



MAY 2025 Issue 5

Vintage Viewpoint Marlborough



Viewpoint is the official publication of the Marlborough Branch of the Vintage Car Club Inc

EVENTS : MAY

Sunday 18th May

Leave the park at 11am for a ride to the Wairau Valley pub.

Sun 25 May AGM Clubrooms 1.30pm small plate please.

Apr Natter & Noggin Moved to: **Fri: 30th May Pot Luck**

A FULL EVENTS LIST IS ON THE LAST PAGE OF THIS NEWSLETTER AS USUAL



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AGM INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DRAFT CONSTITUTION HAS BEEN CONDENSED AND POSTED TO THE MEMBERS WHO DO NOT RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL.

THE COST OF PRINTING THIS FOR THE AGM WOULD BE HIGH BUT IT WAS REDUCED FROM 16 PAGES TO 7 FOR THE POSTAL MEMBERSHIP.

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CLOSE-OFF for the VINTAGE VIEWPOINT
is 7.30pm Friday following the Wed meeting 1st Wed each month.

Chairman's Report



Hi Team,

Well here we are at the end of another club year and our Annual General Meeting coming up on Sunday 25th May.

As I have said many times we have a very good committee and generally all things pertaining to the club activities run pretty well. However it is always good to have some "Fresh Blood" on the committee team so I am asking you all please to seriously think about having a go at standing and/ or nominating a suitable person from our membership whom you consider would be a good candidate. People with a good interest in the club, someone with drive and purpose and preferably with some business background. The current committee members have been there for some time and although only one has decided to stand down this doesn't mean the status quo must remain. So please we look forward to your nominations. All positions are vacant.

Three items I wish to address in the coming year if I am to retain the job as chairman.

- One is due to the often poor turnout at some of our events I would like to see the car and motorcycle guys combining on all runs. How we got segregated I don't know but the argument that gravel roads and driving with the vintage / classics is dangerous and does work doesn't stand up. All of us in whatever vehicle any day meet fast/ slow/ old/new vehicles of all descriptions and cope perfectly, why this can't be so on club runs beats me.
- The second I have brought up several times but has fallen on deaf ears. I transferred to Marlborough branch in 1984 and in November 1985 the new clubrooms and museum were officially opened. That is 40 years ago. We have a brilliant complex here and it is often referred to as the envy of other branches, we have great grounds, spares dept, commercial kitchen facilities and good meeting facilities. However; my personal feeling is our museum is stale and needs to be brought into the 21st century. Think about classic car museum in Nelson, Richardsons truck Museum and others of the like. We have some great memorabilia but we have a lot of junk too.

I suggest temporarily close the museum to the public, a good plan be made where a full clean, repaint refresh, better lighting and ventilation if necessary and reposition and display only good exhibits of genuine Marlborough historic memorabilia. Vehicles on display to be of museum quality and exhibits moved around or changed periodically. Any surplus memorabilia be sold for club funds.

I suggest A team of perhaps 4-6 men and woman of action, stick to a plan and get it done. It's a good winter project. As I said this is only my opinion suggestion and has not been recently discussed at committee.

I may well be shot for suggesting the above so if you have an opinion, any thoughts and ideas "General Business" at the AGM is the place to air your views, if there is no interest in a change - then so be it.

- The third item is the separation of the club members on Wednesday mornings with the number of guys who congregate at the electric shed. This may have been ok during covid but that's over, so morning tea all members lock up the shed doors and back to the clubrooms for morning tea

Well that it Folks. See you all at the AGM

Cheers Rob

Club Captain's Report



April was a busy month for showing off our cars.

Firstly at the opening of the Flaxbourne Heritage Centre, Ward, to where 10 of us flew the VCC Marlborough Flag. Then it was over to Ashwood Retirement Village to display our vehicles. Our twelve cars were very well received by the residents and created a lot of interest and chatter.

Lastly, on ANZAC Day 12 cars and 1 motorbike made their way to the Wairau Valley service. This was followed by a cuppa, or a rum in the hall and a coffee at the Hotel on the way home. A big thankyou to our members for bringing your cars out for these events.

