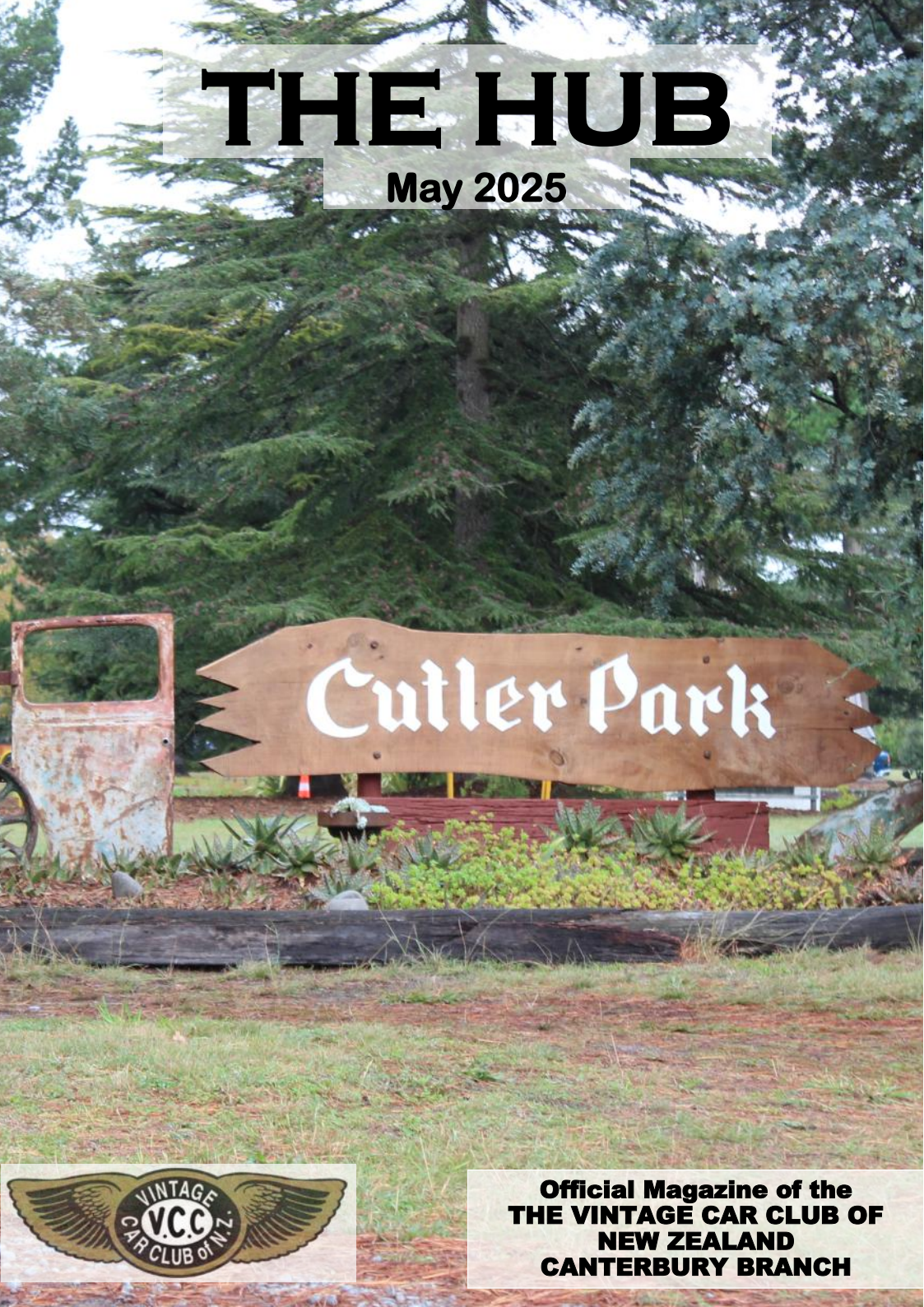


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1ST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH**

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Cutler Park sign

Canterbury Branch Activities and Events

May

Thurs 1st	Noggin and Natter
Sun 4th	Autumn Run
Tues 6th	Grounds Maintenance
Wed 7th	9-90s / Motorcycle Noggin
Sun 11th	Rural Run
Sun 18th	OCBC
Tues 20th	Grounds Maintenance
Wed 21th	Commercial Noggin and Natter
Wed 28th	North Canterbury Noggin
Sat/Sun 31/1st June	Irishman's

June

Tues 3rd	Grounds Maintenance
Thurs 5th	Noggin and Natter
Sun 8th	Restoration of the Year
Wed 11th	9-90s / Motorcycle Noggin & AGM
Sun 22nd	OCBC/ Branch AGM
Tues 17th	Grounds Maintenance
Wed 18th	Commercial Noggin and Natter
Wed 25th	North Canterbury Noggin

For the latest status of our events check our website. Online readers click here.



Canterbury Branch Monthly Programme

Noggin Night

1st Thursday of the month

9-90s

1st Wednesday after noggin

Motorcycle Noggin

2nd Wednesday of the month

Commercial Noggin

3rd Wednesday of the month

North Canterbury Noggin

4th Wednesday of the month

Old cars, bikes and coffee

3rd Sunday of the month

Grounds Maintenance Morning

1st Tuesday and third Tuesday of the month

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



Autumn is now very much upon us, with the evenings getting darker and the mornings a bit frosty, but still pleasant enough to get out and enjoy the days in between if you're not too occupied cleaning up falling leaves.

