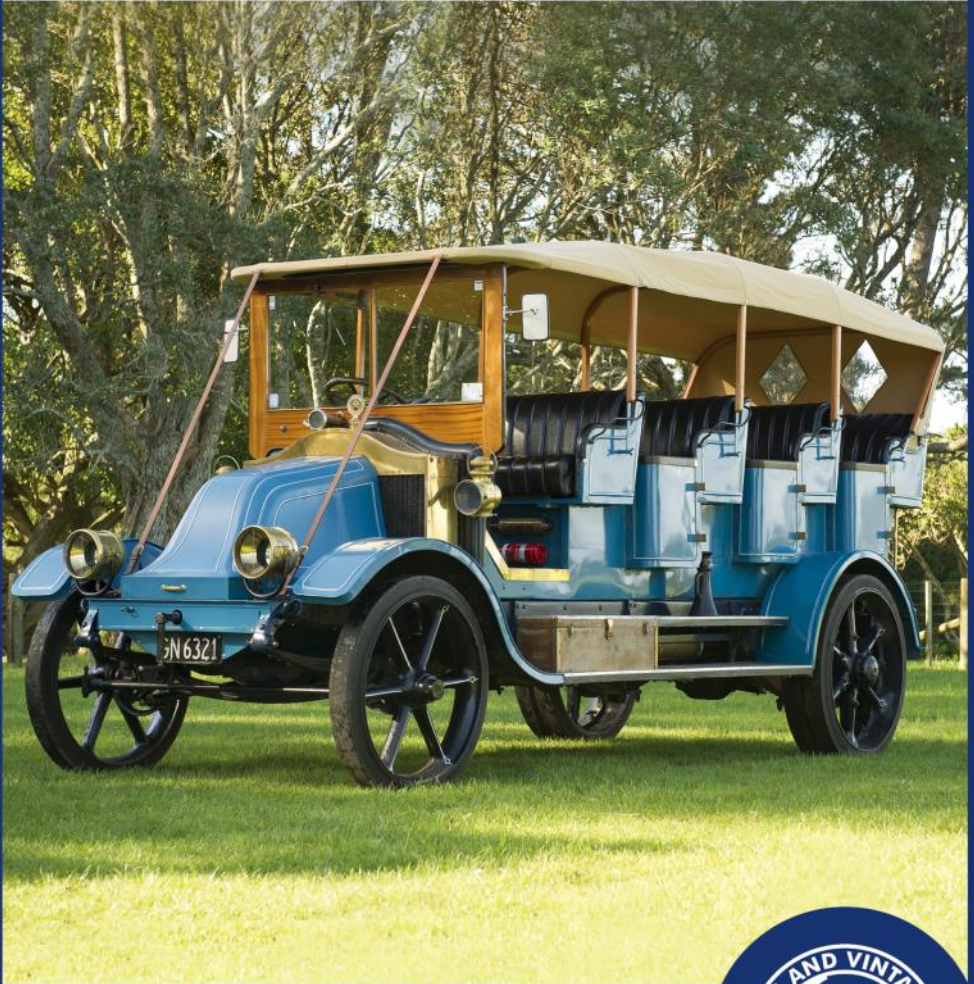




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## August Bulletin closing date

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**Strictly 25 July 2022**



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## Chairman's Report

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Well here we are in another strange time for our Branch. We have been used to lockdowns with Covid and not having Branch rallies and Clubroom events, but now we have had to cancel all Clubroom events until the flood damage repairs have been completed. The work involved was to remove all the Library books and shelving, all the downstairs Gib Board up to 600mm and skirting, the shower box, all carpeting and vinyl flooring, plus the ladies and gents toilet vanities. At the time of writing, all the above has been done and the Gib Boarding, plastering and skirting is underway. We will also have matching men's and ladies toilet vanities fitted. Then the painting can go ahead and the new floor coverings can go down. The biggest job will be putting back all the Library shelving and the 20 + tons of books. During the last week of June, we also decided to get the ceiling of the Library tested for Asbestos, as the report stated it was probably in the ceiling. Whilst we have the room stripped out, we thought it prudent to have it tested.

