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# THE OFFICIAL VOLKSWAGEN OWNER'S CLUB MAGAZINE

# VOLKSVOICE

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Hi Volks, welcome to the first issue of Volksvoice for 2012....I would like to wish everybody a happy new year, and all the best for 2012 ! If you made some new year wishes, I hope the "VW related" ones at least come true !!! Hope you all had a happy xmas as well and found lots of VW things under the tree ( or out in the driveway !! ). The weather in this part of the country was a real shocker and must have been a real challenge for those out camping, even camping in a Kombi in continuous rain is not much fun! Anyway, I hope some of you managed to have some fun with your VW's. A big welcome to our new members, hopefully we will see you at some of our many events that we are going to have this year ( I think the Events coordinator said there were going to be lots ???! ).

The last two months of 2011 were extremely busy, not just because of the usual xmas rush but also because of all the VW related activities. First off the rank was the annual VW Bulli weekend, held on the 12<sup>th</sup> November at a very nice "on the beach" campground at Ohiwa, which is halfway between Ohope and Opotiki. A group of Aucklanders drove down on Friday afternoon, in brilliant sunshine I might add ( sunshine?? what's that !? ) and that set the tone for the whole weekend. Not a huge turnout of Kombis , about 30 I'd say, along with the odd Beetle and Type 3 ( very nice Eddie ! ) but a pleasant time was had by all. Saturday morning we drove to Opotiki to display our vehicles at their annual "garage sale" at the racecourse, followed by a bonfire on the beach that night.

That was followed a fortnight later by our very own annual Spring Jamboree, this year held on the Watene Reserve at Okahu Bay, and what a great spot that turned out to be! The weather was perfect, just like a summers day in fact ( maybe THAT was summer ? ), with lots of people on the beach, lots of car and foot traffic etc., just perfect for a car show! About 50 VW's of one sort or another turned up, including some from as far away as Hamilton and Tauranga. The club BBQ and Albert's Kope coffee machine Kombi did a roaring trade and the judging and prize-giving went without a hitch. All in all a fun day for VW owners and the passing public. Thanks to Terry Sawyer for his efforts in securing this great site!

The following Sunday was the annual Raglan run which I was unfortunately not able to attend (too much happening ! ). Summer appeared to be over by then as well because there were rainstorms the whole weekend, which was a shame because the run is usually a really cool event. Roll on this December !

Events coming up include the Kumeu Hot Rod Show the following weekend, and the galaxy of Cars on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb. See the events pages inside and the Clubs website for regular updates on club events.

Some VW news... The Volkswagen group has just announced that it sold more cars than ever before in 2011...a record 8.156 million vehicles no less...this made it the worlds second largest car company ( GM is No 1. ). Of that, the VW brand itself sold a record 5.1 million VW cars, with China alone taking 1.72 million of those. China is such an important market for VW now that they are already planning to build another two factories there. VW also had record sales in the USA, helped along by the new US only Passat that is built in the new Chattanooga Tennessee factory, which apparently can't keep up with demand. VW sales in NZ were also well ahead of the previous year.

Well, that's it for me, enjoy your VW's, they need to be driven! Hopefully see you at one of our events or club meets. Yours in VW Kombis,  
Knut Erbs

## **NEW MEMBERS**

A warm welcome to the club to recently joined new members of the VWOC, we look forward to seeing you at coming events;

Carmel Stewart	1999 VW Golf
Aaron Duffy	1970 Beetle
Tom Summers	1955 Beetle
Emslie White	1969 Beetle soft top conversion
Allan Weir	Scirocco, Beetle, Kombi, Jetta !
Paul Dawson	1969 Beetle
Macarena Bernal	2000 Golf GTI
Ross Carrick	Kombi

## **WANT IT IN COLOUR?**

Interested in the Club magazine in Colour?

Next time your on the Web, log on to the [www.vwownersclub.co.nz/](http://www.vwownersclub.co.nz/) website, and there will be a link to the latest magazine, available for download in PDF format.

Also, if you'd prefer to receive the magazine in electronic format, (via Email) then drop Terry a line at [tsawyer@clear.net](mailto:tsawyer@clear.net) and the next edition will be delivered to you in that format instead

## **MAGAZINE APOLOGIES**

By the time you read this it'll be 1/2 way through the month of January, instead of the 1st week on January as I planned. Apologies for the delay in this.

Lloyd

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## PRESIDENTS REPORT

By the time you read this we should be well recovered from welcoming in the new year. It's been a good summer so far and we've had our two big end of 2010 year events—The Jamboree and the Raglan run, both a great success.

