

THE WORD

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE WOLSELEY CAR CLUB NEW ZEALAND INC

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Cutting the 50th Anniversary Cake - Ian Sprosen and Peter McDiarmid

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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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EDITOR'S REPORT

Greetings Wolseley Enthusiasts,

What a wonderful edition of *The Wolseley Word* we have for you this month!

As you will quickly discover, this issue is very much a celebration of a remarkable milestone in our Club's history—the 50th Anniversary National Rally in Christchurch. Judging by the stories, photographs, and reports that have poured in, it was a week filled with friendship, laughter, great scenery, beautiful cars, and memories that will be talked about for many years to come.



A huge thank you must go to Colin Hey and the Christchurch team for the enormous amount of planning and organisation that went into making the event such a success. From museum visits and scenic drives to picnics, dinners, and the memorable re-enactment of the original 1976 run to Ashley Gorge, it sounds as though every detail was carefully considered. The reports throughout this issue capture not only the activities themselves but also the special atmosphere that made the rally so enjoyable.

One of the things that always stands out in our Club is the people. Whether travelling hundreds of kilometres in a cherished Wolseley, lending a hand when needed, sharing stories over a meal, or simply enjoying each other's company, it's the friendships and enthusiasm of our members that continue to keep the Club thriving after fifty years.

This month's issue is packed with rally highlights, award winners, branch news, technical information, and the usual assortment of Wolseley happenings from around the country. I hope those who attended enjoy reliving the experience, while those who couldn't make it feel as though they've joined us for part of the journey.

Thank you to everyone who contributed articles, photographs, and reports. Your willingness to share your experiences is what helps make *The Wolseley Word* such an enjoyable read each month.

As winter approaches, may your garages stay warm, your batteries stay charged, and your Wolseleys continue to provide plenty of enjoyment. And if they're currently tucked away under cover, there's always another small job waiting to be crossed off the list!

Until next month, happy motoring and thank you for being part of our Wolseley family.

Warm regards,

Gaye Dixon,

Editor, *Wolseley Word*



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi Members,

There will be a lot said about the Clubs 50th Anniversary Rally and re- run of the First Run 50 years ago to Ashley Gorge.

The whole event was well run, No pressure, relaxing and helped along with fine weather and great company.

If I am to pick out one particular highlight was the run to Ashley Gorge which had somewhere near 50 cars and people everywhere enjoying the environment we were in. The Final Dinner was another highlight with Colin giving a talk on some of the people involved with the club in the past, which brought, among other things, many laughs.



Gordon Duthie with Gay Sutcliffe and Beryl Duthie at Ashley George

All an all a great effort with a BIG THANKS to Colin and Jenny who found herself having to attend to those last minute finishing touches, and to Christchurch President Marilyn Wayne and committee for Lunch at Idlewood and those Tea, Coffee and bickies breaks.

Two things that we wish didn't happen is Robert Hey in his 1500 being struck by a car which rolled his car into the roof. Thank goodness Robert came out okay and was able to attend the rest of the Rally but without the 1500. Bryan & Philip Stansbury were in there modern and had it broken into overnight whilst parked at the motel with camera's etc. taken from it. Security camera has it all on tape so hopefully justice is served.

Beryl and I had the pleasure of having Gay Sutcliffe travel with us throughout the rally. It was great that she was able to come.

Thanks to all of you for being able to get to the Rally but also recognising that many could not get for many reasons.

Thanks to Murray & Sue Bethell for doing a report on the rally which will be in this Word along with other report contributions.

Enjoy the memories and happy travelling.

Gordon Duthie

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Members Report of Wolseley Car Club NZ Inc

By Sue & Murray Bethell

We were welcomed to the beginning of the Rally with the Friday evening get together out at the 'Barn' at the VCC clubrooms at McLeans Island, with a roaring fire courtesy of Mathew Hey and the VCC supply of firewood! There was a large group of participants enjoying each other's company, reconnecting with old Wolseley contacts, looking through their Rally booklets and enjoying a light supper organized by the Christchurch ladies.

On arrival we were met and welcomed by Gordon Duthie who asked us if we would be happy to write a Members report of the Rally to put in the Wolseley Word. We agreed to do so, but mentioned that we would not be attending all the activities during the week, and also were staying privately in Christchurch so would not be privy to the 'after days' chat over dinner!

Colin Hey made an official opening speech for the Rally and then ran through the details of the week ahead events, mentioning meal options and what was in our booklets as far as directions, times etc. that were important for some of the events

and
locations.



