

The Crank Case



June 2026



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

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Hi All

Just a quick reminder to get your entries for the Restoration of the year and Pride of Ownership to John Barker so he can Co-ordinate this event.



Like wise consider putting your name forward for the branch committee and or any of the management positions.

Under our constitution we can have up to 8 committee members over and above the management positions.

A good cross section of interests is a good way of strengthening the branch not to mention you can have a real fun time in doing so.

The success of the Vero has already brought at least 10 new members into the branch and others considering joining -it is a great time to be involved

Regards

Ray Robertson

Front: Cover: Kevin and Glenda Argyle in their 1968 Cadillac De Ville Coupe, motor through Monaco on day one of the 2026 Vero International festival of Historic Motoring

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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

May 2026			
Sun 24	1.00pm	Funkana, driving skills, & pit stops see page 26	Maureen Joblin
June 2026			
Tue 2	7.30pm	Committee Meeting	John Barker
Wed 3	10am	Morning Tea	Check Roster
Thu 4	9-4pm	Ladies Craft Day	Kyra Wareing
Thu 11		Club Night TBC	Maureen Joblin
Sat 13	1.30am	Anne Egan - Ladies Rally, see page 27	Rachel Limmer
Wed 17	10am	Morning Tea	Check Roster
Sat 20	9.30am	Grass Gymkhana - Quail Valley - see page 29	Jared Dacombe
Sat 27	1.00pm	Restoration of the Year and Pride of Ownership	John Barker
Sat 27	2.00pm	AGM at Clubrooms - see pages 10-12	John Barker
July 2026			
Wed 1	10am	Morning Tea	Check Roster
Thu 2	9-4pm	Ladies Craft Day	Kyra Wareing
Tue 7	7.30pm	Committee	
Thur 9	7.30pm	Club Night - Robs Movie Night	
Wed 15	10am	Morning Tea	Check Roster
Sun 26		Snow Run -St Arnaud	Maureen Joblin
August 2026			
Tues 4	7.30pm	Committee	
Wed 5	10am	Morning Tea	Check Roster
Thu 6th	9-4pm	Ladies Craft Day	Kyra Wareing
Wed 19	10am	Morning Tea	Check Roster
Sat 22	9.00am	Daffodill Day set up	Dianne Lewis
Sun 23	10.00am	Daffodil Day Rally	Dianne Lewis
Tue 25	12.45pm	Daffodill delivery - see page page 28	John Barker

September 2026			
Tues 1	7.30pm	Committee	
Wed 2	10am	Morning Tea	Check Roster
Thur 3	9-4pm	Ladies Craft Day	Kyra Wareing
Wed 16	10am	Morning Tea	Check Roster
October 2026			
Thur 1	9-4pm	Ladies Craft Day	Kyra Wareing
Tues 6	7.30pm	Committee	
Wed 7	10am	Morning Tea	Check Roster
Sat 17		Marl. Biennial Rally Kai-kours	Cath Miller
Sun 18		Marl. Biennial Rally Kai-kours	Cath Miller
Wed 21	10am	Morning Tea	Check Roster
Sun 25		Club Run - Ngatamoti School festival	
November 2026			
Tue 3	7.30pm	Committee	
Wed 4	10am	Morning Tea	Check Roster
Thu 5	9-4pm	Ladies Craft Day	Kyra Wareing
Thu 5-Sun 8		Coast to Coast	Joanne hoffman
Wed 18	10am	Morning Tea	Check Roster

NEED A VCC NAME BADGE?

Name badges help everyone get to know you when on VCC Events

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Chairperson's Report

As we head toward the end of another club year, it is worth taking a moment to appreciate what makes our branch special. Yes, we are brought together by old vehicles, oily hands, and the occasional spirited discussion about the "proper" way to do things, but the real heart of this club has always been its people.



Nominations are now officially open for committee positions ahead of our AGM at the end of June. Clubs like ours stay strong because members are willing to step forward, get involved, and help shape the future of the branch.

For some members, the thought of joining the committee probably ranks somewhere between trying to work out where that mysterious oil leak is coming from, deciding whether that new rattling sound is "probably nothing," and attempting to diagnose a seventy-year-old electrical problem armed only with optimism and a torch with flat batteries. But the reality is far less terrifying.

