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March 2023



**Newsletter of the Nelson Branch
of The Vintage Car Club of NZ**

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Hi Everyone

It is great to see events being well attended and some already programmed and some in the planning.



Some of which will involve your assistance to bring to fruition

Over the next month we have a number of members traveling South for Begg Revival, Wheels over Wanaka and the Westcoast 40th anniversary Rally—safe journeys to all

Max has drawings and costings for the covered outdoor area about to go to committee for discussion / approval—very exciting

Hopefully we will have a report and pics next month of the National Riley Rally held in Nelson

Regards Ray

Front Cover: Mike Warnes recently acquired Jaguar XK150 on display at the Golden Bay A & P Show

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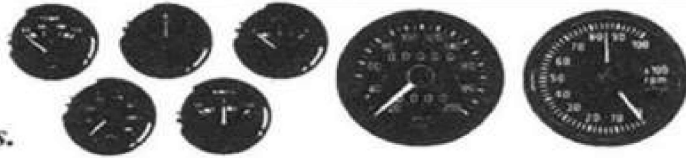
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Nelson VCC Calendar Of Events

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

26 Feb-2 Mar		National Riley Rally based at VCC Clubrooms	Paul Lewis
1 Mar	10.am	Morning teas at Clubrooms	Check Roster
2 Mar	9-4pm	Ladies Craft Day refer pg 39 for venue change	Kyra Wareing
7 Mar	7.00pm	Committee Meeting	Roy West
11 Mar		Nelson Swap Meet page 33	Malcolm Baker
15 Mar	10am	Morning teas at Clubrooms	Check Roster
25th Mar		40th West Coast Annual Scenicland Rally pg 28/29	
4 Apr	7.00pm	Committee Meeting	Roy West
5 Apr	10am	Morning teas at Clubrooms	Check Roster
6 Apr	9-4pm	Ladies Craft Day	Kyra Wareing
8 April	7.30am	Bus Trip to Omaka Air Show pge 36	Gordon Dacombe
13 Apr	7.00pm	Club Quiz Night page 22	Jenny Conlon
15 Apr		Club Run to the Fat Tui Marahau for lunch pg 23	Jenny Conlon
19 Apr	10am	Morning teas at Clubrooms	Check Roster
2 May	7.00pm	Committee Meeting	Roy West
3 May	10 am	Morning teas at Clubrooms	Check Roster
4 May	9-4pm	Ladies Craft Day	Kyra Wareing
11 May	7.00pm	Club Night Videos of Nat Rallies pg 37	Jenny Conlon
13 May	10 am	Ladies Run Page 37	Jenny Conlon
18 Jun		Nelson AGM & Restoration of the year	Roy West
11-13 Aug		Nelson VCC Hosting National VCC AGM	Mike Bryan
2024		National Easter Rally as part of our 60th Anniversary Celebrations	Mike Bryan

Chatter from the Chair,

Hi everyone,

Well what a catastrophic month it has been for many, particularly for many of our fellow Club members in the North. Your National President, Diane Quarrie, has sent us a letter on behalf of the Management Committee, asking that we spare a thought for our affected members, support and assist where we can, and if we are in a position to make a donation on an individual basis, please do so.



Several members supported the **Murchison A and P Show** last month at which a raffle supported, and donations were received, for distribution in the affected areas. One organization accepting donations is Federated Farmers of NZ [Inc] at 03-0306-0626460-000, if you would like to contribute. A huge thank you to the members who drove down to support us in Murchison and show case the Club!

The last month has been a busy one with several members supporting the **Rotary Clubs** fundraising vehicle display in Richmond and over 30 members driving to **Top House** to enjoy Asst Club Capt, Jenny Conlon's lunch run. Thanks Jenny for putting this enjoyable day out together for us! Last weekend the Club set up a 'camping scene' and displayed vehicles at the **Moutere Hop**.

11 Club cars attended the **Golden Bay Show**, in January, joining about 40 display cars, most others from the Collectible Vehicle Club of Golden Bay. Our Bay member, Mike Warn, displayed his lovely XK150 Jaguar, a beautiful Cat!

