

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2019

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Please note: more events, extra details and possible changes may be added to this Calendar each month.

## Events Committee:

Gary Bexley, Phil Barron, John & Raewyn Bourke, Bruce Jamieson, Liz Standen-Penn.

## THOUGHTS FROM GARY

Wow – what a turnout for our Classic Collection run Morrinsville last month. Thanks to everyone able to join in and make it a great day -- we do hope you enjoyed the venues and the touring. Thanks also to Bert Loveridge for introducing us to our hosts. Please check out Taz's account of the day. Speaking of magazine articles – we (the whole club) need to give Neville and Peter a break from contributions to the mag. Can we please have more articles from members – profiles, travel stories, topical thoughts etc. Anything please – but not politics or religion!!

My **thoughts** are increasing coming around to electric vehicles. Are we being conned?? I'm reading more and more reports of the real cost in environmental terms in the manufacture, and disposal, of lithium batteries. I'm not anti EV's – they just have their place. Congested cities – yes. Tauranga – no. If I lived in Auckland and commuting every day then it would make sense. Greenies would say use public transport. But not every town has it. Our politicians think everyone lives in Auckland or Wellington. Auckland still doesn't really have an across town service and I presume Tauranga doesn't have any. Everyone then has to travel into town then change to go back out to where they need to be. It's just not going to happen. That's just human nature. NZ can't be expected to save the world. When America, Russia, China, India etc start to make an effort then OK we should all hook into it but to punish us suburbanites and farmers here in NZ is pointless. New Zealand has the ability to feed a large chunk of the world's population. We should be supporting our farmers and growers and give them all the tools, and water, they need – not punish them. How can a farmer go into town for his fence posts, drench etc. and get it home in an EV, or, on the bus??

A new thing concerning me about lithium batteries is the use of child labour in the Congo lithium mines. This un-ethical trade doesn't get a mention by the Greenies. But I believe it has some substance. A few years ago, we bought some shares in a lithium mine in Argentina at \$ 6.30 ea. expecting them to be a good investment / punt. (Toyota is a major shareholder) Google Orocobre Ltd – (there's an interesting article on a joint venture between Boeing and Porsche developing an electric flying car) Now they are at \$ 2.35 ea.!! I assume; therefore, China is sourcing its lithium out of the Congo and Toyota their batteries from China.



Interesting as a comparison, our Ports of Tauranga shares bought at about the same time have gone from \$ 4.27 to \$ 6.73 now (+ 57.6 %). Just goes to show – stick to your knitting !!

Recently I came across a quote that must have hit a note with me as it keeps popping up in my sub-conscious mind so I thought I'll share it you. It said "if you find yourself more fortunate than others, then build a larger table not a taller fence" What's your thoughts? Safe travels and cheers for now

*Gary*

### **November 15, 16 & 17 th.**

#### **Whanganui & Taranaki**

Organisers; John & Raewyn

Starting in Rotorua Friday 15 at 10.00 am with morning tea at the Coffee Club then travel via some interesting roads to stay over in Whanganui on the 15th. & 16th. in the Kingsgate Hotel at \$ 140 per night including breakfast. Then enjoy conducted tour / visits to historic homesteads on Saturday. Travel to Taranaki on Sunday to stay over then return home on Monday. Whilst the reserved accommodation is closed off, we really would like your company, so please contact me and we'll do our best to get you in. More details elsewhere in mag.

### **December 8th**

#### **Christmas Lunch**

The Xmas lunch venue, this year, will be at the Fairview Golf and Country Club in Katikati. The cost will be \$65.00 ea. for a scrumptious menu and excellent venue. There will also be a CASH bar available. Note; the cost may be reduced after we check the legalities of supplying alcohol to members.

### **January 25th. 2020**

Rotorua Concours at the Vintage & Classic Car Show on the green by the lake where we will have a separate reserved area just for our club.

### **February 8th.**

The Events Committee has declined an invite from the Te Puke A & P Show Comm. for this year as we're working on other options for a change this time. Date & Details TBA

### **HELP Required**

The Committee is keen to hold another Gymkhana event and is looking for the use of a grassy paddock somewhere and that it's OK to give it a decent rark-up. These are great fun events and we're very keen to hear of any possibilities. Please message me.

**Remember;** some mistakes are way too much fun to only make once!!

*Gary*