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# Rondezvous!



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*Hi and welcome to the August issue of FINZ! Well, we are getting closer to the 50th. By time you read this it will be less than 80 days to go! Our Chief Event Organiser, Jason has been burning the midnight oil getting everything in place so we can enjoy what sounds lto be a magnificent NZ Cadillac Nationals! Inside you will read a four-page spread of what we are up to including an additional new event page. We've got nearly 90 participants so far which includes a dozen guests from overseas (fintastic!) and at typing this, 32 Caddies will be cruising Wellington. Our goal is for 50 Caddies (for the 50th) so if you have an extra one laying around, it'd be great to bring it along! If there is a member you know not coming, 'tap them on the shoulder' and ask them to join us for the weekend. There would be nothing better than to 'grid-lock the Capital City with a collection of fine Cadillacs!'*

*Fingers crossed the weather gods will be on our fin for the weekend and from what I read, come late October La Nina might bring us some super weather possibly even quite warm? Wouldn't that be great?*

*Elsewhere in this issue there's a report from those social butterflies in Taranaki plus a source where you can have a fellow member attend to your pre-computer dashboard instruments. We salute SVG, our Kiwi Racing car hero who recently snatched a Nascar Victory at his very first attempt in a GM Camaro and making the other race drivers feeling gob-smacked!*

*Many thanks to South Island members, Wayne and Colleen Bradley who sent me some great pics of their 'Butter Cream', '83 Eldo that presents in beautiful condition. There's a few images inside and not a lot of money (these days) could buy it - read all about it!*

*Welcome to new members Fiona and Ray Reid from Palmerston North. They have two '61s, one of which is a 'donor car' whilst their other '61 looks gorgeous. With luck they may even be at our 50th. Also we welcome Bain Webster of Wellington who owns a '73 Eldo (with a '78 grill). I am pretty sure Bain will be at the 'local' 50th! I look forward to meeting you all, Ed.*

*Elsewhere in our mag this month we read about...*

- > Taranaki welcome back Neville and Linda
- > Love that 'Butter Cream' coloured Eldo!
- > Four-page 50th Update from Jason and details about movie night
- > Global Caddy Family news and Editors page
- > Miss Lane page provides a few newsy bits and pieces
- > And the best Tails in Town!

*Until next issue, keep Covid-safe, cruise safe, dry and send me your past winter stories and pics. Keep warm.*

*Photos and stories please to me at [finzmagazine@GMail.com](mailto:finzmagazine@GMail.com)  
Best regards, Ron (Ed)*





# Our Global Cadillac Family from NZ and around the world!

**TARANAKI** - Hi all. On a windy raining cold mid-winter Sunday Grant and Barb organised a lunch get together whilst some of our crew were sunning it up in the States! Interesting some elected to drive the Cadillac while some like me suffered the misfortune with slack windscreen wipers so elected to bring my day car. However 26 members turned up for a great catch up and plenty of chatter about how we will convoy in a couple of months south. Was especially great to See Neville Carter and Linda after a layup for Neville. Great meal a bit slow service for table 2 but we all got fed and watered ready to face the outside elements as we slowly departed for home. Great to catch up and good to see everyone in high spirits. Ian. [Thanks for the update Ian. Wow, 26 participants is a great number, hail all you attendees! Great to hear Neville and Linda joining in. Hope you are on the up and up, Neville. Regards, Ed]





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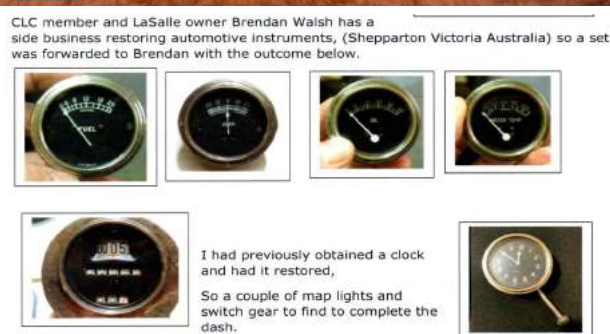


