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Club night is the 2nd
Wednesday of the month
@ 7.30pm at the
Clubrooms - Supper
provided.

**Clubrooms, Library &
Spares Department Open:**
Tuesday morning's @
9am - 11am.
Morning Tea served @
10.00am

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Articles, Photos, Reminiscences, Mechanical Tips, Notices, Funnies

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Chairman's Report



By Robert Bengé

Firstly, congratulations and thank you to everyone involved in our recent Swap Meet. I'm pleased to report the event raised an outstanding \$5,700 for the club. Events like this do not happen without the tremendous effort of our volunteers, and I would like to sincerely thank everyone who gave up their time and energy to help make the day such a success. From set-up to pack-down, parking, catering, gate duties and all the behind-the-scenes work – your contribution is greatly appreciated.

Our recent club night was another fantastic evening, with the room nearly at capacity and around 80 members in attendance. It was wonderful to see such strong support from members. A special thank you goes to Senior Constable John Singer for sharing his fascinating tales and experiences. His presentation was both entertaining and insightful, and judging by the response in the room, thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Looking ahead, our Annual General Meeting is coming up soon and we are hoping for a great turnout on the evening. The AGM is an important part of the club calendar and gives members the opportunity to have their say, support the direction of the club, and acknowledge the work being done behind the scenes.

As always, remember – what you put into the club is what you get out of it. Whether it's helping at events, attending runs and meetings, or simply supporting fellow members, every contribution helps keep our club strong and enjoyable for everyone.



I look forward to seeing you all at the AGM and upcoming club events. Chairman Robert



Club Captains Notes

By Paul Anderson



Greetings all.

Just a short report this month. I have decided to step down as Club Captain at the forthcoming Annual General meeting.

Not that the Captain's job was particularly time consuming, but I am hoping to spend more time on my Faberique Nationale veteran car restoration, which has proceeded at glacial speed over the past couple of years (I am sure there are some out there who would consider the term "glacial" a gross exaggeration).

I have very much enjoyed my year in the role and would like to thank all those who have assisted me in many ways over this time, in particular Malcolm Blair, the Deputy Club Captain.

This only leaves me to wish my successor in the position all the very best and of course ensure them that I will assist in their endeavor's in every way possible.

Safe and happy motoring
Club Captain

Calendar of Events for June 2026



MID-WEEK RUN -

Wednesday 3RD June.

Refer to Details on Page 12



SUNDAY CLUB RUN

14th June

Refer to Details on Page 11



CLUB NIGHT -

**Wednesday 10 June at
7.30pm. AGM**

Refer to Details on
Page 10

MIX & MINGLE -

FRIDAY 26th June

Doors open 6pm.

Dinner from 7pm.

BYO Drinks & Nibbles.

BYO Drinking Glasses Too.

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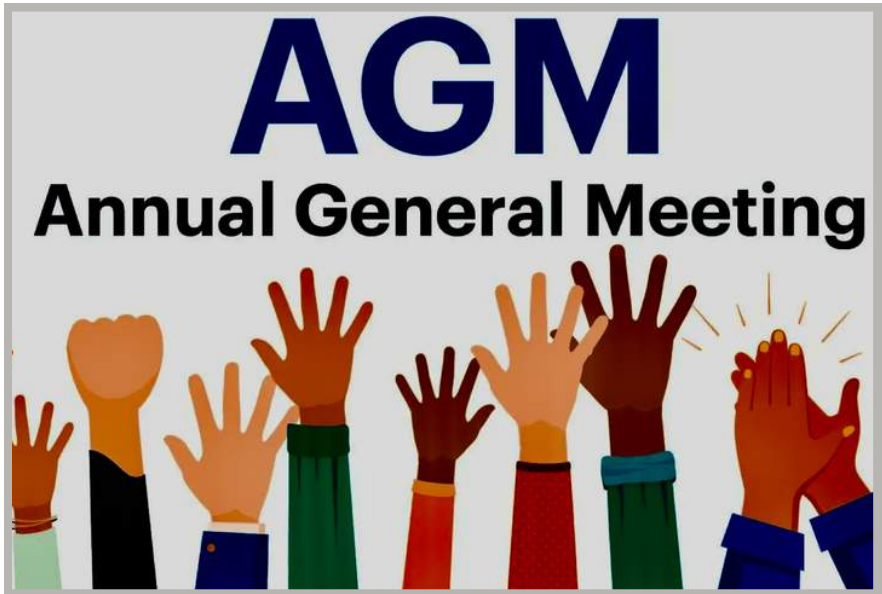
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if you are attending or put
your name on the list at the
clubrooms.



