

The Crank Case



May 2026



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

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Hi All

Well I'm coming back down to earth after the Vero - I have to thank everybody for their contributions to an awesome event.

Of course there is always the after event wash up to pay the bills and tie up all the loose ends.

Fortunately for me, I have been exceptionally lucky to have an organising committee you only dream of having. They have made so many mountains climbable and are still there helping me clean up - Thanks every one of you.



Back in the branch we have our swap meet coming up soon, with AGMs and Daffy Day events not too far away.

Speaking of Daffy day, check out the page 28 - The Public of Nelson blew us away with their patronage of the Public display day and as a result we were able to return some of the gate takings to the local branch of the Cancer Society.

Regards

Ray Robertson

Front: Cover: Biscuit Munchers Morning Tea and Mystery Car
- Trevor Carston's 1910 Alldays & Onion awaiting restoration.

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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

April 2026			
Wed 29	10.00am	Swapmeet Volunteers Morning Tea and Savories pg 19	Kit Brydon
May 2026			
Tue 5	7.30pm	Committee Meeting	John Barker
Wed 6	10am	Morning Tea , Working Bee see page 25	Check Roster
Thur 7	9-4pm	Ladies Craft Day	Kyra Wareing
Fri 8	9.00am	Swap meet set up Day	Kit Brydon
Sat 9	6.00am	Swap meet	Kit Brydon
Thu 14	7.00pm	Club Night - Wots It Night see page 31	Maureen Joblin
Wed 20	10am	Morning Tea , Mystery car	Check Roster
Sun 24	10.00am	Funkana, driving skills,& pit stops see page 26	
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 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		Club Night - TBA	
Wed 15	10am	Morning Tea	Check Roster
Sat 25		Snow Run - TBA	

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

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Chairperson Report

It doesn't feel that long since my last report, so this will be a shorter update, but there are still a few things worth sharing.



There has been plenty of positive feedback from people around the country following the very successful Vero International Festival of Motor Racing.

Events of this scale are years in the planning, and just as much effort goes in after the event as everything is wrapped up and finalized. Congratulations to Ray and his committee for delivering such a well-run occasion. It has created a real buzz, not just within our club but right across from the local community as well, with strong interest from both members and non-members. I'm sure it will be talked about for a long time to come.

Closer to home, Mike, our Vice Chair, has been kept busy with the Murchison 150th celebrations. These milestone community events take a great deal of organisation, and it's fantastic to see our club involved and supporting them. A number of our members took part in the street parade, proudly displaying their vehicles, which always draws interest and appreciation from the public. It's a great way to showcase our cars, connect with the community, and promote what our club is all about.

Looking ahead, our annual Swap Meet on 9th May is now only a few weeks away. This is our major fundraiser for the year, and its success relies on the support of our members. A big thank you to Kit Brydon for leading the organisation. We really do need as many people as possible to get involved, whether that means helping with set-up, lending a hand on the day, or simply coming along to support the event. If you're available, please get in touch with Kit Brydon or a committee member.

Our AGM is coming up on 27th June, so it's time to start thinking about nominations. I know you're all lining up to take a place on the committee! On a more serious note, the club relies on the support of

its members, and it's always great to see new faces bringing fresh ideas and energy. Being part of the committee is a rewarding way to contribute, and you'll be well supported, so if you've ever thought about getting involved, now is a great time to put your name forward.

The Coast to Coast tour is on again this coming November, and the response this year has been nothing short of outstanding. Entries opened on Saturday 18th at 12 noon and the tour was fully booked within just seven hours, a fantastic result. We have entrants joining us from all around the country, which really highlights the strong nationwide support this event continues to enjoy. A significant waitlist is already in

place in case of cancellations, further reflecting the level of interest. If you'd like to know more about the tour, you can find further information via the link on our club website or by visiting vccoast2coast.co.nz.

Thank you all for your continued involvement and support. I look forward to seeing you at upcoming events.

Chairperson - Joanne Hoffman



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Notice of Meeting and Agenda
Annual General Meeting of the 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.

13) Branch Appointments.

- a Membership and Badges.
- b. Vehicle Identity Cards
- C. Mowing of Grounds.
- d Building Maintenance
- e Swap Meet Committee.
- f Daffodil Day Committee.
- g Coast to Coast Committee.

14) Annual Reimbursements of Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Club Captain, & Crankcase Editor.

15) General Business.

Chairperson award & Thanks.

Trophy presentations.

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) The **Consent Form** for the Office Positions or Committee Members **must** be completed with the Nomination Form. These will be available at the Club Rooms on the table.