Don't forget the AGM on Sunday 25th Clubrooms at 1.30pm. Have you put your name forward for a position ? Come along and vote (if necessary) and have afternoon tea.

Nelson Branch have advised us of the dates of the SNOW RUN - Saturday 12th July, St Arnaud 12 – 3pm BYO Lunch.

BIENNIAL RALLY – 12-14 September based at Reefton. Entry forms out mid July.

Well that's it from me for the last time this financial year.

Cheers Cath.

Secretary's Scribblings



I had a great trip up to Feilding a couple of weeks ago to attend the Highland Fling Rally for pre-1931 cars. 80 cars on the run, which covered some narrow windy and steep gravel roads over the 2 days, with amazing views and great company. The only downside was the huge areas of farmland which has been planted in pine trees over the past 10 or 15 years! I had 2 of my sons, my daughter in law and a grandson along for the ride, and they enjoyed being out with me in the Ford Model A. Oh, and by the way, there were 45 Model A's on the run!!!

I heard a comment out of the smoko on Wednesday from one member who said there had been nothing in the Viewpoint about the upcoming AGM.

THIS WAS IN MY REPORT LAST MONTH

It is getting to the time of year to be thinking about the **AGM of the Branch.**

This will be held on **Sunday May 25th**. Please consider your name to go forward to election onto the committee. It is always great to have new people joining the committee as new ideas are always welcome.

I sometimes wonder if some members do not read the reports in the magazine.

From the Committee Meeting on Wednesday.

From Don, BHPA, areas around the Park have been resealed, but there is still a slump in the road which is going to be filled and resealed. Some concern was expressed about the water accumulation after rain at the sump on the road opposite the Modelers club. Not sure what can be done about that.

The weeds on Patchetts Green have been sprayed, but the chemical used is very slow acting, so will take time to show effect.

There was discussion about the hangover from the covid days where a group of members do not come to the Redman Room for smoko on Wednesdays, but stay in the sheds and have their own, but expect the kitchen ladies to provide them with food. There was comment that not enough was provided! Your Committee agreed that this should stop, and all members should have Smoko at the Clubrooms. The sheds can be locked up during this time, and if some feel they cannot walk to the Clubrooms, there is a park available for a car in front of the museum!

As I have previously reported, your Committee has been working on the Draft Branch Constitution, which was

finally signed off at our meeting. This will now be put to a vote at the AGM.

I will be emailing the 16-page document out to all members for you to read. If any member not on email would like a copy, there is one available on the Notice Board and I can copy more off, but I will not be providing 280 copies for all members, as this is cost prohibitive.

(A copy has been added for members who receive their newsletter by post)

On that note, As I put above, **AGM of the Branch.**

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The Notice of Meeting and Agenda and Nomination form for Committee is included in the Vintage Viewpoint, and along with the minutes of the 2024 AGM, will be emailed to all who have email. If you require a copy of the minutes, there will be one on the noticeboard.

Have a great month of Heritage Motoring.

Chris Bird

Good afternoon everyone,

Thanks to our Club Captain Catherine, for organising an outing today, after a request to supply cars for the opening of the Flaxborne Heritage Centre at Ward.

There were five Vintage Cars (these are the ones built between 1919 and 1931) and 1 P 60 car, although two more turned up without telling the CC.

This is a very disappointing turnout. We have two hundred and eighty members in the Branch and obviously members do not want to take part in driving events any more.

On the run to Butchers Flat a couple of Sundays ago, we had nine Vintage, of which seven were Model A's and three P60 cars. Where are the rest of you?

On that note, the Model A owners in the main are the ones who attend these events, then we hear snide comments about the *b... model A owners taking over.... Or running the committee....*

On Tuesday next, we have a request from Ashwood retirement home for a display of cars for the residents there to have a look at, Currently there are only six on the list, thanks to those who have put their names down but where are the rest of you??? (Mainly model A's!!!)

All these runs are notified in the Vintage Viewpoint and thanks to those who have contacted me direct.

On another note, on Monday last I was at the clubrooms and noted a Austin 7 and parts in the museum.

On asking other committee members, no one knew anything about it. On Wednesday one member said that the car had been delivered to the museum on a trailer on Sunday.

