

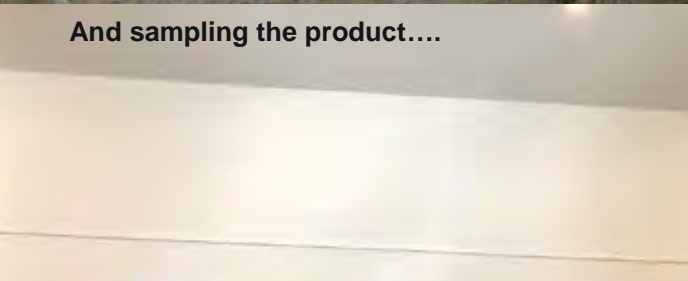
# TRansmission





Beautiful Central Otago on the After-tour at Cardrona Distillery.

And sampling the product....



# Transmission

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## FRONT COVER

**The 2019 Nationals  
concours winners on show  
at Shantytown at  
Sunday lunch**

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# TRanSport

Well, here we are, a quarter of the way thru the year already and what a wonderful few months it has been. Possibly the best motoring weather for some years and an absolutely marvellous National Weekend (and Aftertour) right in the middle of it.

For those of you who were not able to make this year's event – my commiserations. This West Coast put on a stunning performance weather-wise. And the organising team put on a stunning performance event-wise.

I suspect we all booked with a myopic view of what West Coast weather could be like, but we all came away wonderfully surprised. We covered a lot of miles and while there were a few minor issues, we mostly had a trouble free run. I put my hand up to a self-inflicted wound – electric fans don't cool too well if the polarity is reversed! But nearly 2700 miles over 12 days of fantastic country roads, top-down.....bliss.

It was also my pleasure to hand out the Concours trophies again this year – a full list further on.

The President also has the task of awarding the President's Cup and the Enthusiast's Plate.

This year, the Enthusiast's Plate went to Tony & Liz Philip from Kerikeri. Not only had they travelled the furthest, but have been members for an exceptionally long time, attending National Weekends since Rotorua in the early 80's. Well done Tony & Liz – true enthusiasts.

The President's Cup created a new challenge – and perhaps a new category for an award. Carol & Bryan Thomas were pivotal in pulling together the NW, but it was Carol's scriptwriting skills that were above and beyond. You had to be there to witness the "radio" who-dunnit, but it may be the first in a new "Scriptwriting" category for the weekend's entertainment. Well done Carol.

It was my pleasure to welcome a number of overseas visitors who joined us for all or part of the festivities. From Australia: Ian & Tracey Cuss, Ivan & Elizabeth Powell, Robert & Gail Allen, Keith & Judy Brown, David & Jenny Fergusson, plus Paul Hogan from UK, most of whom have threatened to come back and join in again next year. As is often the case, along the way we also met up with numerous TR owners who were visiting our fair land – from Germany, UK, US and Canada, and possibly more.

Elsewhere in the magazine, you will also find copy of an email received from Antony Bond from UK, who was touring NZ in February. Although Antony was not able to make it to the NW, he did manage to meet up with a number of our members up and down the country. Thank you all for hosting him.

We are a privileged group who not only have a great camaraderie amongst our own members, but we enjoy hosting visiting TR owners from overseas, as well as being hosted when overseas. Fantastic!

*Ian H.* President

PS The Editorial team are always glad to accept articles for TRansmission, so get your creative juices flowing on TR and/or technical matters and send your articles to the [editor@trregister.co.nz](mailto:editor@trregister.co.nz).

# ***EDITORIAL TEAM***

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## ***TALK***

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Hi from the Editorial team.

With Nationals as a key topic, this edition of TRansmission is usually a full one and that's proven to be the case again. Thanks to the group leaders for their comprehensive reports and also to contributions from a good number of other keen members.

All three of us, with our good ladies, were able to attend the Nationals this year and as you will read throughout this magazine, it was a huge success. While we are sure that all members sympathise with the Coasters currently affected by the flood damage and the impact on the West Coast economy, when we were there it couldn't have been more pleasant.

The sun shone, the accommodation was comfortable, the local people were friendly, and the scenery and the roads through it were magnificent. We were really spoilt. A warm thank you to the organisers. The feedback we have had from everyone who attended has been universally positive, so we really appreciate the time, effort and thought that went into the planning. Roll on Nationals 2020.

Speaking of 2020, you will see at the top of the next page a promotion for Calendar 2020. The members have spoken, so we will be bringing the calendar back next year. Please ensure we have plenty of good photos to choose from! And if you have any ideas on how to improve the calendar, just let us know - we will stick with 12 months and 7 days a week, but are very open to other new ideas.

A fun idea at Nationals was a limerick competition. The winners were read out at the Sunday lunch, so thanks to the organisers for allowing us to share all the limericks in TRansmission. There were many, so we will roll them out over a few editions for your reading pleasure.

Have a look at the New Members list over the page. It is the longest we can recall and is great to see. A warm welcome to all the newbies.

# CALENDAR PHOTO COMPETITION

Your photo as "Car of the Month"

**PLUS** a free calendar

Email photos to: [editor@trregister.co.nz](mailto:editor@trregister.co.nz)

*Those of you that attended Nationals know that the calendar is to resume in 2020. We look forward to a renewed enthusiasm for sending us the photos we need to make it a success. For a calendar, at least 12 photos is sort of a minimum!*

*Thank to those who have already sent in photos taken over Nationals. This is an early notice to all members asking that you get thinking about photos, and get them to us any time between now and 15 November 2019. We'll give another reminder nearer the time.*

*Winning entries will again receive an extra free calendar (and members' grateful thanks).*

*The photos we want are of a car or cars (TRs only).*

**The photos need to be 2.5Mb or larger to print well. For each photo, please tell us where it's taken - we would like to note the car owner and location on each month's photo.**

*The usual rule applies - the judges' decisions will be final and no correspondence will be entered into. But we are happy to answer any questions or have your ideas on the calendar content, format, etc.*

**Please send your photos to [editor@trregister.co.nz](mailto:editor@trregister.co.nz).**

From our own experiences we have no doubt you will very much enjoy your membership. Like most things, you get out of it what you put in, so get involved in the social activities in your region, Nationals, and the likes. Contributions to this magazine are especially encouraged - tell us about yourselves, your cars, your restorations, or anything else TR.

Chances for very warm top-down motoring are probably likely to reduce over the next few weeks, so make the most of the rest of Autumn.

Cheers

Stephen, Trevor, & Brian

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## NEW MEMBERS

*Welcome to our new members this quarter. We look forward to meeting you at the next social occasion or TR run and hope you enjoy your TR ownership and the fellowship and assistance the Register offers.*

Graeme	Skjellerup	Christchurch	TR6
Lee	Groube	Paraparaumu	TR4
Herb & Noleen	Francis	Kumeu	TR2
Brian & Lesley	Templeton	Dunedin	TR6
Anna & Graeme	Hall	Christchurch	TR4A
Alan	Dunscombe	Dunsandel	TR2
Steve	King	Christchurch	TR6
Kerry	Miles	Rangiora	TR6
Richard	Whitney	Dunedin	TR6
David	Selway	Christchurch	TR6
George	McSwiggan	Opuā	TR6
Paul & Joss	Ainsworth	Prebbleton	TR6
Alan	Hyndman	Lower Hutt	TR7V8
Bruce	Rosie	Pauanui	TR3
Ewan	Kershaw	Bethlehem	Triumph 2.5S
Chris	Harrison	Tauranga	TR6
John	Carroll	Tauranga	Triumph 2.5S
Des	Farrelly	Tauranga	130 various Triumphs
Calvin & Ann	Law	Mt Maunganui	Triumph 2.5
Carole	Lindsay	Tauranga	
Mark	Stevens	Whangaparaoa	1973 Stag
Kevin	Gray	Prebbleton	TR6
Rhys	Daube	Auckland	TR6



# City of Sails Area Report

Happy New Year 2019 TR Register Members. I know I'm 3 months late but from all accounts this has been a great start to the year. For most there've been multiple opportunities to be out and about, organised or independently, and we couldn't ask for better. Unfortunately, I was one of the few Group Leaders unable to attend this year's National Weekend in Greymouth and I'm looking forward to hearing about the many highlights, either at our own Auckland Group Club Night or through the many reports coming in this TRansmission magazine.

