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

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Hi Everyone

The Biennial Rally organised by Mike Bryan and Rex Smith was an awesome event—laid back , friendly, uncomplicated event with a few unknowns like the depth of fords, lunch at Mataki Lodge, and the visit to the new Hop Farm was of interest to all.



The SI Easter Rally is in full swing with much of the planning coming together .

I have made a start on some of the more immediate 2026 Vero IFHM requirements and will need to look to appointing a Festival Secretary and Festival Treasurer.. I have received some interest from members who wish to offer their assistance in some areas, thank you. This event is huge in VCC terms and does require significant input from many people, I know we have many members who have the skills and attributes to contribute, so please feel free to talk with me soon.

Kind Regards *Ray*

**Front Cover:** Pat Knowles from the West Coast makes it safely through the deepest ford —sorry waterway—on the Braeburn Track thanks to a supermarket bag wrapped around his distributor.

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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**

<b>September 2023</b>			
Sat 30	2.00pm	Dale Conlon—Celebration of his life at Clubrooms	Rob Thompson
<b>October 2023</b>			
Tue 3	7pm	Committee Meeting	Roy West
Wed 4	10am	Morning Tea at Clubrooms	Check Roster
Wed 4	12noon	Gordons Mystery Run to Lunch	Gordon Dacombe
Thu 5	9-4pm	Ladies Craft Day	Kyra Wareing
Fri 6– Sun 8		Canterbury Swap meet Mcleans Island	
Thu 12	7.30pm	Quiz Night at Clubrooms “General Knowledge” pg 47	Rob/Maureen/ John
Sun 15	1.00pm	Proposed Gymkana / Driving Test see pg 37	Gordon Dacombe
Wed 18	10am	Morning Tea at Clubrooms	Check Roster
Fri 20- Mon 23		6th National Commercial Rally—Whanganui	
Mon 30	10am	VIC Certifier Training p 37	Neil Beckenham
<b>November 2023</b>			
Wed 1	10am	Morning Tea at Clubrooms	Check Roster
Wed 1	12noon	Gordons Mystery Run to Lunch	
Thu 2	9-4pm	Ladies Craft Day	Kyra Wareing
Tue 7	7pm	Committee Meeting	Roy West
Thu 9		Movie– Silky Otter TBA	Rob/Maureen/ John
Wed 15	10am	Morning Tea at Clubrooms	Check Roster
Sat 24 / Sun 25		Proposed visit to Bob Wagners—TBA	Rob/Maureen/ John
<b>December 2023</b>			
Sun 3		Club Run Christmas picnic/ BBQ—Rabbit Island	Rob/Maureen/ John
Tue 5	7pm	Committee Meeting	Roy West
Wed 6	10 am	Morning Tea at Clubrooms	Check Roster
Wed 6	12noon	Gordons Mystery Run to Lunch	Gordon Dacombe

Thu 7	9-4pm	Ladies Craft Day	Kyra Wareing
Thu 14	7pm	Club Night TBA	Rob/Maureen/John
Wed 20	10am	Morning Tea Christmas	Check Roster
		<b>January 2024</b>	
Sat 20		Golden Bay A & P Show	
Thu 25 Sun 28		National Veteran Rally - Dunedin p38	Nicola Wilkinson
Mon 29 Wed 31		Prince Henry Tour p39	Niven Gough
		<b>February 2024</b>	
Mon 5		National Vintage Only Rally Marlborough	Chris Bird
Sat 17		Murchison A & P Show	
Fri 16- Sat 17		Moutere Hop Weekend	
		<b>March 2024</b>	
Sat 9	7.00am	Nelson Annual Swap Meet	
Fri 29- Mon 1st		National SI Easter Rally & 60th Anniversary Celebra- tion	Mike Bryan & Gordon Dacombe
		<b>April 2024</b>	
Tue 2—Fri 5		Post Easter Rally Tour to Golden Bay?	Jim & Kyra Wareing
		Nelson VCC 60th Anniver- sary	
		<b>March 2026</b>	
Sun 15 to Fri 20		2026 Vero International Festival of Historic Motoring Nelson	Ray Robertson Festival Director

## *Chatter from the Chair,*

Hi everyone and welcome to the 10<sup>th</sup> month of our year, with the Festive season only a couple of months away.

