

Wairarapa • Zenith

OCTOBER 2025



DGD - Fundraiser

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FOR SALE

1963 Triumph 3TA.

Rego on hold. Goes really well & in tidy condition.
It is vinned .

For Further details contact Frances Elwin ..phone 063770855
or 0273070855. Or message roywel@xtra.co.nz.

I am selling this m/c on behalf of by son .

Thank you.

Club Night 6th October

The Car is the Star

Triumphs



Club Night 3rd November

The Car is the Star

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Pointon Motors open for WOF's and repairs

Francis is open for WOF's and limited
vintage repairs at reduced working
hours. Contact Francis at
(06) 378 6710

Events 2025

October

- Saturday 4th Rex Porter Rally
- Saturday 4th King Country scenic tour

November

- Saturday 1st Wgtn VCC annual rally
- Sunday 2nd New Members rally
- Saturday 22nd Gold Medal Motorcycle Trial
- Sunday 23rd Veterans Run
- Sunday 30th Mangatainoka Vintage Car Day

December

- Saturday 13th Club Christmas Function and rally

Save the Date

15th - 21st March 2026

VERO International Festival of Historic Motoring

Being held in the Nelson Tasman region by the VCC, details can be found on the Festival website

<https://www.historicmotoring.org.nz/>

Monthly

1st Monday of the Month - 7:00pm

Club Night

2nd Tuesday of the Month

Committee Meeting

3rd Saturday of the Month & 1st Tuesday AM

Parts Department open

First Tuesday morning of the Month.
and

The 3rd Saturday of the month,

from 9:30am - 12noon

Sunday 28th September

By Gina Jones

The inaugural Distinguished Gentleman's Drive – Wairarapa rolled out on Sunday 28 September, part of a global celebration of classic style and motoring in support of Movember.



Fifty cars gathered at the White Swan Hotel in Greytown, where drivers and passengers — impeccably turned out in gentlemanly and gentlewomanly style — checked in over early coffees.

The sight of the cars lined up on Main Street set the tone for a day of elegance on the road.



Stage One took us to Rototawai, where the oak-lined drive and sweeping lawns provided a stunning setting for the assembled cars. With a wide variety of marques represented — MGs, Jaguars, Fords, Holdens, Rolls Royce, and more — it was a true showcase of classic motoring.



Stage Two carried us on to Martinborough, where the cars were displayed around the town square while we lunched. Locals and visitors alike enjoyed the chance to wander amongst the line-up, chat with owners, and soak up the atmosphere.



Stage Three offered a fabulous backroad run, sweeping past the tulips at Longbush, before returning to Greytown. The finish at the White Swan was capped with a celebratory prize giving, supported by generous local sponsors.

Adding to the sense of occasion was a fabulous group of volunteer photographers who captured the cars, the people, and the scenery at every stage of the day. Their images tell the story of a Drive that was as visually striking as it was meaningful.

The result was remarkable: Wairarapa's very first Distinguished Gentleman's Drive was the largest in New Zealand and raised the most funds — by several thousand dollars — for men's health.

We are already planning for next year's event on Sunday 27 September 2026 — so mark your calendars and save the date.

Gina
(Thanks to Bruce Levy and Karen Miller for the Pictures)



Sunday 14th September

Barbara and I have difficulty getting to VCC meetings, they being on Monday nights, the same night that Masterton District Brass Band rehearse and we are members of the Band. We also struggle to get to weekend runs. With nine children between us and seventeen grandchildren there are family commitments that take precedence, and I am still active in orienteering and harriers, which always happen at weekend.

So it was by some mysterious alignment of the stars that we found ourselves able to go to the Spring Rally. Great fun. I had only been along Wairiri Road once before (I think it was when Mike D'Alton and I organised the New Members Rally a few years ago – I could be mistaken) and I had never been along Castle Hill Road before.