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Brendan Walsh, +61 418 103 739 (mobile). or +61 3 5821 7334 (landline) Email: [beejiss@bigpond.com](mailto:beejiss@bigpond.com) [This could be useful if any NZ Member needed his services? Ed]

**WELCOME** to New Members, Fiona and Ray Reid of Plamerston North. With luck we may see and meet you at our 50th in Wellington, come Labour Weekend. Not far to travel for you guys! That's a lovely looking '61 you have, a popular colour right now! Ed



I had previously obtained a clock and had it restored, So a couple of map lights and switch gear to find to complete the dash.

**AUSTRALIA** - Hi Ron, Thank you for another great magazine. And CONGRATULATIONS on the award of another Golden Quill. Well done and deserved Ron. Best wishes, George Akele [Thanks George. The Australian CLC Mag Editor, Andrew Rees aka LaCad and Australian Editor, John Byrden aka Sallee Speaks were both recipients of the Golden Quill Award as well. Good on them - Ed]



**AND Welcome** to Bain Webster of Wellington who has a sharp looking Eldo. Love those horns! Ed



And Steve Westmacott writes: Just a quick email to you Ron (sorry, it's been a while) to congratulate you on your umpteenth Golden Quill - much deserved. On top of the enjoyment I got from the latest excellent edition I was mightily shocked to see your 50th Anniversary entry fee was \$50. What, is this 1957 ha ha. That's so cheap! Checking the event calendar for the gig it sure looks like a ripper list of activities too. A credit to all involved. I round this off by adding that the closing photo of all those 1959 convertibles .... well, there are no words really but I bet the line-up sure as shootin' made Harley Earl's day. From The Cowboy's perspective there's been lots of Lucy driving and lots of Cody riding despite winter and life is darn good. Cheers old mate, and again, congrats. The Cowboy (Aka Steve Westmacott). [Many thanks Cowboy and great to hear from you. Good stories from you in recent LaCad. All the best to you, Helen and Cody - Ed]

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**1973  
2023** **50** **GOLDEN  
ANNIVERSARY  
National Rally Weekend**  
CADILLAC LA SALLE CLUB OF NEW ZEALAND 20-23 October, 2023 - Wellington, New Zealand

# Drive-in MOVIE NIGHT



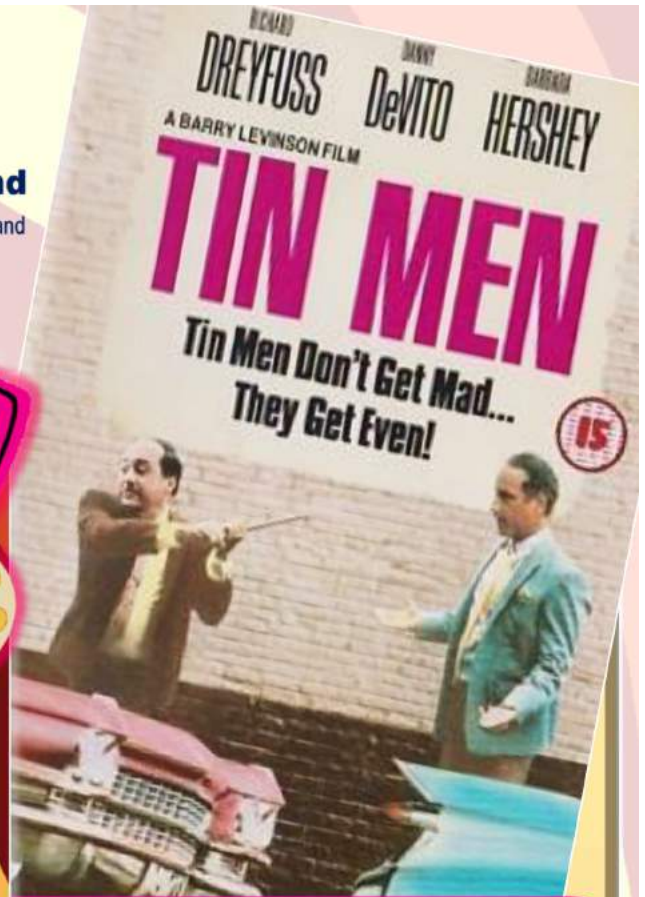
## Countdown to Fifty...