As a result of the above, we do not envisage that the Clubrooms will be open in time for our advertised Thursday night AGM and therefore have stretched this out to Saturday August 6<sup>th</sup>. Please see the amended notice in this Bulletin.

We will notify you via the email tree when the Clubrooms can re-open.

The only Branch events for June were the Mid Week Tourers and the Vintage Muster, which was plotted by John Morrison. This was John's very first attempt at plotting and from what I've heard it all went very well. The motorcycle meeting was cancelled. Murray Firth's Vintage section meeting was transferred to the Green Lane McDonald's. The June monthly club run will go down as the shortest club run ever. It started from the Clubrooms and went just up the road to the Mount Smart Stadium, where we attended the Meguiar's Coffee and Cars event.

**Barn maintenance and repairs:** The Barn was built in the early 1990's and is now in need of repairs to the wood cladding. We have had quote's around the \$40,000 mark from builders. I have since asked members if anyone can help the Branch with this project. I now have members Rory King, Jack Clark (both Registered Builders), John Morrison, Martyn Seay, Keith Ballagh, Warwick Darrow, Don Green, John Stokes and myself on the maintenance team. If any other members would like to help out with this project, please let me know. Member Ben Creemers' father Robert, has been very generousness and has said he will supply the paint required to paint The Barn, free of charge. Thank you Robert.

*Martin Spicer*





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## Club Captain's Report

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I hope this finds you all well and enjoying being able to get out and about in your vehicles, although you are not being able to enjoy the Clubrooms at present.

All our sections meetings are at a stand still at the Clubrooms as we head into our third month of our Clubrooms being closed. I believe that some sections have gone back to Zoom meetings and some are having their section meeting in McDonalds at Greenlane. The Branch has purchased the professional version of Zoom so we can have unlimited time on our Committee sessions as 40 minutes was not sufficient. This seems to work very well for us.

A number of Auckland members attended the Waikato Double 50 Rally and apparently everyone had an excellent time.

The major event for June was the running of the Vintage Muster which John Morrison plotted. This was John's first ever run he had plotted and thanks to Shaaran and Alan Price and to Gavin Welch who checked the route and gave him some advice. There were two routes, competitive and touring with the finish at the Swanson RSA. Unfortunately, due to family commitments Martin and I were unable to join them for the lunch at the RSA. From all accounts everyone enjoyed the rally and the excellent lunch afterwards. Thanks John and also to his brother Roger who acted as a Marshal on the day, along with Shaaran & Alan Price who were marshals as well.

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June we met outside the Clubrooms and gave a guided tour inside to those who wanted to see what was going on. With about 15 vehicles (some from North Shore and Wellsford) we had the huge run all of 2 kms to go to the Coffee 'n Cars event held at Mt Smart. There were many really lovely cars on display, but one of vehicles, I think, had the most photo's taken. The Lowes took along their 1935 Chrysler and hitched on the trailer behind was their 1903 Oldsmobile. They had her running and she has such a sweet quiet sound. This delighted the crowds and I tried several times to get photos, but she was always surrounded by a crowd. There was probably in excess of 1000 cars on display. This event is held on the last Sunday of each month – well worth a trip there if you haven't been before. Thanks to those that came along.



You will see from Martin's report that the Clubrooms are still closed and we anticipate them to remain closed for at least another month. Bother! The work is taking longer than anticipated, but it is now starting to gain some momentum. We have chosen matching vanities for the ladies and gents toilets, rather than have the odd stuff we currently have. All the carpets and vinyls are stripped out and I will get the samples that the building company think may be suitable on Tuesday or Wednesday and some of the Committee will meet at the Clubrooms to approve or otherwise the samples, also choosing the colour for

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## Club Captain's Report Contd..