The South Island Easter Rally was a very enjoyable weekend of driving entertaining and scenic rally routes and socialising, a big thank you on behalf of the Branch to the rally organising committee of Selwyn Cox, Lorraine Stewart, Gary and Rhonda Genet, Marty and Judy Christie, John & Sylvia Bartlett, and Katryna for working with the rally committee and keeping the branch committee up to date and reassured that everything was under control. Thanks also to the many others who helped out over the weekend keeping everyone fed, watered and going in the right direction, your contribution is greatly appreciated.

Earlier in the month was the annual P group rally, with a very pleasant drive in great weather to finish at the Little River pumpkin festival, complete with parking in the display area meaning not too far to walk to take a look around the various stalls and entertainment.

There's still plenty coming up on the calendar to look forward to, and still not too cold in the garage to make some progress on the automotive projects, or in my case reassembling a motorcycle after discovering that installing the missing factory airbox to hopefully make it a bit happier on cold mornings means stripping to almost a bare frame. Never mind, at least everything will be clean and lubricated once it's all back together.

See you out and about.

Neil Shaskey

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Branch AGM Sunday 15th June 2025 1pm
after OCBC ,in the Branch Main Hall. See
You all there.



We continue to maintain our buildings and grounds to the highest standard confirmed by the positive feedback at the last three Executive meeting held at Canterbury Branch.

We now have a leader of our hard working maintenance team, Peter Blacklock 021 181 3491 come out to one or two of our grounds maintenance mornings twice a month 1st and 3rd Tuesday .

We also have a Building Maintenance leader Peter Merrifield who turns up whenever we need him and beavers away on odd sort of days week in week out. If you feel you could give him a helping hand from time to time I'm sure he would appreciate it. Peter M 021 435 118 Many hands make light work.

If you notice a few more Cameras around the ground you are right. There have been a few unexplained happenings around the grounds and buildings lately **YOU ARE BEING WATCHED**
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contacting the Secretary.



CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT



Welcome to Autumn! Crikey all of a sudden the temperature has just dropped.



The "P" group rally was good fun. This year I roped my cousin into helping out with the field tests. I also suggested, which she did, having a drive of my MG. After many years of driving only an automatic I can say she did extremely well and together the field tests were one of the

best I have achieved. LOL. We then headed off around the east coast to Little River and the pumpkin festival. The weather was perfect and seeing so many different cars and pumpkins was something a bit different



The National South Island Easter Rally was the next rally off the blocks and what a huge success it was. 91 cars had entered. Some of the The South Island Club Captains Tour participants joined our rally on Good Friday. The rally was based out of Cutler Park because we were celebrating 50 years since

Cutler Park gained its name. The weekend consisted of great rally routes, getting together with members from around the country, new friendships forged, and lots of laughs. The weath-

er held out, but only just. At least it was good for the BBQ. I think next time the participants might bring shotguns to get the bunnies?



The National Trophy winners were: Sun Alliance Trophy - Southland Branch. Penzoil Trophy - Canterbury Branch. Townshend Trophy Concours - George Lee 1904 Alldays and Onions. PPG Overall Trophy - Mick and Gail Ingram 1929 Model 27 Buick. There were many other winners. Congratulations to all.

Unfortunately the Ross Butler Memorial Grasskhana needed to be postponed indefinitely this year. The felling of the trees will be happening at the same time.

Our team will be working on the Calendar of Events during the month of May, getting ready to present it at our AGM in June.

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Easter Rally 2025

Friday's weather was very dismal and Bruce was not too sure if we should take the Hup. Sat morning, we sat in bed, its too dark to tell what the weather is like but the forecast said it was warm out there. The cat came in dry so we quickly prepared the Hup and put it in the trailer to travel to Cutler Park. The rally was great, easy instructions around new subdivisions in Rolleston and then out to Lincoln for lunch. Along the way we had to keep an eye out for white plates with animals painted on them, that was challenging, as one we weren't sure off Bruce said it was a Zebra and I said Giraffe as it had spots not stripes.

The Sunday Rally was met with more damp weather so we opted for the Morris 8, Traveling through the Summerset retirement village was good with most residents coming out for a look. The evening meal at the Hornby club was good and we even got one of the prize bags.

Cutler Park has fond memories for us. Both our Parents were involved with the development at the start, we both helped Pat put the stones in the white sand then pour the cement over to make the fireplace in the barn. I helped my late father Albie Anderson spread the grass seed over the area by the pump house with a borrowed spreader off the back of his Chev truck. Alex Shadbolt My late father-in-law helped build the main hall and we were married there not long after it was opened. Our children spent a lot of time at the hall as I was the cleaner for a long time.

We would like to thank all the people involved in the organising this weekend and to the management team that have the grounds looking so good I am sure all the people that were involved at the start, many now past would be proud.

Shirley and Bruce Shadbolt

Photos can be accessed [Here](#)

From The Editors Desk



Hi All

Sorry hub is late this month, As you will see later in the hub the committee has had some sad news and I wanted to wait until it was public before releasing the news.

AGM is around the corner if you have to provide a report for the booklet could you please get this in to me by 15th of May so we can have this to the printer ASAP. Again this will be available on our website but has been moved, If you are looking for file. Head to our website — Under Newsletter you will see a button with **AGM** from there you will find the main file with 2024 and 2025 will be live at the start of June.

