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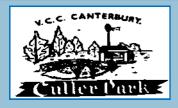
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2025 Annual Vintager Rally @ Cutler Park By Hub Editor

#### **Canterbury Branch Activities and Events**

#### **October**

Thurs 2nd Noggin and Natter

Wed 8th 9-90s

Fri 10th SWAP MEET
Sat/Sun 11/12th SWAP MEET
Sat 18/19th Grider Fork Rally

Sun 19th OCBC

Tues 21th Grounds Maintenance Wed 22th North Canterbury Noggin

Mon 27th Labour Day

#### **November**

Sun 2nd All British Day

Tues 4th Grounds Maintenance
Thurs 6th Noggin and Natter
Sat 8th Highland Games
Sun 9th Homestead Run

Wed 12th 9-90s

Fri-Sun 14-16th Show Weekend Tour

Sun 16th OCBC

Tues 18th Grounds Maintenance
Sun 23rd Veteran Annual Rally
Wed 26th North Canterbury Noggin
Sun 29th Motorcycle Annual Rally

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** 

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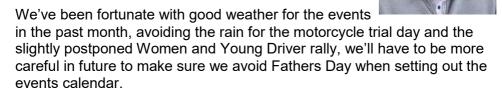
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#### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Well spring is definitely in the air, and for that matter all over the cars, with anything spending any time outdoors taking on a distinct yellowish hue.



Also delayed a week to accommodate logistics was the annual Awards Dinner, which clearly didn't deter any attendees with a good turnout to support and congratulate the recipients of 25, 35, 50 and 60 year membership awards. Thanks once again to Leigh Craythorne for making the arrangements, National President George Kear for joining us to present the awards, and everyone involved in making it a successful evening.

Definitely on schedule is preparation for the swap meet, with plenty of people turning out for the maintenance days to help with the clean up after the tree removals, as well as all of the usual tasks to get things ready for the one weekend a year where we really do use every part of the grounds.

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered their time to help out with the various tasks over swap meet weekend, with the new approach of sending a plea for help directly by email clearly a success, although I'm sure if there's anyone with a couple of hours to spare and wanting to help over the weekend there will be no problem finding something to do.

Looking forward to a fine day on Sunday for the Annual Vintage Rally, will see you on the road.

Neil Shaskey

**Branch Chairman** 

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#### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Please give your attention to the below reports.

Member subscriptions due end of this month, so if you have provided an email address your invoice would have been sent beginning of September. If you still have not



received it by email or post contact National office urgently on 03 366 4461. 9-30 to 1.30pm or email <a href="mailto:admin@vcc.org.nz">admin@vcc.org.nz</a>. As a last resort you could try posting but don't hold your breath. Be very careful you pay your subscription to VCC National Office account (12-3151-0184322-00). Include membership number/Name. DO NOT PAY TO CANTERBURY BRANCH ACCOUNT.

Well in approximately one week we are around to the busiest full week of activities preparing the grounds an infrastructure for the big weekend 10,11,12 Oct 2025. VOLUNTEERS are still required over the weekend a couple of hrs is all we require come on folks give it a go. Contact Colin Hey 021 883 807.

Please be patient in the traffic and around the grounds, abide by the directions given and obey the rules. NO DOGS (companion dog owners must carry the certificate of entitlement) Make this the friendly, fun atmosphere it always is. Please be sure to clean up your site when you depart on Sunday. Fine Weather is on order.

+NO DOGS+

ALLOWED

Rod Thrower (Secretary)

#### **VICE CLUB CAPTAIN**

Good to see the weather is improving at last, but the downside is the garden is calling out and I'm also getting some hints from the one you must obey at home. It's a shame weeds don't have flowers. As it is it takes me over an hour to take the lawn mower for a walk.



On the 7th was the woman's and young Drivers, but as we only had 4 entries, so we made a middle management decision and move to next weekend so it didn't clash with 2 other events. Which of course 2 couldn't come that weekend for Which we are very sorry it didn't work out.

The 14th was good day and a 9am start for the field test's at George Kears paddock in the long grass with lots of fun had by all. Then a rally over the hill to Lyttleton to the Lyttleton arms for lunch. Thank you very much Rebecca George (who came from Oamaru for the day) and Fraser Kear for organising a great day.

Lady driver. Suzanne James 89 Mercedes.

Junior Lady's. Courtney Chamberlain 1929 Austin 12/4

Junior driver. Marcus Haworth 1929 Huppmobile

Saturday 20th was a big day. Up at 5.30 and off to the Hororata swap meet. Only had a pie then back to Cutler Park at 10am to help set up for awards night, then back at again at 5.30 ish for awards dinner. Thanks to Leigh and the team for a great night. I believe it's 25 years Leigh has been at the helm.

Next morning was coffee and cars and the motorcycle trial with a good turn out for both.

As this goes to print Jeremy Wise our new committee member Vintage conveyor will have his first Rally dun and dusted and I'm sure all went well.