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all the paint work to be completed (walls). The door trims will stay white. We have also had the Library ceiling tested to see whether it contains asbestos. We will have this result later and dependent on that result a decision will be made as to what we need to do. Painting is scheduled to start in the second week of July and carpets and vinyls are set to go down in the third week of July and then reinstatement of the Library.

The Committee had an emergency meeting on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June to discuss the Branch AGM and we have come to the decision that we cannot guarantee the Clubrooms will be open in time. So to that end, we have had to transfer the AGM to **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August, at Leicester Hall, Cnr Findlay St & Ramsgate St, Ellerslie.**

Please see the revised notice in this Bulletin.

We have fingers crossed that the Clubrooms will be open the following weekend, as Auckland Branch is the host for the National AGM and Executive Meeting. The meetings themselves are being held at Double Tree Hilton, Karaka but we intend on having a final lunch at the Clubrooms for the Delegates. Again, we have had to put an alternative plan in place. However, plans are well in hand for this National event.

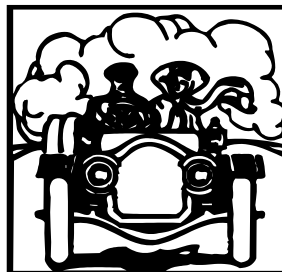
Barry Birchall and his small sub-committee have the National Veteran Rally, February 2023, well in hand. So Veteran members, you have approximately 6 months to ensure those lovely old girls are in tip top condition to take part in this event. The event will also see Auckland Branch celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first Veteran Rally. Something indeed to celebrate.

Once the Clubrooms re-open we will then start on the repairs that the Barn requires. We had quotes which made ones eyes water and so Martin put out an SOS to members to see if any of our own builders would be interested in the job. We have had a good response and have a team of 6-8 people, plus have gained sponsorship for any paint required. There will be a notice next month calling for people who can lend a hand. We also have a little bit of guttering at the front of the Clubrooms that needs fixing, so this will be on the list as well.

Tracey will email everyone any required updates on the Clubrooms re-opening and also news in regards to our own AGM and that of the National AGM's in August. Those not on the email tree will be informed via mail.

Keep those 2,3 and 4 wheels turning safely.

*Lynda Spicer*



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## Secretary's Notes

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Please see the Branch AGM notice in this Bulletin and note the change of date and venue. With the completion date for the lower floor refurbishment very uncertain, we have decided to use an outside function centre and also find a suitable Saturday afternoon, as it is clear the majority of you would prefer a Saturday afternoon. I hope to see many if you there.

Sadly I have to report the passing of Dudley Kitson in June, a member for over 50 years, most of them with the Auckland Branch. Over the years Dudley motored several cars, including a vintage Sunbeam tourer and a post war vintage Wolseley. Dudley was one of those members who quietly got on with whatever work was required and never made a fuss about it. A regular of the Thursday morning crew, at different times Dudley had been part of the Library team, the Spares team and latterly until his health prevented it, was helping along with Fay in the kitchen at Branch events. Our thoughts are with Fay and the family.

From the Committee table: Barry and Nicola Birchall and rally Committee are making huge progress with the National Veteran Rally we are hosting in February next year, with plenty of interest shown. We are planning for a great turnout and not to be missed if you are a Veteran owner and if not this will be a great opportunity to get along and see a large number of our oldest class of vehicle in one place.

Next month we host the National AGM and Executive Meetings, again preparation is well in hand. Thank you to those who have offered to help, I will be in touch.

The Barn is in need of some significant repair and we have struggled to find someone suitable to do the work. The last quote was just shy of \$40000.00, an indication the guy didn't really want the work. Under the project management of member Rory King (a semi retired builder) we have decided to progress the work with volunteer labour. Watch out for the call for competent "hammer hands".

We have also had a generous offer from member Ben Creemers and his father Rob to donate the paint required.

*Tracey Winterbottom*



## Veteran Notes

Due to the ongoing insurance work in the Clubrooms, there was no July section meeting.