Just a reminder if those who want to get stuff in to The Hub to have it in by the due date.

Enjoy this issue!

Brodie

We have a new Hub email, if you haven't yet done so please save thehub@vcccanterbury.org.nz into your contacts. This address will allow you to contact me for Hub related Inquiries.

VETERAN REPORT



The *Old School Run* was our principal (pun intended) veteran event for March and April and doubled as the Rear Wheel Brake Rally for the early vintage machines. Held on 30th March, we once again struck it very lucky with the weather, with a warm and wind-less day making perfect motoring conditions for the 12 cars that took part the event. The numbers were somewhat disappointing, however what we lacked in participants was more than made up for by the wonderful scenery and the interesting places we visited.

Our assembly point was the Sheffield domain at 10am, and from there we drove the short distance to Waddington to stop outside the former Waddington School building, now part of the St John youth campsite and training centre. Recently boarded up following a spate of vandalism, the building dates back to 1877 so has a Historic Place Category 2 listing. We were able to walk around it and imagine what it would have been like in the years it was in use. From there we drove back into Sheffield and past the Sheffield School, opened in 1949 and effectively replacing both the Waddington and Russells Flat School which we would stop at later in the afternoon.

Our route then took us up into the Hawkins River valley on the southern side of SH73 and Annat, where we motored around the foothills to end up in Springfield about half an hour later. Our stopping point was the Rewi Alley Memorial Park next to the Springfield School, and before we settled in for a picnic lunch we visited the School where all remnants of the 1879 and most of the 1930's buildings have now long since disappeared. They were replaced with a brand-new building in 2019, but the memories lingered and were well described by Danny O'Malley, who attended the school in his youth. He had both bad and good experiences there which he didn't hesitate to tell us about in a very amusing way.

After lunch we motored back through the Hawkins River valley the way we'd come in the morning, this time stopping off at the old Russells Flat school building in Pig Saddle Road on the way. Built

in 1874, the building still exists there, and is still very much in its original form. Although now looking a bit weary, it is still cared for and used for informal gatherings by the local community, who keep a very close eye on it. They were delighted that we stopped off there, and have even extended an invitation to the VCC to feel free to use it whenever we are in the area. After spending about 20 minutes there, we then drove back to Sheffield, and then on to Donald Wright's family farm to have a look at some of the machinery there. Their massive combine harvester and crop sprayer were in the yard, and he also showed us through the recently-built seed drying shed which was in operation at the time drying out about 40 tonnes of radish seed. On the way out we were able to weigh our cars on the weighbridge – these old machines sure have a lot of metal in them!! As we headed home a very cool easterly rolled in – perfect timing! What a great day out!

Our next outing (which will be over by the time you read this) is the annual **Malvern Anzac Day Run** on Friday 25th April. I always look forward to this event, as it's a great way to mark Anzac Day – an easy and very scenic run around the alpine foothills visiting the Malvern District Anzac memorials on the way. A full report will appear in next month's Hub. Following that our season pretty much ends, but we still have our monthly **Veteran coffee mornings** to look forward to at Thirsty Acres in Darfield – always held on the second Tuesday of the month from 11.00am. No need to bring your veteran vehicle (or even own one) – anyone is welcome to join us. If the weather is good you can however bring your veteran or old car or motorcycle out for a run. Please do feel free to come along.

Colin Hey, Veteran Convenor.
Phone 021 883 807

Winter Run and High Tea

Sunday 20st July

This will be an easy navigational run with a fun competition thrown in. We will start at Cutler Park at 4.00pm. The run will be approximately 60km long and will finish at a popular pub just north of Christchurch for dinner.

Vehicles used must be club-eligible – no moderns please. Note that it will be winter, and it may be dark before you arrive at the finish venue, so please ensure lights and wipers are in good working order. A working heater might be a bonus too.

You must have a navigator. You will also need a smart phone to take with you on the day. There will be places you need to photograph on your phone along the way, and also solve a cryptic phrase and answer some questions to be in to win some fun prizes at the location of the High Tea. There will also be a prize for the best dressed couple, dressed in the period of their car (this is optional).

Entry Fee is \$10.00, and it will be your responsibility to pay for your own dinner at the finish venue (as a guide, allow about \$50 per person to cover food and drinks).

Entry is strictly limited to 35 cars or 70 people, whichever comes first. Entries **must** be completed on-line (if you cannot manage this, please contact a committee member and they will talk you through it). Please note that no late entries will be accepted, as numbers for the dinner will need to be confirmed well before the event. Entries can be made [HERE](#) and close on Wednesday 9th July



As I'm writing this just before the April OCBC I can't say how it went, but I can say I'm very much looking forward to it as it's going to run in conjunction with the National South Island Easter Rally Sunday morning run, which will finish at Cutler Park with the field tests later in the morning. The Mini Club will also be visiting, so I'm confident it's going to be a good turnout. Hopefully the weather will be OK so everyone can stay outside and socialise and look around the cars and motorcycles that will inevitably turn up. The May OCBC will be on **Sunday 18th May**. The theme for May will be "Irishman's". Bring your favourite car out for a run no matter what state it's in, or for those who are going on the Irishman's Rally, you are encouraged to bring your machine of choice out for a shake-down run to Cutler Park. You may have of course already taken part in the Rural Run on Sunday 11th so your car may already be dirty, but if it did play up on the Rural Run you will have had a week to fix it so you can then test it again! Mark the date in your diary now, and don't miss it!

