



Attendance (by Sunday 6pm) to Steve Jenkins
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18 December 2017
 6pm at Pupuke for bus
Christmas Function
Disease prevention and Treatment Month.



Keith's Korner

6pm sharp on Monday- \$35 members, \$55 guests, \$10 PP bus.

ROMAC report – waiting – waiting – waiting.
 All three youngsters have holes in the heart. Febriani with more complications is having a CT scan on 20 December. The other two will have surgery when there is a space. There is a Timorese shop in K Rd Lim Chour Supermarket within walking distance of the hospital.

Jim Mayo saw Don and Janet Hall in Fielding. He said they had settled in well and Don was a trustee for a large Presbyterian trust. Janet lasted three weeks before she was enticed back in her specialist teaching role.

Christmas puddings -pay and collect from Robyn.

PG Peter reported that Caroline was well and very involved in Palmerston North.

Jinnah introduced -our outgoing IYE student Bonnie Choi who is going to Belgium and presented her with her blazer. Bonnie said she was going to a small town of 10,000 and had met a student who had attended the same school as she will.

Steve thanked those who had worked on the barbecue at Pinehurst.

Making a difference

- Local employment - direct and indirect
- Low wage economy > min wage
- Whangamomona hotel - from 3 to 18 staff
- Real estate boom in Whangamomona
- Donations to 9 schools/play groups along the line - scholarships & cash.
- Sponsorship/Fundraising
- Pest control - native bush sections along line
- Keepers of the history

Ian Balme – Forgotten World Adventures based in Taumaranui. Educated in Morrisville and then a border at Mt Albert Grammar. While at Canterbury University he met his wife and became a Forest Service cadet. After an OE he returned to find there was no Forest Service. Believing in the magic of thinking big they bought a farm for \$1.28 million with no money but successfully subdivided it keeping part for themselves. He was elected to the Waikato Regional Council and while there attended a Leadership New Zealand course. He set up a helicopter system to check environmental compliance that could check 100 farms a day. At the start 68% were non-compliant which reduced to 28% in one year and 12% when he left. In Ohura he set up golf carts on rails. Catering mainly for the local market they offered two day trips and then return trips by the Whanganui river. They realised they needed to expand into the international market and set up a five day tour. Since then they have added rail bikes and now cater for 100 people a day. They have added helicopter and jet boat rides. They are currently looking for a general manager and have a staff of 32. The Whangamomona Hotel has expanded from a staff of three to 20.

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