

THE



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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE  
WOLSELEY CAR CLUB NEW ZEALAND INC



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Bryan Kelly's 16/60 in scenic rural Southland

## OUR CLUB OBJECTIVES:

- To promote interest in and use of Wolseley vehicles.
- To arrange social functions for the purpose of promoting the objectives of the club.
- To promote and encourage the efficient maintenance of members' vehicles.
- To render technical assistance to members.
- To produce a newsletter regularly as a vehicle for the exchange of owners experience, technical information, the sale and exchange of cars and spare parts, or any other matters of interest to members.
- To maintain a library of information on the history, maintenance, repair and modification of Wolseley cars, to be available to members.
- To maintain a central register and stock of spares which may be established to assist members.

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# NATIONAL AGM NOTICE

## Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2019

The 2019 **National AGM** of the Wolseley Car Club NZ Inc will take place in Christchurch on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October, the same weekend as the Canterbury Swap Meet.

The meeting will be held at the Papanui RSA, entry off Bellvue Ave, or off Harewood Road about 20m west of the Papanui Road intersection.

The evening will start from 5.00pm with a social time (bar will be open) and at 6.00pm with a meal (approx. \$20 per head) – we need to provide numbers for this, so please advise Stuart Penny by email or phone (03 313 4454) if you will attend.

The Annual General Meeting will begin at around 7.00pm. You do not have to come to the meal, but we would like as many as possible to come to the meeting.

Apologies to Michael Kruse, email [kruseco@xtra.co.nz](mailto:kruseco@xtra.co.nz)

### Remits to be put to the AGM

As discussed at the Wolseley Car Club's (Christchurch Branch) Annual General Meeting on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2019

#### PROPOSED NOTICE OF MOTION 1

“That a new position on the National Executive Committee be created, to be titled Promotions and Publicity Coordinator”.

#### OBJECTIVE OF REMIT

To give license to a skilled person within the club to market and promote the “Wolseley” movement and the benefits of Wolseley Car Club membership in different medias that would gain exposure to the public in the modern world we now live.

This would include coordination of or undertaking the Webmaster role, any other written and social media, parts promotion (sourcing, availability and despatch), and regional branch activities.

This would assist to combat flagging membership in all Branches and generally boost interest in Wolseley motor vehicles as a useable and collectible asset.

#### PROPOSED NOTICE OF MOTION 2

“That the first year of annual subscription for new (joining) members of the Wolseley Car Club NZ (Inc) be \$10.00, and the fee for subscription renewals after the first year be \$30.00, as identified in Section 4 in the Constitution and Rules of the Club.

These fees for subscription are the amounts payable only should the member elect to receive the publication of the “Wolseley Word” electronically - if there are members who wish to receive a monthly ‘hard copy’ of the publication, the new member and annual subscription will remain at \$50.00 per annum”.

#### OBJECTIVE OF REMIT

To incentivise and encourage all owners of Wolseley vehicles, particularly younger people and members of other motoring clubs, to join the Wolseley Car Club, and for all current financial members to continue renewal of membership going forward. The club's biggest expense is printing and distribution of the Wolseley Word, so by sending this electronically, substantial annual savings will be possible which will offset the reduced subscription fee. In effect, there may be some subsidisation for the first year of membership, but this needs to happen to try and grow the membership base of the club.

## EDITOR'S STUFF

My involvement in forthcoming Vintage Car Club events (the Daffodil Rally and the Canterbury Swap Meet) have taken their toll on free time this month, so there hasn't been much happening in the shed in the last few weeks.

My search for a good cylinder head for the 1500 race car turned out to be fruitless. I was hoping to find a good cast-iron 1800 head to use until a new alloy one due from the USA arrives (theoretically sometime in September), and I spent quite a bit of time stripping and cleaning two spare ones I had at home, only to find they both had cracks in them. One is theoretically repairable, but it will need valve inserts fitted which might not be good



for the hard time they will get in a race engine, so I've steered away from that idea. Instead we've had a go at getting the crack in the original Derrington head repaired, which involved cutting part of the rear of the head open to allow access to weld the crack. This has now been done, but pressure testing the head revealed that it wasn't quite there yet, so it's gone back for another go. This has meant missing out on taking the car to Dunedin for the Autospectacular Show there, and missing the first race event for the season at Levels (Timaru) as well. Never mind!

I've also been doing a bit of work on the covered car transporter we have, as one of the stub-axles was bent about 3 degrees out of alignment when we accidentally hit a kerb last year, unfortunately ruining both of the tyres on that side as well. I removed the axle completely and then removed the brake callipers and took it to an engineering shop around the road from home where it was repaired and made straight again. It wasn't a big job, but it needed doing and it's good to have it out of the way now, as there are a few trips to make with the veteran cars later this coming summer. Its next outing was to take the Hornet Special to the Autospectacular now that the 1500 race car still isn't going. We had a great weekend down there with the Southern Region team – it's always a good weekend away, but I'll cover that next month.

Before we went however, I had to get a sticky rear brake sorted on the Hornet Special (the wheel cylinder had a stuck piston), and Matthew's 1500 (which he also took down to display) needed one of the frost plugs replacing in the block. Luckily it was the centre one on the side of the engine so it's one of the easier ones to replace, but we still had to remove the distributor and unbolt the main feed pipe to the oil filter to get everything out of the way. It certainly provided a bit more peace of mind on the trip down to Dunedin knowing that it had been attended to.

