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Chairman's Report

March started off with the Veteran Section meeting. These are going very well with plenty of veteran topics to chat about. Do go along and join them on the first Saturday of the month if your interest is veterans.

March 12 Tracey and I attended the National Executive Zoom meeting, where the vote on the Clubs proposed logo change failed.

March 13 saw the postponed 2021 Hunua 100 Rally take place. Although numbers were down on previous years, the day went off very well. Congratulations go to the overall winners, Rodger and Val Ball.

The Mid Week Tourers had a great turnout for March, I rode my 250 Honda XL and there were 6 other motorcycle riders joining in with around 35 cars. The run finished at Steve and Sue Keys great collection.

March 19 was the Hawkes Bay Motorcycle Mail Run, where Rory King and Gavin Welch on their 1942 WLA Harley Davidson's, Alice Leney with Heather Hartles in his Harley sidecar outfit and Ariel rider Kelvin Mitchel took part.

The Motorcycle Section meeting had as guest speaker, Callum Bullard, who is one of our newest member's and 2nd youngest at 33 years old. Callum brought along his two motorcycles, a great looking 1970 Triumph Bonneville and a brand new Manx Norton racer.

The guest speaker for Club Night was Dave Rew from Howick, who spoke about his business of Classic Paint Restorations and gave a very interesting talk.

Murray Firth had another good Vintage Section meeting on March 26 and again if your interests are vintage vehicles, do go along and join them.

Unfortunately the Ladies Rally set down for the last Sunday in March had to cancelled due to the organisers being in isolation because of Omicron.

Lastly for those who don't know, when Auckland was hit by a weather bomb on Monday March 21, the Clubrooms suffered flooding in the rear carpark and came in under the back doors into the Library, hallway cupboards, toilets and spares. We hope the books didn't sustain any water damage and luckily, so far, no damage has been found. Our insurers have been notified.

Well that's all for this month, stay safe and well and keep those wheels turning safely.

Martin Spicer



Club Captain's Report

I hope this finds you all well and that you have been out and about enjoying your vehicles, during the first month of Autumn. With the government news recently, it looks like life will start to return back to normal, or rather the new normal, with mandates being relaxed etc.

March saw a good Veteran Section meeting. If you do have a veteran vehicle or maybe considering getting one, please go along to their monthly meetings. There is a huge bank of knowledge to tap into.

The Mid Week Tourers had another splendid run, finishing at a member's property in Flatbush, to look at his eyewatering collection.

The Motorcycle Section had another good meeting, with two beautiful bikes on display, one a street bike and the other a racing bike. With people still taking advantage of the beautiful weather we have had this summer, a small than usual number of members turned out.

On Club Night we had Lee Walker Holt's father in law, David Rew, come along and talk to us about his business. He had been a vehicle spray painter for 32 years and now has a "cut, polish and ceramic wax" business. Wow, the finish that he achieves on vehicles is amazing. To bring vehicles paint back to as good as new status, without having to respray (providing of course that the paint work is not too far gone) costs approximately \$700.00 instead of multi-thousands for a respray. His business cards can be found in the Clubrooms.

The Vintage Section meeting continues strong.

Due to the restrictions still being in force at the time and Omicron rearing its head, it was decided that the Hunua would be a Rally only. This was held on March 13 and Wayne and Gavin had plotted a rally which went back to the old fashioned style of rallying, which included quite a lot of metal roads. Entrants travelled over some roads that they had not been down before, or for a very long time, through the western districts. Starting in Kumeu, lunching at Port Albert and finishing in Wainui. There were about 26 entries in the end, with about a third of them entered in the touring class. This year's overall winner is Rodger and Val Ball, losing 54 points.

Sunday 27 March we had the Ladies Run planned, however Omicron has had its own plans and unfortunately, we had to cancel this event. Fingers crossed it can be run next month.

The Executive Meeting of the VCC was held on the 12 March, and for the first time, this was done virtually. At the meeting our Branch was awarded the 2023 National Veteran Rally, which ties in nicely for our 50th anniversary of holding the Annual Veteran Rally. A small sub committee will plan the event, working alongside the route plotters. If you have a Veteran currently under restoration, February 2023 is the date to aim in showcasing your beautiful machine.