A sad month last month with the passing of our long time member, Dale Conlon, Veteran enthusiast 'extrodineer', and strong VCC supporter. It

was good to see a large turnout of members 'giving thanks for Dale's life' at the Club rooms on Saturday, with our sincere sympathy expressed to Jenny and the family.

Some may have known Ashburton based Ron Galately, who passed away on the same day, so they have company to continue on the road together!



The big event of the month was our **BIENNIAL RALLY** last weekend, based in Murchison. Put together by Rex Smith and myself, rains threatened the success earlier in the week and over night, but we were blessed on the Saturday with cool and clearing skies for the competitive day and only light occasional drizzle for the touring day on the Sunday. I'll churn out a 'brief' report for you elsewhere in the CC!

Three well earned long time **membership awards** have been made recently with John Hansen receiving his 50 year award at the Daffodil Day Rally, Geoff Clark his 50 year award at a recent morning tea, and Mike Lyall his 35 year badge when he hosted us at his Lake Rotoroa 'batch' during our Biennial Rally. Congratulations to these three members and a big thank you to them for sharing their time and experiences with the VCC!

You should by now have all received your **membership renewal** from National office. If you haven't please contact Linda directly, as one or two emails went astray and others bounced back with changed addresses. The final day for payment is 31<sup>st</sup> October. You will see that there has been a slight increased in costs, after several years of no change, and this was mainly brought about by the increased costs in printing, and distributing your **BEADED WHEELS**. Alternatives were considered but your Branch agreed that an increase of \$25 was the best alternative for us.

Your new National Registrar, Neil Beckenham, is quickly on the ball

and wants to help our Branch VIC officer and every other member interested in the VIC implementation process, to up skill on the new requirements for this important part of your vehicles restoration. You cannot attend National event without the VIC and the South Island Easter Rally, hosted by Nelson, is a National event!

**Neil is hosting a VIC Day at our Club rooms on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 10am. Please let Max know if you will be attending.**

Our building sub comm, is hard at work planning phase one of our upgrade. This centres around the courtyard where the old roof has been removed and soon part of the fence will go, concrete will be laid, a new larger roof will be installed and gravel laid as a base for our TWO containers. We have been donated a 40 foot container and this will replace the fence between the tractor shed and the road, whilst the old 20 footer will be placed next to this one on the far side. Plans are being discussed then for painting an attractive mural on the courtyard side of the container and upgrading the courtyard area with plantings.

Watch this space for Phase 2, the remodelling of our entrance foyer, shed and entry into the courtyard!

The Sub Committee organizing the **SI Easter Rally**, which will help us celebrate our **Branches 60<sup>th</sup> birthday**, is well under way and meeting regularly. Gordon Dacombe [was] volunteered to be the Rally Director and John and Lesley Barker have taken on the big job of Rally Sec/Tres. Rally routes and destinations are being worked through and venues have been booked. We will host Friday's Registration and Meet and Greet at our Club Rooms and Saturday's Rally Start will be from the Speedway grounds. Saturday and Sunday evenings dinners will be at the Waimea Club with the **Sunday being the Gymkhana and public display day at the Richmond A and P Grounds.**

**Kyra and Jim have planned 3 days to Golden Bay after the rally weekend, with a highlight being a discounted trip to Farewell Spit! Tell your friends in other Branches that the 2024 SI Easter Rally and post trip are not to be missed..... they should book their accommodation now, preferably in the Richmond area!**

Ray is working on the next 10 years, in our 50 year booklet, and other displays and dinners are being talked about for after Easter that will help our Branch recognize 60 years as a Branch in 2024.