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.

A HUGE THANK YOU to our VCC Members!

Easter and Murchison's 150th Birthday celebrations have come and gone, and what a wonderful weekend it was! A large number of old identities returned to the town and several family and school reunions took place over the weekend.

From the Mix N Mingle on the Friday, through film and light shows, Saturday's awesome Parade, Sports activities and market stalls to the Celebration Dinner in the evening, there was something for everyone! First up on Sunday was a Remembrance service at the cemetery, followed by a teams challenge all culminating in the awards and presentations on the Sunday afternoon!

Saturday's Parade of floats, decorated bikes/scooters and kids, was followed by over 30 historic vehicles many of which our VCC members arrived with! THANK YOU! Dignitaries were carried in two of our vehicles, Trevor and Colleen's Rover carried 95 year old Allison Oxnam, who officially cut the 150th birthday cake and Rex Smith's 28 Essex carried the weekend's official guest, Murchison born, Annette King and her two sisters. Jim Fry [Motueka] brought down the Mitchell, once owned in our Branch.

Other vehicles important to the town's history, included the 1920's International wrecker [Higgins Park] and the similarly aged McCaa Transport truck loaned from Founders Park, for the occasion. Both these old girls had been around with the formation of Transport Nelson Ltd in 1938 and served the later TNL Depot in the town!

The Richmond fire trust also brought down their 1938 Ford V8 unit, the 'almost' sister of the one we hold in trust, as they both served together at Collingwood in the 1970s when together they attended that town's big fire which destroyed much of the town! This old machine added a bit of spice to the Parade when she 'conked out' [fortunately not on her way to a fire] and the local brigade turned out in their gear to push the engine around the show grounds!

A huge THANK YOU to Stephen Caunter [International truck and our Announcer], Trevor and Colleen Carsten, Kit Brydon, Geoff Clark, Geoff Roberts, Malcolm Baker, John and Rosie Herd, Rex Smith, Les Thomlinson and myself, for turning out a great variety of Parade and display vehicles. [hopefully I haven't missed anyone] Again THANK YOU! Our friends from Reefton, who helped me with last year's Biennial, Rally organizing, Zoe and Bruce, also arrived in their A35, to represent the West Coast Br, THANK YOU!

See you all at the next big one.. the 175th!
MIKE BRYAN,
Parade Coordinator.





Club Captains Report

Well Autumn is well and truly here, the autumn colours are just amazing, it really is a beautiful time of the year.

Our morning tea numbers have been down on previous morning teas but there have been many people away, school holidays, warbirds over Wanaka, illness & catching up with family and friends after our Vero month of March. It is always great to see everyone who comes along.



The rising price of fuel and the war in Iran hasn't made club runs any easier to sort, so we are travelling closer to home until we know what is going to happen out in the big wide world. The run to Queen Charlotte Tavern, Linkwater, has been put on hold and we will go to the Apple Harvest festival at Willow Bank just out of Wakefield instead. We still have some fun events to look forward to, so don't cover up your beautiful vehicles or put them away for winter but come and join us. The more the merrier.

APRIL

Wed 1ST Morning tea, mystery lunch. We had 39 at morning tea and were well spoilt for food with Easter eggs, hot cross buns, savouries and cake. A huge Thank you as always to all the wonderful people in the kitchen. After all that food, we still had 11 come along to the Grape Escape for our mystery lunch.

Thurs 9th Club Night was a Quiz night. There were 13 of us broken down to three teams of four & the challenge was on. An enjoyable evening was had by those who came along.

Wed 15th Morning Tea followed by our mystery car. Thank you Lesley, John & Karen Grey for all the work in the kitchen. Wayne Price who normally keeps everything ticking along making sure we have milk, tea, coffee and biscuits, has been struggling with a pinched nerve in his back so hopefully we will see his smiling face amongst us soon.

Our mystery car was brought in by Trevor Carston and was another rare beauty under restoration. This was a 1910 Alldays & Onions first registered in 1912 with the registration number WM7. Such an interesting history to this car that is the oldest car in Nelson which was

Nelson new. The first owner was Tom Hunt who owned the car from new, then George Topless before Trevor and Colleen purchased it in August 2022. Thank you for sharing this treasure as it is a very important part of Nelsons motoring history.