Auckland Branch is also the host for this years National AGM being held in August and plans are already in hand for this. There will be a call a bit later on for people who would be willing to pick delegates up from the airport and take them to the hotel in Karaka and back again to the airport on the Sunday.

Do you have an email address and have not advised us of it? If so, please send this to Tracey in order that she can include you on the email tree. This tree is useful for keeping you updated, outside of The Bulletin, when required.

Club Captain's Report Contd..

We use it to remind you of Branch events. You will **not** receive anything other than Branch notices through the 'tree'.

On Monday 21 March, during the awful rain that Auckland experienced, the Clubrooms suffered from flooding. Please be careful if you are in the Clubrooms, as there is quite a lot of equipment etc., stacked in the downstairs hallway until the carpet in the Library has fully dried out. Fortunately, all the books were safe.

I look forward to seeing you all out and about.

Kia Kaha.

Keep those 2,3 and 4 wheels turning safely.

Lynda Spicer

BULLETIN EDITOR WANTED TWO MONTHS TO GO!

As from July 2022, I will no longer be the Editor of 'The Bulletin', as I'm retiring from this position, which I have held for almost 20 years. Therefore the Committee is looking for a new Editor.

Please, if you are interested in being the Editor, contact me either by phone or email now for further information.

Val Ball

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The Bulletin



Secretary's Notes

In March we had our Executive meeting which Martin and I attended via zoom. Full report later in this Bulletin but the vote for a change of logo was not a majority, so the status quo remains at this time. The Club vote was split 50/50. Our Branch vote was also very close, after the small turn out at the Clubrooms where most voted for the change, we took an email poll vote where members could view the presentation again and vote yes or no. Combined, the vote was 55% against the change. Personally I am disappointed but we can still continue to work towards a better national image, let people know what we are about and encourage new members to join us. Thanks to Jodi Tomlin for some great feedback at Club Night and her letter is published in this Bulletin.

In August, Auckland will be hosting the 2022 National AGM. This will be held at the Double Tree Hilton, Karaka. An opportunity for you to attend the AGM without too much time or cost – Saturday 13 August at 9:00am. We will be looking for assistance on the day and also for transporting delegates to and from the airport. Let myself or John Morrison know if you would like to help. More details in next month's Bulletin on this matter.

Auckland will also be hosting the 2023 National Veteran Rally, as the Committee thought this would be fitting in the year that we celebrate our 50th Branch Veteran Rally.

From the committee table, a new ZIP has been purchased and installed in the kitchen, we are preparing to okay the start of maintenance and repair work on the barn cladding, roof and spouting which is needed. Speakers are lined up for the next few Club Nights, so come out and hear what they have to say and catch up with fellow members.

Finally (and on repeat), our own AGM is in June and all positions are up for election. Please give this some thought.

Tracey Winterbottom



50 and 60 Year Membership Awards

As we were not able to present these awards at the Garden Party last year, we will be holding a special afternoon presentation on Saturday April 30, 2:00 p.m. at the Clubrooms. Members are welcome to attend, following all covid protection protocols at the time.

These members will be receiving membership awards:

50 Years

John Wilkinson
Michael Hilliar
Malcolm Pearce
Colin Bell

60 Years

Neil Bielecki
Clive Geary
Fred Clifford

Motorcycle Notes

Upon our arrival to the March Motorcycle Meeting, we found our guest speaker Callum Bullard and Dad Merv. waiting.

Callum is our newest member and our 2nd youngest at 33. They unloaded the 1970 Triumph Bonneville and the near new 500 Manx Norton racer, setting up the bikes in the Clubrooms, ready for the meeting. We had 8 bikes in the car park, and a low number of 35 members in attendance. I guess our Omicron troubles are putting people off from coming out to gatherings.

Visitor Trevor Hackett, is now going to become a member. He rode to the meeting on one of his 3 Vincent's (A comet).