**Colin addressing the participants at
The Barn on the 1st night**



Lunch at Idlewood

Tuesday dawned fine with a light frost and sunshine, a glorious autumnal Canterbury day. The day's activities started at the Wigram Air force Museum with its fantastic display of planes and aviation information, and then moved out to the Wolseley Clubrooms at

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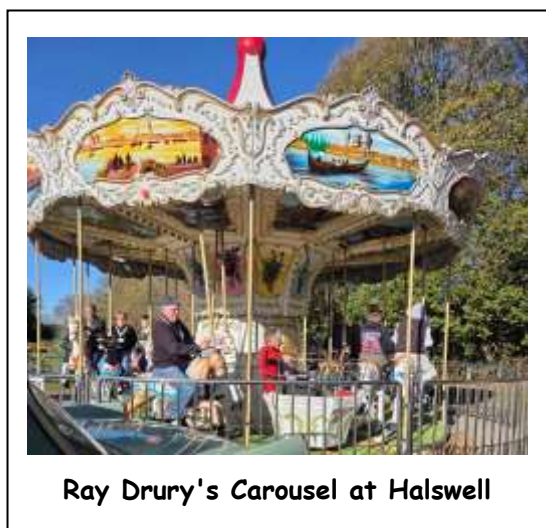
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Idlewood at McLeans Island, where lunch was provided once again by Marilyn and her local team. There was a very impressive line up of the cars, made easier with the relatively recent removal of the surrounding pine trees.



Line-up at Idlewood

Next was a visit to Ray Drury's eclectic collection in Halswell ranging from a Carousel (that several members enjoyed riding on), clocks and one of the prime items a vintage Wolseley Siddeley 18HP 1907.



Ray Drury's Carousel at Halswell



Wolseley Siddeley 18HP 1907

From there it was onto Colin and Jenny Heys at West Melton for afternoon tea and a look through Colin's workshop. Unfortunately, on the way Robert Hey was 'T' boned going through a roundabout and sustained injury to both him and his lovely 1500 -slight injury to him but a major one to the car after ending up on its



Afternoon tea at the Hey's

roof! However, afternoon tea was enjoyable out under the verandah in the sunshine and Colin's workshop was enjoyed from all reports dinner that night at the Redwood Hotel, where most participants were staying, was enjoyed by all.

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Day 3 was a jaunt down to Ashburton. Colin advised us not to travel in a convoy due to the busy road conditions so everyone arrived at the Aviation Museum in dribs and drabs.

We drove our little Hornet and for those who attended the West Coast Rally some years back, it does go faster than 70kms/hour that we puttered along at over there, and we reached 98kms/hour on those lovely straight roads with its little wheels humming!



Paul & Noeline Billing at the Aviation Museum

The Aviation Museum was a fantastic display of old and more recent planes and memorabilia run by a large group of enthusiasts who proudly showed off their displays. They were in the process of completing another enormous shed for more items and were just waiting for the flooring process to be completed before filling it up. There was much reminiscing while wandering around the displays especially of the

more recent items that members had had experience of in the past.

Next was the local VCC clubrooms and museum for a balmy picnic lunch out in the sunshine where most of us needed sunhats and a few less layers. It was a relaxed and chatty affair and we were made very



Some Wolseleys at the Ashburton VCC Clubrooms



Ashburton VCC members' collection

welcome by the local members who looked after us. The car collection, all belonging to members, was impressive and very shiny!

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Just down the road was the Plains Museum, which we did not visit as had to



Line up at the Plains Museum

return to Christchurch a bit earlier to walk the dog but from what Gay Sutcliffe recounted to me the next day, it was really impressive, especially the Fire equipment and she was intrigued with the different agricultural

machinery used on the Canterbury Plains compared to North Island farm requirements.

Akaroa was our destination for Thursday and it turned out to be a cracker! Once again, the sun was shining as we all met at the Tai Tapu Domain before setting off on mass. It was a leisurely drive out towards Little River, where there were cafes and art galleries to enjoy and then up over the hill. All the cars made it with no overheating issues and the views of the harbour were spectacular. We had plenty of time to explore the town, and members certainly did so with the Giant's House, the refurbished lighthouse, harbour side walk and many shops to explore and choices of cafes for lunch. The town was quiet tourist wise which made it all the more pleasant.



Cars gathering at Rhodes Park on the way to Akaroa

We visited the lighthouse which was opened especially for us by a local VCC member. We were very impressed with the refurbishment that had been done, beautiful kauri wood had been used that was milled in Northland, shipped to the UK to be cut and grooved and then reshipped out for use on the walls and floor. The light mechanism was smooth running and one of the volunteers commented that it had been an offense for the light to go out so was wound hourly.

