The Crank Case

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Newsletter of the Nelson Branch of

The Vintage Car Club of NZ Inc

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Hi everyone



Just to keep everybody posted. Some time ago we purchased a set of aluminium framed doors for the clubroom's main entry. These were part of a proposed larger project to expand the front entrance. This did not proceed at the time for several reasons, but we have had the doors in storage in one of our containers and they now present a storage issue. The committee had decided to instal these in the front entrance in the New Year. This is at minimal cost as the doors were paid for at the time and most material required to instal were provided by one of our members and solves the storage issue at the same time

There are no plans at this stage to further the entrance expansion.

Regards *Ray*

Front Cover: Rosie and John Herd taking in the ambience or maybe adding to the ambience at the Ngatimoti Festival. Ford V8 and Caravan to boot

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Biennial Rally	**VACANT**	

Nelson VCC Calendar Of Events

		November	
Thu 5 - Sun 8		Coast to Coast	Jo Hoffman
Sun 8	10.00am	Club Run – Morts Treasure Hunt – starts at Clubrooms page 19	Stephen Mortimer
Sat 14	5.30pm	Club Night – Sausages 100 ways Night - $10.00 per person	Lesley Barker & John Appleman
Wed 18	10.00am	Morning Tea	
		December	
Tue 1	7.00pm	Committee Meeting	Gloria Pegg
Wed 2	10.00am	Morning Tea	
Thu 3	9-4pm	Ladies Craft Day	Kyra Wareing
Sat 5	9.30am-3pm	Motueka A & P Assn Show Day – page 11	Gloria Pegg
Sun 6	11.00am	Richmond Santa Parade and shared meal following at 5.00pm page 37	
Wed 16	10.00am	Morning Tea	
		January 2027	
Wed 6	10.00am	Morning Tea	
Wed 20	10.00am	Morning Tea	
		February 2027	
Tue 2	7.00pm	Committee Meeting	
Wed 3	10.00am	Morning Tea	
Thu 4	9-4pm	Ladies Craft Day	Kyra Wareing
Wed 17	10.0am	Morning Tea	
		March 2027	
Tue 2	7.00pm	Committee Meeting	Gloria Pegg
Wed 3	10.00am	Morning Tea	
Thu 4	9-4pm	Ladies Craft Day	Kyra Wareing
Fri 5		Swapmeet set up day	Kit Brydon
Sat 6		Nelson Branch Swap meet	Kit Brydon
		April 2027	
Thu 1	9-4pm	Ladies Craft Day	Kyra Wareing
Tue 6	7.00pm	Committee Meeting	Gloria Pegg
Wed 7	10.00am	Morning Tea	
2027		National Events	
Feb	12-14	30th National M/C Rally - Timaru	
Mar	26-28	NI Easter Rally Palmerston North	Cathy Clements
Mar	26-29	SI Easter Rally - Dunedin	Nicola Wilkinson

		
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Lesley Barker Committee	Paul Lewis Committee / Building	Vern Hoffman Committee	Roy West Committee / Librarian
			
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	Dianne Lewis Daffodil Day Co Ord	Jim n Kyra Wareing Clubroom Custodians	

Chairman Report



My goodness the year seems to be disappearing rather quickly.

Following the National committee meeting the $30 increase in subscription was not passed. This means our subs remain the same apart from the $5.00 Nelson branch levy increase as was agreed at our last AGM. Subs are now due if you have not already attended to this.

We have had an eventful month of outings. Firstly, I saw many of you at the annual Canterbury Swap Meet. Did you find any interesting wee treasures? I was fortunate to pick up an extremely rare German made paraffin oil lamp circa 1900. I have a great collection and finding this really made my day. I have shared a photo of this on Facebook to other lamp collectors around the world who all ask “Is it for sale” It will be for sale when I pop my clogs according to Colleen



We attended the biennial rally hosted by the Marlborough branch in the Kaikoura area. Donegal House was our hub for the weekend. What a fabulous venue, great food, camping and meeting place. Very picturesque grounds a must see. A great turnout from Nelson. We planned to be passengers with Ray and Debbie in the Mercedes but unfortunately a lost nut on the suspension put halt to that. After a bit of a search and a jerry jig Ray made it home and has since carried out a proper repair. Colleen has

asked for a “rain check” Fellow Nelson members arrived in convey to pick the four of us up so we were all able to complete the day’s activities.
The Ngatimoti fete was well attended by our members and much appreciated by the school.
The speedway car parking was well attended by 14 of us. This was followed by a much-appreciated meal put on by Lesley. Thank you to everyone as this raises much needed funds for our branch.
Further clubroom improvements have taken place; a security cage has been fitted to the LPG bottle storage. Many thanks to Bill and Paul.
At last night’s committee meeting we also gave the go ahead to fit our already purchased ranch slider door into the existing entrance. This continues to improve our wonderful asset.
Hope to see as many of you at these coming months events.