Again I'd like to say thanks to Terry for all the work and effort he put in to battling the council to organise the fantastic location we secured for the Jamboree, I think we can all agree it was a fantastic site and that the weather was well on our side that day too!



Also thanks to Ken and John and the rest of the committee team for organizing the club Gazebo and BBQ, as well as taking on the role of judges in the competition aspect of the day. Days like that don't happen without all the behind the scenes stuff :)

It was a big day for me on a personal note too — My first actual decent run with the supercharger in the Oval. A bit nerve-racking for the first few km I must admit!!

But a day without issue was especially pleasing after the last few months of working on it, especially with all the “joys” of trouble shooting the problems that crop up—such as bending the pedal assembly, some weird and random oil leaks where oil “*shouldn't*” be leaking from, and the somewhat embarrassing speeding ticket on it's maiden run!!!!

Heading into 2012 we have a lot to look forward to, including Galaxy of Cars, Concours d'Elegance and the Nationals in Dunedin.

A few years back I teamed up with Glenn and competed in the Motorkana at Concours and am very keen to get a few more cars to compete and have another go at it this year — So if anyone else is keen to give it a go then drop me a line, and we'll give those Mini & MG's guys'n'gals a run for there money this time round!!!

There are a bumper crop of events coming along in the next 3months, so keep your eyes posted and hopefully see you at a few of them

Lloyd

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Some of the different “Trends” on display at the Jamboree



**Rat-look**—Paul Mc Currans lowered and accessorized 63 beetle running on the rare South African Sprint-stars mags with the classic 135/165 tyre combination.

### 80's Survivor

One of my personal favorites from the Jamboree, this early factory convertible with the detailed “louvered” look front and rear, aggressive stance and fantastic gauges for everything you’d ever want to know about what is going on in your car



**Original**—Philip Coyle’s fantastic and un-molested 1954 “standard” Oval recently brought in from the UK.

Cable brakes, no trim with sparse interior make this a rare and welcome sight to the NZ club scene

# COMING EVENTS

**Club Nights** We meet on the second Wednesday each month at the Vintage Car Club rooms, 39 Fairfax Avenue, Penrose from 7:00pm. Come along for an hour or two of socialising with fellow VW enthusiasts to share your ideas on club outings and activities, ask advice and swap yarns. Free Coffee, Tea and Biscuits provided, new members welcome to attend.

**21st & 22nd January (Saturday/Sunday) Kumeu Classic Car and Hot Rod Festival**  
18th Classic Car and Hot Rod Festival. Starts at 7.00am on Saturday January 21, and doesn't let up until the gates close at 5.00pm the next day. Kumeu's A&P Showground is the venue, located off Access Road (off SH16) in Kumeu.

Show hours are Saturday 7.00am to 6.00pm, Sunday 8.00am to 5.00pm, admission is \$15 per adult, kids under 12 free, and free parking.

The VW Owners Club will be in attendance on Sunday 22 January. All VW owners welcome. In order to enter and park as a group, meet at the fruit shop on Fred Taylor Drive, Westgate at 8:00am on Sunday morning. Take the Westgate motorway exit, travel west on Hobsonville Road past the Westgate shopping centre, then take the second exit from the roundabout on to Fred Taylor Drive. The fruit shop is on the left about 100m north of the roundabout.

<http://www.kumeuhotrodshow.co.nz/about.html>

## **11th February (Saturday) - NZ Classic Car Fun Run**

Next year's Fun Run will be different from previous events. Instead of all starting from Ellerslie race course for different destinations, we're leaving from FIVE places and navigating our way to Vellenoweth Green in St Heliers. Here you can enjoy a picnic lunch, walk along the beach or do whatever you fancy!

Runs will depart from:

- West - Westgate Shopping Centre.
- North Shore - Mills Lane off Oteha Valley Road
- Greenlane - Ellerslie Racecourse
- Papakura - Bruce Pulman Park in Walters Road
- Pukekohe - yet to be decided but will be added shortly.

Exact meeting directions will be included with the run instruction available for download a week before the event. Come and join us for a great morning's adventure and a great drive with old and new friends on one of these five totally new runs!