The truth is, this club has survived and grown over many years because people before us were willing to step forward, lend a hand, share their knowledge, and occasionally volunteer before fully thinking it through.

To those who have served on committees over the years, thank you. Many of you have already "done your turn," and probably several extra turns besides. The experience, wisdom, stories, and practical knowledge you bring are part of what gives this club its character. We still need that experience alongside fresh ideas and new enthusiasm. The best clubs are built when both work together.

And for those members quietly thinking, "Maybe it's time I helped out," this could be the perfect year to put your name forward. You do not need to know everything, own the perfect vehicle, or have years of experience behind you. A willingness to help and be involved is far more important.

Not everyone needs to join the main committee either. Sub-committees, rally organisation, working bees, grounds and building projects, helping at events, or simply lending a hand where needed are all valuable ways to contribute. Many hands make light work, especially when someone remembers where the extension cord was put “somewhere safe” last year.

This club is more than just a collection of vehicles. It is friendship, shared history, knowledge passed from one generation to the next, and the enjoyment of keeping these wonderful old machines on the road for others to see and enjoy.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed over the past year, whether publicly or quietly behind the scenes. You are what keeps this branch alive and thriving.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the AGM at the end of June and to another year of friendship, motoring, and adventure together.

Chairperson - Joanne Hoffman



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Notice of Annual General Meeting and Agend
Vintage Car Club of New Zealand
Nelson Branch Incorporated.
To be held at the Branch Club Rooms, Lower Queen Street
Richmond,
Tasman District
2:00 PM Saturday 27th of June 2026

AGENDA

1. Chairperson's Welcome.
2. Attendance Register.
3. Apologies.
 - a. Resolution to receive apologies.
4. Minutes of the 2025 AGM.
 - a. Matters arising if any.
 - b. Resolution to adopt the Minutes as a true and an accurate record of the meeting.
- 5) Correspondence (if any).
 - a. Resolution to receive the correspondence (if any).
- 6) The Chairperson's Report.
 - a. Resolution to receive the Chairperson's Report.
- 7) The Treasurers Report.
 - a. Resolution to receive the Treasurer's Report and Annual Accounts.
- 8) Branch Levy.
 - a. Up for discussion.
 - b. Resolution to approve the Branch Levy.
- 9) Club Captain's Report.
 - a. Resolution to receive the Club Captain's Report.
- 10) Vintage Craft Group.
 - a. Resolution to receive the Vintage Craft Group Report.
- 11) Election of Officers
 - a. Chairperson.
 - b. Vice Chairperson.

- c. Secretary.
 - d. Treasurer.
 - e. Club Captain.
 - f. Assistant Club Captain.
 - g. Editor.
 - h. Committee. (Minimum of 2 - Maximum of 8)
- 13) Branch Appointments.
- a. Membership and Badges.
 - b. Vehicle Identity Cards
 - c. Mowing of Grounds.
 - d. Building Maintenance
 - e. Clubroom Custodian
 - f. Swap Meet Committee.
 - g. Daffodil Day Committee.
 - h. Coast to Coast Committee.
 - i. Biennial Rally Committee
- 14) Annual Reimbursements of Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Club Captain, & Crankcase Editor.
- 15) General Business.
- Chairperson award & Thanks.
 - Trophy presentations.
 - Membership Awards - 60 year, 50 year, 35 year
 - Meeting Closure.

From the Secretary: John & Lesley Barker

In preparation for the upcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM), at the Club Rooms, 2:00 PM Saturday 27th June 2026

Email: nelson@vcc.org.nz. Phone: 027 911 0763,
Address: 60 Dodson Valley Road, Atawhai, Nelson 7010.

If you are unable to attend this AGM

- i) You may appoint a **proxy**, and the Secretary must receive this in writing, (either email or letter), **no later than 2 days** before this Meeting.
- ii) The proxy **must** be a financial member of the Nelson Branch.
- iii) Nominations for Office Positions and Branch Committee may be received by the Secretary 10 days before the AGM. Nominations can also be called from the floor of the AGM.
- iv) Nomination Forms are available at the Clubrooms, on the table. Alternatively, forms could be emailed to you in an attachment. Any nominated person not attending the AGM should also fill in the consent form. Also available from the table

Any person elected at the AGM is required to complete a Consent form at the end of the meeting. This is an Incorporated Societies Act Requirement.