Cheers *Trevor*



Club Captain Report



Sun 8 Club Run - Mort's Scavenger hunt run toward Cable Bay 10.00 clubrooms

Sat 14 Club Night – Sausages 100 ways. Numbers are needed, looking at people arriving 5.30 onwards, tea around 6 - $10pp Lesley & John Appleman co-ordinating this

Wed 18 Morning Tea, Mystery Vehicle No vehicle sorted for this month yet

DECEMBER Sat 5 Motueka A & P Show (Gloria can give more info regarding this event) Theme is Vintage & Classic so it would be good to get as many vehicles as possible along to support this. Start is 9.30 - $5 per CAR

Sun 6 Richmond Xmas Parade. Sponsors are Quail Valley eggs,

(Ewing Family) so really we need to support this parade.

We have plans to have a shared Christmas meal together after the show at the club rooms at 5.00pm.

JANUARY 2027 No New Year Picnic Jan 1st

Wed 6- Morning tea, No mystery lunch, just a bit of socialising for those keen to come

Wed 20- Morning tea, again for those keen to come, No mystery car.

Maureen & Dianne

Membership

Many members have asked how **Leigh Joblin** is making out. Well as of Wednesday 4th November, Maureen has finally got him home from hospital and parked up in the lounge in front of the TV.

Maureen reckons that's a good sign and further when Leigh asked if there was any chocolate in the house, she reckons that's an even better sign.

So our advice Leigh is to spoil yourself and eat plenty of chocolate and put a few kgs back on.

Maureen has asked everyone to stay away as Leigh cannot afford to pick up one of your bugs at the mo.

So all the best to you Leigh with your recovery, and Maureen please if you need a hand with anything, anything at all, sing out – we are all thinking of you both and besides we miss having you guys around.



Motueka A & P Assn Show

Yesteryear Themed Show

Sunday 5th Dec – arrive 9.30am – Depart 2.30-3.00pm

Enter via College St gate $5.00 per car

Rossette for "People's Choice" (Vintage and Classic

Dress in era of your car if possible

Speedway Carparking by Mort







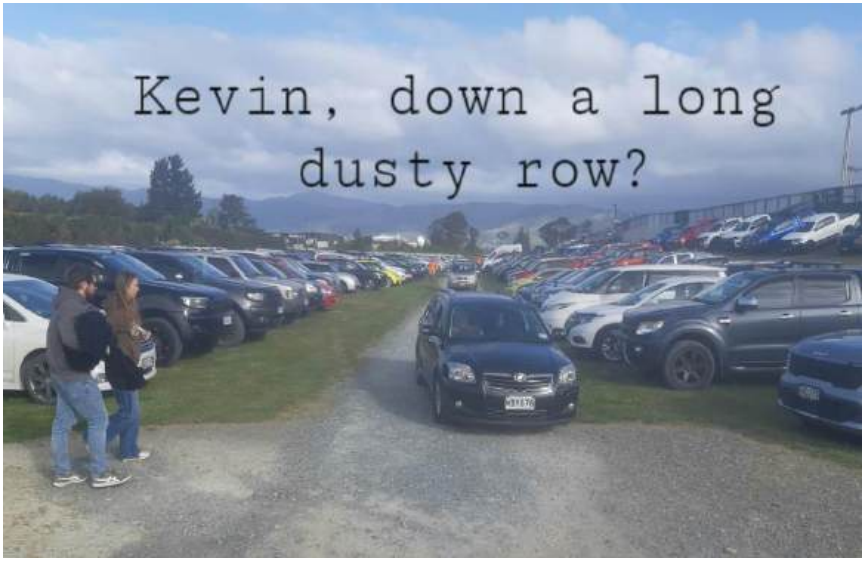

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coming
up with a plan


and where are
they going


of course you can
do you like
my cone


Roy, is that you out
to the west?


Kevin, down a long
dusty row?


the overseer on the job


Lesley prepared a
most delicious
feast


tasty common taters


not your common tater


who told him to park there


Thanks team, excellent
job

For Want of a Nut

Heading to the Marlborough Biennial in Kaikoura, the trip down the East Coast was if nothing but spectacular. The wind coming off the sea was very gusty and getting up there in speed and the sea was wild and stormy.

We followed Bill and Wendy Dense in their Austin A40 ute and they in turn behind the gold Holden of a Marlborough member. Both these vehicles moving around on the road to the tune of the wind.