A classic drive-in movie night experience watching a Cadillac movie, with a gourmet American burger meal delivered right to your car by 1950s style carhop waitresses in period costume and on roller skates!



Gourmet American burger meal catered by

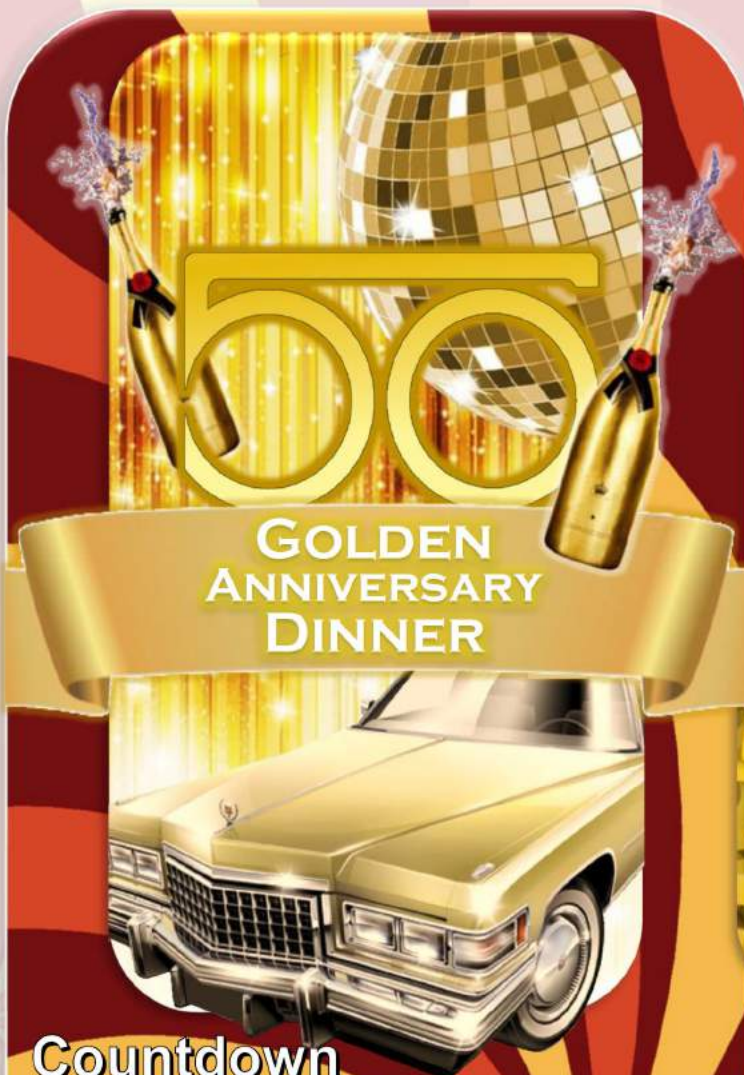
**DUTCHY'S  
Burger Joint**



Two Cadillac owners  
in a war of revenge  
over their cars







## GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY DINNER

### Countdown to Fifty...

Celebrate our big milestone with this jewel event: our special Golden Anniversary dinner with solid gold hits-of-the-70s live band, artist-created Cadillac cake, and secret custom themed "Gold Cadillac" dessert and cocktail pairing



Order extra 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary souvenirs:

50<sup>th</sup> Shoulder Sling Bag... **\$20 EACH**

50<sup>th</sup> Bartender's Coaster... **\$8 EACH**

Each guest receives one of each souvenir at no extra charge. To order extras, contact Jason (details below)



**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event Registration: \$50 PER PERSON**

'True Cost' registration for Club affiliated non-members, and for new members who have joined after 1 January 2023: **\$195 per person**. Event registration form attached.

