

# VINTAGE VIEWPOINT



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*Chris Bird's Overlander, bought recently and seen here on Patchett's Green*

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## EVENTS : 2026

**Sunday 21st June:** Motorcycle Run. Leave the park at 11am for a ride through the Tua Marina Track on to the Woodbourne Tavern.

**Friday 26th June:** Natter & Noggin will be a POT LUCK evening. Come along to the club rooms around 5.30pm with something tasty to share. There will be plenty of food and laughter. It is a good chance to meet fellow members.

**Sunday 12 July:** Prize giving Lunch - Woodbourne Tavern 12.00 midday \$40 pp -names please.

**Sunday 26 July:** Snow Run to St Arnaud, take own lunch. Please note this is now Sunday 26 July.

Unfortunately this does clash with a Ford Birthday gathering, sorry, you choose.

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## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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**Nicholas Scantlebury**, Picton

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1967 Wolseley, 16/60

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# New Chairman's Bio



HERITAGE MOTORING MARLBOROUGH, A BRANCH OF V.C.C. OF N.Z., Inc

Ross Broadbridge newly appointed Chairman 2026 - A brief description.

Hi fellow motoring enthusiasts -

I grew up locally in Wairau Valley where I lived for 50 years before moving to Fairhall. After leaving Marlborough Boys' College I went to Aussie for 8 months touring around and doing some work.

After returning, I moved back home to Wairau Valley, where I drove trucks for my father, transporting general farm products both locally and in top half of South Island. Later on in the late 70's, with my 3 brothers, we purchased the trucking business from dad, Cyril and mother, Hazel. This then allowed dad to tinker with vintage cars - eventually ending up with seven.

In 1980's I shifted houses in Marlborough and Nelson for Keith Hay Homes. A challenging, but rewarding, driving mission.

In 2002, after 29 years, I left the family business to operate the 6 Transfer Stations and Recycling Depot for Council.

I am married to Rosie (46 years). We have a son who owns a fencing business in Canterbury. Our daughter lives in Southland and is Southland / Otago Area Retail Manager for Farmlands.

Today we are retired from full time work, except driving trucks for Forrest Wines in harvest. When not cruising in cars, my other interests are volunteer van driving for Alzheimer's, tennis at Renwick and travelling our wonderful country in our caravan.

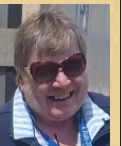
We joined the club in 1988 after dad died, when we purchased some of dad's collection. We enjoyed many an outing with our infant children. Unfortunately, with the demands of work and children's commitments, our participation waned somewhat. However we are really enjoying being back and participating in club events.

My heritage motoring vehicles are a 1928 Austin 16/6 four door sedan and a 1966 Jaguar S Type. Our son has a 1929 G.M.C. T19 truck licenced to 3.5 tonnes. All these 3 vehicles came from dad's collection. At present the Austin has clutch/gearbox problems but as seems typical in our club, there have been offers of help. Good comradely and long may that continue.

*Outgoing Chairman Rob Galloway (far right) with Treasurer Gerardine Haack and Secretary Chris Bird preparing to start the AGM*



# New Editor's Message



Linda Laing, your editor (starting with July Vintage Viewpoint), photographer and website person

All photos are welcome for the website and magazine. I may have to crop or change them slightly to fit but am more than happy to include them. <https://www.marlboroughvcc.com/>

You may also have heard that I am taking over the magazine. I can only hope to do as good a job as Chris but ask you to bear with me over the next few months. Any articles or photos can be sent to me at: [mvcc7201@gmail.com](mailto:mvcc7201@gmail.com) or if handwritten, give them to Don Laing on a Wednesday or me when you see me.

