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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 Benge



I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all members who contributed to another very successful Art Deco Festival weekend.

The effort from our volunteers, marshals, organisers, and supporters was outstanding. Your willingness to give your time and vehicles ensures our Club continues to be held in high regard within the community. The public response to our Vehicles and participation was extremely positive, and it was wonderful to see so many smiling faces enjoying the vehicles.

While the weekend was largely successful, there were some issues on the Sunday regarding vehicle access through the barriers. A formal complaint has been lodged with the Art Deco Trust seeking clarification as to what went wrong and how this can be prevented in the future.

Our goal is always to ensure that our members are treated with respect and that events run smoothly for everyone involved. We will keep you informed once we receive a response.

On behalf of the committee, thank you again to everyone who stepped up to help whether by bringing a vehicle, assisting with organisation, or supporting behind the scenes.

Events like these do not happen without strong member involvement.

March sees a number of our members heading to Nelson for the Vero International Festival of Historic Motoring we wish them well and safe travels as they journey south.

Finally I look forward to seeing you at the next events and out on the road.

Safe motoring,
Robert



Club Captains Notes

By Paul Anderson



Another Art Deco weekend is behind us and what a great, albeit busy, weekend it was for the club. The Thursday night dinner was well attended and I am told that the meal and entertainment was excellent.

The Friday Rally to Abbey Cellars, held in perfect Hawkes Bay weather, was an enjoyable event as was the car parade on the Saturday. Chairman Robert put a lot of work into organising the car rides on the Parade on Saturday and Sunday, which were very popular with the public and raised a significant amount of money for the club.

Thank you on behalf of the club to all those who assisted over the weekend. Without your support it would be impossible for the club to hold this event.

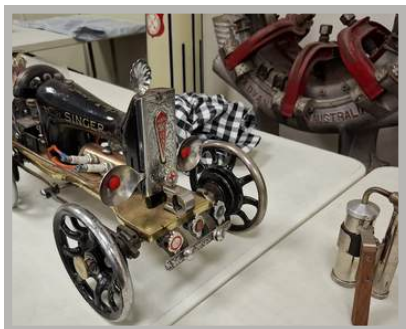
The February club night consisted of a Special General Meeting, at which the club unanimously passed the revised branch constitution, followed by an “items of interest evening”. The diverse items that were brought along that were unique, interesting, mysterious and a number of the items had an amazing story attached.

Just to touch quickly on a couple of the exhibitors, along with his replica gun collection, Graham Newrick brought along an item of taxidermy in a very nice display case, which had been in the family since his grandfather’s time.

What was it? a two headed lamb (For me and some others in attendance, it was the stuff of nightmares).



Brian Taylor brought along his collection of tractors which he made from old sewing machines. I am sure Brian would not mind me saying that I (and probably several others) never saw him as a particularly artistic person, but the level creativity, skill and detail involved in the assembly of the tractors impressed us all greatly and I find myself seeing him in a new light.



There were many very interesting items that were brought along for the evening. Unfortunately unable to photograph all of them, so here are a few of the larger items that were on show.



A number of us from the club (19 in all) are off to the Vero International Festival of Historic Motoring which is to be held in Nelson in the middle of March. This will be my first Vero International rally and I am very much looking forward to it. I do however have to sort out a couple of minor problems on the Chevrolet Coupe before we get away (sound familiar?).

Safe and happy motoring
Paul

Calendar of Events for March 2026



**MID-WEEK RUN -
Wednesday 4th March
Refer to Details on Page 17**
Meet at the Club rooms
9am for a 10.30am
Departure.



**CLUB NIGHT -
Wednesday 11th March
at 7.30pm.
Refer to Details on
Page 12-13**



**SUNDAY CLUB RUN
15th March -
Refer to Details on Page 14**

**MIX & MINGLE -
FRIDAY 27th March**

Doors open 6pm.

Dinner from 7pm.

BYO Drinks & Nibbles.

Please Email the secretary

Larry at:

hawkesbay@vcc.org.nz

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.*

MEETING



Hawkes Bay Vintage Car Club

CLUB NIGHT - WEDNESDAY MARCH 11 TH

@7.30PM Please save the date

Our guest speaker will be Larry Morgan

Larry is our hard-working Secretary and many will be aware that he has a distinguished career in the horticultural sector. It is this that he will speak to us about. Larry is involved with Green Atlas.com which assists tree crop growers in managing the life cycle of every fruit on every tree, across the entire orchard. With high resolution imaging and AI assisted mapping, orchardists know every block and every tree, giving a clear advantage in managing the complete life cycle, from flower to fruit, to maximise orchard productivity. He will bring along the cartographer to demonstrate its capabilities and for us to have a look at.