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Grille Badge: \$50 EACH** (includes NZ postage, please add \$4.80 for Rural Delivery charge). Contact Jason at [curried@hotmail.com](mailto:curried@hotmail.com) or on 021 0221 5373 to order your grille badge.

REGISTER BY **31 August**

to ensure you don't miss out on your event-branded souvenir gifts



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Don't miss out on experiencing...  
"A sensory homage to a gold 1957 Cadillac Eldorado"



### EVENT PROGRAMME

#### • REGISTRATION UPDATE •

Target: 125 guests

**Confirmed: 87 guests so far** including 12 overseas guests!

Target: 50 Cadillacs

**Confirmed: 32 Cadillacs so far**

Target: 70 grille badges

**Confirmed: 33 badges sold so far**





Friday

**5:00pm Event Registration**

Aqua Bar, Brentwood Hotel

**6:00pm Meet-and-Greet Welcome**

Aqua Bar, Brentwood Hotel

Platter food provided

Beverages at guest cost

Welcome



Saturday

**8:50am Drivers' Briefing Meeting**

Kauri Room, Brentwood Hotel

Coffee & tea provided

**9:30am Round-The-Bays Caddy Convoy Cruise**

Leaving Brentwood Hotel carpark (1.5 hours driving, with a break)

Morning tea snack provided

**11:30am City Waterfront Public Cadillac Display**

Odlins Plaza, Wellington City (1.5 hours display – guests can leave their car to explore Wellington City)

Lunch NOT provided – guests to arrange at own cost (many options)

**2:30pm Cadillac Appraisal Seminar**

An Interactive Workshop with Chuck Patton, Expert Appraiser

Kauri Room, Brentwood Hotel (50 mins duration)

Free admission – coffee & tea provided

**3.30pm CLCNZ Annual General Meeting**

Kauri Room, Brentwood Hotel (1 hour duration)

Coffee & tea provided

**6:30pm Golden Anniversary Dinner**

Kauri Room, Brentwood Hotel

Premium buffet dinner, custom-themed dessert & cocktail provided

Other beverages at guest cost

Let's Celebrate

**GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY**  
National Rally Weekend  
20-23 October, 2023 - Wellington, New Zealand

**1973 2023**  
CADILLAC LA SALLE CLUB OF NEW ZEALAND



Cadillac PRESENTS

**EVENT PROGRAMME**

**NOTE:** Activity details and timings may change



*Sunday*

22 OCTOBER

**START  
YOUR  
ENGINES**

**10:30am Sunday Caddy Convoy Cruise**

Leaving Brentwood Hotel carpark (2 hours driving throughout the day, with many breaks)

**11:00am Visit to Helter Skelter Vintage Market**

Seaview, Lower Hutt (45 mins – leaving 11:45am)

**12:15pm Visit to Vintage Machinery Club Display**

Mangaroa, Upper Hutt (1.5 hours – leaving 1:45pm)  
Lunch provided

**2:05pm Visit to the Cars Inc Car Museum**

Trentham, Upper Hutt (1 hour – leaving 3:05pm)  
Optional entry, extra cost TBD. Optional afternoon tea, extra cost

**3:15pm Trentham Public Cadillac Display**

Includes visit to The Secret Cadillac Room  
Includes 5960 Cadillac judging by Chuck Patton  
Trentham, Upper Hutt (1:25 hour – leaving 4:30pm)

**5:00pm Drive-In Movie Night with Carhop Waitresses**

*Tin Men* (1987), two Cadillac owners in a war of revenge over their cars  
Includes visit to classic car collection (TBC)  
Riverbank Carpark, Lower Hutt (3 hours – leaving 8:00pm)  
Gourmet burger meal, drink, and movie snacks provided

