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disconnected, please refer to our
website

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Website: www.hbvcc.org.nz

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

Send In Your Contributions

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

- **Please submit your contributions by:**
- **20th of the Month**
- **Please supply your content in a word document with photos sent separately. Please indicate within the word document the image number that needs to be placed within.**
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Chairman's Report



By Robert Benge

I start on a sad note this month, I wanted to acknowledge the recent passing of our long-standing member, Mr. Neville Wilson. Neville had been a member of the VCCNZ for over sixty years. Like all of us, he had a great passion for cars and machinery, and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Our sincere condolences go to Val and the family.

Congratulations to all members who received their service awards. It is always a proud moment to recognise the dedication and commitment that keeps our club strong year after year. A special mention must go to the members who achieved their 50-year awards—an outstanding milestone and a testament to their loyalty and contribution over so many decades.

I would also like to extend our sincere thanks to Glyn Clements North Island Club Captain for attending and presenting the awards. Many of you will be aware of Glyn's long-standing history with our branch, which made his presence all the more meaningful. It was a pleasure to have him with us for such an important occasion.

It was also great for me personally to attend a Tuesday morning coffee recently. It has been a while since I was last able to join, and it was very pleasing to see that these mornings are as popular as ever. They remain a fantastic opportunity for members to catch up, share stories, and enjoy each other's company.

A quick update on the 2027 Art Deco event: Larry and I have met with the Art Deco Trust to discuss and voice our concerns regarding the 2026 event. We are hopeful that, moving forward, this will lead to a more positive experience for all participants.

Looking ahead to 2027, the featured marque for Art Deco will be Buick. This will coincide with a Buick rally currently being planned by Neville Smith and his team, which promises to be an exciting event.

Just a reminder about upcoming events in May. First off is our annual Swap Meet will be held on Sunday 3rd. Please come along and support this event—Steve Donovan has put in a lot of work to make this event a success.

Our May club night is also shaping up to be a special occasion. We have a fabulous guest speaker. Please read all the details in the mag. So mark your calendar for 7:30pm on Wednesday, May 13th.

Our May run will take place on Sunday, May 17th. We will be heading towards CHB with the aim of enjoying a country pub lunch. Please see further details elsewhere in the magazine.

I'm mindful of the current fuel situation, so we won't be overdoing the motoring side of the event, but it will be a great opportunity for a relaxed get-together in the country.

Thank you all for your ongoing support safe and happy motoring

Robert



Club Captains Notes

By Paul Anderson



Greetings all.

Firstly, I would like to congratulate those that received their 50,35- or 25-year membership badge at our last meeting. The night was dedicated to the presentations, and it was great to have them presented by Mr. Glyn Clements, our North Island Club Captain, who knew most of the recipients personally, being a past member of our club. It was great to hear the recipients reminiscing about times past.

Glyn also gave a rundown on the upcoming changes to the structure of the Vintage Car Club at National and District level.

We had a great turnout (over 50 cars) and a lovely sunny day for our April club run, which involved shed raids to two very interesting properties. The first property we visited was that of Alistair and Coral Aldridge at Poraiti, who have a large collection of interesting and rare vehicles, some of which have very interesting back stories.

Several people commented on Alastair's "man cave" and the view out over the estuary.

The second visit was to Mr. Tony Prebensen's property further down Puketitiri Road. Tony also has an interesting collection of cars, but I suspect a number of those present enjoyed a "cuppa" in the Autumn sun on Tony's deck, again taking in the magnificent view. Many people also took the opportunity at Tony's invitation to look through his "off the grid house" which he designed and built himself.

On behalf of the club, I would like to thank our two hosts. I don't make it easy for them when I tell them that they can expect between 10 or 50 cars depending on the weather and the current fuel situation, but both hosts took it in their stride.

We have a very interesting speaker and monthly run for May, so look for the details later in the bulletin.

Safe and happy motoring
Club Captain

Paul



Calendar of Events for May 2026



**MID-WEEK RUN -
Wednesday 6th May. Refer
to Details on Page 17**



**SUNDAY CLUB RUN
17th May -
Refer to Details on Page 12 - 13**



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

**MIX & MINGLE -
FRIDAY 29th May**

Doors open 6pm.
Dinner from 7pm.
BYO Drinks & Nibbles.
BYO Drinking Glasses Too.
**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.*



CLUB NIGHT

JOIN US FOR AN INFORMATIVE & ENGAGING EVENING

Special Guest Speaker

**SENIOR CONSTABLE
JOHN SINGER**

*Insights from the frontline
of community policing."*

John is the sole-charge officer based in Porangahau, Central Hawke's Bay, and has served the community for many years.

His career has taken him well beyond New Zealand, including service in East Timor and a stint on Pitcairn Island.