The Wolseley performed well, as expected, but I was surprised when I switched off at the Tinui Pub that she ran on for while. I have thought for some time that she needs a top overhaul (at the very least) but this was a bit unusual.

After a very pleasant lunch (if rather large – I have never before seen or enjoyed such a large plate of loaded wedges) we headed off on the run home. Simple. Go down the road. Turn left to Whareama. Halfway up the hill we came to a complete halt!

Open the bonnet. Heat and steam! Remove radiator cap. No water! Close inspection. No obvious leak! Fortunately we were not the last to leave Tinui and I think everybody after us stopped to offer assistance (and water) – a big thank you to all who did.



We got home ok with two stops to quench the beast's thirst, one being in Gordon Street only 1km from home. After backing into the garage I lifted the bonnet and with the help of a mirror and a torch I could see water running down the side of the bypass hose (my last acquaintance with the BMC A series engine was in 1969 – a long story for another time) and I had forgotten about the penchant for failure of that little part – or the ridiculously difficult access to replace it. (I did have a bypass hose failure on my David Brown 990 Selectamatic tractor 20 or so years ago, but in that case you could see everything and it was bloody obvious.)

So next day I pulled off what was necessary and got to the said hose. Two surprises. 1: The hose did not seem to have failed. 2: The hose clips were both loose and the leak was from where it connected to the head. I suspect the hose was never fitted properly in the first place. Which takes me to an earlier part of the Wolseley story.....

A couple of years ago it failed the WOF – there was play in the steering, identified as the passenger side inner tie-rod end. A mission to get the rack out, but then all was made clear, as the pictures show. This car has been in the hands of a seriously bush mechanic. I dread to think what I may find when I get round to a serious overhaul.

Anyway, back to the bypass hose. New one fitted, water is retained, the world is still a beautiful place.

Jim



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Parts Department:

A&P Showgrounds, Chester Road, Clareville

Join Frank, Graham and Jeff for yarn and a cuppa when the Parts Department is open.

In this treasure trove, you might also happen to find any bits and pieces you've been looking for.

Located at the clubrooms, the Parts Department is open:

- First Tuesday morning of the Month.
- The 3rd Saturday of the Month from 9:30am - 12noon.

You can also contact Frank for an appointment outside standard opening hours by phoning (06) 379 7167

Clubrooms:

A&P Showgrounds, Chester Road, Clareville

Postal Address:

PO Box 7, Masterton 5840 Branch

Website:

www.sporty.co.nz/wairarapavcc

Club Night:

First Monday of the month (except January) and June (second Monday) at 7pm.

Committee meet:

Second Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm



MANAWATU BRANCH - MOTORCYCLE RALLY

SATURDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2025

ENTRY FORM

FORMAT - SATURDAY 11 OCTOBER 2025

9.00 am Meet at the Manawatu Branch Club Rooms, 684 Kelvin Grove Road, PN -
Tea/Coffee available
9.30 am Rally Briefing
10.00 am First Bike away

- Run length - approx 105 miles
- **FUEL** available enroute
- Lunch available at your own cost - MARTON - Cafes
- Rally Entry Fee includes a Plaque
- Run will conclude at the Chelty Pub mid afternoon for Prize Giving

ENTRANT NAME _____

NAVIGATOR/PASSENGER:

NAME _____ NAME _____

TELEPHONE (____) _____ EMAIL _____

ADDRESS _____

BIKE MAKE/MODEL/YEAR _____ BIKE REGO. NO. _____

RALLY ENTRY	@ \$20 PER BIKE	= \$ _____
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PAYMENT DETAILS: Please make payment via Internet Banking

Account Name: VINTAGE CAR CLUB OF NEW ZEALAND MANAWATU BRANCH INCORPORATED

Account Details: 03 0718 0027253 001

Ref: Name, Reg No. (MC RALLY)

FREE ACCOMMODATION ON SITE AT THE MANAWATU VCC CLUB ROOMS IF YOU HAVE A SELF-CONTAINED CAMPER/CARAVAN. THERE ARE NO BATHROOM FACILITIES AVAILABLE. PLEASE ADVISE RALLY SECRETARY IF YOU WISH TO USE THIS.

