

Wairarapa Zenith

SEPTEMBER 2026 .



Photo from 2025

Join us for the 2026 Distinguished Gentlemen's Drive

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Editors Note

Here it is, a few days later than I usually plan for, following a couple of unplanned trips away and a resultant very full inbox, which I have successfully all cleared up

I look forward to the weather improving and the chance to take Olive out for a run (once her hiccups are fixed)

27 September will see me donning my best Dapper outfit and joining over 80 fellow participants for a fun drive through the Wairarapa.

I like the cover image from the 2025 drive and would like to give credit to the photographer.. If you know who took it please let me know.

Enjoy your own Dapper Drive,

Dennis

Club Night 7th September



Club Night 5th October

Car is the Star

Jaguar & Daimler



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

Another month gone and the first faint signs of spring have appeared.

The month started with an enjoyable club night when we hosted the Wairarapa Vintage Machinery Club for the annual quiz night. This event was well attended by both VCC and Machinery Club members. The questions set by the Machinery Club were quite tough which resulted in a close contest with the eventual winners once again being a team from the VCC.

I attended the National AGM in Palmerston North in the middle of the month. With the revised club constitution settled this was a relatively quiet affair with no contentious issues on the agenda. A couple of items of interest to members were raised. The first was concerns raised about the responses some members have received from the VERO call centre. The National Chairman outlined some of the discussions that have been ongoing with VERO regarding the relationship between the two parties and undertook to circulate a briefing paper to all branches to inform members of the nature of these discussions.

The second item of general interest was the financial report. In the last financial year the Club received extraordinary income from the sale of its old offices which in the overall result masked the fact that it recorded an operating loss of \$71k. The budget for this financial year predicts an operating loss of \$85k. Whilst the Club has reserves that will cover the expected loss this financial year they can only do so for a short time. The losses are largely due to significant increases in production costs for the Beaded Wheels and postage. The National Office is making efforts to save costs but the expectation is that an increase in the annual Club subscription will be necessary. We expect to receive a proposal for an increase in the coming months.

The weather gods did us no favours last weekend when we had to reluctantly postpone the Daffodil Day Car Show. The weather on the day was appalling and with little prospect of immediate improvement the call to postpone had to be made. The organisers had worked hard to prepare for the day and with over 200 advance entries it was shaping up to be a most successful event.

Fortunately we have been able to secure an alternative date so we are looking forward to a fine day on the 18th of October. I hope that those who entered for the original day can make it on the new date and for those who didn't enter please consider entering.

The Cancer Society provides a valuable service to our community and deserves our support.



			info to come.
September 2026			
Monday 7 th	Club Night	DE/PD	A film evening will be the attraction. Come along and enjoy the excitement.
Tuesday 8 th	Committee Meeting		
Sunday 13 th	Spring Rally	DE/PD	David Eade with a support person
Fri 18 th to Mon 21 st	Wellington Club – Hawera Run		Arrive in Hawera on Fri 18 th – accommodation at the Tudor Lodge Motel 158 Waihi Rd. Departing Mon 21 st Sept. For more information contact Alastair McCarthy – mccarthys@xtra.co.nz
Sunday 27 th	Distinguished Gentlemen's Drive		Registrations open on the 1 st of July. Assemble at the White Swan, Greytown at 9.30 am A Fundraiser for Men's Health
October 2026			
Saturday 3 rd	Tin Can Rally	SOH	
Monday 5 th	Club Night		Car is the Star - Jaguar & Daimler
Tuesday 13 th	Committee Meeting		
Monday 26 th	Labour Day		
Sat 31 st Oct. – Su. 1 st Nov.	Wairarapa A & P Show Clareville		Confirmed
November			
Monday 2 nd	Club Night		Car is the Star
Tuesday 10 th	Committee Meeting		
Sunday 15 th	Wai Wheels		To be confirmed
Saturday 21 th	Gold Medal Motorcycle Trail	KS	Confirmed
Sunday 22 nd	Veteran Run	FP	To be confirmed
Sunday 29 th	Mangatainoka Vintage Car Day		To be confirmed
December			
Monday 7 th	Club Night		
Tuesday 8 th	Committee meeting if required		
Saturday 12 th	Christmas Lunch	MD	Mother Goose – (Old Tin Hut Hotel) \$45.00 per head
Upcoming Events			
27 Feb 2027	Stretched Gymkhana 2027	SOH	Solway Showgrounds
6 th /7 th March 27	Citroen Club		The Citroen Club Rally being held in Wairarapa

Far North Tour

The dates (Nov 6,7,8)

We start in Whangarei on the Friday the 6th with a dinner and entry packs handed out.

