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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 2014....I would like to wish everybody a happy new year, and all the best for 2014 ! Hope you all had a great xmas and new year holiday break and that you made use of the fine weather we have been having to get out and about ! This year my family and I took the Kombi camping which was a lot of fun. We didn't go too far away, we went to the Omana Regional Park which is a lovely Farm Park on the shores of the Hauraki Gulf, right across from Waiheke Island. They have limited camping availability with basic facilities but that makes it all the more fun ! Anyway, with the good weather, a good time was had by all. 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.

The three months since the last Magazine came out have been extremely busy, not just because of the usual xmas buildup but also because of all the VW related activities that were on offer.

First off the rank was a club gathering on a Saturday afternoon at the old Wade Hotel in Silverdale to enjoy a few drinks and swap yarns while sitting in the sun listening to fellow club member Andrew Bayliss and his band make music....and good music it was too ! The band is called Good Company, and they were too, singing songs from the seventies and eighties. A most enjoyable afternoon!

Next up was the annual VW Bulli weekend, this time held at the Orua Bay Beach motorcamp on the 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> November. Orua Bay is situated at the tip of the Awhitu Peninsula, ie the South Head of the Manukau Harbour, and from the beach you look straight across the water to the Waitakeres. A very nice, clean, well situated campground, maybe a bit "over regulated" by the camp commandant but very nice all the same !

The nice weather meant a fairly good turn-out of VW's and people, and there was lots to do if you wanted to. Most of us went for a drive around the Peninsula to the lighthouse at the Heads, which gave a great view of the Harbour and the "bar"...the historic lighthouse was worth a look too. Some of the punters fished off the beach, others went for a walk along it to view the cliff carvings in the sandstone and to admire the "jandal" tree ... if you have lost a pair, go there ! Saturday night we celebrated Jill's ( aka Burtha ) 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday with a cake, a few drinks and some music, which continued until 10.30pm when the camp rules told us to do otherwise ! All in all a great "Bulli" weekend.

Two weeks later, on the 1<sup>st</sup> December, it was the annual Raglan run which, as it was a fine day, attracted a reasonable number of Aucklanders who met at the Autobahn in Papakura, and then convoyed down to Hamilton to meet the Hamiltonians and the Tauranga dubbers. In Hamilton we discovered that the local Classics car museum was having a birthday celebration with an "open day" and car show so while some of the dubbers carried on to Raglan, others decided to stay in Hamilton for the show! I decided to remain at the show and have a look at the Museum so can't really comment on the Raglan portion of the day other than that I believe that it was a nice run in the sun ! The show in Hamilton had a good mixture of mostly British and European cars, including a few nice VW's from Auckland and Hamilton. The restaurant attached to the Museum is set around a mid fifties American diner theme and the outside stage featured Rock & Roll dancing ! The Museum itself has a very nice collection of all sorts of cars, vintage and classic, including such European rarities as a Borgward Isabella coupe and a NSU Wankel convertible, as well as a large collection of period memorabilia. Well worth a visit!

Fast forward to mid January 2014 and the Kumeu Hot Rod weekend with a fine turnout by VW enthusiasts from both our club and the Dairy Flat dubbers "DMFV"...all in all there must have been a good 20 VW's on display. As usual there was a large swap meet and a lot of vendor stalls, as well as a lot of "hot metal" on display. Oh yes, it was a really hot sunny day too !

Events coming up include the Ellerslie Concourse on the 9<sup>th</sup> Feb and the cruise to Helensville for the "Lions Roses festival" on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March. See the events page inside and the Clubs website for regular updates on club events.

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Some (sad) VW news... The Volkswagen Kombi is no more.... Production in Brazil ceased on the 18th December after producing a final run of 1200 Last Edition models that had lots of special features and a special finish and cost the equivalent of 45,000 NZD, which is twice the price of their regular Kombi. A full page advertisement in the Brazilian newspapers, showing a Kombi from the rear, travelling down a road, was the parting gesture. For a while there it looked like the Brazilian government might relent and exclude the Kombi from the special safety regulations that came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014 but in the end it wasn't to be. "The Kombi was designed 60 years ago so it would not be possible now to put an airbag and ABS into the car. That's why we now have to stop production," explains Jochen Funk, director of sales for Volkswagen Brazil. VW were still making and selling 26,000 Kombis in Brazil every year so there was still a ready market. At the end of November VW Brazil had an Open day at their plant, called "Mega Visit Volkswagen" which was to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening on the VW plant in Brazil. The visitors were given tours of the vast factory and small road trains resembling Kombis were used to give children rides around one of the display areas.