Going forward, the Chairman or Secretary need to be ASKED if it is ok to put vehicles in the museum.... It is very cluttered in there... we are not a storage facility for old broken down cars!!!

Please let the Chairman or the Club Captain, or Secretary, know what you want from your club.

Are you all happy just to come to smoko on Wednesday morning, although we only see fifty to sixty there and I know there are those who cannot attend as are working, or have family commitments, and for other reasons.

Kind regards

Chris Bird

Secretary

Blokes in the Shed...

Some thoughts on time and space.

After a lifetime of thinking, Plato, the Greek philosopher some two and a half thousand years ago, suggested that any space is never unoccupied. Then one hundred and twenty years ago, Albert Einstein in his general theory of relativity, thought space and time were somehow intertwined.

Now, standing on the shoulders of these two giants of human endeavour, the collective wisdom of the blokes in the shed has determined that clearly, we don't have enough of either, particularly in regard to the compound. The more items trying to occupy the same space, the more time it takes to find any one of them - just like a ladies handbag.

We are now discovering spare parts that have been lying undisturbed for 60 years under other parts that have been there for 40 years under even more parts that have been there for 20 years under... You get the drift.

For many of these once nurtured spare parts, we have had absolutely no demand or interest shown since they arrived and many are now in relatively poor condition. We are intending to go through the front and rear axles, disposing of those in bad shape while retaining the good diff heads and half shafts. Space, especially covered space, to store parts is at a premium, so while we continue to welcome donated parts that are arriving regularly, we simply have no room to continue to absorb and store everything accumulated over the past 60 years.

Managing the layers and layers of panels, bonnets, doors, wheels and other mechanical components is becoming overwhelming and we are unable to access these as easily and efficiently as we would like.

In order to provide a good quality service to VCC members and other interested parties, we will need to dispose of the worst of the items that are either beyond salvage or for which we have had no demand in the past 60 years. The decisions on what to keep/not keep are made by our most senior and experienced members.

Meantime, the head gaskets have all been identified, labelled and stored. Brake master cylinders, reservoirs and related components have undergone a thorough inspection with many now newly identified while those in poor condition, dispatched. Sorting, cleaning and storing the vast quantities of lighting components continues, as does the work on kingpins and bushes. Engine bearings, main, con rod and camshaft, have been checked and most now identified and labelled.

Rubber stock is undergoing a thorough inspection with any showing signs of cracking, perishing, significant loss of flexibility or generally in poor condition being dispatched appropriately. You will be pleased to know however, that the blokes who display any of these characteristics are being retained and looked after.

Much work behind the scenes is being undertaken by Grant and Linda in preparation for the announcement, in the next Beaded Wheels, of some of the spares available via the club website to members nationwide. Time to watch this space.

Nibble

Update from Your Kitchen Custodian

Another quite month in the kitchen.

The ukulele club had a jam session and we did a luncheon which was enjoyed by all.

As we didn't have a natter & noggin last month our next one will be Friday 30th May and it's a Pot Luck meal, also don't forget the AGM Sunday the 25th May, bring a plate for afternoon tea would be appreciated.

Wednesday morning teas are still popular with between 50 & 70 still coming in for a natter. That's all from the kitchen girls this month.

Stay safe and warm.

Dale and the team



Motorcycle Report



Changing the monthly run away from Easter was an inspired choice with brilliant weather enticing fifteen bikes and twenty one bodies all up, unfortunately my pick of where to go for lunch was far from ideal, apparently every car club, hot rod club and Harley owner decided the Trout was the place to be that Sunday and they were all there before us making finding a place to park challenging and the wait for lunch long. I think most people got their order and in between had a chance to have a catch up. Both Barry and Viv rode their vintage AJS's and along with a handful of Triumphs, add the odd Harley, Honda and Vincent and we had a good cross section.

Well done to Colin who managed to get his photo in Beaded Wheels not once but twice even if they got his name wrong, one Harley rider and two BMW riders behind him were showing a lot of faith in his navigation skills or maybe they lacked the horsepower to pass the Honda.

Glenn

Motorcycle Calendar

Sunday 18th May

The *Grape Vine*



Geoff and Mary's veteran Buick is on its wheels with the motor in place.