As usual we finished off 2018 with our Pre Xmas Breakfast Run to Snells Beach, North Auckland. Another great turnout by the TR Register and although we had some bad weather, our troops as usual went topless. Great lineup below with Malcolm in his TR3 chasing 4 TR6's and the GTR4A Dove of Anne & Frank Cleary. Overall 12 TR's attended.



January is usually a quiet time for the group with no runs planned and no Club Night, however a couple of good mates Dennis and Gary took their white TR6's along on the annual Stag Owners Club run to Kaiaua, Good on ya boys!

February brings our first Club Night and as we were rained out in December our President invited us to his house for the postponed Presidents BBQ and a swim. Just a couple of us took up the challenge for a dip, however it was an excellent evening spent around the pool, in the sun, what could be better?

Photo of us enjoying an ice cream after dinner (right).

End of that week was the Ellerslie Intermarque Concours aka the NZ Classic Car Show, and though we were not able to put a team together for the concours, we once again entered the Team Display competition. The theme this year "The



Collectables" never proved to be an issue for our team led once again with inspiration by Stephanie Booth, and assisted by a team of willing participants.

Centerpiece of the display were the cars deemed Collectable – GTR4A Dove, Swallow Doretti, TR5 and TR8, unfortunately the TR2 Jabbeke copy being restored by Frank Cleary wasn't able to be delivered in time. I say copy but in fact this is one of three factory TR2's built with the same specs as MVC575 affectionately known as the Jabbeke TR2, so a pretty special (and Collectable) car indeed. As were the other four cars on display. Thanks to Frank we had his Dove and TR8, the Swallow Doretti of Helen Ferner, and the TR5 of the late Robert Johnston kindly on loan by Peter Mence. (Thanks Peter)



Our display also featured three TR's beautifully restored by their owners, the recently completed TR2 of Malcolm Deveraux, the TR4 of our Registrar Kevin Tinkler, and the TR6 of Murray Booth. That's them in the photo above, where you can also make out a LUCAS sign, well this was on a table with our 1/43<sup>rd</sup> Scale collection of Die-Cast TR Models (the Collectables). Along with another table featuring photos and models of Racing/Rallying TR's, our Team Display was once again good enough to get us in the winner's circle, with a third placing to show for all the hard work. Outstanding!!

While the rest of the country (well 70 odd cars and keepers at least) were enjoying the fantastic weather on the West Coast, I was working all over the upper North Island. However, I still had time to call together a few stay at home keepers to help with a TR display at the Brit & Euro Classic Car Show in the east of Auckland. With the unfortunate demise of the long running and Lions Club sponsored Galaxy of Cars, staged annually at Western Springs in Auckland, the Brit & Euro with approx. 860 cars on display and free for the public to attend is clearly becoming an institution.



We had TR's 2, 3, 3A, 4, 2 x 6's and a 7, so the public were able to enjoy a very good display. Among those TR's was a particular Mimosa TR6 once owned by a certain TR250 owner in the Deep South Group. The current owner Colin is really enjoying his 6!

Presented alongside the Triumphs of the Auckland Triumph Car Club, and with the few Stags left in Auckland (the rest were also in the South Island), we were very happy to be there on a beautiful Auckland Sunday.

Well almost, I had the misfortune of clutch failure (or pressure plate, maybe) turning in to the driveway, Bugger! And went home on the back of a tow truck ..... Arrgghh! You know what they say ..... It Happens!

It's been a great 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter and I am looking forward to more good things to come. The new members are enthusiastic, the members restoring cars are getting closer to achieving their own dreams, and some TR's seem to be changing hands across the country which suggests the marque is alive and well. And that is outstanding.

That's all from me, remember – "It's Never Far, In A TR"

*Steve Martin*



# ***TR LIMERICKS***

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**Those of you who were not at the Nationals last month missed a poetic treat. Everyone was invited to submit a Limerick and win a prize. We will share all the entries with you in this and future issues of TRansmission. Enjoy.....**

The driver of a TR1  
Was only in it for the fun  
He laughed out so loud  
He made his wife proud  
And she gave him a raspberry bun

The driver of a TR2  
Stood in some doggy doo  
He let out a screech  
That made everyone retch  
As he had a large hole in his shoe

The driver of a TR3  
Thought everything was free  
He was so tight  
He squeaked in the night  
When asked to produce his fee

The driver of a TR4  
Had rust in his left hand door  
He took it for repair  
To a panel beater near  
And now he's exceptionally poor

The driver of a TR5  
Lives in a funny old dive  
His wife's name is Tina  
She drives a Marina  
He's so lucky to just be alive

The driver of a TR6  
Thought all the rest were dicks  
He laughed at them all  
As he rammed into a wall  
And now has an expensive fix

The driver of a TR7  
Thought driving, it was heaven  
He went for a warrant  
The result was abhorrent  
He traded up to a Renault Eleven

The driver of a TR8  
Took his wife's sister on a date  
They went into a hedge  
Where he showed her his wedge  
And they didn't get home 'till late

The driver of a TR9  
Thought the weather was always fine  
It pissed down with rain  
And he washed down a drain  
And came out of a West Coast coal mine

The driver of a TR10  
Was a master of the art of Zen  
He looked into heaven  
And saw a TR Eleven  
But it could only be bought with Yen

All above by Alan Blackie

The driver of a TR8  
Said "with all this power, I'll thrash ya mate"  
But we raced on through  
When he stopped for the loo  
All because of a troublesome prostate

Jon Harrey

The driver of a TR3 from Australia  
At mechanical skills was a failure  
Whilst working on fuel  
He used the wrong tool  
And set fire to his own genitalia

David Ferguson

The driver of a TR3A  
Had come such a very long way  
With a need for a pee  
He had to find a tree  
And then had a happier day

Robert Allan

The driver of a TR3  
Was struggling to have a good pee  
His really full bladder  
Made him madder and madder  
While his '3 dripped its oil frequently

Jim Davis

# ***NATIONALS FORUM 2019***

## **Notes from NW Forum Meeting 09.00 3/3/2019**

### **Shanty Town, Greymouth**

Approx 80 members present.

President - Gave an overview of change in financial position over past 5 years, ie

Income down 25%

Expenditure up 44%

Current deficit \$5k pa

Ergo - position not sustainable in the long term.

Suggestion to increase Membership fees to \$60pa received from the floor, with consensus that this was acceptable. Committee were given a mandate to formally review fees and make a proposed at next AGM (Nov2019) for implementation in October 2020.

**Action:** Committee

Frank Cleary - Commented that the Committee is Auckland centric and has been for some time – committee would welcome nominations from members elsewhere in the country.

Ian H – Proposed a Committee/Group Leader meeting at each National Weekend, starting 2020.

Floor – Suggestion to be more sociable at NW by making an effort to mix/mingle with members from other regions – particularly at Dinner.

Floor – Calendar requested for 2020 year (2019 not run as insufficient photos received for 2018 year!) send photos to Stephen Higgs (Editor).

**Action:** Members & Stephen Higgs.

Floor – Lack of Group photo from past few NW's. To be re-introduced.