**Your help will be needed at various times and places over the Easter weekend. Offers to Gordon please.**

Several activities are listed in our Calendar for October and November and our **Christmas Picnic / BBQ is planned for Rabbit Island on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec from 1pm**. Earlier in the day, we will participate in Richmond's Christmas Parade... watch this space for details. We are not participating in a Nelson Parade, this year.

Marlborough Br are hosting a **NATIONAL VINTAGE ONLY weekend at Waitangi weekend 5 - 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024**, the entries are open and you should contact Chris Bird urgently if you are thinking of going as entries are limited to 50 Vintage vehicles. This promises to be a great weekend, with entries coming in from both Islands!

It's been suggested that we should be looking at **another tour to the WEST COAST**, meeting up with some of the Coaster members and exploring the lakes area with various inspections on the way! This would likely be a mid week tour in February, whilst the weather is still nice. To float the idea... The Murch A and P is Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Feb..... how about following this with a tour down to Reefton, into Nelson Creek and the Moana area for a couple of nights, perhaps down to Hoki and back up through Grey and Westport. Just floating things at the moment.... **but if you are interested in a tour from say, 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> ish of Feb please let Rex or myself know soooooonnn, so things can be put into place!**

Looking a few months ahead, **MARCH 2024 is already a busy month**, with our **Swap Meet** on the 9<sup>th</sup>, my National Executive meeting in Christchurch on the 15th-17th and the popular West Coast Br, **Scenicland Rally** based from Greymouth on the 23<sup>rd</sup>! The 29<sup>th</sup> is Easter....and we all know what's on in Nelson that weekend.... **lots to keep your wheels rolling this Summer!**

As there is also a lot happening for me through October, too.... I will be away for most of the month as I attend the **Canterbury Swap meet from Fri 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>**, the **OCM's AUTOSPECTACULAR in Dunedin on Sat 14<sup>th</sup>** and the **Vauxhall Nationals** with Rex and Lynette based in Gore over Labour weekend. I'll return after a quik swing through Invercargill, family in Timaru and another function in Blenheim on the 27th/28th. I'll be back in Nelson for Neil's **VIC Day on Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Oct.**

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Hence there will be no CHAIRMAN's CHATTER in November.... I haven't yet whispered in Jo's ear, and I know how busy she is with studies and keeping Vern out of trouble.... but maybe she might have time to give you a stirring report and bit of direction during my absence... that's why we have a Deputy/Vice Chairman I'm told!  
**Keep them rolling!**

**MIKE B.**

**I was thinking about how people seem to read the Bible a whole lot more as they get older  
..... then it dawned on me.... they are studying for their final exams!**

**As a child my families menu consisted of two choices... take it or leave it!**

**I dream of a better tomorrow.... where chickens can cross the**

## **Membership**

**We extend a very warm welcome to the following new members:**

**John Midgely** - Stephens Bay Road who has transferred to the Nelson Branch - he has a 1928 Model A Ford Roadster.

**Andrew Collis**—Richmond who has transferred to Nelson Branch—Andrew has a 1973 Holden Kingswood Sedan

**Cameron Lawes** - Atawahai who has a 1959 Cadillac Coupe de Ville.

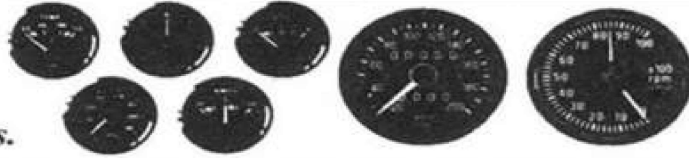
**Alistair and Lorelei Pegg** — of Motueka have rejoined the branch—they have a 1956 Morris Oxford.

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**PROGRAMME**

**Because of limited  
space this rally is lim-  
ited to 50 entries.**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February**

**2024—From 5pm**

Registration Packs – Collect from  
Clubrooms at Brayshaw Heritage Park,  
New Renwick Road) Natter & Noggin  
BYO Drinks.