Leave Saturday morning (7th) for a tour around the top of the North Island eventually arriving at Mangonui. You will need to book your accommodation now, with dinner at the Mangonui Boating Club.

Sunday 8th - make your leisurely way back to Whangarei.

That Entry forms will be out in Mid October.

Regards
Stephen Atkinson
Secretary
Northland Vintage Car Club

Long term members and those of you who have attended the AGM will have heard of the Torque Hudson Trophy. Many newer members may not be aware of it so here is a brief explanation of what the trophy represents and how it is awarded.

The Torque Hudson Trophy is awarded each year to the Branch Member who contributes most to club events as a participant or organiser.

It is named after Torquil Hudson a long time Martinborough resident who joined the branch in 1967. Torquil was a firm believer in the strength of a club coming from active participation by its members.

He was a keen rally participant bot in local events and in events organised by other branches throughout the North Island. He supported and mentored new members and generally offered encouragement to all. Torquil passed away in 1982 and in 1984 the trophy was named in his memory.

The winner is determined by a points system where members who attend a club night earn 5 points, participation in a weekend Branch event earns 5 points with an additional 5 points if you participate in your club eligible vehicle. At the end of the year the member with the most points wins the trophy.

For this event the year runs from June to May with the trophy presented at the AGM in June each year.

It is important for members must fill out the attendance register at each club night and weekend rally legibly and accurately, not only so we know who has attended but also to ensure that Torque Hudson Trophy points are accrued.



David Eade receiving the Torque Hudson Trophy from Hugh Hunter at this years AGM

1929 RILEY Nine

After 30 years of motoring and motor sport enjoyment with his 1929 Riley Nine (pictured), motoring historian Scott Thomson is seeking a new owner for the car.

Details as follows:

a professional reconstruction with Riley parts to Brooklands configuration, (undertaken by Chris North in the 1970s). The car was then owned by Ron Roycroft before being acquired by Scott.

Its motor sport history includes overall handicap winner 1997 Targa NZ,

- The car has VCC and MSNZ documentation, is fully roadworthy, and comes with various spare parts.

For further information and expressions of interest, please contact Scott at bjtandjst@xtra.co.nz





CENTRAL HAWKES BAY & MANAWATU BRANCHES VINTAGE RALLY (open to Pre-1932 vehicles)

SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2026 ENTRY FORM

FORMAT -

10.00 am Meet at Tui Brewery (Tui HQ), 5 Mara Street, Mangatainoka, Pahiatua
10.15 am Rally Briefing
10.30 am First car away

- Run length is approximately 95 miles (30 miles of gravel)
- Fuel is NOT AVAILABLE on route
- Bring your own picnic lunch
- Rally Entry Fee includes a Plaque
- Run will conclude at the Mangatera Hotel, 391 High Street, Dannevirke

ENTRANT NAME _____

VCC MEMBERSHIP NO.: _____ EXPIRY DATE: _____

NAVIGATOR: NAME _____

PASSENGER: NAME _____

TELEPHONE (____) _____ EMAIL _____

ADDRESS _____

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

RALLY ENTRY	@ \$20 / PER VEHICLE	=
TOTAL		=

SATURDAY NIGHT - For those interested, we will book a table at **Murray's Irish Bar in Feilding** for Dinner (6.30 pm). **PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND AND NUMBERS SO WE CAN CONFIRM A BOOKING.** YES / NO

PAYMENT DETAILS: Please make payment via Internet Banking. ALL Prices include GST.

Manawatu Branch VCC - GST NO 097-216-193

**Account Name: THE VINTAGE CAR CLUB OF NEW ZEALAND MANAWATU BRANCH
INCORPORATED Account Details: 03 0718 0027253 001 Ref: Name, Reg No.**

Please send completed Entry Form to Organisers: Glyn and Cath Clements, PO Box 232, Feilding 4740 Or email to cathclements5@gmail.com Glyn: 021 0833 4081

If you haven't received an email confirmation of entry by the closing date, please contact the
Organiser. ****ENTRIES CLOSE 31ST AUGUST 2026****