Our morning teas [**Biscuit Munchers**] have also been very well supported, with a bit of discussion on the up and coming Constitution changes and service awards... I thank everyone for their feedback! These issues will be discussed further at our Nat Exec. Meeting in ChCh, the first weekend in March.

Each month Ian receives an update from Nat office on the **membership** status of all our Branch members. As our Clubs year draws to a close, as at the end of Feb, we had 16 members whose membership was about to expire. If you have not renewed your subs by the Exec Meet on 3rd of March, you will lose your years of continuous service, and the **loss of your discounted VERO INSURANCE** cover on your

classic vehicles. Please check that you have received **this years BLUE membership card, now.**

With the help of another couple of Committee members, I have recently rung each of these members. Three had changed their phone numbers.... two thought their wives had paid it..... and several went to answer phone, so hopefully they've actioned things as I haven't been rung back!

All this is very time consuming for your Committee and I ask that we all try and avoid this situation next year.... It is particularly important that we all ensure that our contacts, especially **email addresses and PHONE NUMBERS are kept up to date at Nat office.** They then provide an annual up date to Branches.

If 3 of the 16 had changed their phone numbers, and we have just over 300 Branch members, then statistically, over 50 of our Branch **members may have out of date records held in ChCh!** Please, when renewing your subs this year, ensure that your records are correct! Nat office also advises that a number of subs payments have not been able to be credited to the correct member because of **incorrect details, names, Branch numbers etc....** If you are sure you have paid but have not received your BLUE CARD back in October, please contact the National Office.

We have just received advise that your **advertising in Beaded Wheels will have a slight increase** from the next issue. This is due to printing and material costs. Remember your Beaded Wheels Committee are all volunteers doing their very best on our behalf!

Sadly, as I rung members I learned from Pat Kennedy that Ken Inwood, Motueka, had past away almost a year ago and his wife recently. Sometimes the grape vine doesn't work as well as it should, so please if you know of members in ill health, support them, and advise me or our **Secretary Roy if you are aware of any members passing!** It is always good to list their names in the Passing Lane in Beaded Wheels.... but we need to know as soon as possible...

It has been suggested that we have a white board, placed on the wall by the noticeboard, listing **folk who have been unwell or hospitalized.** I will action this shortly and please up date it as necessary. I heard that Russell Eagan had been unwell and Pat Kennedy is suffering back pain. Our thoughts are with these members and anyone

else unwell.... and please remember that if you require some extra help in anyway... just ask!!

We only have 3 months until our 2023 AGM in June and we need to be thinking seriously about Office Bearers taking us through the next year. Rob has announced that he will not be continuing as our very dedicated Club Capt 6 years Rob.. an amazing effort! Pat Kennedy wishes to quietly slide out as our Records Man, after many years retaining our service/ membership records, badges etc. As our Constitution states the Chairman from the previous period, continues as the Past Chairman for one year and I have been very fortunate to have Trevor alongside me this year.

At our AGM we will need to elect a Vice Chairman, someone to work alongside me and continue on as the new Chairman in one or two years when I bow out! If you would like to be considered for this position, please do not be backward in coming forward!! No doubt there will be other Committee positions coming up.... **remember the Nelson AGM and the Restoration of the Year are scheduled for the 18th June.... pop it in your diary now!**

The Clubrooms have recently had an invasion of wasps and a wasp remover has been employed to clear these out. Please take care, particularly around the entrance way and if they return.... tell Brent or the Committee urgently! The extension of the covered area is progressing with designs and prices currently being considered... watch the space!

A couple of house keeping things. If you wish to use the Clubrooms, please **book your slot with our Secretary, Roy.** We have had the odd problem, when someone has told someone, but no body has told Roy. Also remember Jim and Kyra are our custodians, keeping an eye on the conditions after use and stocking up the essentials. Brent is the Committee member responsible for maintenance.

A few enquiries are received for the use of **Club Cars for weddings.** Our policy is that we do not provide vehicles and we usually refer folk to the Motueka Museum who have 'Lassie' available for hire. I am aware of some of our members who are happy to individually offer their vehicles for weddings on a donation basis. If you would like to do this, please let Roy know that you could be available.

