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There's a convoy comin'



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It's a convoy — and they're coming down Dannevirke's High St tomorrow.

More than 40 vintage vehicles will be trucking on through Dannevirke tomorrow and not diverting down side streets.

The old trucks from the South Island will converge on the Farmers Transport depot south of town.

"You'll see trucks you've never seen before.

"It really will be a sight," truck enthusiast Bill Hammond said.

The trucks, many of them dating from 1925 to the 1950s, have been taking part in the Northern Classic commercials North Island Long Lap which officially began on Monday, October 11 in Wellington.

Over the two-week run, the vehicles have travelled 2500kms, from one sightseeing spot to another.

"They've done a whole circuit of the North Island and are heading back to Wellington where they're due on Sunday," Mr Hammond said.

"It's a good job there's no heavy traffic diversion in place in Dannevirke at the moment, or the public would have missed out on a fantastic sight."

At each of the various stages



TRUCKIN' ON: Brian Bond, left, and Bernie Williams of Dannevirke are looking forward to the arrival of a convoy of 40 vintage trucks in town tomorrow afternoon.

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throughout their North Island tour, the automotive aficionados have visited museums, the Waitomo Caves, toured the Waihi mines and spent their time

looking at — of course — trucks. As the convoy heads into Dannevirke tomorrow, Mr Hammond will be at the wheel of either his Dodge or AEC.

"People shouldn't miss this rare chance to see some wonderful vehicles," he said.

■ The vintage trucks are expected in

Dannevirke tomorrow sometime between 2pm and 3.30pm. They will park at Farmers Transport depot on the southern edge of town. Visitors are welcome.

Heavy truck diversion an ill-conceived plan, drivers say

BY CHRISTINE MCKAY

Kids and trucks don't mix and a planned heavy truck diversion could spell disaster, a local truckie predicts.

A truck driver with a lifetime of

experience says Dannevirke's planned heavy truck diversion isn't safe or workable.

Brian Bond, manager of the Dannevirke branch of Farmers Transport told *Dannevirke News* he

has concerns over the feasibility of the heavy truck diversion which the Tararua District Council has given the go-ahead for on a six-month trial basis.

"Kids and trucks just don't mix,

yet they're planning to divert trucks along Queen, Allen and Guy Streets which are used by hundreds of school kids every day," Mr Bond said. "It's not a good route to send trucks along and I

hate to think what could happen."

Dannevirke High School principal Mike Tribe expressed concern about the risk more traffic

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