**49TH ANNUAL
'RUBBER DUCKIE'
MOTOR-CYCLE RALLY
NEW PLYMOUTH
SEPTEMBER 18th, 19th, 20th 2026**

**HEADQUARTERED AT THE
'TOP TEN' HOLIDAY PARK
29 PRINCES STREET,
FITZROY, NEW PLYMOUTH.**

**THE DAYS PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE
MORNING AND AFTERNOON RALLY ROUTES**

**A PAUSE FOR MORNING TEA AND ANOTHER FOR
LUNCH**

**RALLY ORGANISER:
PETER HUTTON
021 575 234**

**ENTRIES CLOSE September 6th 2026
*with***

**RALLY SECRETARY:
LINDA HUTTON
pandlhutton@outlook.com
664 Kelly Road, RD3, New Plymouth, 4373
06 752 0859 / 021 387 012**





presents

THE DISTINGUISHED GENTLEMAN'S DRIVE

WAIRARAPA

supporting
MOVEMBER



SUNDAY
27 SEPTEMBER
2026



START & FINISH
THE WHITE SWAN
GREYTOWN



PRE-1986
VEHICLES



REGISTER NOW: GENTLEMANS DRIVE.COM/EVENTS/NEW-ZEALAND/WAIRARAPA





SOUTH CANTERBURY BRANCH OF THE VINTAGE CAR CLUB OF NEW ZEALAND

MOUNT COOK RALLY

26th-28th Sept 2026

ENTRIES CLOSE – and are to be returned to Ross Hamilton -
scvccclubcaptain@gmail.com 0212407137 by 30th Aug 2026

These are available online at the Clubs events page or from Ross Hamilton

No Late Entries will be accepted

- The standard club disclaimer applies and all entrants enter at their own risk.
- Membership cards must be produced on request
- No road closures are implied or in force
- This event is organised the South Canterbury Branch of the VCC. Any disputes, protests or other matters will be arbitrated by the organisers and their decision will be final

ACCOMMODATION: is the responsibility of the entrants. There may be other events on in Twizel so it would pay to book early.

SATURDAY: Please be at the South Canterbury Clubrooms for morning tea 9.30 first car away at 10.30.

Rally to Twizel on your selected route

Time trial is on the first day

Please take a picnic as there are many spots on the way to stop and there are also numerous eating places to purchase food along the way.

Evening Meal and Breakfast – please organise yourself

SUNDAY: Field Tests will be held on the grassed area outside the Chalet Motels at 10am.

Travel to Mount Cook at your leisure and on arrival follow marshals' instructions.

Awards dinner will be held at the Distinction MacKenzie Country Hotel. Meeting at 6.00 for drinks followed by the meal at 7.00.

There is a Guest speaker at the dinner

EMERGENCY CONTACT ON RALLY:

ASHLEY MILLIKEN 0274358163

NEIL MANCHESTER 027 2011942

Mark your calendar for Saturday
the 3rd October 2026

TIN CAN RALLY



DRIVE YOUR TIN CAN



BRING A TIN CAN

On Saturday October 3rd the TIN CAN RALLY will be held to support the Food Bank. Jump in your tin can (Car), and bring along a can (or cans) of food which will be donated to the food bank after the rally.

The rally will start at the Masterton Railway station.

Be there by **9:30**, briefing at **9:45**, then cars away.

This is an all day rally, please **bring your lunch** to enjoy at a country hall.

Some of the roads are good gravel.

Wairarapa





MANAWATU BRANCH - MOTORCYCLE RALLY



SATURDAY 10th OCTOBER 2026 ENTRY FORM

FORMAT -

- 9.00 am Meet at the Club Rooms, 684 Kelvin Grove Rd, PN for tea/coffee
 9.30 am Rally Briefing
 10.00 am First bike away
- Run length is approximately 140 miles
 - Fuel is available at Dannevirke
 - Lunch at a Country Pub at your own cost - off the Bar menu
 - Rally Entry Fee includes a Plaque
 - Run will conclude at the Manawatu Club Rooms for Prize Giving

