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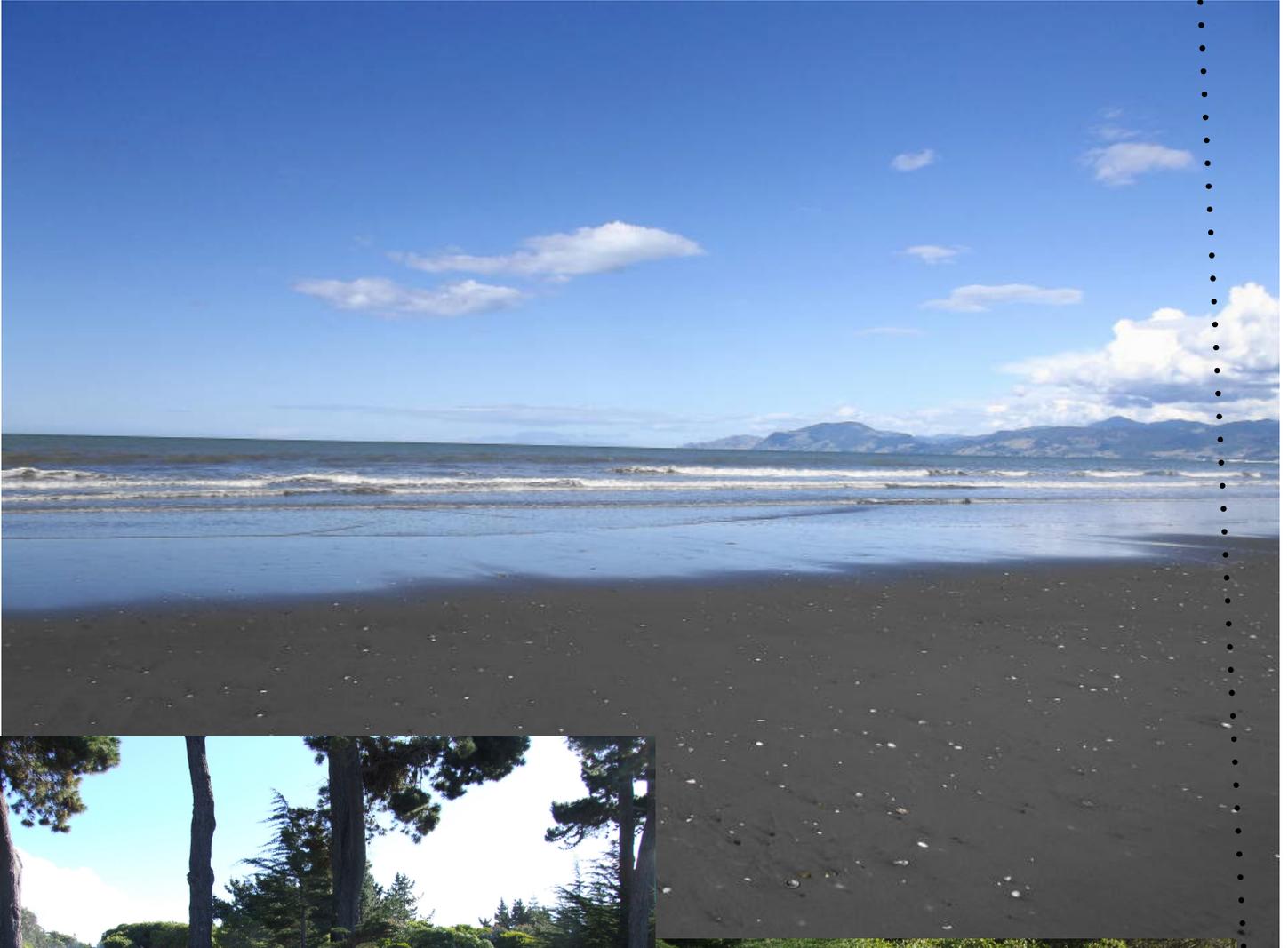
## Rabbit Island Wednesday's—by Milly Robb

It was a lovely evening for our first club v-dub's Wednesday picnic at Rabbit Island. Vince and Sue, George, the Robbs, John and Glenice, Pete, Dave McKenzie and son and the D Coopers all had a great time. Vince and George got the bbq lit and we all cooked our lovely food. The sea was lovely and warm so some of us went out to have a swim and do a bit of paddle boarding.

