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## EVENTS DIARY

### SUNDAY SEPT 7<sup>TH</sup>

Fathers Day Pub Crawl

Meet at the Yaldhurst Pub carpark 10.30 am to leave at 11am

Destination The Bower Tavern for lunch

Your hosts Barry and Kay

**Please RSVP by phone or email by 5pm Friday 5th 021 775 300  
- [boricketts@yahoo.com](mailto:boricketts@yahoo.com)**

### THURSDAY SEPT 18<sup>TH</sup>

#### Gold Card Cruisers

Meet up at the Peg Hotel Belfast at 10.30 to leave at 11.00am

Our run today will finish at the Good Home Restaurant in Pegasus village.

Your hosts, Kit and Carol. 027 642 1010

## A WARM WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Brent Grindley & Vickie Bond



## DAVID'S DIARY

The recent changes to the law regarding classic cars is welcomed by many. Just to clarify the details, I have asked one of our members, Dick Gurney to write about it.

If anyone else wants to share some information or a story about their car etc, then that would be great too.

Thanks,  
David H

Well, it's great news that after submissions from various groups, NZTA has agreed that our classic cars can have a 12 month WOF as of September 1<sup>st</sup> this year.

It is something that classic car owners are deserving of, because the WOF pass rate ( at initial inspection ) of these cars is much higher than the average 2000 plus daily driver ( national fail rate 42% )

This is partly due to the lower mileage travelled, but more importantly because of responsible enthusiast owners ensuring their cars are serviced properly and any minor issues put right immediately.

I very rarely fail an old classic car for a WOF, so certainly agree with what NZTA have put in place.

To qualify for a 12 month WOF, a car must be at least 40 years old ( from the date of first registration new )

On a NZ new car this information is easily seen on your licence ( rego ) label.

If you are enjoying the benefits of the cheaper rego your car will fit this criteria.

When you go for your WOF ( after September 1<sup>st</sup> ) it is not necessary to take any ownership papers or proof of age etc.

The NZTA system that all WOF garages etc ( AVICs ) use will automatically identify your car's exact age and calculate the correct expiry date of your new WOF.

There are already 6 month, 12 month and 3 year WOFs issued for different categories of cars, ( the inspection criteria is identical for all classes ) - the system works very well and is accurate.

It would seem that the 12 month changeover will occur as if nothing has happened.

However just in case, perhaps don't all rush in on Monday the 1st, - allow everyone a chance to come to grips with things and any minor hiccups sorted.

Most of you are undoubtedly well aware of my further comments, but with age can overlook minor details - I certainly have forgotten a thing or 2 with advancing years.

There are those perhaps new to classic cars, but I am trying to help all, so please bear with me.

You can still take your car in before due date and when it passes, the new WOF will automatically be post dated a maximum of 14 days of any unexpired portion.

It's a good thing to take your classic to someone familiar with them, many already are of course - an older mechanic will be familiar with your classic Hillman Hunter whereas a younger technician will be brilliant more so on the modern electronics.

Keep your car up to scratch, check wiper blades, lights etc often ( I can see my rear lights in the ranch slider at home when I reverse out )

Attend any issues your mechanic mentions in a timely fashion.

Remember with many WOFs now carried out by appointment it may not be possible for the inspector to do some minor bulb replacement etc because there is another customer waiting. If everything is clean , tidy and easy to access it is obvious you take pride in your car - inspectors are quite tolerant and have been known just to tell you to replace that fading tail light ASAP - do it.

Every so often I have burst a brake hose whilst on the brake tester - the customer has been ever so grateful it has happened under a controlled situation rather than in an emergency on the road.

So if something like the bonnet cable etc busts - it is because it is worn out.

And a BIG one to remember Pleaseeeeeeeeeee , don't try to help by operating the windscreen washers or horn unless asked.

Any questions, feel free to contact either myself or David Harman at Harman Motors.

In the near future, I will be available ( by appointment only ) to do WOF checks on either your classic car, daily driver or motorcycle first working Monday of each month.