Marlborough VCC  
Arthur Baker Place. (Off  
including a Light Meal,

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February—Heritage Day at Brayshaw Park.**

Please have your cars at Brayshaw Park by 9am to go on Public Display on  
Patchetts Green. This is the  
main open day of the year for the Park users to show off to the public of Marlbor-  
ough what they do. Please wear Period Costume on the day.

There will be a fashion parade during the day. Prize for Best Dressed Couple.

There will also be a games type of event/ field tests for participants during the day. Meals today are at your own expense including evening meal. The Marlborough Branch will have food on sale during the day.

*9:00am* -Rally Briefing at Marlborough VCC Club Rooms. Please park your cars on Patchetts Green.

If you would like to take a cuppa with you there will be an opportunity to stop at a Lookout Point and you can have a cuppa there. Lunch will be provided as a Fundraising event for a country school. 9.30am

Rally starts.—Approximately 70 miles, Some gravel sections Take care and enjoy.

*From 5:30pm* - Dinner (BYO Drinks) at Marlborough VCC Club Rooms

## **Wednesday 7th February—Rally Day**

Rally Briefing at Marlborough VCC Club Rooms. Please park your cars on Patchetts Green.

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## **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February**

Clubrooms open for smoko at 10am.—Gold Coin Donation ( for Marlborough Hospice)

Parts Sheds Open.



**Entry Form**

Driving our History

**Entries Close 8th January 2024**

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Entrants Address			
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Navigator's Name			
Other Passengers			
VCC Branch		Membership No.	
Vehicle-Make		Year	
Model		Registration No	
VIC number			

FEES			
Rally Entry Fee	Per Vehicle	Includes Gift	\$50
Monday N&N	Per Person	.....X \$20	\$
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		<b>TOTAL</b>	\$

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Above: Mike Bryan (Nelson Chair) presents John Hansan with his 50 year award  
Below : Mike Bryan, John Hansan (centre) and Jo Hoffman (Nelson Vice Chair)



Cable Bay Adventure Park is a fitting place for twelve to sit idle whilst their gum boot shod tormentor's survey the options for getting the best out of the terrain without inflicting terminal damage to their charges.



A bridge over troubled waters doubles as command central, the call goes out “bring in the toe”, ever ready and gentle at foot so as not to inflict further distress.



Those at high ground, hands in pockets contemplate father's day as the youngster clad in matching boiler suit grasps the wheel and splashes through to create a memory for future reflection.



Rob are you sure Horatio can take a little tickle up, did you feel that?



Right hand down or should it be thumbs up for Josh, as the old dog smiles to feel the roach squirming under his paws, knowing the lessons have truly been learnt.



Dragging ones bottom over the hump with such tenderness allows the experienced mussels to clench and hold it all in, a time honoured technique executed with ease the Avon way



Could the rumour in the paddock be true? Some may tease; it's not the paint that's being chipped here in the blink of an eye for all to see. Look she pulls with such ease, perhaps a little spinning will add to the



Keep this under your hat. Some will say setting the course is an advantage, but maybe, just maybe as it turns out , being endowed with length requires a hand in the end, go on give it a turn you know you should.



Do remember, Cable Bay Adventure Park is a place where all can have a play and enjoy the terrain in so many pleasurable ways. A big heart felt thank you goes out to all who assisted in so many ways to the benefit of all immersed in the moment and as we move on leaving it there, we know others will give a more complete and informative account.

## **The Dennis King Memorial Trials**

This year's final round at the mainland sporting trials series, was held at cable bay adventure park on Sunday 3rd Sptember 2023.

A good field of men and machines took part, with only one lady driver on the day.

Ground conditions were dry giving better than usual traction for all cars. The course layout included as many water courses as possible, including creaks, large muddy puddles and boggy sections.,but even the hazards did little to slow down progress with mud and water showering in all directions at times.

Several comments were made by onlookers that " it is quite amazing where a two wheel drive vehicle with pre 1960 components and road tyres was able to travel

with careful driving".

