

THE WORD

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE WOLSELEY CAR CLUB NEW ZEALAND INC

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These two locals won the Best Dressed prize at the Christchurch Daffodil Day Rally



Bob the 4/44 about to take on Dunedin's hills for flower delivery

Daffodil Day events in Christchurch and Dunedin

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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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Greetings Wolseley Enthusiasts,

Welcome to your **August 2026** edition of *The Wolseley Word*! It feels like spring is finally just around the corner, and it is great to see everyone getting their cars out, wrapping up branch AGMs, and planning for a busy season ahead.

Before we dive into the news, I want to send a huge hug and our deepest condolences from the whole club to our National Secretary, **Michael Kruse**, whose mum passed away early this month. Michael, we are all thinking of you and Raewynn.

On a brighter note, a massive shout-out to everyone who supported the **Cancer Society's Daffodil Day** events! Over on pages 17 and 18, you can read about **Colin Hey's** massive effort coordinating the Christchurch rally. Despite some wild weather, they pulled in around 700 cars and raised over \$10,000—an amazing result! Meanwhile, down south,



our members braved a freezing Dunedin day. Special recognition goes to the team for using a **Wolseley 4/44** to deliver pre-ordered flowers up those steep hill suburbs—talk about putting the cars to work!

What to check out in this issue:

Some Serious Stuff: Please take five minutes to read **President Gordon Duthie's** report on page 4. We are facing a bit of a critical shortage with branch delegates for the National AGM. Without enough people, we don't have a quorum to make official decisions, so please have a look and see how you can help support the club's future.

Sub Reminders: A quick reminder that subscriptions (\$40.00) are due. **Graeme Lee** has streamlined the process so all payments go straight into the national account now, which saves our branch treasurers a ton of paperwork.

Why I Love My Wolseley: Make sure to turn to page 13 for a fantastic feature by **Rod Mason** on his incredibly rare **1958 Wolseley 15/50**. It is a wonderful read about an often-forgotten classic, and Rod reckons he might own the only one in the club—let us know if you can prove him wrong!

Road Trips & Rallies: Get sorting your accommodation for the **Taranaki Garden Festival Rally** this November (details on page 16). There is also talk of a **Northern Rally in early 2027**, and the North Island branch has locked in **Hawke's Bay** for the **2028 National Rally**!

Fresh Gear: **Sharon O'Malley** is putting together a brand-new clothing order with a new embroidery supplier. Flip to page 22 to see the gear and get your orders in so we can hit our minimum numbers and get the run started!

As always, a big thank you to **Annette McKnight**, **Gavin Turner**, and **Colin Hey** for keeping us updated with all the branch gossip and tech tips.

If you have a story, a photo, or an update for the next issue, the absolute deadline is **Wednesday, 23 September 2026**. Just drop it into an email to me in Word format.

Enjoy the read, happy motoring, and keep the polished side up!

Warm regards,

Gaye Dixon

Editor, Wolseley Word

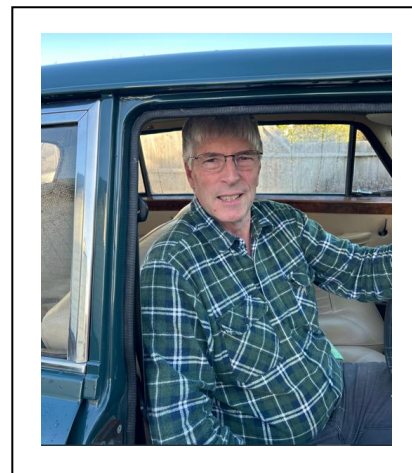
PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi Members,

I hope everyone is getting through the winter okay and not been affected by the flue, as they say, it's going around. Spring blossom on fruit trees up the Roxburgh Valley are providing a nice splash of colour and will be in full colour for the Alexandra Blossom Festival September 25th – 26th.



Branch AGM's have been done with some office personnel changes. Thanks to those who have stood down and to those who have come in. Please support your management committees.



National Treasurer Graeme Lee has made some changes to help reduce the workload for branches and national secretary, in

particular payment of Subscriptions.

All subscriptions are now paid into the national bank account, No 06 0241 0100213 00

Now some Serious Stuff!

The Wolseley Club in NZ has three branches which means there are only a maximum of six delegates attending the National AGM.

I am disappointed that branches have only nominated one delegate each, not the two delegates that the branches are entitled to, to represent their branch at the National AGM.

A National meeting requires 10 financial members present for a quorum. The situation is quite critical for the future of the Wolseley Club if we don't have all who are required to be in attendance.

At the moment with only one delegate from each of the branches, that number comes to three, plus the President, Secretary, Treasurer, National Parts, Editor, and Web and Facebook master totals nine. This means that we do not have a quorum for any national meetings, so this means the executive does not have the power to make any Decisions, Motions or Resolutions. (Refer to page 14 in the constitution)

I have heard discussions at branch AGM's regarding delegates, is the expense for delegates attending.