***Every Tuesday morning the Club and the
Spares Department are open between 9am
& 11am.***

*A cuppa is made around 10am for those that would
like to have a sit down and have a natter.*



Our AGM is on

WEDNESDAY 10TH JUNE 2026 at 7.30pm

To All Club Members- This is your club so your attendance is very important

Supper will be served after the meeting so stay for natter and a cuppa.

See you at the club.

HBVCCC VISIT TO TAYLOR CORPORATION

Sunday 14 June 2026

Members are invited to join us for a special afternoon visit to Taylor Corporation.

We will meet at the HBVCCC clubrooms at 1.30pm before travelling together for the short journey to Franklin Road.

The visit will commence at 2.00pm and will include:

Viewing Kelvin's impressive vehicle collection

A guided tour of the apple processing plant

This promises to be a very interesting and enjoyable afternoon combining classic vehicles and local industry.

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SUNDAY
JUNE 14
2:00 PM

MEET AT HBVCCC CLUB ROOMS
FROM 1:30 PM FOR THE SHORT
JOURNEY TO TAYLOR CORPORATION

We look forward to seeing you there.

Classics on Wednesday's



Mid-week Wednesday 3rd June 2026

The club gates will be open from 9.30am first car away at 10.00am prompt, this is an absolute must as times are tight to get things done.

At our last fun outing it was asked what was the preferred dining for June? the choice was that we finish the run at a café.

So that means leave your thermos and chairs etc at home, just bring your plastic cards.

Wrap up warm, the drive will most probably not be long, and a short visit to one of Barrie's other loves is on the cards.

Please ensure you are at the club before ten o'clock.

Cheers

Barrie & Lyndsay Browne



Pie to Pub Run Report

Sunday 17th May 2026

The recent Pie to Pub Run proved to be another very enjoyable club outing, beginning at Henry's Family Pies Otane where members gathered from 10:30am for a caffeine fix and a chance to catch up before heading off for a drive through the scenic Hawke's Bay countryside.

Approximately 23 vehicles and 47 people took part in the run, which was fantastic support from club members it was great to see a few of our members that are based in CHB also in attendance travelling through some of the beautiful Central Hawke's Bay back roads, the run eventually made its way to the final destination at the Sawyers Arms Hotel Tikokino for a lovely Lunch.

Along the route there was also a short quiz, which turned out to be a little more controversial than expected. Created with the assistance of AI and based on local Hawke's Bay knowledge, it quickly became apparent that our members know considerably more about the region than artificial intelligence – which is probably a very good thing! The quiz certainly generated plenty of discussion, laughs, and friendly debate throughout the day.

The outing turned into a very social occasion, with plenty of conversation and camaraderie shared over lunch. Judging by the smiles on everyone's faces, it was clear members thoroughly enjoyed themselves and appreciated the relaxed atmosphere of the day.

Robert Benge

Mid - Week Run Report



Classics on Wednesdays - 6th May 2026

It was a good-sized group that gathered at the clubrooms on one of those stunning autumn days we've had lately. Barrie had outdone himself this month with two very interesting collections for us to view, and fuel-conscious to boot! The first was just a short drive, and still in Meeanee, to the home of the two Art Deco Buses, Veronica and Belle.

Many of us will remember the controversial history of the two buses, purchased originally by the Napier City Council and then put up for tender when it all turned to custard. Our host, Mark Scofield, related the whole story to us, about acquiring both buses, and describing the events and tours he and his wife run using them.