Coming up and let's hope the weather is kind to us

Sun 19th Club run is to Willow Bank Heritage Village to partake in their Apple Harvest day. There will be a dedicated area to park when we arrive. Entry is \$7 pp & tea and scones are available to purchase there, as well as some hot food, otherwise pack your own lunch or buy

something delicious from the Wakefield Bakery. Hope for Sunshine
Wed 29th Swap meet Volunteers morning tea at the Club rooms, Kit will provide the savouries

MAY

Wed 6th Morning tea then a working bee to dead head the agapanthus along the bank behind the clubrooms followed with a barbecued sausage

Fri 8th Swap meet set up, 9am

Sat 9th Swap Meet

Thur 14th Club Night, 7.30pm Wot's It evening (bring something to stump us all once again)

Wed 20th Morning Tea

Sun 24th Funkana, Club grounds 1pm, Driving skills, Pitt stops,.
Pot luck tea. Helpers will be needed at the various stops please

JUNE

Wed 3rd Morning Tea

Sat 13th Ladies Rally (Anne Egan Trophy) 10.30 Clubrooms.

Rachael Limmer was last years winner and has organised our run this year. It will end with lunch at a venue somewhere, so we would appreciate numbers by the 8th please

Thurs 11th Club Night (still to be confirmed)

**Sat 27th Restoration of the Year, Pride of ownership 1pm
 2pm AGM at our club rooms**

I have not put in a mystery lunch or mystery vehicle for May or June at this stage as we hope to have a lunch at Appleby school (pack your own school lunch) This school didn't have many cars call in during the Vero Rally so we need to rectify this with a school visit from

our club. We will confirm this visit when we have a day and time that suits the school.

Our AGM is coming up the end of June so you have a couple of months to think about coming onto the committee or enter your car for Pride of Ownership or Restoration of the year so come along. We have around 300 members so a good turnout would be excellent.

Happy Motoring
Maureen and Dianne



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Swap Meet Planning Morning Tea

Swap meet Volunteers needed

Come and join Kit

For a morning tea with Savouries

And see where you can help with the Swap meet

When - Wednesday 29th April at 10.00am at the clubrooms

See you there

Kit Brydon - 027 443 1498

Mystery Car - Trevor & Colleen Carstons 1910 Alldays











Clockwise: Bill Dense & Tom, -Bevan Paterson, Tony Hansen & Trevor Carston -
John Easterbrook & John Mumford - The big push to put the Alldays away -
Mike Russ & Lloyd Ewing



***Wednesday 6th May Morning Tea
and Working Bee***

As a lead up to the Swap meet

Following the morning tea we would like to deadhead the Agapanthus on the bank behind the clubrooms

Bring your secateurs, rakes etc and help tidy this area up



**Note: if Wet we
will do this on
set up day Fri-
day 8th May
9.00am**

Funkana

Sunday 24th May 1.00pm

At the Speedway Grounds

**Test your driving skills and pit
stops, fun for all,**

Pot luck tea

**Helpers needed at various places
around the course**

MAUREEN JOBLIN 027 552 5690

Anne Egan Ladies Rally

Saturday June 13th

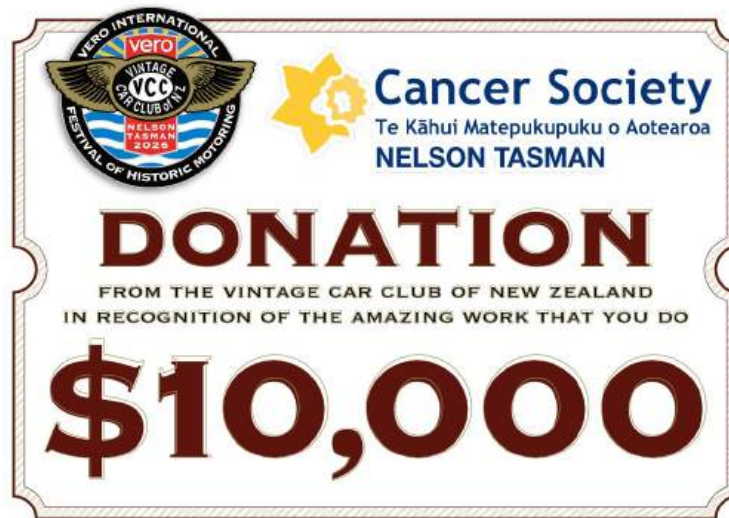
10.30am at the Clubrooms

Will finish at a Venue for Lunch

Numbers please to Rachel by June 8th

Organiser Rachel Limmer 0274 761 116





**Donation from Vero International Festival of
Historic Motoring Public Display gate tak-
ings - thank you Nelson**

Daffodill Day Corporate Flower Deliveries

**Tuesday 25th August
12.45pm at Nelson Cancer Society
102 Hardy Street**

We need 7 cars - the bigger the cars the better

Contact John Barker 027 911 0763

WOMEN BEHIND THE WHEEL

Driving VCC Daffodil Rally for Cancer 2026



SUNDAY 23RD AUGUST



Kaaren Smylie
Vintage Car Club
Daffodil Rally Organiser

Kaaren brings passion, heart, and tireless commitment to connecting communities across New Zealand. Her leadership has transformed the rally into a nationwide movement, uniting vintage car enthusiasts to support the Cancer Society and make a meaningful impact.