The majority of us boarded the twin hull Black Cat cruise vessel and headed out towards the harbour entrance. There was a moderate swell running which kept us

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all hanging on with 3 points of contact, as advised by the very young looking but



knowledgeable skipper. Even I with a history of poor seamanship managed to feel fine and enjoy the spectacle that unfolded over the half hour we were in the harbour entrance being entranced the local Hector Dolphins. Two female and their two calves approached the vessel and spent the next 20 minutes circling the craft, surfacing and then diving. The

Skipper gave us plenty of information about these beautiful and endangered mammals. Thanks to some great photography by some of the members, we all have shared some superb photos of those moments when we connected with these beautiful creatures.

Back to shore via the local seal colony and after disembarking we all made our way back over the hill, being warned about the local constabulary waiting for speedsters in Cooptown, but by the time we got going they had moved to the bottom of a 60km zone closer to town, luckily, we were still warming up! The setting sun proved tricky as we went up and over the hill, especially for those whose windscreens were far from clean!

We joined the buffet dinner that night at the newish Papanui Club with a busy, vibrant atmosphere, well attended by locals enjoying the superb food.



Friday was a free day to rest up or explore the city. Colin had organized a viewing at John Stewart's car collection at Rolleston for those needing another car fix!

Dinner that evening was BYO takeaways out at Idlewood in front of another great fire looked after by Mathew.

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Some of the ladies chatting at the Bishopdale Mall Carpark start of the re-enactment of the original run out to Ashley Gorge

Saturday was the re-enactment of the original run out to Ashley Gorge held 50 years ago by the original members. We met at the Bishopdale Mall carpark and had a designated area in which to line the



Steve Edwards with his cockatoo chatting with Murray Bethell at the Bishopdale Mall Carpark

cars up for a very impressive display that was enjoyed by passing locals. Even the locally owned banana coloured 110 joined us



Yellow 6/110 at Bishopdale Mall Carpark

with its original Police issue bell on the front bumper and spot light mounted on the roof. At 10.30am we all set off for Ashley Gorge. There were four ways to get there – via the instructions in the booklet which were testing at times, via Google maps which would have

missed the detour through Rangiora, via Tomtom and lastly following another Wolseley which may have proved less than reliable!

By lunch time everyone had made it to the Gorge safely and we had a roped area in which to park up and once again formed an impressive display of

our cars, I counted 27 in the lineup. It was a perfect spot for a picnic lunch as



Cars at Picnic at Ashley Gorge

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long as you sat on the sunny side, otherwise it was fresh to say the least! We were surrounded by lovely Autumn coloured trees, Bellbirds and Tuis and the river flowing nearby, a perfect spot for a special event. Gordon Duthie spoke on the Club and the valuable role that many of the members play in keeping it all ticking along and they were thanked by us all. Colin organized a mass photo in front of the cars, which was not quite as well organized as those school photos we all had done many years ago, however everyone squeezed in and were squinting into the sun as several nonmembers obliged by taking the photos. Heading back to Christchurch was more direct and very enjoyable running along the foothills and

farmlands of North Canterbury.

Saturday night's Dinner and Prizegiving was held at the Redwood Hotel. We had a prior engagement at the new Te Kaha Stadium with Six60 so unfortunately had to put in our apology, but



Final Dinner at the Redwood Hotel

by all accounts, it was a great night and the awards were given out in the various categories.

The Rally ended the following morning with a farewell breakfast and then members headed on their way home north or south depending on home, although a keen few returned to Idlewood to look through the Parts sheds.

We really enjoyed being part of the Rally and were very appreciative to those who felt it was an important milestone to celebrate and make it such a varied and interesting occasion. Once again like all such events, it was not only the beautiful cars that made it so special but those driving them and coming along for the ride, as we did.