Earlier in the month I had a visit on a Tuesday night from a long-time friend and ex-member, Mike Dickison, who had had a clean-out at home and had some old magazines and a few miscellaneous parts to get rid of. Most of all, however, he was wanting to get back into the classic car scene again now that he's retired, and was wanting some advice on what would be best to buy on a limited budget of about \$4,000. His watch-list list included Hillman Hunter, Ford Anglia, Singer Vouge, Rover 216 convertible etc – mostly

## EDITOR'S STUFF - continued

British and medium size. We chatted for a while about getting back into a Wolseley again; when he was in the club he owned (one at a time) a 16/60, 24/80, 1500, 1100, and the 18/85 now owned by Colin Miles in Kaiapoi. He was actually our branch chairman for a while, and said that he would be keen to re-join the club no matter what he bought, and was open to the idea of a Wolseley if something did happen to come up.

The following Friday I had a call from a member of the Banks Peninsula VCC who knew that I was a Wolseley enthusiast, asking me if I would like to come and remove a Wolseley 1300 from the garage of fellow VCC member and friend Ted Leversedge, who had recently passed away. The car had been sitting since 2002 supposedly following an automatic gearbox issue, and urgently needed removal so the garage could be cleared. It was described as being in reasonable condition, and with registration on hold. I arranged to be at the house up on Cashmere hill at 3.30, and duly went up there and collected it. It had to be dragged up a steep drive, and was left near the end of the driveway where I winched

it onto my trailer. Although pretty dusty and dirty, it looked very sound and tidy. At some stage a towbar has attacked the grille and there are a few minor scratches and dents, but overall it didn't look too bad.

Mike Dickison lives in Spreydon, so I decided to call by his house on the way home and show it to him and see if it would be a project he would be interested in taking on. He didn't take too much convincing, so it's now at Idlewood waiting for a month or so while Mike



The Wolseley 1300 as salvaged and now owned by Mike Dickison who is a former member of the club – about to re-join.

finishes off a caravan he's working on to make room for the 1300. This was a great outcome.

We had our August working bee the following weekend, and Mike turned up to have a better look at the car. I took a battery and some fresh petrol with me, and within half an hour we had it running. I even took it for a quick drive up the track into Idlewood and back, and the gearbox did seem to be OK, so just what the problem was we don't know yet. It does however have a broken lower gearbox mount, but I think Mike will be very lucky if that is indeed the only issue. Like all cars left unused for a lengthy period, it will need a full service and the brake hydraulics completely renewed, possibly a new water pump and hoses, plus new tyres and a battery, so there is a bit of money to be spent. Coming to the working bee also gave Mike a good opportunity to meet some of our members he hasn't seen for years, plus of course those who have joined since he left.

## EDITOR'S STUFF - continued

At the end of August (30<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup>) we were blessed with brilliant spring weather. I went out to Idlewood mid-morning Saturday to collect some parts to send away, and enjoyed a cup of tea sitting in the sun there with Eddie & Nancy Bishop and Tony & Cecily Shanks. Stuart Penny was also there watering all of the shrubs, and Nick Stevenson was there too to drop off some parts books. I got back home about 11am, and then spent the rest of the day in the garden to catch up on a couple of months of winter neglect. It looks a bit better now.

Sunday (Fathers Day) was spent with Matthew at the Amberley Rock'n'Wheels – a thoroughly enjoyable day. We both took our 1500's, and really enjoyed the day relaxing with other members and looking around all of the other cars. What a huge turnout! Someone managed to photograph Matthew and I on our way to the event and posted it on Facebook – good that it wasn't the speed camera this time!

Have a good month.

Colin



Matthew (rear) and I on our way to Amberley for the Rock'n'Wheels event, Fathers Day

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Deadline for next Wolseley Word:  
**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

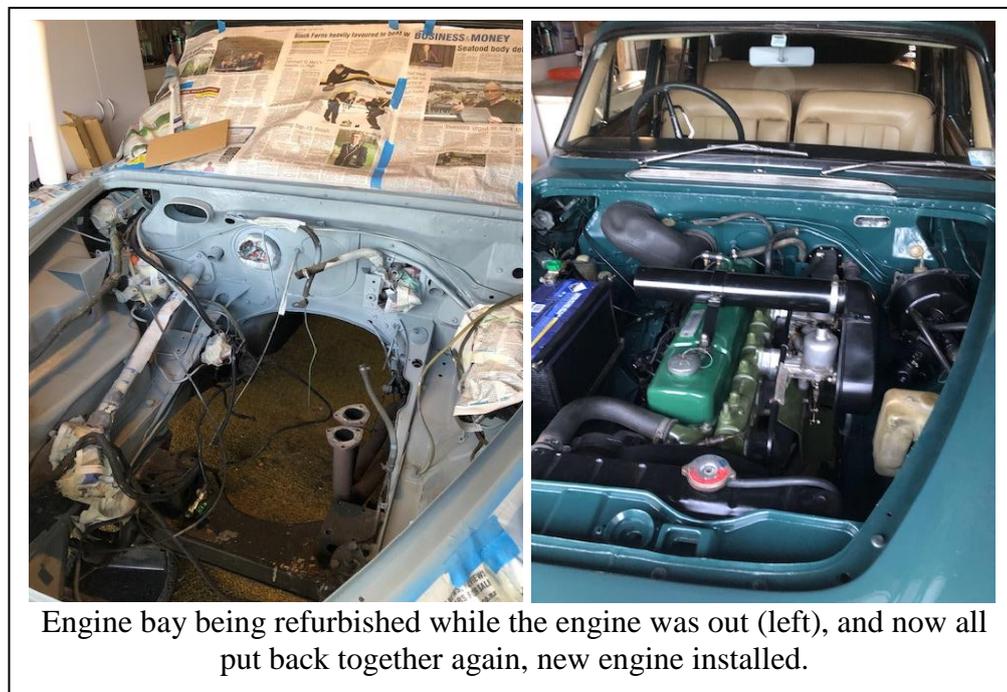
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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Hi Members,

This morning I am getting this report into Colin and then meet up this afternoon with other Club members, some from Christchurch, setting up at the Auto-spectacular in Dunedin for tomorrow (Saturday) show. We are all meeting up for a meal at the Cobb & Co Restaurant the Dunedin Railway Station. It is always a thrill to be going into this building. This is a beautiful building which is admired and well photographed. It doesn't matter what time of the day you go past it there are always many tourists in particular, admiring and photographing it. It was opened in 1906 and is built of Black Basalt Rock blocks with Oamaru Limestone facings. The interior is also as stunning as the outside. The main entrance or foyer area features a mosaic floor of tiles and more tiles on the walls. These tiles are Royal Doulton Porcelain and totalled 750,000.