10th 11th and 12th October is swap meet. If you can please spare a couple hours, please give Colin Hey a call.

18th & 19th Girder fork rally.

2nd Nov all British day.

Well that's it for me for now as Katryna and Bryce are back from their holiday and they said it was one of their best trips.

So I'm going to go and hide in my garage and do some work on the 1934 chevy I'm doing a full restoration on. Ops maybe a little bit gardening

See you out and about

Henry Little.

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.

#### **From The Editors Desk**

Not a lot to report this month. I spent a few days in Auckland, but unfortunately I was a week too early to make it along to the Auckland branch noggin. Then, as I was driving to the airport on the last day, it



dawned on me that I'd completely forgotten about the North Shore branch — always on the go and things slip my mind!

The Swap Meet is already next week — how has this year gone by so fast? It feels like only yesterday I was putting up the Christmas tree for last year's noggin.

Speaking of Christmas, our Christmas Social will be on 6th December, and the Children's Picnic is coming up on 14th December. The Christmas tree will be going up soon too, so the season really is upon us. I'd better get started on putting up my Christmas lights — it takes nearly two months to get my full display finished!

See you on the road, Brodie Williams

## Health and Safety!!

If you are the last to leave the grounds please close the gates. We have had these left open a couple of times recently and it means anyone could drive in.

#### **VETERAN REPORT**

#### **Veteran Report**

This month Veteran activities have started kicking into gear now that the warmer weather has arrived. The first outing was a Veteran Car Club

run, joining with the Model T club to attend the Amberley Rock'n Wheels show on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September (Fathers Day). We assembled outside the Sefton Pub at 10am on a glorious sunny Spring day, and drove up to Amberley on the Sefton to Amberley Road from there – a good run of 15km. The team on the gates had a good system going to check everyone in and there were

no delays at all, so we were soon parked in the domain, which by then was rapidly filling with cars. By around 11.30 am there apparently had been 850 cars checked in, all makes and models and mostly from the 1950's to modern in age. We managed to park the veteran cars together, and were joined by a few vintage cars as well. A



short while later one of the organisers arrived and thanked us for bringing these cars out, as they haven't really featured at shows in the past. It was good that we were appreciated. By 1.30pm it became clear that the main part of the show was over and that many of the cars were leaving, so it was decided that we should probably do the same. We returned to Sefton the same way we'd come, but the trip wasn't quite as enjoyable as the morning run due to the amount of traffic from the show that had also chosen to go that way. It just meant keeping a close eye on the rear-view mirror and trying to stay left on what was quite a narrow carriageway and let the traffic overtake as easily as possible. Still a very good day out though.

A week or so later we had another excellent turnout to Septem-

ber's Veteran Coffee morning at Kirwee, with around a dozen people arriving, with most staying to enjoy the Gold Card lunch into the early afternoon. Some initial planning for the Random Run the following week was discussed. The consensus was that we would carry on with our initial thoughts of doing a run to Rakaia Huts on the south side of the river, so it was just a matter of picking a good day from the 10 day weather forecast and agreeing that we'd run with that. Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September looked most promising, so that was set aside to wait and see how it looked closer to the time. As it happened, the forecast for that day got even better as the week progressed.

So, on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> we loaded our 1912 Wolseley into the trailer and headed down to Rakaia to meet in the domain there at 11am. What a great turnout this time, with 8 machines present, including a contingent of 4 from Ashburton, one of whom was Percy Ralston from Ashburton with his 1912 Triumph motorcycle. When the time came to leave the Triumph wasn't a happy starter, despite the efforts of two or three volunteer peddlers to give Percy a spell. Percy eventually decided to send us on our way, but once we'd left he managed to get it going and joined us further down the road. Bad fuel, apparently.

Our first stop was the bakery on SH1 in Rakaia, where we stopped for a coffee and cake to enjoy in their garden seating area, also buying our lunch for the stop at South Rakaia Huts 20km away. The run there was superb – a light tail wind and the gradual downhill grade making it easy running. We all found our way to the domain and parked up for a picnic in the sunshine and a good veteran catch-up. It was a nice place to spend an hour or so, with some of the locals also joining us for a chat and to have a look at the



cars (and Percy's motocycle). By 2pm the NW wind was staring to come up, so realising we'd be pushing into it to get back to Rakaia, we thought it was time to head back to the Rakaia domain and head for home. Another great day out.

Also during September the school Jenny works at decided to organise a small car show for the kids to conclude a project on 'transport' they had been doing during the month, so we took the 1912 car and our 1959 Wolseley 6/99 to the school for the day to join a display of about 8 cars of a range of ages from old to new for the kids to look at. They were all fascinated by the 'old' cars, which also included an Austin 7, a Mini, and a Jaguar XJ6. The new Nissan Leaf also on display looked somewhat out of place! I was asked to show them how the 1912 car was started several times during the morning – naturally they couldn't believe it was started with the 'handle' at the front of the car. Thank goodness it starts easily!