Floor – Discussion on Magazine distribution – consensus was to continue with both print and on-line versions.

Floor – Thanks offered to Committee for their contribution to running the Register.

Ken Pfeffer – Lead discussion regarding definition of and/or re-naming Modified Class. Input received from the floor, Frank Cleary and Ian Cass (Chief Concours Judge Australia) regarding their "Road Class". It was agreed than no change would be made, but the current Standard & Modified explanations would be reviewed and re-published in the Magazine (and on the Website)

**Action:** Frank Cleary..

There being no further topics for discussion, the meeting closed at 09.45.





# Deep South Group

It's good to get back into doing what we enjoy most, meeting fellow TR enthusiasts and getting our TRs out on the road.

Our first outing for the year took place on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February and took the form of a run to acknowledge "Drive Your Triumph Day", a celebration dreamed up by Rye Livingston, an American Triumph Travelers Sports Car Club enthusiast, to acknowledge the birthday of Sir John Black, the man who organised Standard's purchase of Triumph after the war and went on to make the cars we enjoy driving today.

The day was one out of the box, not a cloud in the sky and Colin and Jo Deaker had organised a run around the suburbs of Dunedin taking in many of the great views you get from the hills of our city. After several photo stops and one special ice cream stop, it was on to Colin and Jo's at Mosgiel for a cool beer and a BBQ. The one thing Colin had not bargained on was that by being host meant he drew the short straw and had to do the BBQ in the heat (35deg) while everybody else sat inside near the air conditioner keeping cool! The winner for the most questions answered on the run was Vicki ably assisted by Mark, with Jane runner up.

A great start to the year and our thanks to Colin and Jo for organising and hosting the event.

Jane and I had the pleasure of hosting two TR register members from the UK, Antony and Linda Bond. It was great hearing what was happening over in the UK with the TR fraternity and how their organisation compared to ours. An added bonus was Antony and Linda also have a TR4 which they have done up, so we could compare notes on the problems they had doing theirs up. An interesting bit of information they shared with us was that a TR5 had recently sold in the UK for 100,000 pounds! That's pounds not dollars. It makes you wonder if, when we come to sell our cars, perhaps we should send them over there!!

## The TR Register National Weekend, Greymouth 2019

The Deep South Group had a good turn out of members attending the 2019 Nationals in Greymouth (14 cars). Our weekend started on Wednesday with a run through to Methven where we met up with those coming from Central Otago. After an enjoyable night catching up with those we hadn't seen for some time, we moved on to Greymouth via the Arthurs Pass on Thursday for registrations and the official opening held at Monteith's Brewery.



Friday started with the concours judging held at Cass Square, Hokitika. We were then free to take part in a drive round Lake Kaniere and on to Hokitika Gorge where, surprise, surprise, we had the good fortune to park next to a food caravan which just happened to be selling whitebait fritters. You can't go to the Coast without having a whitebait fritter. What better things could you do in life than sit in the sun on the side of the road on the West Coast enjoying a whitebait fritter and coffee!! From here it was on to the West Coast Treetops café and treetop walk,

quite a unique experience and a chance to share the treetops with the birds. It was then back to Greymouth to get ready for the night's activities, a dinner followed by the night's guest speaker who entertained us with tales of his life's experiences and a bit of the history of the area.

### ***Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Doug and Viv Osborne's Report:***

Early Saturday morning, with another fine day looming, we drove north from Greymouth. After viewing the Strongman Coal Mine Disaster Memorial where 19 men lost their lives, we headed up the coast to be greeted by spectacular scenery.

The air was cool and the jagged rocks rose out of the morning mist, creating a beautiful eerie scene, while cruising past gnarly trees along the seashore.

The Pancake Rocks were truly spectacular, viewed from an excellent loop walking track, and layer upon layer of pancake rock and deep chasms causing the sea to boil below.

The Denniston Mine Hill climb gave glimpses of the magnificent view of the coastline. We were struck by the dramatic way the coal was manoeuvred up and down the steep incline. We gained an appreciation of the hardship of mining and the engineering of the day. The rusty remnants of the mine stood quietly; the only sounds remaining were the birds whispering in our ears with the random TR exhaust note coming up the hill.

The only mishap while heading down the hill was when a motorcyclist slid in the gravel and came off in front of our car. Fortunately, all that was hurt was his pride, thanks to his thick leathers.

We really enjoyed our picturesque drive home through the Buller Gorge and stopping for coffee and cake at Reefton.

### ***Doug and Viv.***

Saturday night, The Gold Fever dinner. As in the past, National weekends have a theme and this year's weekend took the theme of Gold and most of the attendees contributed to that theme. There was some serious thought put into some of the get ups and I am happy to report that Ian and Lyn Gray won the best dressed couple being decked out as Governor George Grey and Lady Grey. The runner up was Colin Deaker dressed as the local BNZ bank manager complete with giveaway pound notes. Also tonight we were advised of the various concours winners.



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I am happy to report that the Deep South Group did very well in the concours awards. Stephen and Gail Higgs, Colin and Jo Deaker, Alan and Norma Parks, and Joel Chisholm all won awards.

Sunday, the end of the weekend. We all made our way to Shantytown for the Forum, Brunch and the farewell from President Ian and the Christchurch organising committee.

Another memorable Nationals. Great weather and great organisation. Our congratulations to all the Christchurch group, you have done a first-class job.

### ***The Post Tour run:***

The Post Tour run started on the Sunday at lunch time with a drive down to Haast. Once again, the weather was brilliant. We kept coming across TRs stopped at all sorts of places all the way down the road. There was a bit of concern about the big slip just north of Fox but thanks to the good work of the roading contractors the road was clear with just a slight delay as the road was only one way. It was certainly a major slip and we were lucky it happened a week prior to the Nationals, otherwise it could have been interesting!

Haast was abuzz with TRs that night with TRs in all the accommodation places around the town. Those who went to the local pub that night had a great time being entertained by an Irish band getting some practice in for St Patrick's Day.

Monday dawned clear and sunny but it looked like the good weather was going to break in the west so it was time to head back towards home. The run from Haast through to Wanaka is certainly spectacular with all the trees and mountains. After the compulsory coffee stop at Makarora and, for some of the entrants, a chance to experience a jet boat tour on the Wilkin River, the drive along the sides of the Lakes Wanaka and Hawea is a spectacular run and makes having an open top car worthwhile. The entrants made the most of the restaurants scattered through Wanaka and everywhere you went you could see groups dining and enjoying themselves.

### ***Tuesday 5th March. Vicki and Mark's Report;***

Today we left Wanaka and headed to the Cardrona Distillery, where they make artisan spirits and liquors, specialising particularly in whisky. We went on an extensive tour which was fantastic and we all learned a lot about the distilling process. Then followed a tasting which was enjoyed by all (with a few interesting facial expressions from some people who are not usually spirit drinkers). The company is also growing roses and are hoping to start a boutique perfumery in the future, which will add another unique string to their bow.

After the tour, some of the group went for lunch and a look around the lovely Arrowtown, while others headed off to Cromwell to prepare for the mighty challenge of go-karting and a few laps of the main track at Highlands,

Mark managed to hold off (Ed - is that the same as blocking?) opposition in the go-karts and just about ran poor Belinda of the the track in his haste, although she still managed to be the first lady across the finish line!

The boys seemed very pleased with themselves out on the main track with their cars all looking resplendent .

A couple of cars had the odd hiccup during the course of the day, but most of them were easily fixed and back on deck for the rest of the tour.

During the evening most of our group went to the Thai restaurant in Cromwell to celebrate Doug Osborne's birthday. We all had a fabulous time and lots of laughs.