Reports:

Don Green spoke about the recent Waikato three day tour, another great event put on by Peter Spiller.

Dave Tomkins told us about the recent Norton Rally based in Port Waikato, where they stayed in a children's camp, which turned out to be a great place to stay, (they had 78 Norton's). Don Green's 1950 Norton Dominator was voted the riders choice.

Peter Alderdice told us about the recent Mad Irish Woman's Rally in the Waikato. He drove his 1929 Morgan Aero 3 wheeler, Paul and Mark Tomlin rode Paul's 1920's Harley sidecar outfit and Jodi Tomlin and Leo Fowler drove the 1924 Oakland. They all said it was a great weekend.

Martin spoke about the Midweek Tourers run that he and 6 other riders went on with their bikes. This was a good country run and finished at a very interesting vehicle collection.

Martin then told us about the Club Logo change that failed to go through at the recent National Executive meeting,

Coming Up—The next out of town rally will be the Northland Rally on the 21st May. If you want an entry form, contact Martin.

Guest Speaker—Callum Bullard raced 125cc Japanese bikes at first and then bought a BSA 350 single to race in the Classic Racing Register events, but this bike was prone to braking engine parts, so he decided to bite the bullet and go and talk to Manx Norton guru Ken McIntosh. Ken told Callum that if he wanted to build a new Manx Norton racer, now was the time, as all the experts that are involved supplying all the parts needed for the Manx are getting very old and the supplies could dry up. Callum wrote out his shopping list, Ken supplied the frame and forks, a complete new engine came from the UK, as did the front and rear hubs and brakes and a new 6 speed gearbox/clutch, the stainless steel rims and spoked wheels were built up by Branch member Ken Campbell who is the wheel building man to go to. The beautiful aluminium petrol tank was made here in NZ by Steve Roberts. The bike, although new, is still based on the last 1962 Norton factory race bikes. It is a work of art and the price tag reflects this in its price of around the \$100000.00 mark. Callum is now waiting for the Classic motorcycle racing season to restart and for him to get out on the tracks on his pride and joy.

As his dad is a Triumph man with some very nice bikes, it was obvious Callum would get one too. He bought a sad and rusty 1970 Triumph T120 Bonneville, with only 28,000 miles on the clock. When the engine was stripped down he

Motorcycle Notes Contd..

found everything to be in good condition. The finished bike looks brilliant and would easily win prizes at any show. Callum says these two bikes are for keeping for a long time and he also built the Bonnie for riding on the road. Martin thanked Callum for coming and showing his bikes.

Keep those 2,3 and 4 wheels turning safely.

Martin Spicer & Jack Clark



Below—Martin Spicer and Callum Bullard with the Manx Norton and Triumph T120 Bonneville



Library Catalogue

<https://www.librarycat.org/lib/vintagemotor>

The web based Library Catalogue is now ready for use. If you paste the above link into your web browser you will go to the catalogue.

Use the search bar to locate books of a specific marque or topic or clicking on any cover will display the details held by the Library on this book (and whether it's out on loan or not).

Veteran Notes

The March Veteran section meeting was well attended.

Mike Courtney reported the clutch in his 1909 Sizaire et Naudin needs a birthday. Doug Hamilton has incorporated a starter in his 1911 Cadillac and his Scripps Booth is mobile again. He also knows of another Scripps Booth in Opunake. Doug also demonstrated a system of fitting temporary indicators for road use, which could be removed for authentic display purposes. The system uses a six to twelve volt inverter flasher unit, some L E Ds, a direction switch and small battery, all of which is not expensive.

Roy Sharman brought a copy of a book "Three Men In A Hupp", which details the story of three men who drove a Hupmobile around the world in 1913. These people travelled extensively into places like Thailand and other parts of Asia and Europe. The only breakdown was a broken axle somewhere in Asia, a new one being fabricated from square steel with a file. Incidentally, the first Hupps arrived in New Zealand in 1910 with Mr Eager who also brought the first Overland's here.