#### Your Guide to Upcoming Veteran Events

#### **October**

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October – VCC Canterbury Branch Swap Meet. Veteran dinner and social to be held at Hoofbeats Restaurant, Racecourse Hotel, 6.30pm. Indication of interest please to Kathryn Smith no later than Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October. Email <a href="mailto:kathrynsmith@xtra.co.nz">kathrynsmith@xtra.co.nz</a> or phone 027 428 0851.

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October - Veteran Coffee** at Thirsty Acres, Kirwee, 11am. Come and brag about the lucky finds you had at Swap Meet.

October Mid-week Random Run – possibly Leeston and Southbridge area. Likely start point Leeston Domain. Keep an eye on the Veteran Facebook Page after Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October for final details.

#### **November**

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Hororata Highland Games display. Entry forms with all information will be available on the VCC Canterbury Branch website from 1<sup>st</sup> September (go to Events page). You *MUST* enter by the due date so we can arrange for tickets and enough display room (please see notice elsewhere in this Hub) Always a great day out. Please also note that you have to commit to staying until the games conclude at 4.30pm. Dinner for those who want at Thirsty Acres, Kirwee, after the event. You can drive to Hororata or trailer your vehicle to the meeting point at the corner of Downs Road and Hororata Road.

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November - Veteran Coffee** at Thirsty Acres, Kirwee, 11am.

**November Mid-week Random Run** – possibly Ohoka/ Rangiora area. Likely start point Clarkville Domain, opposite the Clarkville School. Keep an eye on the Veteran Facebook Page after Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November for final details.

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Annual Veteran Rally (combined Vintage Car Club/Veteran Car Club event). Starts in the VCC Cutler Park grounds at 9.30am. Field tests and concours judging start at 10.00am, followed by a run to an interesting location for lunch. Please bring a picnic lunch with you. Returning to Cutler Park in the afternoon for afternoon tea and prizegiving. Total run length about 50km, very suitable for one and two-cylinder cars as well as faster veterans. Later rear-wheel brake vintage-era cars also very welcome. Entry forms with all information will be available on website in the Events section. You *MUST* enter by the due date

#### For your 2026 Diary

Weekend of 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> February - Mid-Summer Adventures, Geraldine. Registration forms will be in the next Veteran Car Club Bulletin, or if you don't subscribe to that, please contact Colin Hey if you're interested in going. In the meantime we suggest you book your accommodation as soon as possible as Geraldine is a popular destination at that time of the year.

Note: Cancellation or postponement notices for any events will be on the Veteran Facebook page leading up to or immediately before the event, or if unsure you can contact Colin Hey on 021 883 807.

#### Swap Meet Report



By the time most of you read this report, Swap Meet 2025 will be almost happening. Preparations are well in hand, although as always there is always a number of last minute jobs that need attending to. A special thanks to the teams and people that have been involved in the huge task of remediating the grounds after the tree removal project – Cutler Park is looking really good again and is certainly in a really good state to host the Swap Meet without the need to relocate sites or display areas. It has been a huge team effort and I thank you all for your support, skills and time in getting things straightened out cleaned up and replanted in time.

A thanks to those too who have offered to help with the various rosters during Swap Meet – the rosters are very full for the first time in years, which is an encouraging sign. Bronwyn McKinlay will be sending out a reminder soon to everyone to confirm your reporting time and duty.

This year it would be great too to have more member's cars in the public display area, so if the weather is good especially, please feel free to bring you club car out and put it on display in the main oval. This puts you right in the grounds rather than in one of the public car parks, so you'll be really handy to the action and won't have far to walk compared with using the public car parking areas.

Other than that, all I can say is that I hope that the weather treats us kindly, and that you enjoy the weekend, whether buying or selling (or both), and that you enjoy catching up with your mates from all over the country.

Colin Hey, Chairman Swap Meet Committee.



## VCC Canterbury Branch Swap Meet 2025

#### Site Holders and Campers Regulations

- Campers will be allowed onto the grounds from Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October for camping only. This includes site-holders who camp on their sites, but no sites are to be set up for selling until Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October (also see 7 below).
- During Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October only, site holders will be permitted to
  erect shelters, tents and marquees on their sites from 9am to 4pm. Anything
  erected or left on sites will be strictly on the site holder's site and at the risk of the
  site holder.
- 3. The main VCC road gate will be shut at 4pm on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October until 8am Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October. Campers, Swap Meet helpers and Parts Shed volunteers will be allowed access, and the gate must be shut again after entry or departure from the grounds. This is being done to allow the grounds and facilities to be prepared by the committee and other workers.
- The Site Gate (Kustom Car Club) will remain locked until 7am Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October. Entry to the sites area will be through the main VCC gate.
- 5. No goods for sale or trading are to be set up on any site until at least Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October. No selling or trading of goods is permitted until 7am Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October, and all goods must remain either off-site or covered until this time. Any site-holder seen or reported to be selling goods prior to this time will not be permitted to renew their site for 2026 Swap Meet. This will be strictly enforced.
- Entry to the grounds for Site Holders only will be permitted from 8am Thursday
  morning 6<sup>th</sup> October. Please bring site holders documentation with you, and please
  come prepared with your \$10 weekend entry fee to purchase your weekend
  admission wrist-band, or if you have pre-purchased it, please bring it with you.
- 7. Anyone entering the grounds from Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October until the end of Swap Meet on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October will be required to wear the authorised wrist-band to show the admission fee has been paid, or pay the \$10.00 admission charge.
- 8. There is no EFTPOS available at the entry gates so please bring cash to get yourself into the grounds. Once inside, there is an ATM machine on site next to Headquarters if you need cash for purchasing goods.
- A reminder that dogs are not permitted in the VCC grounds or in any of the public parking areas (including inside vehicles) at any time.