<http://www.concours.org.nz/funrun.html>

Contact person for this is Dennis O'Kane; NZ Classic Car Fun Run coordinator (09 8173638 or [dennis.okane@orcon.net.nz](mailto:dennis.okane@orcon.net.nz))



# COMING EVENTS

**12th February (Sunday) - Clevedon Jazz, Food and Wine Festival.** An alternative to the Car Show at Concours, Clevedon Valley will be on show, with local wines, food, produce, stalls, community groups/clubs and live bands. Come and see what Clevedon has to offer.

A fun inexpensive day for the family, plenty of parking and entertainment. Bring along a blanket, some money and enjoy a Summer's day in Clevedon. If you would be interested in exhibiting then please contact us on our email: [clevedonjazzandwinefestival@hotmail.co.nz](mailto:clevedonjazzandwinefestival@hotmail.co.nz)



## 12th February (Sunday) - 39th Intermarque Concours d'Elegance

The VW Owners club will have a number of vehicles on display as part of the Concours d'Elegance, please feel free to drop in and have a chat and look around.

Also as part of the Concours d'Elegance there is also a Motorkana competition between the clubs organised and hosted by the MG club. Anyone wishing to join in and enter this aspect Club members wishing to display their cars as part of the club display should contact of the day please contact Lloyd Taylor on 0275-012-864 or [wrxetr@gmail.com](mailto:wrxetr@gmail.com)

## 26th February (Sunday) - Galaxy of Cars 2012

The Galaxy of cars 2012 is on again and note the NEW venue - Western Springs Speedway Drivers of show cars = free, (passengers & everyone else \$10 p.p., \$4 children 5-15yrs pricing to be confirmed) Things to bring: your lunch and refreshments (usually there are food/refreshment carts on site),

Keep an eye on the club web site <http://www.vwownersclub.co.nz> for details.

# COMING

## EVENTS

**11th March, Sunday — Engine building demo / BBQ hosted by Platinum VW Spares.**

Platinum VW spares will be hosted a BBQ/social event including an engine building demonstration by Alan.

Event will kick off at 4.30pm at Platinum, located 61 Felton Mathew Ave, St Johns. Auckland.

### **1st April, Sunday- Karaka Historical Society Vintage day**

The Karaka Historical Society Vintage Day held in association with VERA is a biennial event and will next be held on 1 April 2012, at:

Karaka Sports Park Complex  
Corner of Linwood & Blackbridge Roads  
Karaka

Stationary engines, steam engines, classic and vintage cars, farm machinery, army vehicles and much more will be on display.

More details about event a a club convoy will be emailed out to club members closer to the date

### **31st March - 6th April - Nationals 2012 Tiki Tour Convoy**

We will depart Auckland 31st March, first night in Taupo, second night to be decided, third night (Monday 2nd April) Wellington and cross on the ferry Tuesday morning. Depending who you book with, InterIslander leaves at 08:25, Bluebridge leaves at 08:00. They arrive approximately 15 minutes apart, so we will muster at a predetermined point in Picton. With the special offer code for Bluebridge, and early bird booking on the other, there is not a lot of difference. I will be booking on the Interislander as it allows "drip feed payment" of the fare.

We will drive to Kaikoura and spend Tuesday night there. The rest of the itinerary will be worked out later. Plan to arrive in Dunedin Friday afternoon.

If you have suggestions for places to stop on the way or any sightseeing ideas, please forward them to Ken at [beetlenutx4@hotmail.com](mailto:beetlenutx4@hotmail.com)

### **6th - 9th April—Qualitat VW Nationals 2012**

The Volkswagen Nationals is being held in Dunedin over Easter weekend 2012. The show and shine will be held under cover in the Forsyth Bar Stadium. Registrations close 1st March 2012.

For more details visit <http://www.vwnationals.co.nz>



# Qualitat VW NATIONALS DUNEDIN 2012

## Easter Weekend

## 6 – 9 April 2012

### TIKI TOUR—NATIONALS CONVOY

For those interested in joining a group going to the 2012 VW Nationals in Dunedin. This is to spark getting some arrangements in place, especially the Cook Strait Ferry Booking.

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**The main thing to get organised at this stage is the ferry.** For return bookings, make your bookings on whatever date suits. I'm returning on 20th at approx 1pm after a bit of a Tiki Tour.

Any questions, just email me on [beetlenutx4@hotmail.com](mailto:beetlenutx4@hotmail.com)

Ken



## SPRING JAMBOREE

Sunday 27 November was the annual Spring Jamboree “Show and Shine” event hosted by the Auckland VW Owners Club.

The previous few years events had been held at Artisan Winery in Henderson, but this year the event was moved to the Watene Reserve on Okahu Bay, Tamaki Drive in order to better promote the club to members of the public.