Giles has added a Panther to his growing motorcycle collection. I vaguely remember an unrestored Panther being on the branch list many years ago but even out in the local public ownership they were rare.

Bruce Rumbles 1929 Autin seven currently on display in our museum was originally restored by Mitch Falconer and when driven by Mitch and Bruce was one of the most regular attenders on branch outing. Mitch Falconer, now he was man worthy of a wet Wednesday morning talk.

On a recent motorcycle outing a BSA rider asked a Triumph rider a question. Question: Is that the only Triumph you own! Answer: No there is more at home. Question: How many more? Answer: Do I count the two which are going or do I include the one awaiting a repair, the one under restoration, the several waiting to be restored and the ones which will probably never be restored. The BSA rider looked as if he was not sure if the Triumph owner was either taking the micky or if he needed to see a psychiatrist.



SHINY PARTS AUCTION

Many recent members will not be aware of how the auction works. Introduced many years ago by the late Ken Woodhead when he was a branch officer. The auctions raised some extra funds when the branch was not in the sound position it is now. Ken was the auctioneer and being a bloke who worried a bit he was always concerned he was going to make a clanger. Graham Wiblin took over some of the auctions but eventually the motorcycle section was given the job. The auctions quickly became a lighthearted afternoon where some bargains were purchased, and a small amount of money went into the branch account. To make the afternoon a success we need donations of unwanted items which may be useful to other members, vehicle parts, tools, bric a brac, kitchen utensils, toys for the grandkids, produce, baking, anything we will try and get a sale for it. If it's unsold it can go into the spares, charity, boot sale or you can take it home if you have put a reserve on it. Wives, welcome.

A plate for afternoon tea please.

FOOTNOTE:

After one auction the auctioneer said to one of the ladies. "You did not buy anything" lady replied "I did not come to buy anything I came to see you making a fool of yourself."

It is coming back! The once popular annual shiny parts auction has been reincarnated by popular request and will be held on **Sunday 8th of June**. The auctioneer has also been rehired and will be assisted by competent staff.

Most of our members are now at an age when they are downsizing in their workshops and kitchen and bookshelves. Have a look and donate some of your unwanted tools, car parts, bric a brac etc to be auctioned off for branch funds.

Fruit, produce, baking etc also gratefully accepted.

Drop your offerings off to Trev at the clubrooms or 6 Milford St (578 4142). Do not leave it too long, it takes time to number it etc before the auction. Further details in pre-auction newsletters.

Trev

To The Editor Marl Vintage Viewpoint

Would you mind including a query in the Viewpoint sometime for me please?

I am trying to find the history of a 1935 Austin Ruby that was here in Blenheim I would like to find anyone with knowledge of local man Lyndsay Heal (deceased) or his car. Probably early seventies.

If they could contact **Murray Jobberns** with any information on **03 5728762** (any time) it would be appreciated.

Greetings fellow mud slingers and interested members of the VCC

Here are the dates for this year's trials to drop into your calendars.

JUNE

Rosco Trial, Reefton 29th

JULY

Balcain 6th

AUGUST

South Canterbury, 2nd August (that is a Saturday, and a fun/have a go day on Sunday 3rd)

SEPTEMBER

Marlborough, 7th (this is the last trial for 2025, so the overall prize giving will follow the trial in the woolshed)

Please pass on these dates to anyone that may be interested in giving it a go or attending to support other members!

Yours, in 'lack of traction', The Roach Team

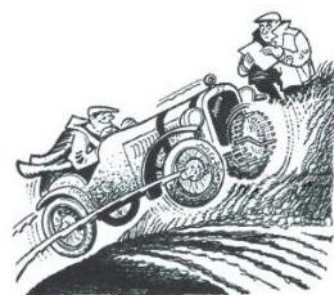
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Peter Thwaites

Furniture Maker

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WAIRAU VALLEY TOWNSHIP ANZAC DAY 2025



ASHWOOD PARK RETIREMENT VILLAGE APRIL 2025



FLAXBORNE HERITAGE CENTRE OPENING



Marlborough Branch Vintage Car club Inc

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday 25th May 2025

To be held in the Redman Room Marlborough Branch Clubrooms

Meeting Commences at 1.30pm.