David Oliver has new hood bows for his Model T from Snyder's in the USA and Monty Scarborough is fitting them.

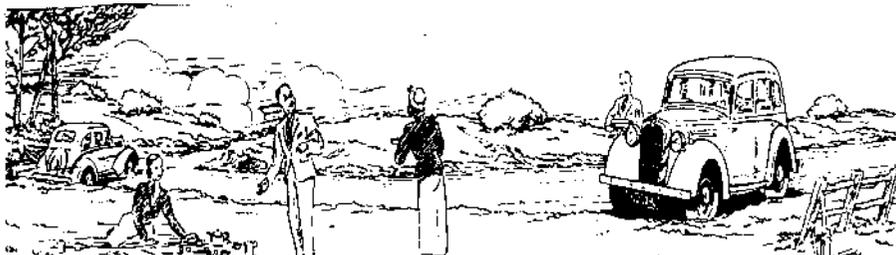
Dennis Lowe brought a 1904 copy of "The Motor" which he donated to our Library. This is the earliest copy of the magazine in our possession.

David Lane and Gavin Welch both took their Model T Fords on the testing "Lochinver" run, organised by Waitemata Branch, where both cars performed well.

John Morrison was testing his Briscoe in the Waterview tunnel and had the misfortune to have the distributor cap come adrift causing the car to stop.

That's it for this month.

John Stokes



Vintage Notes

When we arrived at the Clubrooms for the March meeting, there was parked outside a magnificent 1927 Indian motorcycle and side car. Inside, Martyn Seay told us a little of his motorcycling history and that of his bike which he has restored from scratch over several years. The pinstriping on the bike was admired and was done locally, and Martyn went on to tell us of a visit to the Royal Enfield factory in India where the pinstriping on the entire production is done by hand, by two brothers. Beautifully done in around two minutes for each bike.

Neil Bialeski put the head back on his '26 Renault and then found puddles of water under the car. He laboriously removed the shroud, (not easy on a Renault) and tightened things up. Now reassembled and awaiting a test run. He has also "home forged" a new hinge pin and brought along the result in it's die. Ingenious.

Richard Green has been working on casting new rubber bump stops for his 1930 Rolls Royce. The two part product is made by Devcon and cures in around 15 minutes. Richard made the mould and the result is worthy of any Rolls.

Tim Gray is working on a display case for his spark plug collection.

Brent Bellamy has his Model A gearbox apart to try and cure a rumbling 2nd gear. This promoted some discussion on oils. Vintage transmissions often ran very heavy oils which are not readily available nowadays. However, Penrite produce a suitable product and the Chev Club hold stocks of this. Contact Rob Webster.

Penny & Murray Firth





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Mid Week Tourers

This was the most rewarding event I have organised. Special thanks to Norm Dewhurst for making such a good job of promoting it, and to Stephen & Sue Keys for hosting such a large invasion of Branch members. Thank you Sue for all the goodies you laid on.

Turning up, a total of 82 smiling faces from North Shore, Waitemata and Auckland Branch's in or on 44 vehicles was a real treat after all of the government restrictions that were forced on us for more than the last two years. More than 10% of the Auckland Branch membership helped make up the numbers. Martin Spicer on his Honda 250 gathered together 6 more bikes with the power houses being a Vincent Black Shadow, a Norton Combat & a Kawasaki 650.

Huey decided to smile on us knowing that we had 8 open top vehicles. The fleet only had 3 moderns, with 1 veteran, 3 pickups, with the rest all being Club eligible. Because a good number of Branch members knew of the quality, the vehicles and items Steve had on display, a number of them decided to bring their "concours de' elegance winning quality" vehicles for this visit. Listing them in no particular order were:

Rex Bennis	Fire Engine Red Mazda MX5
David Lane	1962 Chev Corvette
Peter Bell	1966 Mk1 Lotus Cortina
Colin Shoebridge	1936 Chev Pickup
Ray Crombach	1936 Chrysler Airstream Tourer
Terry Costello	1930 Ford Model A Pickup
Bruce McDonald	1972 Toyota Corona Coupe