John brings with him a wealth of experience and many fascinating stories from his years on the frontline.

 **WEDNESDAY
13TH MAY**

 **7:30PM
CLUB ROOMS**

ALL MEMBERS WELCOME

> Save the date for a most interesting evening!



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

See you at the club.

Hawkes Bay Vintage & Classic Car Club Pie to Pub Rally

Sunday, May 17th



**Meet outside
Henry's Pie Shop, Otane
From 10.30am for 11am Start**

*Scenic countryside drive on all sealed roads to
A Lovely Country Pub for Lunch!*



Please RSVP to horselessauto@gmail.com

by Friday, May 8th



SAWYERS ARMS

Vintage Car Club Lunch Order Form

Names: _____

Main Course (please tick one)

- Beer Battered Fish & Chips (Large \$26, Small \$21) _____
 Crumbed Pan-fried
- Sawyers Burger - \$23 _____ \$23
 Gluten Free Option
- Steak Sandwich - \$25 _____ \$25
 Gluten Free Option
- Crumbed Chicken Schnitzel - \$25 _____ \$25

Dessert (please tick one)

- Ice Cream Sundae - \$12 _____ \$12
 Chocolate Raspberry Passionfruit Caramel
- Chocolate Brownie - \$15 _____ \$15
 Gluten Free
- No Dessert _____ Total = \$ _____

Total Amount for Lunch = _____ \$ _____

Please return your selection by **May 8th**

Email to: horselessauto@gmail.com

Phone Robert: 021 757215

Total Amount for Lunch = _____ \$



APPAREL ORDERS

PLEASE NOTE MEMBERS

Our next order for Apparel will be placed on the 15th May.

So get your orders in for these smart looking caps and T- shirts ladies and gentleman

Please lodge any orders to Ian Elmsly Ph: 027 4790 682

Sizing for T-shirts & pricing are all on page 15



Apparel Orders



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

Prices are as follows:

Caps \$30.00

Polo Shirts (mens & ladies) \$59.00

Polo Shirts (Kids). \$55.00

They are available in the following sizes:

Caps - one size fits all

Polo Shirts - Men's S to 5XL

Women's - 6 to 26

Kids - 4 - 16

These are all branded with the HBVCC logo and will only be available through Hawkes Bay Branch.



To place an order please complete the following order and hand to either Paul Anderson or Ian Elmsly.

Apparel Order Form



NAME:

PHONE NUMBER :

CAPS: NO. REQUIRED \$

POLO SHIRTS - MENS

SIZE NO REQUIRED \$.....

POLO SHIRTS - LADIES

SIZE NO REQUIRED \$.....

POLO SHIRTS - KIDS

SIZE NO REQUIRED \$.....

TOTAL AMOUNT: \$

Orders must be accompanied by either cash or bank deposit to the:

Clubs Account: 06-0701-0389864-00

Hawkes Bay Vintage Car Club Inc

Please ensure you include your Surname and reference "Apparel".

Classics on Wednesday's



Mid-week Wednesday May 6th

Our run for this day is still in progress at this stage so the norm will apply -

Clubrooms open from 9.30am first car away at 10.30am

Bring your EFTPOS card as we will finish up under cover but where is a mystery.

The event, if all goes to plan, will have you at two visits, one garden and one other of a different type.

The drive should be short, no back roads this time.

The June mid week will be my last one. I know the club captain and chairman are looking for the next person to step up, this could be you!

Give it some thought, and rest assured that you will have the support of many Classic runners, who will help and did so for me, for which I am very grateful.

All for now see you on the 6th

Cheers

Barrie & Lyndsay Browne



Mid - Week Run Report



Due to circumstances out of everyone's control we have no report as the April Mid-Week run was not held.



Swap Meet Notice

Back to Basic Swap Meet.

3rd May 2026.

Thanks to members who have volunteered to help at your Swap Meet.

If you are able to help out but have forgotten to put your name forward. No problem. You can still help.

Report to Kevin McGrath at Club Rooms before 6.45am and he will find a job for you.

Please remember this is a fundraiser for your Club.

Regards

Steve Donovan

Swap Meet Coordinator

HBVCCC Presentation of Membership Awards - Wednesday 8th April 2026



**Presented by North Island club Captain Glyn Clements
& Hawkes Bay Chairman Robert Bengé
25 Years**



Trevor Charman



John Cocking



Gary Kelly



Graham & Colleen Newrick

Absent was Wayne Richards

35 Years



John Durry



Kim Hunter



Katrina Nowlan

50 Years



Alan Harris



Mike Perry



Jim McFadyen



Graham Smith



Group Photo of the 50 Year participant's
Steve Trott was presented his 50 year badge in
February 2026

Group photo of all the Awards presented to members on the night.