Our Mercedes Benz W123 is low and heavy and doesn't normally to feel the wind to the point I commented to Debbie "the Merc is wandering a bit today, but I guess the wind is severe."

Heading around the 90-degree sweeper, off Hapuka Straight a passing car appeared to have thrown a stone under the Merc causing a a very loud clatter as I it exited out the left-hand side of the car.

After checking into our Motel in Kaikoura, we headed out to Donegal House for registration and meal – as we drove into Donegal the left-hand front suspension groaned and clattered protesting at the potholes in the driveway.

Mental note to check this out later – on leaving Donegal same deal, but quiet as a mouse on the sealed roadways.

Crawling under the Merc we found to out consternation a nut had departed the car from the suspension control arm. Simple fix we thought. So Trevor Carstan and I proceeded back to Kaikoura in search firstly of an establishment that was open and secondly able to provide us with a 12mm x 1.5 pitch metric nut.

All the likely places were closed and not answering their after-hours numbers possibly all crayfishing. Eventually we ended up at the Caltex Garage where a very obliging gent said he would open up the workshop provided; I could wait for 5 minutes while he watched his son Live in Canada in a Mountain bike downhill race. So, after watching his son come third in the race on his cell phone, we ventured into the workshop and found a nut of the correct size and thread pitch. No charge for the nut.

Back to Donegal to fit the nut only to find we had lost a little more than the nut. The rubber cup and tapered steel cone had also departed the car.





Above: Nut obtained
Right: The whole assembly – we were missing the steel cone at bottom

Trevor and I shot back up to the Hapuka Straight corner and searching the verge Trev spotted the rubber cup in the grass but alas not the cone.

Back to Donagel for a team meeting - Max and Merilyn Clark, headed up to their nephew Andys farm with a plan to obtain something with which to jury rig the Merc to get it back to Nelson. It turned out I had worked with Andy on the Rainbow Station and Molesworth back in the mid Seventies and hadn't seen each

other for 45 years. Max came back with a pile of washers of descending sizes with a view to replicate the tapered come.

Picture this, the car is jacked up on its own jack, wheel off, Brent Colvin's trolley jack is supporting the control arm, and somebodies scissor jack is perched between suspension arms along with Bill Dense's ties down strop all trying to move the control arm bolt to vertical to accept Max's washers.



With much help from many hands, we got there and racked the nut up tight to lock the control arm in place.

It doesn't bare thinking about the arm popping out of the wishbone and the wheel heading backwards at 100kph – the jury rig worked well, some new bits arrived from Melbourne and were duly fitted to both sides last Friday.

Many thanks to everybody who helped turn a bit of a disaster into a bit of fun

Ray & Debbie Robertson

Marlborough Biennial Rally – Kaikoura










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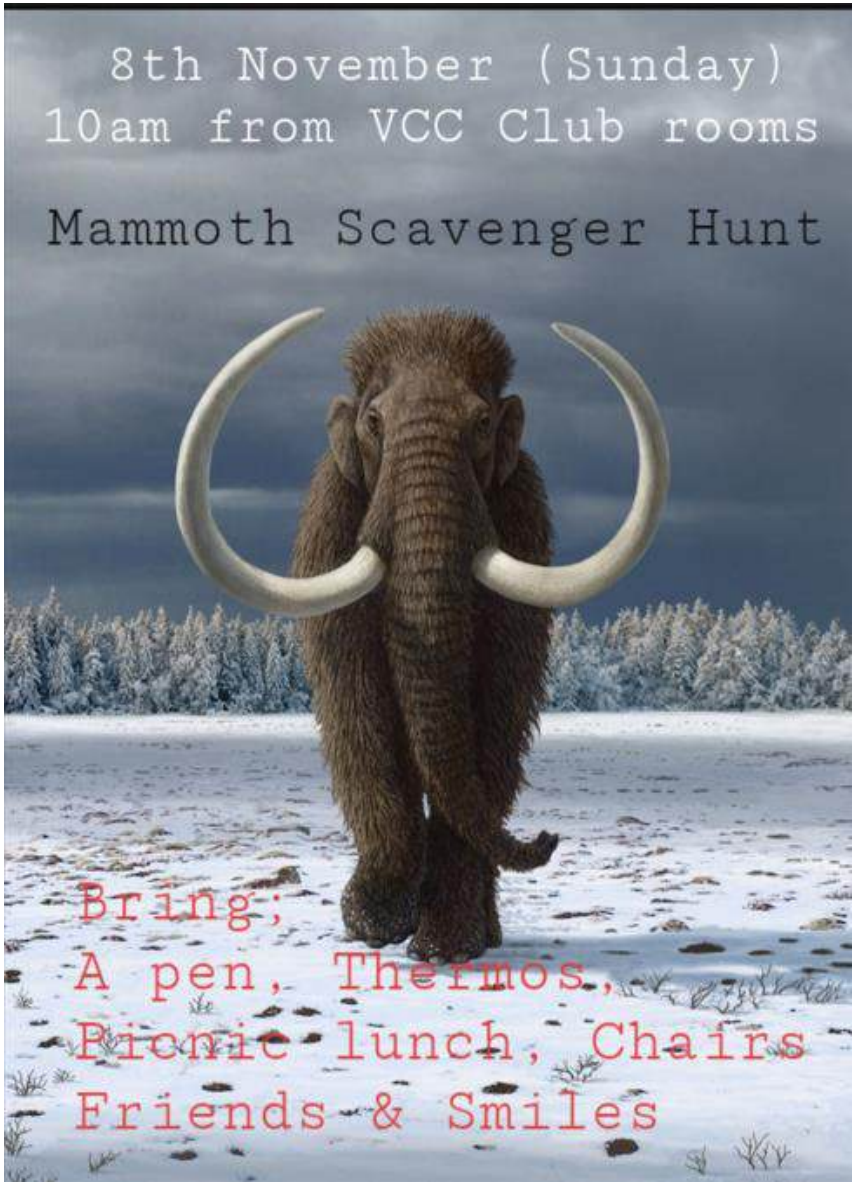











