

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2021

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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, John & Raewyn Bourke, Bruce Jamieson, Liz Standen-Penn, Dave Penn, Noel Harris, Steve Cox

## THOUGHTS FROM GARY

Hi folks and welcome to the last edition of “My Thoughts” from Cap’n Gary. As my resignation as Captain has finally been accepted this is the last ramblings of mine you’ll be subjected to. I will, however be staying on the Events Committee to help transition any new members through just as Phil and Liz helped me. Both Liz and Bruce Jamieson, having done more than their share on the Committee will be stepping down so if you would like to contribute ideas for events by way of joining this committee then please talk to myself. Your input would be most appreciated. Without a full and active Events Calendar this Club would have little to offer its members so if everyone could just offer a little something then I’m sure our Club will continue to prosper.

Vice President Dave is also retiring, also having done more than his share. The main management Committee is most appreciative of members accepting nomination. It’s essential we focus on a succession plan to ensure we have experienced members coming through as this is the only way we can ensure to have an active and vibrant Club going forward. So please put aside some time on May 16<sup>th</sup> to come along to the annual AGM and Luncheon where you will be updated with the status of your Club and even have the chance to have some input as well as to enjoy a yummy lunch with great company.

The tri-annual National Rally was held at Easter in New Plymouth and was a resounding success with great merriment and food enjoyed by over 340 participants. Checkout John Bourke’s and my account of the weekend elsewhere in this magazine. The next Rally will be in Christchurch 2024 and being a National Rally virgin – I’ll be going back for more!! Also coming up on January 22-23rd 2022 at the Historic GP meeting at the Motorsport Park in Taupo they will be featuring the great history of Jaguar and Daimler Race Cars. This will be a once in our lifetime “must see” Event, so pop it into your Diary now.

With all these neat adventures and runs we've been on, my phone / camera has run out of storage capacity so I splashed out and upgraded the other day - - which got me **thinking**. You know you're getting old when;

- You can remember when you knew way more than your phone
- There was no way your camera would fit in your pocket
- You had to take your film to the Chemist to be developed. Then wait anxiously for the prints to come back only to find half of them were duds.
- When you fell over people would laugh. Now they come running to your aid
- You refer to your knees as good or bad as opposed to left or right

Finally, I would like to thank not only the Events Committee but also all the other members who have come forward with ideas over the last couple of years for their help. Also, to Estelle for her tolerance whilst out and about on another mission when I would divert to check out some other potential venue for the Club – many thanks. The best thing I can take away from my time as Captain is the fact that I had to speed up my getting to know, more personally, all of the Club membership. With just over 200 members now it's been a real challenge for my brain to comprehend but it's been a real privilege and pleasure getting to know so many neat people – thank you.

Take care and travel safe

*Cap'n Gary*