Branch and National AGMs are an investment in your club, the opportunity for your members to participate, promote ideas, create direction etc. and in the case of branch AGM's send delegates to the National AGM, to further momentum at the National level.

I am hoping that other North Island members attend the National AGM to make a quorum.

It is expected that those people taking office at the national level would in time become national president, secretary etc. etc.

For the above reasons, I am seriously concerned for the long-term future of the Wolseley Club as it is.

The National Executive can only work with what branches have nominated to us.

Please take on board the situation this club is in.

Plenty to think about.

Gordon Duthie

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hi All,

Things haven't gone too well this month as my Mum passed away on 2nd August. A life well lived to 91 years. I have been working with the Funeral Directors and Lawyers for the last two weeks. Thank you, Wolseley Car Club, for the wonderful bunch of flowers.

A ray of sunshine happened last night - Wolseley National Executive meeting. It was great to talk to all our Wolseley friends. It was nice to see a new keen Wolseley enthusiast in Paul Emery from Milton. He has offered to make 2 new Trophies for the National Rally from some nice timber, which his father has used to make acoustic guitars from. So, they should look wonderful.



The new way of collecting subs with the money going to National and then paid out to the Branches is working well. Graeme is doing a great job. This has taken a load off the Branch Treasurers.

It was decided at the North Island Branch AGM that they will run the National Rally in the Hawks Bay Region in 2028. So, start saving now for the Rally.

After the Branch AGM's we have some new committee and branch office holders.

WELCOME. Please ask if you need any help. We have a handbook that is designed to help as below.

Cheers Michael Kruse

National Secretary Wolseley Car Club Inc.

Handbook of Responsibilities for Elected and Appointed Members – 17 October 2013

Explanatory Notes.

Often in many small organisations such as our Club, the structure and the lines of responsibility are not maintained or are overlooked, especially during periods of growth.

Many new people elected to positions are not fully aware of what their responsibilities are, to whom they are responsible and how they should be supported in their role.

For an organisation to be strong and to do its best for members and for those who are taking on positions of responsibility, structures and responsibilities for the positions they hold should be easily available and clearly set out.

People in elected or appointed positions need to know what they are responsible for and to whom they can turn for assistance so they can confidently fulfil that position.

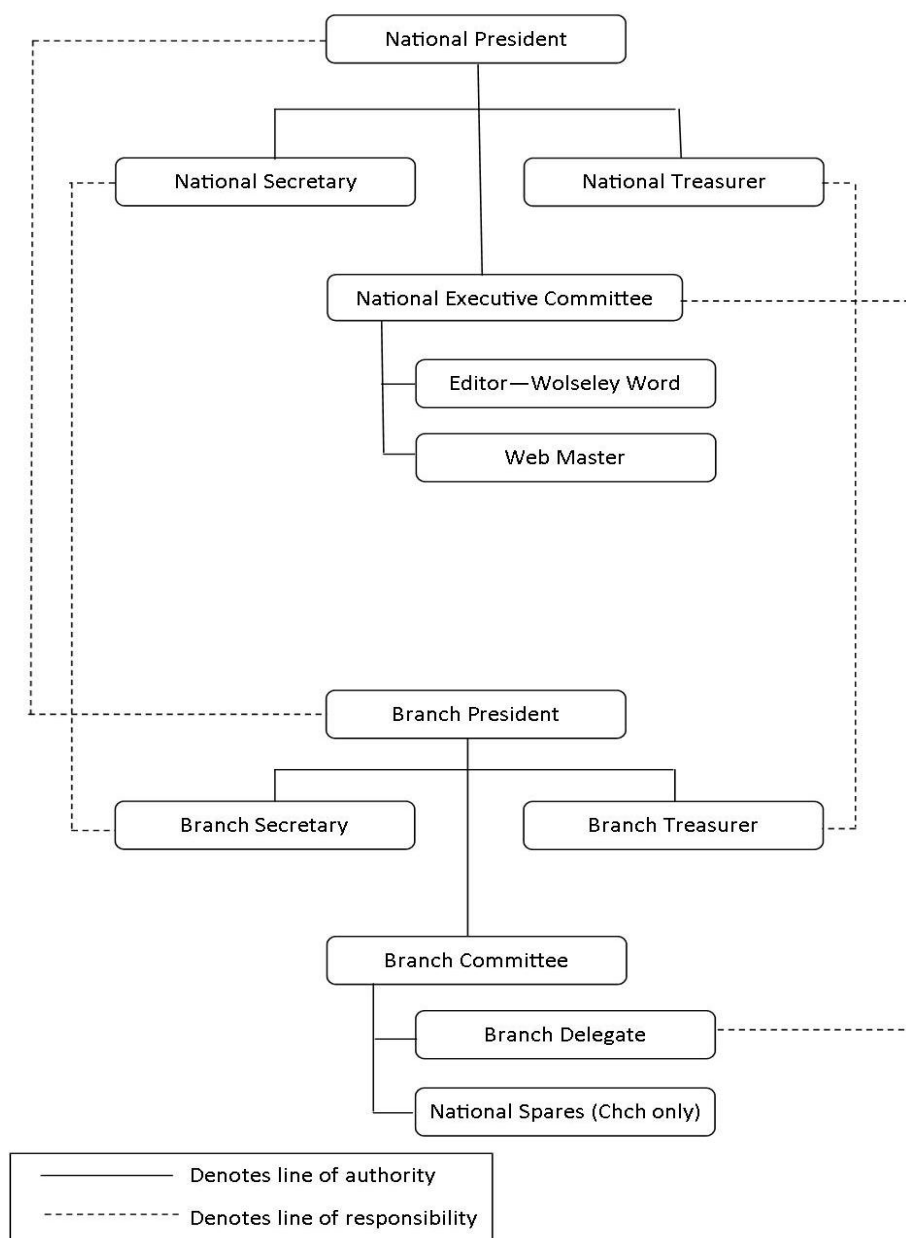
Structure in the club will also make members more confident and feel able to stand and take an office.