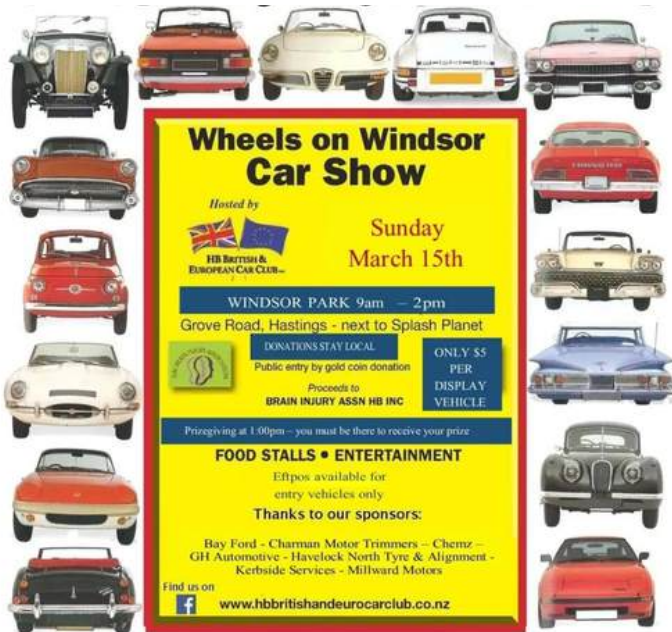
Thanks to our unique and patented imaging technology, the Cartographer platform can be configured to fit a variety of base ATVs, and is suitable for not only a wide range of crops, but also varying row spacings, layouts and canopy geometries.

Larry was awarded the Queens Service Medal in 2022 for services to wine and canoeing. He is also a member of the Art Deco Festival Advisory Board. Larry will be a most interesting speaker, so save the date and come along and hear him.



MARCH SUNDAY CLUB RUN

SUNDAY 15TH MARCH 2026



Wheels on Windsor Car Show

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Sunday
March 15th

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9.00am till 2.00pm

Location:

Windsor Park, Grove Road, Hastings (adjacent to Splash Planet)

We will assemble in Ada Street, off Windsor Ave (facing Windsor Ave) Ada street is near the Top Ten holiday Park at 9.00am for 9.30am.

Cars will depart en masse to enable cars to be displayed together at the show.

Bring chairs and whatever accoutrements you require for a snack lunch.

Kevin Cains will look after the logistics for the day.

Any questions - Kevin 021 560 905

Apparel Orders



As per previous MAG's we now have Polo Shirts and Caps available for purchase.

Prices are as follows:

Caps \$30.00

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Polo Shirts (Kids). \$55.00

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Women's - 6 to 26

Kids - 4 - 16

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SIZE NO REQUIRED \$.....

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SIZE NO REQUIRED \$.....

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Classics on Wednesdays

H.B.V.C.C. Classics on Wednesdays

March 4th 2026



The first run for Autumn

Gather at the club rooms from 9.30 for a 10.30 start
Bring all your goodies, that is lunch, drinks, chairs etc.
The run covers around 84KM and will have us way out
the back country.

I should warn you that there is around 20KM of metal
road and dust, but don't let that put you off.

There will be some interesting sights along the way and
a nice picnic spot to finish.

The weather forecast is for fine sunny day.

See you all on Wednesday

Cheers

Barrie



Mid - Week Run Report



Classics on Wednesdays Feb 3rd Run

Hawkes Bay Early Winemaking Pioneers, who and where were they?

Today we were taken around the Bay crisscrossing from Meeanee to Te Mata, over to Hastings, out to Pakowhai, over to Bay View, back across to Taradale, down the road to Greenmeadows.

Along the way we recognised the following Wineries and their early pioneers.

First stop Brookfields Wines.

The Ellis Brothers built the winery during the late 1930's. The cellar is built from handmade 25cm concrete blocks. Brookfields was and still is a favourite boutique winery.

The second stop TeMata.



The winery was originally part of Te Mata Station, a large pastoral landholding established by English immigrant, John Chambers, in 1854.

Acquired by the Buck and Morris families in 1974 - the two families behind the modern interpretation of this historic New Zealand estate.

Our Third stop Vidals Wines. St Aubyn St East.



Anthony Vidal
Over 150
years ago,
Anthony Vidal
was born in
Barcelona,
Spain. A
young man
with a spirit
for adventure,
he sailed
across the
world to New
Zealand
arriving in
1888 with just
an apple and
a penny in his
pocket.