*Monday*

23 OCTOBER

**Let's  
GO!**

**9:00am Monday Caddy Convoy Cruise**

Leaving Brentwood Hotel carpark (1.25 hours driving)

**10:15am Visit to Southward Car Museum**

Waikanae, Kapiti Coast (1 hour – leaving 11:15am)  
Optional entry, extra cost TBD. Optional morning tea, extra cost

**11:15am End of formal activities**

Farewell to those continuing North, return to Wellington for those staying on

**HAVE A SAFE  
journey!**





## From the Editors Drivers seat!



Hi Ron. For the Magazine?? Cheers Paul Dixon.  
<https://www.drive.com.au/news/more-evidence-emerges-of-cadillacs-return-to-australia/>

Says US luxury brand Cadillac appears as if it may return to Australia with a three-strong line-up of electric SUVs. Trademark applications filed by General Motors in Australia in recent days suggest Cadillac could relaunch in Australia with the Optiq and forthcoming Escalade IQ. [Good article - Ed].



Kiwi Racing Great, Shane van Gisbergen (known as SVG) stunned the racing world by winning his Nascar Series debut in rain, in downtown Chicago recently. Our 34-year old became the first driver to win his Cup Series debut since Johnny Rutherford in the second qualifying race at Daytona in 1963. SVG has now won races in Supercars, GT Sports cars, single seaters, rally cars, quarter midgets, quad bikes and even radio-controlled cars! But wait there's more! The three-times Supercars champ has just

been invited to compete at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in August. Go SVG! [From your fellow Kiwi fans! SVG drives GM products, Holden and Chev Camaro in Supercars and Camaro in Nascar - Ed]



**RAFFLES & GIFTS Galore** - Below (left) is an incredible 'one-off mat' made by Noeleen Souber's niece, Jade Dandy (who can be found on Facebook under 'Yarn for Daze'). It measures 85cm x 65cm and has been donated to the club as a 'Club Raffle'. Tickets are NZ\$5 each and once you have emailed your ticket order to [noeleensouber@outlook.com](mailto:noeleensouber@outlook.com) she will email you the tickets! Longtime NZ CLC Members will remember Lou Christ who has in recent years lived in the US and in the last 12 months has returned to NZ with her American husband, Craig Christ. Lou is a passionate quilter as well as having a love of Cadillacs (had a '65 here in NZ and a 2000s model in the States). Lou is donating a quilted

Mark and Noeleen have approx. nine 2023 Cadillac Calendars left in stock. They are now \$10.00 each to clear them. Make contact with [noleen.souber@outlook.com](mailto:noleen.souber@outlook.com) Cheers Grant



Cadillac logo, (as per right photo) that can be raffled by the club as a fund raiser. Look for details about this soon.







## Caddies from fifty years ago!

Winding back the clock 50 years (hard to believe, I just started my first job), these amazing Caddies hit the street! We look back at the models from 1973 in next few FINZ issues - Ed.



# Fleetwood Eldorado Convertible Indy 500 Pace Car



**1973 6EL67 Fleetwood Eldorado Convertible  
Indianapolis 500 Pace Car**  
John Kinley • Bladen, Nebraska



**1973 6EL67 Fleetwood Eldorado  
Convertible Indianapolis 500 Pace Car**  
Tim Gibson • Fort Collins, Colorado



**1973 6EL67 Fleetwood Eldorado Convertible  
Indianapolis 500 Pace Car**  
Tim Pawl • West Bloomfield, Michigan



**1973 6EL67 Fleetwood Eldorado Convertible  
Indianapolis 500 Pace Car**  
Craig Witsoe • Knoxville, Tennessee



**1973 6EL67 Fleetwood Eldorado Convertible  
Indianapolis 500 Pace Car**  
Michael Kay • Palm Desert, California



**1973 6EL67 Fleetwood Eldorado Convertible  
Indianapolis 500 Pace Car**  
Hank Hallowell •  
Hershey, Pennsylvania

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*Caddies from fifty years ago!*



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**▲ 1973 6CC47  
Calais Coupe**



**▲ 1973 6CC49  
Calais Sedan**

**Sedan  
de Ville**




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▲ **1973 6CD49 Sedan de Ville**  
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# Our Global Cadillac Family from NZ and around the world!