## Swap Meet 2025

THIS MONTH!!!!

Get Ready for a Big Weekend





## Canterbury Branch Annual Veteran Rally Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025

Starts in the VCC Cutler Park grounds at 9.30am with morning tea. All Veteran cars, motorcycles and commercial vehicles encouraged to attend. Later rear-wheel brake vintage-era cars also very welcome to join in.

Field tests and concours judging start at 10.00am, followed by a run to an interesting location for lunch. Please bring a picnic lunch with you. Returning to Cutler Park in the afternoon for afternoon tea and prizegiving.

Total run length about 50km, very suitable for one and two-cylinder cars as well as faster veterans. Entry form is available on website in the Events section or enter by clicking <a href="HERE">HERE</a>. Entries close on Sunday 9th November. You <a href="MUST">MUST</a> enter by the due date, or please contact Colin Hey on 021 883 807 if you cannot enter on-line.





A very good turnout once again to Old Cars Bikes and Coffee, and also good weather again. Whoever came up with the "Red" theme – well done! Lots of red cars turned out, and even a number of people wearing red clothes! It was great to have the Motorcycle Section Trials Day happening in the grounds at the same time, and many people went over and enjoyed watching the riders doing their timed tests and the more difficult trials tests for the experienced riders. I personally thought it was great seeing riders of all ages, both male and female all having a go, and seeing how skilled many of them were. Also a good variety of machines both classic and more modern. Well done to the team that put this to-

gether!





The next OCBC is on Sunday 19th October. Let's make the theme for October "Blue". Bring any car or bike or truck out though – it's a bonus if it's blue, but we'd be happy to see you there in any vehicle that you're enjoying owning regardless of how old or new it is. The whole point is to get you and your vehicle out for a run to catch up with fellow enthusiasts.

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The Barn is available for hire to all members for birthdays, anniversaries, meetings, and other functions

Contact Rod Thrower 03 338 2320

#### Homestead run 2025

#### Sunday 9th of November

\$20.00 per car

Morning tea 9.30 and departure about 10.00

Come and join us for a lovely drive in the county with plenty to see and do

Plus bring along a picnic lunch to enjoy in the lovely gardens.

Any query's contact Henry little.

0272888277

Or

Henry.little@hotmail.com



**ENTER ON LINE HERE** 



#### Advance Notice of The Last Canterbury All British Day Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2025

After 35 years, this will be the final VCC- organised All British Day, as next year another organisation will commence running a British and Euro Display (without a run), similar to those held in Auckland, Wellington and Dunedin.

The Last All British Day will commence at 10am at the VCC grounds with morning tea, followed by a run to a domain just north of Christchurch. An indoor venue will be available if needed. Please bring a picnic lunch with you or buy it on the way. Any British vehicle is welcome to take part – if it is British and roadworthy, please come. No need to pre-enter – just come on the day. Entry fee \$10 per vehicle, with all proceeds going to the Cancer Society, South Island.

# Name Badges \$12.00 each Available by ordering at the bar or by contacting the Secretary.

#### **SHOW WEEKEND TOUR 2025**



Our Show Weekend Tour will be on 14th, 15th and 16th November 2025.

The weekend will be held in Kaikoura, and we have some exciting runs organised.

Please book your accommodation now if you are interested and haven't done so already.

There will be dinner on Saturday night at your cost. A set menu will come out once you have registered.

Entry Fee will be \$30 per person, which includes admission fees, morning tea etc.

The starting point is Cutler Park, 10.00am, Friday 14th November.

Please see the entry form on the website or in this HUB.

Enquires to Henry Little: henry.little@hotmail.com or Katryna Shaw: katonwheels66@gmail.com

## DON'T DELAY Accommodation is booking out fast

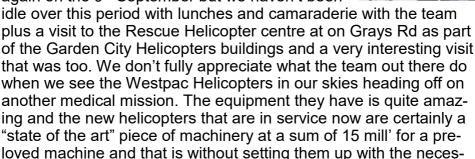
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**Online Entry Form HERE** 

## **VOG LOG**

#### VELOSOLEX OWNERS GROUP

After a 3 month hiatus the VOG's hit the road again on the 9<sup>th</sup> September but we haven't been



sary gear and pilot training. Rescue Helicopter Service have about 3 visits to their facility each year that need



to be booked quite some time in advance. They can take up to 50 people each time. As part of the visit you get to hear 1<sup>st</sup> hand experiences from one of the pilots and also the 1<sup>st</sup> response team. Incredible hearing about the various missions they attend. Fund raising is a major part of their operation with a professional dedicated team attending to this.