However, planning for the 2023 National Veteran Rally continues to advance, with a budget being prepared, a rally headquarters at LaValla Estate in Tuakau confirmed. LaValla is already booked out for the event. The Tuakau Hotel has some bookings already as well, with rooms still available. Route planning is also under way.

That's it for this month.

*John Stokes*



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## Vintage Notes

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The Vintage highlight for some of us in June was certainly the 'Vintage Muster'. The bitterly cold wet weather of the previous week suddenly cleared and we had some great motoring on quiet rural roads. John Morrison and his team must be congratulated for organising an event that challenged the dedicated competitive types, yet still gave the tourers an enjoyable run. We finished at the Swanson RSA with a great meal and plenty of time to socialise.

With the Clubrooms still closed, our June monthly Vintage Section meeting was held at McDonalds in Green Lane in a comfortable room made available to us. Thank you McDonalds.

Neil Lucas recently visited and enjoyed Old Parakao Store, Café and Bar on Highway 15, west of Whangarei. Lots of old cars, (particularly Chevs) good food and with good timing, live music.

John Towers has just acquired a very tidy 1927 Studebaker and a late 30s Austin 10. We hope to see the Studebaker in next year's Vintage Muster.

Several Auckland Branch members including, Bill and Sherril Hulse, took part in Waikato's Double-50 Rally and enjoyed it despite the bad weather.

Neil Bielecki's Renault will soon be housed more comfortably in a new carport being built for it.

Chris Wood has had a new radiator built and fitted to his 1924 Austin 20 Tourer. He can't remember how much it cost him, but said it was 'eye watering'. He had never used the priming cups to aid cold starting, but after talking to a friend in the UK he tried them and they do make a difference.

Tim Gray also informed us that some early sparkplugs incorporated priming cups. I didn't know that! Tim also brought along an ignition coil from a Model T Ford. He refurbishes these with new condensers as these are the parts that fail. So often old Fords are converted to a more modern distributor system, so it is good to see old technology being preserved.

Ross Bellamy has received the brake linings with brass inclusions to replace the unsatisfactory squealy ones with copper, but hasn't tried them yet.

Let's hope our next meeting is back in the Clubrooms!

*Murray and Penny Firth*



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## Mid Week Tourers

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A disappointing number of just twelve vehicles that arrived at the Westgate start. It could have been the questionable weather forecast or the \$10.00 per person entry charge. Boosting our regulars was Alan & Ellenor Kerr in their sparkling red E type Jaguar and Keith Jackson in his equally sparkling red Plus 8 Morgan. It was a short one hour run of just 40 kilometres via Waitakere Village and the rural countryside west of Kumeu to our destination which is a NZ Listed Heritage Site of Peter and Jocelyn Coyle's Subtropical Garden 'Totara Waters' in Whenuapai. Peter and Jocelyn purchased the land of just a little more than two acres with the intention of creating their own paradise. Work started in 1999 with clearing the site and building a house together with planning the garden layout. Peter travelled for many hours around greater Auckland where he found mature palms and other interesting trees which he negotiated to purchase, then dug them out and moved them to Whenuapai. This was at a great cost as about 100 of these specimens got replanted in the garden. A friend who worked at Ihumatao Quarries in Mangere organised many truckloads of rocks of various sizes for building and decoration. To add to the interest, Peter collected a number of ceramic chimney pots and was fortunate to obtain a number of sizable abandoned urns from the old Oratia site when Glucina Foundries moved to Rosebank Rd in Avondale. Now that the planting has had a couple of decades to mature Peter, proudly pointed out a couple of specimens, a Queensland Kauri and a very rare Bainsii Aloe which was in flower. The property backs onto an arm of the upper reaches of the Waitemata Harbour where the bones of HMNZS Hawera lay. A number of our members were seen to be loading into their cars various bromeliads and succulents. Jocelyn provides 20,000 young succulents per annum to wholesalers to keep her off the street. Everyone had a great time. *Jack Nazer*

Thank you to Jack and Marilyn for arranging this at short notice and under difficult circumstances. We enjoyed it and the rain held off (most of the time !)