### ***Vicki and Mark***

Unfortunately, Jane and I, along with several others of our group left the run at this point.

A great run thoroughly enjoyed by all who participated. A big thank you to the organisers. We are now looking forward to next year's event.

*Jane and Trevor*





# Canterbury Tales...



I make no apology for starting off this report with a huge "Thank you" to those who did the organising for the Nationals this year, both the Weekend and the After Tour. Anyone who has done this in the past will know that the task has moments of high stress and drama, but mostly it is fun and the end result makes it all worthwhile. Our experience was no different. As for myself as chief organiser I can say it was kinda nice to sit back and watch the rest of the team do all the work. And thanks also to all of you who came along and entered into the spirit of the event. We haven't had too many complaints so we think that you must have enjoyed it.

Wasn't the weather kind to us too? Sunshine every day, that was a surprise! We were a little concerned that the risk of the odd West Coast downpour was ever present. Maybe we should have words with Frank about the "top up" rule for concourse judging. TRs were built for sunshine and tops down after all. Don't throw those waterproof ponchos away though, you might need them one day. If you don't use them to keep yourselves dry you can always spread them on the garage floor to catch the oil drips. I think that the sunscreen and insect repel were much more useful than the ponchos.

And now I have just seen the latest news (as I write this on 26<sup>th</sup> March), maybe a shovel would have been useful, but on second thoughts nothing would have helped if we had been there in the rainstorm of this week with a bridge washed away and slips everywhere. I hope that by the time you read this there is better news coming from the South Island. I can't believe how lucky we were to see sunshine for the National Weekend and After Tour.

Following the Nationals there was a bit of surplus cash in the kitty. With the approval of the NZTR Register it has been given to a fund to assist the families of the shootings in Christchurch. I think you will agree that this is the best use for it.

January seems a long time ago now, but on the 23<sup>rd</sup> we planned to congregate at Halswell Domain for a picnic under the trees. Unfortunately it turned out rather wet and we postponed at the last moment. Most people read their emails and stayed at home but one intrepid couple turned up on their own (in a highly modified TR6 with a towel rail for a bumper – guess who?). One week later 25 people came along on a warm evening for our usual banter.

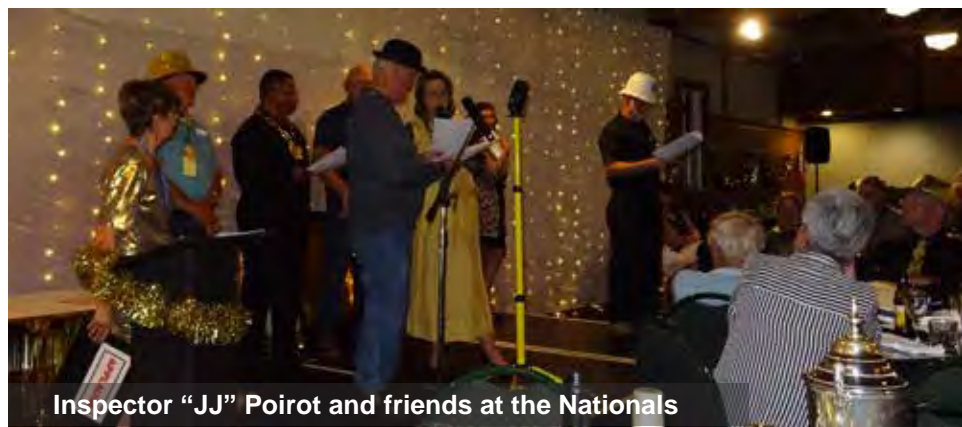
There was no meeting in February as we were all focussed on the Nationals, but in March we gathered at Corrianders Indian Restaurant for a spicy meal which was attended by 32 people.



**A big turnout at  
Corrianders**

*Bryan and Carol*





Inspector "JJ" Poirot and friends at the Nationals



Picnic at Halswell Domain

## Nationals scrapbook







## TR Register Concours Results- Greymouth 2019

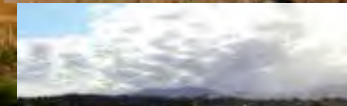
<b>Masters Class</b>	<b>First</b>	Ian Harris	TR6	Damson
	<b>Second</b>	Ann Cleary	Dove	Burgundy
<b>TR2/3</b>	<b>First</b>	Colin & Jo Deaker	TR3	BRG
<b>Standard Class</b>	<b>Second</b>	Tony & Liz Phillip	TR3A	Red
<b>The Tinkler Family Trophy</b>				
<b>TR2/3</b>	<b>First</b>	Brian & Raewyn Cannons	TR3	Red
<b>Modified Class</b>	<b>Second</b>	Jim & Karen Davis	TR3	White
<b>TR4/4A/5/250</b>	<b>First</b>	Ken & Teresa Pfeffer	TR4A	Red
<b>Standard Class</b>	<b>Second</b>	Peter & Anne Seaton	TR4A	BRG
<b>The Robert Johnston Trophy</b>				
<b>TR4/4A/5/250</b>	<b>First</b>	Stephen & Gail Higgs	TR4	Red
<b>Modified Class</b>	<b>Second</b>	Alan & Norma Parks	TR5	Red
	<b>Third</b>	Colin & Sharon Grant	TR4	Red
<b>TR6</b>	<b>First</b>	Grant & Kate Burgess	TR6	Blue
<b>Standard Class</b>	<b>Second</b>	Murray & Stephanie Booth	TR6	Magenta
	<b>Third</b>	Bob & Shirl Taylor	TR6	Red
<b>TR6</b>	<b>First</b>	John & Denise Jones	TR6	Red
<b>Modified Class</b>	<b>Second</b>	Belinda Rooney & David Grey	TR6	Red
	<b>Third</b>	Malcolm & Yvonne Baird	TR6	White
<b>The Mence Family Trophy</b>				
<b>TR7/8</b>	<b>First</b>	Kevin & Elizabeth Thorburn	TR7DHV8	Blue
<b>Modified Class</b>	<b>Second</b>	Jon & Cheryl Harrey	TR7FHC	Red
	<b>Third</b>	Mike & Carole Lester	TRDHV8	Yellow
<b>The Janice Egan Memorial Trophy</b>				
<b>Pride of Ownership</b>	<b>First</b>	Barry Ricketts & Kay Smith	TR6	Red
	<b>Second</b>	Stephen Rofe	TR2	Red
	<b>Third</b>	Joel Chisholm	TR6	Yellow
<b>Peoples Choice</b>		Grant & Kate Burgess	TR6	Blue
<b>Presidents Award</b>		Carol Thomas	TR6	White
<b>Barry Wilson Memorial Trophy</b>		Neil & Shae Teika	TR6V8	Red
<b>Enthusiasts Plate</b>		Tony & Liz Phillip		
<b>The Classic Cover Cup</b>				
<b>Highest Overall Points</b>		Colin & Jo Deaker	TR3	BRG
		Ian Harris	TR6	Damson







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# The Registrar Reports...

TR6 commission number CP26975-O, rego 69TR6, silver/grey, with new members Brian and Leslie Templeton in Dunedin.

TR2 commission number TS3612-O confirmed with new/old member Alan Dunscombe, who has owned it since 1980. Extensively modified by Alan

TR6 comm. CR5871-O, rego. 7T4TR6 ex Ian Macpherson, now with new member Kerry Miles at Rangiora

TR6 comm. CP75288-O, rego SQ4407 now with new member Richard Whitney Dunedin

TR8 comm. TPDV8AT214074, rego MIJAZZ ex Bernard Egan and Keith Allott for sale TradeMe at \$25,000

TR3A rego. CS6818 for sale Waimak Classics for \$55,000.

