Toyota Starlet	B	1:45.06	1:42.01	1:42.76	1:42.01
13	25	Alex MacAskill	MCC	Toyota Corolla	C	1:45.84	1:45.02	1:43.30	1:43.30
14	17	Mark Carey	NCC	Proton	C	1:48.00	1:45.03	1:43.36	1:43.36
15	1	Hayden Mortimer	NCC	Toyota Starlet	A	1:48.98	1:44.96	1:43.56	1:43.56
16	9	Josh Blair	NCC	Toyota Corolla	B	1:46.34	1:44.48	1:43.58	1:43.58
17	23	Carey Harwood	NCC	Subaru WRX	D	1:47.34	1:45.52	1:43.64	1:43.64
18	33	Byrce Parish	CCC	Ford Capri	C	1:45.05	1:45.45	1:44.09	1:44.09
19	21	Nigel Curtis	NCC	Suzuki Cappuccino	A	1:46.73	1:44.65	1:44.32	1:44.32
20	59	Peter Bowden	NCC	Ford Escort	C	1:45.88	1:46.64	1:44.68	1:44.68
21	15	Jerry Wayne	NCC	Vauxhall Chevette	C	1:49.15	1:45.13	1:45.90	1:45.13
22	60	Bruce Verdon		Ford Falcon	C	1:45.60	1:46.72	1:46.59	1:45.60
23	50	Jared Dacombe	VCC	Delorean DMC12		1:49.18	1:47.56	1:46.04	1:46.04
24	11	Hugo Bowden	NCC	Ford Escort	B	1:48.57	1:47.77	1:46.54	1:46.54
25	19	John Clifton	NCC	Ford Escort	C	1:46.81	1:49.16	1:48.98	1:46.81
26	36	Gavin Peterson	NCC	Toyota Corolla	B	1:50.86	1:48.77	1:47.40	1:47.40
27	2	DJ Musk	NCC	BMW	C	1:47.65	1:48.38	1:49.48	1:47.65
28	34	Steve Pauling	CCC	Ford Escort	C	1:47.73	1:47.67	1:48.14	1:47.67
29	29	Caleb Burgess		Nissan Silvia	C	1:48.21	DNF	1:48.27	1:48.21
30	57	Ben Donovan	NCC	Nissan Pulsar	B	1:48.32	1:48.77	1:52.07	1:48.32
31	22	Taylor Devine	NCC	Nissan Primera	C	1:50.44	1:48.44	1:50.10	1:48.44
32	10	Oscar Bowater	NCC	Toyota Celica	D	1:50.31	1:50.81	1:49.24	1:49.24
33	43	Cameron Lawes	NCC	BMW	C	1:50.40	1:50.50	1:49.95	1:49.95
34	31	Alice Roughan	MCC	Toyota Starlet	A	1:53.31	1:52.52	2:16.79	1:52.52
35	14	Shane Trainor		Toyota Celica	C	1:53.72	1:52.98	1:55.21	1:52.98
36	61	David Musk	NCC	BMW	C	1:58.68	1:55.92	1:54.01	1:54.01
37	13	Josiah Burgess		Nissan Silvia	C	1:55.95	1:54.49	1:54.97	1:54.49
38	46	Sanford Huckle	VCC	Triumph Spitfire		1:59.94	1:57.08	1:54.62	1:54.62
39	37	Corban Radford	NCC	Suzuki Swift	A	1:55.69	1:57.60	1:55.42	1:55.42
40	20	Tony Coakley	NCC	Fiat X1/9	A	1:55.57	1:57.26	2:02.09	1:55.57
41	42	Mark Kibble	NCC	BMW	C	1:58.52	1:58.39	1:56.39	1:56.39
42	53	Evan Henderson	VCC	Datsun Bluebird		1:57.12	1:59.51	1:56.83	1:56.83
43	47	Michael Chehan	VCC	Jensen Healey		2:02.37	2:04.32	1:58.01	1:58.01
44	49	Phil Bevan	VCC	Jaguar XK140		2:01.84	2:01.15	2:02.94	2:01.15
45	26	Allan Kermeen	MCC	Toyota Altezza	C	2:06.20	2:01.27	2:01.39	2:01.27
46	45	David North	VCC	Triumph TR3		2:02.20	2:01.81	2:02.24	2:01.81
47	48	Burkhard Strauch	VCC	Mercedes 190SL		2:07.88	2:02.60	2:02.86	2:02.60
48	52	Murray Schwass	VCC	BMC Mini		2:06.85	2:03.25	2:04.78	2:03.25
49	56	Derek Milne	VCC	Jaguar Mk 2		2:03.38	2:07.73	2:06.87	2:03.38
50	51	Gordan Dacombe	VCC	Jaguar E Type		2:05.55	2:05.60	2:09.35	2:05.55
51	55	Walie Evans	VCC	Lotus Elan		2:08.87	2:07.97	2:06.57	2:06.57
52	54	Jeff Sewell	VCC	MGB Roadster		2:16.49	2:16.61	2:12.99	2:12.99