Final Dinner at the Redwood Hotel

Colin Hey at left, with 50th Anniversary Rally Trophy Recipients at the Final Dinner in order from left to right



- Hard Luck Award - Robert Hey - Wolseley 1500
- Rally Entrant's Choice - First Place - Merv & Marilyn Wayne - Wolseley 6/80
- Longest Distance Travelled in a Wolseley: Anthony Billing, Auckland, 6/110 Mk2
- Rally Entrant's Choice – = Runners-up – Larry & Glenys Naik - Wolseley 18/85 FWD
- Best Overall Performance Trophy - Gavin & Wendy Turner - Wolseley 4/44
- Most Original Car - Gavin & Wendy Turner - Wolseley 4/44
- Rally Entrant's Choice = Runners-up – Derek & Lee Brehaut - Wolseley 6/90 Series 3
- Best Post-1950 Wolseley - Derek & Lee Brehaut - Wolseley 6/90 Series 3
- Good Samaritan Award - Gordon Duthie
- Concours Pride of Ownership Award - Chris McLeay - Wolseley 1300
- Most Enthusiastic Participants - Paul Emery & Rachel Kraaykamp - Wolseley 1500

Wolseley Car Club National Rally
50th Anniversary Rally, May 2026
List of Rally Participants

Entry Number	Names	Email Address	Phone	Car	From
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3	Stansbury - Bryan & Philip	stansburys@xtra.co.nz	022 081 0345	18/85	Nelson
4	Johnson - Trevor & Dot	trevor.dot.johnson@xtra.co.nz	0272848611	6/110	Dunedin
5	Horn - Bernie & Elaine	bandehorn@gmail.com	0274347780	Austin A105	Dunedin
6	Scott - Ian	liannandfamily@xtra.co.nz	0274531049	6/110	Christchurch
7	Casey - Kevin & Carole	kandccasey@gmail.com	0211584409	6/110	Dunedin
9	Short - Mauarice & Trish	frieslandnz@gmail.com	0274597125	6/110	Te Awamutu
10	Thompson - Ken & Val	kjvthompson@gmail.com	0211566124	6/110	Tauranga
11	Turner - Gavin & Wendy	gwe.turner@gmail.com	0277883739	4/44	Mosgiel
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13	Lee - Graham & Kirsty	caonthebeach@hotmail.co.nz	0274930112	6/110	Cromwell
14	Sime - Fergus & Mary Jane	fergus.sime@xtra.co.nz	0274048468	Austin A110	Mosgiel
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18	Penny - Stuart	stu.jude@gmail.com	0273651178	16/60	Rangiora
19	Strong - George & Pauline	strongtrees@xtra.co.nz	0274557726	Hornet Mk3	Dunedin
20	Dixon - Derek & Gaye	thedixons@xtra.co.nz	0275473232	Rental	Morrisville
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37	Sprosen - Ian & Rose	lbsprosen@gmail.com	0274164253	6/90	Christchurch
38	Sloan - Dennis	fiona.rattray@outlook.co.nz	6/90	Leeston	
39	McLeay - Chris	teamslurpy@hotmail.com	0274365856	1300	Christchurch
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42	Jonathan Gaut	bonzy47@live.com	0272359566	6/110	Christchurch



**Control tower and fire engine at
Ashburton Aviation Museum**



**Maurice Short's 6/110 - colour
"Mainfreight Blue" and Pieter Deutz-
Ebling's Wolseley 6/90 at Ashley
Gorge**

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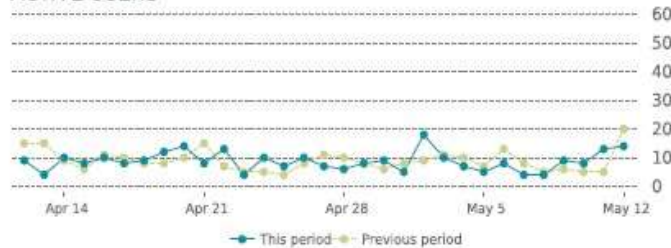


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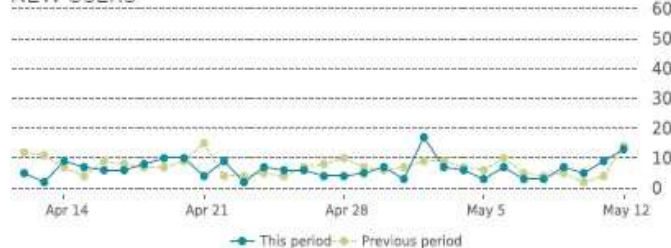
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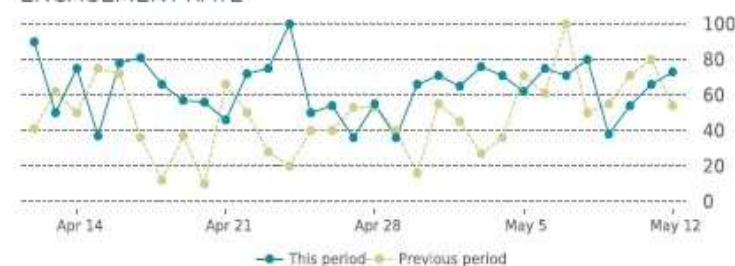
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Car and Church at Plains Museum



Wolseley 16/60 Saloon 'Hector' at Bishopdale Mall carpark



Printing paraphernalia at Plains Museum

Thank goodness I don't have to produce the Wolseley Word on this machine

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hi All,

This month has been full on with a holiday to see our son Jeremy his partner Eli, and our Grandson KYAN for his 5th birthday.

