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*Our Taupo reporter Beryl Ridley writes . .*

**Taupo** calls itself a “**Destination**” and this is obvious by the numbers of I.C.F.R. members who braved the cold and travelled to Taupo in the middle of winter to enjoy the warm hospitality – some arriving 5 days early! By Thursday, 25 members had arrived at Top 10 Holiday Resort with the balance in residence by Friday. There were a few last minute cancellations but all the rest were here to enjoy the weekend. It was good to see Vi Parker arrive with her granddaughter who teaches in Taupo and past member Jean Dillon. All but the Youngs arrived in time for Friday night’s pre-dinner get-



together. Just on 80 members gathered in the warm conference room. Tea and coffee was on tap for all who required it [courtesy of Top 10] but it was noticeable that the contents of the bottles were more interesting and the noise made by 80+ people, glad to see each other was fantastic. All members

and visitors were treated to smoked trout and crackers, courtesy of Dave and Nancy Campbell.

On Saturday morning, all gathered in the Conference room by 10.00am to hear Joe Ridley introduce Marty Sutherland as guest speaker, a man with a rich history of experience. He is Taupo District Compliance Officer but spends a lot of his time as part-time driving instructor. He gave us information that would help many of us to think about what we are doing when we sit behind the wheel. Some of his stories made us realise the importance of elderly drivers renewing and updating their driving skills. 75 and 80 year olds must get a Doctor’s certificate prior to renewing their licence as well as every second year once they pass 80. If for any reason we have to re-sit the tests, both oral and driving, the pass mark is 90 out of 100 so it is very important to know the road code from cover to cover as the smallest error is minus 2 points.



- Before you start to drive or pull out from the curb, we must “buckle up”, check mirrors, look over your shoulder to make sure all is clear and then indicate.
- We must always drive up to 5kph of the speed limit and no more than 5kph over the limit.
- We should always check our rear vision mirrors every 5 – 10 seconds in busy areas.

- As you approach an intersection, always look into it before entering and every 5 - 10 seconds do all your scans so that you are always aware of what is going on around you.
- A **STOP** sign means **STOP** for at least 3 seconds.
- On a motorway, keep left and always keep 2 seconds behind the car in front – 4 seconds in wet weather.
- **SIX** main causes of accidents are: **T**raffic, **V**ehicle, **W**eather, **D**river, **L**ight, **R**oad.

These are the main checkpoints from Marty's Driver Training Progress Chart

1	Pre-driving checks	9	Moving off uphill	17	Town driving
2	Cockpit drills	10	Moving off downhill	18	Motorway driving
3	Signals	11	Hazards	19	Reversing
4	Moving off – straight ahead	12	Making an emergency stop	20	Three point turns
5	Stopping	13	Intersection techniques	21	Parallel parking
6	Steering	14	Cornering	22	Night driving
7	Moving off at an angle	15	Negotiating steep gradients	23	Rural driving
8	Basic gear changing	16	Overtaking		

### *Out and about at the Rally . . .*

*Ian Anthony reports . . . . The walk along the Waikato River to the Huka Falls started from the Taupo Top 10 Holiday Resort just after 1.00pm on a fine and sunny afternoon and proved to be most enjoyable. Ian led a group of 12 to the Spa Hotel Complex that was first established in 1869 by the Armed Constabulary. The area has been restored so that one can stroll around and past the old hotel, the various shops, the cabins bearing the names of the former constabulary men, the compound and the carved meeting house of Tamamutu who was at that time, the local chief.*



*From that area, flowed a hot steamy stream to the banks of the Waikato River, where amid small waterfalls and pools is a place where one may swim in the hot water – a really idyllic spot. The walkers then split up with 10 continuing the walk to the Falls and the other 2 returning to the camp. Nearby was a Rotary Sponsored Cycle Track that covered the distance from the Spa Park to the Huka Falls and beyond to the Aratiatia Rapids. We were pleased to see that the local Taupo Moana Rotary Club had taken the*

*initiative to set up and accomplished such a splendid project – the track is well used by hordes of visitors.*



*The 40 minute walk to the Falls beside the smooth flowing, clear blue water saw the group passing some interesting places. First, Reid's Farm – a free of charge campsite and next to the International Canoe Slalom course. The famous Huka Lodge and its extensive buildings can be seen across the river and of course the Huka Falls Rapids that lead into that canyon of a fast flowing cauldron of water. Pamela Morgan was there to meet some of the group who had elected to return to the camp by car. After viewing the area around the Falls the remaining group of 6 retraced their steps to again enjoy the scenery and one another's company. The Huka Falls and the surrounding area is run by a Trust so it all remains free of an entry charge and funds from the surrounding leased farms, timber firms etc, fund the improvements including the bridge. We are very fortunate to have*

such a facility available. Pamela and Trevor Morgan as well as Ray Perry do voluntary work in the small shop and help keep an eye on the parked cars to prevent vehicle vandalism.