8th November (Sunday)
10am from VCC Club rooms
Mammoth Scavenger Hunt
Bring;
A pen, Thermos,
Picnic lunch, Chairs
Friends & Smiles

LIBRARY UPDATE

For those who haven't had a chance to check out our club library, here's some info….

We are lucky to have an extensive library in the clubhouse. Right now it's a bit full of "stuff" from Daffodil Day, the twice-yearly fill that alternates with Swap meet. Soon it will be clear again, and I thought it time to remind everyone of what awaits on our library shelves…

First up, there is a system in place, though it doesn't much look like it! As you enter, paused for a second:

To your left, on the wall, is a whiteboard. This is our high-tech member and borrowing database.

When you take a book, just write your name, the book title and the date. All done. Then… to your right… the wooden returns trolley. When you bring back your book, just leave it there and write the return date on the whiteboard beside your name and the book title. I'll clear them later when I come in. Easy so far!

So…what have we got for you?

Under the whiteboard…is a set of shelves. Like the others, they are labelled. The top shelves her are car manuals, alphabetical. These ones are smaller, fragile books, so go carefully. Under them are shelves for specialist books on motorcycles - left side, and racing - right side.

In the centre of the room is a large set of shelves with books on both sides. Most of this is more car manuals! Lots of them! Big and not so fragile books are kept here. Alphabetical again, with A for Audi nearest where you're standing, finishing at M for Mitsubishi on the bottom right. The end shelves, nearest the wall,

are for videos, Crankcases and some club records. The filing cabinets opposite are Committee stuff, the printer and the Beaded Wheels archive (cabinet nearest the door.)

Now take a couple of paces forward. The other side of of the central shelves is more car manuals, from MG to Zenith. The end shelves nearest the wall are Parts Lists and Catalogues, if you like that sort of thing. I hope you do, because there are plenty more! Look left, to the massive set of shelves on the wall opposite the library entrance, and you'll find Parts Lists and Catalogues to satisfy the keenest… all the shelves on the top half of this wall are what is called the Underwood Collection, acquired by Russell Egan from an avid collector, and now entrusted to our library. AND! as if this were not enough…. what about the BOTTOM HALF of the wall! WELL! This is the fun bit. The bottom half is "General Interest" …and interesting it is.

All sorts of stuff, from biographies of famous motorists and engineers, stories of the different marques of vehicle, history of places and events of motoring significance, and a heap of historic manuals that might just have what you need to know about electrical or hydraulic systems in the 1920s. Too much to cover here…come in and have a look. Happy reading!