Change of Address Notice

The Nelson Branch has closed it's PO Box 3531 Richmond.
The Postal Address for the Nelson Branch is now
60 Dodson Valley Road, Atawhai, Nelson 7010.



MURCHISON 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Contact: 98 Fairfax St, Murchison 7007
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"Tūhono tangata, tūhono wātaka – Connecting people, connecting timelines"

May 2026

NELSON BRANCH of the VINTAGE CAR CLUB of NZ.
 Dear Branch Members.

On behalf of our town's 150th Celebrations.

Thank you so very much for your contribution towards the Murchison 150th Celebration.

We really appreciated that about ten of your Branch members were able to bring their vehicles to our town, at Easter. The Bowater Toyota sponsored Parade was a great success, with over 30 participating vehicles joined by about 20 more floats and non road legal vehicles for the display once everyone reached the Rec Park.

A model A was even seen towing Richmonds V8 Fire truck! Thanks Malcolm!

We have received some great feedback from attendees and lovely comments about how much they enjoyed the weekend. Thank you for helping us to achieve our goals for the Anniversary celebration.

While we did not set out to make a profit, there has been some money raised through merchandise sales and donations. Some of that will be used on projects related to the 150th but after we wind-up we will distribute the remainder to Murchison community groups to help them with new and on-going projects.

Yours sincerely,
 MIKE BRYAN.

on behalf of the Murchison 150th Anniversary Celebration Committee.



The Murchison 150th Anniversary Celebration Committee:

Back Row (L-R) Michelle Reilly, Kelvin Giblin, Jude Alfeld, Linda Giblin, Elaine O'Connor, Mike Bryan, Cathy Irvine, Claire Oxnam,
 Craig Keating, Maureen Borcovsky, John Borcovsky, Renee Sara, Brian Sara, Sarah Peacock
 Front Row (L-R) Kathryn Mason, Vicki Harrison Jones, Gabrielle Badcock

Membership

We welcome the following new members to the club and look forward to meeting you soon - what a awesome variety of vehicles

Andrew Harding of Upper Moutere - Andrew has a 1991 Mazda Eunos Roadster

Kelvin Verco of Nelson - Kevin owns three Landrovers, a 1961 series 2 ,a1971 Series 2A and a 1969 Series 2 A

Rod Yarrall of Ruby Bay - Rod owns a 1977 MGB GT, and a 1954 Ford Zephyr

Justine Inns of Wakatu, Nelson - Justine has a menagerie of interesting vehicles. A 1932 Alfa Romeo Zagato Tourer, a 1966 E Type Jaguar and a 1953 C



Wots Wot Night - opposite page the range of wots its presented for our evaluation and discovery



**Above : Communication system for pilots & Handbag Closure
Opp Page in no particular order: Valve Refacing Machine, Bernia sewing machine, organ, medical inspection device, Flint lighter, Hinge set out scribe, been slicer, Plastic Bag Handle,, Windscreen wiper on speedo cable, Saw Set pliers, Explosive detonator crimps, Road bowl, Supermarket product strip, Pilots communication device, Nut cracker, Wine cask plug Guitar storage bracket, Distributor gears**



Not sure what these guys thought the guitar bracket was but I'm guessing it wasn't a clean joke by the look on their faces. Perhaps we should ask Bill

Club Captains Report

It has been a busy month with the swap meet, club night, morning teas, working bees, mystery vehicle and a 'Funkana' that will be over by the time you read this. These activities only occur with the support of club members, so Thank you to all who have come along to any activities at our club.



Next month is looking equally busy and we have our AGM, Restoration of the Year and Pride of ownership coming up near the end of June. Come along and have your say or fill out a nomination form and join the committee.

MAY Wed 6 Morning tea followed by a Working Bee

We had a great attendance here this morning with over 50 members enjoying a cuppa and a natter.