Thanks, Linda

*Our thanks go to Chris De Wagt, for doing a sterling job of this newsletter for so many years. She has earned her retirement from the job. We have been pleased to have had Caryl Simpson fill in for this newsletter, plus an earlier one, and now Linda Laing has volunteered to take over as editor. We all look forward to the continuation of interesting and informative newsletters, although the look may change. Safe travels Chris & Mac!*



# Club Captain's Report



Our night trial/twilight trial started at the Clubrooms at 4.30pm on Sunday 10 May and was very well attended with 3 or 4 first time night trial couples ready to take on the challenge Tris and Joy had set. After navigating nine RABs (roundabouts) in the town boundaries and a page of questions to answer it was back to the Clubrooms for delicious soup and buns. The winner will be announced at the prize giving lunch 12 July at the Woody so get your names down at our Clubrooms for that.

Our museum opened for the Heritage Festival for three days. Unfortunately it was very quiet for our volunteers but thanks for doing your duty. A very different story on Sunday 30th when the Sun Valley Roadster Club hit Brayshaw Park. A colourful range of cars lined the street and Patchetts Green.

With winter fast approaching please be mindful of wet grass on your shoes when entering our rooms and either wipe them on the mat or remove them. Thanks.

Keep Warm, Keep Well.

Cath Millar.



# Kitchen Custodian's Update



Here we are again, summer's passed us by, winter is just around the corner, and it looks as if it might be wet and cold.

In May we had night trials, luncheon for Govt super, a funeral and the AGM, keeping the ladies in the kitchen busy. A big thank you to those that helped very much appreciated. If anyone else would like to join our ladies in the kitchen you are more than welcome, we have a lot of laughs and fun.

There was no Natter & Noggin as we are having mid-winter Christmas dinner on the 7th June. There will be a Natter & Noggin on Friday the 26th June and this will be a POT LUCK evening.

Stay warm and well.

From the kitchen ladies.

*This joke has nothing to do with Dale, or her update, it just fitted here nicely. To my knowledge she is not currently angry, nor is Bill wondering what he did wrong - or is he?*



# Secretary's Scribblings



Well, here we are in month 6 of the year, where have the months gone?

Our AGM was held on 24<sup>th</sup> May. A great turnout again and we have a new Chairman in Ross Broadbridge, and on committee Rob returns as past chair and we welcome back Don Laing onto the committee.

In the Branch appointments, the only change being the manager of the museum who is now Kevin Millar. If you don't know Kevin, he is the one person you will see polishing the brass on the early veteran cars. If anyone wishes to place anything in the museum, be it vehicles, or other bits and pieces, like tools or other memorabilia, please contact Kevin in the first instance, or one of the committee. It has been decided there needs to be a general spruce up in the museum, and there are some good ideas coming forward, so if you have ideas, please let us know.

From the Committee Meeting on Wednesday morning.

The cotoneaster hedge on the left of the drive before the gate will be removed as soon as possible. This is because it causes a blind spot for vehicles coming out of Patchetts Green. It will be replaced with low growing plants as seen next to this on the bank.

As was asked last month, we needed a replacement editor for our branch Magazine. Chris de Wagt has done this for 12 years and needs a break to do other things. Thanks, Chris, for your effort over those years and best wishes for the future. I am pleased to say, that after a plea at smoko a few weeks ago, Linda Laing has put her hand up to do the job. There will be changes to the magazine with a name change approved by committee today, and a slightly different format. Linda's first issue will be July.

Daffodil Day fundraiser for funds for the Cancer Society is only a couple of months away, to be held on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Similar format to other years. If you would like to help, please make yourself known to the committee, don't be shy!!

It has come to our attention that some equipment has gone missing from the parts sheds. If you have borrowed anything over time and not returned it, please do so, as this equipment is for the use of all members of Heritage Motoring Marlborough, not just one or two.

That's it for this month, have a great month of Heritage Motoring.

*As stated on P.3, this newsletter was a one-off by me, Caryl Simpson. Your new editor, Linda Laing, starts her editorship with the July Vintage Viewpoint. As a one-off, I felt I could do this issue in my own style. I am sure Linda will have her own ideas of how she wants the newsletter to look so I am sure more changes will be coming. She also has to get to grips with a new editing programme she is still learning to use. You have been spoiled for years by Chris De Wagt's efforts so please do your best to help Linda in her new role (as well as her other roles as club photographer and website person) and send her interesting articles. Perhaps you have restored a vehicle, or visited a car museum or something that would interest other club members. Remember this is YOUR newsletter and it can only be as interesting as the items YOU send to put in it.*

# Treasurer's Report from AGM

## Held 25 May 2026



Good afternoon

When David Bool first approached me about taking on the role of Treasurer, I was genuinely surprised — and, if I'm honest, a little flattered. No one ever grows up dreaming of becoming a Treasurer, so it felt a bit like being unexpectedly called up to the big leagues.