And so now onto what we do best and that is ride our Solex's. Dave Backhouse had arranged the ride for us this time from his little piece of "paradise" in the village of Heathcote on a brilliantly warm sunny day. We travelled a short way from the Valley Inn to Ferrymead to view once again progress on the Mosquito aero-



plane from the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War. We saw this back in February so it was quite amazing to view once again the progress that the very small team of 4 enthusiasts have achieved over this period, slowly but surely they're getting there but it will be quite some years before this task is completed. Our guide Alex was very informative with his explanations on the history of these aircraft. Lots to take in and far more than I can write about in this short report. Actually my old brain couldn't quite take it all in or remember what we were told. So I'll spare you the boring details.

Back on our machines again to head off on the bike trail that follows beside the Lyttelton rail line and eventually come out beside the Tannery. We actually bypassed this to end up on Chapmans Rd and then onto Port Hills Rd and eventually end up back in Heathcote for our lunch stop at the Valley Inn.

Another magic day on the beasts. With no breakdowns this time ..... hoorah!!

Royce VOG 1

#### A request from the Treasurer re annual subscriptions

Invoices from National Office for annual subscriptions were sent out recently. These subs are payable to the Vintage Car Club of New Zealand (VCC NZ) and not our branch.

Despite this I have started receiving payments for subs and some of them have also been for incorrect amounts and/or without any information to say that they are for subs or what the relevant membership number is.

It will make my job much easier if you can please ensure when paying your subs that you:

- 1. pay the full amount recorded on the invoice and
- 2. pay VCC NZ using the bank account number recorded on the invoice and
- 3. record your membership number in the reference field when making the payment.

All this information is recorded on the bottom of your invoice as highlighted below.



Please note that any subs that are paid to the branch will be paid on to VCC NZ.

Thank you

Robyn





#### 9-90s

Yet another wonderful day out in our favourite cars thanks to Diane & Lloyd. 42 carloads of happy vintage enthusiasts gathered at New World Halswell's car park after negotiating the road works on a cool but dry morning to set off on a cruise around the outskirts of the Northwest side



of the city to call into Dave's place on Pound Rd where we found an amazing collection of FORD V8 1935 to 1946 models in and around a large workshop where he nurses them back to excellent condition, alongside a large room full of Ford V8 memorabilia and parts.

After an interesting and entertaining explanation from him on where his FORD V8 addiction started and the origins of many of his cars followed by a good meander around his collection we set off again on a roundabout route to end up at the Sedgemere Memorial Hall where we gathered among our cars behind the hall and a large hedge out of the wind to enjoy our lunches and a good chat along with the raffle ably run by Allan & Barbara. Thanks again Diane & Lloyd.

We managed ok again this month without a loudspeaker but it makes it difficult to communicate without shouting and some of our organisers have softer voices. Fortunately Jack Porter had a smaller unit he no longer uses which needed a bit of TLC and he has donated for our use. I have managed to get it working again with a new battery so those of us a bit hard of hearing will be able to hear what is going on.

Many Thanks to Fred Carpenter for the use of your unit for the last couple of years. Very much appreciated.

Next months run on 8th October organised by Les Sloan will be starting at the Rolleston community centre LEAVING at 9.55am. Happy motoring.

Ken.

## Vintage Report

The club's Vintage Annual Rally was held on Sunday 28th September. We kicked off at 10.30am with field tests at Cutler Park followed by the road tours with time trials in the afternoon. The weather was pretty much perfect although the warm Canterbury Nor-West got a bit strong in the afternoon particularly under the foot hills.

There were 22 entrants and 22 turned up. As some of you are aware this is the first rally I have organised. I thoroughly enjoyed the challenge and now fully appreciate what goes into organising such an event. I thank all the entrants for attending and for their patience. I also thank Henry Little, Evan Hamblin, Michael Hedgman, Brodie Williams, Scott Hardwicke, Katryna Shaw and Colin Hey for giving up their time and assisting in the organisation.

This Vintage Annual Rally comprises trophies for which: -Gary Genet won Field Tests

Joseph McClintock won Time Trials

Don & Marlene Muller won People's Choice and

Joseph McClintock won Best Overall

The grounds at Cutler Park are looking very impressive with new tree planting replacing those removed and the grass is also recovering well from having the logging machinery across large areas. See you motoring out and about. Jeremy Wise



## Lost and Found

One small hand held battery mega-phone in plastic bag with small book. Left on table in library last Noggin. Phone Rod (Secretary) 021 126 3529

# VCC DAFFODIL RALLY FOR CANCER 2025 Vintage Car Club of NZ Smashes \$110,000 for Cancer Society

The Canterbury Branch has truly set the gold standard for the Daffodil Rally. On a crisp autumn day, the branch had fantastic support from numerous other one-make clubs. The local Mustang Club alone arrived in force with 36 Mustangs. Collectively a stunning range of vintage, classic, and modern vehicles gathered at McLeans Island, creating an atmosphere that captured the true spirit of heritage motoring at its finest.