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How will YOU be able to help your Club earn a few dollars and keep your Subs down? **Help will be needed both before the day, Thurs and Fri, with erecting marquees, putting up signs etc, then on the day, Sat 11th**, in many areas but particularly with parking and gate keeping. Please let Malcolm, Trevor or any Comm member know that you are available and how you could help! Even keeping Tony company in the Clubs information tent where you can sit and chin wag in comfort is a help!

Alon Mayhew, our SICC is bringing his tour to Murchison on the night of Wed 22nd of March where our Club Murch is providing dinner for them. If you would like to join us for the night, please let me know as **Rex has developed a cunning plan to follow!** On Thurs 23rd we will be touring down toward Greymouth with lunch in Reefton and overnight at **Nelson Creek** where there is hotel accommodation and caravan/campervan parking. On Friday we will continue to Greymouth for Saturday's **SCENICLAND RALLY**, overnighing on both Fri and Sat at the **Greymouth KIWI HOLIDAY PARK, close to the Sat night's dinner at Shantytown!** Our return on Sunday could

involve a night at Reefton or Blackball. **We'd love you to join us if your heading to the Scenicland!**

Rex and myself are still planning to tour south to **WHEELS INTO WANAKA over Easter**. The plan is to head over the Lewis and have a couple of nights down through South Canterbury and the McKenzie Basin before camping at the Albert Town Domain, near Wanaka for 3 nights. Afterwards we will disperse into Otago and Southland before returning North and arriving home about April 20th. The tour lends itself best to Caravans or campers, even tents... and you are welcome to join us! Others are already heading to Teretonga and Invercargill for the George Begg Revival motor racing, then touring to Wanaka... so again **lots of motoring action! Why not join us!**

Thank You everyone.... Take Care as we journey into the colourful Autumn Motoring Season.

MIKE BRYAN,
Chair, NELSON VCC.

Membership

It is with sadness that we record the passing of Ken Inwood (one year ago) and the recent passing of his wife Margaret.

Both Ken and Margaret were members of the Nelson Branch for many many years.

Our sincere condolences to their family

Golden Bay & P Show—January



Above L—Ian Storrars Datsun 260C owned for over 30 yrs with Leigh Joblins Chevrolet Truck behind.
Below - Les Tomlinson enjoying showing off his Holden to may during the day





Above - Jo & Vern Hoffman's MX5

Below— Herb Fox's Dodge Rocket launcher





Lunch time at the Show

Below— Mike Bryan’s California and Darcy Bovey’s 37 Buick showing the Club Colors



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We all enjoyed scones and cake with tea and coffee and a few enjoyed a cold drink from the bar.

Some are planning a return trip to their restaurant sometime—they can accommodate 26 people in the house and their well appointed chalets or take a camper.

It was worth the couple of hours or so spent there and the scenery was superb.

Thanks everyone for coming—Jenny Conlon—Assistant Club Captain









Club Captains Report

21 Jan Club Run Golden Bay A and P Show

Thanks to those members who said 'its just a hill get over it', and attended the show. 12 cars in all I hear and a good time was had.

9 Feb Club night Roger and Dave Humphries

Many many thanks to the Humphries Boys and thanks Jenny for your report.



11 Feb Club run to Top House

Many thanks to Jenny and Dale for organising I hear it was a very enjoyable and well-supported outing.

15 Morning tea

Many thanks to Gary and Lee on tea making and all that attended.

18 Feb Murchison A and P Show

Thanks to Mike and Rex and all who attended this event.

18 Feb Richmond Nelson Rotary Club Car Show

Our club had around 10 cars in the display spread throughout the show. There was a lot to see including the new Nelson Airport fire truck and a huge 22 ton tractor.

Extra Bits

Again we have a few things coming up that clash with club activities so thank you to all who have put their hand up to organise up coming events.

All the best Rob



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The Moutere Hop

With \$500 up for grabs for the best Club vehicle display at this year's MOUTERE HOP, why wouldn't the VCC 'HAVE A GO'!