I rang my biggest sister for advice. She's very involved with the Invercargill Vintage Car Club and knows her way around club committees. Her response was immediate and heartfelt:

"Run. That's a big job."

Sadly — or perhaps luckily — by that stage I hadn't worked out how to say no, so here we are.

My background is in the construction industry, where you deal with clients, tight contracts, and very thin margins. You work hard to make a profit, because if you don't, you don't survive. One of my first lessons in this role was realising that our clients are also our stakeholders — and they all have voting rights and strong opinions. That definitely sharpens your thinking.

As you'll see in the financial statements presented today, subscriptions remain a substantial and very important part of our income. They're the steady, reliable bit — the financial equivalent of a good battery. But, the majority of the club's income actually comes from the sale of parts and our external catering activities. In other words, we don't just run on membership enthusiasm — we also run on spares, sausages, and scones.

Thanks to many years of prudent financial management by previous Treasurers and committees, the club is in a solid financial position and there is some financial residue. That's something to be proud of. Alongside that sits decades of effort building facilities, equipment, and resources, all of which need ongoing care and maintenance. Stewardship, rather than spending, is really the name of the game.

Over the past year, I've learned that understanding the culture of the club is just as important as understanding the numbers. And to my mind, the real strength of this club is not found on any balance sheet — it's found in its camaraderie.

You see it every Wednesday at the 10am morning tea. You see it in the kitchen, the museum, newsletter editing, grounds maintenance, working bees, workshops, and all the quiet jobs that just somehow get done. This is unpaid labour on a heroic scale. It doesn't appear anywhere in the financial statements, but it is absolutely central to the financial success of this club. If we had to pay for all that work, the figures would look very different — and my job would be significantly less relaxing.

I have often joked that "God so loved the world that He sent his only Son — not a committee." Since joining this committee, I've had to eat those words — possibly with a side of humble pie. There is not a committee member who doesn't pull their weight, and usually a bit more besides. The same is true of many club members.

I won't start naming names — that's dangerous territory and I'd inevitably miss someone — but just look around. You'll see people with their heads down, getting on with things, not for recognition, but for the benefit of the whole club. That spirit doesn't just keep the doors open; it keeps the club thriving.

So, while the figures presented today tell one part of the story — and a positive one — they don't tell the whole story. The real wealth of this club is its people, and it's a privilege to be entrusted with the financial side of something that clearly means so much to so many.

Thank you for your support, your patience over the past year, and for making this role not only manageable, but genuinely enjoyable.

Thank you.

### NOTICE TO CLUB MEMBERS

PLEASE NOTE OUR CLUB BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS:

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ACCOUNT NUMBER:

**03-0599-0246604-00**



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# Obituaries

During the last month we lost two members who both served our Branch well in different ways. Our condolences go to Julie Matkin and Rose McClintock for their losses.

## ED MATKIN:

Ed was a two time member of our Branch. He transferred here from the Auckland Branch while he was serving with the NZ Police. I cannot trace the dates of arrival here, or when he was transferred to another area. He returned to Marlborough after leaving the Police. He is listed in a 1990 VCC membership list as a Marlborough member owning a 1929 half ton truck, a 1953 Singer Roadster, a 1956 Jaguar XK 140 Drophead Coupe, and a 1959 Triumph 5TA motorcycle.

In the late 1980's, early 90's, he served on the Branch committee and was Branch Chairman in 1992 and 93. During his term as Chairman he instigated the system of separate outings for motorcycles, which has since seen a large increase in Branch motorcycle members.

Ed's last vehicle listing in our membership list was a 1956 Austin A30 van. Ed's health in recent years restricted his VCC activities but he remained a popular Wednesday morning smoko attendee.