Especially encouraging to see the younger drivers involved and enjoying the event. a provision for non competing drivers to borrow a car and have a go on each course saw some very good results achieved.

The winner of the Dennis King trial on the day was 25 year old Jared Dacombe ( Nelson branch ) in the family Morris 8 special. With Peter twaities in a close second place.

Overall Winners in the mainland series was Avon Hyde (chch) and John Fowler both equal in points.

Best lady driver was Linda Topliss who has shown considerable driving skills over several years of trailing, and regularly out performing most of the blokes. The combination of Rob Thompson and David Bell distinguished themselves and were awarded the hard luck prize. Their display of shocking driving, poor judgement and almost complete lack of understanding for the objective of trialing had to be seen to be believed! or was it just hard luck?

Yours in Mud and Smoke

Gordon Dacombe

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## ***BIENNIAL RALLY 2023.***—MIKE BRYAN.

With only days to go and forecasts of torrential rains over the country, the organizers were looking at each other and the sky..... what the heck if it's wet it'll just add to the spirit of Vintage motoring! Most gathered at the Murchison Bowling Club for the Meet and Greet on Friday evening with vehicles rolling in from Ashburton, Canterbury, West Coast, Marlborough and the host Branch, Nelson.

Overnight rain had left the greens more suitable for a game of water polo but by the Saturday morning the skies were clearing and 36 vehicles were ready for a competitive day of motoring, punctuated by interesting visits! Everyone toured north from Murchison, entering the Gowan Valley and meeting up at member Mike Lyall's batch at Lake Rotoroa for morning tea. Mike was presented with his 35 year badge in from of a large crowd of over 70 participants!

Now the real fun was to begin! Organizer, Rex Smith, flagged the entrants away in groups of about 6, to avoid congestion, and Branch Chairman, Mike Bryan, led everyone onto the Braeburn track behind his red Fiat, suitably adorned with flashing lights and warning signs. This road is gravel, quite narrow and winding with several water crossings so safety was paramount!

The Model As and higher cars were happily splashing through the creeks which were all up considerably on their normal level but there were only two drownings with a Triumph 2.5 and a Consul 315 requiring a bit of drying out! Once the Mangles Valley was reached the instructions took the tour up into the Mataki Valley, with the questions continuing until the lunch stop at the Mataki Lodge. After lunch it was only a short run to the new Hop farm being developed on Mt Ella and here we were hosted by Jason who gave everyone a guided tour of the operation and a look inside the new drying and processing plant, just built last year.

The competitive part of the day concluded with a couple of entertaining and challenging field tests conducted by Gordon Dacombe and Paul Lewis before everyone returned to Murchison to prepare for the evening dinner and presentations.

Club Murchison [ formerly the Lions Club] provided an excellent evening dinner over filling everyone, before we drew the raffle and

auctioned some donated motoring books and tin signs, raising an additional \$245 for Club Murch and their Community projects. It was then time to announce the days winners... with the Pegg family taking the shield home to Nelson and first time rallyists Rachel and Les Limmer in their one family owner Toyota Corolla, taking home second prize.

A cup was available for visitors, too and taking first prize and the cup was again first time rally entrants, Vonnie and Geoff Brunning from Westport in their lovely 62 PASX Vauxall. Runner up from the visitors was Mike Hol from Marlborough in his Jaguar, likely the newest car on the Rally.

Lloyd Ewing from Nelson had the oldest car, the 1919 Buick.

It wasn't difficult to find the Hardluck prize... being won on the toss of a coin between two Marlborough members the Knowles in the 2.5 and the Nicolas in the cute 315!

Most folk had wandered back to their accommodation by 9pm and were likely lulled off to sleep by the patter of over night rain!

Sunday was a non competitive touring day and 15 vehicles had elected to take part on the run up the Matakita Valley to the Horse Terrace Bridge where morning tea was taken at the old Community hall.... long disused. The adjoining Leaning Tower of Pisser toilet had been reconstructed by Rex during the week [thanks Rex] and it was pleasing to see it's rebuild was appreciated by our travellers!