If you would like to come along it starts at 5.30pm, Wednesday evenings and we are along the waterfront of Rabbit Island. Hope to see you all soon.



# Rabbit Wednesday's continued..



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**The next Rabbit Island Wednesday is 5th February (day before Waitangi Day), Note: currently this is being held on a weekly basis.**

## Angelique's mishap —By George Dunning

**DEAR CLUB V-DUBBERS** George here and .....sob, sob a tale to share with you all.. As you know I have owned my girl for over 21 years now and her 40 year old body has stood up pretty well to the test of Nelson's weather conditions as I have been rather cruel to her in that she has never had a warm dry garage to sleep in, never. So stuff suffers, like metal and rubber. Rubbers around all the windows have perished and have let water in!!. Now VW windows sit in a frame where the channel slopes inwards! Get it!

So any water ,like the water running down street channels lies to the curb. Go out and have a look. So any water tends to lay there in VW window channels. **AND** over time (if rubbers cant repel water) things happen, like little bits of rust. You get the picture.

Well she was booked in to a really good place Rodz Ridez & Restorationz with Richmond Auto Painters to do the painting. Gavin and his Dad got to work and were doing a very first class repair job with plenty of protection set up against sparks from grinding. etc., Only one bugger of a wee tig welder spark shot down onto the parcel tray and ignited , yes ignited a little bit of paper which then ignited other stuff.....like my dash board, it's radio, the gearstick knob ,the brake handle. **THE HOOD LINING**, then with panic flowing ,fire extinguisher blasting , flaming rag dropping off glassless front window sill . The bumper got scorched ,the front of Angelique got scorched and smoke etc., sort of discoloured the roof in the front of the pop top and the hood lining in the main lounge area. This all happened pretty quickly only an hour after I had been there to view progress.

A very remorseful Gavin turned up at my place Friday two weeks back and we were still in conversation an hour later. His dad in a big state of shock. This their first incident ever in 43 years. Insurance companies have been involved, assessors too as well as auto electrician and an upholsterer not to mention a guy in Christchurch (who supplied all the German rubbers and felt guides etc.,) who is now supplying New original hood lining, knobs etc., etc.,.

Painter has been back to assess things again and it looks like paint will be applied to the **ENTIRE** body as I was planning (in two stages). So I am OK but you can ,at least expect to see me still getting around in a green and white kombi some time maybe in 6 to 8 weeks .

Will try to post a few photos to amplify my story. **THINGS HAPPEN** OH forgot to say I was booked to use Angelique for a wedding along with Custard Square in Feb 22 but that is off the agenda so am hoping to see who else can help with 10 of a wedding party. Mean time check your window sills and run your fingers along the lower rubber edges to detect any "bumps" in that rubber and don't leave it toooooo long to get it checked out. And check your insurance cover. That more or less covers it for now except to say.....yes I did have a sedative that night after Gavin told me of their accident.

**GEORGE**

# VW Nationals Timaru 2014



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## VW Nationals Timaru Easter 2014