TR6 comm. CR2410 rego. GY5771 dark blue with red pinstripe on TradeMe for \$40,000.

TR4 comm. CTC55336-O, rego. ITR4AI, now with new owner John Hutton Christchurch 021-334-338

TR4A comm. CTC78092-O, rego MM9862 (ex Ian Macpherson) for sale Waimak Classics \$65,000..

TR7V8 with new member Alan Hyndman, [alan@te-aro.com](mailto:alan@te-aro.com) 4000cc Lexus? V8, Tahiti Blue, this was ABJ105 ex Robert Johnston.

TR3 comm. TS21287, engine #TS21638; rego LM3, with new member Bruce Rosie Pauanui [brucerosie@xtra.co.nz](mailto:brucerosie@xtra.co.nz) wires, overdrive. Ex Ian Macpherson.

TR7DH rego. NS2519 on Trade Me at end March for 14990.00

*A very tidy and original TR7 Convertible. Very desirable colour scheme : Blue with Beige Trim One of the last made. Manufactured in 1981 and first regd in UK in 1982. The previous owner bought it in the UK and brought it over in 1988. I got it from his son who was selling it as part of his father's estate. Only 1 owner in NZ prior to my ownership. Nice clean car. The mileage seems genuine. (64800 MILES ) The car is still running on its original mechanicals. It has had a repaint and new carpets but still has its original trim and top. All in very good order. All original equipment is there and it all works. If you are after a tidy example then this is the car. ( You owe me Vishu...)*

TR6 comm. CF2948-U rego PG6, on Trademe for \$45,000; pix on file

*Frank Cleary met Jon Harrey from Nelson at NW2019. Has his TR4A 'under restoration'.*

TR4A comm. CTC 71411-O now with new member Greg Pritchard

TR2 comm. TS3598-O, rego. BT303 and TR5 comm. CP2946-O, both ex the Ian Macpherson collection are currently with Waimak Classics.

TR6 comm. CP53839-O colour Damson, now with new member Dugald Henderson

TR4 comm. CT5338 *sighted by Frank Cleary at Steve Gaddis Auto Body Shop, Timaru. Under resto. Owner Edward Davey, Taumarunui. Car has history with Greenpeace and Chatham Islands.*

TR4A comm. CTC63330, black, *reported by Frank Cleary at Timaru.*

*Frank Cleary reports from Timaru a TR3 owned by Barry Porter. Ex USA, Porter used to race it. Bodywork done by Steve Gaddis above. Not identified in our records.*

TR6 comm. CP53594 rego DKR674 ex Waimak Classics now with new member Kevin Gray [kevannegray@gmail.com](mailto:kevannegray@gmail.com)

TR6 comm. No.CP75759-O rego. TEEAH6 ex Brian Sadgrove, now with new member Chris Harrison, Otumoetai, Tauranga

TR4A comm. CTC65022-L rego TR4AOK TradeMe for \$45,000. Pix on file.

TR4 comm. CT27055, engine CT27365E, was CZ2907 now unregistered, with new member Simon Brodie, Lower Hutt [simonbrodie@hotmail.com](mailto:simonbrodie@hotmail.com) *To undergo full restoration.*

New member Des Farrelly, from rural Tauranga has a Mk1 2.5TC; a Mk1 2.5PI; a Mk1 Estate; a Vitesse 2.5; a Mk1 ute; **PLUS 125 other Triumphs...**

**Kevin**

# Hawkes Bay Happenings...

We were very fortunate to have an offer of a TR Christmas celebration hosted by Hawke's Bay members, David and Jane Mackersey – venue, David's mancave. With Jane and David's marvelous flair and organization, following instructions to bring your TR and wear something Festive it was game on – what a festive lot we were. The Mancave setting was purrrfect surrounded by fantastic cars – not all TRs – tables



beautifully decorated with black and gold, candles, a Christmas tree, music and of course lots of 'bubbles', Hawke's Bay wines and fab food. A good turnout of members and it was great to meet Paul Millar and Barb (TR3a) and also Roger and Dorothy Jopling's son Richard who was visiting from the UK and owns a TR3a over there. Cars on display included a Morris 8 and MG from the 30s through to a current F Type Jag and Paul Stichbury's ex Harold Heasley Humber 80 which has quite a racing pedigree. There was something there for everyone to say 'I would like to have one of

those in my garage'. We gave out a prize during the evening to those who brought their TR to most events including Club Night and that was won quite deservedly by Ray & Carol Weir.

A lovely evening of chat, lovely wine and delicious food. A huge 'thank you' to David and Jane – you guys rock. Let's hope we can do it again sometime.

Our first run for 2019 was on January 6<sup>th</sup> and we were destined for Taihape for lunch via The Gentle Annie Road. A very hot day with strong westerly winds – great TR day apart from the wind. 5 cars set off from Fernhill heading to the west, Mackerseys in the TR5, Stichburys in the TR4a. Bevans in the Stag (TR6 in need of rear brake repairs) us in the TR2 and Bruce Ironside in his LHD TR6. A fantastic drive through rolling countryside with hardly another car to be seen to our morning tea stop at



Kuripapango, a DOC camping site beside the Ngaruroro River about an hour's drive from our start. Blankets were spread out and Joy distributed muffins freshly baked



before our departure, David also shared some rather delicious Festive cake. A walk down to the pristine although rather cold river which most of us thought was running in the opposite direction to what we expected. Back in the cars continuing on towards Taihape in a different order this time. Across the bridge and a steep climb out of the valley through the section referred to as The Gentle Annie and then out onto the river plains where you get a magnificent view of Mt Ruapehu in front of you as you come over a rise. Time for a photo stop, but after taking some shots the last two cars hadn't arrived. No cell phone coverage around here so we back tracked to find the Stag on the side of the road with broken transmission. David and Steve had gone back towards Fernhill to get some phone coverage and call the AA. They soon returned with the good news

the AA were on their way to transport the Stag home. So now 4 cars continued on our way to Taihape enjoying the wonderful road, vistas and lack of other traffic – the gusty wind was not so enjoyable. Lunch at the Brown Sugar Café was tasty and then a stroll around the town, shopping for the ladies, browsing for the men. There are many old wooden and stone buildings we see, mostly empty, that would have been magnificent in their day and could probably tell a tale or two. Unfortunately with Town Councils these days using the CYA principle most of them will probably be demolished or just fall down. A top up of petrol for some and then an even better drive home (tail wind this time and sun behind us). A wonderful day out doing what TRs are made for – thanks for the company.



February 10<sup>th</sup> a picnic run was organised to Waipatiki Beach north of Napier. 7 cars gathered at Snapper Park Café in Bay View for coffee on a beautiful morning. Some were heading to the South Island for Nationals or private touring so 5 set off to Waipatiki. I was a little concerned we wouldn't make it because of a truck rollover that had caused the main road to be closed at Tangoio. Fortunately the closure was at the Waipatiki turnoff so we continued on our way. Pete and Chris in the TR6 left us here and headed back. We were left with a TR6, TR4a, TR3a and a TR2. A lovely drive to the beach on an undulating road with occasional views back to the Port of Napier and a cruise ship arriving. We parked in a nice sheltered picnic area with shading trees and spread our blankets and chairs. A walk to the beach was next on the agenda and a swim in the quite pleasant sea for Paul

Stichbury and me. Some surf was breaking so a bit of body surfing was attempted. Occasionally we ended up being dumped in the shallows with sand everywhere – say no more! Back to the cars for lunch and chat. Such a relaxing day away from the hustle & bustle of our homes. An easy drive home to prepare for another week.

