

# The National Weekend 2024

Alexandra, Central Otago 29<sup>th</sup> Feb - 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024



The planning for next year's NW is well underway and moving forward to a memorable weekend in the wonderful playground of Central Otago. The team have booked the venues, the concours is planned for Pioneer Park (which is in the heart of Alexandra), and the events for the evening and the Saturday driving day are well in the development stage. Friday afternoon, after the concours, will be a time to explore the vineyards, wine bars or sights as you please. Wanaka and Queenstown are just over an hour away and Bannockburn and its vineyards less than 30 minutes. I have set up a NW24 email address so all correspondence to this one please [alextrnationals24@gmail.com](mailto:alextrnationals24@gmail.com) . The registration form will also be on the website, please download the form, and send it to [alextrnationals24@gmail.com](mailto:alextrnationals24@gmail.com) and don't forget to put you name and reference when you pay the monies.

The format for the event will be slightly different next year too, instead of having a theme night and prize giving on Saturday night, we are planning instead to have the theme night on Friday night, and the formal dinner, prize giving and the music and dancing on the Saturday night. The theme for Friday night will be "A Central Otago Hawaiian BBQ" complete with dinner by "BBQ Bills" (and a pig on a spit too). So, dust off your Hawaiian or Bula shirts, multi coloured shorts and flip fops and enjoy.

As have been previously mentioned, accommodation in Alex is tight, but there are options, also in Clyde or even Cromwell for the people who can only commit later in the year. The ferry bookings will also be in hot demand, so I encourage you, from the North Island, to book early to get the days you want to cross. Tony Hirst from Cookstrait Crossings Ltd. ([tony@cookstraitcrossings.co.nz](mailto:tony@cookstraitcrossings.co.nz)), is an excellent way to book, to give you the comfort of knowing you can change or cancel the booking up to 10 days before

travel. The concurrent run from Cape Reinga to Bluff is also gathering momentum and will dovetail nicely into the NW and the after tour, as we spend time in Te Anau (Milford Sound or Doubtful Sound). Rooms have been reserved at the Distinction Luxmore Hotel, [www.distinctionhotelsluxmore.co.nz/TRREGISTER2024](http://www.distinctionhotelsluxmore.co.nz/TRREGISTER2024) promo code: TRREGISTER24. Then Invercargill (Bluff for the photo shoot) before finishing in Dunedin. More details will be available later.

We are looking forward to you all coming and showing off our little bit of paradise, the journey here and back will be an amazing part of the adventure too, for those who are travelling the whole country or even those who hail from the island off the West Coast of NZ.

See you in Alexandra 2024!