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# THE OFFICIAL VOLKSWAGEN OWNER'S CLUB MAGAZINE

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Welcome to the Volksvoice celebrating the Qualitat European Motors VW Nationals 2013 - the pinnacle event of the NZ VW clubs calendars

Another thoroughly successful event hosted this time by the Taranaki VW club in New Plymouth over Easter. The event and the convoy there (and back) are covered in more detail further on inside the magazine.

Also—Don't forget to Visit the VW Nationals website for photo's of most of the winners for the various judging classes, in

<http://www.vwnationals.co.nz>



**Francis Baptist Memorial Peoples Choice Award**  
-Dean & Lisa Farr



**Tom Clow memorial Award**  
-Tom & Cheryl Drew

Apologies for the delay in getting this magazine out to you, we deliberately held off publishing until after the Nationals, so we could maximize coverage of all our summer events - And a bumper crop of them there were.

For those of you who have the chance, check out the magazine online from the club website - That allows you to see all the pictures in colour! (And we are iPad friendly for your reading pleasure)

Coming up through winter it's traditionally time to play away in the shed with projects for next summer. I know I'm in full swing trying to finish my splitty in time to use as a wedding car in January (no pressure!)

So, with winter projects in mind, (and continuing on from Alan Weirs excellent tech night demonstrating building a motor) we've invited Murray from Weber Specialties down to the next club night to give a technical session on carburetors, with the session tailored for VW's - check the coming events for dates and details.





So, in other world news you might recall that Hugo Chávez died recently. Now, this is in no way a political blog, so we'll just say that Chavez' legacy is, at very best, "checkered"

So, despite whatever reservations I may have about the man and his long tenure as Venezuela's "top dog", he does have (possibly?) one redeeming feature: As far as I know, he was the one of the only recent world leaders to drive an air-cooled Beetle.

His Beetle, from these pictures, appears to be a Mexican-built late 90s-early 2000s model. Those rims look pretty aftermarket, but the car seems quite well maintained.



Still, all is not lost. See, even with Chávez gone, it seems there is still one

world leader left who drives an original-style VW Beetle: current president of Uruguay, José Mujica.

Often called the "world's poorest president," Mujica drives what looks to be an blue Brazilian-built Beetle, which appears to be from before the 1993 restart of old Beetle production in Brazil.

José Mujica also donates 90% of his salary to poor people and small entrepreneurs, so it looks like the Beetle-owning fraternity of world leaders is doing much better with the current membership after all.

If anyone can think of a world leader with an air-cooled VW, let me know and we'll feature them in later a later magazine; Who knows, maybe we can get them all together for the next Nationals ("Modified" class, of course) :)

Lloyd





## Meguiars Fun Run — Feb 9th

Organised by the MG Car Club as part of the Concours de Elegance 2013, this "open to all" event is one of the biggest classic driving events in the NZ calendar!

The 2013 Fun Runs started in 6 different locations over Auckland and proceeded with a tiki-tour of the greater Auckland region before congregating at Vellenoweth Green in St Heliers as the finishing spot once again.









## Concours de Elegance — Feb 10th

The annual event is one of the largest motoring events in the southern hemisphere, with some 80 car clubs showing an anticipated 800 vehicles from existing and extinct marques dating back over a hundred years.

This years event's host was the Early Holden Club which featured many 1949 - 1984 Concours-standard restorations, project cars and everyday drivers in as many body styles as possible from the Holden Marque









# 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.

## 28-April, Sunday—Wheels of Fortune Pukekohe Raceway

Held annually this event attracts vehicle enthusiasts from all walks of life. Vehicles on display include past and present, original and modified, slow and fast, classic and unique so you're sure to see something that suits your taste in motoring. Proceeds from Wheels of Fortune go to local non-profit organisations.

Exhibitors are to arrive between 6.00am and 8.30am on Sunday 28th April 2013.

The gates will open to the public from 9.00am to 3.00pm.

There will be a 3 lap display drive around the track at 2.30pm.

<http://www.wheelsoffortune.co.nz/>

## 8-May, Wednesday—Technical Night. Murray from Weber Specialties

At the regular club night we will have Murray from Weber Specialties to give us a technical session on carburetors and also to be on-hand to discuss any questions that people may have.

## 22-September, Sunday—Kids in Cars

KIC is happy to announce that we have locked in the date for our next family fun day.

Come down to the new track layout at Pukekohe and help us all put some smiles on some very special children's faces.

<http://www.kic.org.nz>

This year's date is September 22nd 2013 @ Pukekohe park Raceway, don't forget to bring the family down to be apart of the day...

We all look forward to catching up with you all again..

Regards The KIC Crew.



**KIC 2013 FAMILY DAY OUT .**

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**20-October, Sunday—Spring Jamboree Show and Shine**

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**15-17 November, Friday-Sunday—Bulli 2013 Orua Bay Beach Motor Camp**

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## Mid-Summer BBQ Cruise — Feb 17th

Organised by Ben, this was a mini tour from central Auckland through the streets heading west and ending up at Huia in the Waitakere's.









## Ardmore Showdown: Wings Vs Wheels — Mar 3rd

Pictures from Ardmore Showdown event attended by a small group of VW Owners.

Arno Grundling's VW Beetle was awarded two trophies in the show and shine judging; "Best Volkswagen" and "Best Display Vehicle".









## Van Dam Campout — Mar 1st - 3rd

Pictures from the Van Dam Campout help at Lake Karapiro near Cambridge on the first weekend of March.