Club Nights have been held each month with fluctuating turnouts, but always pleasant evenings. We had a visit from Frank & Ann Cleary in the Dove as they were heading south for NW and went out for a meal where we also bumped into Ian Harris. It was great to catch up with them all.

3 cars from Hawke's Bay attended the National Weekend and had a wonderful time with Colin & Sharon Grant having some success in the TR4/4a/5 Concours – well done. We look forward to the reports.

The days are drawing in but we should get some more use from our TRs before the garage beckons to do those repair and maintenance jobs. I was lucky enough to use the hoist at David Mackersey's mancave to have a look at the drive train on the TR2 which seemed to have a lot of backlash. So much easier tracking it down when standing up and working at head height.

With Paul Stichbury's vast experience on TRs we tracked down some play in the drive shaft spline, so removed it and dismantled the sliding spline which was rather dry. A generous smearing of grease and reassembly seemed to take all the movement out. A job well done. A few days later I was able to help Paul with a similar problem in the left axle spline on the TR4a. Wow that hoist sure makes it easy.

The next job was helping Steve Bevan in tracking down the problem with the Stag. Not so easy lying under the Stag but after disconnecting the drive shaft the problem seemed to be in the gearbox which seems to be in a gear even in neutral!? I will keep you posted on this one.

***Graeme & Joy***



# ONE THING CROSSED OFF MY BUCKET LIST!

After a trip to the West Coast in my wife's new Corolla, I was so taken with the West Coast that I decided then and there, that I was going to drive these roads in one of my sports cars.

Enter the 2019 Nationals trip to the West Coast!

The Deep South crew met at 9.00 am in Dunedin and left heading North, just ahead of a southerly change. With a quick stop for morning tea in Hampden, my car troubles began! My car lost half of its electrics, replace "fuse 1", we headed north to Timaru for lunch, with the Southerly close behind. We finally left the coast and headed to Methven via the Scenic highway and the weather improved markedly and we arrived in Methven with sun burn. End of day one, "fuse 2" fitted to a randomly occurring electrical fault.

The Southerly finally caught us!

The Friday morning started with us all defrosting our cars after an early frost, but a beautiful blue sky day, making for a fantastic drive through Arthurs Pass to the West Coast. What a truly fantastic road to travel in a sports car. We arrived in Greymouth having changed only two more fuses, a quick trip to Repco to stock up on more fuses again.

The West Coast what a truly fantastic place, magic roads and vistas, and who said "It always rains!" the weather was magic. The Denniston road, what a sports car road!

But the best was still to come, the road to Haast, nowhere in the world could you drive such magnificent roads, my only down side was those bloody fuses, no overdrive, no fuel gauge. Off the last bridge at Haast and the TR6 runs out of fuel, luckily petrol station on the other side of the road.

Another great day on the run through to Wanaka, now add lack of clutch to the fuse issue, but we persevered on. Due to this we took a direct run down to Cromwell the next morning to see if we could remedy some of our issues but no joy! All that we found was now we had blown a seal in one of the newly reconditioned shockies as well.

Wednesday morning, it's time to head home, we had a ball, saw some great sights, met some great people, had a lot of laughs and drove around the South Island in a sports car with the top down the whole way.

One thing crossed off my bucket list!

*Pete Watkins*





## Top O' The South

# THE TOP O' THE SOUTH REPORT

### NW2019

The topic of the moment must surely be NW2019, and for those fortunates who had a few days to spare, tales of the after-tour to recount as well. Our Top O' The South crews returned from NW2019 full of glowing praise, speaking highly of their time away, and appreciative of the organising committee's success in staging such a great event. And Varley Broadbridge, still suffering a case of gold fever, penned some words through the eyes of a first time attendee. It's a treasure, and her account is buried deep within this issue. Discover it and have a read – pure gold.

How pleasing to have had four Top O' The South cars taking part. There should have been five, but "you know who" had to be excused. Car troubles at the very last minute. On the eve of departure, a repeat of earlier problems that were supposed to have been overcome, left no option but to remain behind. It goes without saying --- Avril and I were disappointed. Bitterly disappointed. Nonetheless, we followed progress, avidly keeping in touch via Facebook, emails, and phone. I fielded calls of support and concern from several, and I missed some calls from those who tried unsuccessfully to make contact. What a great bunch of considerate people. What a wonderful organisation to belong to.

I've booked our Solway accommodation for 2020. My challenge now .... to hold the car together for another 11 months!

### 'Drive Your Triumph' Day

We'd planned to mark international Drive Your Triumph Day with a picnic run to Nelson's Rabbit Island. A delightful location offering a stretch of beach, pine forest, swimming, and barbecue facilities.

The location was an inspired choice. Many of the Top O' The South group were keenly anticipating February the 10<sup>th</sup>. But it wasn't to be. The Nelson forest fires that erupted a few days before were raging out of control and wreaking havoc. Jon and Cheryl, Denise and Andy, and George and Helen all live in Wakefield. And because of the threat to life and property, Wakefield was being evacuated. And fires had broken out on Rabbit Island too and that venue was closed. Under the circumstances, the only responsible decision was to cancel our plans. We left it to individuals to decide if, and how, they'd honour the day, but there was to be no group event.

Some of us were undeterred. Jon went for a run in his Triumph. He snapped a picture (see inside rear cover) amongst the smoke and haze of the forest fires, his TR7 looking resplendent in "fire-engine" red! Terry Watson ventured out in his TR6 and later on his Triumph motorbike. He photographed them parked on his lawn (right), burnt brown and parched by the relentless Marlborough sun. Not one blade of green grass in



## Leon & Varley, Bill & Avril, Drive Your Triumph Day in Picton



sight. And Leon, Varley, Avril and I converged on a Picton cafe. A coffee and muffin, then a drive to the waterfront for the compulsory photo (above). And in contrast to the rest of Nelson / Marlborough, Picton's bush-clad hills lush green and verdant from temperatures moderated by Queen Charlotte Sound.

### Hospice Charity Vehicle Display.

This year's 10<sup>th</sup> March event proved extremely popular. These shows always have been, the public thronging the venue to aid a great cause. The TR Register was well represented. Brent and Helen were busy helping prepare and sell food, Terry and his Model A were there lending support, Leon and Varley had their TR4 on show, and George Looman in his TR7 parked alongside our TR3A. After setting my car up, and hoisting the Register flag, I spent the day assisting with car marshalling duties.

We were particularly pleased to welcome George's arrival. He'd just got the '7 on the road following his restoration project. It was the car's introduction to the group. He turned up with his bike lashed to the boot lid, no doubt prepared to bike home should the TR7 let



him down. But George's skills at nursing a car back to life are greater than mine. It passed the 280 km round trip with flying colours.

So, after netting \$8,500 for Marlborough Hospice, the date has been set for next year's showcase. We'll do it again in 2020.

### **The Road Ahead.**

On 14<sup>th</sup> April we're off on a picnic drive. Our cars are back from NW2019, their crews have caught their breath, the time is right. Final details have to be decided still. It will be a replacement for that cancelled as a result of the Nelson forest fires. Queen Charlotte Drive has much to offer, and perhaps that will be our destination of choice.

My car will be on public display late in April. The organisers of the Omaka Classic Fighters Easter Air Show would like it featured in their Saturday and Sunday line-up. I've agreed. The car will be available. But just quietly, I think it's a polite way of soliciting my help. They've roped me in for two days' car marshalling duties. For a number of years, the Classic Motoring Society has used me as a car marshall. And now Classic Fighters Air Show want me in a similar car marshalling capacity. Hmmm, what's with that? Perhaps I subconsciously wave my arms whilst talking. And on that note – excuse me, I'm off to check my body language.

Cheers from the Top O' The South

*Bill*



George departing, his emergency transport lashed to the boot-lid.