We set off from Drury toward Hunua via the scenic and winding Ponga Rd and then keeping on similar type of roads and landscape, to Clevedon and Brookby, where we turned toward Alfriston and Flat Bush getting a wonderful view of the big smoke from the ridge on Redoubt Rd on the way down to the Keys Shepherds Lane property. On entering their driveway, a flock of Alpacas were looking amazed at seeing all of these old vehicles coming and disturbing their peace. A sizable wing of the house has become Steve's museum with the most amazing collection of special vehicles and automobilia. While he has restored the numerous petrol pumps and garage equipment, there is huge amount of exhibits in pristine original condition. Steve has a number of sheds for storage and his various restoration projects. We were privileged to see his most special project which is nearing completion. This is a now very rare pre-war Diamond T Petrol Tanker which would be a sister vehicle to the prime exhibit in the Invercargill Museum of the late Bill Richardson. What a great day and aren't we lucky to have members like Stephen and Sue.



Jack Nazer & The Mid Week Team

Mid Week Tourers Contd...

Coming Events—Subject to Covid

Wednesday 20 April—Starts from The Warehouse Carpark, Westgate, 10:00a.m. for a 10:30a.m. departure. Please remember to congregate on the footpath and keep the carpark driveway clear.

Wednesday 18 May—Starts from the BP Service Centre, Southern Motorway, Drury, 10:00a.m. for a 10:30a.m. departure.

Both these runs are still in the planning stages but are likely to be BYO everything. Also, in deference to the cost of petrol, likely to be only an hour's run. More details via email. Do we (the Mid Week Team, not the 'Tree') have your email address? If not and you want to be kept in touch contact: dewdrops@xtra.co.nz

Wednesday 15 June—Starts from The Warehouse Carpark, Westgate 10:00a.m. for a 10:30a.m. departure.

The Mid-Week Team

Jack Nazer (09) 378 4580
Mike Loosemore 021 027 08848
And the rest (new blood always welcome)



Coming Events

April

16	Sat	Motorcycle Meeting—Clubrooms	2:30pm
20	Wed	Mid Week Tourers Starts The Warehouse Carpark, Westgate	10:00am
23	Sat	Vintage Section Meeting—Clubrooms	2:30pm
24	Sun	Club Run—Ladies Rally, Starts Albany Pub, Albany	1:00pm
27	Wed	Charabanc Maintenance Night—Clubrooms	8:00pm
28	Thurs	Club Night & New Members	8:00pm
30	Sat	50 and 60 Year Membership Awards—Clubrooms	2:00pm

May

3	Tues	Committee Meeting—Clubrooms	7:30pm
7	Sat	Veteran Section Meeting—Clubrooms	2:30pm
12	Thurs	Bulletin Mailing via Email	7:30pm
15	Sun	Vintage Venture (Waikato Branch)	
18	Wed	Mid Week Tourers Starts BP Service Centre, Southern Motorway	10:00am
21	Sat	Vintage Section Meeting—Clubrooms	2:30pm
21	Sat	Motorcycle Rally (Northland Branch)	
25	Wed	Charabanc Maintenance Night—Clubrooms	8:00pm
26	Thurs	Club Night & New Members—Ric Easton Guest Speaker	8:00pm
28	Sat	Motorcycle Meeting—Clubrooms	2:30pm
29	Sun	Club Run—Experts Rally	1:00pm
31	Tues	Committee Meeting (June)—Clubrooms	7:30pm

June

4	Sat	Veteran Section Meeting—Clubrooms	2:30pm
9	Thurs	Bulletin Mailing	7:30pm
11	Sat	Double Fifty (Waikato Branch)	
15	Wed	Mid Week Tourers Starts The Warehouse Carpark, Westgate	10:00am
18	Sat	Motorcycle Meeting—Clubrooms	2:30pm
19	Sun	Vintage Muster	
22	Wed	Charabanc Maintenance Night—Clubrooms	8:00pm
23	Thurs	Club Night & New Members	8:00pm
25	Sat	Branch AGM—Clubrooms	2:00pm
26	Sun	Club Run—to Meguiars Coffee and Cars, Mt Smart	

Note: The clubrooms are open on the second and fourth Thursday evenings each month from 7:30pm till 10:00pm and every Saturday afternoon from 4:30pm till 6:30pm.