## Sandy Bay, eroding to extinction

7 April 2024

Pack the picnic, grab the blanket, bucket & spade, crank up the music, hit the road and away we go.

But hey what's this, the road is closed, the fella in Hi vis said you'll have to wait and if it's sand you're after, go the Kaiteriteri way. Why? What's so important to block our path? The question hangs "the last running of the Sandy Bay Hill Climb" was the deflated reply.

Oh what to do? Around 52 entries including some old timers were on the menu with the promise of three runs apiece. Forget the bucket & spade this sounds like a more rewarding way to enjoy the day. Stumbling over such a significant event one would be remiss not to witness the finale of such a precious tradition and collect a record for the generations yet to inquire.

With a couple of sammies in the jacket pocket and something to wet the whistle, we melt into the bush, camera in hand searching out a vantage point. The bird song is complimented and certainly enhanced by the sounds of enjoyment & passion as the first cars pass leaving the aroma of fun lingering on, while the clicking of the camera captures yet another treasure of kiwi culture destined to extinction.

Maybe there is hope; it was heartening to see the young fella who, a couple of years past set his sights on dancing his 81 Starlet up the track. There with his son strapped in beside, guided by fantails from the adjacent trees, gracefully moving along with a touch of pace creating a moment that was meant to be. The bonding of father and son, as those before strengthening the respect and appreciation for the inclusive community sharing our country





#50 Jarred Dacombe, DeLorean; best time 1 : 46 . 04



#46 Sanford Huckle, Triumph Spitfire; best time 1 : 54 . 82



#53 Evan Henderson, Datsun Bluebird; time 1 : 56 . 83



#45 David North, Triumph TR3; time 2 : 01 . 81



#48 Burkhard Strauch, Mercedes 190SL; best time 2 : 02 . 60



#52 Murray Schwass, BMC Mini; time 2 : 03 . 25



#54 Jeff Sewell, MGB Roadster; time 2 : 12 . 99



Photo taken by Jacob Reed

#1 Hayden & Austin Mortimer, Toyota Starlet; time 1: 43.56

Visit Nelson Car Clubs face book page for full results, a great big thank you goes out to everyone who helped out in the running of this and all previous events and contributing to many awesome memories. If you can recall the first Sandy Bay Hill Climb please put pencil to paper and share your recollections, take care of you and yours, relax and keep smiling ☺

**Minutes of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of  
THE VINTAGE CAR CLUB OF NEW ZEALAND NELSON BRANCH  
INCORPORATED**

**Held at the Club Rooms, Lower Queen Street, Richmond, 2pm Sunday  
18<sup>th</sup> June, 2023.**

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**1. Chairman's Welcome: Mike Bryan.**

Mike welcomed all members attending, with thanks for attendance to George Kear, incoming national President, representing the national VCC office.