On the Wolseley side of things I have removed the old engine out our 6/110, painted the engine bay and fitted a reconditioned engine that I had obtained some time ago. You may recall me mentioning about this 6/110 engine in a past report in that it was seeping oil onto the water. I have re-sleeved the two offending oil galleries and



Engine bay being refurbished while the engine was out (left), and now all put back together again, new engine installed.

and it looks good. Although I have only driven the car for about 25kms there is no sign of oil in the water now. The re-sleeving parts including drill bits and stainless steel tubes etc were all machined by Ivan McCutcheon and is a copy of the design used by

the Austin Healey Club. It's been quite a job but good when it's done. The carbs need tuning in and then it will be all go.

Lastly, I Look forward to meeting many of you at the National AGM in Christchurch. I also hope many of you are intending going to the National Rally "Wellington To

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - continued

**Wairarapa Wander**” in March 2020. Registration forms along with accommodation information etc is all available within the Word. Going by the Rally program to date the organising committee has a great trip in store for us.

Enjoy the Spring,  
Gordon Duthie

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hi Fellow Wolseleyites,

This month I missed the North Island Branch AGM for the first time since joining the club in 2004. It coincided with a Secret Surprise 40<sup>th</sup> wedding Anniversary Party that our daughters Victoria and Kathryn had organised. We were taken out in the afternoon to 10 pin Bowling and mini golf .Then into town to a new boutique brewery/ bar that had just opened. I thought that we were going to have dinner there and that was the surprise. But I was wrong at 5.30 we

were told it is time to leave????

They drove us back

home and twenty of our friends and family were gathered in our house. There was a lovely cake, flowers and a photo board of our wedding. What a pleasant surprise. Some feedback from Hugh Mackenzie (the North Island President) regarding our Northern Region AGM. The meeting went well with good turnout of North Island members.

Today is a lovely fine day maybe winter is over? I better get on to trimming trees on our section. The National AGM is coming up on October 12<sup>th</sup> in Christchurch if you can get there it would great to see you.

Happy Wolseleying  
Michael Kruse

*Editors note: Congratulations Michael & Raewynn, on behalf of all of your friends in the Wolseley Car Club.*



## BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS

# North Island Region

Hello Wolseley friends

Hope this report finds you all well and starting to look forward to warmer weather. Its wet and horrible in New Plymouth as I write this. Michael and I took the Wolseley out this afternoon to finish putting together our Garden Festival run in November. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us for this run, we have tried to cater for everybody so hope you can make it. A reminder this weekend is planned for the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> November. Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November we will be having our Christmas dinner at Julianna's restaurant at the Auto Lodge where I recommend accommodation for those attending the weekend. I will send out a registration later in the month with the programme as I will need numbers attending the run. The dinner will cost \$30 a head with lunch on Saturday being paid for by the club. If you plan to come Friday night, for those that wish we will meet at the New Plymouth Club for socialising and dinner.

The AGM I have heard was successful with a good attendance. Thank you, Hugh for taking the reins of the meeting, and to Michelle for taking the notes, while Michael and I enjoyed our 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary with our family and friends.

Have a good month and I will be in touch in a few weeks.

Regards

Raewynn



The beautiful Tupare one of the gardens we will be visiting.

### **REPORT FROM THE WOLSELEY CAR CLUB NORTH ISLAND BRANCH AGM HELD AT "THE WOOLSHED CAFÉ" State High Way 1, RD 9 Palmerston North 17<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

Morning Tea was provided at the venue as the meeting got established.

A good turnout of members was enjoyed with 18 attending the meeting. Due to the logistics of the Meeting being for the whole of the Nth Island it will always be hard to get a large commitment for attendance because of the large travel distance to wherever the Venue is located for most concerned.

Anyway we enjoyed a good and productive meeting with good discussion on many topics. Our Main concern was the situation of the immense area this Branch now covers and as we already have some members that are organizing trips visits and other activities in different areas that are working very well, from this it was taken a step further to arrange

## BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS - North Island Region, continued

area Captains to be the go-to people in their area and who will also organize the before mentioned trips and activities...

Also a "Nth Island Club Captain" Winton Cleal was appointed to help with the general overall Logistics of the large area.

Some members at the meeting were happy to become Area Captains and /or couple's as joint area Captains, as what is needed is people who are the go-to people and can also organize a few trips and things here and there. Once this is better established, we will get the trips etc advertised in the WOLSELEY WORD, so someone out of area or near may also come and join in as well, which keeps the contact and enthusiasm of our WOLSELEYS Alive.

I also Mentioned that the youngest of our cars are over 50 years old and some of them over 75 years, also a few over 100 years. Because of this I firmly believe if anyone has a WOLSELEY and needs parts, they can only purchase them if they are a member, or maybe if we have a large surplus of the item they are needing we can get some money for the club without loss to the need of a current member.