This "Handbook of Responsibilities" sets out the basic structure and responsibilities for all office holders in the Wolseley Car Club, and can be referred to when any member needs clarity, guidance and help with any task they undertake on behalf of members or for the club generally.

This handbook is a working document, and can be changed at any time with agreement of the National Executive Committee. The document owner is the National Chairperson.

Organisational Structure

of the Wolseley Car Club NZ Inc.



Key Positions and Responsibilities

of the Wolseley Car Club NZ Inc

National President

- Promote the Wolseley Car Club.
- Provide guidance, assistance, direction and support to the National Secretary and all elected and appointed representatives.
- Be available to club members.
- Carry out duties as set out by the National Committee.
- Maintain active and on-going communications with the National Secretary.
- Chair the Club's Annual General Meeting (AGM) and any other National meetings as required.
- Discuss any developments that may come up from time to time with the National Secretary.
- React to any Legislative changes that might affect the operation of the Club.
- Be available Branch Presidents for any guidance or support they may require.
- Carry out duties in accordance with the Clubs "Constitution and Rules."

National Secretary

- Receive member, and other relevant information from regional secretaries.
- Keep the national membership register and other documents up to date.
- Receive, record, and disseminate information to the appropriate receivers.
- Inform, and request information from, the appropriate people so as to fulfil their secretarial responsibilities.
- Maintain active and on-going communications with the National President.
- Provide reports as requested or required.
- Supply the Editor with monthly and up to date membership labels for the Wolseley Word.
- Supply National Spares Coordinator with an up to date membership list regularly or on special request.
- Supply useful information to club members via the Wolseley Word.
- Taking down minutes of the AGM and any other meetings as required.
- Advise and inform each Branch Secretary of due dates. (e.g. membership renewal updates).
- Provide resources, assistance and guidance to Branch Secretary's, as required and/or requested.
- Carry out duties in accordance with the Clubs "Constitution and Rules."

National Treasurer

- Receive and record membership levies, and any other club income.
- Maintain the Club National Account, including ensuring payments for any Branch undertaking publication of the monthly newsletter are made regularly.
- Payment of accounts as required and as set out by the committee.
- Preparing and filing financial statements and reports to the AGM and any other time as required by the committee.
- Filing an Annual Tax Return to Inland Revenue Department as and when required.
- Filing the approved Annual Accounts to the Registrar of Incorporated Societies following the National AGM.
- Provide information to each Branch Treasurer via the National Secretary.
- Be available to Branch Treasurers for any guidance or support they may require.
- Carry out duties in accordance with the Clubs "Constitution and Rules."

National Committee Members

- Be available for any meetings and/or assistance as required.
- Inform National President or the National Secretary of any information that they feel is of importance to the Club.
- Be available to the members.
- Carry out duties in accordance with the Clubs "Constitution and Rules."

Wolseley Word Editor

- Assist with the promotion the Wolseley Car Club through the Wolseley Word.
- Develop the Wolseley Word within the guidelines as set out by the National Committee.
- Take advantage of any willing sponsors to assist with costs associated with the production of the Wolseley Word.
- Supply to the best of their ability, a monthly Wolseley Word for members.
- Advise contributors of deadlines and request appropriate input from them.
- Introduce any information that is relevant and likely to be of interest to the members.
- As required, organise a group to assist with the production and the distribution of the Wolseley Word.
- Advise the National President or the National Secretary of any concerns in the production of the Wolseley Word.
- Supply a copy of the Wolseley Word to all current financial members, the Web Manager, sponsors and any other relevant club.
- File a report to the National AGM.
- Carry out duties in accordance with the Clubs "Constitution and Rules."

Web Site Manager

- Develop and manage the web site as set out by the National Committee.
- Keep the web site up to date and fresh.
- Ensure that the web site is accessible to our financial Club members.
- Advise the National President and/or the National Secretary promptly of any concerns you have with the website.
- File a report to the National AGM.
- Carry out duties in accordance with the Clubs "Constitution and Rules."

