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Bev Brennan writes



Opunake is a lovely site and very suitable to our needs. We had use of the Surf Club buildings alongside the camp and good use was made of these facilities. Many members set off for the rally early and there were meetings organised and serendipities on the way. Stories of Forgotten Highways, whitebait fritters, waterfalls and POPs were many and varied.

Bill [Shannon] and **Judith [Gallocher]** are to be congratulated on their expert running of a most enjoyable rally. Health and Safety is always important and we were warned of the dire possibilities of a Tsunami, the Mountain erupting or an oil spill, but the sea remained calm, the mountain serene and the oil flowed where it is supposed to flow. Bill's offer to lead the flocks to safety was appreciated but unnecessary.



The first Official Rally activity was Happy Hour at the Surf Club. A noisy & happy hubbub as members caught up with the news. Visitors Andy and Mandy Bax, Ian Brearley, Bruce and Margaret Niven, Joy Baker and Judith Hancock were welcomed. We all sang Happy Birthday to Nancy Campbell celebrating her 89th. After dinner it was time for supper inter-vanning. I think this is one of the best parts of ICFR when we meet in small groups randomly chosen and really get to know each other. With 150 plus members it is hard to get to know everyone but this mixes us up, old friends and new.



Saturday morning we were out for the buses at 9am for our visit to Tawhiti museum. About an hour's drive in the beautiful Taranaki countryside brought us to this amazing museum.



Widely acclaimed as one of the most innovative museums in the country Tawhiti is the brainchild of Nigel Ogle.



He uses dioramas and life sized models to capture the past. Local people have been used to cast the faces of his models. The latest attraction is the Traders and Whalers exhibit.



We were put into a small boat and transported back to the 1820s as we floated along. We were very lucky to be able to participate in this attraction. It had been recently closed as the Council wanted them to update some Health and Safety issues.

Our tractor loving members were able to indulge their passion in the Farm Power hall. Lunch was efficiently and deliciously dispensed in Mr Badger's Cafe.

On our way back to the camp we stopped outside Fonterra and the Bus driver gave each bus a run down on the factory. Then back to the camp for rest and recreation before the big Saturday night dinner. This was held in the Surf Club. The tables looked magnificent. Lovely white table clothes and a quantity of leis gave their lives to provide multi-coloured flowers down the centre of each table.

Andersons of Hawera provided an excellent meal with plenty of well-cooked delicious food. Entertainment was provided by members. George Brennan told of the partial circumnavigation of Australia recently shared by a group of members and Morris McFall described an around the world cruise from which he and Hilary had recently returned.



At the AGM

The ICFR AGM kept us busy for the morning on Sunday and will be fully reported in the minutes. Andy and Mandy Bax were inducted as members of ICFR.



Pres. Robin, Andy & Mandy Max, and sponsor Laurie Young



"Golden Oscar" Awardees, Joyce & Andy Duncan



Changing of the guard – Past Pres. Robin >>>> Pres. [plated] Peter

	The Sunday “Left-overs”	
<p>Sunday afternoon saw a few depart but 75 members decided the promised “pea pie and pud” evening was too big a draw card to head home. Andersons’ pies were heated and served with gravy, peas and potatoes by a fabulous kitchen team led by Robin Bly, resplendent in his Chef’s hat. The pies were voted A+ and it was a lovely way to end a superb rally.</p>		
	 <p>Above: “Whinging Fee!” Below: Twelve peas per person?</p>	 <p>Above: Chef Robin & ‘Sous’ Judith Below: Suddenly, it’s quiet.</p>



Area Representatives		Future rallies
<p>Northland: Gaynor Young</p> <p>Auckland: Marjory Spain</p> <p>Waikato/Taupo: Rae Challis</p>	<p>Bay of Plenty: Kay Benton</p> <p>Hawke’s Bay: Peter Tucker</p> <p>Manawhenua: Judith Gallocher</p>	<p>2014 7-14 Feb Pohangina Valley Bush Camp 14-16 Feb Himitungi 4 – 6 Apr Shelley Beach Top 10, then Coromandel >> Rollin’, rollin’ . . . Aug Rotorua [? TBC] Nov Karapiro [? TBC]</p>