### Coming Events

**Wednesday 20 July**—Starts from the BP Service Centre, Southern Motorway Drury, 10:00a.m. departure. A longer run than usual, finishing at a members private museum in Tauwhare, expected to be about 80 miles mainly sealed roads and almost no main roads. It will be BYO lunch but hot drinks are available. Check emails if there are further details.

**Wednesday 17 August**—Starts from The Warehouse Carpark, Westgate 10:00 a.m. for a 10:30 a.m. departure. More details TBA.

**Wednesday 21 September**—Starts from the BP Service Centre, Southern Motorway Drury, 10:00 a.m. for a 10:30am. Departure.

Do you receive the 'Mid-Weekers' emails?

If not, let us have your email address. Send to: dewdrops@xtra.co.nz

### Your Mid-Week Team

Jack Nazer	(09) 378 4580
Norm Dewhurst	(09) 232 0245
And the rest (new blood always welcome)	

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## Mid Week Tourers

### Totara Waters Subtropical Garden



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## 2022 Waikato Double Fifty

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This year Waikato Branch moved their Annual Double 50 Rally away from the long Queen's Birthday weekend and condense activities into one day.

This event is always well supported by Auckland and this year was no different. Entries were just under 40, representation across all classes but predominantly P60.

The day started with a breakfast at the Clubrooms, it was the first time we had been since the addition of a large workshop shed which has certainly enhanced the great facilities Waikato have on hand.

Heavy rain threatened most of the day and a few people did experience rain so heavy you could not see the way ahead, fortunately only for a brief period. A great days motoring was plotted by Brent Terrill and Wayne Heyward. Instructions were fairly straightforward, with questions and very strategically placed silent checks sorting out the placings. We finished back at the Clubrooms for afternoon tea and we were able to get home before dark. For those who stayed on, dinner and prizegiving were held in a local pub and I understand this was a great finish to the day. At this event there is a magnificent bronze trophy which any Branch can enter a team of three vehicles and compete for the Teams Trophy. For the 6<sup>th</sup> time in a row, Auckland won this, with our team consisting of Colin and Pam Bell, Gavin Welch and Sophie Zhao and Stephen and myself.

Auckland place getters were:

1 <sup>st</sup> PV	Gavin and Sophie
1 <sup>st</sup> P60	Colin and Pam
2 <sup>nd</sup> P60	John and Janice Gardner
3 <sup>rd</sup> P60	Stephen and Tracey Winterbottom
1 <sup>st</sup> P80	Alan and Christine Allbon

Overall honours went to local Joe Bruntlett.

A great day's motoring. I know I've said it before, I encourage you all to get out and enter events put on by other Branches, a great way to see some new countryside, meet new people and exercise the motor.

*Tracey Winterbottom*



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## 2022 Vintage Muster

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We had new blood plotting this year's Vintage Muster, certainly not new to rallying but new to plotting. John and Roger Morrison embraced a new concept of having a morning rally of approximately 50 miles long finishing with catered lunch, a concept we thought might get a few more of you members enthused enough to come along.

Fourteen entrants, 8 competitive and 6 touring, lined up in Henderson, were briefed on the rally and set off at two minute intervals. John and Roger had put a lot of thought into their rally, included a good number of traps but generally ensured the rallyists if caught in the trap, were either blissfully unaware or were redirected back on course. The first section of about 1 ½ hours travelled out of Henderson west then onto the more rural roads of Henderson Valley, Swanson, Riverhead and the heights of Coatesville. It was great to see long term members, John Wilkinson and Ken Brownlee leaning over their front fences waving as we passed. It was then a short hour back through Waitakere to the Swanson RSA to enjoy a hot lunch.

Results are as follows:

<b>Slow Class</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Wayne and Carrie Roberts
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Owen and Jane Hayward
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Michael and Liz Hillier

<b>Fast Class</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Russel and Jocelyn McAlpine
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Stephen and Tracey Winterbottom
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rodger and Val Ball

Thanks John and Roger and marshaling team – a job well done.