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



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## All of a sudden, it stops looking funny.

If you think a Volkswagen Station Wagon is just a funny-looking car maybe you never saw one fit in a space that regular wagons have to pass by and when you realize how much stuff you could put inside that thing like the Christmas someone drove one to their mother's with six people and

the crib, the high chair, bicycles, luggage, presents... room? you couldn't ask for more and an air-cooled engine that starts in the morning 1-2-3 and when you stop at a gas station, \$3 fills it up and you don't have to worry about gas for maybe 3 weeks and

take kids for instance "Are we going in the Volkswagen bus?" and they say "Yey!" and clap their hands and if it's a glorious day you can slide the sunroof back and let a little of the glory in and all of a sudden, it stops looking funny.



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## **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

Compliments of the season to all. I hope 2014 is a prosperous one for all members.

During the last few months of 2013 there were a number of events that were very well supported.

### **BULLI**

Held at Orua Bay in Nov. Approx 12 members and some from the North Shore joined enthusiasts from Hamilton, Tauranga and Gisborne. We could not have asked for better weather. Camp was small, but very comfortable and quiet. Many took the opportunity to visit the Manukau Heads lighthouse.

One club member [JILL] celebrated her 81st birthday with her daughter and grand children. Just shows age is no barrier to owning /driving a VW. Members gathered in various groups to while away the evening . In all a very enjoyable, relaxing weekend

### **AIRCOOLED PHOTO SHOOT**

On 23/11/13 , at short notice, about 14 members turned out for a photo shoot. Started at Orakei Wharf/Marina, then convoyed to the Wynyard Quarter beside the silos for photos. An enjoyable get together.

### **ANNUAL RAGLAN RUN**

About 15 vehicles met at Autobahn, then convoyed to Hamilton, meeting up with Tauranga and Hamilton members Then left for Raglan for picnic lunch etc. Although windy, sun was out. After looking at shops members then returned home.

### **FINAL CLUB NIGHT 2013**

This was a BBQ along with a guest speaker who brought along his stretched beetle all adorned in silver. A very interesting concept. We shown photos of the project along with an interesting look at odd looking VWs from around the world.

It is very pleasing to see the large number of members turning up to events organised by various members.

On VW front have now removed windscreen from my van[[which I cracked], repaired rest and repainted front of van. Now I have to tidy up the type3

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all members for their support throughout the year, with special thanks to Terry for his organising ability and his array of photos of events on the club page..

Eddie Taylor  
President

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## 9th November, Saturday — Club Gathering

A beautiful hot sunny day greeted a large group of VW owners who travelled up to the Wade Tavern in Silverdale where one of our members Andrew Bayliss and his band 'Good Company' were playing..

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**15-17th November, Friday-Sunday — Bulli 2013 Orua Bay Beach Motor Camp  
Hosted by Waikato VW Club**

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Situated at the top of Awhitu Peninsula., Orua Bay was the site for Bulli 2013, organized and Hosted by the Waikato VW Club.

This was a great camp, nice and small, right next to the beach, with units or flats as well as powered and non powered sites so all varieties of VW's and there owners were catered for.



Early arrivers even appeared to have tent assembly races.

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## 1st December, Sunday — Annual Raglan Cruise

This is a very popular annual VW run, combining the Auckland, Tauranga and Waikato clubs one 3 runs that converge at Hamilton McDonalds

From there the combined convoy headed out to Raglan for a picnic lunch and browse the shops, before returning home.

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## 11th December, Wednesday — Final Club Night & BBQ

December we had the annual Christmas BBQ and guest speaker Ross from "Rocket Creative" who brought his Chrome Stretched Bug and talked to us about how it was created.



Detail on the 'stretch' even extended to a Rocket shaped speedometer needle!







# 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.

## **8th February, Saturday — Meguiars Classic Car Fun Run**

The day before the show (Feb 8), the Meguiars Tour Elegance Classic Fun Run is expected to again attract several hundred cars.

It will follow the same routes as 2013, with Vellenoweth Green in St Heliers as the end destination for a barbecue or detour to a nearby cafe.

It is an enjoyable day and costs only \$5.00 donation per vehicle. Entries close Tuesday 28th January.