Branch Chair

- Assist with the promotion the Wolseley Car Club.
- Welcome new members and encourage all members to take an active part in all branch activities.
- In conjunction with the Branch Secretary, organise and hold an Annual General Meeting for the Branch.
- Ensure that AGM activities are run in accordance with the Clubs Constitution and Rules.
- Respond positively to requests from the National President.
- Provide reports, programs, photos and any other information about your Branch activities to the Wolseley Word Editor.
- Contact the National President for any guidance or support that may be required.
- File a report to the National AGM.
- Carry out duties in accordance with the Clubs "Constitution and Rules."

Branch Secretary

- Assist with the promotion of the Wolseley Car Club.
- Welcome new members and encourage all members to take an active part in all branch activities.
- In conjunction with the Branch President, organise and hold an Annual General Meeting for the Branch.
- Record and prepare minutes of all Branch meetings.
- Send updated membership forms and Financial details to the National Secretary for the updating of the National Register.
- Respond positively to any requests from the National Secretary.
- Assist the Branch President with the provision of reports, programmes, photos and any other relevant information for the Wolseley Word.
- Contact the National Secretary for any guidance or support that may be required.
- Carry out duties in accordance with the Clubs "Constitution and Rules."

Branch Treasurer

- Assist with the promotion of the Wolseley Car Club.
- Receive membership subscriptions, both new and renewal and issue receipts and membership cards to financial Members.
- Provide the Branch Secretary with up to date financial membership status reports.
- Payment of membership levies to the National Treasurer.
- Respond positively to any requests from the national Treasurer.
- Carry out duties as set out in the "Constitution and Rules"
- Contact the National Treasurer for any guidance or support that may be required.
- Carry out duties in accordance with the Clubs "Constitution and Rules."
- Prepare annual accounts which include all bank accounts under the control of the branch, for approval at the branch AGM.

Branch Delegate

- Appointed by the Branch AGM.
- Attend National Executive Committee meetings as voting members, representing own Branch.
- Participate in activities as requested by the National President and/or National Executive Committee.
- Inform the Branch Committee following the National Executive Committee.

National Spares Parts Coordinator (Christchurch Branch only)

- Appointed by Branch at AGM.
- Sell new and used spare parts to financial members of the Club.
- Maintain as best as possible accurate records of new, refurbished and/or reconditioned spares in stock, and sold.
- Maintain effective communications with members requesting parts, advice and or information.
- Create accounts for members purchasing items of stock, and ensure payment has been made.
- Maintain effective relationships with people and organisations that provide services regarding spare parts.
- Prepare an annual report relating to the spares operation, to be presented to the Branch and the National Annual General Meeting

Club Captain's

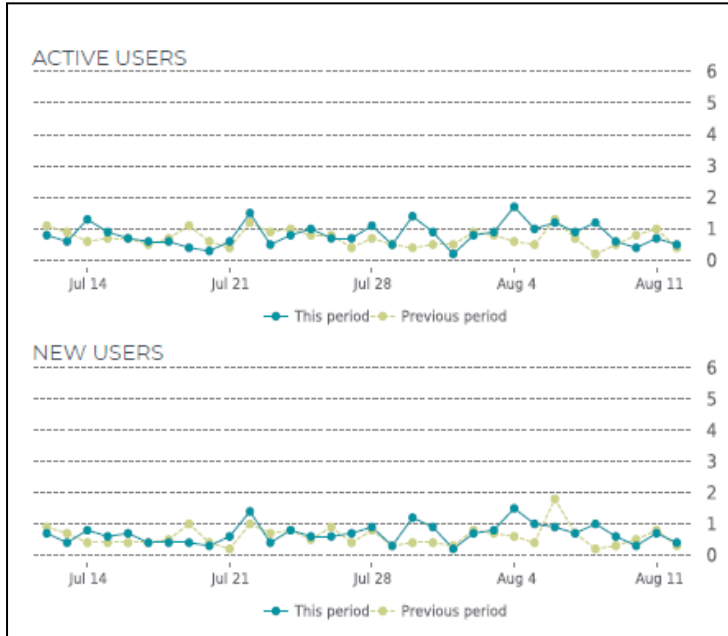
Organisation and coordination of regular runs and rallies.

Notification to Branch Members of coming events

Monthly updates of events to Wolseley Word Editor.

Website Report Analytics

Overview - Active Users & New Users



THIS MONTH'S WEBSITE

This month's website – just Control
Click the link below:

SUGGESTIONS WANTED

Please forward suggestions to the
Editor at thedixons@xtra.co.nz



Views & Engagement Rate



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/	73	New Zealand	136
/cars-for-sale/	65	United States	30
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Subscription Reminder

Your membership is important and greatly helps the Club provide many benefits to the owners of our wonderful cars, and the fellowship that comes with being part of an active and valuable organisation.