- Agenda:**
- Welcome:** please stand for a few moments silence in memory of those members who have passed away during the year.
 - Apologies**
 - Minutes 2024 AGM.**
 - Matters Arising:**
 - Annual Reports**
 - Chairman
 - Treasurer **Financial Statement**
 - Club Captain
 - Motorcycle
 - Spares Custodian
 - Kitchen Admin
 - Museum.
 - BHPA
 - Election(s)**
 - General Business**

Marlborough Branch AGM

Notice Of meeting

AGM of the Marlborough Branch of the Vintage Car Club of New Zealand (Inc) to be held in the Redman Room VCC clubrooms, Brayslaw Heritage Park Sunday 25th May 2025 at 1.30pm

Nomination Forms

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Or place in the box in the Redman Room.

Please have these in by Wednesday 21st May, at 10.30 am.

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MARLBOROUGH BRANCH VCC OF NZ (INC)
HELD IN THE REDMAN ROOM BRAYSHAW HERITAGE PARK SUNDAY 26th May 2024 AT 1.30PM**

The chairman welcomed all those attending and opened the meeting with 47 club members present. A minute's silence was asked for in memory of Club members who had passed away during the past year.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were accepted from 9 members, see separate sheet. *Apologies accepted Ross Davis/Mike Grey, Carried*

MINUTES

The minutes of the last AGM, 28th May 2023 were circulated and taken a read.
Accepted as a true and accurate record, Mike Grey/ Catherine Millar carried

MATTERS ARISING

None

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

VCC Chairman's Annual Report May 2023 was circulated and accepted
Report accepted R Galloway / Chris de Wagt

TREASURERS REPORT

The 2023 audited accounts were circulated and accepted
D. Bool / Rose Preston

CLUB CAPTAINS REPORT

The Club Captains 2023 annual report was circulated and accepted
Report accepted C. Millar / Earl Preston

ANNUAL MOTORCYCLE REPORT

Report accepted T Harris / Mac McKercher

SPARES CUSTODIAN

The 2023 annual report by the Parts Custodian was circulated and accepted
Report accepted T Winstanley/ Mike Grey

KITCHEN ADMINISTRATION

Dale Nicholas
Report accepted D Nicholas/ Janice Landon Lane

MUSEUM.

Bill Nicholas
Report accepted B Nicholas/ Charlie Rogers

PARK ADMINISTRATION

The 2023 annual report by the VCC representative of the Brayshaw Heritage Park Administrators, D. Laing, was circulated and accepted
Report accepted Chris Bird / Rob Galloway.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Branch Patron

Trevor Harris Appointed.

Chairman

Rob Galloway nominated Chris Bird seconded David Bool elected

Secretary

Chris Bird nominated Rob Galloway seconded Gary Vercoe elected

Treasurer

David Bool nominated Chris Bird seconded Jim McLean elected

Club Captain

Catherine Millar nominated Pauline Harris seconded Janice Landon Lane elected

COMMITTEE

Don Laing nominated D Dixon seconded R Hale elected

Jim McLean nominated John Russell seconded Cath Millar, elected

Bill Nicholas nominated Mike Grey seconded G Fletcher elected

Dale Nicholas nominated Janice Landon Lane seconded Pat Barnes elected

John Russell nominated Cath Millar seconded Dale Nicholas, elected

Gary Vercoe nominated Rob Galloway seconded Trevor Harris elected

REVIEWER

Coutts Clerical Services be retained for this coming financial year
nominated David Bool seconded Chris de Wagt Carried

BRANCH APPOINTMENTS**PARTS CUSTODIANS**

Earl Preston Tris Winstanley Arthur Anderson
Tiger Lyons John Russell Neville Grant

VIC CERTIFICATION EXAMINERS

Ron Hebberd Ray Fairweather Pat Pascoe

MODEL'A' CUSTODIAN

Kevin Millar

MODEL'T' CUSTODIAN

Kevin Millar

MINI CUSTODIAN

Rob Galloway

MOTORCYCLE REP

Trevor Harris, Glenn Harris

NEWS LETTER EDITOR

Chris de Wagt

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SECURITY

Mike Gray

MUSEUM CUSTODIANS

Bill Nicholas Mike Gray Kevin Jackson
Don Laing John Monson Gary Vercoe Keith Thoms

KITCHEN ADMINISTRATOR/SOCIAL CONVENOR

Dale Nicholas

BRAYSHAW PARK ADMINISTRATORS DELEGATES.