Coming Events



Club Night

**Thursday 28 April
8:00 p.m.**

**Guest Speaker
Jack Nazer speaking on
his Car Racing days**



Club Run Ladies Rally



Sunday 24 April

**Starts: Albany Pub
276 Dairy Flat Highway, Albany**

Time: 1:00 p.m.

To finish at Wenderholm



Bill Shears Memorial Trophy

NOMINATION FORM

For the Bill Shears Memorial Trophy

Members of the Auckland Veteran & Vintage Car Club (Inc) are invited to nominate a fellow Branch member for this Annual Award. The nomination should be for any member that they regard as having been involved in a significant event. It may be a particularly memorable motoring journey, an important historical article or series of articles published or some special service to the Branch. This trophy will be awarded at the Branch AGM in June.

I wish to nominate: _____(Print)

for the Bill Shears Memorial Trophy

Proposer: _____(Print)

Signature: _____

Seconder: _____(Print)

Signature: _____

Details of the accomplishment and supporting information: _____

Please submit to the Secretary, Tracey Winterbottom by 31 May 2022
via email auckland@vcc.org.nz
or post P O Box 12 138 Penrose Auckland 1642



Report on the Delayed 2021 Hunua 100

Thanks to those who made the effort to enter and participate in this event, we hope you enjoyed the roads and scenery we found for you, the lunch provided by the Port Albert Hall Committee was outstanding.

The Rally started from Soljans Wines in Kumeu and those that read their overriding instructions correctly would have collected silent check FORD by using Rautawhiri Rd, rather than following Inland Rd as per the instructions. Travelling over some lovely loose metal roads, participants travelled through Kaukapakapa where they should have picked up another silent check FORD in Pinchgut Rd No Exit, as the overriding instructions said ignore Pinchgut Rd. At the first manned check the best time keeping award went to the Dewdrops in their Triumph, only 1 minute early. Some more loose metal roads on the way to the lunchbreak at the 1916 Port Albert Hall. Apparently silent check MOON was difficult to see and was missed by many, off course silent check AJAX was quite popular and was collected if you went left after Wharf Rd No Exit, rather than Wharf Rd as instructed, this would also have you missing silent check CHEV. The best time keeping award at the lunchbreak manned check went to team Winterbottom in their Vintage Talbot, 1 minute early, who also expressed their delight of travelling over many miles of real Vintage roads.

After lunch entrants headed south and more metal roads. Those that didn't notice the difference between the spelling of JV Grant Rd sign versus instructions missed silent check VELIE, and those that failed to ignore Pettet Rd NO EXIT got the off course silent check FORD, failing to follow least line of deviation would have you missing silent check FORD (Corlett Rd) and silent check GRAHAM behind a white fence on West Coast Rd. Then on to the finish at Wainui Hall for a cuppa and a debrief.

1st Fast Vintage and 1st Overall: Rodger & Val Ball 1930 Ford Model A, 54 points lost, 1st P60: Norm & Pat Dewhurst & Ryan Winterbottom, 134 points lost, 1st Slow Vintage: Leon Salt from Wellsford/Warkworth Branch, 155 points lost.

Results:

Slow Vintage

1st Leon Salt

Fast Vintage

1st Rodger & Val Ball

2nd Glenn & Marion Morris

3rd Stephen & Tracey Winterbottom

PV60

1st Norm & Pat Dewhurst

2nd Merv & Judy Stowers

3rd John &

Janice Gardner

Wayne & Carrie Roberts



March Executive Meeting

The Executive meeting was held via Zoom in March. Reports were presented for all functions and if you would like to receive a soft copy of these, please drop me a line and I can email them through. I will leave a hard copy on the board at the Clubrooms. Below is a summary of key points discussed.