# *Bay of Plenty Travellers*

With the loss of Ian MacPherson and Elizabeth to pastures new in Hawkes Bay, we have made a few changes and are up and running for 2019. We wish Ian and Elizabeth well in their new venture.

In January we had a run, if a bit wet on the way, to Rotorua Car Fair day, which turned out to be a great day, with hot, sunny weather, so were able to display our cars with hoods down.



February was a busy month with many events, so our group went separate ways, some to the TR Nationals which meant a week or two away, but was well worth it I hear. Duncan, Janine and ourselves went to 'Brits at the Beach', and were the only TR's there apart from a brief appearance of Peter Seaton's old TR3, and one other. A great event that should have more TR support!

Our new venue for our meetings, 'The Raft', gave us a good evening, and better acoustics. Our April Breakfast run to TeAroha was planned for the 14th, organised by Duncan & Janine. Just hoping for a fine day!

*Michael*



# *Aussies at the NZ Concours 2019*



At the end of our own concours in Adelaide in 2018, a few of us started a conversation about heading to NZ in 2019. Frank and Ann Cleary always seem to enjoy coming to the Australian event, so we thought it might be fun to reciprocate. It would also be a great excuse to visit the South Island and take in the scenery, the food and the wine!

We had heard that Ian and Tracey Cuss were going, as were Ivan and Elizabeth Powell. With Keith and Judy Brown, Robert and Gail Allan and Jenny and I from Melbourne, that would make at least 10.

In November 2018, we contacted the NZ TR Register and asked if would be OK to attend. They were very welcoming and made the job of booking very simple. The committee organising this event were first class from the start and we really appreciated the response from them.

Next step, Qantas, Booking.com and vroomvroomvroom.com. Within a day or 2, everything was booked. One advantage of travelling in a group is access to fabulous accommodation that you perhaps would not consider. Houses in Christchurch, Franz Josef and Greymouth. Apartments in Dunedin, Queenstown and Hanmer Springs. All were wonderful. It always pays to closely check the reviews before booking. We were lucky that all were better than we expected.

We did miss the experience of driving our TR's on such wonderful roads with great surfaces and curvy bits. Our Hyundai Imax (rebadged TR9) comfortably seated all 6 of us and luggage. It also had air conditioning and heating which we appreciated at different times!

We started in Christchurch and met up with Ian and Tracey for dinner. Next day with Ian and Tracey with us, we headed to Akaroa which was heavily damaged in the earthquake. It is not so obvious now however. It is a quaint little town with French history. We had the best fish and chips for lunch- Elephant fish. 8 in the Hyundai this day and it was perfect.

Next was a relatively long drive south to Dunedin for us, while Ian and Tracey headed off north. We visited Lanarch Castle and found a couple of interesting restaurants. Dunedin has a heavy Scottish influence in its architecture and reminded us of Edinburgh.

Next stop, Queenstown. A really nice drive along windy, undulating roads with fabulous views. Like here, quite a lot of road works with 30kmh signs along the way. A bit annoying at times, just like here. Queenstown is quite hectic with tourists everywhere. House prices rival the best suburbs in Melbourne and Sydney!! Spectacular scenery and the adventure sport capital of the world.

A rainy trip to Franz Josef followed, so we missed some of the best scenery of the whole island!! It had cleared by the time we arrived (via Ship Creek) and the views of the glacier were spectacular.

An easy drive along the coast followed to Greymouth and the reason for the trip, the concours.

Thursday evening was registration at Monteiths Brewery where we got to meet many of the NZ members, catch up with Ian and Tracey (again) and Ivan and Elizabeth, collect our welcome kits, drink the local brew and eat a wonderful dinner. The committee made sure we felt welcome and spent plenty of time with us. Another couple of visitors were from the UK. Paul Hogan was the Chairman of the TR Register and his mate, Gary were on an around the world adventure and decided to drop in. Our Aussie group was last out, so we made the most of the night. And we didn't have TR's to prepare for the following day!

Friday was concours day. A 30 minute drive south to Hokitika where the local Mayor welcomed the group. A great display of TR's. The Register is open to all TR's in NZ not just side screens. (Not sedans, Stags, Heralds, etc) The cars presented well on the grassed area at Cass

Square. Judging was underway by 9.30am and concluded by 11.30am. Some very interesting cars were present including Frank and Ann's TR4 Dove and a TR6 with a 4.6 litre V8!!! We can confirm it went much harder than a standard TR6 and blew a bit of smoke just the same! Friday night dinner for our group was at Speights Alehouse, along with most of the organising committee. The food was amazing for a pub and we had a very entertaining night telling stories. What happens on tour, stays on tour!! A very interesting adventure by 2 of the NZ members can be seen on YouTube titled Kiwi Nomads.

Saturday was a 330km run in the cars but we decided to drive about 75 km along the coast and back. The scenery is stunning. We seemed to be stopping every 5 minutes for photos. At lunch we caught up with many of the TR's and tried to help get a TR3A up and running. Not sure if we did help, but it did run again. Saturday night was the presentation event at Shanty Town, just down the road. Dinner, presentations, our own "Murder Mystery" written by Carol Thomas and lots of fun with the NZ TR owners. Before the dinner, one of the TR's in our carpark had a problem with its water pump and pulley. The owner was about to give up when we asked the owner of the next car to drive in if he had one. Out of his boot came a complete unit!! In typical TR style, the car was back up and running for the rest of the trip!!

Sunday for us was a drive to Hanmer Springs. For most others, including Ian and Tracey, it was the After Tour. They were heading off anti clockwise, doing much of our trip in reverse. Hanmer Springs is just stunning. A bit like Bright in NE Victoria on steroids. If you get the chance, go there. Dinner at the Heritage Hotel was amazing. Best rack of lamb we have had.

Monday was just a little drive back to Christchurch airport and a quick flight home.

Thanks very much to all the TR Register NZ members, committee and organising committee for allowing us to visit and making us feel so welcome. Thanks also to our travelling companions, our friends Keith, Judy, Robert and Gail for making the trip so special.

Hopefully, the NZ TR's will allow us to return to another concours one day.

*David and Jenny Ferguson*





# ***THANKS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM***

**Email from Antony & Linda Bond, UK.**

Sent: Wednesday, 6 March 2019

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Cc: [all.harris@xtra.co.nz](mailto:all.harris@xtra.co.nz)

Subject: Happy memories of Taupo

Hello Alisdair,

Time has been 'full-on' since we enjoyed that lovely coffee date with you and Helen as we set off south to Wellington to continue our adventure, so we haven't had a lot of time to catch up with you meantime. We did enjoy meeting you both & for the light lunch the previous day.

We are now into our final days of our amazing trip, staying in a pleasant leafy suburb of Sydney until we leave on Monday back to the UK. We have the most happy memories of meeting up with yourselves, Steve & Rob Brettell, Ken Saville, Grant & Doug down in Paraparauma & at the Car Museum there with their respective wives. While in Wellington John King called us & very kindly took us on a 'chauffered' trip around Wellington, though we couldn't fit into his TR !! We could not have hoped to have explored so much on our own. We were also most appreciative of Ian Harris getting in touch while we were up in Auckland although time didn't allow us to meet.

Flying down to Dunedin from Nelson, we by-passed Christchurch because of time constraints & therefore could not meet with Bryan there. However on arrival in Dunedin we enjoyed the very welcoming contact from Trevor Payton & his wife who also gave us a scenic tour of Dunedin. By this time I was suffering from real withdrawal symptoms from not having my own TR4 down in NZ - would have loved to have had a go at Baldwin Street !!