Don Laing, Gerry Roodakker

GROUND ADMINISTRATORS

Cath Millar, John Russell, Jim McLean

HEALTH AND SAFETY OFFICER

Gary Vercoe

DELEGATE TO NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

Rob Galloway, Chris Bird (observer)

LIBRARIAN

Barry Wilson

KITCHEN CUSTODIAN

Dale Nicholas

BEADED WHEELS SCRIBE

Linda Laing.

PHOTOGRAPHER

Linda Laing

BRANCH SPOKESPERSON

Rob Galloway.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Need to consider an assistant Club Captain for Catherine Millar.
Mac McKercher: the branch has tools and facilities for members to use to work on their vehicles, but no one is using them. There is a heap of experience available to help members, and perhaps we need to create a project to encourage the skills available to be used.
Adrienne Handley: should go to Marlborough Boys and Girls colleges to offer the assistance of the Branch to the schools.
Mac McKercher: Tyres, need to get rid of these to a recycler, possible at \$5 per tyre.
Pat Pascoe said he thought the government scheme for this could be available at no cost. He will investigate.
Barry Davis thanked Rob Galloway and others for help in getting his Essex car back on the road.
Adrienne H: has early photos of her family's garage in Hawera. Wanted to know if the branch wanted them. Secretary suggested he would contact the Taranaki Branches to see if there was interest.
Chairman Rob Galloway made a presentation to Adrienne Handley of a 35-year badge. Her late husband Rex joined the club, and she tagged along to help with his passion.
Meeting Closed at 2.36pm
Next AGM,
Sunday 25th May, 2025.

Signed

Rob Galloway,
Chairman.

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Vero IFHM 2026 is coming! 15 to 21 March 2026.

Registrations are now open online www.historicmotoring.org.nz

We're looking forward to seeing many of you in our lovely area, so check out the registration page if you haven't already done so. Also, we have a number of overseas entries that would love to be able to come, but need a loan of a vehicle.

Many would have liked to have brought their own vehicles over, particularly from both Queensland and Western Australia. Getting these into New Zealand was not an issue, however reentry costs and conditions (a recent Australian Government law change), prohibit this exercise for most.

This is an opportunity to make friends, help out others, and potential to do the same in another country.

I note below the resumes of entrants and would love you to pass on these requests to your members please, through emails, word of mouth and your club magazine. You will understand that the sooner they have this teed up the easier it is to make arrangements, e.g. flights, registration etc.

Thank you so much for your help with this. I have particularly targeted the South Island for ease of transport for some of these international guests and am very thankful for any assistance you might be able to give to enable them to attend.

Kind regards.

Karen Thompson

Festival Secretary

2026 VERO International Festival of Historic Motoring
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Email: festivalsecretary@vcc.org.nz
Cell: +64 0221201124
Website: www.historicmotoring.org.nz

We would love you to contact the following people directly to discuss arrangements. However we do have a number of people we don't have resumes from, or they are trying to make their own arrangements. So, if there is a possibility that you might still have a vehicle to offer, we would really appreciate you emailing your details to: festivalsecretary@vcc.org.nz and we will pass on to you any further requests.

Thankyou. Karen Thompson

**Vero International
Festival of Historic Motoring
Requests for 'loan' vehicles**

Resume sheet @ 7TH April 2025

David Bell

davidbell6@bigpond.com

I have just been appointed Club Secretary of our R'ton V&V Motor Club. I am happy to be the liaison person for our RVVMC Members, directly to you. Thanks again, your assistance/efforts are very much appreciated! 6 people keen to attend (details to come).

David Bell.