Overall winner—Russel and Jocelyn McAlpine

*Jocelyn and Russel*





## Coming Events

### July

20	Wed	Mid Week Tourers	
		Starts BP Service Centre, Southern Motorway	10:00am
27	Wed	Charabanc Maintenance Night—Clubrooms	8:00pm
28	Thurs	Club Night & New Members— <b>(CANCELLED)</b>	8:00pm
31	Sun	Club Run—starts Jolly Farmer Drury	11:00am

### August

2	Tues	Committee Meeting	7:30am
6	Sat	<b>Branch AGM—(NOTE change of date and venue)</b>	<b>2:00pm</b>
11	Thurs	Bulletin Mailing	7:30pm
12-14		<b>National AGM &amp; Executive Meeting—Hosted by Auckland Branch</b>	
17	Wed	Mid Week Tourers	
		Starts The Warehouse Carpark, Westgate	10:00am
20	Sat	Equipment Safety Briefing in the Barn	1:00pm
20	Sat	Motorcycle Meeting—Clubrooms	2:30pm
21	Sun	Club Run—Daffodil Day—starts Clubrooms	10:00am
24	Wed	Charabanc Maintenance Night—Clubrooms	8:00pm
25	Thurs	Club Night & New Members	8:00pm
27	Sat	Vintage Section Meeting—Clubrooms	2:30pm
27	Sat	Sulphur City Rally (Rotorua Branch)	
28	Sun	Club Run - Meguiar's Coffee and Cars to fundraise for Daffodil Day	
		Meet at the Clubrooms	8:00am
30	Tues	Committee Meeting (September) - Clubrooms	7:30pm

### September

3	Sat	Veteran Section Meeting—Clubrooms	2:30pm
8	Thurs	Bulletin Mailing via Email	7:30pm
10	Sat	Motorcycle Meeting—Clubrooms	2:30pm
11	Sun	<b>Annual PV, PWV, P60V &amp; P80V Rally</b>	
17	Sat	Rubber Duckie Rally (Taranaki Branch)	
21	Wed	Mid Week Tourers	
		Starts BP Service Centre, Southern Motorway	10:00am
22	Thurs	Club Night & New Members	8:00pm
24	Sat	Vintage Section Meeting	2:30pm
25	Sun	Club Run	
28	Wed	Charabanc Maintenance Night—Clubrooms	8:00pm

**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.**

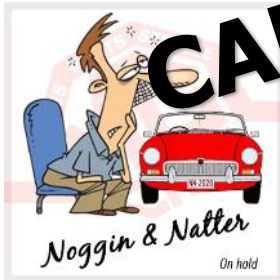
## Coming Events

# Club Night

Thursday 28 July

8:00 p.m.

**CANCELLED**



**Noggin & Natter**

## Club Run

Sunday 31 July

**Starts: Jolly Farmer, Drury**

**Time: 11:00 a.m.**

**Mid-Winter Fish 'n Chips at the Beach**



# **Notice of Annual General Meeting**

**Auckland Veteran & Vintage Car Club Inc.**

## **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Saturday 6th August 2022**

**To be held in the Leicester Hall,  
Cnr Findlay St & Ramsgate St, Ellerslie.**

**Meeting commences 2:00 p.m.**

**Agenda: Apologies  
Minutes 2021 AGM  
Annual Reports  
Financial Statement  
Election of Officers  
Prize Giving  
25 & 35 Year Presentation Awards  
General Business**

**Afternoon tea will be provided.**

**Members are requested to show their membership cards to receive voting papers.**

**All nominations for office should be duly proposed, seconded and accepted by Financial Members and delivered to the Secretary, or may be made from the floor at the AGM, if required.**

**T Winterbottom (Mrs)  
Secretary AVVCC**

## Nomination Form

### NOMINATION FORM for the 2022-23 COMMITTEE

Positions available are: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Club Captain and six Committee Members.

