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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



Greetings,

We've had a number of events in recent times including the Daffodil Day fundraiser for the New Zealand Cancer Society. Unfortunately I was unable to attend this event by all accounts it was most successful event the afternoon was capped off with a great presentation by Michael Fowler. Many thanks to Paul and Barrie for arranging this event.

We must also congratulate the VCC National Day Coordinator Kaaren Smylie on an amazing result nationally for the VCCNZ the overall total raised for New Zealand was \$110k.

We've just wrapped up hosting the NorthShore VCC branch which was a most successful weekend we had our wonderful kitchen team back which produced a fantastic meal.

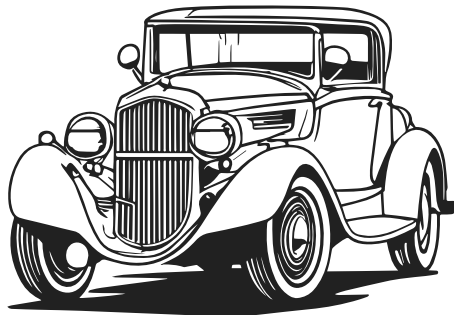
The Northshore branch visited a number of Hawke's Bay locations and collections which they seem to really enjoy. It was great to spend some time with their members enjoying the camaraderie between our branches and their members were most impressed with our Clubroom facilities.

We've been very fortunate over the 2025 year to have had a fantastic selection of speakers to date most of them being members of our branch this continues for our October club night.

Captain Paul is working on securing a very interesting speaker for a future club night focused around the cyclone recovery this one is definitely not to be missed. We have some great upcoming events including the not to be missed HOMESTEAD RUN.

Finally, I would like to personally thank Larry Morgan. Larry has carried a heavy workload on behalf of the club in recent times including tidying up the Club Constitution and covering the treasurers role in Paul's absence as well as covering his own librarian and Secretary duties his has been greatly appreciated.

Safe & Happy Motoring



Club Captains Notes

By Paul Anderson



Greetings members,

Not for sissies Sometimes the fickle hand of fate conspires against you. I knew I was in trouble on last month's Sunday run when we turned onto the expressway and saw angry black clouds hovering over our intended destination.

We were not to be disappointed - It was hosing down at Tangoio and my worst fears were realised when I turned onto the long section of metal road.

Malcolm and I had checked the road the week before (he said trying to shift a portion of the blame) and the road was in good condition with spectacular views in all directions, which I think I may have mentioned in my reminder.

However, the rain had turned the road to mud and the view due to the mist was about three inches beyond your nose. There were only two cars behind me on the metal road, a certain Vauxhall that had lost its windscreen wipers, and the Chairman who was tail end Charlie.



As we crept along, I could see there had been vehicles over the road in front of me so I thought I may have to deal with some flack at some stage (some cars did turn back).

After what seemed an eternity, we arrived at the Duke of Gloucester and my even worse fears were realised when I saw the state of some of the cars parked outside - they were covered in mud.

I could see that there was a good turnout and I thought they may have had a tow rope out from someone's boot ready for a public lynching of the organiser.

But everyone seemed to enjoy the conviviality and refreshments and the fact that they would spend a good portion of next week cleaning their cars was forgotten for the time being.

Sooooo..... I have decided to play my "get out of jail free" card and move on.

North Shore VCC Visit; Over the weekend of 20/21 September this club visited Hawkes Bay on what is basically their version of our "Safari". As a part of this visit, we hosted them for dinner at our club on the Saturday evening. As usual the kitchen team turned on a magnificent meal for the 64 in attendance (45 from North Shore) and as ever our thanks go to Malcolm, Leslie, Ian and Kay for anchoring this team.

Our Spares Manager was at the dinner and was asked to open the parts department and as well as a number of sales, I received several favourable comments on how well the spares department was organised and the terrific extent of the inventory.

Take a bow spares department. The visitors along with members of our club visited a number of collections while here including Lemons Museum, Kelvin Taylors and the Faraday centre.

