

# BROADSHEET WAIKATO BRANCH FEBRUARY 2017



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***From the Editor:** Welcome to our newest members, Dick and Marianne Marshall, with a Sunbeam Alpine IV, from Morrinsville. I'm sure that you'll find we are a very friendly and helpful club.*

*As I type this there are a number of our members heading south to the National AGM in Masterton. I wish them well on a safe travels for themselves and their cars.*

*For those not able to head south there are a couple of local events coming up in the next week (see below for details).*

## NEXT EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

➤ **Saturday 11 March - Vintage & Retro Fayre** to be held in the Greerton Village, Tauranga. The Greerton Village in conjunction with the BOP Vintage Car Club are for the first time organizing a Vintage & Retro Fair. The event will include Vintage and Retro cars, stalls selling all things vintage and retro, food, drink and entertainment. BOP VCC are wanting as many cars as possible for the display. **Cars to be parked by 9am.** Public viewing from 10am to 2pm. Entry point for parking the cars is at the Chadwick Road/ Greerton Road roundabout by Greerton Furnishing. The top half of Greerton Road will be closed off to traffic from 7am. The time of the event is 10am - 2pm. The area in front of the Greerton Library will be the assembly point for the drivers of the cars to register their cars for the judging of the "People's Choice" award. Each driver will be given a card with a number on it to display on their front windscreen. The judging of the Fashion Parade will be on the school grounds at the Rotunda. Entrants to be judged at 11.30am, prize winners for the parade and the people's choice award will be announced at noon. All 46 sites have been sold for stall holders to display their vintage & retro wares!!!!

- **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March (Waikato run) – Waikato mid-week catch up and committee meeting at Okoroire.** Come along for a mid-week catch up over dinner at the Okoroire Hotel. This is a great chance to get your Sunbeam out for a run. Either head off afterwards or stay on for the committee meeting at 7pm. All welcome.

**UPCOMING WAIKATO EVENTS (Ross Carroll 07 5524585; robro@kinect.co.nz)**

- **Sunday 2nd April** Te Awamutu Classic Car Show
- **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May** – Dawnbreaker (more details to come) – looking to trial a breakfast only option this year.
- **Saturday 1 July** – Midwinter lunch
- **October-** STAR weekend (potentially in Wairoa area)

**UPCOMING AUCKLAND EVENTS (Kevin Brown 09 422 2128; brownkandg@xtra.co.nz)**

**5<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 - Far north tour** - The base motel will be the Kerikeri Court Motel, 93 Kerikeri Rd, Kerikeri where a booking is being held for Sunbeam Car Club members and there is a special rate for the three nights Friday 5<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May of \$120.00 per couple, per room, per night. Participants should make their own bookings directly to the owner/managers, Kerry and Garry Dickson, either by phone on either 0800 5374 5374 or 09 407 8867, or by email [info@kerikericourtmotel.co.nz](mailto:info@kerikericourtmotel.co.nz).  
**NOTE: PLEASE MENTION YOU ARE WITH THE SUNBEAM CAR CLUB WHEN BOOKING YOUR ROOM AT THE MOTEL.** After booking your room at the Motel, please contact Dennis or Pat Brassey at 09 534 6751 or email [denandpat@xtra.co.nz](mailto:denandpat@xtra.co.nz) to confirm you will be on the Tour.

**NATIONAL EVENTS**

**2018 NATIONAL AGM to be organised by Auckland Branch**

**Sold**

**Sunbeam Talbot 90 Mk 2 1951 (\$8500)** Never restored, just well maintained. Fitted with floor change and overdrive gearbox. Has original rear wheel spats. Owners handbook, workshop manual and parts book included plus a boot full of spares. Also has original correspondence from the dealer to the first owner. Some minor tidying and small jobs required but warrant and rego are current and it has been in daily use until recently. ***Sold to a person in Auckland area.***



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## PAST EVENT

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February. ELMS CAR SHOW by Ian Gerrard (photos from the Gerrards and Bronwyn Carroll). Additional historic information is from the Elms website.**

What started out as a disconcertingly quiet assembly of cars, turned into a very successful day for the Elms. When Sue and I first arrived, I was directed away from our usual park-up position because of the low numbers. I ended up parking on the front lawn next to a Rolls Royce. Earle was already there and soon we were joined by Graham in his Alpine and Ross who dropped off the Imp then scooted away to another appointment.



Sue and I had a pleasant stroll down town for lunch. I can recommend this for anyone in the future. By the time we returned the place had filled up and a pleasant afternoon was spent under the trees for which the Elms is noted. These trees were planted by Reverend Brown, the first missionary to establish a mission on this peninsula.

In the 1830s the missionaries decided to expand their work to the south, and establish stations in the Waikato and Bay of Plenty. The northern end of the Te Papa peninsula was chosen as a suitable site, for its proximity to the harbour entrance and because it lay between two major pa, one at Otumoetai, the other at Maungatapu.

Several attempts at living at Te Papa were abandoned because of the danger from warring tribes, but in 1838 with the arrival of Rev. A.N.Brown, his wife Charlotte and their children Marsh and Celia, permanent residence was established.

The Mission Station consisted of several raupo houses for the missionaries, a shed for the carpenters, a store for supplies and a boatshed on the beach at the foot of the cliff. Brown arranged for work to begin on permanent structures. The first to be completed by the end of 1838 was the library, to which Brown himself added a chimney in 1842, when he found his books were suffering from damp.

Until the mission house was completed in 1847 the Browns lived in a raupo house, whose position is marked by a cairn on the north lawn.



The garden was a very important part of the mission station. It not only supplied fresh fruit and vegetables for the table, but also recreated a small part of England. Brown was known for his interest in gardening: he planted the oak tree, the Norfolk pines which are the most visible markers of the mission station, as well as ornamentals such as roses.



The Elms is now looked after by a Preservation Trust and the Trust members were absolutely delighted with the response; 842 people came through the entrance to see the cars on display, resulting in \$3500 for the continued preservation of the Elms.



In 1962 The Elms Historic Family Home Preservation Trust Inc. was established to provide Duff with support and help in the maintenance of the property. One of the first tasks undertaken in 1964 was the building of a replica chapel to replace the original which had fallen into disrepair in the 1880s.

Under Duff's custodianship several notable gifts were made to The Elms: a slab and shingle

whare built in the King country in 1919 was donated by J.D. and M.Menzies in the late 1960s; a Fencible cottage was donated in 1972 and is now used as an office and meeting room for The Elms Trust committee and tour guides.

Major repair work was carried out on the mission house in 1976 under the supervision of the Ministry of Works. More recently restoration work has been done on the Library, funded by a generous donation from a community trust.

The mission house and library carry a New Zealand Historic Places Trust Class 1 registration, the other buildings are Class 2, and the whole site is designated a Historic Area.