The 2020 National Rally planning is going extremely well and Winton & Ruth Cleal, With Wairarapa Members Ray & Loris Whitcombe assisting have put a great package together. Winton Gave us a general breakdown overview of the Rally which is really exciting Another Very Important Event that took place at the meeting was to put forward 2 or our longer established Members who have both provided a lot of effort and support to the Branch over many years. We are putting forward our full support for Steve Finch and Ivan McCutcheon to become "Life Members of our Branch of The Wolseley Club " This was agreed by all.

The election of officers took place with much the same people retaining their positions and the addition of a few positions more as mentioned above. The meeting adjourned and after the meeting most had lunch at The Woolshed café and then went to their destinations.

Hugh Mackenzie  
North Island President

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The Auckland Rover Car Club would like to extend an invitation to Wolseley Car Club members to join them in the following event:

### **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019 – Movie evening and roast dinner at Ryders, at 177 Riversdale Road Avondale.**

Meet from 5.00 p.m. for dinner at 5.45 p.m. prior to a movie. Cost is \$35.00 per adult which includes the roast dinner, dessert and movie. This is always a popular event. Please advise Noeline Billing 9636516 or 0274531049 of your attendance no later than 24 November 2019.

Also, don't forget the **Bay of Plenty Swap Meet**, to be held at 29 Cliff Road, Tauranga, on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 7.00am to 2.00pm

## Another Special North Island Branch Event:

Hello Members.....We are planning a day trip to the Awakeri Rail Adventures, on the 5th October 10.00am, This trip covers 18 km of the old rail line,at Awakeri, it travels along thru rural country and native bush, in self driven carriages, this trip is rated as 5 star, it finishes up with a sausage sizzle. Cost is \$70.00 each, a discounted group price, we would like to get an idea who would be interested so we can book ahead, and secure our carriages. You can google search their website for more info, and to view video.

The Sutcliffes have very kindly offered us their home to eat our picnic lunch and refreshments. For those who would like, we can then go on for a hot swim at the Kawerau Hot Pools, before heading home. No charge for pools.

Please contact if you are planning to attend this outing. Really Looking forward to catching up with everyone, the winter months are certainly going very quickly.

Stephen Belcher

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## Christchurch Branch News:

There has been a lot happening in our branch in the last month, and I guess the busyness will continue now right up to the end of the year as we're getting back into the events season.

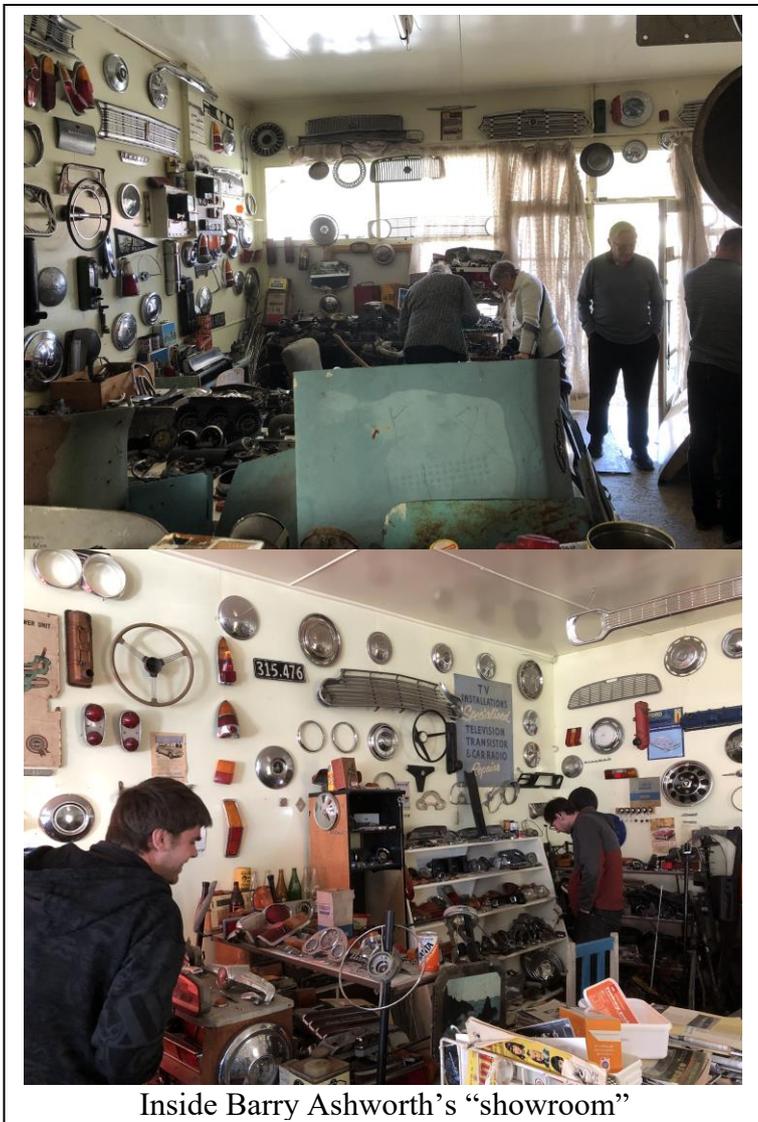
Our working bee on 10<sup>th</sup> August was full-on, with Nick Stevenson and myself starting to take over the spare parts portfolio from Ray Willoughby and starting to find our way around "the system". I'm sure it's going to take a while - I even struggled to find a set of contact breaker points in the no.1 container and had to call Ray to tell me roughly where to look. I was looking amongst the electrical parts, but unbeknown to me they were down the back of the container next to the distributor caps! Made perfect sense when I thought a bit more about it.

Meanwhile others were busy tidying up and pulling parts off a 1300 we're currently dismantling, whilst a bit of time was spent working on the Wolseley 1300 which has just been taken on by Mike Dickison. After 17 years off the road, it started and was driven down the Idlewood driveway and back, so it has the likelihood of being a worthwhile project for Mike to get stuck into.

## BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS - Christchurch Branch, continued

On 18<sup>th</sup> August we had a run up to Amberley for a lunch in the Railway Hotel there, followed by a visit to the home of Barry Ashworth in the Waipara township. We travelled by the back-route from Woodend through to Sefton, and arrived in Amberley a little bit early for lunch. Most of us took the opportunity to visit the Mumma T Trading Lounge in Amberley – an excellent second-hand shop selling all sorts of fine goods and a few craft items. They had some very nice items in there, and I'd recommend a visit if you happen to be passing through and have a few spare minutes.

The Railway Hotel was a great venue for lunch. From the outside and as you walk in the door it doesn't an impression of being particularly flash, but the hospitality and the food was excellent. The meals were large and very affordably priced, and nicely cooked and presented as well. There were about 20 of us seated around a long table, and there was plenty of conversation and laughing going on, and I can honestly say that everyone enjoyed themselves there.



Inside Barry Ashworth's "showroom"

After lunch we all made our way down SH1 a bit further to Waipara, where we visited the home (a converted store) of Barry Ashworth to check out the selection of classic car parts he has on display and for sale there. There were lots of BMC-related items, including a good selection of second-hand trim and body parts for some models, and a bit of mechanical stuff as well. We spotted several Wolseley 1500 body panels, many hub-caps and lenses, instruments and electrical parts. The place isn't widely advertised at all but could be worth a call or a visit if other sources fail to turn up the bit you're looking for. Attending his first run for this event was John Noordanus, with his father Bill in a very nice Riley 4/72 purchased a few months ago. Unfortunately on the way home the water pump had a sudden failure just south of Amberley, so John was forced to call the AA and have the car transported back home. Not the ideal way to finish your first club outing,

but John didn't seem phased when I spoke to him a couple of days later and was all set to fix it and carry on.

All-up however, a good day out enjoyed by everyone. Thanks to Simon Verkerk who organised the day.

## BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS - Christchurch Branch, continued

The Amberley run was followed one week later by the Daffodil Rally, organised by the VCC as the annual fundraising event for the Cancer Society. This has turned into a big day



out, with somewhere in the vicinity of 350 cars taking part. We had 8 Wolseleys there, and some members came in other brands of car as well, so it was a great turnout. Some went on the optional runs, while others were content just to stay put and enjoy the beautiful day relaxing, talking and enjoying the huge range of cars and motorcycles that attended on the day.

Around \$5,000 was raised at the event, which I'm sure will be appreciated by the Cancer Society.

Our final event for the month was another run up to Amberley on 1<sup>st</sup> September to the annual Rock'n'wheels event. This was another huge day out for car enthusiasts, no doubt helped by the fact that the weather was once again perfect, and that it was also Fathers Day. A substantially different genre of cars attended this event compared to the Daffodil Rally. Many, many American cars (mostly customised but some not), hotrods, and



Setting up at the Daffodil Rally

Australian muscle cars turned out for this one, with still good numbers of British cars scattered amongst them. We were able to put the club shelter up (more to keep the sun off than for any other reason), and had a good spot about in the middle of the display area. At its peak I would say there would have been over 400 cars there – it certainly took a while to walk around them all and check them out. There were also a number of market-type stalls operating, and a good band playing from the deck of a closed-in truck.

## BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS - Christchurch Branch, continued

Matthew and I took our matching 1500s to this event (Jenny stayed at home to catch up on some work), and I personally really enjoyed it – the drive out there and back in the 1500 was good (it's still my long-term favourite Wolseley), and it was an ideal way to spend Fathers' Day for me. It was also good to see Jonathan Gault turn up on his first club run with his 6/110, now back on the road with a reconditioned cylinder head fitted.



Our line-up at the Amberley Rock'n'Wheels event – from left Marv & Marylin Wayne's 6/80, Jonathan Gault's 6/110, Danny & Sharon O'Malley's Bentley, Stuart and Judith Penny's 16/60, and the two Hey 1500s.

Last weekend we ventured down to Dunedin for the Autospectacular show and to catch up with our Southern Branch members, but I'll save that story for the next issue. Suffice to say we had another really good weekend down there, and the show was fantastic.

Now, for Christchurch Branch members, and in fact any member, we are organising a **weekend away to Oamaru over Show Weekend** (15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> November), where we will (amongst other things) be able to enjoy the Victorian Heritage Celebrations. There is a separate notice regarding this later in the newsletter on Page 19, but we would really encourage all Central and Lower South Island members to seriously consider joining in on that weekend. But be quick, because accommodation is already hard to get.

## Christchurch Branch Coming Events:

### **Saturday 14 September – Working Bee at Idlewood**

Our usual working Bee at Idlewood. Everyone is welcome to come along to help with spares or maintenance, collect parts, or just socialise. From 9.30am at 771A Mcleans Island Road. Morning tea provided, BYO lunch if you want to stay on for the Committee meeting at 12.30 after lunch – all welcome.

### **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September – BLMC Rally**

This year organised by the Morris Owners Club. Meet at Princess Margaret Hospital at 10.00am. A scenic run will depart from there, finishing at Keating Park (Vintage Machinery Club grounds), McLeans Island Road, where a large open day will be happening with lots to see and do. Please bring a picnic lunch. Cost is only \$5.00 per car, which covers the cost of Keating Park. This run has been extended to include all BLMC variants, including Rover, Triumph and Jaguar, so it should be a good outing.

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October – Working Bee at Idlewood** (Note – this is the **first Saturday in the month** because of the Swap Meet and AGM the following weekend) Same details as September working bee (above).

