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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

Send In Your Contributions

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

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Chairman's Report

By Robert Benge



Well, spring has certainly arrived, and with the mild weather come plenty of opportunities to get our cars out on the road and enjoy the company of fellow club members.

The September outing to Taniwha Daffodils appears to have been another enjoyable run, with a scenic drive and a beautiful morning tea at Ashcott Homestead. These outings provide a relaxed opportunity to catch up with fellow members while exploring some of the wonderful countryside around Hawke's Bay.

I would also like to thank all members who took the time to vote on the proposal regarding an increase in the VCC subscription fees. I greatly appreciate everyone who participated in the process, and especially those members who took the time to provide valuable feedback and share their thoughts. Your input is important and helps ensure that the views of our members are properly considered.

Looking ahead, there is plenty happening within the branch. With spring and summer approaching, I encourage everyone to make the most of the club programme, bring your vehicle along whenever you can, and enjoy seeing the wonderful variety of cars owned by fellow club members.

The featured marque for the Art Deco Weekend 2027 will be Buick, celebrating 100 years since Buicks were assembled in New Zealand. We look forward to welcoming Buick enthusiasts as part of what promises to be another memorable Art Deco Weekend.

Please keep an eye on the club Magazine , emails reminders and website for details of upcoming events. Polish the car, join the fun and make the most of the months ahead.

Robert

Club Captains Notes

By Ian Elmsly



Greetings all,

And another month passes by! Where has the year gone?

We have had a good month weather wise, with the gods looking down on us for both the Mid Week Run and the Sunday Run. Sunday in particular was a great day with a good turnout and some 53 of us treated to tea and scones at Ashcott Homestead before going onto the Taniwha Daffodil park for a picnic lunch and a wander amongst the flowers.

Our Club meeting presented a relatively low turnout, and we discussed the Motion put forward by National Office for the increase in subscriptions. The vote from those present was a clear No. We now await the comments/feedback from national office.

We were lucky to have had a talk from Secretary Larry on his recent trip to Cape York in Australia, with some interesting pictures (and wildlife). So thank you Larry.

Coming up we have our Club meeting in October and an interesting run and a visit . So that's it from me. Short & sweet.

Cheers
Ian



Calendar of Events for OCTOBER 2026

MID-WEEK RUN -

Wednesday 7TH OCTOBER

Refer to Details on **Page 11**



**CLUB NIGHT Wednesday
14TH OCTOBER**

Refer to Details on **Page 8**



***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.*



SUNDAY CLUB RUN

SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER

Refer to Details on **Page 10**

MIX & MINGLE - PLEASE

NOTE: NO MIX & MINGLE

THIS MONTH

NEXT DATE WILL BE - FRIDAY

27TH NOVEMBER -LAST ONE

FOR THE YEAR!

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.



October Club Night



Wednesday 14th

7.30PM

**MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW NEARER THE TIME DUE
TO CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGING WITH OUR GUEST SPEAKER**

**COME ALONG AND JOIN US FOR OUR MEETING.
HAVE A CHAT AND A CUPPA & SUPPER AFTERWARDS**





SUNDAY CLUB RUN



**11TH OCTOBER (PLEASE
NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)**



Assemble at the club at 1.00pm for a 1.30PM DEPARTURE.

There will be a short run, then our destination will be to the airport to visit the the new fire station. Arriving around 2.30pm.



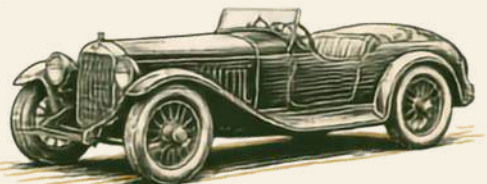
Come and join us. See you there.



**Ian Elmsly
Club Captain**



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A Taste of Honey



HAWKES BAY VINTAGE AND CLASSIC CAR

DATE: 7 OCTOBER 2026

A short run over some well-travelled roads –
No gravel today!!

9:30am MEET AT THE CLUBROOMS

10:00am LEAVE

for a coffee stop at the Clive Café and Bakery (plenty of parking just around the corner on Williamson Road)

**Around 10:45am HEAD TOWARDS
HAVELOCK NORTH TO VISIT THE
ARATAKI HONEY VISITER CENTRE**

- For a short welcome and briefing
- Followed by a tasting experience with a bit of a difference
- And of course the opportunity for some shopping!