**2. Attendance Register:**

Mike Bryan, Roy Eaton, Darcy Bovey, Leslie Tomlinson, Jill Quinn Holmwood, John and Julie Tomlinson, Roy West, Charil Milne, Chris Milne, Leigh Joblin, Ian MacLennan, Jenny and Dale Conlon, Trevor and Colleen Carston, Jim Wareing, John and Lesley Barker, Paul and Dianne Lewis, Ian Dymond, Gloria Pegg, Pauline and John Easterbrook, Peter Field, Vernon and Jo Hoffman, Ron Johnson, Wayne Price, John Hurley, Karen and Lindsay Grey, Malcolm Baker, John Grant, Murray Schwass, Bill Dense, Lloyd and Gwen Ewing, Rodger and Dot Humphries, Simon Linstone, Julie Tomlinson.

**3. Apologies:**

Alan White, Marion West, Brent Colvin, Kyra Wareing, Rex Smith, Maureen Joblin, Geoff Clark, Rob Thompson, Ray Robertson, Merrilyn Clarke, Gordon Dacombe, A & G Pegg, Jan Johnson, Brian Pegg, Kathryn Hurley, John Hansen.

**Moved** apologies be received: Malcolm Baker / Max Clarke - Carried

**4. Minutes of AGM 2022:**

Resolved that the minutes of the 2022 AGM as circulated in the May Crank Case be confirmed as a true and accurate record:

**Moved** Jim Wareing / Ron Johnson – Carried

**5. Matters Arising from the 2022 Minutes:**

John Hurley to speak later regarding newsletter delivery.

Volunteer proposed to deliver newsletters to those with delivery issues.

Courtyard Review in hand – progressing.

**6. Correspondence:**

Nil

### **7. Chairman's Report:**

Mike read a thoughtful and entertaining report, emphasising the unity and interaction of members as part of a single entity, with comparison to a tree and its component parts.

**Moved** that the Chairman's Report be received: Charil Milne / Murray Schwass – Carried.

### **8. Treasurer's Report and Club Annual Accounts:**

Ian MacLennan presented his report, as previously circulated, showing the Club to be in a strong financial position.

**Moved** that the Treasurer's Report and Accounts be received: Ian MacLennan / Roy West – Carried

### **9. Club Captain's Report:**

Club Captain's Report was read by Ian MacLennan in the absence of retiring Club Captain Rob Thompson.

**Moved** that the Club Captain's report be received: Jenny Conlon / Dianne Lewis

### **10. Annual Branch Levy:**

**Moved** that the Annual Branch Levy remain unchanged: Mike Bryan / Tony Hansen – Carried

### **11. Vintage Craft Group:**

Vintage Craft Group report was read by Mike Bryan in the absence of convener Kyra Wareing.

**Moved** that the Vintage Craft Group report be received: Jo Hoffman / Vern Hoffman

### **12. Election of Officers:**

Officers were elected as follows:

Chairman: Mike Bryan

Vice Chair: Jo Hoffman

Secretary: Roy West

Treasurer: Ian MacLennan

Club Captain: Jenny Conlon

Assistant Club Captains: Maureen Joblin, John Grant

Crank Case Editor: Ray Robertson

### **13. Club Appointments:**

Club Appointments were as follows:

Crank Case Distribution: Ron Johnson  
Membership and Badges: Wayne Price  
Vehicle ID: Max Clarke  
Librarian: Roy West  
Mowing and Grounds: Malcolm Baker  
Morning Teas: Per roster  
Swap Meet Committee: To be established  
Patron: To be considered by new committee

### **14. Annual Reimbursements:**

Relevant Committee members left the meeting while reimbursements were discussed under temporary chairmanship of Trevor Carston. New figures were set as follows:

Crank Case Editor: \$500 Moved Max Clarke/Murray Schwass – Carried  
Chairman: \$400 Moved Charil Milne/Bill Dense – Carried  
Secretary: \$600 Moved Lloyd Ewing/Paul Lewis – Carried  
Treasurer: \$500 Moved Jim Wareing/Jo Hoffman - Carried  
Club Captain: \$400 Moved Julie Tomlinson/Max Clarke – Carried  
Assistant Club Capt: \$100 Moved Julie Tomlinson/Max Clarke – Carried

### **15. General Business:**

Nil

### **16. Awards:**

George Kear, incoming National President, addressed the meeting and presented awards as follows:

**50 YEARS:** Ian Dymond, John Barker.

**35 YEARS:** Ron Johnson, Mike Bryan, Rodger Humphries.

**25 YEARS:** Jill Quinn Holmwood, John and Julie Tomlinson

**Pride of Ownership award:** Leigh Joblin, Chevrolet pickup.

**Restoration of the Year:** Roy Eaton, Model A Ford

**Best Young Rally Driver:** Jared Dacombe

**Duncan Rutherford Memorial Trophy:** Rob Thompson

(Chairman's choice, for the most consistent contribution to the Club)

### **17. Conclusion:**

The Chairman thanked all present for their attendance, and the current and retiring committee members for their time and service to the club. The meeting was closed and afternoon tea served.

**Notice of Meeting and Agenda**  
**Annual General Meeting of the Nelson Branch of the**  
**Vintage Car Club of New Zealand**  
**To be held at the Branch Club Rooms, Lower Queen Street, Richmond,**  
**Tasman District,**  
**2.00 PM Sunday 23 June 2024**

**AGENDA**

Chairmans welcome

Attendance register

Apologies

Resolution to receive the apologies

Minutes of the 2023 AGM

Resolution to adopt the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting

Matters Arising if Any

Correspondence (if any)

Resolution to receive the correspondence (if any)

**Chairman's report** - Resolution to receive the Chairman's Report

**Treasurers Report and Annual Accounts**

Resolution to receive the Treasurer's report and Annual Accounts

**Annual Branch Levy**

Resolution to receive the committee recommendation that the Branch Levy remain the same

**Club Captains Report** - Resolution to receive the Club Captains Report

**Vintage Craft Group** — Resolution to receive the Vintage Craft Group Report

Election of Officers

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Secretary

Treasurer

Club Captain

Assistant Club Captain

Editor

Committee

Branch Appointments

Membership and Badges

Crank Case Distribution

Morning Tea Duties

Vehicle ID

Librarian

Mowing and Grounds

Swap Meet Committee

Annual Reimbursements to Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Club Captain

Resolution to approve the annual reimbursement to the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Club Captain

General Business

Chairman's Award and Thanks

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Above: Jim W. making a small THANK YOU presentation to Peter Havill, NBS Manager Nelson, from the Easter Week Rally and Golden Bay Tour.

**QUILTING CLUB'S 5<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY**  
**SATURDAY 29<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2024**

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# Acting Club Captains Report

This report has nothing to do with our Club events for the simple reason we have been visiting our youngest son and family in Aussie.



But we did a few things car wise that I trust will be interesting to our members. We visited a newish Motor Museum in Brisbane that has a theme of cars or replicas of cars that have been in movies or TV programmes.



While there Karen noticed a flyer advertising a classic race meeting about 3 hours away at Morgan Park Raceway Warwick. So off we went.



Karen also noticed the local VCC was having a Club meeting so we went to that and found the members very welcoming. That ANZAC spirit is very much alive and well. We were asked to speak about our Club and Club events. Some of their members knew Nelson very well and had been here for the last National Veteran Rally based in Richmond.



One chap was lucky enough to use the veteran Reno which was one of the many cars generously loaned to our Club from the Nelson Classic Car Museum for that event.

Towards the end of the meeting one of the members Michael had another chat with us giving me his card saying if you want to see a few cars give us a call. So after tripping a few days around the scenic rim in Karen's Aunties camper van we called to see the

collection and again were made very welcome.

Michael has since emailed an article, which we will be able to put into the Crank Case on his and wife Jodi's immaculate and very rare Chevy Speedster.



Towards the end of our 6 weeks away we did a Brisbane-to-Brisbane cruise calling at 3 destination one being New Caledonia and another Vanuatu. Being there just a week ago we are lucky to miss the start of the riots in New Caledonia and thankful we had not flown to Vanua-

tu since the collapse of Air Vanuatu.



On a better note our ship answered a May Day call and diverted course to pick up 3 people on a damaged and sinking small catamaran, which was a long way from any land. I bet those people were so happy to see this huge ship turn up and no doubt once aboard they would not have gone hungry as if you need to put on weight a Cruise is the way to go.