Subscriptions are now due for the 1/7/26 to 30/6/27 year. Please return your form to us, and it would be appreciated if payment could be made as follows:

Amount Due \$40.00

Please note there is a change to the bank account for the payment of your subscription.

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Put your name in the Reference box.

If you are having trouble getting a match on the name when paying bi internet, try the following:

Wolseley Car Club NZ Incorporated

Technical Advisors to help members with their Wolseley

The following list is a group of Wolseley Enthusiasts willing to help with any technical issues you may have.

<i>Veteran and Vintage</i>	<i>Post vintage (1930-35)</i>	<i>4/50, 6/80, 4/44, 15/50</i>
Colin Hey	Series II & III (1936-1948)	Ivan McCutcheon
021 883 807	Mike Driscoll	022 374 6326
	027 290 6755	
<i>15/60 and 16/60</i>	<i>6/90, 6/99, 6/110</i>	<i>1500, FWD Hornet, 1300, 18/85</i>
Colin Hey	C-Series engines	A & B Series engines
021 883 807	Colin Hey	Michael Kruse
	021 883 807	027 6600 203
<i>18/85, SIX, 18-22 (Wedge) and E-Series engines</i>		
Colin Hey		
021 883 807		

Deadline for next Wolseley Word:
Wednesday 23 September 2026

Spares Co-ordinator

A request from the Spares Coordinator.

If you require spare parts, the best way to do it is by emailing the spares address:

Wolseley.spares.nz@gmail.com

Please try to avoid emailing my personal email address, as your order may get lost.

Please let me know exactly what part you need. If there is any doubt in what it may be (particularly if its steering parts, bushes etc.) then take a photo of the part or send a scanned copy of a parts diagram with the parts you need circled.

In the email, please include your full name and full postal address (including the post code) and your phone number – this saves me having to look it up when I address the parcel.

An invoice for the parts will be sent out after the parcel is posted – this is to ensure you pay the correct price for postage, as for all but small items it varies so much nowadays.

I'm usually at the parts shed on Wednesday and Saturday mornings, so make sure you order before those times if you need anything urgently. I will dispatch urgent parts by courier if necessary. If you want the parts sent straight to a garage or workshop where you are having the work completed, just let me know. You will be invoiced directly for the parts though, not the garage.

Thanks

Colin Hey, Parts Coordinator

Why I love my Wolseley 15/50 by Rod Mason

I own a rare 1958 Wolseley 15/50 which I think is possibly the most forgotten Wolseley in today's classic car scene. When you consider only 12352 were made between 1956 and 1958 it is easy to see why considering the 4/44 the previous model sold 29845 units.

The 15/50 is a development of the earlier 4/44 model introduced in 1952 and designed by Gerald Palmer. Palmer had worked for the Nuffield Group before WW2 then left in 1942 to design Jowett's Javelin car. Re-employed by Nuffield in 1949 he was tasked to design the new MG, Riley and Wolseley models. First up was the 4/44 a mid-sized saloon. It was on the drawing board well before BMC was formed in 1952. It was advanced for the time - being of monocoque construction with an OHV engine, rack and pinion steering, independent front suspension and Italian styling. Palmer was influenced by the fashionable Italians and the 4/44 has many Lancia styling features, in particular, the rear oblong window. The car featured the XPAG 1250cc engine shared with the MG T series of post war sports cars. In the 4/44 it was downtuned to produce 46 hp, but was frankly a little underpowered, as I know, having owned one in the 1970's. Still liked the car, even so.

The 4/44 featured a 4 speed column gear change which was fashionable at the time.

When the T series sports cars were replaced by the MGA in 1956, BMC saw no economic sense in making the XPAG engine solely for the 4/44 and replaced it with the B Series 1500 cc engine and 4 speed floor gear change as in the MG Magnette. This car became the 15/50. Just about everything else carried over from the 4/44 except the 15/50 badging and different chrome work to ensure the buying public realised it was a "new" model.

So why do I love my 15/50. It is a very refined car on the road being very quiet underway with excellent road holding and steering. In fact, it drives more like a 1970's car than a 1950's one.

The 50 /55 hp engine provides a decent performance with a top speed in excess of 70 mph. More than acceptable for its time, economy is 28-30 mpg, but sensible driving can achieve closer to 35 mpg. I love the understated dashboard with plenty of instruments set in an attractive wood veneer finish. The luxury look continues with wood door cappings, comfortable leather seats and quality carpeting. Unlike many 1950's cars there is a decent sized boot. The front of the car has factory fitted spotlights in addition to the headlights.

To my knowledge I own the only 15/50 in our Club but would be delighted to be proven wrong. I never see a 15/50 at car shows etc. which reinforces my claim of rarity.

The 15/50 was replaced by the 15/60, the badge engineered Farina styled car which shared its bodywork with the Austin Cambridge, Morris Oxford and Riley 4/72. Many consider the 15/60 to be a poor replacement with inferior road holding although it was more modern in appearance.