Rockhampton,
Central Queensland RVVMC

Rose Earle & Maurice McGregor

maurierose65@gmail.com Perth

Hello from Australia,
we attended the Vero Rally in Dunedin with my brother who lives in Cromwell now, we would be very interested in borrowing a car for the Nelson Vero Rally. Perhaps even accommodation.

We can offer accommodation in Perth Western Australia in return. We have a self-contained granny flat that has two queen size bedrooms with a shared bathroom.

We belong to the Perth Veteran Car Club and have a Veteran and Vintage vehicle collection.

I hope there is an opportunity to meet local Members.

Regards Rose Earle and Maurice McGregor

Aileen & Philip Stockdale

papastockdale@iinet.net.au

My husband and I have booked to come over for the Vero Rally in Nelson. We have done the Vero 2006 and 2016 and have had borrowed cars to compete in the rally which we have been very grateful for and thoroughly enjoyed.

We have a 1910 Deasy, 1926 Austin 12 Tourer, 1951 Daimler Consort and 1962 Daimler SP250. These cars are restored and driven on regular car events.

We are members of the Veteran and Classic Car Club of Western Australia and of which my husband is a life member. He also is a Car club examiner, mechanic by trade and I am chairperson for the classic section of the club. You can see we are very involved in the car movement in Western Australia.

We have also lent our cars to other interstate and international people to compete in our rallies in WA.

I was born in Blenheim and remember the trip across the Whangamoa's when I was a child. I have only been back 3 times since leaving NZ in 1967 as a teenager, so I am looking forward to once again revising New Zealand and doing the rally.

I am writing to see if you would be able to organise a loan car for us to drive once again in the rally.

Many thanks and hoping you'll be able to help us.
Aileen & Phillip Stockdale.

Neil Pitman

neilpitman54@gmail.com

Attached is a short history of cars that we have owned and cars we have now. We were a member of the Austin Motor Vehicle Club of Western Australia for

many years, but have been a member of the Veteran and Classic Car Club of Western Australia 2011.

In 1994 we bought our first post vintage car, a 1953 Holden, which I still have. Then in 2006 we bought an Austin 10 and over the next few years we bought an Austin A40 Sedan, Austin A40 Countryman, and an Austin A70 Ute. We attended 5 Austin rallies over Australia, 5 of them on the East Coast, which we drove the cars over for.

I was the President and on the Management Committee with the Austin Motor Vehicle for a few years, and was the Events Co-ordinator for a couple of years.

We bought a 72 MGB GT, in 2010 and in 2011 joined the Veteran and Classic Car Club of Western Australia.

In 2019 we bought a 51 Studebaker Champion and then decided we needed to reduce the number of cars we had, and sold all the Austins except the A70 which we still have.

I became the Spare Parts Co-ordinator of the VCCC of WA in 2016 and was on the Management Committee. After 5 ½ years of being Spare Parts Co-Ordinator I decided to spend more time working on my projects. Since selling the Austins we have bought a 1918 Model T, and a 38 Ford flathead V8, which are a couple of projects that I am working on.

We have been very active members of VCCC of WA and go on as many runs as possible over the year.

Many members of the VCCC of WA have told me how much they have enjoyed the VERO Rally, and we are really looking forward to going to this next year.

We have started a new section in the VCCCC of WA, Speedsters and Specials Section, late last year. I am the President of it., and am doing my T up as a speedster. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Neil Pitman.

Gordan & Stephanie McGhie

gandsmcghie@gmail.com (09)8108058

I am hoping someone around Nelson could possibly loan me a car for the rally. (Post vintage vehicle). (Or from the South Island).

I am in Auckland (Waitakere) and my co driver is coming from Australia.

I'm 78 years old, Retired, Vintage and Classic Car enthusiast. I started the King Country Vintage Car Club in the late 1970s. Membership King Country Vintage Car Club and current member of North Shore Vintage Car Club. I have helped with restoration projects.

Vintage and Classic Car Ownership: 1939 Buick Convertible, 1930s Morris 8 Wheel Side, 1959 Dodge KEW, 1934 Morris 10/4 Series (current, needs to be completed), 1974 Holden Torana.