And GO many of us did, setting up on the Friday evening we then enjoyed an amazing cruise, down to, around and through Motueka, with the crowds turning out to line the route, give the surprised pointing, thumbs up and many waves as the young and less young enjoyed the spectacle and tooting of horns! The parade returned via Mapua and back to the Moutere Sports grounds for the movie, Cannonball with some ancient but once star-studded actors! Saturday dawned as the rest of our team arrived, and we put the finishing touches to our 60's camping display, with billy tea, thermettes, a hammock and older style camp seats, even Maureen and Leigh's washing line! Three cars and caravans made the scene realistic, the Hillman Super Minx and 70s Sprite of Murray Schwass, my 65 Fiat and 63 Classic and Rex Smith's Sprite and Morris 1800.

We were soon joined by John Mumford, Jaguar, Paul and Diane Lewis in the Mustang, Chris and Charil Milne with the Vauxhall Caleche, Leigh and Maureen Joblin, Chev truck, Darcy Bovey, with the 54 Chev, Alan Smith with his Mitsubishi and the CCs returned, Rob and Karen T in the T! Who have I missed? What a great line up.... but was it the winning one....? There was only one \$500 prize and it went to..... the GOLDEN BAY RODDERS, with a large collection of beautifully presented machinery to drule over...congratulations to them.... and watch out the VCC will be back next year!

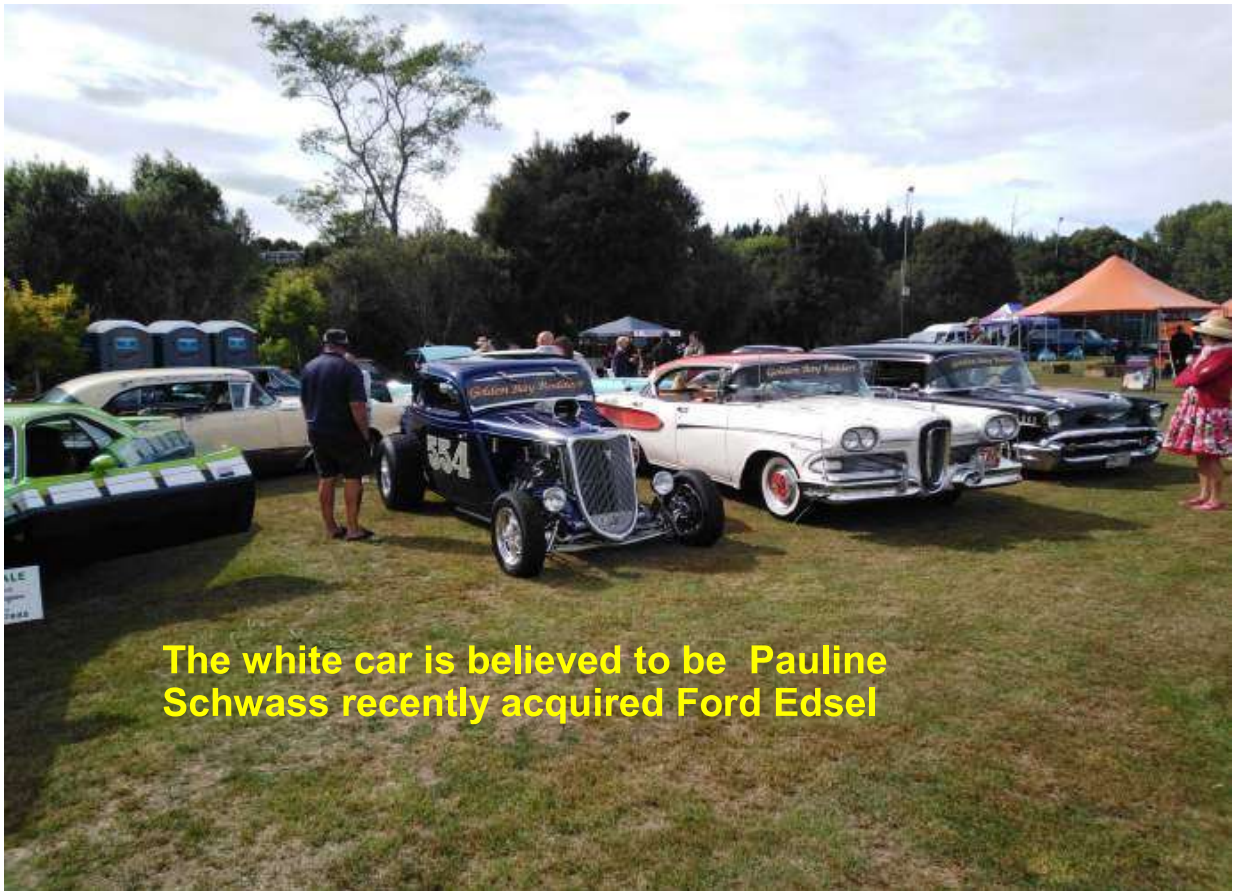
An insider did whisper that the VCC were looking like the winner.... but we didn't have quite enough vehicles on display to show the public the strength and variety of our Club.... maybe right, we did have 13 vehicles on display, including the 3 caravans.... but it wasn't quite enough.... so come on everyone else who were going to come but decided to leave it to someone else this year..... plan now to fly the flag at the MOUTERE HOP, next year!

