



Hawke's Bay Car Club, Inc.

P.O. Box 323

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The Speaker,
Mr R. Harrison,
House Representative,
Parliament Buildings,
WELLINGTON

Dear Sir,

re Queens Service Award

Earlier this year, while you were in Napier, I approached you regarding the matter of a Queens Service Award for our Club's Patron, Mrs Audrey Curtis.

Mrs Curtis has not only served our Club with outstanding enthusiasm and dedication, but at every opportunity, endeavoured to use our Clubs activities as a basis for assisting other groups in the Hawkes Bay community, e.g. annually the Red Cross Association and our Club combine to provide outings for their disabled members taking the form of a motor trial. A similar situation exists with the Crippled Children and Intellectually Handicapped Children. Sometimes these groups are combined, but in all instances, Mrs Curtis has been the prime mover.

Since 1971, various International motor rallies have passed through the Club's area. Not only has Mrs Curtis always been one of the key organisers, it was at her instigation that the Club donate any profit from these events to a local charity.

Although Mr and Mrs Curtis have no children, this has never inhibited her feelings and activities in regard to others. As outlined above, the people that she takes most to heart, are those who can least help themselves.

While her activities for other organisations have been numerous, they have always come somewhere behind her loyalty to the Car Club. The following is an outline of her activities within the Club since first joining in the early 1950's.

History Mrs Audrey Curtis first joined our Club in 1951, and immediately became an active competitor and organiser. In the mid 1950's she joined the Committee. From then on, both Mr and Mrs Curtis became leading organisers and fund raisers in establishing the Club with its present Club facilities. In 1963 Mrs Curtis was the Club's Womens Champion. From 1972 to 1978 Mrs Curtis has held the office of Club President and at the

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1978 Annual General Meeting was elected as Patron on the Club.

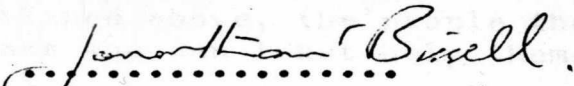
In recent times, the Club has celebrated its 25th and 30th Anniversaries. Mrs Curtis on both occasions, was the principal figure and helped to gain valuable publicity for motor-sport throughout Hawkes Bay.

The above outline of her activities is only in brief, but I feel it shows how involved and active she has been over the past 28 years. Motorsport has been her life and without a doubt, the Hawke's Bay Car Club would not be what it is today if it had not been for Mrs Curtis.

On behalf of the Club and Committee, I would appreciate your most earnest consideration of the nomination. We feel that her activities in motor-sport have been so unselfish that we would like her work to be recognised.

We thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Yours faithfully,
H.B. CAR CLUB INC


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J.J. Bissell
Club Captain