

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.

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THOUGHTS FROM GARY

Phew – 33 degrees here in Matamata again today! It's enough to drive a bloke to drink! Our February Run through to Bowentown went off well. This was purely a drive and socialising day with no time constraints or venue viewing. The plan was for just relaxing and general chit chat and I think we achieved that. We were able to get the Club gazebo out and give it an airing but it does need a banner and some flags so if anybody knows where they are please message me. The shade it provided was welcome / needed and thanks must go to Phil for suggesting this location and helping me with the recce. It was great to have Warren and Nola Spooner join us and arrive in their XJS V12 topless. Liz had her brother, Wilson, along as well as a guest. Please check out Natalie and Steve's account of the day elsewhere in this mag.

The March Run is set to go on Thursday 12. Details follow and please remember to bring \$5 each cash as their's no eftpos for admission. We're working on a weekend away run for April based on Taupo starting on Friday 24 evening. Plan for Saturday at this stage is to tour around the westside of the lake and go up Mt. Ruapehu and take the new chairlift at Whakapapa up to lunch. (Idea suggested by Barry Findlay) Tour back Eastside then regather for evening meal. Sunday – a car collection visit being organised by Don Bowater and Dennis. Book out that weekend now – it'll be worth it.

My **Thoughts** now are looking at May and the AGM. This is a time to reflect on what we've achieved and to select a new management team going forward. To me we need a mixture of experienced hands plus some new fresh legs being subbed on. In this way we can build depth (sounds like I'm a rugby coach) within the Club to keep it strong and vibrant. Fortunately, Dennis, Dean, Peter and John are prepared to continue and in their very capable hands the Club will continue to prosper.

Sadly – we do require a Secretary but with the excellent work put in by Paul and our new softwear (Friendly Manager) hopefully this will be easier by being more streamlined and automated. I, myself, have done my turn and are standing down as Club Captain so we're looking for someone else to wear "that hat". Please be assured you would have my support just as Liz and the Events Team have supported me.

We will also require more Committee members as Dave, Liz and June are retiring having done more than their turn. If you would like to enquire more or know of someone possibly interested then please have a chat with a Committee member.

Another **Thought** I had recently. I thought that the colours red, white and blue stand for freedom until they're flashing behind you. How can that be??

Travel safe and stay hydrated

Gary

March Thursday 12th.

Murapara Run ; this is the visit to a collection that got rained off in July. Meet at the Marist Rugby park as normal at 8.30 am for a 8.45 am departure. Meet / re-group at 10.00 am in Rotorua at the Coffee Club on Tawawera Rd. for a 10.30 departure.

Please bring own food for a picnic lunch. Hot water will be available. Please also bring \$5.00 ea. cash (no eftpos) for admission to the Museum. We'll then travel home via Galatea Rd. taking in a couple of scenic spots along the way to Te Teko and then disperse from there.

April 24 , 25 , 26

Taupo Tour. Planning underway on a tour around the westside of the Lake then up to Whakapapa and take the new Gondola or "Sky Waka "up to lunch at the Knoll Ridge Café. This is a magnificent two-story Café which caters for everyone and with views for miles.

Then tour back around the east side to our accommodation and prepare for a dinner at Manuel's Resort- - this will be an absolutely magic day out. Please remember Saturday is Anzac Day for those who may wish to attend the Dawn Service.

Sunday we'll visit a car collection in Taupo then disperse after lunch. Something for everyone so it'll be great.

John has put a hold on 24 rooms at Manuel's Resort on the Lake front and some next door at the Oasis Motel for us. The cost for two nights stays at Manuel's will be \$255 and Oasis at \$180. Please respond to the Club Invitation by March 15 to secure a room. After this date you're still welcome to join in but will need to make your own accommodation arrangements. Bring it on – I can't wait!

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.

Gary

***ALL MEMBERS – PLEASE NOTE: For bookings made by the Committee for Events where the Club is required to pay deposits (or full amounts) e.g. for motels, meals, entry fees etc. in advance on behalf of members attending the Events: Members must reimburse the Club promptly and before the final confirmation date under the terms of the reservations.
NO refunds will be made after the final confirmation date.***