After a break and a walk back to the bridge, the red Fiat once again led the tour, in light drizzle up and over the Maruia Saddle, passing through 6 water courses most of which were not up excessively and the only stoppage was to allow Herb Fox, in the Bentley, time to roll a few stones out of the way! The first three cars, Mike's Fiat, Rod Thrower's A and the Pegg's Jowatt had just bounced over them!

The top is marked at 580 metres altitude so we had to stop and take count, something wasn't quite right... we'd started with 15 cars today and now we had 17.... two members of the Cauty model A Club returning from their weekend Rally in Nelson had tagged onto our rear!

10 minutes later we were back out on SH 65 at Frog Flat half way between Murchison and Springs Junction. Time for a quick cuppa and some fond farewells, as everyone agreed a great rally and headed for home! The 2024 Biennial Rally will be hosted by Marlborough.



Nogin n Natter  
At the Murch  
Bowls Club Friday  
Night

Rally briefing Sat-  
urday morning







The Lyall's Front lawn





Mike Lyall receiving his 365 year award at his Lake Rotoroa property at the start of the Braeburn track—Below Mike & Rex brief the rally entrants





Rays Merc crossing the last water way



Pat Knowles almost through the first ford but alas water in the dizzy



Lloyd Ewing takes a pic of the tricky wave on the right of the ford



Mataki Lodge for lunch





The Hop Farm on  
Mount Ella Station  
Tutaki Valley







The Evening Meal and prize giving Recreation Centre Murchison





## Acting Club Captains Report

### September

#### **3 Dennis King Memorial Trials**

The day was great with entrants coming as far afield as Dunedin, Christchurch, and Marlborough. 6 interesting courses were set up the day before, 3 near the paint ball area at Happy Valley Fun Park. One course proved to be a little tough and was left out as we had time constraints with a group booking paint ball and we needed to free up the area before the lunch break.

3 challenging courses in the afternoon provided good entertainment for the crowd watching. Many thanks to Richard T and Gordon D and helpers.



**3 Sept Gravity Winery Car Display** Thank you to Simon for organising this fathers day event 11 cars on display and a great time had by all.

**3 Sept Classic & Collectables Display** With events clashing I'm sorry that our Club was less able to support this event as well as it could have.

#### **6 Wednesday morning tea/ Gordon's lunch**

A really good number attended morning tea, it was a pleasure to see Geoff Clarke receive his 50yr badge with well-deserved tributes from Club members and of course a couple of jokes from Geoff. Great also to see a number of Ladies attending and taking part in the 1st of Gordon's lunch runs. Which went off well, we had some complications with the instructions, which was fun, however we all ended up at the chosen lunch stop and had a wonderful feed.

**8 Friday Hoods up Nelson Classic Car Museum** Members of our Club attended this enjoyable evening I'm sorry we were out of town and missed it, but looking forward to the next one.

#### **14 Thursday Club night Dave Walkers Display**

Many thanks to Dave W for having our Club visit also to Ray for organising the evening. Dave has farm equipment, traction engines, horse drawn vehicles, tractors and fire trucks. Really a heap of things to look at and much stock with many stories to go with everything. The night finished off with a cuppa in his man cave, which also is filled with many interesting bits and pieces.

**20 Wednesday Morning tea** Another good one, please add your name to the kitchen duty list and share the load. Many thanks to Wayne and John for stepping in at the last minute, as the list was bare.

**Friday 22- Sunday 24 Biennial Rally Murchison** Many thanks to Rex, Lynette, Mike and your Murchison community helpers. We all had a great weekend great rally routes and interesting destinations 36 cars in all, thanks for a great weekend. No doubt there will be more in this edition of the Crank Case.

### **Extra Bits**

Please return our Clubs and Rays High Vis Vests and Caps that were used at the Daffodil Rally we are missing quite a number of these, thank you.

Gordon will be away for 1 November so a volunteer is needed to organise the lunch run after Biscuit Munchers on that day.