Colin Hey

Advance Notice – National Daffodil Day Rally Sunday 24th August

Please note this date on your calendar and in your diary now, and if you are also involved in any One-Make or other motoring club please ensure your club committee is aware of this date as well. Just like last year, it will be an open event suitable for any veteran, vintage, classic (old or new), hot rod or collectible vehicle or motorcycle.

This year the event will once again start by meeting in 4 locations at 10.00am:

- Rangiora at the Southbrook Park in South Belt
- New Brighton Club in Marine Parade
- Cashmere Club (at Hunter Terrace entrance)
- Rolleston Park'n'Ride car park opposite the Selwyn District Council offices in Norman Kirk Drive
- Better Half Café, Ashworths Beach Road, Lethfield

All runs will have short and long routes, once again with slight variations on previous year's routes. All of the runs will converge at Cutler Park by 12.00 noon, where all of the vehicles will be on public display for the early part of the afternoon.

A donation (suggested as at least \$10 per car) will be collected on arrival at Cutler Park. All proceeds will be passed on directly to the South Island branch of the Cancer Society.

Prizes for Best American, British, European, Japanese, Australian, motorcycle, Best Dressed, and Cancer Society personality's choice.

If you would like to help with the organisation – especially at any of the start venues, please contact Colin Hey on 021 883 807 or email: heywolseley699@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE!

2025 Daffodil Rally for Cancer – Sunday, 24 August 2025

Join us from Kaitiāia to Bluff as the Vintage Car Club of New Zealand (VCC) unites for another awesome nationwide rally in support of the NZ Cancer Society. The yellow daffodil will be proudly displayed across the country, symbolising hope, unity, and our shared commitment to raising vital funds for cancer research and support.

One Day. One Cause. One Club.

Members this is our day to shine. A chance to showcase the VCC, connect our branches, and raise essential funds for cancer support. Together, we can make an impact that will last.



2025 Goals:

1. Ensure nationwide branch participation, as we did in 2024
2. Raise \$100,000 for the NZ Cancer Society



Let's go for gold, VCC whānau!

Show weekend
November 14-16 2025

This year will be Kaikoura.

Have made some enquiries on accommodation.

For more information contact

Henry Little 0272888277

Or

henry.little@hotmail.com

Restoration Of The Year

Sunday 8th June 2025

**Not long to go to have your car, bike or
commercial**

Ready for the restoration of the year.

9.30 at Cutler park.

For morning Tea

10am start for a short Rally every one welcome

And judging to follow

Any Inquiries contact.

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**Katryna Shaw 021 0277 2375 or
katonwheels66@gmail.com**

Notice

There will be NO NELSON based TRIALS in 2025.

We are sorry about this but there are several reasons for this decision.

Our Trails grounds at Happy Valley, Hira, are no longer available and although alternative venues have been investigated, none are available for this year. With the passing of stalwart, Gordon Dacombe, last year, we have not yet found someone as experienced to lead a new team.

Several past trialists are involved in planning the Teams Event and other activities, for the VERO INT RALLY in March 2026, and for this reason it is unlikely that there will be any Nelson trials in 2026, either! Let's hope we have a team and a venue for 2027!

MIKE BRYAN.

Chair, NELSON BR

Stolen Motorcycles

Two Indians belonging to Mark Locker have been stolen from a storage lockup in Levin (north of Wellington)

They were stolen in the early hours of 16/04/25.

Police Case File number is **250416-8617**.

1919 Indian 101 painted red.

1942 Indian 741 rustic / aged patina.

Contact

Wayne

027 206 0022

Swap Meet Report



The Swap Meet committee is a very social group, focussed solely on making the Swap Meet happen successfully in order to raise some funds for our branch that will enable us to do various projects and improvements throughout the coming year. Our first planning meeting for our 2025 Swap Meet will be held on 8th May. By then we will hopefully have a full committee appointed and ready to go, but if you happened to forget to get your nomination in on time and are keen to be involved then please do contact myself or Katryna Shaw as soon as possible and we'll find a job for you.

As the month's progress from now until October I'll keep you posted on any issues that arise and on how things are progressing. In the meantime, if you haven't already booked your site and want one, then please contact Neil Shaskey now so you can have a choice of where you want to be in the grounds.

Colin Hey

VCC Racing Report

Over the weekend of 11th to 13th April, several Canterbury Branch members joined with Banks Peninsula Branch VCC and Classic Motor Racing Club members and attended the George Begg Festival in Invercargill to race in the VCC category. Members from our branch racing included Kevin Stevenson (Shadetree 1 Special), George Kear (Kato Special), Colin Hey (Wolseley 1500), Doug Moody (Bello Special), and Murray Sinclair (Edelbrock Special). Gary and Scott Johnstone were also there racing in the Historic Saloons and the Pre-78 classes respectively.

The weekend included a full programme of classic and historic car racing (over 150 cars entered), as well as two evenings of entertainment at the Motorcycle Mecca and Bill Richardson Transport World museums. Altogether there were 15 cars in the VCC class, so there was some great racing over the weekend just in that category, not to mention the 8 other classes covering everything through to Formula 5000 single-seaters and even late model Lamborghinis and a McLaren.

