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## **NORTH HAVEN HOSPICE FATHER'S DAY EVENT**

The Club was invited to provide cars in support of the North Haven Hospice Father's Day Event which was held on Thursday 4th September at the Whangarei Rock and Roll Club venue at Pohe Island adjacent to the William Fraser Memorial Park off Riverside Drive.

Always happy to support good causes, members were issued an invitation and ten cars and their drivers and passengers met up at Kensington Park car park at 9am for a 9.15 departure.



A leisurely drive around part of the Twin Coast Discovery Highway and onto Riverside Drive saw us arrive and warmly welcomed by members of the Hospice team who were in the throes of getting the BBQ set up. There were a number of other cars on display that were shining examples of the length some people will go to in presenting their vehicles (see the Club's Facebook page where Derek has put up many photos from this event).

We were invited into the club rooms and provided with hot tea and coffee and a range of delectables from the table, sandwiches, sausage rolls, scones with cream and jam to mention just some of the spread laid before us. For those with room to spare there was always a hot sausage from the BBQ set up under the awning outside.



It was a great morning visit for members and a cause worthy of the Club's support, so good to see members making the effort for a week day event.

Thank you North Haven Hospice for the opportunity to participate, and thank you for the great work you do in our community. (by Derek Tutill)





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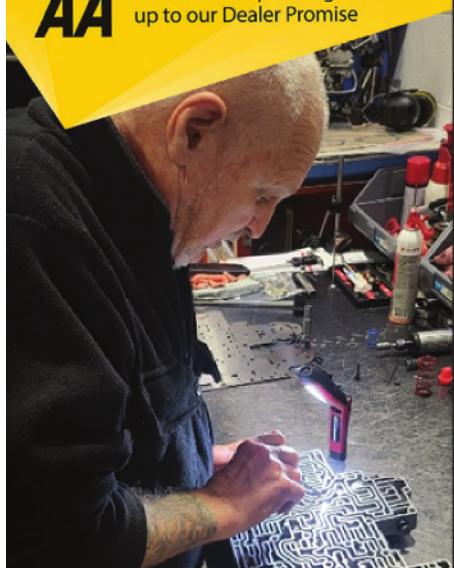
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I've travelled near, I've travelled far, I've even been over Otira by car.  
Flown in an old NAC DC3, hid recklessness, travelled to Christchurch by sea.  
Bravery or madness say what you like, I've been up and down Queen St on a bike.  
But nothing intrigues me, yes, I must confess, as a trip on a typical Kiwi Express.  
"All aboard," shouts the guard and you struggle and sweat, to push and shove all  
your luggage up on the net.  
You finally make it to sit down, suddenly crash, and half of your luggage comes back.  
But oh, what a thrill to be trundled along, in an architect's dream of a carriage gone  
wrong.  
Breathing in dust laden smoke from the train, and coughing it out through a cracked  
windowpane.  
Talking of windows, you know that old line, throwing out rubbish results in a fine.  
Well, there'll be few convictions of that you can bet, because no one has managed to  
open one yet.  
And the blinds that come down and lock in a socket, you close off and wham they go  
up like a rocket.  
You pull them down gently and lock and then, ten seconds later they go up again.  
But the part that I like best when the train comes to rest, is the battle for a little tea  
and supper.  
You scramble down the aisle doing a four-minute mile just so you can have a stale  
pie and a cuppa.  
So patiently you stand with money in hand, there's a bloke in front that you would  
really like to shoot.  
He's got his cup of tea then he accidentally spills it all down your blinkin' suit.  
Well climb back on the train, no use trying to complain, the tea is cold and nothing  
left to eat.  
Then as if by compensation you feel a strange sensation, you just sat on a sandwich  
left on your seat.  
"All aboard," shouts the guard and the carriage fills up, and you sit there surveying  
your NZR cup.  
Now those cups are so strong that collecting them all, makes a good foundation for a  
new Town Hall.  
But nature like time waits not upon man, and sooner or later she calls you again.  
And everyone stares, why, you don't comprehend, no wonder you chump you're  
down the wrong end.  
You retrace your steps with embarrassment pink, one thing you can't be wrong this  
time you think.  
You wait in the queue for a lengthy duration, your turn comes around, and they stop  
at the station.  
So, ladies and gentlemen take it from me, a trip on the Kiwi train is well worth the  
fee.  
On a hard seated non heated slow confessed mess, second-class smoking North  
Auckland Express.

From Vic Holmes

# BREAKFAST WITH THE CARS - 25TH OCTOBER 2025

Really good turn out of vehicles for this event - photos tell the story.





## MEMBER PROFILE - KEITH CROSLAND

The house in the background of the E-Type pic is where I grew up, it's 200 years old, lath and plaster walls, thatched roof etc.