They've spent twelve years running tours for cruise ships - including three-hour long tours of Napier, Awatoto, and Meeanee, calling in at Silky Oak, the Mission, the Aquarium (the tourists love the kiwi and the penguins!) and visiting streets in Marewa, such as Sanders and Logan Avenues, to show off the Art Deco architecture.





He also provides transport for weddings, business-related staff events, and others, with a highlight being involved with the funeral of Alec Wishart of Hogsnot Rupert fame. On a tour of Mark's property we were introduced to his amazing shed, with automobile memorabilia, and various collections - mainly relating to buses (he used to own a Routemaster double decker bus) and beer glasses. He also has a 1954 Daimler and a 1989 London Taxi, and there were probably other vehicles I missed. Mark has many stories to tell, I'm sure we only heard a few. So, if you get the chance to meet Mark, you will be in for a great time, with lots of laughs.

Our second visit took place also not far away, but I'm not giving away the address as this is a private collection and our hosts have asked for privacy, which I will respect. On the run sheet Barrie described this as "a curious place with all sorts of stuff in an interesting valley", which pretty well summed it up.

I would add that it gave the appearance of deliberately organised chaos - a large garden with collections of unrelated items everywhere, but with pathways and easy access to see everything. And there was so much to see - parts of old machinery, a collection of balls, a pétanque court with obstacles strewn along its length, an aviary with parrots and wooden tribal masks, a garden bed with several different sized hot water cylinders, a tree house, an old phone box with a loo inside, a pile of old, glass insulators, and a lovely collection of stone - certainly greenstone, but other types as well. And so, so much more.

While not everyone's cup of tea, this seemed to me to be a collection where placement of objects was decided rather than accidental, with the overall effect being amazing and bonkers, both at the same time!



After all of this, we were ready for that cup of tea, and we all drove to the Puketapu Hotel for a lovely lunch! Thanks so much to Barrie for a wonderful Wednesday run, and for proving again that we often don't know what is in our own back yard.

Diane Friis



Hawke's Bay Vintage & Classic Car Club Club Night Invitation

Wednesday 8 July From 7.00pm

Join fellow members for a special evening at the beautiful home of the Art Deco Trust in Clive Square.

Enjoy drinks and nibbles on arrival, followed by an engaging presentation from the Art Deco Trust team sharing the story of their new premises, the work they do preserving Napier's unique heritage, and future projects.



Venue:

Art Deco Trust Building, Clive Square,
Napier



Time:

Drinks & nibbles from 7.00pm



Presentation: Begins from 7.30pm

Please put this in your calendar

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CLUB NIGHT

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— WEDNESDAY —

— 7PM —

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8TH



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&
NIBBLES



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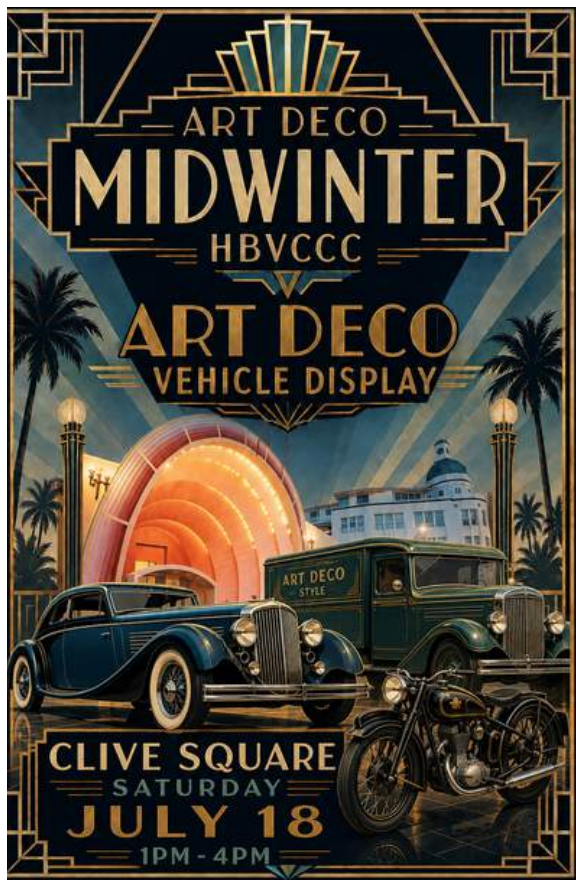
MIDWINTER ART DECO VEHICLE DISPLAY

Saturday 18 July 1.00pm - 4.00pm

Art Deco period vehicles are required for a static display in Clive Square as part of the Midwinter Art Deco celebrations.