I love my 15/50 and consider it to be the last real Wolseley mid-sized saloon as later models were just rebadged Austin cars. This led to the brand's demise in 1975 - a sad end to an illustrious make.

BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS – North Island

North Island Branch Club Captain's Report

North Island Branch AGM – 7 – 9 August 2026

2026 has been an auspicious year in the continuing history of the Wolseley Car Club, with members celebrating 50 years of comradeship, progress and a shared love of Wolseleys. In May, members travelled from all areas of the country to Christchurch to enjoy a week of celebration and fun.

The Wolseley year kicked off on the North Island with our sojourn to Turangi in October and a stay at the popular Creel Lodge. We were treated to a collection of magnificent vehicles in Taupo. We enjoyed a trip on the lake to view the Maori carvings, and shared meals together. Sadly, this was our last contact with two of our cherished members. Ray Chappell could not join us at Turangi, and passed away shortly after, and Harry Sutcliffe, being the inimitable Harry, provided us with his usual mirth and entertainment. Harry passed in the New Year.

Our Christmas dinner was held at Waihi Beach RSA and once again members enjoyed a smorgasbord of deliciousness. Perhaps members could suggest a different venue for 2026, as we have visited this restaurant three times and members may want a change.

Although not strictly a Wolseley Rally, some members travelled to Nelson in February for the Vero International Rally. Over 600 vehicles took part, and our members reported that it was a most enjoyable rally, although ferry crossings did create some problems.

Because of the National Rally in Christchurch in May, there was no rally in the first half of 2026. Some fourteen members travelled from the North Island to enjoy the facilities, hospitality and scenery of the Christchurch area to celebrate this auspicious occasion. The highlight for me was the re-enactment of the first outing for the Wolseley Car Club, seeing all the Wolseleys side by side in a beautiful setting.

BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS – North Island cont'd

Our Mid-Winter Dinner was held in Cambridge at the Lily Pad Cafe in July and was well attended. Thanks to Gaye and Derek for organising this.

Close on the heels of the dinner was the AGM for our North Island Branch, in Cambridge.



NI AGM Dinner



NI AGM line up

Don't forget the National AGM, to be held in Hamilton in October.

On the cards for the rest of 2026 are a Taranaki Garden Festival Rally, being organised thanks to Raewynn Cruse, and of course our Christmas Dinner, venue yet to be decided. Keep an eye out for notifications of these events.

There is some talk of a Northern Rally in early 2027. Let's hope that we can pull this together and encourage some of our more northerly members to join us. It is often distance that prevents some members from participating, so the closer we can organise rallies in different areas of the island, the more chance we have of encouraging members to join the fun.

Due to family commitments, I have been in Australia for the past three months. Thanks to Gaye and Derek Dixon for stepping in and organising the Mid-Winter Dinner, and many other things along the way.

Annette McKnight

Club Captain

Wolseley Car Club

North Island Branch

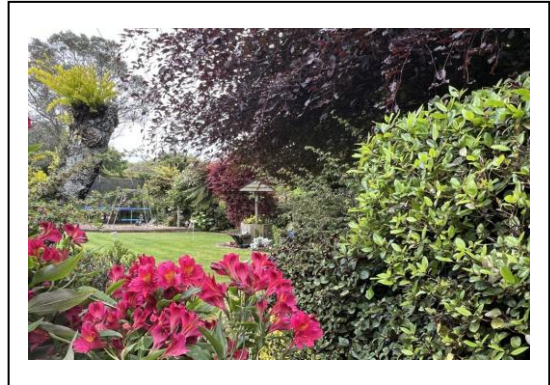


BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS – North Island cont'd

Taranaki Garden Festival

6th – 8th November

Hi all, information about the Garden Festival run accommodation. It is a good idea to get this booked asap as accommodation gets tight this time of year.



Auto Lodge 393 Devon Street East, NEW PLYMOUTH 4312 is the chosen accommodation for the event they have always been very helpful.

Further information will be in the next Wolseley Word.

Auto Lodge have put a few rooms on hold at their end, and look forward to hearing direct from our attendees - they have noted guests will phone them direct to make their bookings, quoting Wolseley Car Club for the special rates.

Auto Lodge's best contacts for bookings are: Phone 0800 800 896 or

Email reservations@autolodge.co.nz

Standard rooms \$139 hotel rooms with fridge and tea/coffee facilities, queen bed or queen plus single bedding

Executive studios \$159 modernised rooms with fridge, tea/coffee facilities, microwave, toasters and utensils, queen or queen plus single bedding

Kitchen studios \$179 modernised rooms with kitchen facilities, queen or queen plus single bedding

Family 2-bedroom units \$249 Lounge / dining / kitchen, bathroom. Bedding is queen plus single in the master bedroom and two singles in the second bedroom

Regards Raewynn

BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS – Christchurch Branch

Colin's Column – Christchurch Branch News

As I write this I'm a bit under the weather with man-flu. I think things have caught up with me a bit, as with the first signs of Spring arriving, I spent 2 very big days in the garden thinning out and pruning about 10 years of growth on shrubs, dropping and getting rid of a very big cabbage tree, and generally catching up with some weeding and pruning. I was feeling pretty sore by the end of day 2, but I think it was perhaps the onset of flu making it worse. There seems to be a lot of it going around at the moment, but I did get a flu jab before winter so hopefully I won't be under the weather too long.