Office Systems—Murray Trounson and the office staff continue to make great strides in bringing the office systems and databases into the 21st century, removing a lot of unnecessary manual work and streamlining all processes. On-line membership is almost ready to go. Secretaries will be able to access the Branch database on-line in real time. Work continues on a web base for VICs.

Membership—537 new members have joined the Club since 1 April 2021. In total 414 x 50 year and 66 x 60 Year Awards have been made with 20 and 7 having been made respectively since the 2021 AGM

Daffodil Day—Our National Daffodil Day will be Sunday 21 August

Notices of Motion—2 proposed Notices of Motion were discussed and neither progressed through to this years AGM.

One proposed a change to Joint Membership. After discussion, the majority felt that a Junior Membership served the purpose the proposers were trying to meet. It was felt that the Club and Branches are perhaps not doing enough to promote the fact we have Junior Membership available. It was also suggested that the Club could make the Junior Membership even more attractive costwise and perhaps Branches could forgo their Branch levy on a junior subscription. We will discuss this at our next Committee meeting.

The second Notice of Motion dealt with the name of the Club and Branches wishing to change their Branch name. This also had good discussion, with the end result being that it was felt an unnecessary constitutional change. Branches who wished to have a change of name could look at a "trading name" which requires no Executive approval and still retain their registered name. This allows a Branch to promote itself, with a name they may feel is better suited to attract attention for their Branch, without creating inconsistency with the name of the Club.

Remit—Discussion was held regarding a remit brought forward by Gisborne Branch to add definitions of "Heritage Vehicle" and "Classic Vehicle" into the Club By laws. The intent of the remit is to provide further guidance to Branches looking to adopt suitable operational names.

National Calendar—The following Branches have bid for National Events

2023

Motorcycle Rally	Southland	5/6 February
Veteran Rally	Auckland	February
Vintage Rally	Wellington	March
AGM	Nelson	August
Commercial Rally	Wanganui	Labour Weekend

2024

Veteran Rally	Otago	late January (coincides with the 75 th Dunedin to Brighton Rally)
AGM	Bay of Plenty	August

March Executive Meeting Contd..

Change of Logo—This was voted on and ended up with equal votes for and against, so the status quo remains.

Tracey Winterbottom

A decorative border consisting of green Christmas tree silhouettes arranged in a rectangular frame around the central text.

ARE YOU ON THE TREE?

We have an email tree to remind you what is coming up and any other relevant information that comes to hand between Bulletins.

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If you are reading this and would like to be included, please send me an email at runnymede@hotmail.co.nz and you'll be in the loop.

Tracey Winterbottom

Time for a Change

I attended the Club Night meeting on Thursday 24 February as we were to discuss the proposed new Club logo. I was disappointed by the turnout – 20 people! So, as you know, I verbalised my thoughts at the meeting. Here are **all** my thoughts on the proposal for you to ponder further, even take to the Executive committee as you see fit.

I was pleased to receive the email at the end of 2021. I listened as Diane and George laid out for us all the reasons and motivations for the proposed design. I absolutely agree that change is required. As I said at Club Night, as we stand right now, we are quite simply a dying club, literally. In order to keep this Club alive, we **have to** seek new interest? So, how do we do the best job we can to appeal to younger age groups? We need to be promote our passion for our vehicles, along with letting people know that there is a wealth of knowledge available to boot. We need to promote the variety of events that we host and that historic vehicle restoration and use remain a valid hobby today. Part of this also means having national, modern looking branding that's both attractive and simple (memorable).

It's heartening to see that the team have done this right. They have taken a good hard look at how we increase our profile in this changing world, engaging with businesses "in the know" to assist in creating the proposed branding and reviewing. Today the hooks are having a stylish, modern website that intrigues people or "draws people in". **plus**, and this is a biggie, an active presence on social media. Here too the branding and naming conventions need to be consistent! Yes, many people are super critical of children and grandchildren living on their devices, always being on "Facebook" but this is life today! As a Club we need to embrace these communication tools.