There was some very close racing going on between George, Kevin and Doug, with Kevin finally gaining the upper hand in the last race of the very full weekend. Slightly behind them were Colin and Murray scrapping it out at the back of the field, with Murray in the Edelbrock Special having the advantage of 6 litres over Colin's 1.8 in the Wolseley on the long straights, but Colin managing to claw back the lead at the hairpin on each lap, only to be left 100m behind again at the end of the main straight. I believe all drivers recorded a personal best lap for the weekend in the last race of the weekend as the conditions improved during the day, but regardless of that all of them reported being absolutely thrilled with the way the event was organised and run over the weekend. Colin commented that it would have been good to have some other pre-1965 VCC saloons to race against though – anyone keen to give it a go?? The next meeting is the Autumn Fling at Levels Raceway on Saturday 24th May, and will be the last one for the season.

25, 35, 50, 60 and 70 - YEAR BADGES
(To be presented at the Branch Awards' Dinner
SAT 20 SEPTEMBER 2025)
(Please note amended date.)

If you are eligible for a 25 or 35-year badge, please contact me (Leigh Craythorne) for confirmation of your joining date.

Applications (for **continuous** membership) are made on a form available from me. Please contact me, preferably by email cray-thornes@actrix.co.nz and I will email it to you, or alternatively give me a telephone call (342 9110) and I will post it to you.

- I will be contacting those members who are eligible for a 50/60/70-year award shortly.

Applicants for a 60 or 70-year award must have been presented with a 50-year commemorative award for a **60-year award** and a 60-year commemorative award for a **70-year award**.

Please attend to this and contact me asap, as the badges have to be approved by the branch committee before being processed by the Management Committee (at least 3 months before the presentation) via National Office and forwarded to us - delay may mean a wait until next year's Awards' Dinner for presentation.

Members do not have to have been in the same branch for 25, 35, 50, 60, 70 years – it is recognition for continuous membership of the Club.

Leigh Craythorne

Please note - contact me please - do not contact National Office.

9-90s

Forty six cars met at The Peg on a cool but clear day for the April 9-90s outing.

After the run sheets were handed out and a brief word from Alan we set off along roads not so often travelled through our beautiful Canterbury countryside across the Waimac gorge and around the corner where the Sheffield Hotel sign used to be to end up in Sheffield township at the Volunteer Fire brigade station where Neville Croy gave us an interesting and entertaining talk on the local history and some memorable events in his many years in the brigade.



We then crossed the road to his immaculate property where we were able to view his collection of striking Chrysler cars and other memorabilia, all beautifully displayed. After this we ambled a little further up the West Coast road to the local domain where we enjoyed our usual picnic lunch, albeit as a rather spread out group this time.

One of the things I really enjoy about our 9-90s group is the sense of community we get from the usual large circle formed for the picnic. It helps make new friends and fresh conversation.

Many Thanks to Alan and Barbara for another Great day out.

Next Month. Leaving from Cutler Park Vcc grounds 9.55am on the 7th of May with Tony and Ngaire Becker organising.

Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Happy motoring. Ken

P Group



The annual P group rally was held on Sunday the 6th of April . The earlyish start was made a bit easier since daylight saving ended that morning .The day dawned fine which was a relief.

Over 40 cars entered the rally with a few late entries. , I would much rather have people attending than worrying about paperwork.

We had a good number of entrants in the concours, so thank you to the people that entered that.

Morning tea included scones provided by Colin and Jenny Hey. Thanks for making that effort on a Sunday morning!

Once finished we began the field trials, these were hotly contested with some very good scores. More about that later

Thanks to the helpers Evan Hamblin, Kate Enright, David Starnecker Katryna Shaw and her cousin, also Charles Spice who recorded the time trial times. I really appreciate the help it is not possible to run these events without a lot of help.

With the field trials completed everyone headed off on the rally route which went out via Mount Pleasant to the Summit Road through Lyttleton on to Teddington over Gebbie's pass and on to Little River.

The destination was the school fair and pumpkin festival. We were able to park together with cars from the classic car club. It was a great spot for a picnic and there were a large number of people that enjoyed viewing the cars. The donation for parking went to the school, so it was good to contribute to that community.

The fair had a very good attendance with activities, food and entertainment. There were some very impressive giant pumpkins on show.

The Winners were

Timed section winners of the Burbery Trophy were Royce and Jan Barker in their 1970 MGB. They were within an impressive 0.8km/hr of their nominated speed.

Field Trials JJ Richie trophy winners was Michael Hedgman in a friends 1957 Ford Prefect
The overall winners of the Sandy Goodman Trophy were Eric and Robyn Cox in their 1959 Morris Minor
The winner of the Les Hum Concours Trophy Was Henry Little in his immaculate 1939 Chevrolet complete with matching trailer.
It was almost a committee clean sweep, I can assure you that it was not rigged.
Thank you to all that attended I look forward to seeing next year



Commercial Report



Greetings all,

Autumn has dropped in with a thud hasn't it! Although we did have a few warm days in April.

April has been another busy month. The PV/PWV, P60 and P80 rally was the first event I attended this month. It kicked off with a briefing and field tests at Cutler Park then finished up at the Little River school fair and pumpkin festival. A huge crowd for a small town. Well done to John and his team for a great day.