A pity it clashed the 50th Anniversary Rally which I understand was great success. We had a dinner out at The Grand Hotel in Surfers Paradise with a cake with 5 candles. Kyan enjoyed blowing out all the candles. Lego is amazing, we purchased a large pirate ship for him to construct, he loved it.



As soon as we were home Raewynn had her long-awaited replacement hip Surgery. She is happy with the operation, no pain, at rest now. I have been the care-giver – making all the meals and doing the housework.

So, little time for the Wolseley's but I did manage to start and warm up the 6/90. Wintertime is good for doing those Wolseley "get around-to-it jobs". Just allow a couple of hours a day and it is amazing what you can achieve.

Thank You Colin Hey for organising and running the 50th Anniversary Rally

Happy Wolseleying Michael



**Paul Billing handing financials
over to Graham Lee**



**Trevor Johnson and Kevin Casey at
Ray Drury's Museum**

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>
	C-Series engines	A & B Series engines
	Colin Hey	Michael Kruse
	021 883 807	027 6600 203

18/85, SIX, 18-22 (Wedge) and E-Series engines

Deadline for next Wolseley Word:

Tuesday 23 June 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

Colin's Column

I'm afraid it's only going to be a short report from me this month, as most of my spare time has been eaten up getting back on top of things following the 50th Anniversary National Rally two weeks ago. No doubt if Gaye does indeed have any room left in this month's issue given the lateness of my report, there will not be much space available.

It was most pleasing to see the rally actually happening after much planning, organising venues and talking to our various hosts. I'm confident everyone enjoyed it, and I even managed to fit in two unplanned activities at the last minute to fill in the free day for anyone who was at a loose end. My particular highlight was our re-enactment of the inaugural run in 1976 to Ashley Gorge – we had a stunning day up there in many ways – the roads were very empty of other traffic, the weather was sunny and bright (even at the picnic area where it can easily be very cool at this time of the year), and the scenery along the route was just stunning. So many cars attended too, filling up our



The Hey 699 enjoying the sunshine at Ashley Gorge

allocated area, and there was a true friendly picnic atmosphere there being enjoyed by everyone, just what I remembered it was like at the run 50 years ago. Before I leave this topic I'd just like to say a big thanks to everyone who came and enjoyed the event, and to those on our Christchurch Branch committee who helped set up our venues, sorted out food and the clearing up afterwards, and helped with administering the whole event. A fitting and very memorable Anniversary Rally indeed!

During the rally I was able to get a selection of our newer Wolseleys to various events – the two 1500's, the 6/99 and the Hornet Special all had an outing or two. Two days after the Rally ended I was also able to take the Veteran 12/16 out on a mid-week Veteran Car Club 'Random Run' with some of my good mates in the VCC, which was a 50km run around the foothills in the Springfield area – the perfect way to unwind after a very busy but enjoyable couple of weeks.

The month was also productive in terms of Wolseley happenings. I finished off the Wolseley Six I've been working on and off on for the last 9 months or so after a transmission issue, and once filled with oil, water and fresh petrol, it fired up on the first turn of the starter and runs and drives nicely. The first test-drive revealed the brakes now need attention, but I was expecting that and it's straight forward enough and will be sorted out soon. A bigger issue is sorting out the interior, which needs some upholstery, facia and dashboard repairs. It has also been reasonably busy in the Spares section.

Have a good month everyone.

Colin Hey

BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS – North Island

North Island Club Captain's Report

In lieu of our Club Captain who has been called away to perform family duties in Australia, we can report that the North Island was represented by a contingent of about 10 members and their families who attended the 50th Anniversary Wolseley Rally in Christchurch in May.