For more information and entry forms  
visit [www.concours.org.nz](http://www.concours.org.nz)

## **9th February, Sunday — Ellerslie Intermarque Concours de Elegance**

On Sunday 09 February 2014 over 700 owners representing over 70 classic car clubs will gather at Ellerslie Race Course to share their enthusiasm, promote their clubs, and celebrate motoring as we knew it over the decades.

This year you'll see cars competing for awards in a whole new category - the best unrestored everyday "survivors."

There's a higher emphasis on age, originality and history than the other classes. Qualifying vehicles will be well cared for, unrestored, unmodified, in original condition and well preserved with patina and nostalgic qualities. Low mileage will be an advantage, as will a small number of previous owners, original paint and upholstery.

(Patina is best described as "tarnish" on items produced by age, wear and exposure to elements - something that is lost in the restoration process).

The "Survivor" class allows more classic car owners to compete for awards without the sometimes eye-watering and impractical cost and time associated with restoring a vehicle.

For more information visit [www.concours.org.nz](http://www.concours.org.nz)



**15th-16th February, Saturday-Sunday — Love Bug Jam**

Hosted by DMFV66.

The inaugural North Shore summer party hosted by the DMFV Club. A two day event, starting on the Saturday at 16.00hrs. till late. Open to all air cooled v-dubbers nation wide. Bring the family and let's make it a "summer of love" weekend to remember.

Glen or Leigh—[dmfv66@gmail.com](mailto:dmfv66@gmail.com)

**22nd-24th February, Sunday — Ohawe Beach VW**

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**2nd March, Sunday — Helensville Roses Festival**

Meet at Blossoms Cafe at the corner of SH 16 & Coatesville Riverhead Hwy at 9:00am for breakfast. We will leave at 10:00am to cruise up to Helensville via Old North Road. At Helensville, the VW Club vehicles will be on display as part of the "Lions Roses Festival".

The Helensville Lions Club's popular annual Running of the Roses event will be given a make-over and re-launched as 'The Lions Roses Festival'. A family-friendly day with lots of entertainment, live music, stalls, events, attractions and competitions.

Contact Terry Sawyer. 021-163-6006 or [tsawyer@clear.net.nz](mailto:tsawyer@clear.net.nz)

**21-23th March, Friday-Sunday — 2014 Van Dam Camp**

Hosted by Waikato VW Club.

Similar format to last year. Book your own site, make sure you mention your with the VW club and we will all be put together. <http://www.lakekarapiro.co.nz>

\$20.00 charge for the band

Paul from V-Dubbe Shoppe will be doing the breakfast again for us all. Yummy.

**5th April, Saturday—Very Vintage Day Out**

The Very Vintage Day Out 2014 will be held on 5th April at Alexandra Park

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

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**18th-21st April, Friday-Monday**

— **VW Nationals—Timaru**

Hosted by Central South VW and Canterbury Volkswagen Enthusiasts.

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# **Ohawe Beach VW Camp**

**When? February 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>**

**Where: Ohawe Beach Surf highway 45**

**Dog Friendly: ( if your dog is friendly and kept under control at all times).**

**Cost: \$20.00 per site(2 Adults)**

**Extra adults \$10.00.**

**Children 4-13yrs old are \$8.00.**

**Under 4yrs free.**

**Phone Phoebe to book a site and mention you are with the VW Club. Only 10 powered sites.**

**Phone (Prefered) 06 2786939 or Email [phoebeparaha@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:phoebeparaha@yahoo.co.nz)**

**This is a casual BYO everything camp with the theme being 'CHILL OUT'.**

**The Tide will be ok for a Wahi to Ohawe beach walk ( aprox 2hours)on Saturday afternoon at aprox 4.30pm for adventurous folk,(and afternoon day trippers!!)**

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Awards dinner that evening

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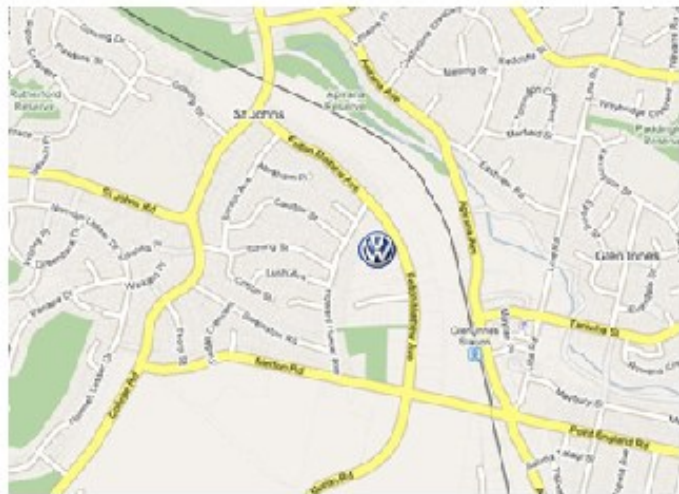
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A warm welcome to Nina Ives and her 1969 Beetle