**SOUTHLAND - Mosgiel, Otago** - I was delighted to hear from Wayne and Colleen who live in the beautiful, deep south and who have been members of our NZ club since 2009. They sent me photos of their lovely 1983 Cadillac Eldorado (Colour: Yellow but is more a butter cream) they brought into NZ some 15 years ago, ex-Canada new and has been in their family since 1985. With a HT 4.1litre digital fuel injection engine, it shows a gentle mileage of just 92000 kms (that's less than 60,000 miles). It also enjoys touring suspension and Wayne tells me it rides like you are sitting on your leather couch in your lounge room! Open the sunroof and you are truly in heaven!! As you can see from the photos, it is pretty much all original and is pure luxury on wheels!

But, Wayne and Colleen Car have made the sad decision to sell their much loved and pampered Eldorado and invite Offers over \$36,000. It is located in Mosgiel, Otago and enquiries can be made to: Wayne & Colleen Bradley 027 2244172 (Wayne) 027 6684179 (Colleen)







Miss Lane writes ~ I am looking forward to the upcoming 50th. The closer we get, the more information is being released! Don't forget, there will be our 50th Annual General Meeting and Secretary Francis has asked me to publish the following:

Could you please ask if there is anything for the Agenda for the AGM meeting, under 'General business' as nothing can be taken from the floor as per constitution.

There are No Executive resignations – so no nominations will be asked for.

Marlborough/Canterbury/West Coast Regional Delegate Stephen Brown resigned a while back and Jonathan Doak has agreed to take over, and he will also be at the 50th.

APOLOGIES (hopefully not too many!) should be sent to Secretary Francis otherwise we look forward to seeing lots of Members (and a few guests) at the AGM.

Look at this GM 1950s Motorama. Yes, I have seen the YouTube vid. It will be cool.

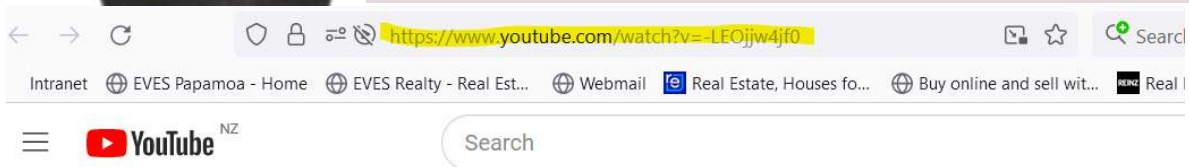


The 2023 Cadillac Fall Festival is now an ALL-GM Club Event celebrating GM's Motorama with all GM brands and designs!

It will be held at North America's largest automotive Museum, The Gilmore Car Museum, in Hickory Corners, MI.

CHECK OUT THE CFF YouTube Video- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vimPqAbjY1A&t=10s>

I was checking out this item on YouTube recently, 'Old car cruising in Sweden where they drive 'Trash cars' - have a look, be astounded at the 'trash and Trophy cars!'.



### American Car Cruising Gone Wild In Sweden



**Woody Piano Shack**  
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Classic car cruising in Sweden is a fascinating mix of beautifully restored vintage American cars and raggare (Swedish "redneck" subculture...) in their trashed automobiles getting drunk on moonshine and partying. And I love it all!



# Where we live

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## What's on the Fridge?