Thank You to Lesley, Jill, Dianne, Glenda and Wayne for doing the duties in the kitchen. After morning tea we had 24 stay on to dead head the Agapanthus behind the Club house and make a start on setting up for Saturdays Swap meet. Darcy Bovey and Barry Fickling cooked the sausages which we enjoyed with bread and sauce, savouries and cake and laughter.

Sat 9 Swap Meet

After a very wet Friday, it was great to see the sun struggle out and the rain stop for Saturday. There were a few sellers who didn't make it to Swap meet due to road closures (Marlborough and the West Coast) but all things considered the day went well and we came out with a profit. Great work everyone and a Huge Thank You to Kit Brydon for organising this event.

Thur 14 Club Night Wot's It

This is the second time we have held this event and again we had a real mix of unknown interesting items. We had 32 come along and again it proved a good evening.

Wed 20 Morning Tea, Mystery Vehicle

This morning we had our largest attendance yet with 62 people filling the club house with lots of chatter and laughter. We were also spoilt with fresh scones, jam and cream from the Barkers for Johns birthday, Savouries from Bevan Patterson for his birthday and afghans from Karen Grey just because she could. This was followed by the unveiling after unsuccessful guesses of our mystery vehicle, Paul and Luke Ewing (Lloyd and Gwens son and grandson) brought along their amazing Locomotive project. It took the lads 3 months to build it and what a beauty this beast is. It not only looks great but also acts a slow cooker with a huge cooking area that I'm sure could hold a sheep or two. Where ever "The Beast" as Lloyd called it, goes, it will draw a crowd and we thoroughly enjoyed seeing it today. It was hard to pull away from the Locomotive to attack the trailer in the court yard with still plenty of leftovers on it from the swap meet. Great to see some of it heading out the door but still leftovers that need to be gone so that Paul and Dianne can get their trailer back and head away to The Irishmans Rally Kings birthday weekend.

Coming up events and Extra Bits

Sun 24

Funkana, 1pm at our club rooms followed by a Pot Luck tea

JUNE Wed 3

Morning tea/Mystery Lunch, John & Carolyn Bolland are back organising mystery lunches for the next few month.

Thur 11

Club Night, Games Night, 7.30pm club rooms

Sat 13

Anne Egan Trophy/ Ladies Rally, 10.30am organised by last years winner, Rachael Limmer. Numbers are needed as there is a lunch venue at the end of the rally.



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Sat 20

Grasskhana 9.30am at Quail Valley farm (Ewings property) Organiser Jarad Dacombe

Sat 27

1pm Pride of Ownership & Restoration of the Year

2pm AGM

JULY

A heads up we have a date/day change for the Snow Run which will now be SUNDAY 26 th July.

(Unfortunately Saturday is out for Rotoiti Hall)

We would love some club night activities/ideas so please let Dianne or I know if you have something that you think our members would enjoy doing, seeing, hearing.

Have fun in your cars

Maureen & Dianne

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VCC Shinny Bits - by Mort

A quick shout out to one of our clubs long-time supporters, **RMB, you know Richardson Motor Bodies**, their work shop is a little tricky to find at 42c Quarantine road.

Why?, the building hasn't moved, persons with a higher education than one's self decided an upgrade was required and put in a new street, allocating 2/3 Boxman Place, Annesbrook to this location of magic and wizardry.

A quick squiz at google maps before you set out on your journey is recommended and alleviates the need for a cut lunch and compass.

Glenn, a fellow with legendary talents can be found toiling within and with a smile inquires how he can assist. "Well here's the thing, word on the street is you can make old stuff look new again", as I lift the lid on my challenge, a few special bolts and precious nuts that have seen more than a couple of years' service.

Glenn shares his procedures in detail offering an option of colour finish from the final bath in his secret potion. We go for gold, although a deviation from original, the nuts will definitely benefit from this upgrade once tightened into position, after all a little bling gets attention & helps focus the eye.