Through sheer dedication, Canterbury raised an extraordinary \$10,195, the equivalent of 57 nights of accommodation for families staying at the Cancer Society Centre. Even more funds are still to come, with contributions expected from Avonhead Rotary, Mr Frosty, the coffee team, and a staff fundraiser at Avon City Ford.

This total is not only around \$1,000 higher than last year but also reflects the branch's exceptional organisation, teamwork, and community engagement. Volunteers poured countless hours into preparation, from prize draws to participant experience, and the positive feedback has been overwhelming. Canterbury's efforts have been described as inspirational, proving what can be achieved when passion and commitment align.

### **Commercial Report**

Greetings all,

What fabulous spring weather we've been having. Along with it though, comes wind gusts and that yellow pollen coating our cars. I remember now why I find black cars frustrating.



September has been noticeably warmer than August. The heat pump has been turned off its 24-hour cycle and just comes on to take off the chill if we need it. With the warmer weather though comes stronger growth in the lawns department!

I brought the Lagonda out of storage last weekend where it's been sitting for the past few months ready to take it on the Vintage rally. I'm excited about getting my first 12-month WOF for my old cars! I also got my new company car last week which was interesting. Driving cars that are 100 years apart in age got me to thinking how much they have changed over the years. The Lagonda looks so tiny compared to the Hyundai Tucson. This one is a Hybrid which is very smooth and quiet to drive. It's got a reverse camera and an automatic transmission, power steering and Bluetooth that the Lagonda does not. However, they both have 4 wheels on the ground and a steering wheel to make it turn. A radiator at the front and pedals on the floor. That bit hasn't changed. Will the Hyundai still be around in 100 years' time?



The September Commercial noggin was a casual catchup hosted by Lyndsay Saunders. Lyndsay has recently returned from a trip to the UK and Europe. It was an organized tour and visited car museums and manufacturing and assembly plants among other places. These included but were not limited to the Mini factory in Coventry, Goodwood and Beaulieu, Mercedes, Porsche, Alfa Romeo, Lamborghini and he also managed a side trip with a friend to Norway. Lyndsay had his trip photos showing on his big TV with a brief commentary followed by an enjoyable supper. Thanks, Lyndsay, for hosting us.

The Awards dinner in September was a great success. It's a big job that Leigh and Tony Craythorne take on getting that organised. Two of our commercial group members got the membership award this year. Mark Drury got his 25 year badge and Tony Craythorne got his 50<sup>th</sup>. Well done to our other club members also who got their awards. Thanks Tony and Leigh and your able helpers for making this happen.

**The October Commercial Noggin** is to be at the Richmond Club on London Street, Stanmore corner. Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of October. I asked for other ideas or options and none were forthcoming – so here it is.

I have a few options for other places coming up when it's lighter in the evening, but Winter proves to be a struggle for options. If any club member has a venue or suggestion, please let me know. Someone in the group will need to take ownership to organise the Commercial group Christmas get together please as I'll be out of the country and unable to attend. Please contact me ASAP to let

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me know who will look after it – otherwise it won't be happening. On a lighter note – many of you will relate to this:



See you out on the road, Michael

## VCC National Archive shift to the corner of Main North Rd & Meadow St.

As many of you know, the VCC National Office and the National Archive have both shifted to the corner of the Main North Rd and Meadow Street.

The VCC National Office has been at the new location since the end of May.

However, the shift and the setting up the new VCC Archive, which consists of an Office and Archive room, has taken a lot longer. Both Archive rooms are now in a tidy and viewable state.

If it hadn't been for the following people, it would have taken much longer.

I would like to acknowledge the Canterbury members, who volunteered and assisted with the Archive shift & set up: Shona Clarkson, Paul Ainsworth, Mike Glenday, Peter Blacklock, Don and Judy Bennetts, George Kear, Murray Trounson, Linda and Karen from the National Office and of course my wife Marlene.

Your help was much appreciated, thank you.

Also, thank you to the many other members who offered to help, but were not required.

I look forward to seeing you at the new VCC National Archive, in the future.

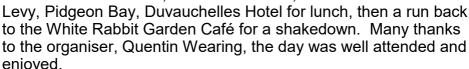
Don Muller, VCC Archivist.

## **MOTORCYCLE REPORT**

Now past NZ Summer Time, so the long evenings are here for more motorcycling!!

Past Events.