### **Weekend of 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> October – Swap Meet Display**

We will be looking for Wolseleys for the display, so please contact Stuart Penny and let him know if you can assist. Days and times will be to suit you, but it's quite safe leaving your car there overnight (security is provided by the VCC). Note that we are not having a selling site this year – just the display.

### **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October – National AGM and Dinner**

The evening will be held at the Papanui RSA, entry off Bellvue Ave, or off Harewood Road about 20m west of the Papanui Road intersection.

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**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October – Club run – details next newsletter**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November – Working Bee at Idlewood**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November – Canterbury All British Day** – mark this date in your diary now so you don't miss this event.

## BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS – Christchurch, continued

**Weekend of 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> November** (Show Weekend) – Weekend trip to Oamaru Heritage Festival. See separate notice on Page 19

### Other Christchurch-Based Events

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September – Car Show, Cashmere Green, Dyers Pass Road,**  
This is a fundraising event organised by the Cashmere Residents Association, and they have asked if we can provide 4 cars for the display. Cars will be on the park area beside the old stone Cashmere Presbyterian Church, 10.00am to 4.00pm. (total to be over 100). If you can help, please contact Stuart Penny. Gold coin entry for spectators.

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October – Trevor Stanley's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Classic Car Rural Run**  
This is the weekend after the introduction of daylight saving. Starting point is the Hurunui District Council car park SH1 Amberley, North Canterbury. Entry fee as normal @ \$15 per vehicle, with registrations in the adjacent Saint John's Lounge, taken between 9.30am and 10.50am. coffee car on site as are toilets.

As this is a back country tour, you may travel over some (gentle) unsealed sections of road. This means, as on the previous 3 rural rambles, you may enter your modern vehicle, due to not wishing to take your classic over unsealed sections. (There will be no other costs involved).

Finer details closer to the date, such as where we are to lunch. (ie Collection of exotic classic vehicles and bygone era display).

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## Southern Region Branch Report News and Events:

The Autospectacular show on 7<sup>th</sup> September proved to be a great success, and we put on a display of 5 cars. An afternoon visit to see Gavin Turner's 1930's Wolseley Hornet Special, and then dinner that night at the Harbourside Grille were most enjoyable. A full report will be in the next Wolseley Word.

Some more outings are in the planning stages at the present time and include a trip to Tapanui and a joint trip to Oamaru to meet up with Canterbury members. Further details via e-mail/Wolseley Word as they are worked out. Details for the Oamaru trip can be found on Page 19

Here are some dates of future car shows I have picked up from the Otago Early Falcon & Fairlane Club

- 19 October Riverton Car Show
- 2 November Kaitangata Car Show
- 17 November Maitauro Car Show

**BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS – Christchurch, continued**

- 24 November Otago Hospice Charity Cruise

Some of these I have more details on. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you are interested and want to go and/or enter.

Thanks.

Fergus

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## BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS – NELSON BRANCH



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### Special Notice Regarding Spare Parts

As has already been communicated in the past, at the end of July Ray Willoughby retired from the role of Spare Parts Coordinator. The role is for the foreseeable future going to be taken over by Nick Stevenson, with help from Colin Hey.

From now on, if you can, please email spares requests to the following address:

[wolseley.spares.nz@gmail.com](mailto:wolseley.spares.nz@gmail.com)

If you want to talk in person to Nick or Colin, the phone numbers are as follows:

Nick Stevenson: 027 431 5661    Colin Hey: 021 883807 or 03 359 8737

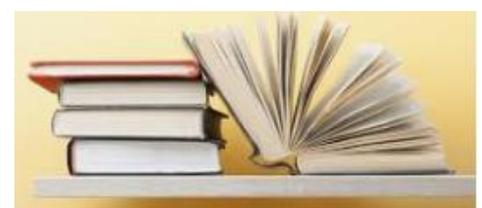
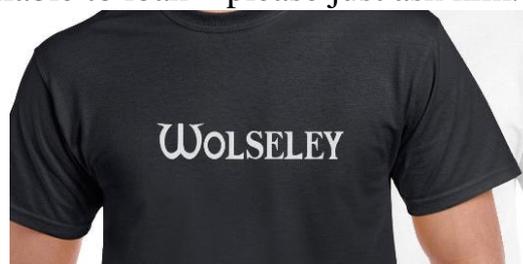
Please note that both Colin and Nick have day jobs, so please, if at all possible, make your phone calls during the evening, after 7.30pm and before 9.00pm

## REGALIA SALES AND LIBRARY LOANS

For any Wolseley Car Club regalia (caps, shirts, badges, books etc), and for any Wolseley-related books or technical information, please contact Danny O'Malley on 03 3244421 or 021 498 162.

Danny is currently doing an inventory of current stock and is thinking of running some specials on some stock that has been sitting around a while. Look out for a list in later editions of the Wolseley Word.

Danny can also provide copies of handbooks, workshop manuals, and parts books for most Wolseley models, either to loan or photocopies. Some general information Wolseley-related books are also available to loan – please just ask him.



## **AN INVITATION TO VISIT OAMARU**

### **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

An invitation is extended to all members (especially Christchurch and Southern Region members) to attend a weekend in Oamaru from Friday 15<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November. The weekend will be very relaxed. Friday will be the travel from home day, and we will meet on Friday evening for dinner and a social time.

On Saturday morning the North Otago VCC Swap Meet will be held, so we will visit that first thing in the morning; later morning is free for you to choose something to do yourself.

We will meet again and then view the Grand Street Parade at 12pm, and then have a run somewhere local (TBA) in the afternoon, meeting again for dinner that evening (possibly a BBQ).

On Sunday we will visit the Victorian Fete in Oamaru's Victorian Precinct from 10am, and people will be able to leave that when they wish to travel back home again.