This promises to be a great opportunity to showcase our vehicles and support a popular Hawke's Bay community event.

Further information will be provided at the June club night



Swap Meet 3rd May 2026







May Club Night Report

Our May Club Night proved to be a highly successful and very well-supported evening, with a fantastic turnout of members coming along to hear guest speaker Senior Constable John Singer share stories and experiences from his 12-month deployment on Pitcairn Island in 2015.



John gave a fascinating insight into life on the remote Pacific island, speaking about the unique challenges of policing such an isolated community, the day-to-day lifestyle, and some of the memorable experiences he encountered during his time there. His presentation was both informative and entertaining, with plenty of humour and interesting anecdotes that kept everyone engaged throughout the evening.

It was wonderful to see such strong support from club members, with an excellent attendance helping create a great atmosphere for the night. The number of members present reflected the strong interest in the topic and appreciation for guest speakers who can share such unique experiences.

The good news for members who enjoyed the evening is that there will be a repeat performance from John next year. He has kindly agreed to return and share more tales from his policing experiences, including stories from his time serving in East Timor as a peacekeeper.

We are already looking forward to another entertaining and insightful evening.

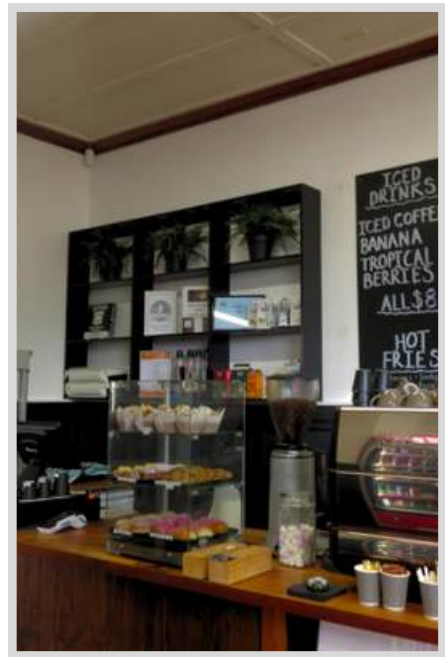
A sincere thank you goes to John for taking the time to speak to our club and provide members with such an enjoyable and memorable evening. Judging by the response and conversations afterwards, everyone thoroughly appreciated the opportunity to hear his remarkable stories from Pitcairn Island.





Your Branch Photos

Sunday Club Run 17th May - Pie to Pub Run



Your Branch Photos



Sawyers Arms Country Pub





Your Branch Photos





Attention Members!



Club Room Hire

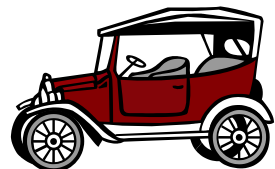
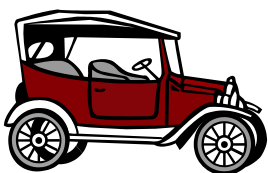


Our clubrooms are available to members to hire for special events!

Costs are: \$150 Hire fee
Refund of \$50 providing the club rooms are left in a clean and orderly manner.

The booking club member must be present for the full duration of the booking hire and is responsible for the premises including the locking up and securing of the building and site.

For further enquiries please contact Steve Donovan - Club Custodian on mobile number 027 217 7730



Classifieds - For Sale/Wanted



FOR SALE



1939 Chrysler Royal Project.

The car has been in dry dark storage since the 1970s. The model is C22. The chassis has been sand blasted and painted and reassembled with the wheels on and has been sitting on blocks , with new tyres on the front, since 1976. Motor, diff, suspension, brakes etc have all been rebuilt although the engine needs to have new valve guides fitted. All the valves were new. The gearbox, overdrive and steering box have still to be rebuilt although they were all working well with no noises before the restoration was started.