AUG 5th - Palmerston North  
Swap Meet & Car Display  
20th - VCC Daffodil Day N/wide  
SEPT 13-17. Kaikoura Hop  
OCT 20th - 23rd - CLC NZ 50th  
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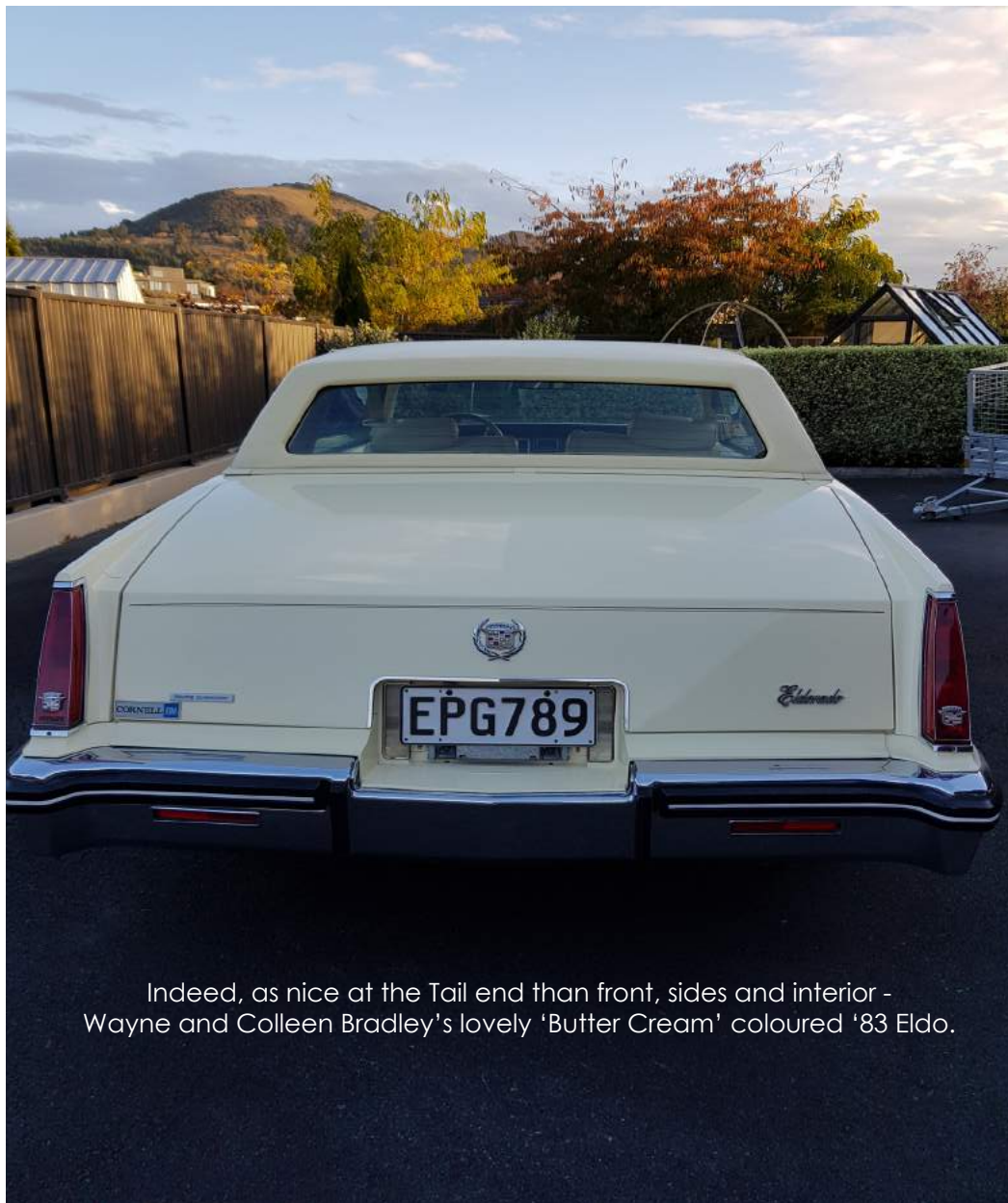
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# Tail Lights

*The Best Tails in Town!*



Indeed, as nice at the Tail end than front, sides and interior -  
Wayne and Colleen Bradley's lovely 'Butter Cream' coloured '83 Eldo.