## GRAEME McCLINTOCK:

Graeme was a legend within our local motorcycle section and to members of other Branch motorcycle sections. Not only VCC members respected him for his knowledge and skill. He was trusted with restoration work and engine rebuilds by Classic and racing motorcyclists. He did restorations and engine rebuilds for several local members and sometimes his charges covered the cost of the parts and a very small amount for the time spent.

While some makes of motorcycles were dearer to his heart than others, he could work on all makes and models with equal proficiency. It was not only motorcycles, he could restore cars to the same high standards. His last car restoration was his own 1990's Mitsubishi Sapporo 122 brake horse power Sports Sedan which sold in the USA as Dodge Chargers and Plymouth Scorpions!

He was not a regular rider on our Branch motorcycle rides but turned out occasionally on his 1935 New Imperial, or in his car with Rose.

Graeme's farewell was held at our Clubrooms and the Redman Room was packed to capacity. His departure from outside the Redman Room differed from the normal. His ashes were strapped to the pillion seat of a Norton, which left with rapid acceleration and noise. The Norton was joined near the modellers' rooms by a BSA and a Vincent. The three motorcycles passed through the Beavertown shops at speed, in excess of the speed limit within the Park. There may have been a tear or two but there was also laughter and clapping. Graeme would have approved, and loved it.

Well done Rose and Family for the great send-off.

- Trevor Harris



L to R; Barry Newman, Phil Taylor, Glen Harris at Graeme's farewell



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At morning tea, 29<sup>th</sup> April, Murray Jacques showed us this mug his wife, Maylene, had found years ago when digging in the dump pit at The Delta in the 50's. He thought members might be interested after so many enjoyed the run to John Walsh's farm 'Woodbourne' earlier in the month. A lot was learned of the history of the area during that day.



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This date and time are SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION. Keep an eye out for further updates and details.

*We look forward to celebrating with you all!*

**SNOW RUN**  
26th JULY

More Details to Follow in **JULY NEWSLETTER!**

Many years ago, the motoring editor for The Press was a juror on a panel of 12 to decide on the Car of the Century. It took over 12 months, slowly eliminating vehicles until they came up with the winner - the Model T Ford.

Each juror was gifted a small model of the car, made from material from the old Ford factory in Detroit. The wire was from the boundary fence and the hood material came from the side of the meat safe from the canteen! Only 12 were made, one for each juror.

The model was eventually given to Earl Preston because of his interest in vintage cars and his link to one of the jurors, who wanted it to go to someone who would appreciate it. Earl decided recently it needed to go to a good home so has donated it to the new VCC HQ in Christchurch.

The selection process for Car of the Century started in 1996 and there were 1500 cars in the running. The car had to be designed for the transport of passengers, at least 50 units had to have been produced, and of these at least 3 still had to be in existence. Of the 1500 proposed cars, 716 met the criteria.

The list was then reduced to 200 cars based on the following requirements:

- General design
- Historical significance
- Handling and roadworthiness
- Performance
- Technical innovations at its time

Finally, 100 cars were put forward to compose the collection of the Car of the Century Exhibition, held at the Amsterdam RAI from 27 June 1998. Visitors could vote via "large interactive 'mushrooms' with built-in computers", although voting could also be done via a ballot box and the internet.

The top 10 from the public vote were then added to the 25 cars chosen by the international jury to form a final shortlist which became the top 5, before the winner was announced at a glitzy event in Las Vegas in December 1999.

The jury ranked the 5 cars in their preferred order, and the results were combined with a points system. They were:

1. **Ford Model T (742 points)**
2. Mini (617)
3. Citroën DS 19 (567)
4. Volkswagen Beetle (521)
5. Porsche 911 (303)

*This is the model  
gifted to VCC HQ*



The paperwork, signed by Edsell B Ford II, that came with the model said;

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## **URGENT UPDATE - COOK STRAIT FERRY CAPACITY NOW SERIOUSLY RESTRICTED**

This is an important update regarding Cook Strait ferry travel for the foreseeable future.