Some North Island members at Ashley Gorge picnic

The Wolseley marque was listed in the Anniversary Rally Participants List as represented by 1 x 18/85 –

Larry & Glenys Naik, Wellington, 1 x 6/90 – Pieter & Johanna Deutz-Ebeling, Tokoroa and 3 x 6/110's – Maurice & Trish Short, Te Awamutu, Ken & Val Thompson, Tauranga and Anthony Billing & Helen Linter, Auckland, plus a variety of moderns driven by Derek & Gaye Dixon, Morrinsville, Kevin & Annette McKnight, Tokoroa, Paul & Noeline Billing, Auckland and Steve & Steph Edwards, Keri Keri. Gay Sutcliffe, Tokoroa was visiting relatives in Christchurch and was fortunate enough to be given a ride in Gordon & Beryl Duthie's Wolseley 6/100.



Anthony Billing – Longest distance travelled with Glenys & Larry Naik – one of two Rally Entrants Choice Runners-up

There should be more to report next month regarding the North Island AGM in late August, possibly in Matamata and the National AGM in Hamilton in October



Remember to keep the first weekend of November free, as Raewynn is organising a tour of the Taranaki Gardens. Some spectacular gardens are open to visit, and members who have previously visited say this is not to be missed.

Happy Wolseleying

Derek Dixon – Pp Annette McKnight

NELSON MALBOROUGH BRANCH NOTICE

Date: 21/05/2026 11:07 NZST

Subject: Special General Meeting

A special general meeting of our branch to be held on June 27th at Smugglers when we go for lunch.

This is to decide if we vote for or against the proposal to amalgamate with the Christchurch Branch.

The proposal to amalgamate came from the National Executive of the Wolseley car club.

If you cannot make the meeting phone text or email Bryan 0220810345 stansburys@xtra.co.nz.

Branch secretary Bryan Stansbury

BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS – Christchurch Branch

Hello all Nationwide members

Well the month of May was such a blast for all those that attended the "50 Years of Wolseley Celebration". So many new friendships have been forged. Every one that made the effort, and some sacrifices were made for those attending, to make this significant occasion successful. With this attitude it couldn't, - and didn't miss the mark. Even with the two hard luck stories which could have had lasting repercussions, it never deterred those involved, who continued on with certainly and attitude, that for most people would deter.

The total organisational aspect of the entire event is the credit of our Lord Wolseley (Colin Hey) who went solo with the total planning and organisation of the entire event. The planning and extreme detail is all captured in the book, issued to participants, that truly becomes a souvenir of the event. With ongoing executive meetings at local level prior, always the

BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS – Christchurch Branch cont'd

question was asked did he need help, but continually the response was "NO" he was working to a plan and if help's needed it would be called upon. In witnessing the finished series of events, us dunder-nuts could never have envisaged the finished, very professional rally that was put to the test.



Line up at Idlewood

It was good for the Christchurch Branch to have the Rally visit our home base at Idlewood. We are proud of our facility that has been built up after many years of dedicated work, and it is an asset that we feel is under-valued and appreciated. With natural attrition this

is a concern, but the team of regular members that are trying so hard to remember those that had intent and purpose that formed the Christchurch Branch in its previous operating locations, and have worked so hard. We hope and work to ensure it carries on.

The final dinner held at the Redwood Hotel was in my opinion, something that remains foremost in my mind. Both Gordon and Colin had dug deep in determining the prize recipients for the trophies. What came across to me was the respect both had for the job they were committed to on behalf of all members. In hindsight what would have been a sensible thing would to have recorded the proceedings of the speeches on this evening for prosperity. The information of the Club's history was so well delivered, which was so enlightening with so many of us being totally unaware of all that had happened in terms of achievements, changes in location, and the personalities of past members that were not forgotten.

On behalf of ALL Christchurch members, we thank our Nationwide visiting members for attending this significant "50 YEARS OF WOLSELEY" Celebration, for your friendship and enthusiastic participation.

Kindest regards to all,

Stuart

BRANCH NEWS and EVENTS – Southern

Everyone is reporting on the ChCH Rally so I will be brief.

For those that didn't attend - YOU SHOULD HAVE!!!!!!

It was excellent. The National Rally is held bi-annually, alternately between the North and South Islands.

This time the South Islands turn coincided with the 50th year of Wolseley Club NZ, so it was a real milestone celebration.

Excellent organisation - Lord Wolseley, AKA Colin Hay, plus his team. Very interesting visits, museums, displays and places.

Our personal highlights were the various car displays and Akaroa Hector Dolphins.

Catering and venues couldn't have been better, weather also co-operated, nice and sunny, no rain and calm seas.

Here's to another 50 years!! Yea!

Kind regards,

George.



From top of Lighthouse at Akaroa -
Gordon Duthie's 6/110 beyond a
shadow of doubt



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