Over the last 18 months there has been a 150-lot subdivision going on in what was a very large paddock behind our house. We used to be semi-rural, but the ever-marching subdivision craze on the outskirts of Christchurch has finally caught up with us, and West Melton Township has trebled in size over the last few years. There are currently about 15 builds going on in the first stage of the subdivision, and it looks like the first house to be completed will be the one directly behind us. Today the landscaping was done, and it looks like all that's missing now is the joinery, so I'm picking we'll have new neighbours over the back fence within the next couple of weeks. It might not be all bad though, because we cannot actually see the house from anywhere inside ours, as our large shed is in between them. The new house has four car garaging, so it will be interesting to see what fills the space. However, we had many large shrubs and an ugly cabbage tree along the back fence which I planted when we moved in 15 years ago and was now growing pretty much out of control, so before the newbies moved in I thought I'd tidy it all up so they couldn't complain about me cutting it down (or leaving it all there) after they moved in. Anyway, job done, but it certainly kept me busy.

Our annual VCC Daffodil Day Rally was held two weeks ago, and as our VCC local coordinator for the event, I reckon I spent about 3 solid weeks on it pulling it all together. On the morning of the event, I woke to the sound of heavy rain on the roof at home, exactly as forecasted, and I immediately hoped the second part of the forecast was correct, saying clearing by morning, and then a fine day with NW winds. As daybreak came, the rain did indeed stop, so time to head off to Cutler Park and finish off preparations. I had spent about 3 hours the day before sorting out areas requested by some of the one-make clubs, so all that was left to do now was shift some tables outside for the raffle tickets and various trophies, and then check in with the Avonhead Rotary Club team who arrived to run the BBQ lunch, and with Philip Chapman and his band of voluntary musicians who began setting up their sound system and instruments on the balcony in front of the main door into the hall.

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By then, the first cars were starting to arrive, these ones probably coming straight from home to Cutler Park, rather than one of the five official start locations around Christchurch. The marshals looking after the gates were dispatched and collection of the donations began. The cars arrived steadily up until about 11am, by which time first of the cars that had completed the rally routes around town began arriving, and from then on, the collectors and parking marshals got particularly busy. It was hard to estimate how many cars we had, but it was probably in the region of about 700, plus about 15 motorcycles as well. People were milling around everywhere, and many were simply relaxing in a sunny spot out of the very cool wind and enjoying their lunch with friends and family.



These two locals won the Best Dressed prize at the Christchurch Daffodil Day Rally

It was great seeing so many car clubs supporting the event, including our own Wolseley Car Club members who gathered together alongside a hedge for a bit of shelter. Unfortunately, the wind was very gusty, meaning an attempt to put up our club shelter had to be abandoned. At 1.30pm we had a brief prize giving ceremony, with a few simple prizes being presented and the very popular meat raffle drawn on the spot. The following day it was my privilege to deliver just over \$10,000 to the Christchurch office of the Cancer Society on behalf of everyone who attended. A special thanks to everyone in our Club who supported the event, it was a good effort, and a great example of how classic and vintage motoring enthusiasts can work within the community, and have fun doing it as well.

With all the above going on, there hasn't been a lot of time spent in the shed. I did get the magneto on the 12/16 sorted out however, and although I've only started it a couple of times since, it's certainly no problem getting it going now. I've actually fitted a small electronic unit in series with the magneto which is designed to limit the current going through the points and stop them eroding and deteriorating, and then boost the current from the coil ensuring a good bright spark at the plugs. It also provides very consistent timing as well. The same unit can be used on any points-based ignition system, another advantage being that there is no condenser required any more. This is worth mentioning, as modern replacement condensers are not only expensive nowadays at around \$38 each, but they also seem to be somewhat unreliable compared to the original Lucas ones fitted new to our cars. The units can be bought on Trademe – here is a link to the listing:

<https://www.trademe.co.nz/a/motors/car-parts-accessories/vintage-parts/electrics/listing/6107963036>

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It's also time to get the 1500 race-car sorted for the start of the season, as our first meeting is in Timaru in 2 weeks' time. Last week I got it outside and got it fired up for the first time since May and gave it a quick once-over, just looking for any problems that might take a bit of time to sort out. If it's been sitting for more than a couple of months I always flush some fresh fuel through the lines before allowing the carburettors to fill, and as usual it fired up straight away. Once it was warmed up, I gave it a compression test and all was well with 195lbs in all 4 cylinders, although I did notice that the throttles on the front carburettor were not opening in complete unison with the rear ones, so there is a bit of tuning required which will be a job for later this week. It's going to be a busy season this year, because as well as our 4 normal local meetings, there is a group of over 25 of us from the VCC category in Canterbury who have entered the Manfield MG Classic meeting in Fielding in November, so that's going to be a bit of an expedition to a new circuit for me. Then in March next year we will be venturing south again to the 2027 George Begg Festival at Teratonga (Invercargill). Hopefully there will be no big issues, and I'll get through the season OK.