From 22 June through to 25 September, Interislander will be operating with just one vessel, creating critically reduced capacity across the Cook Strait network. Available sailings are expected to fill extremely quickly, with freight being prioritised and very limited space remaining for passenger and vehicle bookings. The situation is now proving to be worse than originally anticipated.

Bookings for the peak summer period are already filling at a rapid pace across both Bluebridge and Interislander. Last summer, December, January, February, and March all sold out up to three months in advance, and current booking trends indicate the same situation is likely to happen again - potentially even earlier. As we have all seen, weather disruptions and ongoing vessel availability issues can quickly impact remaining capacity, making last-minute bookings increasingly difficult or impossible.

If you are planning any inter-island travel over the coming months or during the 2026-2027 summer season, we strongly recommend securing your crossing immediately. Waiting is highly likely to result in missing out altogether.

Cook Strait Crossings can secure your sailing now, with the added flexibility to cancel at no cost should your plans change. Ferry sailing changes can also be made at no extra cost, subject to timetable availability and space. As always, NO deposit or payment is required until 2 weeks prior to departure, so you can reserve your space now (right through to 31 March 2027) before sailings are fully booked.

Tony - [sales@cookstraitcrossings.co.nz](mailto:sales@cookstraitcrossings.co.nz) or [www.cookstraitcrossings.co.nz](http://www.cookstraitcrossings.co.nz)

# Blockes in the Shed...

The brilliant ideas of the blokes continue to thrive and multiply, and a number of projects are underway or pending, all with the goal of improving the management of our spares.

The underlying foundation of our endeavours is loosely formed on the physical concept of entropy. Now entropy is essentially a measure of disorder. The more disorder within a system, the greater the entropy. Left unattended, systems naturally progress from order to disorder over time - just look at a bloke's shed or a teenager's bedroom, or even a bloke's bedroom if you dare. Murphy sums it up quite well - "left to themselves, things will always go from bad to worse." We're endeavouring to reverse that process.

While we have made good progress in decreasing the entropy (decreasing the disorder) within the two sheds, there remains a considerable amount within the compound to be addressed. The team has already decreased the entropy of the wheels, as can be seen in the photos. Attention is now focusing on the piles of doors, guards, bonnets and other panels as well as radiators, fuel tanks and other surprises uncovered in what is turning into an archaeological discovery of treasures. We are making good progress here also, as seen in the photos.

Some of the stock, which had been stored outside over the years and exposed to the elements, is now well beyond salvage and, as a consequence, has been removed. With fewer objects to "organise", the entropy should decrease, shouldn't it? The recent arrival of two full sets of XJ6 doors (all in excellent condition) however, has elevated the creativity of our ideas as to how to keep them undercover and also keep them in top condition. We can only retain the condition of our stock if it is placed undercover, and currently we just don't have enough covered area within the compound to do this for all our stock.

Within the sheds, refinements are being undertaken with the impending relocation of several bins into more logical collective groupings of similar, or related, parts. We are aiming to dedicate one whole shelf unit to lighting related stock, rather than having it competing with the fuel pumps, carburettors and other parts.

Work on deep delving into particular items continues. The fuel pumps, for example, are becoming sorted by flange type and bowl location. Any that are incomplete or damaged are being put aside. Parts of carburettors are being sorted into jets, needles, butterflies, shafts etc. Rick will, I'm sure, be looking forward to sorting out the other five 30kg bins of fuel pumps and the forty two bins of carburettors.

As for the first pallet of cylinder heads, Dale and Pete have now cleaned up the surfaces of 30 flat heads with another 30 or so to go. There's only three more pallets of heads left to do now, that's all.

Most of the manifolds are now grouped by vehicle designation - BMC, Ford etc, and these are being relocated to the No. 2 shed where they were originally stored together in one big, mixed up pile. Only fifty or so left to go. Gary has recorded any useful identification data.

The Austin 7 stock is now much better grouped with engine bits at the east end of the shelving, and rear axle bits at the west end with everything else somewhere between - the best it's ever been. We can actually find stuff now and, in some cases, give a year of manufacture based on any numbers stamped on the castings.