Hopes this helps.

Dick Gurney.

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## REPORT ON SUNDAY RUN AUGUST 3<sup>RD</sup>

Spotted this gorgeous red Porsche 911 in the PMH car park with a very tidy Nissan 180 SX parked alongside and was looking forward to meeting some new recruits, but the owners had other ideas and drove off leaving us to our own demise.



It had been a long and very tortuous time trying to decode Val and Lynn's secret pre flight instructions in the newsletter. All we were told is that we were going to a pub within a stones throw of the Port Hills.

But which pub?

Do I need my special teeth for a serving of crumbed and deep fried road kill. Should I pack gaviscon in case the sticky date pudding and custard gives me a bad case of heartburn. What do I wear? Swan dry and gum boots or a suit and tie with trainers?

You can lie awake for hours trying to find answers to such a mystery. So it was indeed a great pleasure to bump into our hosts Val and Lynn where they finally set my mind at ease.

It was an early start but the sun was shining and I counted thirty of us which was a great turn out for a winters day run. Lynn took centre stage and gave us our instructions and we set forth from PMH on a journey across the Port Hills, through Sumner, Lyttleton and Governors Bay and onto our lunch destination at the Little River Inn. Yee Ha!



The views over Lyttleton Harbour were spectacular as usual and for those who shared a somewhat spirited drive from Governors Bay to Little River we hear it went without incident. Right, so hear is how the story goes..... Val and Lynn bought this Japanese rice burning, turbo charged, Mazda SP23 pocket rocket for a song.

"It's a proper wolf in sheeps clothing, this thing." boasted Lynn with a big grin.



I could smell a challenge, so we tailgated our hosts on the drive across the Port Hills and Lyttleton which was done at a leisurely pace as we had to contend with 50kph speed limits. However, once we passed through Governors Bay and hit the open road all hell broke loose.

I saw the two puffs of smoke as Lynn lit the afterburners and the Mazda took off like the Starship Enterprise. All I can say is that my Aston Martin ran out of puff trying to keep up with that surface to surface missile. When we arrived at the pub Lynn was already

parked up and came over to me laughing his socks off.

So, the next time I go out to buy a car I'm taking Val and Lynn (aka the Dynamic Duo) with me.

As always the pub was buzzing with our banter. The meals came out in a timely fashion and the Sunday roast beef with all the trimmings seemed to be the order of the day.



Thanks to Val and Lynn for a magnificent day out. Most enjoyable even though it cost me a tank of gas.

Cheers

Barry

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Took my car in for a service yesterday...  
The vicar at the church was not impressed...

## REPORT ON GOLD CARD CRUISERS AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup>

It was such a nice day it seemed as if Spring had Sprung early for our August Gold Card run. It was a bit of a Tiki tour with sixteen cars departing from Yaldhurst then heading towards Belfast and diverting through what was the once thriving Brooklands Village, it's hard to remember that prior to the Earthquake this area was once home to about eleven hundred residents and now only about eighty remain. We then headed towards Manderville and our destination "The Platform Bar and Restaurant" where we were fed and watered and although we didn't realise it at the time they were apparently giving away FREE NO ALCOHOL BEERS to the SOBER drivers.....must remember that for future visits. We hope those who attended enjoyed the run on such a beautiful day. Cheers. Graeme and Merle.

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## PLANNING AHEAD

### THE 2026 NITSI MARATHON 30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL – 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026

*Planning is underway for our next Marathon which will be held in the lower half of the North Island*

*The plotting crew of Lyn Scott, Greeny and the Tin Man will be venturing north in November to get things organised for us.*

*We are told that there will be 7 days of touring with a break in the middle for a day.*

*They have allowed one day to get to the North Island and one day to get back.*

*So put the dates in your diary for the NITSI Marathon 2026.*

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## President's Personal Message Vehicle Standards Compliance Amendment (2025) 12 Month WoF & CoF

Greetings to all Federation member clubs, and to all individual members of each of those clubs.

