



### Hawkes Bay Vintage Car Club

With what has occurred in the Hawkes Bay we are not producing a Mag this month and have issued this newsletter to inform our members of what is happening for the month of March. Please bear in mind that any changes/cancelations that are made are done so taking into account the requests / requirements of the local authorities under the “State of Emergency” conditions.

**MID-WEEK RUN 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH CANCELLED**

**CLUB RUN 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH CANCELLED**

**TUESDAY MORNINGS** WILL START AGAIN FROM TUESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBURARY

**CLUB NIGHT 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH** – AFTER THE EVENTS OF THE LAST 2 WEEKS IT HAS BEEN DECIDED TO OPEN FOR THIS NIGHT SO THAT MEMBERS CAN COME AND ENJOY SOME COMPANY. BRING YOUR FAVOURITE TIPPLE IF YOU WISH AND AFTERWARDS RELAX AND UNWIND WITH A CUPPA AND SUPPER.

**MIX & MINGLE NIGHT** WILL GO AHEAD ON THE 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH.

THE DOORS OPEN FROM 6PM – BYO PLEASE CONTACT MALCOLM & LESLEY BLAIR ON 06 843 7664 OR EMAIL [malcolmblair52@gmail.com](mailto:malcolmblair52@gmail.com) BY TUESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

or put your name on the list at the club.

### **MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN**

Hi everyone what a week it's been. We certainly didn't see that coming our way! I don't think anyone in their wildest imagination could have anticipated the breath of the devastation that has happened.

Some of our members have been severely affected and our hearts go out to them and their families as they come to terms with their lives having been turned upside down, I know our members have been out helping each other because with car

people it is never just the house, it's the sheds, cars and tools and sometimes a business as well. So keep in touch.

As for the club, well the Clubrooms were unscathed, and after we have a committee meeting next week we will be in touch with members to keep you informed about what the forward program looks like. It was unbelievable that Art Deco had to be cancelled yet again with only days to go after all the months of organisation and preparation that had taken place for the event. However I understand from Colin Barnes who is also in the throes of cleaning up their place that the Cruise Ships will be back soon.

We now have a Facebook page, it is Hawkes Bay Vintage and Classic Car Club so that could be used as a way of keeping in touch. (By holding your mouse across the link to highlight then right click then scroll down to where it says open hyperlink and it will take you start to page). <https://www.facebook.com/groups/677273074097048>

Living as we do in Puketapu our house was unaffected but 500 meters away others were underwater and to see the void with the bridge gone is simply mind boggling, let alone viewing the damage to the orchards and vineyards, it's a surreal landscape. We are now living in a world of heavy machinery, Hi-Viz vests and helicopters dropping supplies into the school which has become the operational hub for the clean-up of the surrounding area.

Go well and hopefully we can get together sometime soon.

Regards Esther Smith  
HBVCC Chairman

## **CLUB CAPTAINS NOTES**

I am having difficulty writing these notes. I am not that great at expressing myself in print and generally just try to keep the club up to date with anything of note that has happened and upcoming events. Firstly, this period has sadly seen the passing of Peter Ball, who most of you will know as the Branch Secretary for some four years, and with Helen, was involved with the cruise ships for many years. Despite a period of illness Peter and Helen continued to be active members and attended many runs and meetings. Our deepest sympathy has been passed to Helen and family in this sad time.

But with tropical cyclone Gabrielle causing such devastation and misery on a large scale across Hawkes Bay, I feel it is a bit trite to waffle on as if nothing has happened. Sadly, some of our members have lost all with the flooding and our hearts go out to them. I have spoken to some of the

worst affected and they seem to have hit the “reset button”, and are getting on with rebuilding their lives and in a couple of cases they are just happy to be alive.

I have spoken too many of those affected and asked if the club can be of any assistance, but in most cases either the property could not be accessed or the property had to be assessed for insurance purposes. We did however dig mud at a couple of properties, but the offer stands to **any member who has been affected and requires a bit of manpower, or help getting their car on the road, don't hesitate to phone me (0274463 908)** and we will get a crew on the job.

Upcoming events and cancellations are listed in this newsletter and I would encourage you to come to the monthly meeting on Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> where we can catch up with each other and get the latest information. The Club Shed and spares will be open as usual from this Tuesday morning for spares and socialising.

Finally, it would be remiss of me not to mention the cancellation of our Art Deco event. Steve Donovan, Paul Eager and others have worked remorselessly to organise the event and to have it cancelled at the last minute for a third year in a row must have been devastating for them. The Club also misses out on the revenue generated from this event (our biggest fundraiser for the year) for the third year in a row.

Let's hope we get back to some degree of normality and using our cars again before long.

KIA KAHHA Paul Anderson

**MOVING FORWARD APRILS MAG WILL BE SENT OUT BY THE END OF MARCH.**

**HERE IS THE DATES FOR APRILS CALENDAR:**

**5<sup>th</sup> APRIL - MID-WEEK RUN/ COMMITTEE MEETING**

**12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL – CLUB NIGHT**

**16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL – CLUB RUN**

**28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL – MIX & MINGLE NIGHT**