The car came with an overdrive gearbox from new and it also was working well and the gearbox was quiet.

At the moment the body is sitting on the chassis but no work has been done on it. The rebuilt motor is the numbers matching original 3 3/8" bore motor the car came with when new. There are lots of parts to come with the car. The seats have been reupholstered and never used.

There is also a spare car which I bought for spare parts and which I strongly recommend should go with the car as it gives a guarantee that all parts are available. Both cars were NZ new and are RHD. I have lots of paper work for the cars and the old style personalised plates, which have never been used, are on hold.

Classifieds - For Sale

The last time this car was driven was from Auckland down to Hawkes bay in 1976. It was quiet and comfortable and easy to drive and I loved it.

I have set the price for the two cars at what we have estimated is a little more than would be the cost of rebuilding just the motor. This gives all the other work, spare parts and second car at no cost. I have been offered some very good money for some of the parts but they need to stay with these cars so the restoration can be completed.
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FOR SALE:

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Spares News

By John Durry



Hi All

Swap Meet, well we had the crowds & had the weather & a good result in the end. The Corvett wheels made the day, so we want to thank all the team that managed the site & help load & unload the stuff we didn't sell, the balance has been put into Beaded Wheels & on HBVCC website, so we can only try.

We wish to thank Ron Ward for his stack of old workshop manuals, Richard Crombe for an Austin crown wheel & pinion, Peter Jackson - Webber carb.

Also, we want to thank the Tuesday team for helping to get the VCC sign off the club room external wall, it took a good hour and a half but we found it had been glued on, once updated & refurbished it will be put back up.

Until next time

Cheers

John Durry

CLUB SPARE PARTS CORNER

For any enquiries phone:

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John Durry 022 676 9401





Welcome to our Club

Kevin Fryer - 1929 Ford A coupe

Ross McNabb - Ford Cortina 1965 - 1952 MV11 Jaguar

1958 Buick sedan - 1965 Jaguar Sedan

Leighton Taylor - 1964 Chevrolet Impala

VCC Cycling Group

Are you or your partner interested in putting together a vcc cycling group. That could be based out of Clive which is central.

If so reply to Lyn at lynandlyn@gmail.com
or ph 0211028717

Calendar of Up and Coming Events



June Events	July Events	Future Events
<p>3rd June Mid-week run/committee Meeting</p>	<p>1st July Mid-week run/committee Meeting</p>	<p>30th October to 2nd November Safari</p>
<p>10th June AGM Club Night</p>	<p>8th July Club Night -To Be hosted by Art Deco Trust -Refer to Poster.</p>	
<p>14th June Sunday Club Run</p>	<p>17th -19th July Winter Art Deco</p>	
<p>26th June Mix & Mingle Night</p>	<p>31st July Mix & Mingle Night</p>	

WINTER DECO FAIR
SATURDAY 27TH AND SUNDAY 28TH JUNE 2026
ART DECO TRUST, MEMORIAL SQUARE

If there are any Club Members interested in this event, get in touch with the contact below. There maybe a few who are interested in doing a combined stall.

Call for Stallholders

Come and be part of the Winter Deco Fair—a fun, feel-good lead-in to Winter Deco Weekend where shoppers come ready to hunt for the perfect outfit pieces and vintage finds. Whether you're clearing out beautiful Deco gems or showcasing your wares, this is your chance to be part of a lively, style-filled weekend with an audience excited to dress up and step back in time.

Event Dates and Times - Saturday 27 June & Sunday 28 June
09:30am - 3.00pm

Setup: Friday 26th June (pm)

We're on the lookout for up to 10 fabulous stallholders bringing pieces that fit the Art Deco vibe—think fashion, accessories, beauty, vintage finds, and anything with a touch of 1930s glamour. You can join forces with a friend or sell on other's behalf if you don't have enough stock to take on a stall yourself.

Stallholder Package - \$50 (for both days):

1 x trestle table

Tablecloth provided

Inclusion in event promotion

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