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Wednesday Early arrivals included the far South folk, who obviously allowed extra time in case they got lost. Rain showers didn't force the cancellation of 5-zies and four couples enjoyed some chat and catch-up.

Thursday More showers and bursts of sunshine raised expectations, and was the start of a steady stream of new arrivals. It's a day of good news and bad news, with cool showers continuing, but the good news is that our hosts Kelly & David Gallaher are going to crank up some of the pool temperatures to 38-39 C - who needs Miranda Springs?

5-zies and Joyce Duncan and Laurie Young are obliged to confess that they are another year older without any prompting from Isabel. The showers are getting less frequent and things are looking up.

Friday Sunshine as promised and not a cloud in sight. Full English breakfast on the barbeque had the taste buds tingling. This was Bill & Judith and they had to fight off the hungry horde and ignore the comments. The day carried on with a steady stream of arrivals, and the swimming pools were well patronised. Roger set up the barbeque and it's ready to go.

5-zies saw our hosts David & Kelly welcoming us to their Resort Camp, explaining their aims, and offering brochures detailing the opportunities to purchase a site at the Resort.

It was nice to see Greet van der Helm and friend Eileen, Ron Taylor, Peter & Jeannie Parr, Clive & Yo Cresswell, Joe & Beryl Ridley, Bob & Gwynne Thomas and of course the Toots.

Laurie Holloway enlightened us occur (as it had with him) with produced the offending part build-up of an unwelcome years or so.

The evening's "mix and match" opportunity for members from other in greater depth - it's



of a possible problem that could electric hot water cylinders and he which showed a considerable material. Worth checking every 3

supper was once again a wonderful diverse areas to get to know each amazing what you learn.

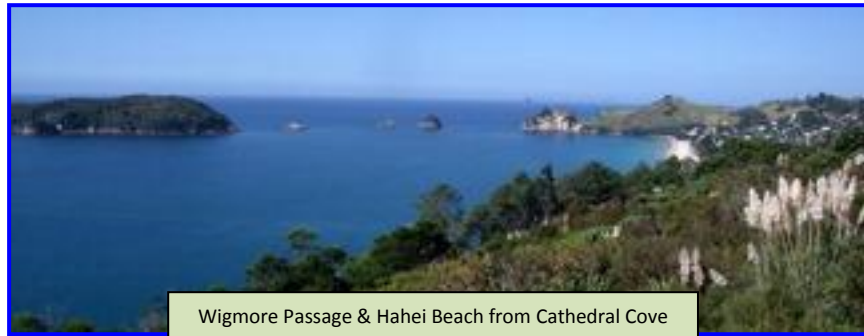
Sign of the times – 15 satellite dishes observed adorning our vans. You'll need to be 'digital ready' to continue watching TV after your area goes digital. When?

September 2012	Hawkes Bay & Westland
April 2013	Rest of South Island
September 2013	Lower North Island
November 2013	Rest of North Island



This not only applies to your vans but also your homes. For more details – www.goingdigital.co.nz

Saturday Sunshine again as promised, shuttle buses at the gate at 9 am, and the day is ours- do we head to Whitianga or Hahei, Cathedral Cove, Hot Water Beach, coffee first or Moko Artspace?; and the day is off to a great start. The timetable which was 'constructed' by the rally organisers was a great success and worked to perfection right from the time it commenced at 9.00am through to 4.20pm. Some hardy souls opted for the beach walk and they should surface later in the day. Our shuttles were brilliant and a party mood prevailed; calls at one of the vineyards may have helped!



Wigmores Passage & Hahei Beach from Cathedral Cove

Roll on 5-zies and a catered dinner across the road in the hall. Our caterers are the K & D Caterers from Paeroa who performed so well at Opoutere, until the threatened tsunami sent them driving off to safety, luckily after meal service.



Birthdays, anniversaries were all noted and acknowledged, with the excellent food and fellowship, making for a very enjoyable evening. Diane's quizzes were frustrating but good fun, and some participants were right up to speed. There are some high IQ's out there. Well done winners.

Sunday Meeting at 10 am. A couple of items of special interest – Pres. Barry congratulated Dave Campbell on the recent Civic Award made to him by Hamilton City Council, recognising Dave's establishing a secondary schools rowing organisation and the many years of support he had given to it.





Jack Wilkinson was thanked for the upgrading of electrical wiring he had done to several members vans when on arrival, the owners had discovered to their chagrin that their electrical leads (whilst still legal) were not compatible with the new type RCD power supply boxes at the camp. And for an “encore”, Jack presented Ron Taylor with the ‘Wooden Spoon’ for no other reason than perseverance. Al fresco lunch on the lawn at 12.00, courtesy of Roger’s barbeque. Thanks Roger.

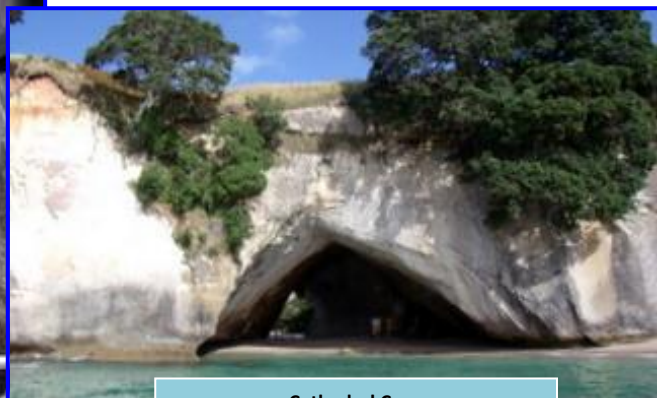
This afternoon several hardy people went off on The Hahei Explorer and Whitianga Glass Bottom boats to explore the fascinating coast. The sea was a little wavy but the boats had a very soft ride and no one seemed



to suffer any discomfort. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to enter caves inaccessible from land, and learn some of the geological and historic details, volcanic eruptions of



the particularly explosive sort, a caldera making up Mercury Bay with the rim, which is clearly visible, extending from the island opposite Hahei. Maori chiefly bones secreted in a cave, distinctive patterns in the cliffs showing the



Cathedral Cove

interesting and quite exciting day. The boat ride was an adventure in itself.

Back to camp at 3.00 for a well deserved cup of tea, followed by 5-zies and delicious fish and chips at 6 was a great finish to a perfect day, and indeed Rally. Thank you organisers, well done.



Jack W cooling his heels in the hot pool while we cooled our inner beings at 5s's



Sunday night's Fish & Chips.

YUM!

STOP PRESS! Broken News!!

Last words from Kelly of Cooks Beach Holiday Resort

... anyone who visits the camp again, just mention Rotary or ICFR and you will receive a 20% discount.

[Many thanks Kelly and David]



FUTURE RALLIES	
10-12 Jun	MIRANDA HOT SPRINGS, Informal
12-14 Aug	TAUPO TOP 10 HOLIDAY PARK
4 - 6 Oct	OMOKOROA THERMAL HOLIDAY PARK Tauranga, Informal
11-13 Nov AGM	ARATAKI HOLIDAY PARK, Havelock Nth
3-10 Feb 2012	PIRONGIA PARK LODGE – Bush rally
10-12 Feb	to be advised if Pirongia confirmed
April	'Rolling' – Far North, 3 venues each 2 days? (maybe?) Waipu Cove, Houhora, Maitai Bay
Nov AGM 2012	Karapiro Rowing Centre