LUNCH AT A WELL-KNOWN HOSTELRY

The full menu will be available, but it would be wise to order upon arrival. This establishment does not normally take bookings, but they have agreed to set tables aside for us.



See you on the 7th

Regards Anne & Richard Comrie



Plenty of parking
just around the
corner on Williamson
Road

Mid - Week Run Report

SEPTEMBER 2ND 2026



THE SPRING SURPRISES RUN ORGANISERS BARB AND JIM SPEERS.

What did Barb and Jim have in store for us this time around. In the past these two have had us doing all sorts of wonderful things. Tea and scones up Te Mata Peak, lunch at St Matthews Church in Hastings, Lunch at their farm sitting on Jims straw bales, last year driving all over the countryside counting church Spires.

Heading out from the club rooms after a short briefing we drove out to Clive down Farndon Rd into Pakowhai Rd to park in or near the Graceland's Retirement Living

Following directions from the Marshalls saw us gather in the social Room where Barb and team had prepared morning tea, coffee, scones, cake and biscuits. We were introduced to the "young manager" lady who presented a short description of what is available there.

Leaving Graceland's while driving, in what was supposed to be convoy, we then headed out down Duke St, turned off at Tomoana Rd passing the lovely Cornwall Park, into St Aubyn St into Hasting St and find a park near to the new Amokura HB Museum building where a tour was arranged. In two groups we were shown some of the 90,000 treasures that the museum has stored away. This was a very interesting tour of parts available for us to wonder at. Cost of this \$21m facility came from central Govt and sponsors, what a great facility this is to have here in the Bay.

Darracq Type R



Darracq cars were among the earliest luxury automobiles imported into New Zealand. Built in France, these cars were a popular choice of vehicle among wealthy individuals and pioneering tourism operators in the 1900s, due to their strength and durability.

The sole New Zealand agent Messrs Skeates and Bockaert Ltd enjoyed immense sales success, with over 300 Darracqs on the road by 1907. While car ownership was the domain of the wealthy, there were a number of professionals and farmers in Hawke's Bay who could afford to purchase and run such vehicles, and as one of the most powerful and reliable touring cars on the market the Darracq was particularly favoured by Hawke's Bay farmers.

This Darracq car dates to 1905-06. It has a twin cylinder engine. The car is original except for:

The rear seat

The front upholstery

The petrol tank (a Morris tank was fitted)

The carburettor (it disintegrated and a Ford carburettor was fitted)

The water pump (or rather the impeller), it had also disintegrated and a stainless steel part was fitted.

This car was originally purchased by a Gisborne sheep-farmer, Mr Heathcote Beetham Williams in 1907, and in 1909 he sold it to his sister, Winifred and brother-in-law, Frank Nelson of Havelock North. It had its back seat removed and a truck deck installed after the Nelson family purchased a bigger car. The seat was reconstructed about 1975.

The car remained in the Nelson family until 1990, when it was placed on loan at the museum. It was formally donated by the family to the Hawke's Bay Museums Trust collection, in 2025.

Darracq Type R, 1905-6, gifted by J F and William Nelson, collection of Hawke's Bay Museums Trust, Ruawharo Tā-ū-rangi, 2025/6



But time is of the essence today so again we are handed another set of instructions part 3 in fact. This time we are instructed to head out to Te Awanga and to look out for house no 273 the home of one Grumpy bloke that of Brian and Margaret Taylor and "Grumpys Garage"

What a clever bloke this Brain is, all sorts of animals made from old spanners, singer sewing machines made into anything that fits. Clearly a place for this old bloke to play till his heart is happy, be warned don't leave anything lying around as he will have it in a flash.

Noted on one wall was an advertisement for the National Tobacco Co which read -

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And after all of that we were offered a bunch of Daffodils by Margaret as we left.

Heading on further had us at Hygge Café at Clifton for a pre ordered lunch, beverages and chatter to wrap up yet another well planned and interesting outing.

To Barb and Jim, you have again exceeded all expectations with what was an exceptional day, our thanks to you both for your efforts, giving all so others had a great day.

Barrie & Lyndsay Browne

Your Branch Photos

September Sunday Club run 13th September 2026





Your Branch Photos







Your Branch Photos





Sunday Club Run 13th September 2026

What a great start, waking up to sunshine and no wind. Hurrah!

So off to Taniwha Daffodils with a morning tea stop at Ashcott Homestead on State Highway 50 at Ashley Clinton.