We have heaps of our Club members doing many hours working behind the scenes keeping our Club running many thanks to you all.

Many thanks to the team developing the new sun shade/out door area. With the expected heat coming this summer it will be a great asset.

Many thanks to those currently working on the 2 biggies 2024 National Easter Rally and the 2026 international Rally. If you can help with either or both of these events or any club event please let us know.

Tons of work to be done to put these events on.  
Thanks to those working on our Club events programme.

**All the best Rob**

## **Gordons Mystery Lunch Run**

Gordon Dacombe has proposed a follow on "Run to Lunch" after the first Wednesday Morning Tea of the month

How this will work:

He will ask all attendees at the morning tea who wants to go for lunch. He will arrange venue.

The only stipulation he has is that you must go to lunch in a VCC eligible vehicle.

If you do not have a vehicle on the road you must arrange to travel with a member who has a vehicle going to the lunch

**The next lunch run will be on Wednesday 4th October**

For more information

Contact Gordon on 027 208 9116

# Clubrooms Improvements Stage 1 Demo of the old Verandah.



# Gymkhana at Quail Valley Eggs

**1.00pm Sunday 15th October**

**Bring Salad to share**

**Camp Chairs**

**BYO drinks**



**Club will provide**

**Sausages, patties**

**& hash browns—to**

**be cooked on the Ewing's Trailer BBQ**

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**Ring John Grant on 027 668 5591 with numbers**  
**If you do not call him by the 10th Oct—there will**  
**be no food for you!**

## Vehicle Identification Card Training

**VIC officer awareness /training on the Clubs revamped/  
new format VIC Application**

**If you are interested in being a VIC Certifier  
or are just an interested member , this is your chance to  
come along and learn about this important role**

**The session will be approx. 2 hours and will be  
presented by Neil Beckenham VCC Registrar**

**10.00am 30th October at the Clubrooms**



# 2024 National Veteran Rally

Incorporating the 70th Dunedin-Brighton Veteran Rally and Prince Henry Tour to be based at the The Edgar Centre in Portsmouth Drive, Dunedin

## Weekend programme

Thursday 25th January: registration plus noggin and natter

Friday 26th: National Veteran Rally

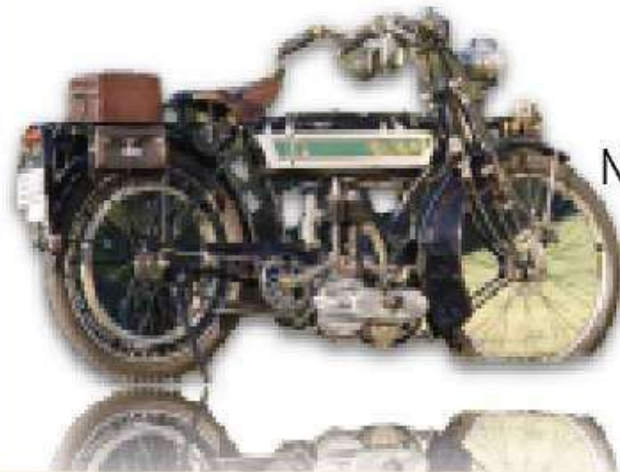
Saturday 27th: 70th Dunedin - Brighton Rally followed by prize-giving dinner for both events

Sunday 28th: BBQ lunch and farewell

Monday 29th: Start of the Prince Henry Tour



Entry forms will be available from branch secretaries following the National AGM in August.



## Contacts:

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Rally Secretary  
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## Gordons 1st Mystery Lunch Run to Toad Hall



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**Next meeting 5th October 2023 9am to 4pm.**

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# Club Run to Dave Walkers Appleby Collection



Rob Thompson gives the piano keys a tickle by headlight

Below Left— Bill Dense and Darcy Bovey discuss the merits of Dave's tractors

Ex Keith Drogamullers T gets the once over from the cew



A small part of Daves Collection of 'Stuff'



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

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