However, my history is:

I grew up in a tiny village in Bedfordshire, England. The village has two claims to fame, a mention in the Doomsday Book for a variety of pear (Warden Pear) and the "Shuttleworth Collection" which is a museum of vintage cars, bikes and planes etc. (Well worth a google or visit if ever in England).

Usual schooling followed by an apprenticeship with a large Machine Tool Manufacturing company as a production engineer. I then decided to join the Royal Navy as a Marine Engineer Officer and spent 20 years serving in a variety of ships and shore establishments. I served in a variety of ships, mainly frigates with steam, diesel and gas turbine propulsion.

On retiring after 20 years of service in the Royal Navy, my family and I emigrated to New Zealand in 1996 where I spent another 17 years working for the RNZN. Other positions I have held are working at Orewa College in the Tech department, and a short spell as a saw doctor.

I am now retired to my lifestyle block in West Kamo.

During my engineering training, one of the visits we went on was to the Aston Martin factory in Newport Pagnall and I promised myself then that one day I would own one. I have just recently realized that ambition.

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## **BASIS NZ TRIP - 14th SEPTEMBER 2025**

Guided and flanked by Phil and Phil, 10 cars trekked from Whangarei, Wellsford, Hobsonville and on to Henderson where we met another Phil with his wife Erin of Basis Classic Automotive Restoration Supplies NZ. They purchased the business around 2018 after exiting the corporate world. They employ Dave who operates the press and Ken who manages the store. Phil and Ken are keen Jowett Javelin owners.

Tucked away in a corner is a rudimentary heated press which is older than any club members present and, although hardly a production line, this serves a purpose for limited production runs. Today they were demonstrating by making a batch of Austin Healey suspension bushes, for which they use NZ made rubber sheets of 8mm thickness, cut them into 40mm squares, then fold these into a mould and die. Then the heat and pressure comes on to 175C and rubber is hydraulically pressed for 8 minutes before it's cured into the required shape. Rubber is better than neoprene as it's softer and has more absorption and better suited to older cars.

Basis NZ deals in clutch plates, lights, interior trim and manufacture rubber extrusions, buffers, stoppers, door handle and mirror gaskets, pedal caps, 500 different upholstery clips and pins and have over 5,000 products in stock predominantly for cars with emphasis on 1920-1980. If you'd like a pair of rubber seals for a 105E Anglia quarter-light window, you're in luck - as long as you stump up \$649.

Only 1 manufacturer of clutch plates and paper filters are left in the world and most modern cars have windscreens moulded to glass so Basis try to cater and supply from their stock for those of a bygone era. Badges, emblems, bits and pieces from Morris, Vauxhall, Zephyr, Triumph, Holden, MG, Chrysler, Lotus and more galore.

We were the first Northland car club to visit, were treated to sausage sizzle and coffee while the shop cash register rang out stridently as club members acquired various goodies. Thanks to Phil, Phil and Phil who enabled us to fill ourselves with nostalgia. Photos of the visit on the next two pages.

Report by Des Ryan





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## **LOOKING AHEAD**

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**SATURDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2025** - Breakfast With The Cars at Tutukaka Marina Woodfired Dining Cafe 8.30am - 10am, this is the last one for 2025 but normally held every 4th Saturday of the month, organised by the VCC.

**SUNDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2025** - Glass Bottom Boat Trip to Goat Island (from Leigh). Meet at Cobham Oval Car Park, 7.30am for 7.45am departure. We need to arrive for check in at 10.30, boat trip starts at 11am. Seniors \$30, Adults \$40 - please bring cash unless you've paid into the club's bank account as they require one payment for all. Boat seats are limited to 40 . Contact Phil Scot.

**SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2025** - Whangarei Christmas Parade, advise Phil by 25th November if you're interested.

**SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2025** - Ngunguru School Car Show, Te Maika Road, to fund raise for school projects. 9.00-12.30 entry by Koha.

**SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2025** - Whangarei A&P Show, register with Phil if attending. Meet at the lay-by opposite Highfield Way Maunu to leave by 7.45am.

**SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2025** - Hikurangi Christmas Parade - sets off at 11am from Swan Avenue.

**SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2025** - Club Christmas Party at Glenbervie Hall. Bring Secret Santa gift each value \$10 and a salad to share, the Club will supply meat and desert. Register with Phil.

**FRIDAY 26TH TO 30TH DECEMBER 2025** - Ngatea Car Show and trip away. Still a couple of spaces available. Contact Phil Schultz.