**30**<sup>th</sup> **August – Round the Bay Run.** 22 bikes made the start at PMH, run to Little River, Port



enjoyed. 10<sup>th</sup> September – Motorcycle Noggin. About 28 – 30 people turned up to view Gary Johnstone's collection of (mostly) English and Australian cars. Of course, the top of his collection had to be the TWR V12 Jaguar XJ-S Group A racing car that he peddled in quite few historic racing events these last few years! Unfortunately, Gary was not able to be there in person so his very able wife Barbara took over the hosting reigns. Thanks very much, Gary and Barbara!!

17<sup>th</sup> September – Old Codger's Run. In sharp contrast to last month the day was hot, sunny, with a strong wind blowing. About 30 bikes met in Leeston then took a circuitous route via Rakaia or Hororatoa or Dunsandel or Darfield to reconvene at the Thirsty Acre in Kirwee for lunch. Great day!!

21<sup>st</sup> September – Motorcycle Trial– OCBC and Motorcycle Trials. The day dawned fine and sunny, good enough to attract 28 riders to the new courses set near the parts sheds. Each rider had three rides over different runs. A good mixture of VCC riders, and invited guests from the Canterbury Classic Trials Club. See elsewhere for a write-up report on this event.

### **Future Events**

27<sup>th</sup> September – Fish & Chip Run. We have organised a visit to Protranz Earthmoving Ltd. The owners of this business has a large collection of equipment, vehicles, etc. worthy of a visit. As the collection is spread over a number of different locations we are to meet at the Yaldhurst Pub Carpark at 9.30 am on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2025, for a 9.45 am departure. We'll ride to the first address where transport will be provided to visit the other 2 or 3 locations to view the rest of the collection. Paul Ainsworth is organising this event – ainsworth.electrical@xtra.co.nz or 027-

4321391. Look out for the Event Reminder emails if there is to be any updates on this run.

4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> October – Dunvegan Rally, Otago. Organised by Trevor Kempton, Otago VCC. This year's Dunvegan will finish at the Alexandra Motor Camp, so the run back to Chch Sunday will be a long one. I will send out entry forms etc. to all motorcyclists on my database late August so you can enter or get yourselves organised. The \$100 entry fee includes all direct rally costs – Friday night supper, Saturday evening BBQ meal, Sunday breakfast, back-up, and rally plaque. Enquiries to Trevor at 027 2215208 – Closing Date for entries is 27 September. I have already sent out the entry forms as well as an offer for accommodation in Dunedin being organised by Philip Jeeves for Friday night, 3<sup>rd</sup> October; look back in your email inbox for this. Lost it? Come back to me...

8<sup>th</sup> October – Noggin Night. This noggin will be at Motorcycle Corner, pretty low key. The Swap Meet is Friday onwards, so there wlll be activity associated with this from Thursday.

10-12<sup>th</sup> October – Swap Meet. Once again the motorcycle section is putting on a display in The Barn. This year the theme is the Girder Fork bikes, from about 1920 until about 1945 or so. Check the display out, there will be about 20 or so on display.

15<sup>th</sup> October – Old Codger's Run. Keep an eye out for the email that will tell all...

18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> October – Girder Fork Rally. This will be similar to last year; the destination is Wainui Park, which is the old YMCA at Wainui, on the other side of the harbour from Akaroa. This is a Girder Fork Rally, so all participants are encouraged strongly to ride a suitable pre-war or girder bike. If you do not have one, then ride your other club eligible bike in the knowledge you do not qualify for the trophies, and you do not qualify for the event memorial plaque. For more information refer to the blurb and entry form elsewhere. You can also enter via the on-line portal at the Branch VCC Site. Even if you do not plan entering on a Girder Bike you are still required to complete an entry form so that beds and food can be properly catered for. This year the event entry fee is, for those riding a Girder Fork eligible bike, free. If you are riding a modern bike without girder front forks the event entry fee is \$20. Any accommodation and food costs at Wainui will still

have to be settled by ALL entrants. Mike Glenday (021 1920581) and Paul Ainsworth (027 4321391) are the organisers. This is an official M/C event, so there will be a back-up provided to collect stragglers... See elsewhere in The Hub or online for more information and entry forms.

**25**<sup>th</sup> **October – Fish & Chip Run**. Labour Day weekend. Meet at PMH at 10.15 am for a 10.30 am departure. Rider's choice on destination.

**12**<sup>th</sup> **November – Noggin Night.** We have an interesting garage raid on a prominent Canterbury Branch member organised, more info next month.

19<sup>th</sup> November – Old Codger's Run Keep an eye out for the email that will tell all...

29<sup>th</sup> November – Motorcycle Annual Rally. (Note, no Fish & Chip Run this month.) A good lunch time destination has been organised; Terrace Station, Hororata. As there is a charitable trust running the place there will be an entry fee to see the grounds etc – NOT the house! This place is the type that some non-entrants might like to visit and experience. There will be an evening meal and prize giving at Motorcycle Corner, taking the shape of a BYO meat and salad etc. to share. This is an official M/C event, so there will be a back-up provided to collect stragglers... See elsewhere for more details and entry forms etc.

