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NEWSBRIEF February 2019



EAT DRINK and BE CRAFTY FAIR - BATTLE HILL 2019

Cover Story

The Club has successfully concluded the running of its annual Eat Drink and be Crafty Fair, held at Battle Hill on Saturday 26th January 2019.

Proceeds in favour of The Wellington Free Ambulance, with this the eighth year that the club has been involved.

I have been told that an estimated 28 Members, plus many partners and friends, worked on the project on the day, with hundreds of hour's effort contributed prior to that.

The project coordinator, Roger Watkin, believes that the overall numbers attending, both stall holders and the public, were at record numbers.

Well done Roger and team – we owe you our thanks for running our largest project, so well.

Roger will provide his official report on the project in the near future – in the meantime I have a number of photographs kindly provided by Club members John Coey, Bruce Collins, Noel Marker and Lester Piggott that provide glimpses of the action on the day.

David Thomson
Newsbrief Editor



What else but a cloth cap at a country fair?

Project coordinator Roger Watkin getting his hands dirty with the wheelbarrow and some of his lieutenants.







The Club has insurance, but the two photographs below show how luck plays a part in keeping the public and helpers safe too. Our Fair day was quite windy, and the next day the tree under which the Riding for the Disabled was operating decided to let go one of its major branches...



Saturday



Sunday

...and talking about the ED and BC Fair, two of our "always there" club helpers Rex and Joan Flowers had to miss the fair this year. They had a special reason not to be there..

That weekend Rex was at Hampton Downs accepting an invitation to become a Founding Member of the exclusive NZGP Legends Club.

To quote from the relative literature...

"...The NZGP Legends Club is set to become the most exclusive club in New Zealand Motor Racing. With a limited membership, it will be home to the most successful racing drivers, engineers and media from New Zealand. Those who have met the entry criteria have achieved at the highest levels of the sport...

Membership of the club will be highly sought after and difficult to achieve. The List of Members is intended to become a "Who's Who" of New Zealand motor sport..."

In his early life Rex was a successful competitor at Grand Prix level in single seaters. He raced in international fields against world champions including Stirling Moss, Graeme Hill, Jack Brabham, Jackie Stewart, Bruce McLaren, and Chris Amon was his flatting mate when they were on the road together.

That is exclusive company, Rex, well done on this acknowledgement of the respect your peers have for you.



(Photo provided by Joan Flowers, taken at the weekend of Rex's induction in to the NZGP Legends Club 27/1/19.)



Rex in his Lotus, car number 27. Circa 1963.

President's Message

Carol-Anne and I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year.
I hope it has started off well for you all.

It has certainly started well for our Lions Club, with the successful running of the 2019 Eat Drink and Be Crafty Fair.

Although the weather was not as great as last year - a bit breezy - it did not stop those that showed up. So a **BIG THANKS** to Roger Watkins and his team for running a great event, and to all the other helpers on the day.

The next sizeable club project is the charity golf tournament end of March, proceeds to Ronald McDonald House.

But then, ...

With all this fantastic weather we are having, it is hard to think that we should be doing anything but soaking up the sun to help with our vitamin D intake, not even wanting to think about winter.....but... rugby season starts in a couple of weeks.

Go the Hurricanes!

I look forward in seeing you all at the next Mana Lions business meeting.

And finally from my little book of "Don'ts for husbands"

" Don't refuse to listen to your wife's suggestions on the matter of dress. Sometimes women know what suits men better than the men themselves."

David Skjellerup
Club President

ADMINISTRATION/PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

Club Calendar

(Items in **Bold** are Board sanctioned Club activities at the time of publication).

Feb 6	Board Meeting
Feb 13	Club Business and Tea Meeting
Feb 26	Proposed Interclub visit to North Wellington (at Thistle Inn)
Feb 27	Club Tea Meeting – presentation of Focus Group findings
Mar 6	Board Meeting
Mar 13	Club Business and Tea Meeting
Mar 27	Club Tea Meeting – guest speaker Murray Edridge (Wgtn City Missioner)
Mar 29	Ronald McDonald House Charity Golf Tournament
Apr 3	Board Meeting
Apr 10	Club Business and Tea Meeting
Apr 24	Club Tea Meeting – guest speaker John McKoy (Friends of Mana Island)
May 1	Board Meeting
May 8	Club Business and Tea Meeting
May 22	Club Tea Meeting – guest speaker Martin Donoghue (Callaghan Inst)
June 27	Club Officer Changeover Night

Interclub visit Feb 26 to North Wellington Lions Club.

An invitation was recently extended to our club to visit the North Wellington Lions Club. The North Wellington club meets at the Thistle Inn on a Tuesday night, and like us, their social meeting is the second meeting of the month.

We have arranged to visit them at the end of this month, Tuesday 26 Feb., 6pm.

Further details will be advised by separate email to members shortly, but I ask that members consider whether they wish to attend this interclub visit, and indicate accordingly at our next club meeting (week after next..). We need to provide numbers for catering purposes.

Their evening meal is provided by the Thistle Inn kitchen, on an ala carte basis and I have been told their meals are excellent (\$10 to \$30 price range).

The evening will be centered around an exchange of information on projects and activities, not a quiz!

David Thomson
Organiser.

MEMBERSHIP

February anniversaries of service to our Lions Club, and the Community:

Warwick Austin	8 years
David Lavill	4
John Hicks	1

February birthdays:

Congratulations to Greg Brown and Rex Flowers who are celebrating birthdays this month.

Focus Groups

The Focus Group meetings have now been completed, and the results analysed for presentation to club members at our second meeting this month (Feb 27).

At that meeting, members will have the opportunity to view the list of club activities that a cross section of members believe are working well for the club, and a list of activities that those members who participated believe the club could seek to improve on.

PROJECTS

Battle Hill BBQ Centenary Project

After long hours, heavy work, careful planning, the Battle Hill BBQ was completed mid-December in time for the Christmas holiday season.

It is the Editor's intention to write a special edition of the Newsbrief to cover the completion of this project once a formal opening ceremony has been conducted.

In the meantime, the photograph below of the completed structure has been provided by project co-Manager Stu Bryant.



Please Note:

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Contributions are welcome on any subject that might be of interest to members.

Directors who want to provide information about projects and activities should please submit information to the Editor the week prior to the end of the calendar month.

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