As we reflect on the Government's announcements of 2 weeks ago regarding 12-month WoF's for vehicles 40 years and older, and 12-month CoF's for privately owned motorhomes, I believe it is timely to communicate a few key messages, concurrent with the comments that I shared last weekend at the national AGM of the Vintage Car Club of NZ in Invercargill.



From my role and perspective as your President, I think there are four key points that underpin what has been achieved, and its significance. In no special sequence they are:

1. The fact that so many clubs responded to the call for submissions, and making our collective voices heard ..... over 13000 individual submissions (and approximately 97% in favour) was a wonderful demonstration of people power across our sectors.
2. The 2024 NZ Historic and Classic Vehicle Research Survey that quantified the scale and strength of our overall sector, including the headline figure of our \$16.5 Billion economic footprint. In my view, this credible and substantial piece of work has reinforced our efforts and results more than we have probably realised.
3. The efforts we have put into our relationships with both NZTA and Government Ministers
4. Our collective persistence ... whilst the announcements of July 31 were the result of specific work over the past six years and intensified in the last 18 months, the actual journey dates back 22 years, and the initial (and substantial) work of VCC identity Rod Brayshaw and his initial proposals to NZTA for annual WoF's in 2003! I had the pleasure of meeting Rod at the VCC AGM, and we shared stories and swapped notes!

Over and above the July 31 announcements, the Federation will keep working on two specific aspects that are still under review and were signalled in the Federation's comprehensive submission, namely a longer WoF period (ie more than 12 months) for the small but important number of veteran vehicles (1919 and older), and special terms and requirements for historic military and agricultural vehicles.

We have a working team developing these specific proposals in association with the specific-interest clubs and we will energetically pursue these matters with NZTA and the Minister in the weeks ahead.

Our sincere thanks and appreciation to all Federation clubs and all individual members for your support, contribution and your efforts on this journey!

Not only are the July 31 announcements a great result for all of us, they are a great incentive for all of us to continue our efforts to strengthen our sectors of interest, and our passion for the vehicles we love.

Sincerely  
Garry Jackson, President  
NZ Federation of Motoring Clubs Inc.  
President, NZ Federation of Motoring Clubs Inc.

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**If you have a story to tell about your favourite auto that you would like to share please let us know.**

**I really wish I knew who kicked the jack out from under the car that I was working on?.. The suspension is killing me.**

## OTHER EVENTS THAT MAY INTEREST YOU

**Kaikoura Hop** for more info see their website or facebook

<https://www.kaikourahop.co.nz/>

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063539182897#>



### **OLD CARS, BIKES AND COFFEE 9am-12pm.**



On the third sunday of the month we invite all members and any interested members of the public to join us at Cutler Park from 9am-12pm for coffee and a catch-up. Turn up in your club eligible vehicle and meet other club members - if enough interest is shown we might head out for a run. Partners and children encourage to join in but please no dogs.

***Next event is Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Sept  
Start time is 9am(ish)***

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## Charity Auction 30th September 2025

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This iconic car was restored over three years by Tikipunga High School Automotive Trades Academy students after being donated by long-time I Have a Dream supporter, Dave Cotty.

It will be auctioned during the MG Car Club Auckland AGM, with all proceeds being shared between I Have a Dream and Tikipunga High School to support education, mentorship, and brighter futures for youth.

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### *Auction Details*

*Tuesday 30 September*

*Remuera Club*

*27 Ohinerau Street, Remuera*

6.15pm drinks, 6.45 auction, 7.15 Dinner  
(dinner \$40 - contact [mgparts.nz@outlook.com](mailto:mgparts.nz@outlook.com))

Auctioneering support to be provided by Webb's Auctions Collectors' Cars, Motorcycles & Automobilia department.

For phone or absentee bidding, please contact:  
[jodie@ihaveadream.org.nz](mailto:jodie@ihaveadream.org.nz) to register

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