The fourth Stop was. The south end of Farndon Rd just off the Pakowhai Rd. Mission Estate, Brother Crprain Huchet.1870, Brother Cyprian Huchet, son of a Loire Valley vigneron, rose to the role of Cellar Master and made history by crafting and selling New Zealand's first recorded commercial wine.



The original mission station in Pakowhai. The mission moved 5 kilometres (3 miles) north to Meeanee in 1858. More vineyards were planted. Then purchased a large 325-hectare (800-acre) plot of land nearby in Taradale in 1897. Disastrous flooding in 1909 prompted the mission to move its operations to the Taradale location.

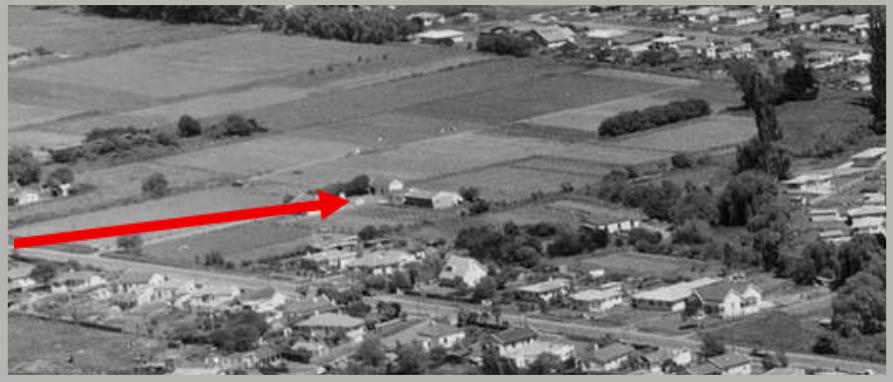
Stop Five, Glenvale Wines, R Bird

Esk Valley Estate was first established by Englishman Robert Bird in 1933 under the name Glenvale. Bird constructed the original winery and cellars and focussed on producing fortified wine styles that were popular at the time. Glenvale grew quickly and at its peak was the 5th largest winery in New Zealand.



Born in June 1882 at Swaffham, Norfolk, England, emigrated to New Zealand around 1904. Bird spent some time up in the northern regions of NZ working in the Bay of Islands in 1911, as a farmer in Whangarei in 1919, a builder in Whangarei in 1928. In 1935 he was a building contractor in Taradale.

Stop Six Taradale Wines J McLeod



Jim McLeod had a small vineyard in Taradale, his wines as was the case in those days circa 1950, were fortified sherries, ports. The site where this winery was is now known as Roskilda subdivision.

Stop Seven A Taradale Wines Bartholomew Steinmetz

Proprietor of the Taradale Vineyards, brought up in Luxembourg, where he was born in 1868.

In 1897, a small plot of 5 acres was purchased from the Tiffen estate by Bartholomew Two men, one of whom is Bartholomew Steinmetz, standing inside a stall advertising Taradale Wines.



Taken by James McAlister at an A & P Show in Stratford, Taranaki, ca 1917.

Steinmetz who had been working at The Mission for several years established a winery producing sherries, ports and muscats. Probably his greatest accomplishment was the hiring in 1921 of a 14-year-old boy Tom McDonald.

The Taradale Winery later became McDonald's Wines.

Stop Seven B McDonald Wines Ltd. T B McDonald

Born on 12 September 1907 at Greenmeadows, Hawke's Bay. After leaving Taradale School, he started work at Bartholomew Steinmetz's Taradale vineyard. In 1927 McDonald bought the business; he was only 19.

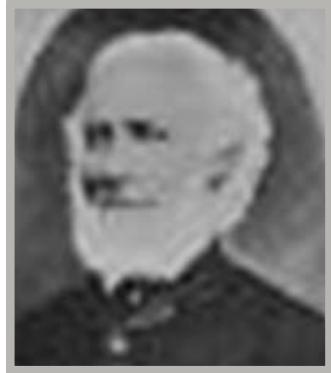


Pictured, Toms staff of 1949, Tom is far left with the hat.

Stop Eight, Henry Stokes Tiffen

Area now known as the Knightsbridge subdivision.

Henry Stokes Tiffen was born on 12 July 1816, at Hythe, Kent, England. Mr. Tiffen landed at Wellington under engagement to the New Zealand Company. He subsequently purchased his Greenmeadows Estate.



Tiffens Vineyard on Church Rd where about 50 children would pick grapes. Tiffen at this time had all European grape varieties growing, his vineyard and winery were recognised as being of the most up to date for the time. The first wine made here was in 1896, unfortunately Tiffen died in the same year. The entire business was handed over to his Niece who later pulled the vines out and sold off the wine making gear.