All the best Rob

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## Anne Eagan Ladies Run





Darcy Boveys Buick 8 and alan Browns beautiful Alvis coming up to the top of Wakapuaka Cemetary





Lesley & Joohn Barker Austin 7 and below Linda & Richard topless in the Morgan





Ding a ling and Yvonne Bell receive admiring looks from passers by While Debbie Robertson observes the passing entrants from the Merc parked beside the grey tombstone of Anne Bird a passenger on the first passenger ship to Nelson in 1842





The Colvin and Milne Clans took the highland seat while sadly ostracised and relegated to the outdoors were the Doctors John & Chris and their pup





Above: 20 lowlanders took their place for lunch at Smugglers



Linda Topliss receives the Anne Eagan Ladies Rally Trophy from 2023 winner Debbie Robertson.

# **2024 Restoration of the Year and or Pride of Ownership Award**

**At the Clubrooms Sunday 23rd June  
Starts at 1.00pm (precedes the AGM at 2.00pm)**

The winner will be decided by popular vote from your fellow members

If you have a vehicle you have **restored** in the last year or so that has not previously been entered, **ring Mike Bryan now on 027 223 4893**



**The Pride of Ownership award will be chosen and presented by the Carston Family .**

If you have a vehicle you are particularly proud of for what ever reason please enter it.

# Club Visit to Craig Boote Car Collection

Thursday 13th June  
7.00pm

Carpark at the end of Duncan Street Port Nelson

(off Vickerman Street)

Possibly gather for a Coffee  
afterwards at nearby cafe

## Annual Snow Run



**Place** - Community Hall St Arnaud

**Date** - Sunday 14th July

**Time** - Hall Booked 11.30am - 2.30pm

**Arrive** 12.00 midday

**Food** - BYO eats and drinks

Inter team activities & Chin wag

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## Club Run to Quail Crossing Gardens



Forty of us had perfect weather for our April club run to Quail Crossing Gardens recently. It was a simple rally route out to the gardens with a few questions & a trick question to answer along the way.

This is a private garden on Flaxmore road Upper Moutere, created more than 30 years ago by Michael Edwardes, and is a true labour of love. We enjoyed our picnic lunch in front of the house near the lake. The gardens were an unexpected treat, large, rambling & peaceful, formed around a manmade lake with walking tracks that loop around the garden & bring you back to Michaels home. This building was also interesting, the original part being an old class room from Tasman School. Atop the turret on the old school room is a magnificent Griffin/Phoenix weather vane that cost three times more than the original house.

Michael had a friend from America staying who is a car enthusiast. He enjoyed looking at all our cars & chatting to many of the owners. Darcy took James back to Nelson in his Buick, a ride James was looking forward to.

**Maureen Joblin**



*A huge thank you to Maureen Joplin and her team for organising a fantastic day out to Quail crossing gardens, Flaxmore Rd on Saturday 27th April. The weather could not have been any better as we all set off from the club rooms on a rally that took us through Richmond township, around Redwood valley and Sunrise valley to the Moutere township. Old House Rd and Central Rd to Edwards Rd then back along the Moutere highway to our destination in Flaxmore Rd. Crossing a ford and speed humps along the way and searching for answers to the quiz.*

*Michael Edwardes the owner met us and gave a brief overview of his property while everyone was eating their lunch in the brilliant sunshine beside the lake.*

*He'd bought an old classroom from Tasman St school many years ago, added a complete new wing and set about establishing his wonderful, tranquil piece of paradise with even a man made lake.*

*The group dispersed wandering around and enjoying the autumn splendour. Oh how I hope we can visit in the spring to see the rhododendrons in all their glory.*

*If this is a taste of the ventures, we'll be going on more, as this was our first.*

*Thank you Maureen*

***Carolyn and John Bolland***





*Thanks to Ron Johnson, Carolyn Bolland, Maureen Joblin, Mike Bryan and Yvonne Bell for the awesome pics of an awesome place Ed.*



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