**Friday 18th April.**  
Registration 4pm until 9pm

**Saturday 19th April.**  
Pelé Show and Shine - 9am until 3pm  
Family Social dinner and drinks - 6pm onwards

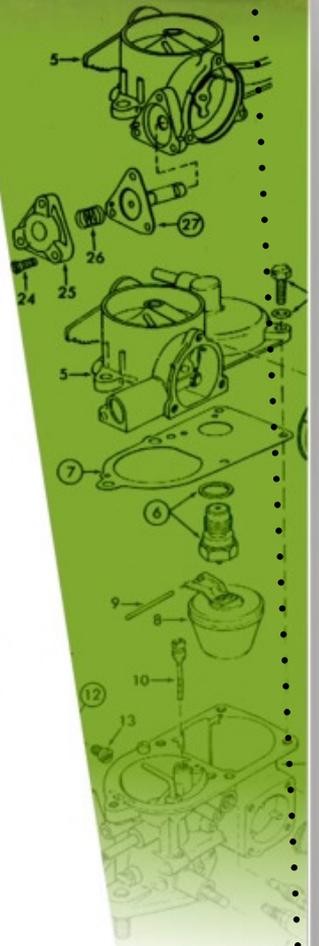
**Sunday 20th April.**  
Cruise - mid day until 3pm  
Awards dinner that evening

**Monday 21st.**  
Farewell breakfast

Whether your VW is a daily driver, part way through a restoration  
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## Nelson Car Show(s)

The club has received a lot of queries from members over the Nelson Car Show. There's a lot of confusion over the fact that there are now two Nelson shows, one being the Nelson Car Show being held on 9 February at Tahunanui Beach and the other being the Nelson Motor Show, the weekend following (15/16 February) at Tahunanui Motorcamp.

Here's what we can tell you:

**Nelson Car Show**—(10th year celebration) Sunday 9th Feb, with Free Entry @ Tahunanui Beach playing fields. This year the show is completely free for all entrants and spectators. Show vehicles can arrive anytime from 9am. Prizegiving is planned for approximately 3pm, where the winner of People's Choice will be announced. There will not be any judged prize categories this year.

They would like to encourage any clubs and not-for-profit automotive enthusiast groups who wish to promote themselves to do so. One of the primary goals of the Nelson Car Show Trust is to assist with the growth of the motor vehicle enthusiast hobby in Nelson so we are free to bring along signage etc, and tell everyone about our organisation and/or events. However please note that due to restrictions on commercial activity at this venue they unfortunately cannot allow sales of any items on site.

Based on feedback from previous events the Nelson Car Show will once again be alcohol free, alcohol will not be for sale on site and they ask that you do not bring any in. General food and drink vendors will be on site for convenience. Site access will be via Beach Road so we avoid the busy intersection.

The traditional cruise will be held on the evening of Saturday 8th February, meeting at the WOW Museum car park at 6pm. The cruise will take in parts of Nelson City, Stoke and Richmond before finishing up at Tahuna Beach for a picnic dinner. As usual the cruise is open, and free, to all street registered enthusiast vehicles.

More information can be found on their web site at <http://www.nelsoncarshow.com>

**Nelson Motor Show**— 15/16 Feb @ Tahuna Motorcamp, entrance of Parkers Road.

Starts 14 Feb with a Speights Ale House Valentines Day Cruz—assemble @ Speights Ale house 5.30pm, leaving 6.30pm. Saturday Public Show 10am-4pm. Note all show vehicles and the driver are free. Entrance \$5. (Show Entrants Only Camp 'n' Crus 6.30-8.30pm—with entertainment by Mike King—tickets for Drivers of Show Cars—Free, extra tickets \$10. Sunday 10am Show starts, 1.30pm (ish) Vehicle Judging, trophies and prize draws.

More information can be found on their web site at <http://www.nelsonmotorshow.com>

Club members are welcome to attend either or both shows. John & Ineke have indicated that they will be at the Nelson Motor Show however we would love to see Club V-Dub presence at both car shows.



## Nelson Hospice Vehicle Display

On Sunday 19th February a car display was held at the Richmond A&P Showgrounds. There was a good turnout of cars and crowds of people. The event was run by the Classic Motoring Society and raised more than \$2700 for Hospice. There were around 220 cars on display.

The 'official' highlight of the event was the Model A, done up in wood with a wooden kayak and wooden teardrop caravan being towed by it.



However I personally think our Club V-Dub display was a show highlighter. We had John and Ineke's Splitty, Paul & Gina's Herbie and their Karmann Ghia, John & Glenice's Karmann Beetle, Bill's Beetle and my Mildred (Bay). We had a very nice spot under the shade of the trees.