The new location proved to be very successful with around 70 vehicles of all makes and models turning out for the day. The weather was brilliant, and the prominent location attracted a constant passage of interested spectators throughout the day.



At mid-day the club put on a free “sausage in bread” BBQ, followed by the prize giving. We must also thank Albert and Amber for providing excellent coffee out of their “Kope Van (Specialty Coffee from a Kombi)”

Terry Sawyer  
Secretary/Treasurer



## SPRING JAMBOREE





## MARAETAI RUN & BBQ

Sunday 15th turned out to be a great day weather wise for a cruise & BBQ. Roughly 25+ VW's meet at roundabout at One Tree Hill domain, cruised south out to Manukau, then along through Whitford out to Maraetai eventually parking up at the reserve at the far end. (After negotiating the car-park at the Duder's reserve—resulting in some of us “losing” a jack point from underneath the car!)

A few of the NSD VW club were a welcome addition to the event, and Sam brought along a specialized BBQ party trailer, consisting of a massive table, a couple of 6 burners BBQs, fridges and stereo system which formed the center of a “circle the wagons” park-up at the park.

Lloyd









## NEW BAYWINDOW CAMPERS

New models of the original Volkswagen Kombi camper van will be available exclusively in The Netherlands from next year and will thereafter be eligible for registration in European Union countries.

The 2012 VW Type 2 Microbus will be built at VW's plant in Brazil, where it has been available as the Kombi for many years.



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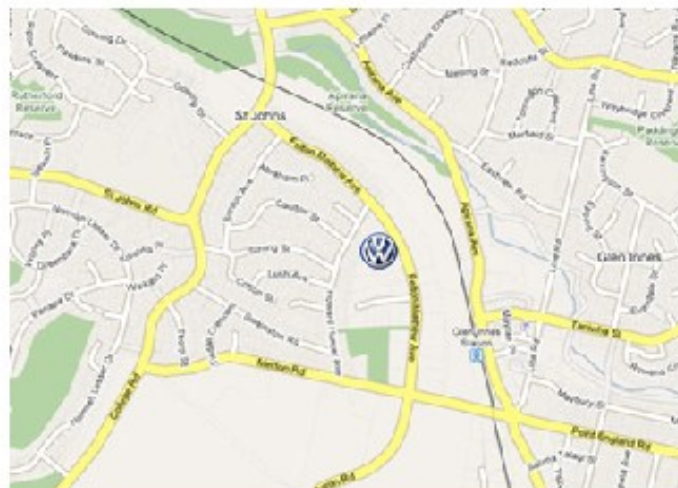
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**CAN YOU HELP?**

My brother is getting Married mid February and is looking to for a old school VW to Hire, Pretty sure its the 10th of feb, wedding is it up in Snells Beach, Any info on trying to hire one would be appreciated. Thank you

Brendan Old

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**CAN YOU HELP?**

We are a young family with a 4 year old boy and a 6 month old baby and are planning to spend a 4-6 week trip through New Zealand mid. february to april. I am a surgeon, my wife is a pediatrician - and we love old vw and Porsches. we luckily own a nice collection ourselves: a T1 samba deluxe, a T1 Dormobile, a T1 ambulance, a t2a fully loaded firetruck, a T2b Westfalia, a T3 Caravelle, a 59 beetle and a 78 911 Porsche.

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Dr Ruediger Buermann  
(Rudy)