Nicola Coom
Chief Executive Officer,
Cancer Society NZ

Nicola leads with purpose and impact, championing support, research, and advocacy for all New Zealanders affected by cancer. Her leadership ensures that every dollar raised through the rally supports vital services and life-changing initiatives nationwide.



Annaliese Atina
Managing Director,
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Annaliese brings strong leadership and a deep commitment to community partnership. Under her guidance, Ford New Zealand proudly supports the Daffodil Rally, helping drive awareness, connection, and national impact.

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Daffodil Rally for Cancer 2026

Sunday 23 August 2026

*Last year we raised \$140k
this year our target is ?*

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Cancer Society

Wots it Night

Bring along that
strange trinket,
curio ,
gadget
or tool

the weirder, the wackier the better
see if you can out fox those in the room.

Thursday 14th May 7.00pm at the Clubrooms

Please bring a plate

**Vero International Festival of Historic Motoring
Organising Committee and their partners enjoying a moments
relaxation together at the Tides Restaurant after a very success
full event**



**Above Clockwise - John, Penny, Alison, Kyra, Lizzie, Mike,
Simon, (obsured) Jim, Brent & Su e**



**Below Clockwise - Debbie, Jorden, George, John (Obscured)
Lesley, Karen, Penny, Gordon**



A photograph of a car workshop with several vehicles. A red classic car is on the left, a yellow and white convertible is in the center, and a silver station wagon is in the foreground. Blue hydraulic lifts are visible in the background.

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Vero International Festival of Historic Motoring Volunteers Thankyou BBQ

**Eighty Nine of our wonderful volunteers attended
a very well received BBQ lunch - thank you**



A few random Vero Pics

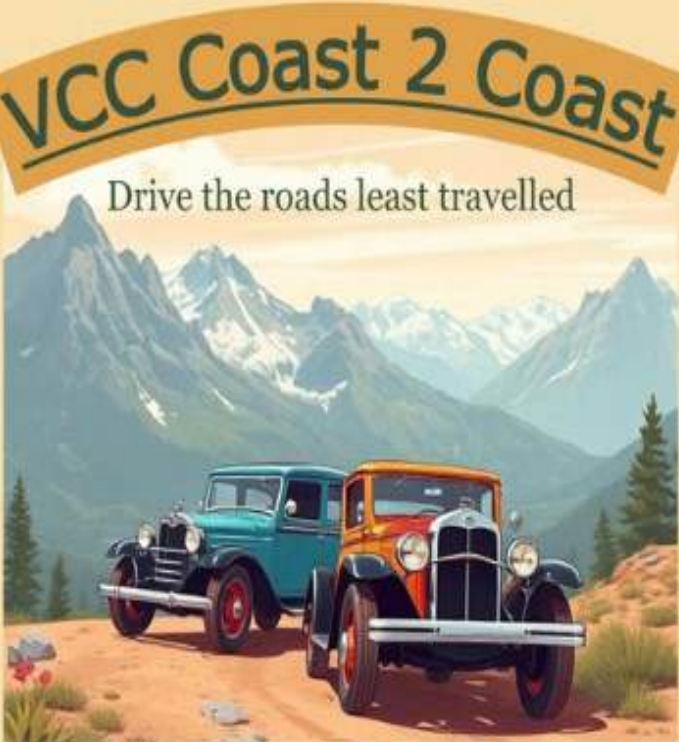












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Wanted

I am looking for an original "4-position and Off" switch (see 2 X attached photos) to purchase for the dash in my 27 Erskine - without success so far.

It doesn't matter if the switch mechanism is faulty because that might be either repairable or replaceable with a new / after market rotary switch.

The main thing to have is the original face plate and switch handle.

I'm also looking for an original "Hearshey" combination steering column lock and ignition switch assembly with original key in working condition (see photo) to purchase

If anyone can assist, please let me know

Kind Regards, Mark Erskine.

M: 021 2541939 / P: (09) 2706001



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.

Please let me know if you have any leads or if you would like more information

Laura McGuire - email laura@harakekeflorist.co.nz





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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 May 7th 2026 9am to 4pm.

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

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