Waikato - smooth flowing

Huka - 3 meanings – foam; white like snow; sugar

Taupo - Taupo nui a Tia – the cloak of Tia - as one looks down the lake there is an area that looks like a dark cliff

Atiamuri - to turn back – the place where Tia turned back.

Tauhara - the mountain that stands solitary and alone – he fled from the Battle of the Mountains – Egmont [Taranaki] fled to the west and left behind the Wanganui River.

**At 2.00pm** another group left by bus to view the Wairakei geothermal steam generation plants. [by Gil Cooper]

With tour guide Trevor Morgan, we travelled via the new Taupo by-pass which gave an excellent overview of the main power stations alongside the Waikato River. Associated with them is the Binary process which converts heat from the geothermal fluid into electricity by transferring the heat to pentane, an organic compound that boils at a low temperature. The transfer of heat converts the pentane from liquid to vapour. The pressurised vapours drive turbines that are connected to a generator to produce electricity. The pentane is in a closed loop system, so after the vapour has driven the turbine it is condensed back to liquid in an air cooled condenser and piped back to the geothermal fluid heat exchanger to repeat the process. The binary plants are air cooled so no cooling water is needed. At the end of the process, the cold geothermal



fluid is pumped back down into the ground to replace the extracted steam. It is interesting to note that this area has gradually sunk by several metres. [E.& O.E. Ed]

We then went into Wairakei Valley and followed the steam pipe-lines up to a vantage point which over looked some of the well heads where Trevor provided us with an interesting lesson (in layman's terms) which gave us a greater understanding of what is involved in the entire process of geothermal steam recovery and generation.



*As we were slightly ahead of time, there was an opportunity for a quick visit to the Huka Honey Hive on our return journey to camp. [Thanks Trevor for a very interesting outing. Ed.]*



**Saturday night** saw all our members conveyed by 'Trevor's Taxis', running or walking across the road to the Taupo Golf Club Restaurant for a delicious meal. The theme was World Cup Rugby, the tables bore names and flags of the participating nations so we found our pre-allocated tables.



The After Dinner Speaker was Maurice Gianotti, who entertained us with a most enlightening and hilarious talk on part of his career as The Deputy Head Officer of Parliamentary Services. He spoke on aspects and responsibilities of the internal running of Parliament and some of its many characters.

The promised snow storm creeping up the island hadn't reached Taupo by Sunday morning. Again we all gathered in the warm Conference room to enjoy morning tea and the business session. Val Anthony had organised an interesting quiz for the weekend and the winners were Dave & Nancy Campbell and Pete & Norma Roffey.



New members Doug & Estelle Hosking [Ian & Bev Mouat] were inducted and past member Jean Dillon was re-admitted.



The meeting concluded just prior to noon and it was obvious the storm clouds were rolling in, so many packed their vans, lunched and moved off home to avoid road closures from the threatening weather. Others stayed for fish and chips in the evening and enjoyed each others' company for another evening. Those hardy souls were greeted next morning by a "winter wonderland" as snow had settled on the vans and cars overnight.

Have you checked our website that Barry has set up? [www.icfr.rotarysouthpacific.org](http://www.icfr.rotarysouthpacific.org)



Vi expressing thanks for the tributes to Reg.



Creative accounting – serious stuff.

### FUTURE RALLIES

#### 2011

4 - 6 Oct

**OMOKOROA** – Informal

11-13 Nov

**ARATAKI HOL PARK**, Havelock North – A.G.M.

#### 2012

3 – 10 Feb

**PIRONGIA FOREST PARK LODGE** – “Bush camp”

10 – 13 Feb

**RAGLAN KOPIUA HOL PARK**

13 Apl → ?

**NORTHLAND RAMBLE** – 13/15 **Caledonian grounds, Waipu** [*not Waipu Cove!*];  
16/17 **Matauri Bay Hol Park**; 18/19 **Whatuwhiwhi Top 10 Hol Park**.

20 Apl – end of ramble – members make their own decisions from hereon.

June

**MIRANDA HOT SPRINGS Hol Park**

August

**Mt MAUNGANUI BEACHSIDE HOL PARK** [*Pilot Bay side*]

October

**Omokoroa/Athenree** – to be determined

November AGM

**KARAPIRO ROWING CENTRE** – Booking pencilled in

### Anger management!