Thanks. Gordon

David & Sue Reid

s.reid14@bigpond.com

We brought our Morgan to the 2006 Vero Rally which

we thoroughly enjoyed. However, it was very expensive. 2016 borrowed a vehicle from a member of Club from Lake Taupo who was a very good friend. He has unfortunately now passed.

We are life members of the Veteran and Classic Club of WA Inc and have 3000 members. Our Club has lent cars to NZ members when they can to our Rally West.

David and I are hoping to join your Rally in 2026 if we are able to borrow a vehicle for use on the Rally.

My husband runs a Classic Vehicle Restoration business and so is very capable of looking after any vehicle on loan. Thank you.

Lyle Metcalf

happyjacks1@bigpond.com +61 417993631 WA

I am a 75-year-old retired broadacre farmer grain and sheep. I have been involved in older cars for some 55 years.

I have restored a 1928 Chev truck, 1937 Ford truck, 1933 Fargo truck, 1952 Morris Minor 95, 1960 Humber Super Snipe. 1940s New Hudson auto cycle and 30 Petrol Bowsers.

I have been a member of a number of car clubs, now I am a member of the VCCC of WA in which I have held a number of positions. Management committee 12 years, Building and Premises manager 9 years, section treasurer 9 years, section events 10 years.

Rallies: Classic Touring WA started and helped run for 8 years. Shannons Rally to Canberra from Perth 2001. Vero Rally in Dunedin and lots of local rallies.

Regards Lyle Metcalf

Ian Baxter

ianbaxter@gmail.com +61 417799991 Perth

We have participated in 4 Vero Rallies. Christchurch, using a 1926 Chevrolet loan vehicle. Invercargill in a 1936 Chevrolet sedan. Dunedin in a 1968 Cortina and lastly in the north island in a 1970 Vauxhall.

In 3 of the 4 rallies the cars needed maintenance work done on them which I was able to do.

My vehicles include a 1926 Chevrolet which I rebuilt from ground up, a 1946 Buick Sedan which took me 7 years to restore, a 1968 MGB roadster, a 1955 Buick Century imported from the USA but required quite a bit of mechanical improvement and lastly a Mercedes 450 SL roadster.

On a personal note, my wife Margaret has accompanied me on all the rallies and we have undertaken many with our children when they were younger.

I am a life member of the Veteran and Classic Car Club of WA and a past President. I spent over 25 years on the management committee and undertook many substantial infrastructure projects during that time. I am also a committee member of the Buick Car Club of WA and last September I was Rally Director for a National Rally in Busselton WA. We are now both retired and live in Perth.

Regards. Ian and Margaret Baxter.



Dear Marlborough Vintage Car Club,

We would like to thank you very much for supporting and being involved in the Annual Hospice Vehicle Display held in February 2025, organised by Classic Cars Marlborough.

We cannot hold these events without the support of our community, local businesses and organisations. The generosity from your business is greatly appreciated and we are pleased to let you know that we managed to raise a total of \$9092.80 for Hospice Marlborough through this successful event.

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We thank you again for your amazing support, thank you for helping help us to help others.

Kindest Regards,

Hospice Marlborough
Rachael Meiklejohn (Events and Engagement Lead)
Katie Wilson (Communications and Events Assistant)

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8th-10th November 2025



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8th-10th November 2025

Driver's name:

Passengers Names:

Address:

Cell Phone Number: Landline Phone:

Email Address:

Vehicle Make, Model and Year:

VCC Membership Number

Tour fee \$90.00 per vehicle (includes \$60 Rainbow Road Toll fee).

Dinner attendance	Cost	Number attending
Murchison	@\$40pp	:
Hokitika	@\$50pp	:

Please pay by internet banking to Nelson Vintage Car Club of New Zealand
Bank account 03-1354-0058853-02

Reference: Your Name: Code: C2C

Email completed entry form to: joanne.hoffman2@gmail.com

Terms and conditions

- This event is predominantly on unsealed and at times poor conditioned roads with rough terrain and water crossings.
- It is more suited to vehicles with higher ground clearance. You are required as a condition of entry to fully check the maintenance and condition of your vehicle e.g. tighten bolts.

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Sun 8 June - Shiny Parts Auction. Clubrooms – viewing 1.30 – 2pm