ENTRANT NAME _____

VCC MEMBERSHIP NO.: _____ EXPIRY DATE: _____

NAVIGATOR: NAME _____

PASSENGER: NAME _____

TELEPHONE (____) _____ EMAIL _____

ADDRESS _____

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

RALLY ENTRY	@ \$20 / PER BIKE	=
	TOTAL	=

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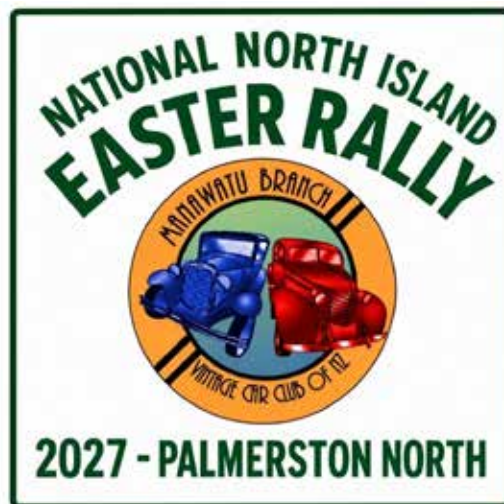
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If you haven't received an email confirmation of entry by the closing date, please contact the
 Organiser. ****ENTRIES CLOSE WEDNESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2026****

The Vintage Car Club of New Zealand (Inc.)
The Historic Vehicle Authority of New Zealand



North Island Easter Rally 26-28 March 2027



Proudly Hosted by Manawatu Branch VCC

ENTRIES CLOSE 28th JANUARY 2027
N.B. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE

Please return all pages of the Registration Form with payment to:

Email: ni.easter2027@gmail.com

Or Post to:

CATHY CLEMENTS
Rally Secretary, Manawatu VCC
PO Box 232, Feilding 4740

If you wish to keep a record of your Registration, please take a copy before mailing

2027 SOUTH ISLAND NATIONAL



26th - 29th March 2027

Edgar Centre in Portsmouth Drive, Dunedin

FRIDAY

Registration with Noggin and Natter, at the Edgar Centre

SATURDAY MORNING (ALL DAY)

Rally - non-competitive.

SUNDAY MORNING (ALL DAY)

Timed rally followed by field tests.

Prize giving at the Edgar Centre.

MONDAY MORNING

Morning tea at the Clubrooms before departing home

Parts shed will be open.



For details contact Nicola
otago@vcc.org.nz



The Southern Backroad Adventures
Optional after tour for pre 1932 vehicles

For information and entry forms / contact Nevin at easttaieri@yahoo.com.



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

Wanted RACA BADGE

Henry shields is looking to buy a AWA badge

please contact him direct on 0274 452853 :

Clubrooms:

A&P Showgrounds, Chester Road, Clareville

Postal Address:

PO Box 7, Masterton 5840 Branch

Website:

<https://waivcc.nz/>

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



Wa6. Royal Automobile Club Associate badge with AWA in

Chairperson	Kevin Sullivan	022 377 8443	kevsully52@gmail.com
Secretary	Shaun Leahy		wairarapa@vcc.org.nz
Treasurer	Graham Hodder	027 226 3738	g_jhodder@xtra.co.nz
Club Captain	Hugh Hunter	027 665 9911	j.h.hunter@xtra.co.nz

Committee

Pat Dutton	027 711 2735	betyjo29@gmail.com
Simon O'Hara	021 141 2332	simonsandieohara@gmail.com
Frank Lipinski	06 379 7167	
David Eade	021 227 7338	
Bob Cumming		

Social Convener

Position vacant

Custodian

Position vacant

Zenith Editor	Dennis Burns	021 428 547	editorwaivcc@gmail.com
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Website Administrator	AJ Hunter
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Beaded Wheels Scribe	David Eade	021 227 7338	davethehandyman11@gmail.com
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Librarian	Pat Dutton		betyjo29@gmail.com
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Motorcycle Liaison	Kevin Sullivan	022 377 8443	kevsully52@gmail.com
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Spares

Frank Lipinski	06 379 7167	
Graham Reidy	06 372 7855	g-a.reidy@xtra.co.nz
Jeff Percy	06 377 4622	j.percy@xtra.co.nz
Dave Walker	06 379 5008	

Vehicle Inspectors

Francis Pointon	06 378 6710	pointonmotors@xtra.co.nz
Hugh Hunter	06 306 9847	j.h.hunter@xtra.co.nz
Kevin Sullivan	022 377 8443	kevsully52@gmail.com
Dave Patten	027 247 7956	dave.patten28@gmail.com

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SEPTEMBER 2026

DAFFODIL DAY MOTOR SHOW

CARS - BIKES - TRACTORS - STATIC ENGINES - TRUCKS
FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

NEW DATE
SUNDAY 18TH
OCTOBER 2026!

New Date