25 Cars and 54 Participants assembled at Bridge Par School carpark.

A short briefing and run sheet handed out, then we were sent on our way. The run took us West along Maraekakaho Road and Highway 50 for 61 kms.

My navigator and myself tootled along [I'm driving an 1956 Austin A35, that a friend nicked name "The Pea"] admiring the beautiful countryside and enjoying the quiet roads. Perfect for motoring in a Vintage.

We found the VCC sign and turned into the driveway, parked on the lawn in front of the impressive Homestead and headed to the front door, following the crowd.

We stepped inside and were immediately impressed by the beautiful timber panelling and ornate surroundings. I especially liked the timber staircase and lovely leadlight windows going up to the second storey.



After walking through another small room with lovely paintings and china, we came to the large dining room where tea and scones had been displayed on 3 tier cake stands on the very large table. We had a good choice of posh chairs to sit on, it was just like being a princess.



After a delicious scone and Yorkshire tea we were asked to gather at the front door step to have a short history of the life of the Homestead by John and Giovanni the current owners.

Built in 1863 it had a 14 kilometre driveway from the main road. John mentioned it had hosted royalty and dignitaries over many generations. Now a family home and a member of the Bed and Breakfast Group.

After an enjoyable stay we left to head to the Taniwha Daffodil Farm 16 kms away to our picnic spot.

We were all greeted personally at the gate to the farm by Raylene Mabin. The owner of the Taniwha Daffodils. This 120year old Homestead is a working 20 acre farm with glorious mature trees, large ponds and over 100 varieties of Daffodils.

All the funds raised goes to support CHB Parents Centre and Pregnancy Hub.

We parked up and found a lovey sunny spot in amongst some snowdrop bulb and tucked in to our prepared picnic food and enjoyed good conversation and smiles.

I think all the HBVCC members enjoyed a stroll around the mown paths picking a variety of pretty daffodils.

My bunch is doing well in a vase on my kitchen window sill and the Pea is safely back in the garage after its little adventure.

Thank you Malcom and Lesley and all their helpers for an enjoyable fun day out.

Lee-Anne Freeman

Attention Members!



Club Room Hire

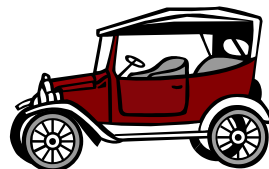
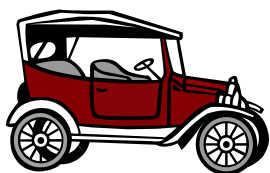


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and orderly manner.

The booking club member must
be present for the full duration
of the booking hire and is responsible for the premises
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site.

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



ART DECO FESTIVAL

RALLY

SCAN TO VIEW
A PREVIOUS
PARADE



NEWSFLASH To celebrate 100 years of Buick cars assembled in NZ the Art Deco Rally will now include Buick cars up to 1959

NAPIER - NEW ZEALAND

17TH - 23RD FEBRUARY - 2027

Join us for 5 days in the Art Deco Capital of the World. **Buick** is the featured Marque for the 2027 festival and will lead the parade. **Buick** vehicles manufactured between 1903 and ~~1949~~ 1959 are eligible to enter. The event will commemorate 100 years since **Buick** vehicles were assembled in New Zealand. For those travelling from overseas limited spaces will be available in cars so you can be part of this unique Art Deco experience.

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Classifieds - For Sale/Wanted



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For Sale:

FOR SALE

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humber@xtra.co.nz**

Free - Restored Cars Magazines

I have Australian Restored Cars magazines from the very first issue No. 1 Nov/Dec 1973 to No. 81 in 1988 with just one No.64 missing.

There is a huge amount of useful information in these compact magazines. Too good I think for recycling. Free

**Contact Graham Smith 027 2290158
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Together we're driving our history while making a difference across communities in New Zealand

After months of planning, organising, promoting and preparing, our 2026 Daffodil Rally for Cancer took place on Sunday 23 August.

This was our national event and across the country Vintage Car Club branches, Ford dealerships, and Cancer Society teams had brought the partnership to life – vintage cars were rolled into showrooms, daffodils appeared everywhere, cars were sign written and local communities were starting to take notice. The campaign became increasingly visible across New Zealand.

On that Sunday our clubrooms came alive with vehicles, visitors and plenty of yellow as we put our motoring enthusiasm to work for an incredibly worthwhile cause.

