

## 2018/2019 Hawkes Bay Area Report

Our local AGM in March was well attended. Ewan presented his Area Rep report and the branch financial situation. Elections were held and Ewan was reinstated as Area Organiser for 2018/19. Neil Hammond in his role as a national committee member addressed the meeting about the upcoming National AGM and encouraged all members to come along and vote.

Easter Weekend was when our club hosted the VAR National AGM. This was centred at the Vintage Car Club rooms at Meanee. Special thanks to our dedicated group of volunteers for their assistance.

In April we had a run through the Tuki Tuki valley and finished off with a picnic in a lovely park in Hastings.

May was our Mother's Day Run. As always we had a great turn out. We met in Clive for a follow the leader run that ended at the Serendipity café. A perfect sunny day to have afternoon tea with a great bunch of people.

Early June saw Neil and Ewan heading off to the very cold South Island to take part in the Irishman Rally in Neil's 20/4.

June is also when we held the Mid-Winter Lunch. The cooks provided us with a very good meal finished with Helen's crock pot steamed pudding. Who could want for more?

Our July run was organised by Colin and Judy Barnes. They set a course that took us over the unfinished arterial link road through Whakatu and out to Awatoto to the "Atea a Rangi" (Star Compass) then on to the Clifton Café for afternoon tea.

Our August Mystery run had us motor from Clive through an assortment of country and urban neighbourhoods and end up at Keirunga Gardens in Havelock north for a picnic.

The September run to Taniwha Daffodils had to be cancelled because of the weather.

October was Soup and Buns month. We met at Clive and motored to Our Lady of Lourdes church hall in Havelock North. A delicious lunch of soup, buns and yummy desserts was followed by some fun competitions.

November is usually our Gymkhana month but this also was a wash out weather wise.

December was kinder to us and we held the Christmas BBQ at the Cameron's home a very enjoyable afternoon/evening.

January was the camp at Pourerere Beach. A very select few took advantage of this free weekend away. The visit to the Aramona Homestead and Woolshed were two of the highlights.

January also saw a group of Hawkes Bay Austin's attend the 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Rally in Wanganui. My congratulations go to the organisers for pulling off such a great event in spite of the senseless travesty perpetuated by a misguided local youth. I would also like to thank the VAR for their overwhelming support.

February was the Concert in Cornwall Park where we enjoyed great company to the strains of Neil Young music.

Our next outing will be Wheels on Windsor (Previously the all British car day) on 10<sup>th</sup> March where our local AGM will be held.

In finishing, we meet on the second Sunday afternoon of each month for an outing to a place of interest or an event.

If you are going to be in our area please call as we would love to meet up with you or have you join us for one of our outings.

Yours in Austineering  
Ewan Cameron  
Area Organiser