Non Committee Positions are: Librarian, Beaded Wheels Scribe & Bulletin Editor

All positions are available for nomination so here is your opportunity to put your name or someone else's forward for a position.

I wish to nominate: \_\_\_\_\_ (Print)

to the position of: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposer: \_\_\_\_\_ (Print)

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## 2023 National Veteran Rally



# National Veteran Rally February 2023

***WHEN:*** Friday 24-Sunday 26

***WHERE:*** Rural Tuakau, Franklin  
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## 2023 National Veteran Rally

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Planning is now well under way for the National Veteran Rally based in Tuakau next February. We have found an excellent venue for Rally Headquarters at LaValla an old Catholic school in great grounds on a no exit road just two miles out of Tuakau. There is a massive secure carpark where we can leave trailers and park mobile homes. Quite important these days for Veteran owners. On the other side of the buildings there are great gardens, big trees and lawns that go on forever and they have told us we can park up to sixty veteran vehicles on the lawns amongst the trees for the three days. There is accommodation on site, communal kitchen, lounge, a function centre with bar and a picture theatre which we will have full use of during the rally.

LaValla really hums as the day we called they were cooking two meals for forty schools in South Auckland and that happens five days a week, St Johns had two hundred people there for a conference and there were two schools using the gymnasiums. It is a very popular venue in South Auckland for weddings. There is even an airport on site. The accommodation is excellent and their web site does not do the site justice. We will start and finish the runs from there each day after a cup of tea. The vehicles will park on the grass adjacent to the new accommodation block and drive out through an avenue of trees. The runs each day will finish there with afternoon tea. The Dewhurst family first mentioned the venue and on our first visit they did not want us, but when I could not make anything else work in Tuakau, we went back there and they agreed to host us and have been great to work with.

The whole weekend will be based around the LaValla complex starting with breakfast there on Friday morning and finishing on Sunday night with the final dinner at LaValla. We could have a barbeque there one night and make use of the picture theatre. We might have a guest specker one night. On Saturday afternoon there will be a concours and a gymkhana in the grounds for veteran owners on the run. There will be the choice of short and long runs each day and one day the runs will be competitive. There could be a period costume option.

After I talked to someone in Hamilton one-night, veteran car owners started booking accommodation in Tuakau and they were coming from Gore, Christchurch, Hawkes Bay, Palmerston North and Hamilton. We had to get something out in writing very quick and everybody here started to panic. The first thing we sent out in haste had a wrong date and that did not help. Within a few days all the accommodation had gone at LaValla and we had bookings in Tuakau Hotel. I just hope the interest continues and we book out the twenty-eight rooms in the hotel at Tuakau. I would love to see fifty vehicles on a Veteran run in Auckland again and I believe it is possible.

In planning stages, we could see we had to avoid the Ellerslie Concours and Art Deco, but knew if we had the event a few days after the Art Deco we might get a few entrants from the South Island that were coming up to the Art Deco event and I am sure this is what is happening. Eight months out we have fourteen groups in accommodation at Tuakau and that is a great start. John Stokes is organising the three runs and I know when we made the trip to Port Waikato I thought that would be a great run in a very primitive Veteran. With

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## 2023 National Veteran Rally

the Auckland Branch Clubrooms closed, it has not helped us access material, like email addresses and phone numbers but Christchurch have stepped up to help.

We are hoping to have a public car display in Waiuku. I am also hoping at La-Valla on the Saturday afternoon we can encourage some to come out with their veteran vehicle who might not be able to participate in the event because the vehicle not registered or does not have a VIC. There is a huge number of veterans in Auckland we never now see and it would great to see a few of these vehicles come out one afternoon. You will require a Vehicle Identity Card to enter the runs. If you need a Vehicle Identity Card in Auckland, talk to John Stokes. It would be good to see a few motor bikes start and heavy commercial vehicles. We are going to put out the first newsletter shortly and if you want to receive the newsletters, please make contact.

**Barry Birchall**

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## Obituary—Dudley Kitson

I was privileged to have been asked by Fay to say a few words about Dudley's involvement with the Vintage Car Club at his recent funeral service.

