

International Caravanning Fellowship of Rotarians (NZ) Inc



1 – 3 November 2012 - Annual Meeting

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After an easy drive to Cambridge Motor camp and arriving about midday, the camp was already teeming with I C F R members, many having arrived during Thursday to attend the Cambridge Rotary Meeting and Dinner.



After finding a vacant site (it was choose your own site) and setting ourselves up, after lunch we go walkabout to meet our neighbours and friends whom we haven't seen for a few months.

5zz,s saw an expanding circle of friends to be welcomed by President Robin Matheson and an explanation by Rally organisers Peter & Jeannie Parr and Bill Wilson of the weekend's activities and how to arrange good weather for a rally!!



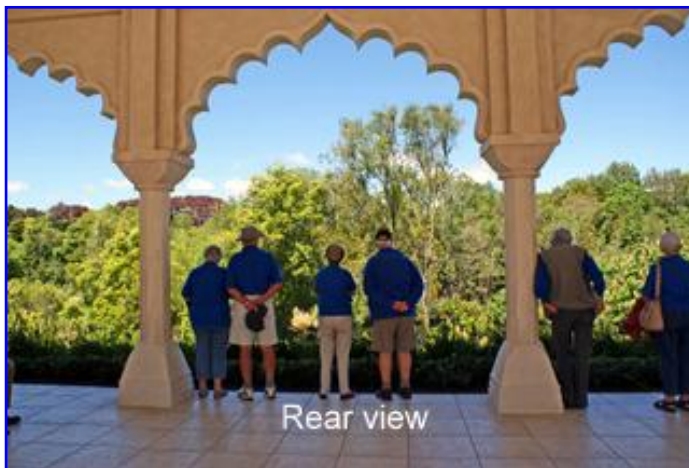
Then followed an interpretation of how to read the printed list of where persons were allocated for supper and also the seating arrangements for the Saturday evening Dinner with coach transport to The Riverside Restaurant where the Annual Meeting is to be held on Sunday morning.

Saturday - a beautiful clear and sunny day. Two coaches arrived at 10am for the trip to Hamilton City gardens, where we were met at the information centre by our garden tour lady Irene, who gave us a guided tour of the Theme Gardens.

The Japanese garden featured rock formations and trees which were wired to grow into different shapes. Other gardens on our walk were The Chinese; English Tudor Cottage Garden; The U S A California Garden featuring dry area plants; The Indian Garden featured a Pavilion overlooking four blocks of multi coloured annuals which were a blaze of colour and are replaced four times a year.



The Native Garden featured a store house in the middle of raised stony rows of Kumara plants. The next garden was a large area of mixed vegetables. We then walked to the Rose Gardens where the roses were at their best and we just enjoyed the blooms.





Lunch was then served to us and we had time to look at the main hall of the Hamilton Rose Show.

We boarded the coach again to visit a Cambridge Rotarian, David Blewden and Ann's Lily Gardens at Kaipaki.

Three varieties of lilies are grown in tunnel houses and we

were shown the process from planting the bulbs to picking and packing for sales.



Most are sold to the local markets. They are picked when the lily is just showing colour in the bulbs and have a two to three weeks' life.

The Bulbs are imported from Holland and only used once. David has invented a machine for planting the bulbs, the only one in the world and the bulbs

are planted year round.

The shade houses are sprayed with a whitewash mix using a helicopter so as to stop excess heat in summer.

After returning by coach to camp and with time to catch our breath it was soon onto the coach again, then off to Riverside for social time and a very nice dinner.



To fill in time while waiting for desserts, Bill Wilson ran a quiz session. First prize was a holiday at Ruatoria!! I don't recall who was the lucky winner?

L: Saturday evening meal [why are we waiting?]

On Sunday morning most folk took the coach to the normal meeting chaired by President Robin, which was followed by the Annual Meeting.

New members, having previously attended 2 rallies were inducted and welcomed into the Fellowship

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L to R: Brian & Annette Costar, Malcolm Bell, Barbara & Robert Collins.

A special highlight was the awarding of Life Membership to Peter & Jeannie Parr, Roger & Isabel Clotworthy and Gil & Pat Cooper.

Certificates were presented to the Awardees who were at the rally. *[Peter Parr has since personally thanked Pres. Robin who would like it recorded. – Done. ED.]*



FUTURE RALLIES

2013

22 Feb – 1 Mar Wentworth Valley [Bush Rally] DOC site
 1 – 3 Mar Beachhaven, Holiday at Waihi Beach
 5 – 7 Apr Whakatane Holiday Park
 Jun Miranda Hot Springs [??]
 2 – 4 Aug Whangateau Holiday Park
 Sep Omokoroa Thermal Holiday Park – to confirm
 Nov Opunake Beach Holiday Park – to confirm

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21 – 28 Feb Pohangina Valley [Bush Rally]
 28 Feb – 2 Mar Himatangi Beach Holiday Park