Three weeks from now, Jenny, Matthew and I will be heading to Dunedin for our annual visit to the Autospectacular event down there – something I always look forward to. It's always great to catch up with the Southern Wolseley Car Club members, and the show never fails to impress either. This year is the first year for a long time that we won't be taking one of our cars down to display, which generally has meant we've taken a trailer down behind the Ranger, so I'm looking forward to an easy trip down and back this time with a bit more time to relax and enjoy the weekend.

I think that's about enough for now – it looks like there will be a lot more to write about next month, so I'll get this report away now, as it's already late.

Have a good month everyone.

Colin Hey

BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS – Christchurch Branch cont'd

Christchurch Branch Events

The Christchurch Branch members have the opportunity to attend the following events in September

Sunday 6th September – Rock and Wheels (Amberley)

Saturday 12th September – Monthly Gathering / Committee Meeting at Idlewood

Saturday 19th September – Hororata Swap Meet

Stuart

Korny Korner



In 1959, a coffee maker was an optional extra in Volkswagen cars.

BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS – Southern

Southern Report

Thanks to my predecessors and the fine work that they have done, taking on the job of president is relatively smooth so far. Unfortunately, our weather down here has not been as kind, the only

consistent thing is that the forecasters get it wrong, a good

example is that we were meant to wake up to rain today, but there isn't a cloud in the sky now.

It has been a

quiet month for club activity, relying on Daffodil Day to bring members out for a ride, unfortunately it was a cold and miserable day with only the hardy making it outdoors to do a short trip and back to the local ford dealership for the public to look at the cars and have a coffee and sausage at the dealership.



The Winters had Grandma and their 1300 on display



Duthies never back down from some good muscle car competition



Winters and Strong's braving the stunning day

Here is my two penny's worth on these events, car enthusiasts bring their cars and pay an entry fee to raise money for charity, good, but the public who come out for a free or very cheap outing need to pay a respectable amount too, it is for a real charity, and the viewing public are not Charity.

Monday following the run was a further fund

raiser for the cancer society with two members turning out to deliver pre ordered flowers. For those of you who know Dunedin, there are hill suburbs and my car is a 4/44, not really renowned for raw power, it was interesting to say the least, and the Mornington suburb is a real rabbit warren, and I must also take my hat off to Colin and Judy Winter who turned out both days. Real troopers.



Bob the 4/44 about to take on dunedins hills for flower delivery

BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS – Southern cont'd

Next up is the Annual Auto Spectacular where we will display 5 club members cars with the theme being Route 66. Wolseley and Route 66, is that what would be called an Antonym, watch this space

Gavin Turner

Cars and Parts For Sale / Wanted

WANTED TO BUY.

Any Farina bodied model.16/60 - 6/110 - Westminster- Riley- MG etc for my collection.

Must be in excellent condition or close to it.

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Please contact Nicholas Scantlebury on 022 523 1901.

Korny Korner

Truck for sale. Needs parts. Serious inquiries only.



For Sale

1967 6/110 Mk2. Registration has lapsed. Fitted with a diesel engine and was a reliable runner when used. Very good body and paint and chrome will clean up well. Interior good, with upholstery re-done in red velour. Open to offers. Contact Tanya Marshall on 0220881872. Car is in Christchurch.





REGALIA to order

Sharon is going to do a clothing order.

We have a new embroidery company, and we will get confirmed price per item when the order is sent in.

Sharon will then ask everyone if they still want to continue with the order.

Once we have done the first order Sharon will then be able to price each item and put them up on the website.

If you would like a piece of clothing that is not shown, please ask. Sharon is happy to get it.

Check the website for all other items.

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

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Send orders directly to me please

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From window stickers for your cars to lapel pins, coasters, key rings and fridge magnets.

We can supply you from our own stocks. And now we can add shirts and caps to the mix. We order in lots of eight or more to make the embroidery run efficient and cost-effective. Our order can be a mixture of T-Shirts and Polo Shirts or eight or more caps.

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Sharon by phone or text on 021 498 162 or by email to dandsomalley@gmail.com

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Wolseley Car Club NZ Polo Shirt

Wolseley Car Club NZ Tee Shirt

Wolseley Car Club 125 Yrs Sticker.....\$5

Wolseley Car Club Red Wolseley Lapel Pin 02.... \$8

Wolseley Car Club Wolseley 680 Lapel Pin 04.....\$8

Wolseley Car Club Maroon Wolseley 690 Lapel Pin 01... \$8

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