I hope those of you who attended the National SI Easter rally enjoyed the weekend. I took the Lagonda and lost count of the number of gear changes! When we are used to driving an automatic as a daily driver you really do get an aching left leg after a while! **I would like to take this opportunity to thank the team who organised the rally weekend and their band of helpers.** There is a heck of a lot of work in organising these big events and it was a well-run weekend. I won't list the names but there were the people that thought of the idea, the group who put it all together and then those who joined in to help make it all happen. Well done for a very successful weekend. The Weather wasn't the best, but it didn't stop anything happening. There was a light shower on Saturday in Lincoln and the rain mostly held off on Sunday morning, so the field tests didn't require an umbrella. The field tests themselves were excellent too! Pat Cutler has left his mark on the VCC movement in Canterbury for sure.

The April Commercial noggin was a casual catchup in Tony and Leigh Craythorne's garage. Tony has some lovely displays of memorabilia in various cabinets in the garage. Lots of racks of interesting car brochures, posters from past events and bits and bobs of interest that are either old or interesting. Tony showed us his latest project which is a very early Triumph motorcycle that he has owned for around 40 years and just getting restored now. He's

got a very clever motorcycle starting contraption which is made up of a steel frame with some rubber rollers with a gear on the end, joined together by a cycle chain and powered by a starter motor powered by a 12v battery. The rear wheel of the motorcycle sits in the rubber rollers, and he's got a handheld wired remote so he can kick it into action. Saves a lot of pushing and running up and down the driveway to push start it! That was most intriguing! Thanks to Tony and Leigh for hosting us.

The May Commercial Noggin is to be in the BARN, Cutler Park on Wednesday 21st May. I will get out there early and light the fire. Henry Little is looking after the supper. This month's theme - Please bring your photos / Albums / story of your restoration to share with the group. More than one if you have one and we will give each person their time to shine!

Coming events are:

Autumn Run – Sunday 4th of May.

Rural Run – Sunday 11th May – also Mother's Day for those Mum's who just love a vintage car rally! I know some do!

Irishman's Rally - 31st May to 01st June

See you out on the road,

Michael



Rural Run

Sun 11th May

Start time 10:30am @ Cutler park
(Moring Tea from 9:30am)

No entry form - just turn up

Expect some gravel roads (1 or 2)

\$15 Per Car

Any questions please Text

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AUTUMN

RUN 4th May

Meet at Placemakers Kaiapoi from 9.30am for departure approximately 10am or as appropriate for your vehicle.

Morning run to a lunch stop followed by an afternoon run with both having options for some gravel or all sealed roads, approximately 100 miles total, ending once again at an out of town tavern where you can stop for a drink and a chat, or continue home as you see fit.

Entry \$10 per car on the day, no pre entry required.

Contact Neil Shakey for any further information.

Vintage Report

This month's report is of a Rally we attended based from Geraldine and planned by Kevin Mercer.



The event started on the Friday with a visit to the Geraldine Vintage Car & Machinery Club Museum, 178 Talbot St, Geraldine. This museum is well worth a visit if you haven't already been, with an extensive display of vintage and classic cars, tractors and trucks & farm machinery.



Dinner on Friday evening was held at the House of Hop on the main road just south of Geraldine. This restaurant is another venue worth a visit and they made us very welcome.

On the Saturday 23 vintage vehicles, which mostly included Ford Model A's lined up adjacent to the gardens for a 8:30am departure.



We travelled approx. 100 miles in excellent weather over wonderful scenery. We headed towards Pleasant Point passing Waituhi Bush, with a pleasant stop over at the lovely restored Holme Station Homestead, which has magnificently well-kept grounds. This is a grand historic escape and is a hidden gem.

We then moved on to pass Richard Pearce's Memorial with a lunch stop on Cave Village Green.

Saturday evening catered meal was at the Geraldine Vintage Car & Machinery Club Museum and was enjoyed by all.

Sunday morning breakfast was at the Farm Shop and a drive through the foot hills to Parkhurst Farm to view the gardens, before returning to Geraldine before a trip back to Christchurch.

Irishman Creek Rally 2025 - 31st May to 2nd June

This year's rally will start at Cutler Park on Saturday, 31st May.

Be early for an 8am start.

Rally Packs should be collected from Canterbury Branch Clubrooms (Cutler Park) on Friday, 30th May from 4pm. We encourage early collection to enable a smooth departure on Saturday morning.

As per last year, lunches will be the responsibility of each entrant for the Saturday and Sunday.

Prize Giving and Supper will be in the Fairlie Heritage Museum on Sunday, open at 6.00pm for a 7.30pm presentation.

While back up vehicles are provided all vehicles must be self sufficient and carry tow ropes and chains for mud or snow – and be adequately prepared to cover some distance on back country roads with river crossings. As we will be crossing private farms strictly **NO DOGS** are allowed. Fire extinguishers will be compulsory in all vehicles – including Back Ups.

The Irishman Rally is open to Vintage Car Club Members only and for Vintage and Veteran aged vehicles. The winner and runner up will be drawn as per tradition from the entrants participating. Rally Nos and Extinguishers will be checked as you enter private property.

All entrants are eligible without exception. The winner and runner up will be joined by a small team to assist with the task of organising the following year's event. This is what makes the rally special and provides the variety we see each year as a new person gets to put their mark on this event.

While this is a challenge there is a team behind you.

Dave Cooper and Wayne Irving.

The entry form is in the April Hub or online [HERE](#)



IRISHMAN CREEK RALLY 2025 ENTRY FORM

May31st – June 2nd, 2025

Entrants Surname.....
First Name

No. of Crew..... Entrants must be financial VCC Members

Address.....
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Home Phone..... Cell.....