For more information on the full weekend Heritage programme, please go to:

[https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/932434\\_7bc64dee043c46bda2d5b28b17889706.pdf](https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/932434_7bc64dee043c46bda2d5b28b17889706.pdf)

More details will be provided in the next Wolseley Word, but in the meantime if you would like to attend, please get your accommodation sorted asap, as it is rapidly filling up.

For those Southern Region members who intend to go, please advise Fergus Sime; for Christchurch Branch members or anyone further north, please contact Colin Hey.

## **Life with a 16/60, by Bryan Kelly**

Long awaited story on buying and our adventures to date with the ex-Simon Verkerk 16/60 automatic. A conversation with Colin and Matthew Hey at last years' AGM in Palmerston North informed me that Simons' 16/60 was still for sale at a very reasonable price. The idea was discussed with Colin and Matthew and further with Gordon Duthie on the flight home. By the time I got home, I had made the decision to follow it up further. Re-read the ad in the Word from a few issues back and rang Simon. He then kindly e-mailed me some photos within the week and confirmed the price. SO!! Going by the photos and information from the Hey's and Simon the decision was made to buy the car there and then! Rang Simon to tie up the deal and arrange payment and thanked him for selling it to us. Then it was to arrange a time and date to pick up the car. Fortunately, a friend and his wife were travelling up to Christchurch to attend their granddaughters 21st so a ride up was no problem.

So on the 9th November last year away we headed. Travelling with others can often result in delays and this trip was no different. By the time I found Simon I was beginning to wonder if I would find him still waiting on me, but through the magic of cellphones he was kept informed of where we were. We duly arrived about 1 1/2 hours late and then I

got to see the 16/60 in the flesh for the first time. Simons advert in the Word would have to be one of the most honest I have read in a long time. Advertised as 'in mostly original condition, reconditioned engine approx. 2 years ago, bodywork very good - could do with some cosmetic work to make it excellent but on the whole a very tidy and reliable car that can be taken on any event with confidence'. Well he was bang on - it was as described. I was very impressed and happy with the first look over. Paperwork all signed, keys in car and after a look over his Mk2 Cortina and a good chat and catchup it was time to check it over (water, oil etc) and head for Dunedin. Well that was the plan. Headed out to Hornby and stopped for fuel for the car and ME! When the lady serving me found out how far south I was heading my coffee was free plus she filled my flask with hot water for later (had my own coffee on board). Left Hornby at about 7.00pm and headed south. Raining and busy roads made for an interesting trip ahead in a car I didn't know, but I had faith in what I'd been told. Simon was right, it's got a damn good heater and it was needed on the trip, cold and raining most of the way home. Stopped a couple of hours down the road for another coffee and sandwich. The car was going extremely well and the miles and time just clicked by. Allowing for the odd rest stop to stretch the legs I made it to Dunedin by about 12.30am and headed to Mosgiel which was supposed to be my overnight stop. But I hadn't heard from my friends (as arranged) and I wasn't keen on ringing at that early morning hour so made the decision to head for home. I was feeling pretty good so carried on south to Waihola and pulled into the NPD fuel stop to top the car up. Pulled over once that was completed and made my last coffee and had a breather for about 15 mins. Rain had stopped and roads were drying out so headed homeward. About 30 miles from home I started to question whether I made the right decision. But all good and I drove up my driveway just after 3am. Tried to sneak in but Barbara heard me and I was promptly asked "what are you doing here?" I cheekily replied "I live here!" Needless to say she was not amused! Not long after tucked up for some sleep but up again at 6.30 to take Barbara to work then back to resume a deserved sleep.

Saturday afternoon was spent inspecting what I had just brought. Then reading all the paperwork, receipts etc to find out some of the history of the car. It appears to be one of the last 16/60s sold in N.Z with it being purchased from South Island Motors in Christchurch on the 16th July 1971. Price was \$3462 plus underseal \$32, seatbelts \$21.50 and rego \$44.95..that appears to have come full circle as rego is now \$48!

By following Colin Hey's reports in previous Words and reading the receipts I have a fair idea of the work carried out on this car for the last few years. Rebuilt engine (2015) done 4360 miles since, rebuilt brakes around same time plus re-cored radiator. Future-proofed with alternator fitted as well as spin on oil filter conversion fitted (MGB-B series engine setup). So as you can see, fairly much major mechanical work done. So now up to myself (paintwork) and my brother (the panelbeater) to finish her off cosmetically. Just minor work needed on the body and then a full respray. Seems a shame to do away with the original paint but I think it's easier to respray her than try and match and touch up years old paint. Plus she deserves it. A couple of small repairs inside is all else she needs.

We've already started putting a few personal touches on the car. Barbara watched horrified as I took a drill to the car for a radio aerial and places for the brand new WIPAC fog lights I've owned since the late seventies and never been on a car. As for the radio, I've not got the heart (or nerve) to remove the radio blanking panel in the dash to fit it. So using CAD - not computer assisted design, something more simple - cardboard assisted design (worked

years ago!), we are making a floor mounted centre console plus a space for some power sockets. This is where Barbara's passion for woodwork is coming into play. It will be easily removeable if needed. She has already worked out it will be stained and varnished to match the dash as close as possible.