Just before signing off, I just want to mention our Tuesday morning gathering and encourage anyone at a loose end to come along for coffee from 9.30 for 10am. You can enjoy the camaraderie, get any spares you require, tell stories and you will certainly hear “tall tales and true from the legendary past”.

Safe and happy motoring - Paul



Calendar of Events for October 2025



MID-WEEK RUN - Wednesday 1st October. Refer to Details 13.

Meet at the Club rooms
10am for a 10.30am
Departure.



SUNDAY CLUB RUN - 12th October.

Refer to Details on
Page 14.



CLUB NIGHT - Wednesday 8th October at 7.30pm. Refer details on page 12.

After the meeting there
will be tea & coffee & cake
provided.

MIX & MINGLE NIGHT - Friday 31st October.

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.*

Club Night - 8TH October

@7.30pm - Please save the date



Our guest speaker will be Tony Roberts

Tony is a Director of Thunder Ridge, N Z's newest Motorsport Park opening in 2026. Focusing on grass roots motorsport events, the 70-hectare facility will include a 3.2 km circuit, pit garages, on site garages, club rooms, café and camping ground (see website www.thunderridge.co.nz).



“We have worked closely with the council throughout the development stage of the Thunder Ridge idea and we are now in a position to turn that idea into a reality”

Tony, who has spoken to the club previously, was the owner and builder of Hampton Downs motorsport Park and is the President of the Historic Racing Club and Historic Muscle and Saloon Cars.

Tony will tell us the story of the development of the park so far and will be a most interesting speaker so save the date and come along and hear him. See you all there !

Mid - Week Run - 1st October



The usual, meet at the Club, then away at 10.30 am

There will be a short walk & talk thru an interesting venue
before us/we all set up for a bring your own picnic.



& chairs etc.

There will be toilets available.

See you then 😊

Kind Regards
Lee-Anne Freeman

Sunday Club Run - 12th October



Ladies Day Outing. (Or men drivers in dresses)
Starting from Club Rooms at 1.15pm for 1.30 start.

We will have a drive in the country for approx 42km.
Approx 3/4 hour.

Our destination is Bayview Volunteer Fire brigade where
will be shown around the fire Trucks and Station.



Jess Leslie X ADT Event Manager will give us a idea of life
as a volunteer Fire Person.

After the presentation your can adjourn to Bayview Hotel
for Coffee or cold drink.

Steve Donovan- Run organiser

Regards
Paul Anderson

North Shore Branch Visit - Saturday 20th September



Chairman Robert & Club Captain Paul welcoming our guests to the club



Hastings Blossom Parade 20th September 2025



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September 2025 -Mid-Week Run Report



By Mary Anderson

Spring was in the air, as we all set off on the mid-week run, titled "An Inspiring Day Out". Before we left the clubrooms, we all enjoyed a cuppa and scones with jam and whipped cream, thanks to Barbi and Jim, well, mostly Barbi I think! What a way to start the morning!

As we made our way through lovely green countryside, with so many new lambs and their mothers enjoying the sunny day, we were all thinking, 'winter is now behind us'. Following instructions, we made our way to Pakipaki Road, to find three churches of very different ages and religions, in close proximity of each other. We had questions to answer about each one. It was an interesting little settlement of churches including a marae.

With questions answered, it was back on the main road and passing the Peka Peka Wetlands. We arrived at the most delightful little church, which Colin and I have always admired as we passed by on the highway. It is called "The Christ Church Pukehou". It is a significant and picturesque landmark on State Highway 2 and is the oldest church in Hawkes Bay. A very special place for Barbi and Jim too, as they were married in this church in 1994.



Today, we were warmly greeted by Hugh McBain, who's great grandfather built the church in 1859. He gave us a great talk on its history. Over the years, additions were carried out and in 2002 a complete restoration was undertaken. Looking at he beautiful timbers throughout, all polished and perfect, while sitting there looking through the stained-glass window, was magnificent. A very special place to visit.

