

Newsletter - February 2025

President's Report

Hi fellow members!

We are well into 2025 already with an exciting year ahead and well rested over the Christmas/New Year break.

Wendy and I have had a busy, fun family time with the family home with Grandies from Australia. We attended the Cromwell Car Show with Sam Ng and Maria van Nus, along with son Lester and Kennan from Perth. That required a trip to A J Hackett Bungy for a visit, then onto Kingston Flyer with a train trip to Fairlight.

Work on the ACCC Constitution

This has been a main focus of the Committee over recent months. I would encourage members to check it out and support it with a 'Yes' vote at the AGM. We must get this approved by Incorporated Society by 5 April 2026.

<u>Events</u>

- We had a visit to Vintage Machinery Club organised by Mark Rayner and Peter Craig. Was a very interesting day. Attendance was down but there were also a lot of other events on that day.
- Next event is at Sheffield, organised by Peter Craig and Neville Croy. I have checked this out and it promises to be a very good opportunity to have a good day out. Peter will publish details ahead of time.

Other things for discussion

- Committee has had discussions around the need for annual USA Days. At this stage it is only a point of discussion and would obviously be a discussion at the AGM, as we consider new endeavours and events for members to participate in.
- Away trips of 3 days have also been mentioned and support has been expressed by members for this to happen.

However, please let your committee know your thoughts. That's me for now. So keep your vehicle shining and exhaust "clean".

Regards

Murray Marshall President

January Club Captain Comment

Greetings again all - February already by the time you read this, things are flying along. Our first event for the year was of course the President's Picnic put together largely by Mark & Lorraine Rayner out at Keating Park in the Canterbury Vintage Machinery grounds.

We had a smaller but pretty enthusiastic gathering of members at Yaldhurst pub carpark in readiness for the short trip through to the facility on McLeans Island Road - in amongst our group were a couple of new members, Simon and Monica and a really neat crusty and patina'd 56 Chev, along with June in a lovely black 56 Thunderbird. Welcome all, hope you enjoy the club. The threatened bad weather didn't eventuate until much later in the day and things got pretty hot around mid-day. Mark had organised a team of volunteers to open the sheds and step us through the real interesting gear on display including the restored wheel house of the Tuhoe which foundered on the Kaiapoi Bar, we also had a number of pretty heavy diesel motors fired up which had enjoyed many varied applications in a previous life. Mark's tractor towed a carriage of enthusiastic members around the park on a guided tour which was well supported.

In amongst the lunch break Murray gave us a comprehensive run down on the progress of the reformulated Constitution in line with Incorporated Society requirements. Capping it all off was a run up the Old West Coast Road to Kirwee and Thirsty Acres where we regrouped for some light hearted banter, a few responsible drinks and some further nibbles.

Thanks again Mark for all your good efforts with this one.

Peter Craig Club Captain

Welcome to New Club Members!

Warren & Julie Rogers - 1972 Cadillac Coupe De Ville

June Read - 1956 Ford Thunderbird

Ian & Marg Frew - 1958 Chrysler Imperial

President's Picnic 2025











Save The Dates - Upcoming Events

• It's timely to put out a reminder of the next run which will take place on Sunday 16 February 2025.

Nev Croy and Heather will host us having put together a comprehensive Points Rally out in Sheffield and parts of Springfield taking in some beautiful rural scenery and points of interest - it's also a great opportunity to travel the streets of these towns which you would ordinarily not see in these charming communities. The basic plan is to meet at Sheffield Domain around 11:30am, bringing your own picnic gear or alternatively picking up a pie or two at the legendary Sheffield pie shop. Nev will give us a run down and send us on our way, the Rally should take around an hour & a half and cover approximately 50k's, the questions are not full on or overly complex so it'll be as much an opportunity for a relaxing cruise with a bit of concentration thrown in.

Following the Rally, we'll meet back at Sheffield Domain for some Rally results and prizes and who knows, a further opportunity for a shandy at Thirsty Acres on the way home.

Full details will be sent out by Monday 10 February - any questions in the meantime, please call me on 021 898 396.

• Sunday 2 March 2025 - Sheffield Volunteer Fire Brigade Wheels & Wings

While not strictly a club event we have historically supported this event and it's an excellent opportunity for some country fun - Car and general vehicle show -Aircraft fly In, WW2 equipment displays and memorabilia, food stalls and more, in support of the local Fire Brigade and Malvern Order Of St Johns. More details regarding a meeting point for our club for those who wish to attend closer to the time. Admission will be \$10 per vehicle

(Show cars) no matter how many occupants. Strictly no dogs of any size.

• 13 - 16 March 2025 - Caroline Bay Rock & Hop

Full details of club member involvement to be posted closer to the time.

- Sunday 13 April Paul Williams is putting together what should be an awesome day at Campbell Aviation and hopefully also at Boulton's workshops specialising in high end classics among other projects - This will be a special one so make sure it's diaried. Full details to be published in March.
- Sunday 25 May AGM, details to be provided.

Non-Club Events

Caroline Bay Rock & Hop



13 March 2025 - 16 March 2025 Registrations are now open