Not your everyday garden variety nuts & bolts



time for new bushes and a tidy up



Stripped, tied, dipped, and coated



Looks like a tidy 10



refreshed bar, bushes & nuts in place

Here's a thought, if you happen to be lying on your back and notice some nuts that have aged and would benefit from some attention, give them a good going over on the wire wheel and visit Glenn for zinc electroplating. Just one of his many talents which include repairs to caravans & campervans along with new panel fabrication of those rusty bits that need replacing. Did I mention Glenn is a wizard when it comes to Zinc Electroplating of most things metal, not to mention those special hard to replace nuts and bolts?

Take care and keep smiling. J

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Nelson. Ph: 03 547 4695, or; 027 22 33 969**

Signing Out, Thoughts and Message

What a pleasure it's been to be at the 'chalkface' of our great Branch for the last 10 or 11 years.

I've lost count of the exact service, but having just popped back from overseas to take my Fiat in the 2012 Wanganui Rally, I had the privilege of meeting a great gang of Nelson members whilst we were journeying up the River on the Waimaree! Returning to Nelson in early 2014, after a relieving stint in Queenstown, my arm was twisted to take on the Secretary role, which I did for about 5 years first with Kevin, then Jim and later Trevor, until retiring to Murchison early in 2020. I stayed on the Committee for a couple of years before again having my other arm twisted to step into your Chairman's role, following Trevor's retirement, back in 2022. Our Constitution allows for the 'top job' to be occupied by the same person for 4 years, but as we seem to often be rolling over after 3 years, I happily passed the baton to Joanne, last year. Since then I have remained as your Immediate Past Chairperson, but I now move aside as a Deputy needs to be found to assist and carry on after Joanne retires, a couple of years in our future!

Your Committee and Sub committees during all my time here, have been extremely hard working, and Nelson Branch has been foremost amongst the 36 Branches Nationally, in doing 'our bit' for the overall success of the VCC. Under my watch, we hosted the Nat AGM in 2023, the Sth Island Easter Rally and successfully bid to host the recent IFHM!

Your Committee consists of individuals with different interests and strengths, and although, on occasion, we have had some robust discussions going forward, we have had no 'fisticuffs, blowups or walkouts! Everyone continues to use the same song-book and sing from the same page as we have continued to move your Branch forward collectively, with the best interests of our 300 plus members in mind!

Now it is the turn of others to slot into your Committee and bring new strengths, ideas and events to give us new direction and variety in our activities.

Please consider what you can do to help in the Management of your Branch or join a sub committee to set up an activity!

You will only get back what you put in, and take it from me, other Committee members and your past Chairmen, it is a very rewarding and fun filled experience.

Thank you all for **your support over the last few years!**

Mike Bryan

Anne Egan Ladies Rally

Saturday June 13th


10.30am at the Clubrooms

Will finish at a Venue for Lunch


Numbers please to Rachel by June 8th

Organiser Rachel Limmer 0274 761 116








Save the Date!



**Daffodil Rally for
Cancer 2026**

Sunday 23 August 2026

*Last year we raised \$140k
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Mystery Car - Well sort of a Car - The Ewing Family's Loco



Meet the Ewings - Paul (Son), Lloyd (Father & Branch patron), Luke (Grandson) and Loco Builder)





This car sparked a lot of interest from th e Biscuit munchers



Funkhana













Swap Meet 2026









A photograph of a car workshop. In the foreground, a silver station wagon is parked. Behind it, a yellow and white convertible is being worked on. To the left, a red classic car is visible. In the background, a green van is on a lift. The workshop has blue hydraulic lifts and various tools and equipment.

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**Nelson Cars on Vero (Credit Caroline Foster)
Nelson camera Club**









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For Sale

1920s Morris Cowley

The car has a unique history, as it was my husband's grandfather's first car and was even converted to run on coal during WWII.

It has been stored in our garage for many years with the intention of a restoration, but we have realized that this project is no longer realistic for us with a young family.

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LADIES CRAFT GROUP *Sew, Paint, Knit, Everything*

Calling all VCC ladies Wives, Partners, etc. to come and enjoy the company of other members at our Craft group.

Held on the first Thursday of every month at the clubrooms.

Next meeting Thursday June 4th 2026 9am to 4pm.

Just come for a chat and or share your hobbies with others.

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.



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