The Marlborough Hospice Vehicle Display is being held on Sunday 9th of March 2014 at the Waterlea Racecourse on McLaughlan Street in Blenheim. Cost of the display is \$5 per vehicle with all proceeds going to the Hospice. Venue will be open at 9.30am for the display cars, with public viewing from 11am. It is expected cars will be on display until 3pm. Bring along a picnic and there will be a BBQ selling hot sausages as well as hot drinks and other food stalls. All proceeds are going to the Marlborough Hospice.

## The Karmann Ghia—(still not finished)

Righty-hoe, well we are currently still on rust repairs, although to be fair they are now just to the doors and boot with the main car body's work finished. We trial fitted the body to the chassis to ensure that all the bolt holes lined up mid month and got lucky with no nasty surprises. The body was only to be on the chassis for 30 minutes or so, but ended up there over a week as we took advantage of the lower body to properly sand the roof (have I told you yet?, I bloody HATE sanding, it's the pits, I'd almost prefer sandblasting) and fix up the rust repairs around the front hood closure areas. At the same time we tested out our movability of our wheels under our guards, as we have put on 2.5 inch drop spindles and need to ensure we have enough clearance for fast cornering (haha), at this stage we think we can get away without shortening our front end and putting adjusters in, using 145/65/R15 tyres on the front. (Learnt a lot about tyres this week)



As I write this one week prior to month end, and I have constructed a 'to do' list for our weekend comprising of only 23 items to complete, sleeping is overrated.

Our auto electrician should have had our car for the last three days of the month to run the new wiring looms, convert our wipers to 12v, etc ( I don't pretend to even understand one bit of the electrical systems in the car) and when Keith (our electrician) tried explaining to me it was like listening to a foreign language, so I just smiled and nodded.

Before the car visits Keith we will have the body permanently fitted to the chassis, the dynamat on, engine tin wear rubbers installed, the wheel arches all primed and the vehicle body mostly ready for the painter.

## The Karmann Ghia- continues..

The certification process has commenced (for the lowered spindles) and we hope to have the car at the painters about the 10th of February, leaving us with the re-assembly fun and games and, of course, to custom build our exhaust systems.

Currently we are still awaiting a couple of parts from overseas so hoping they arrive before month end. It's starting to feel like we actually might actually finally get to drive this car!



The last part of the front end repairs



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## Up and coming events - Mark your calendar.

### February

#### Rabbit Island Wednesday—5.30pm onwards

Meet for an informal BBQ, picnic dinner, catch up and chat. Take advantage of the beach and have a swim or two to cool off. Every Wednesday of during summer.

#### Das Alpine Tour (8-9 February)

An event organised by 'The Hatch' of Christchurch but well supported by our club. All details at

<http://dasalpentour.wordpress.com/2014-2/>

Camping at Alpine Adventure Holiday Park, 200 Jack's Pass Road, Hanmer Springs, Freephone 0800 568 563

email [info@hanmerspringsaccommodation.co.nz](mailto:info@hanmerspringsaccommodation.co.nz)

#### Nelson Car Show 9th February

At Tahunanui Beach playing fields 9am onwards. Cruise Friday night meets on 8th February at WOW Museum car park @ 6pm, finishing @ Tahuna Beach

#### Nelson Motor Show 15/16th February

At Tahuna Motorcamp. Two days of a large range of cars on display. Our club day is Sunday 16th, although show is 15-16 February. Option to camp overnight.

**Event Organiser: John Manshande/Paul Cooper**

### March

#### Tasman's Great Taste Trail (Sunday 22nd March)

A family day out cycling, depart from Nelson, Richmond or Rabbit Island for a return trip to Mapua for outdoor lunch and a craft beer. From Nelson expect to cycle 3-4 hours (33km) Easy Grade, from Richmond 20km ew and from Rabbit Island approx. 2 km (depending on where you start from). Catch the ferry to Mapua return (cost adult \$12, child under 12 \$6 or Family \$25). Departure points and times will be advised later.

**Event Organiser: Keri King**