Your Branch Photos

Thursday Night Dinner



Art Deco Friday Rally



Taken in Maraetotara valley



Your Branch Photos



Your Branch Photos

Saturday Morning



Your Branch Photos



Art Deco clothing Awards- presented by Diane Quarry



Best Girl -Peaches Dykstra



Best Boy - Gabrielle Booth



Best family Group -The classic Stryders Family



**Best female Original clothing
Sally Gardiner**



**Best Couple - original clothing
Brent & Lou Mathieson**

Your Branch Photos



Best Female reflecting the Art Deco Style - Kerry Elton



Best male reflecting the Art Deco style - Anton Both



Best Theme Group - Snelgrove group



Best couple reflecting the Art Deco style -Marica & Gary Peacock



Peoples Choice Award for Best Car - Fran & John Southward



Art Deco Parade









East Cape Motorhome, Caravan Trip.

A few members with motorhomes and caravans are kicking around the idea of a trip around East Cape in September or early October for about two weeks. Would you be interested.

The idea is to travel to Gisborne, spend a couple of nights there and visit Eastwoodhill Arboretum and other places of interest then amble on up the coast to Tolaga Bay, Anaura Bay, Tokomaru Bay, TeAraroa and East Cape light, Hicks Bay, Waihou Bay, TeKaha, Opotiki and then either through the Waioweka Gorge to Gisborne and home or via Whakatane, Waikite Valley for a hot swim, Taupo and home.

Staying a few nights at some of the above places and visiting points of interest along the way and in those areas. The exact itinerary and places to stay eg NZMCA parks, freedom camping places and campgrounds will be worked on with input from all those interested in joining the trip. Also giving flexibility for those who want to stay longer in some places to do some fishing, diving and then catch up with others further along the journey.

As an example of the journey style, day 1. Leave Napier about 10am, stop for morning tea at Putorino Domain, lunch at Wairoa, Morere hot springs for afternoon tea or a soak. Then onto Eastwoodhill and set up for the night, happy hour then cook own dinner. Next day visit the Arboretum. Any travelling day would be broken up into morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea stops plus visits to places of interest for those who wish. End of each day would have a group get together happy hour.

If you could be interested, then email Colin Barnes **thebarnz@xtra.co.nz** with Eastcape Trip as the subject and what vehicle type you have, if you are an NZMCA member, would prefer campgrounds or don't mind some freedom camping, have pets travelling with you and any other input you would like to give.

Prior to the above a shorter trip possibly down the Wairarapa coast is also being considered for late April early May.

Thanks Colin Barnes



Attention Members!



Club Room Hire

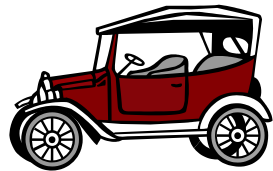
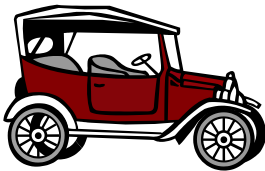


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Costs are: \$150 Hire fee
Refund of \$50 providing the club rooms are left in a clean and orderly manner.

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



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Spares News

By John Durry



Hi All

We had a good month last month, February, good sales plus the MG car, so on to our next big event for the spares and only 2 months away.

We have a big deceased estate job for next month, so the team will be ready to clear a wool store in Awatoto of engine parts, we wish to thank Michael Morgan for thinking of the club. We will advise what we have when we get sorted. We also want to thank Alan Jones for a lot of Vauxhall parts, Geoff Quarry for his 29 Chev gearbox wheel & other bits, Buzz Electrical for cables & auto service manuals.

End of the month don't forget sausage sizzle is on end of each month.

Until next time
Cheers John Durry

CLUB SPARE PARTS CORNER

For any enquiries phone:
Brian Taylor on 027 443 6009 or
John Durry 022 676 9401





Welcome to our Club

Bruce Leppard - 1947 Ford Deluxe Sedan

Don Price - 1932 Buick Coupe

Calendar of Up and Coming Events



March Events	April Events	Future Events
<p>4th March Mid - week Run Committee meeting</p>	<p>1st April Mid - week Run Committee meeting</p>	<p>3rd May 2026 Sunday Swap Meet</p>
<p>11th March Club Night</p>	<p>8th April Club Night</p>	
<p>15th March Sunday Club Run</p>	<p>12th April Sunday Club Run</p>	
<p>27th March Mix & Mingle Evening</p>	<p>24th April Mix & Mingle Evening</p>	

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