Email Address.....

Vehicle.....

Registration Number.....

Year.....

VCC Member Number.....

Entry Fee Per Vehicle \$70.00 \$.....

Irishman 2023 Plaque @\$10.00ea \$.....

Total \$.....

Entries to:

Andrea Dallow

15 Thorness Street, Avondale, Christchurch 8061

regmad1957@gmail.com 027 224 1465 After 7pm Please

Make payments to VCC Canterbury Branch by direct credit
to a/c 03-1594-0096832-00. Please reference payment with name and
Irishman Rally.

Entries close 9th May 2025

MOTORCYCLE REPORT



The first month of Winter!! Wrap up warm, especially if you are going out on the bike!!

Past Events.

22nd March 2025 – Fish & Chip Run. Apparently 4 riders turned up, and finished up at the Crate & Barrel, Leeston for lunch.

9th April – Noggin Night. This finished up being a library night at the main hall, Cutler Park. Several hundred old magazines were put up for the taking away, as the library has far too many... There were photos of past events on the video screen, and the night finished up with a light supper of hot savouries etc. About 25 or so turned up.

16th April – Old Codger’s Run. After meeting at The Post Tai Tapu a short run to the Two Fat Possums in West Melton for lunch was undertaken via Lincoln. I arrived in time for the lunch to see 13 bikes in the car park – apparently one or two more fronted at the start but peeled off before lunch due to other commitments. Overcast, but not unpleasant for riding, yet another OCR success! Signed up a couple more riders, so that has to be good!!

Normally the Old Codger’s Runs stop from May to July inclusive (the weather is a huge factor here...), but if the forecast looks promising we can still quickly organise something... Just keep an eye out on the emails...

Future Events.

18-20th April – National South Island Rally Motorcycles were requested to take part on the Sunday 20th April’s public display at the Papanui Club, and at the OCBC at the Island later in the morning.

26th April - Fish & Chip Run. Ditto, look out for the “Event Reminder” email...

14th May – Motorcycle Noggin. We have a garage raid organised, just finalising details. Look out for the event reminder which will give details etc. The meeting place will be Sugarhorse Bar, 100 Moorhouse Ave, Chch at 7.00 pm. The address will be giv-

en out before you leave...

21st May – Old Codger’s Run. In past years the **Old Codger’s Run** has been paused during the winter months, to resume again for August. If it looks like the weather forecast will play ball we’ll send out details a couple of days prior.

24th May – Fish & Chip Run. As the next weekend is Kings Birthday long weekend (and features the running of the branch’s Irishman Rally) the F&C run will be this day. Nothing decided yet, so keep a lookout for the email.

8th June – Restoration of the Year. Have you finished a restoration of your motorcycle over the last 12 months? “The Eric Walker Trophy for the Best Motorcycle Restoration” awaits to recognise your best efforts!! You do need to enter in advance, so to start off you should be hassling the Club Captain, Katryna Shaw for the required entry form.

11th June – Noggin and Section AGM. Time to get re-elected, or to elbow your way onto the committee. As a further inducement after the proceedings have been completed it is not unknown for some bribery supper to be put on by the section. Come along with YOUR ideas on the running of the section, YOUR input is vital to the ongoing success. Balloon goes up at 7.30pm.

18th June – Old Codger’s Run. Cancelled this month, BUT if the weather looks OK we MIGHT have a run... look out for the event reminder email.

28th June – Fish & Chip Run. More info next month.

9th July – Noggin Night. The perennial favourite winter noggin destination is not to be missed, so look out for full details next month.

16th July – Old Codger’s Run. Cancelled this month, BUT if the weather looks OK we MIGHT have a run... look out for the event reminder email.

26-27th July – Mid Winter Run. An overnight run, this year’s destination will be Waimate. More information plus entry forms will be in the June and July Hub.

26th July – Fish & Chip Run. Nothing sorted this far out, but you might think about tagging along with the Mid Winter Run boys (and girls) to a suitable lunch place then return the Chch...

That is it for this month,
Cheers,
CML

2025 MOPED AND CLIP ON RUN

The motor cycle committee decided to combine the clip on run with the moped run and this was held on the 8th March 2025.

Three mopeds and two clip ons with their riders arrived at the start point of the Famous Grouse Hotel in Lincoln. They were joined by a travelling salesman with three mopeds on a trailer hoping to find some buyers. He did not. But nice talking points they were.

The group stood round musing over the reasons why they were only five but the inclement weather hanging around Christchurch may have been the reason why thirty others didn't turn up. The Lincoln weather was fine and so it was during the course of the rally.

The riders took off on a 35 kilometre run through the south of Lincoln and along some magnificent quiet rural roads to the lunch stop at the Tai Tapu Hotel where there was live music being played on the lawn. Very pleasant it was too.

The afternoon run of 20 kms took in the edges of Halswell and Prebbleton and along the Prebbleton- Lincoln cycleway back to the start.

The debrief back at the Grouse was unanimous in its support for the distances covered comments from both classes agreeing that the distances were just right.

Trophy winners were:

MOPED TROPHIES

Winner: Herman van der Weert on
a 1957 DKW Hummel Hardluck:
John Clegg on a 1949 Excelsior
Goblin

CLIP ON

Winner: Graham Barnett on a 1953 Mosquito

Most Breakdowns: John Benn (again) on a 1951 Cyclenmaster de-
livery bike

Jens Christensen



NOTICE OF AGM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING CANTERBURY BRANCH

Notice is hereby given that the 69th Annual General Meeting of the Canterbury Branch of the Vintage Car Club of New Zealand Incorporated will be held on **Sunday 15th June 2025 at 1:00 pm** in the Clubrooms, Cutler Park, McLeans Island.