As reported in previous Words, the car is getting used regularly. Boxing Day last year was her first family trip to Dolamore Park Camping Ground for a BBQ lunch with Gordon and Beryl Duthie and Bruce Duthie and family, then other trips to Dipton to visit my eldest daughter, son-in-law and grandson (soon to be two!), friends in Winton and Nightcaps, Christina's school ball, Alexandra and Cromwell with a stop off in Lawrence to visit Beryl and Gordon on the way home, Manderville club run and CrankUp Day in Edendale. Plus also being members of All British Vehicle Club Southland we've been doing some of their monthly runs. So you can see she is being used and enjoyed. Next trip is to Dunedin to be in Autospectacular on 7th September which will be over by the time you read this (report should be in Word)

Brother Phillip has said he wants to do the panel repairs after said trip so she can have a rest for a little while. But we are intending to attend the Otago Hospice Charity Run in Dunedin on 24th November. Good cause and it was started a few years ago by the children of some very good friends and others, and they have been on to us to attend, so we better!! And now further to last report in the Word - the car's name. Quite light-hearted really. On said trip to Alexandra/ Cromwell, nice day for a drive. Car going extremely well but she really picks up her skirts once she warms up. Road from Gore to Alexandra is hilly and winding in places but it didn't seem to bother her. In fact we were catching cars on the hills and passing some on the passing lanes, and then as if they didn't like being passed by an older car, they would pass us going down the other side (sometimes dangerously!) But next hill she would catch them again going up. After this had happened a few times Barbara laughed and said "the chase is on". To those who watch a TV show called 'The Chase', you should know what's coming next. Before I could say anything Barbara



Right at home with any enthusiast's car

laughed and said "Her name's The Governess"! Don't worry Simon, Winston is her mascot and travels everywhere in her. He is a little bear in a flying suit we brought in Manderville. I must stress I wasn't pushing the car at all - she just goes fantastic.

Well, we will carry on sprucing up the car and enjoy using it. So maybe sometime in the future some of you will see us in 'The Governess' in your neck of the woods. I sure hope so. Now if I can convince Barbara we should sell the Falcon and replace it

with a 6/110 or Westminster. Still tow the caravan plus cheaper to rego. Maybe call that one 'The Beast'. That TV show 'The Chase' again! Wishing everyone all the best from the Deep South  
Regards Bryan and family

# WELLINGTON TO WAIRARAPA WANDER

## 8 – 14 MARCH 2020

### WOLSELEY CAR CLUB NZ NATIONAL RALLY – UPDATE #4

Entries for the Rally have been rolling in over the last couple of weeks, and we now have 30 people coming, five of whom are from Australia.

We note that the entry form did not ask for the registration number of your rally vehicle. This is a requirement to gain entry to the Spitfire hangar at Ohakea, which is a security area. Could you please advise us by email of your registration number. If you are bringing a rental car, we will make arrangements for you to park outside the airbase and be a passenger in another car.

Our first evening meal in Masterton will be at the Wairarapa Vintage Car Clubrooms in Clareville, which is about ten minutes' drive south of Masterton. It will be a smorgasbord meal and time will be allocated to look over the spare parts shed.

We will be at the AGM in Christchurch in October, and look forward to meeting everyone who is there.

Winton and Ruth Cleal, Rally Coordinators

Tel. 04 293 3369 or 021 178 4253; email: [fincle@icloud.com](mailto:fincle@icloud.com)

*Note: A copy of the registration form is on the rear page of this newsletter – if you have misplaced your original copy, please use that one.*

## Buy and Sell

**For Sale** - 6/110 1963, 4 Speed gearbox with overdrive, MkII Brake Calipers at the front. Overall Condition good. Contact Don Simons (06 751 5579). The car is in New Plymouth

**For Sale – Wolseley 18/85 Series III**, 1947. A good going car, restored around 1990 and used regularly since. Dark green, very smart body and interior, in very presentable condition overall. Brakes have just had a re-fresh, and the car has a current WoF and Registration. For definite sale, \$8,000, or possibly interested in a trade for a 1500. Contact Chris Hengst (member), Ph 03 313 8683. The car is located in Rangiora.

**1939 Wolseley 25HP Series III Sedan** - The car located in Cambridge, it has been in a shed for the 25 years that my Father and I have owned it. It was going to be our project but family/ life have got in the way and we would really like to see in on the road with someone else. It has very little rust and the reason there head was off was that it has a blown head gasket. All the parts that were taken off for the head are there and stored, and I believe that the two front seats are there but not the rear. It has a sunroof, wind down 3/4 windows in the rear, all the winders work. The chassis rolls well and can be easily pushed. Really needs to be inspected, many photos available on request.



Looking to get somewhere around \$4000. Don't want much more, its just about seeing it back on the road. Contact Nick Roberts, Ph 021762789.



**WOLSELEY CAR CLUB NZ Inc  
2020 NATIONAL RALLY**

**ENTRY FORM for the  
"WELLINGTON TO WAIRARAPA WANDER"  
8<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

**Driver and Passenger Details:**

Driver	Passenger 2
Passenger 1	Passenger 3

**Contact Details:**

Full Address	Phone
	Mobile
	Email
Post Code:	

**Vehicle Details:**

Make	Model	Year	Reg
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**Accommodation Details:**

I/we have booked accommodation at the following establishments:

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I can loan a vehicle to an overseas entrant

Yes

No

**To Register:**

**Please complete the above details and return this form, together with a cheque for a rally deposit of \$75.00 made payable to 'North Island Wolseley Car Club', to:**

**Wolseley Car Club National Rally**

**11a Kohekohe Road**

**Waikanae 5036**

**Please note that this payment is a deposit to secure your registration.** The final cost has yet to be finalised, and will be invoiced around the end of 2019. It is expected the final cost will be less than \$400 per person, and cover morning teas, most lunches and evening meals, and entry to venues

<p>If you would prefer to pay electronically, please ensure you use your name in the reference, and pay to account no. 06 0996 0174069 00</p>
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**Information regarding the rally** will be forwarded to confirmed entrants, and updates will be provided monthly in the Wolseley Word. Any further inquiries can be addressed to Winton and Ruth Cleal, [fincl@icloud.com](mailto:fincl@icloud.com)

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