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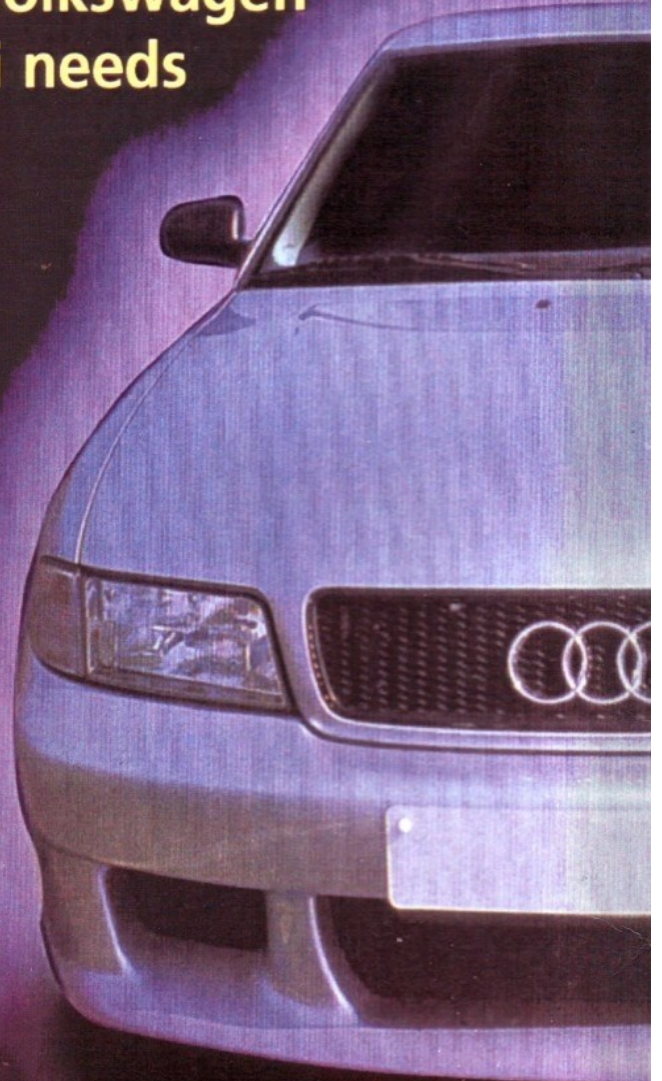


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- 1) Please rank the following reasons for your joining the club in order of priority,
  - a) to get the discounts offered .....
  - b) to meet other enthusiasts .....
  - c) to attend social events organised by the club .....
  - d) to receive the newsletter .....
  - e) other (specify).....
- 2) The events I enjoy most are:
  - a)
  - b)
  - c)
- 3) I think the club should offer the following events and I would support these when they were held:
  - a)
  - b)
  - c)
- 4) Other comments I have regarding activities the club can offer:

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**NOTE** Current club membership cards **MUST** be shown before any parts or service discounts will be given and before the invoice is prepared.

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All member contributions for the magazine are greatly appreciated. Feel free to send in anything of interest and any ideas for club events etc to the PO Box. If you would like them returned, please include a S.A.E. and items will be returned to you. Unclaimed articles will be destroyed after two months.

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The club has its own website, e-mail us, check out the Events, Gallery or surf the Links at: [www.vwownersclub.co.nz](http://www.vwownersclub.co.nz)

**NATIONALS WEBSITE.** Keep up to date with the progress of the upcoming nationals. <http://www.vwnationals.co.nz/>

**NZVWOC Branch club websites**

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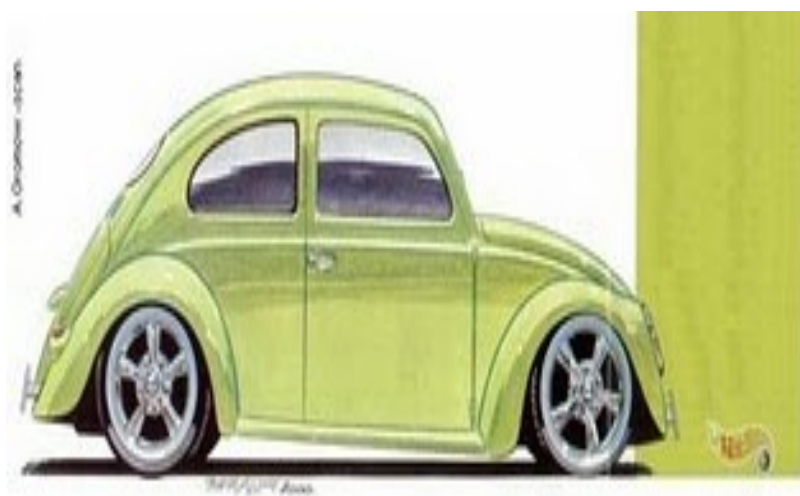
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Rust & repairs - Has had a variety of rust repairs of varying quality over the years. I've got it to the 90% solid mark, but there are some bits left, and some of the repairs are better than the others...

Lights and Bumpers and front VW logo are included.  
Has all the windows, 6 static and two pop-outs. Interior is empty. Mileage is based on the speedo, no idea how many times around, etc.

Also have personalized plate for this van of 66VDUB which could be included as part of a deal.

Van is in storage in Kumeu, so can be viewed after work hours on most weekdays or on weekends - but give me a call & a decent heads up for viewing.

Lloyd  
0275-012-864 or [wxrctr@gmail.com](mailto:wxrctr@gmail.com)

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