While we were in Dunedin looking at Albatrosses, seeking for Yellow-Eyed Penguins & spotting Sea Lions, we had an email from Laurie MacDonald who provided lots of information about Dunedin & the area around & accompanied by an invitation to call by on our drive to stay in Queenstown. Unfortunately he was away in Invercargill on the day but we enjoyed a cup of tea & refreshments with his wife Annette, but we were grateful for the contact.

I have possibly missed mentioning other names involved, for which I apologise to them, but we were very touched by the enthusiasm & kindness of all NZ TR members we either encountered or heard from on our New Zealand adventure. It made a difference to our visit.

It goes without saying that Linda & I would be very glad to hear from any of your members who plan to visit the UK & when we would endeavour to offer our own hospitality in reciprocation. We live in a small village in Worcestershire, a very short distance from The Cotswolds region & 9 miles from Stratford-upon-Avon - there is a good pub in the village too. Our local Cotswold Vale TR Group meets about 7 miles away (10 kms) at the Fleece Inn, (which is about 500 + years old), on the 4th Wednesday of each month. Let me know if anyone is on their way across to the UK & I will ensure a good welcome.

Regards to all  
**Antony & Linda**

# ***THE JOY OF ATTENDING NATIONALS 2019***

## **Varley Broadbridge**

Having been to our first TR Nationals we are starters for many more. In fact we have already booked at Copthorne.

Our Nationals weekend to Greymouth started with our best buddies having to pull the plug due to car issues.

Standing on the side of the road we met complete strangers from Otorohanga going to the Nationals so joined them. On the road again we met others in Murchison, complete strangers, but strangers no longer by the time the event was over. This was the scene we found all weekend, everyone so friendly. We saw how others helped one another.

The whole weekend ran like clockwork and was thoroughly enjoyed.

Unfortunately due to other commitments we didn't do the after tour so hope we can join the next one.



***Leon and Varley Broadbridge TR4.***

# ***“Tech” bits and pieces***

## ***Saving the Planet***

I know putting ‘Saving the planet’ and ‘driving a TR’ in one sentence creates a bit of a conflict, but we can all do our wee bit.

When those of us with spin-on oil filters do an oil and filter change, the natural thing to do is toss the old filter straight in the bin. However, we can help the environment in a small way by drilling or punching a small hole in the top of the filter housing and allowing it to drain (a couple of days is ideal) before disposing of it.



**Oil filter with hole.**

I got 260 mls out of my TR6 filter, a Ryco Z87A equivalent.

Once drained the spent filter can legitimately be put in the scrap metal bin at the recycling centre as 90% of what's left is high-grade steel.

Even an original canister filter will yield a fair drop if left to drain before going into the landfill.

Those who take their cars, old or modern, to a garage or dealer for servicing should be asking if they have done this. Don't just assume that because they're professionals that they have adopted best practice.



Please remember. Every little bit counts!!

*Alan Blackie*



## ***NZ SUMMER CATCH UP WITH UK TR4 OWN-***

Following an email from TR membership secretary Alisdair, both Ken Saville and Steve responded separately to a request to contact UK visitors Antony and Linda on their travels around NZ.

Ken & wife Catherine met up with our visitors in Kapiti on their way south to Wellington on the Friday, and in response to an email suggestion from Steve, our UK visitors headed back to Kapiti on Sunday 20 January to meet up with the locals and visit Southwards Car Museum. Six Kapiti TR locals met Antony & Linda at the Southwards Cafe for coffee which turned into lunch and a very happy get together. We then left the visitors to view the museum and enjoyed a further TR get together late afternoon back at our place. It was a beautiful summer's afternoon and another wonderful TR international catch up. Antony and Linda are from the Cotswolds, just down the road from Stratford-upon-Avon where this year's UK international Triumph weekend is to be held in August.

And of course just a month on, we were celebrating our NZ friendships again with the fantastic turn out on the West Coast, along with a few Aussies in the mix. Great to catch up with old friends and new, and TRavel through some of the best roads and scenery in NZ. Huge thanks to the organising teams and the weather gods : )

*Rob (& Steve) Brettell*

Kapiti Coast

**Pictured left to right: Ken, Linda, Rob, Grant, Bev, Steve, Antony, Catherine**



# Spare a Thought

Spares activity continues to be brisk, with one recent order an all-time high, lots of work up ahead in Kao.

As per normal for this time of year, spares stock is getting a bit low. The next order will be placed in June, for delivery early September. I will email out to all members beforehand with cut-off dates for sending thru you list of indent parts. So start collating your list now, and take advantage of our Trade Pricing from Moss and bulk freight charges.

On a personal note – I will be out of the country for the first 3 weeks of May. So the spares service will be suspended during that time.

Ian.

PS A note from Dave Tong - This year I will be out of the country from late May and returning early October, I will not be able to attend to any injectors etc over that time but will be on email and only too happy to assist with any information. Full service returning October.

Please note I will have a new contact number 0225420513. Email remains the same [thetongschch@gmail.com](mailto:thetongschch@gmail.com)



# TRansactions



## TR3A 1958

I'm a TR enthusiast and have a 4A in the UK which I've owned for over 30 years.

I've owned this 3A here since 2015 but now only spend a couple of months each Year here in Orewa so can't justify keeping it.

Prior to my ownership the car was subject to a complete nut & bolt rebuild and is in top condition mechanically and body-wise.

I challenge anyone to find a better one!

Priced to sell at \$47,500

For more information, please contact me,

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+44 7785 92 02 04 or  
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## 1980 TR7 Sprint

Concours winner  
Bare metal strip down and repaint  
Colour Passion Rose  
Many upgrades  
2 litre Sprint Motor  
with tuned extractors  
New exhaust when motor fitted  
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TR8 front brakes  
Rover brake master cylinder  
Rover 5 speed  
1 piece drive shaft  
Fuel tank bottom replaced  
New carpets.  
Mag wheels  
Handles and runs very well

\$25,000 ono

Contact Colin

Ph 034740539 or 0272428329  
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# TRansactions

## WANTED

### TR2 or 3

I'm looking for an early TR2 or 3,  
that is ideally a Kiwi car.

With limited garaging  
(hey that's Auckland) it would be  
tricky to undertake a restoration  
project.....  
therefore a restored car  
would suit better.

I love TR's, **and** would love to  
be a TR custodian of an early car!

If you are considering saying  
'Goodbye chuck' to your  
pride and joy, I would  
appreciate a call or email.  
The car is for my wife and me  
and will be our treat!

Thanks  
David Millar  
021-6111-42

### TR3A parts

Badge-bar and Jaeger  
Water Temperature Gauge

Bob Birdsall  
[jandbbirdsall@xtra.co.nz](mailto:jandbbirdsall@xtra.co.nz)



**SPACE FOR HIRE**

**NO CHARGE FOR MEMBERS**

**SELL, BUY, SWAP, SHARE**

*Contact details are shown in the  
directory on P2.*





**Jon Harrey's car amid the smoke and haze of Nelson forest fires, looking the part in 'fire engine red'**

**Ellerslie Intermarque Concours display team - see Page 7**



# Triumphant visit to the Coast

Photo: Hokitika Guardian



Wellington's John Hill behind the wheel of his 1955 TR-2 and rally co-organiser Carol Thomas enjoy the sunshine in Hokitika, as 75 cars converged on Friday for the annual New Zealand Triumph Roadster rally. Mrs Thomas said the national rally had been held every year since 1982, and this was the first time it had been held on the West Coast — and the biggest yet. About 150 TR owners dating from the 1950s to 1980s attended the weekend from as far as Auckland, Waikato, Napier, Wellington, Canterbury and Southland. At least 40 cars were to head south yesterday, stopping overnight in Haast on the way to Otago for an 'after-tour'.

PICTURE: Anna St