Please send completed Entry Form to Rally Secretary: Cath Clements - PO Box 232, Feilding - or email to cbz1@xtra.co.nz Cath - 027 286 2927.

If you haven't received an email confirmation of entry by the closing date, please contact the Organiser.

****ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2025****



53rd Northland Far North Tour 2025

We welcome all members to join us on this annual event in the far North. Please see the overview and rules below and complete the booking form if you wish to enter.

Friday October 31st

For those who have booked, dinner will be a simple pie, peas, spuds and dessert, served starting at 6.00pm. BYO drinks if you wish. The Clubrooms will be open from 5pm.

Rally Packs will be available to pick up either Friday Night or Saturday Morning.

Saturday November 1st

The tour will start from the clubrooms with the first car away at 8.30am and tea and coffee will be available for those arriving early. Please ensure you are at the Clubrooms by 8am for the briefing.

Bring your own morning tea for a stop we will make at a designated country reserve along the way.

Following a lovely scenic drive, via all sealed roads, including the rebuilt Mangamukas, there will be a stop at a place of interest for both men and women, with old machinery and lovely gardens.

Following this stop, explore the towns of Kaitia and Awanui if you wish, before we have lunch at Matthews Tractor museum at around 1pm. If you wish to enter the Museum during the visit, the cost is \$15 per person but it includes tea or coffee.

If you feel like a bit more driving before checking in to your accommodation in the Mangonui area, back track slightly and take a drive up the lovely isolated Karikari peninsula to Matai Bay

The Saturday night dinner will be held at the Mangonui Cruising club at the Northern end of Mill bay.

Parking right outside is restricted to those with disabilities, but there is other parking along the road. If you want to walk from your accommodation, consider staying at Acacia

Entry Form Far North Tour 2025

Entrants Name.....

Navigators Name.....

Passengers Names.....

Entrants Address.....

Entrants Phone.....

Entrants Branch.....

Entrants Membership Number.....

Entrants Email.....

Year, Make and Model of Vehicle.....

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Entry Fee per Vehicle	\$40	\$40
Rally Plaque included with entry but will be Posted if unavailable on time.	Adult/ Child Number attending	
Friday Dinner (Per Person)	\$25	\$.....
Saturday Lunch (Per Person)	\$18	\$.....
Saturday Dinner (Per Person)	\$50	\$.....

NB Child 4-12 years half price.
Under 4 Years free.

Total \$.....

After completion of the form, please scan it, or take a picture of it with your phone, then

South Canterbury Branch celebrates 120 years
of the first car to Mt Cook.

**CALLING ALL VETERAN, VINTAGE,
AND POST VINTAGE VEHICLES**

Thursday = 5th February 2026 Overnight in **Timaru**.

Friday 6th February = Timaru to Lake Tekapo. Make your reservations now.

Saturday 7th February = Tekapo, = Mt Cook = Twizel We have the Hotel at Twizel booked. 88 Rooms. **These will be booked thru your entry form.** First In first served. Or feel free to book your own accommodation elsewhere.

Contact Nola Day nola.day@xtra.co.nz for enquiries or entry forms

Not on such a grand a scale as the 100 years, but a very important milestone in the motoring world. We have come a long way.

THE GREAT MANAWATU STEAM FAIR 2026

WHEN

March 21-22
10am-4pm

WHERE

**The Steam Traction Society,
Maewa Road, Feilding**

**FEATURING • Have-a-go Steering an Engine •
Trailer Rides • Steam Sports • Live Displays • Vintage
Vehicles and Machinery • Food and Beverages •
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At the Gate (CASH ONLY)

\$10 Single

\$30 Car (max 5 people)

\$5 Steer an engine

Under 5's FREE

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