Roy West

Club Librarian

Ngatimoti Festival











Mystery Vehicle – Dave Stuarts 6x6 Argo

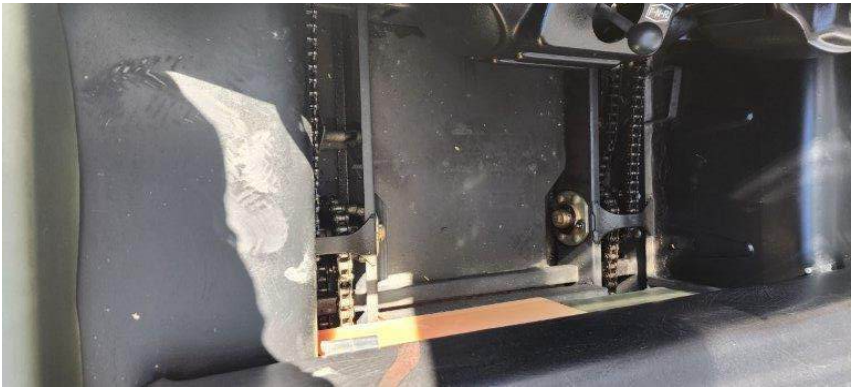














NCCM has a **casual retail assistant position** available for which it is estimated between

4-12 hours a month (if not more) most over the weekend between 9.30m-4.30pm

Position description over next 2 pages

If you are interested contact Kate on

03 547 4570 or email info@nccm.nz

POSITION DESCRIPTION (In training)
Casual Retail Assistant & Museum Ticketing

Position Purpose: To ensure the smooth day-to-day operation of the Nelson Classic Car Museum, which includes providing a high-quality visitor experience, coordination of retail stock and sales and monitoring health and safety.

Scope of Role:

a) Sole charge

b) Visitor Services

c) Ticket Sales

d) Retail Sales and Restocking

e) Boardroom

f) Health and Safety

Location: Nelson Classic Car Museum
1 Cadillac Way, Annesbrook, Nelson.

Key Accountabilities & Dimensions of the Position:

a) Visitor Services

- Providing consistent and excellent customer service which enhances the visitor experience.
- Demonstrating and sharing knowledge of the exhibition, shop products and general enquiries.

b) Retail & Ticketing/Museum Assistant

- Selling tickets for entry to the Museum, ensuring that all visitors wishing to go through the Museum pay the appropriate ticket price, including trade accounts, vouchers, and annual subscriptions.
- Focused on selling retail items from the Museum shop ensuring that all sales are accurately processed.
- Maintaining an excellent knowledge of the retail items on sale and being familiar with the artists and their work.
- Accurately using the POS and Eftpos systems which includes trouble-shooting any technical issues in liaise with NCCM's IT provider as necessary.
- Daily cleaning and tidiness of the retail, reception space, and board room.
- Open and close of POS system and cash draw.
- Retail stock control/security.
- Re stock FOH with appropriate supplies for the sales process
- Maintain merchandise displays and spaces, for the benefit of sales. Including cleaning, signage, pricing and various tasks.

d) Health and Safety

- Ensuring that all hazards and associated risks observed in the museum and front of house spaces are identified, reported, and addressed immediately
- Ensuring timely and accurate reporting of all accidents and safety incidents
- Communicating health and safety issues or concerns to Senior Staff and in an emergency Museum Manager as appropriate
- Providing basic first aid assistance to Museum visitors as may be required and
- Ensuring that any incidents or new hazards identified are reported.
- Must hold a full NZ drivers' licence and be aged 25 + for insurance purposes.

Skills

- Excellent customer service catering to wide variety of customer types and sales skills
- Able to work alone and as part of the Museum team, the role is predominantly sole charge
- Previous experience working in retail or exhibition environments beneficial not essential
- Cleaning able to identify and effectively clean display and hire spaces (boardroom)
- Able to effectively represent the Nelson Classic Car Museum in a professional manner
- Confident speaking to members of the public and hosting groups of people
- Accurate cash handling
- Workplace Frist Aid

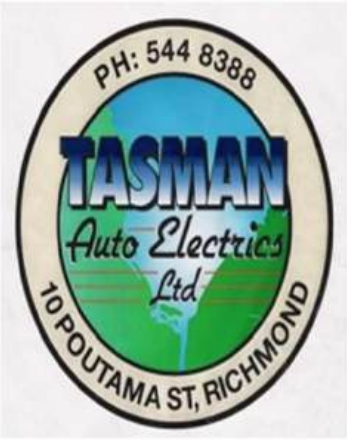




Meet at Waimea College Bus Bay 11.00am and travel to Edward Street together to form up for the parade.

Parade starts at 1.00pm until 3.00pm

Bring a Plate for a Shared Potluck meal to start at 5.00pm – of course you can come to the clubrooms immediately after the parade if you choose.



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Held on the first Thursday of every month at the clubrooms. **Next meeting Thursday December 3th 2026 *9am to 4pm*.** Just come for a chat and or share your hobbies Come for the day or an hour or two. Tea and coffee on the house. If staying for the day bring your lunch.



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