**10**<sup>th</sup> **December – Noggin Night; Xmas Noggin.** This will be a Christmas Dinner and social in The Barn, with a catered meal or something. More details next month.

13<sup>th</sup> December – Fish & Chip Run – Last for the Year. Meet at The Peg Hotel, Belfast, for a North Canterbury run. The usual, meet at 10.15 am for a 10.30 am departure. If applicable, more info next month.

2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026 – Motorcycle New Years Run. More details next month.

**27 – 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026, Jim Toohey Run.** Just a heads up, this run will be to Ross and Murcheson on the West Coast. Bookings have been made for accommodation; look out for the details etc. in the New Year.

That is probably enough from me for the time being, Cheers,

CML

## Motorcycle Regularity Trial 21st September 2025

Last weekend the Canterbury branch of the Vintage Car Club hosted the Canterbury Classic Trials group at Cutler Park for a Regularity Trial. This was the fourth time the annual event has been run with a combined total of 29 riders taking part from both clubs.

With the recent tree felling at Cutler Park we were in a different part of the grounds this year, and this worked well. The event comprised two different courses completed in the morning, then a shared BBQ lunch provided by the VCC, and a third course ridden in the afternoon. The first course had separate options for trials bikes with bypasses around obstacles for vintage bikes. The second course was around cones on flatter ground but you had to keep track of which order you rode around each marker. The last course was easiest being a simple slalom. The aim was to complete each course twice in the same time.

The winner was Peter Hosking (1981 Fantic) whose time difference between the two runs over the three courses was only two seconds. Paul Ainsworth (1937 Ariel) was a very close second. Great to see a range of bikes and riders of all ages (7 to 85 years) enjoy the day with the two clubs riding together. Great also to see Shane Hubbard out on his dad's 1949 Ariel. Thanks to everyone for your support.



## Hororata Highland Games Veteran, and Vintage Run & Display Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2025

The Hororata Highland Games is a fantastic day out and is regarded by many as the best Highland Games outside of Scotland. If you haven't been before and you can get there in a Veteran, Vintage or Post-Vintage car or motorcycle, then now's your chance. This year there is going to be another traction engine display alongside ours, but we will have a lot more room available that last year, so we have been asked to provide entries **Veteran**, **Vintage and Post-Vintage vehicles up to 31 December 1945**.

All cars will be required to arrive at the Cenotaph about 1km north of at Hororata on the Coalgate to Hororata Road at 10.00am. Once there the cars and motorcycles will be lined up in order of year for the drive down the road to the showgrounds, to make a parade entrance at 10.30am.

Once there, you will be free to participate in and enjoy a fantastic day out.

Entertainment includes the various Highlands events, great music for all tastes and various vendors of food and beverages including whiskey tasting. Bring your picnic lunch or patronise the food stall vendors.

A special entrance price of \$15.00 per person has been arranged and venue entrance wrist bands will be given out at meeting point. This price is only available to those in officially entered vehicles. These wrist bands will not be accepted at any of the entrance gates (public entry is \$30.00pp). Also your entry means your commitment to remain on display until 4:00pm. Sorry, there are no exceptions to this requirement as the event finishes at 4.00pm and they want everyone there until then.

The closing date for entries is Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October so we can confirm numbers and order tickets.

Feel free to wear Scottish regalia and to dress your vehicle up for the occasion. It's a wonderful opportunity for the club and our members to display our vehicles to the large number of spectators that attend the games.

Anyone requiring further information please contact Colin Hey on 021 883 807. Hope to see you there.



The display at a previous Highland Games

Entry Form is available on-line **HERE** 

## 2025 BRANCH AWARD'S DINNER

Saturday 20 September saw the Branch honouring members who had been loyal members of the club for many years. 5 x 25-year, 2 x 35-year, 5 x 50-year and 1 x 60-year member and their families, friends and fellow members enjoyed a buffet meal (with cake to follow) at our clubrooms, Cutler Park where stories were shared and congratulations to the recipients given.

National President George Kear and his wife Jorden were warmly welcomed as our special guests and George presented the badges/certificates to the awardees during the evening.

My thanks to Mark Drury (Wine waiter) Michael Hedgman (photographer, see elsewhere for photographs) Esme Humm (for the beautiful flowers presented to the 50/60-years wives and the top table arrangement) and to Andrea Dellow (Bar manager).

My special thanks to Henry and Michelle Little and Michael Hedgman for all their help behind the scenes on the night and to Tony for his help and support.

## Leigh Craythorne



25 year - Peter Hey, Audrey Fail, Erwyn Fail, Mark Drury



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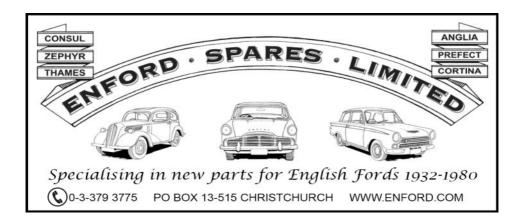


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