If anyone is wanting a copy of the photos taken on award night please contact Kay - Mag editor and I will email you a copy.

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MEEANEE SPEEDWAY
67 SANDY ROAD

→ **3rd MAY 2026** ←

SWAP MEET!

★ **CAR CORRAL!** ★

Automotive Memorabilia • Collectables • Books Etc.

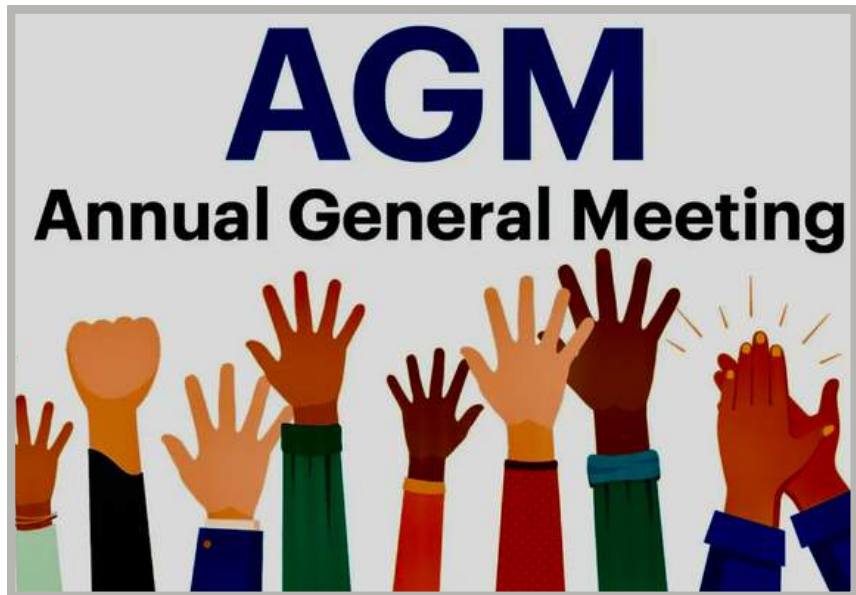


SELLER SET UP 7AM • SITE FEE \$20.00

PUBLIC ENTRY 8AM

ENTRY \$5.00 • KIDS UNDER 12 FREE

Reminder to all members



Our AGM is coming up on

WEDNESDAY 10TH JUNE 2026

Please put this date in your calendar

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

AGM NOMINATION FORM



HAWKES BAY BRANCH (INC) OF THE VINTAGE CAR CLUB OF NEW ZEALAND (INC) For committee and officers to be voted on at the Annual General Meeting to be held on:

WEDNESDAY 10TH JUNE 2026

At the Club Rooms

67 Sandy Road, Meeanee, Napier at 7.30pm

POSITION:.....

NOMINEE NAME:.....

SIGNATURE.....DATE.....

PROPOSER NAME:.....

SIGNATURE.....DATE.....

SECONDER NAME:.....

SIGNATURE.....DATE.....

All must be FINANCIAL MEMBERS OF THE BRANCH and nominations must be in the hands of the Secretary at least 7 clear days prior to the meeting as per rule 9.6 of the 2018 club rules.

Your Branch Photos



Sunday 19th April - 1st Shed Raid Run. Property of Alastair & Coral Aldridge



Your Branch Photos



Club Captain Paul welcoming everyone



Alastair giving a talk on his cars









Shed Raid No 2 - Property of Tony Prebensen





Attention Members!



Club Room Hire

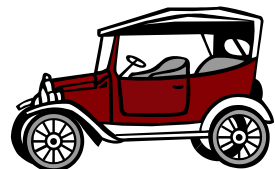
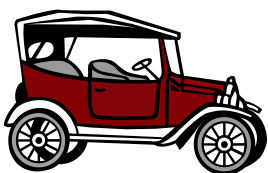


Our clubrooms are available to members to hire for special events!

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.
\$18.000.00

Ph 027 246 9899 or email mcbruce1951@gmail.com





Welcome to our Club

David Robertson & Bett Anson

Graham Clark - 1969 Bedford Van

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



May Events	June Events	Future Events
<p>3rd May Sunday Swap Meet</p>	<p>3rd June Mid-week run/committee Meeting</p>	<p>30th October to 2nd November Safari</p>
<p>6th May Committee meeting Mid-week Run</p>	<p>10th June AGM Club Night</p>	
<p>13th May Club Night</p>	<p>14th June Sunday Club Run</p>	
<p>17th May Sunday Club Run</p>	<p>26th June Mix & Mingle Night</p>	
<p>29th May Mix & Mingle Evening</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

To register your interest, please email Hilary Nyberg (eventmanager@artdeconapier.com)

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