The team continues to make good progress in all respects. Entropy is definitely decreasing.

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Wheels  
"BEFORE"



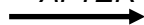
Wheels  
"AFTER"



Compound  
"BEFORE"



Compound  
"AFTER"



# Motorcycle Report



May's run had a colder feel to it but was better than the weather we got on the last scheduled run to the Trout, unfortunately rescheduling to this month seemed to coincide with every motorcycle club in Marlborough also being there, making for a full car park and pub. Once again, the staff at The Trout were friendly, efficient and did a fantastic job of getting the meals out, well done to them.

Barry Newman was over from the coast and had the Bonneville out and Phil was on his new Triumph.














The Nelson swap meet coincided with flooding at Pelorus, but several of us made it over for look around, Steve and Mindy carried on to Mapua to pick up a new toy, the ex-Gordan Findlay Royal Enfield that Chris Richards has motored for several years will be returning to Marlborough in Steve's ownership, we look forward to seeing it out in the future.

Unfortunately, we lost 2 members who have contributed to the motorcycle section over the years in Ed Matkin and Graeme McClintock. Our thoughts go out to their families.

## Motorcycle Calendar

*Sunday 21st June; Leave the park at 11am for a ride through the Tua Marina Track on to the Woodbourne Tavern.*

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-  **“That’ll come in handy one day” Syndrome**  
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-  **Garage Expansion Disorder**  
Garage fills up – Shed – Container – Yard
-  **Project Multiplication**  
Starts with one project car ... ends up with five, none running.
-  **Parts Before Priorities**  
Happily spends \$5,00 on rare trim ... hesitates over groceries.
-  **Rust Vision Impairment**  
Looks at a rusted-out wreck: “She’s pretty solid actually.”
-  **Bolt Jar Obsession**  
Keeps every nut, bolt, washer ... can’t find the one you need.
-  **Marketplace Reflex**  
“Just browsing Facebook” ... Buys another car.
-  **Sentimental Scrap Attachment**  
Keeps parts because “They came off my first build.”
-  **Tool Acquisition Drift**  
Buys tools for jobs not yet started.
-  **Time Warp Effect**  
“I’ll have it done this weekend” = 3 – 5 years.
-  **Neighbour Confusion Syndrome**  
Workshop ... or wrecking yard?
-  **Partner Tolerance Test**  
“It was a bargain.”  
“I’ll flip it for profit.”  
“Just needs a few things.”
-  **Incomplete Car Syndrome**  
Always missing “the impossible to find” part.

In March, Ash McKenzie travelled to Nelson to attend the Alvis AGM and Rally. While the Alvis community in New Zealand is relatively small, it forms part of a much larger worldwide family that celebrated its centenary in 2020.

To assist with the rally, Ash teamed up with Frances Tweedy. With neither having the advantage of local knowledge, they methodically followed the route instructions and kept a sharp lookout for answers to the quiz questions along the way.

The day concluded with a gymkhana. Drawing on his experience with Blenheim Car Club events, Ash selected his gear early and stuck with it. Competitors were given two runs, with the winner determined by the closest matching times. Ash's strategy paid off handsomely, earning him the winner's cup.

But the success didn't end there. Ash also took out the silver tray in the Concours d'Elegance for the presentation of his car.

Winning both events in what was a strongly contested field is a proud achievement for "our man Ash" from Blenheim.



### PRELIMINARY NOTICE

VCC Marlborough Branch, Biennial Rally 16<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> October 2026



Biennial Rally based in Kaikoura, on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October, The traditional weekend which we hold this rally.

Meal on Saturday night will be at Donegal House

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## What's On This Month

**Friday 26th June:** Natter & Noggin will be a POT LUCK evening. Come along to the club rooms around 5.30pm with something tasty to share. Plenty of food and laughter and a good chance to meet fellow members.

## What's On Next Month

**Sunday 12 July:** Prize giving Lunch - Woodbourne Tavern. 12.00 midday \$40 pp -names please.

**Sunday 26 July:** Snow Run to St Arnaud, take own lunch. Please note this is now Sunday 26 July.

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