**28TH NOVEMBER - 13TH DECEMBER 2025** - Octagon Theatre - 'Leading Ladies' Comedy.

**SATURDAY 3RD JANUARY 2026** - Taipa Car & Bike Show

**SUNDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2026** - Waipu Car & Bike Show

# KERIKERI SATURDAY MARKET AND BLUEBELL WOODS

## 4TH OCTOBER 2025 - Report by Pete Romer

Everyone met at Springs Flat lay-by - 9 cars, many happy people and three Grandchildren. We left at 9.15am. Unfortunately Brian and Raewyn Cannons arrived at 9.16 to an empty car park but caught up with us later.

The Kerikeri Saturday Market was frenetic - stacks of people, our bunch dispersed to do their own thing. Sheila and I and a few others left fairly soon. There was rain forecast for later and we were determined to have our picnic in the bluebells before it came!

We arrived and the weather was still great. Maggie and Graham Galland were already happily picnicking and soon Brian and Raewyn Cannons joined us. A bit later Mike and Linda Franks and the three Grandchildren arrived. We enjoyed our lunch but soon, just like the forecast, the rain arrived and we high tailed it out to the cars. Just as we drove off some of the others were just arriving.

Sheila and I stopped for coffee on the way home and encountered the heaviest downpour I have ever experienced! Had to slow right down, wipers going frantic.

Nevertheless - a great day.



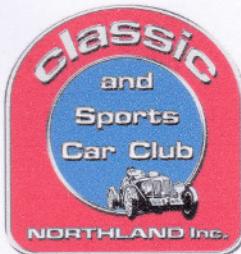


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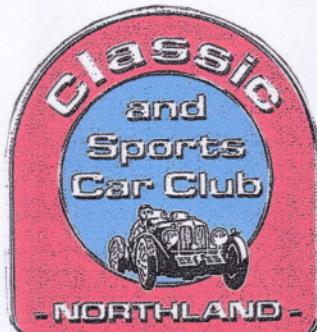
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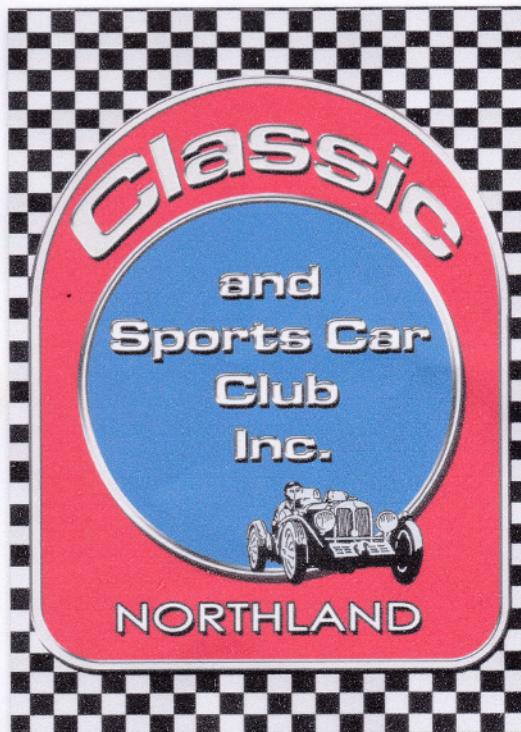
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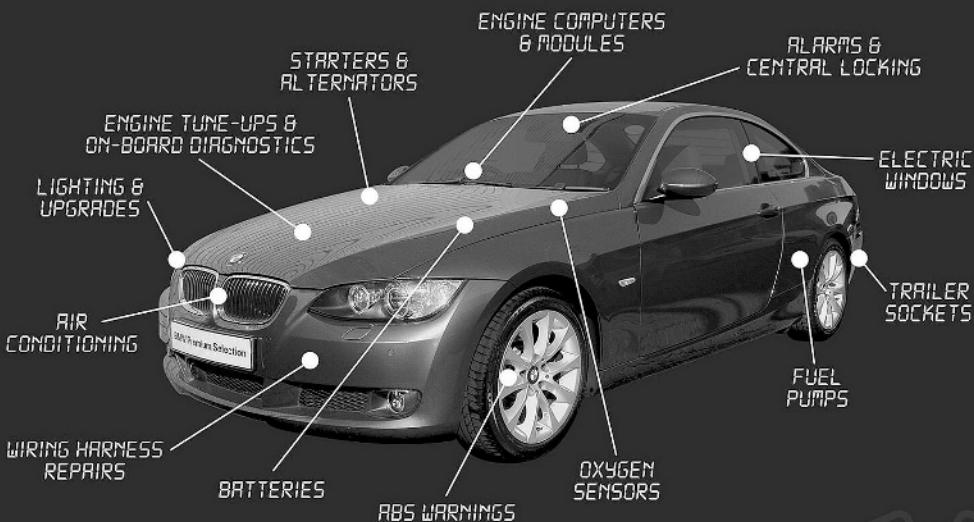
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