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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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## **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  
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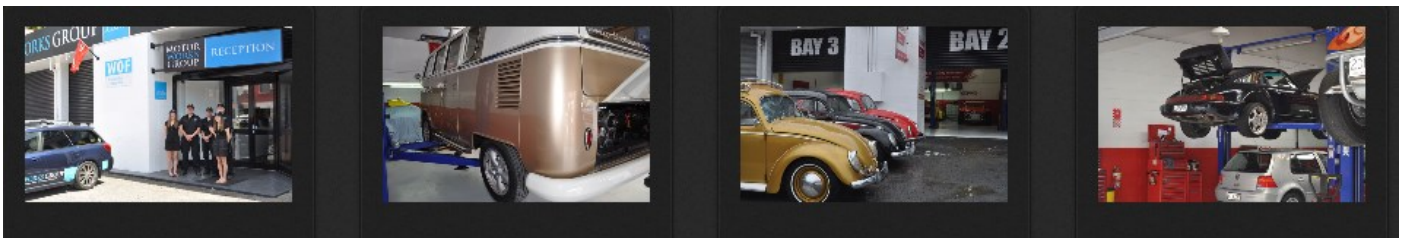
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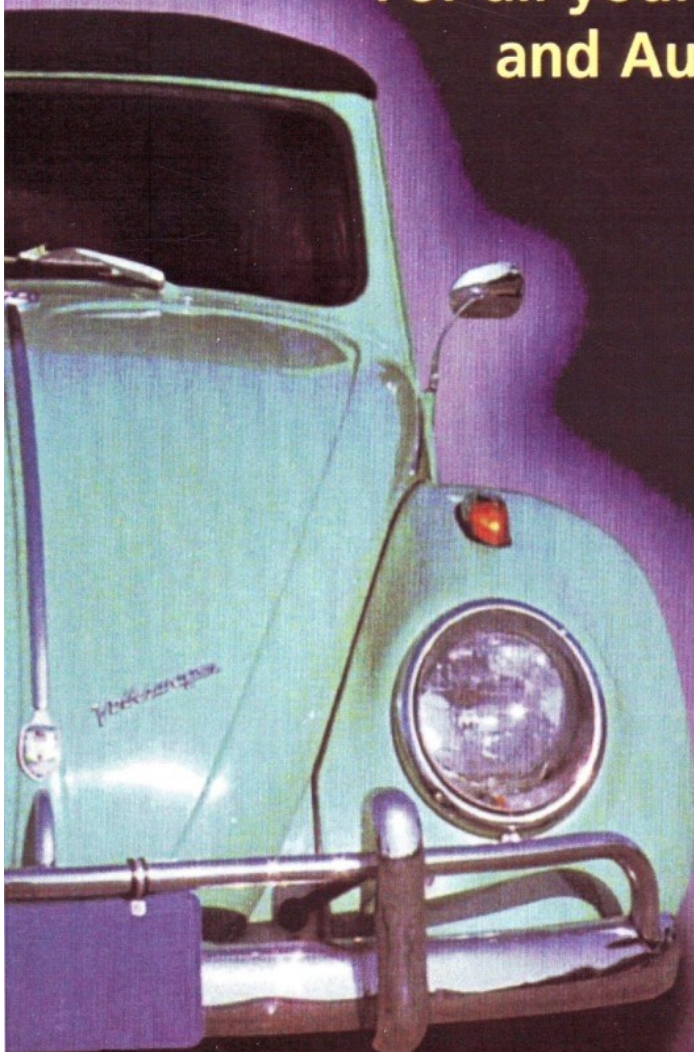
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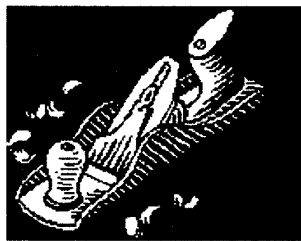


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