Nominations are invited for all positions on the Committee in accordance with Rule 9 which states:

The election of the Members of the Branch Committee shall be carried out by secret ballot at the Annual General Meeting of the Branch. Any financial Member of the Branch unable to attend may appoint a proxy to vote at such a ballot on his/her behalf by notifying the Branch Secretary in writing two clear days before the meeting. A proxy must be a Member of the Branch and represent one Member of the Branch only.

Each nomination shall be required to be proposed and seconded by financial Branch Members and shall bear the signatures of the proposer and seconder and nominated Member”

All nominations must be forwarded to:

The Branch Secretary
PO Box 11-082
Christchurch

by 19th May 2025

Notices of Motion or resolutions to be proposed must be received by

The Branch Secretary
P O Box 11-082
Christchurch

by 19th May 2025.

2025/26
CANTERBURY BRANCH COMMITTEE
ELECTION NOMINATION FORM

I _____ (Membership number) _____

Hereby agree to nomination for the position of Chairman/Secretary/Treasurer/Club Captain/ Committee

Member

Signature.....

Proposer..... Signature.....

Membership Number.....

Seconder..... Signature.....

Membership Number.....

Nominee, Proposer and Seconder must be financial Members of the Canterbury Branch.

BIOGRAPHY:

To be forwarded to the Secretary,
PO Box 11082 Sockburn Christchurch
By the 19th May 2025

TROPHIES TO BE AWARDED AT AGM

McLACHLAN TROPHY

Donated by J.A. McLachlan

Awarded annually to the veteran vehicle, which covers the most mileage for the season. The mileage includes travelling to and from calendar events and also includes the Mount Cook Rally. This trophy is for the combined competition between Canterbury, Ashburton, South Canterbury, West Coast and Banks Peninsula Branches.

All Members who wish to compete for the above trophy should send a record of the rallies attended and their mileage covered to:

Katryna Shaw – see below for details.

MAX SMITH MEMORIAL TROPHY

Awarded to the Veteran Vehicle competing in the greatest number of Canterbury Branch events for the 2024/2025 season.

USE NOT ABUSE TROPHY

To be awarded each year and available to Members of the Canterbury and Banks Peninsula Branches to acknowledge the most creditable effort during the year for the same driver and vehicle (car or motor cycle) where at least two speed events and two endurance events have been successfully completed.

Contact Tracy Barrett for undated criteria Phone 027 344 2301

All Members who wish to compete for any of the above three trophies send all relevant details to

Katryna Shaw

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Papanui

Christchurch 8053
kantonwheels66@gmail.com
Canterbury Branch Club Captain
This is to arrive no later than 1 June 2025

RESTORATION OF THE YEAR TROPHIES

NOEL BEECROFT TROPHY	for Veteran Cars
THE RAE TROPHY	for Vintage Cars
ROBERT HAYES FAMILY	for PV Cars
NOEL BEECROFT TROPHY	for PWV Cars
CJS and M HEY TROPHY	for P60V Vehicles
ERIC WALKER TROPHY	for Motorcycles
RAY SWORD FAMILY TROPHY	for Commercial Vehicles

The Awards are for any vehicle restored to re-restored by the present owner in the 2024-2025 Season. The trophies are for Canterbury Branch members only.

Vehicles must have completed at least two Club Events. Judging will take place after the Restoration of the Year Run at 1.00pm on the drive outside the Main Hall (or if wet, in the hall) at Cutler Park, Sunday 08th June

Any enquiries to Katryna Shaw (Club Captain)

CRITERIA FOR JUDGING

The correct criteria for judging of the Restoration of the Year, as agreed by the then Committee and the Donors of the Trophies are as follows:

1. A vehicle must have participated in at least two official VCC events.
2. Judging to be done by a panel of at least three judges.

Judging to be based on:

- a) The amount of work carried out by the entrant themselves, showing their ability in different aspects of the trades, e.g. mechanical, electrical, panelling etc.
- b) Having regard for the condition of the vehicles before restoration started.
- c) Final appearance and standard of work.
- d) Regard to originality.

Would entrants please bring photographs etc. for the judge to view.
Trophy winner will be announced at the Branch AGM

BRANCH LIBRARY

As our branch library's magazine collection's "cup runneth over", we are no longer able to accept magazines unless they have a special motoring significance.

We are still appreciative of donations of motoring books and look forward to future contributions. Thanks to those who have already given these to us for other members' information and enjoyment.

Please note the library is open on Noggin nights from 7.30pm until 9.30pm.

Leigh Craythorne
Branch Librarian

It is with great sadness that the Canterbury Branch announces that Jens Christensen has passed away after a terrible accident over Anzac weekend. Funeral details will be announced when they become available.





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the name of the event in the Reference field.

If you are paying us for the first time just start entering our
account name from the beginning and stop once you have
used all the fields provided by your bank.



OTHER BRANCH and ORGANISATIONS EVENTS

See Notice board posters for more information.

Model T Ford Club of NZ Inc 33rd National Rally

24 February - 1st March 2026

Info on notice board or in next months hub.

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