This year a new format was tried in the form of a Poker Run with the Rally starting in two different points and converging on the clubrooms where lunch was available to be purchased.

Invitations had been sent out to the various motoring clubs in Hawke's Bay and a pamphlet drop of 300 leaflets was made at the Roam & Chrome get-together on the Marine Parade in early August.

From 11am, 41 cars started from Bay Ford in Napier and 25 from Havelock Primary School. Volunteers from the local Cancer Society and Greenmeadows Rotary manned various check-points along the route handing out playing cards. The cars received 7 cards in total of which they discarded two to get the best poker hand.

Once parked at the clubrooms, we could see the work that some entrants had put into decorating their vehicles (and themselves). The lunch on offer was soup & a bun, a hamburger and tea or coffee and cake. The clubrooms were full and some had to sit out on the veranda, luckily it was fine although quite windy. The catering team fed approx 140 people. A successful day like this relies on many hands doing many different things, and our lunch was another important part of welcoming everyone home from the Rally.

Trevor and Lyn Charman won the best poker hand. Stephen from Bay Ford in Hastings choose the best Ford which was a 1953 Ford Prefect. Chris from the Cancer Society choose the best decorated car which was won by Alastair and Jean Chalmers. Chris also judged the best dressed female being Sandra Marsh and best dressed male Kevin Cairns. As well there were spot prizes to be won.

As previously mentioned, Ford across New Zealand came on board as the main supporters of the event. In Hawke's Bay the Bay Ford dealership teams got involved and decorated their showrooms with vintage Fords and an impressive amount of yellow.

The Hawke's Bay Cancer Society provided a team of volunteers to help with our event and a big thanks to them and also Greenmeadows Rotary who also marshalled. We were over-subscribed with offers to marshal which bodes well for next year.

A big thanks to the following businesses who provided sponsorship for the food or prizes:



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Bay Ford Hastings and Napier



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Star Foods

Dollarama

I would like to personally thank Lesley and Malcolm Blair in particular for their help and support both behind the scenes and on the day, but also a huge thanks to our members (and some non-members) who helped in so many ways whether it was baking, soup making, decorating the clubrooms, serving food, parking cars or simply encouraging someone else to come along. It all matters.

We raised \$3,500 which importantly will be donated to the local Cancer Society here in Hawke's Bay. We had 66 cars on the run, of those around 25 were non-members. What a great way to introduce them to our Club and our fantastic amenities.

Let's see what we can do next year!

Diane Quarrie

Spares News

By John Durry



Hi All

We are still getting good numbers for our Tuesday outings but unfortunately our sales are down.

We need to thank the following people who have donated to the club, Mark Johnston, ex Gareth Johnston for some new blue star mags for motor bikes. More books & parts ex Steve Trott. Neville Smith a box of Morris parts. Graham Peddler books & door handles. Graham Smith collection of ali gearbox housing. Gee motors c/- Paul Anderson new fuel pumps & filters. Evan Vance a big box of car badges. Kurt Rewitzki, not a member as yet but been in a couple of times, dropped of some boxes of his fathers which contained socket set & a lot of car tools & parts.

Don't forget our sausage sizzle & cheese rolls at the end of each month, remember to bring your \$2.00

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

Steve Connolly - 1965 Vauxhall Sedan

Neville Cameron - 1972 Jensen 1 Mark 3 -
1972 Chrysler Valiant

North Island Easter Rally

26-28 March 2027

Proudly Hosted by Manawatu Branch VCC



ENTRIES CLOSE 28th JANUARY 2027

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Car/Van/Ute/Trailer up to 5.5m	\$150	\$154
Extra Length each 0.5m	\$39	\$39

*Peak Fares apply for travel on 15 December 2026 to 31 January 2027 and Easter weekend 25 to 30 March 2027.

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- Bluebridge reserves the right to review these terms and conditions from time to time. The Club President will be notified of any changes and the changes will apply to any new or amended bookings made after the date of notification.



Calendar of Up and Coming Events



October Events	November Events	Future Events
7th October Mid-week run/committee Meeting	4th November Committee meeting	30th October to 2nd November Safari
11th October Club Run (Please Note change of date)	11th November Mid-week Run (note change of date) 11th November Club Night	
14th October Club Night	15th November Sunday Club Homestead Run	
30th October Mix & Mingle Night Cancelled for this month only Safari 30th October - 2nd November	27th November Mix & Mingle Night	

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