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**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;

Beth Farrell & Kath Jaggard	1984 Wolfsburg T25
Lisa Morice	1971 Beetle 1500
Wendy & Keith Bremner	1969 Beetle
Sandran Balan	1971 1302 S Beetle

**WANT TO SEE 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

**DROP US A LINE**

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.

Any For Sales, Articles etc etc, please e-mail to [wxetr@gmail.com](mailto:wxetr@gmail.com).

All other correspondence to VWOC, PO Box 12-538, Penrose, Auckland.

**CLUB MAGAZINE:**

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**CLUB WEBSITE**

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

**CLUB GALLERY**

The club also has it's own gallery of activities and events. This can be found on the Gallery link on the clubs home page

<http://www.vwownersclub.co.nz/page.php?id=gallery>

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## Qualitat Volkswagen Nationals — Convoy

One of the things I look forward to each Nationals is the journey there (and back), and this year was no exception.

### Auckland to New Plymouth

The official convoy kicked off from the Papakura Autobahn on the Friday at 9am and proceeded down SH1 to Ngaruawahia and then jumping on to SH39 with a health variety of Wolfsburg's finest in tow.

This first stop was Whatawhata tavern where we meet with a group from the Hamilton area and had a stretch of legs (as well as top on fuel for those of us who were hewing through it already)

Then we were off again and next stop Otorohanga for lunch break, as well as congregating with another large heading across convoy from Tauranga.

This years "must have" accessory was camper trailers – for a while it seemed every 2<sup>nd</sup> vehicle in the convoy had either a campermatic, mini mobile or the exclusive Eriba Puck or Familia (for the luxury camping experience)





Another stop, another fuel top up and we were off again, this time taking SH3 all the way down the coast to New Plymouth. By this time the convoy had grown to over 60 vehicles stretching fairly much the length of the road! (And I think I managed to stop at each and every petrol station on the way!)

### New Plymouth to Auckland

The Easter Monday cruise back was a less formal affair essentially retracing our steps from the Friday, with little groups heading off post breakfast in their dribs and drabs.

Highlight here for me was the group of air-cooled VW's on full noise heading through the gorge and the tunnel sections with fog lightly surrounding us.

A few stops along the way (To check if my front beam was still attached after a serious "grounding" - heard even by those following behind me!) and the obligatory flat tyre stop (It was always going to happen to someone!) and we were all safely back in Auckland after a thoroughly enjoyable weekend – Thanks to the Taranaki team for putting on a great Nationals.

Lloyd





## Qualitat Volkswagen Nationals — New Plymouth

A selection of pictures from the show and shine at the 2013 Qualitat Volkswagen Nationals in New Plymouth.

You can see a lot more in the Gallery page online at  
<http://www.vwownersclub.co.nz/page.php?id=gallery>



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**VOLKSWAGEN OWNERS CLUB**

P O Box 12-538 Penrose, Auckland

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION****JULY 2012 - JUNE 2013**

The aim of this club is to have fun while keeping VW enthusiasts in touch with each other. The club is open to all people interested in these unique cars. Our activities are aimed at original and semi-custom vehicles but we welcome all VW'ers. We meet monthly for a drive, film evening or social gathering. Other benefits of joining include discounts, technical advice, help in locating those difficult parts, and making lots of new and interesting friends. Although based in Auckland our membership extends throughout the country and our tri-monthly newsletter helps to keep members informed. For further details please write to the Secretary at the address above. If you would like to join the club, please complete the lower portion of the form and return it along with your subscription.

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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)
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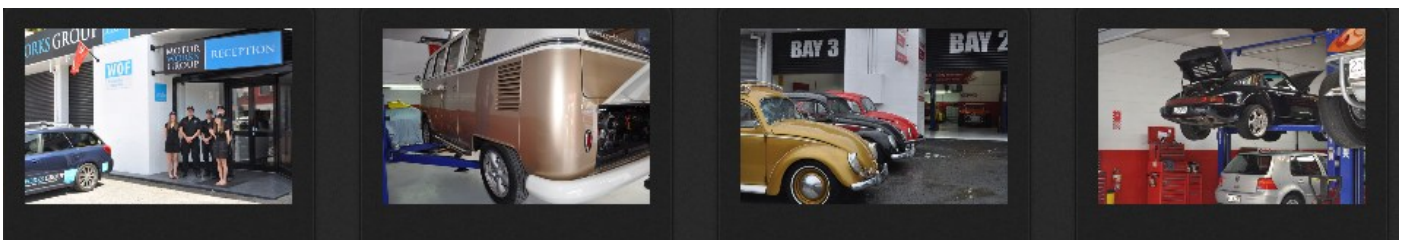
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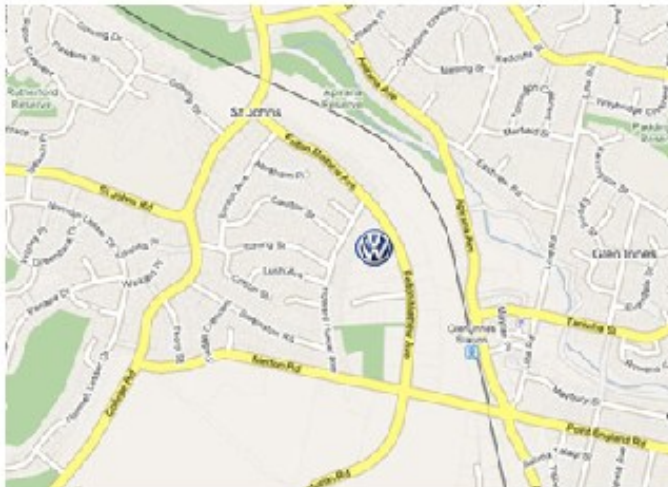
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