



**21<sup>st</sup> National Veteran Rally**  
**24-26 February 2023**  
**Final Newsletter and Important Information**

**Update on entries**

We are looking forward to a good-sized gathering of veteran enthusiast and their vehicles next month. We aimed for fifty vehicles, and we are just about there! Forty-five veteran vehicles have been entered for the full three-day rally. Another four entrants will join us for the run on the Saturday and we hope a few more veteran vehicles there for the display on Saturday. Five entries are motorcycles, coming from as far as Whangarei and Kapiti Coast. On the only other National Veteran Rally in Auckland in 2007 there were forty vehicles so it is great to see these numbers. Thanks to the many who sent in photos of their vehicle and/or description. These are included in the rally handbook, giving a good record of the provenance of veteran vehicles. Thanks to you all for entering. A photographer will be there for Saturday and Sunday to cover the rally.

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We acknowledge our principal sponsor Vero for generously supporting this rally.

**Registration**

The event officially starts with breakfast from 9.00 on Friday morning, so it is important you factor the early start into your travel plans and accommodation intentions. The Registration Desk, when you pick up your rally packs, will be open IN THE Function Room from 8.00. The first car is flagged away at 10.30. Because many out-of-town entrants will be arriving on Thursday in readiness for the morning start, entrants will be able to pick up the rally programme from the temporary registration office in the lounge of the Brothers Lodge on Thursday from 4.00 pm.

**Directions to LaValla**

LaValla is located at 131 Dominion Road, just across the railway line as you exit Tuakau on the north side. Dominion Rd is a quiet, no-exit rural road, used mainly by local residents.

Coming from the south: If you are using the Waikato Expressway, (that now avoids Cambridge, Hamilton, and Huntly), take the exit at Pokeno and follow the signs to Tuakau. The road takes you through the township on George Street, and as soon as you have crossed

the railway line take Dominion Road immediately to your right. There is a small set of shops on the corner. LaValla is on the left of Dominion Road and is well sign sign-posted.

Alternative route from the south: If you are driving north and want to avoid the motorways, you can approach Tuakau from the south on the west bank of the Waikato River. Head north via Taumarunui, leave Highway 3 at Otorohunga and travel north through Pirongia and Ngahinapourio on Highway 39. At Ngaruawahia do not cross the Waikato River but follow the road through Huntly and northward, staying on the left side of the river all the way to Tuakau Bridge and Tuakau. There is little traffic on the back roads from Ngaruawahia to Tuakau.

Coming from the north: Using SH1, take the exit at Bombay, turning right to follow the signs to Tuakau. Just before the railway line take Dominion Road immediately to your left. There is a small set of shops on the corner. LaValla is on the left of Dominion Road and is well sign sign-posted.

### **Entering LaValla & where to park**

You can leave your veteran and trailer in the grounds for the duration of the rally. This includes those not staying at the complex. It is a secure area and gates are locked at night.

#### On arrival:

- There will be signage and people at the gate to direct you on where to go.
- Please note that Thursday and Friday are normal workdays for LaValla, and there will be other regular activities happening in the complex (e.g. catering for school lunches, operating a small school and creche, business meetings), so please don't park your vehicle or trailer where others cannot get out.

Please consult the site map which shows the parking areas designated for:

- Veteran vehicles (lawn labelled 'display/parking')
- Trailers (area to left of driveway between 'Parking C' and Dominion Road)
- Modern vehicles (Parking A & C). Modern vehicles and trailers may not be parked on the lawn.
- Those in lodge and cottage accommodation at LaValla should use the car park (Parking B) outside the lodge.

Where to park: There are separate areas designated for veterans, trailers and moderns.

On arrival, drive through the main entrance, immediately left into Car Park C, and continue on to the large area closest to Dominion Road. After unloading and parking the trailer, drive the veteran into the minor driveway, to park as indicated on grass. Drive the modern to Car Park C.

For those entering for Saturday only, drive into the minor entrance. Trailers and modern vehicles can be parked near the 2-storeyed brick building during the day.

## **Packing Essentials**

- First aid kit in the car; antihistamines in case of insect stings.
- Sunscreen and hats, in case the Big Yellow Ball in the Sky comes out.
- Eye protection: From sun and wind, and perhaps rain! Also, agricultural activity can throw up dust and small objects
- An oil tray if your vehicle drips oil
- Period costume to wear at public display (optional).

## **Evening Meal Thursday night**

A meal has not been organised, but options for those in town include Elsie's Restaurant at the Tuakau Hotel and the Cosmopolitan Club, and a range of take-away outlets. Pukekohe has a wide range of restaurants.

## **Notice Board**

In the main Function Room there will be lists displayed of those entering gymkhana, concours & teams. It is not too late to add to these lists prior to the start of the rally.

## **House rules**

The bar will be open in the Function Room at LaValla from 3.00 pm each day where you can purchase barista coffee, tea, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. This is a licensed facility; no BYO is permitted. BYO is permitted for guests staying at LaValla and at the BBQ, but you cannot have your drinks in the area around the bar and please refrain from using their glasses or leaving empty bottles on site.

## **Fuel & mechanical services**

There are two service stations in Tuakau so you will be able to fill up in town each day. There are two auto workshops. OTS (Onehunga Towing) are generously supplying a truck to transport any that break down, at no cost to participants.

## **Last word**

Tuakau is still very much a small country town, off the main routes, and Auckland has not quite reached it yet. There will be motor racing on the track at Pukekohe that weekend, but it should not affect us too much. Pukekohe can get a little busy these days, but we have avoided it as much as we can.



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***Thank you for entering***  
***See you at Tuakau in February!***