Thanks to everyone who did come along to display their vehicles and to view the huge range of varied machinery on display!

THNX, MIKE B.







The white car is believed to be Pauline Schwass recently acquired Ford Edsel





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Eligibility At least one person in each vehicle MUST be a financial member of the Vintage Car Club of New Zealand, and may be called upon to produce their current membership card, or, if an overseas resident, entered by a member of a recognised overseas organisation, or be an invited guest of the Branch for the duration of the rally.

Rally Programme

Saturday 25rd March 2023

8.30am Rally packs pickup Civic Centre, Puketahi Street, Greymouth. (This is the side street next to the fountain on Tainui Street)

9.00am Rally Briefing, Civic Centre.

9.30am First car departs. (The route is approx. 80km)

5.30pm Bar opens at Shantytown

6.30pm Evening meal at Shantytown, followed by the prizegiving.

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Humperdink Night

with

David, Roger and Callum

Clubnight on 9th February, was a visit to Roger & Dave Humphries.
Very enjoyable evening for about 20 members and a few Classic Motoring members
A sign at the door reads Retired Iron. It was like a museum, well thought out, lots
of info on the army vehicles manauquins in appropriate dress Lots of interesting
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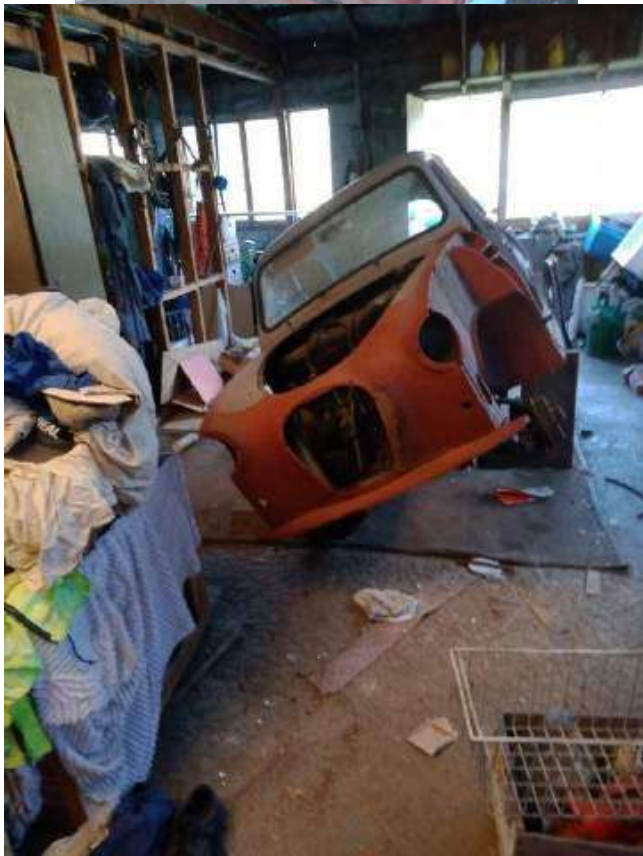
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Next meeting **2nd February 2023 9am to 4pm.**

Due to the Club rooms being let to the Riley Club for their National Rally from 26th Feb—2nd Mar this meeting will be held at the Wareing home at 4 Marchwood Grove Richmond.

Please bring hand work or just come for the company and have a chat

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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