To the proposed branding:

As mentioned in the presentation, the **name** of the Club remains the same, it's just the branding thereof, so VCC it is, cool! (Personally, I have always told people that I belong to the Vintage Car Club, I've never concerned myself with the fact that I have motorcycles and not a car.) The logo presented is all encompassing with the stylised wheel that is neither aging or vehicle specific. I agree with not trying to incorporate a Silver Fern, let's just leave that to Tourism. I also wholeheartedly agree with not using words to clutter the logo. It needs to be slick. To further enhance the new logo is the Tagline – Driving our History. A brilliant tag line! Simple, succinct and describes a Club of many vehicle types in three words! I hope that this all passes and we get on with implementing soon. Now, talking about implementing, I do feel that this needs to be embraced wholly by **every** Branch. To work properly it needs to be **one** cohesive brand enabling us **all** to drive the brand and make it more recognisable.

Moving forward, it is important to note that the New Logo, on its own, will not bring us new members. **But** if every event run across the country has a consistent logo, we start being more visible. We gain traction, increase brand awareness, thus drawing interest from outsiders. So, **all** Branches should therefore retain current logos for historic purposes only, but moving forward we should **all** use the new brand with simply the Branch name underneath. So, yes, this means that the Auckland Veteran & Vintage Car Club Inc. becomes known in

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all marketing collateral as VCC NZ, Auckland Branch.

Then, assuming that this is all given the green light? The first port of call for people moving forward should be/will be the website. And I am sure this is also in the pipeline, but I feel it should be extended to be a full re-think. Ideally, I see it as having a **hub** National Website that you can then navigate to **your** Branch from. Each Branch can have its own selection of pages – Local News, Events Schedule, Entry Forms, etc. **but** it is the National pages that contain a Marketplace, Beaded Wheels links, National Info like Rally Rules, Guides, etc. This then would keep the consistency across the board. It may also help some Branches in maintaining a website too?

Finally, Social Media, again – all branches use the national branding to title their pages. You would use Facebook for updates like pictures at Rallies as they happen (possibly via Instagram), notification of changes to dates/times/locations (to spread the word), reviews of events by anyone attending (you may want a moderator?) and quick update stuff from the Branch. Instagram (essentially a big photo album) – for photos and videos of vehicles and events. It is usually ordered with newest upload first.

Pinterest – could be a great place for restoration pics and how tos? Pinterest is a vast collection of "Pins" or posts that can be saved to "Boards" – you would use the Board process to group pics of specific topics. Like a specific Rally or Restoration project.

Finally – the physical marketing collateral – signs, flags, garments and badges again should all have the same brand. Maybe the National Club should consider having 2 x flags made for each branch for events with the branding as shown in the video presentation plus the Branch name. So lots of ideas! I'm more than happy to assist, talk through any of this with anyone that needs to? Okay, that's me done! Thanks for reading.

Jodi Tomlin



Targa VCC Time Trials

Targa VCC Time Trials are all Go for both May and October this year.

With changes to the COVID-19 traffic light settings announced in March and further reviews expected shortly, things are definitely improving for these events.

1. Entrants for May Events

We've currently got 30 registered on the Targa website for the 5 day time trial event and 4 for the 2 day event, along with another few who're working vigorously to complete car repairs etc. so that they can enter too.

Still room for more, so we'd welcome you to join us for a great event.

Entry link: <https://urg.co.nz/2021-targa-entry/>

2. Entrants for Labour Weekend "Top of the South" Event

Currently 8 are registered on the Targa website for the inaugural 2 day "Top of the South" time trial event, (plus several others who've assured me that they'll be joining).

Heaps of room for more! This is the first time Targa has held an event in the Nelson, Marlborough, Golden Bay area, so let's see if we can break all records and have a massive VCC group for the time trial.

Entry fee price increases from 1 June so get in now for what promises to be a brilliant event. Entry link: <https://urg.co.nz/2021-targa-entry/>

3. Anything Else?

Please call or email me if you need further info or assistance with anything.

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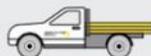
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