Even though they do not have regularly weekly worship here now, they do have special services, concerts, Christmas services, as well as weddings.



No one was in any hurry to leave this wonderful church with such iconic history. The lovely large Oak trees outside, framed it beautifully. These were grown from acorns brought over from England at the time the church was built.



From there we took a scenic drive, following the part two instructions, and yes "Spire Spotting Again", as well as collecting names, dates etc. After going through and around Otane, and then onto roads we had never travelled before, we enjoyed seeing new scenery. It was a great drive on a lovely day finishing at the Clive Hotel for lunch. Barbi's lovely daughter, who lives in Barbados, and a friend, joined us on the run. It was a super day enjoyed by all. Next was prizegiving and Angel wings and crosses on gold chains were presented to the 'clever ones'. Thank you, Barbi and Jim, for another great day!

Your Branch Photos



Sunday Club Run 14th September



Your Branch Photos



Your Branch Photos

Wet gravel roads in rural Hawkes Bay







A refreshing drink at the Duke is well-deserved after the run.



Attention Members!



Club Room Hire

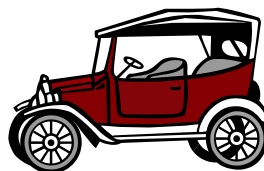
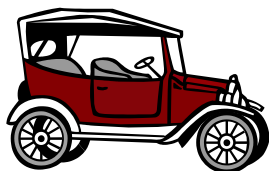


Our clubrooms are available to members to hire for special events!

Costs are: \$150 Hire fee
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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
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Email: mcbruce1951@gmail.com
Ph. 027 246 9899 or 06 876 6161

Classifieds - For Sale/Wanted



Wanted:

I am building a 1913 Cyclecar and will need paraffin side lamps and a single acetylene headlamp and tail lamp.

Anything cluttering up the workshop you want to offload? If you have anything else that might suit I'd be pleased to hear about them too.

David Gardiner: dirge@mailfence.com Ph: 06 835 9492

Wanted to Buy:

Austin A40 Devon engine in good running order with or without gearbox.

Would consider reconditioned short block or whole car with good motor for parts.

Contact: leoniegale@hotmail.com

Regards

Larry Gale

Notice Board



Welcome

TO THE CLUB

GRAHAM JOHNSON BSA Motorcycle 1948 - Bantam



15TH - 21ST MARCH 2026

By John Durry



It's hard to believe that we only have 12 weeks till Christmas. Tuesday mornings are becoming very popular and reached 51, two weeks ago, and our parts sales are going well.

Richard Horsefield unfortunately has not sold his Triumph 2500 and is starting to get desperate, he only wants \$2500 which is a giveaway, so give him a ring on 021 248 2809, its a lovely car.

We had some members drop off parts, Steve Donovan V8 brake parts & wiper parts, Quarries some speedo parts & luggage rack.

Finally we have got a 6" wire wheel for our grinder in our parts store. I want to thank John C & Ivan L for the help they have put into this.

Until next time
Cheers John Durry

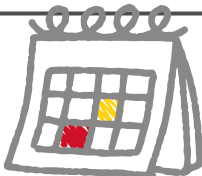
CLUB SPARE PARTS CORNER

For any enquiries phone:
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Calendar of Up and Coming Events



November Events	December Events	Future Events
5th November Mid-week run/ Committee Meeting	3rd December Mid-week run/ Committee Meeting	February 19th 20th 21st 22nd Art Deco Festival
12th November Club Night	12th December Club Night	Sunday 3rd May Swap Meet
16th November Sunday Club run Annual Homestead Run	14th December Sunday Club run	
28th November Mix & Mingle		
		

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NZ Vintage Car Club - Discount Rates

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- No-shows are non-refundable.
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- Amendments made prior to 24 hours before the scheduled departure date and time are free of charge.
- Amendments are not permitted within 24 hours before, or any time after, the scheduled departure date and time.
- Amendments are subject to availability.

3. CANCELLATION CONDITIONS

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