Dudley joined the Club in 1967, while living in Palmerston North. Soon afterwards his work dictated a family move to Auckland. In 2017 he was awarded a 50 year service badge. I say awarded deliberately, Dudley earned it well and truly. Early on he bought a 1920 Sunbeam, a project car, which he painstakingly worked on for many years. In the meantime he had several other cars which were used regularly by Dudley and the family for vintage outings. These included a 1937 Dodge and a 1956 Wolseley. Another long term project was a Velocette motorcycle. Velocettes' were a prime English bike, rare and highly sought after nowadays. Hopefully Stephen will now see it completed. Dudley did eventually finish the Sunbeam and together with Fay and children, and grandchildren, he was able to enjoy much well deserved motoring throughout NZ. It was a large and heavy car and as the years went by Dudley thought it prudent to sell it, reluctantly, in favour of the Wolseley.

Dudley was a quiet man, with a reserved character, probably reflected in his non-competitive style of vintage motoring. He admired fine engineering and the intricacies of competitive rallying, but loved to get out and simply enjoy real vintage motoring.

One such an occasion was a "Sunrise to Sunset" drive which a small group of us did. Starting in Te Araroa, we all got up in the dark, drove to East Cape light-house, climbed the 600 or so steps, watched the sunrise over the Pacific, back down to the road and we set off to beat the sun to Cape Egmont. No speeding involved but just steady and consistent motoring. A few stops to refuel cars and crews, plus one or two interruptions for the usual "vintage" issues, and we arrived at the West coast with an hour to spare. Dudley and Fay loved it.

Another epic tour was the same group choosing to drive from Port Waikato to Awakino by the West coast roads. One car broke a rear axle in the middle of nowhere. Not a problem, there was a spare axle under the seat, those were the days, and we all helped to change the axle. But how do we catch the oil? We needed that to put back in. Dudley donated his hat to the cause and all ended well.

Dudley's work for the Branch could easily have gone un noticed. He was not really a Committee man, but was always there to lend a hand. Renovations to the Clubrooms, day to day maintenance on the building and grounds, helping in our comprehensive spare parts section and of course he and Fay have almost continually helped with marshalling and check points.

A good member, who put a lot into life, got a lot out of life, and above all, a good man. St Mathew's Gospel, says, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant". God bless you Dudley, you will be missed, but never forgotten.



*Norman Dewhurst*

## 2022 National AGM

### 2022 National AGM HELP REQUIRED

Auckland Branch is hosting the National AGM and Executive Meeting on Friday August 12 to Sunday August 14.

We do require help on all days, mainly in transporting Delegates from the airport to the Double Tree Hilton, Karaka (just off the Southern Motorway at Papakura) on Friday afternoon and back to the airport on Sunday from the Clubrooms or the hotel. Club vehicles would be great but not essential.

Help will be required in the kitchen on the Sunday to prepare and serve a lunch.

We are also looking for "goodie bag" items. Therefore if you have contacts or a business that could donate anything suitable. Please contact me on 021 732 209, or via email to [tracey.winterbottom@frucorsuntory.com](mailto:tracey.winterbottom@frucorsuntory.com) if you are keen to lend a hand. Contact Lynda Spicer if you can help with the Sunday luncheon on 021 189 3120.

We're also looking for cars and bikes to be on display at the Double Tree Hilton, Karaka for the Saturday. I would love to have at least one vehicle from every decade if we could.

*Tracey Winterbottom*



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**Tracey Winterbottom**

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## Thank You

### Thank You

Fay, Debbie and Stephen Kitson would like to thank the many VCC members for their cards and calls, and to those who attended the 'Celebration of Dudley's Life' with his recent passing. It was a great comfort that so many members attended.

The Vintage Car Club was a big part of Dudley's life and he loved travelling on rallies in the Sunbeam or Wolseley and he especially enjoyed catching up with fellow members at the lunch or at the finish.

Many thanks.

*Fay and Family*



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