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***WE'VE BEEN EVERYWHERE MAN, WE'VE BEEN EVERYWHERE . . . SHELLEY BEACH, KUAOTUNA BEACH, MERCURY BAY BEACH, WHENUAKITE SEABREEZE . . . . ROLLIN', ROLLIN'.***

*Bev Brennan writes . . .*

Jan, John and Vi are to be congratulated on organising an excellent rally followed by a rolling rally with a good opportunity to see and explore the Coromandel.

As we drove through pouring rain on Thursday afternoon with the windscreen wipers on double speed we wondered if we would spend time huddled in vans, but by the time we reached Shelly Beach the sun was out and remained so each day, with the only subsequent rain falling at night. Shelly Beach camp is a delight. It is right on the water's edge with lovely trees.



The trees do obstruct TV reception so there was a bit of site changing but it was such a busy weekend it really was hard to find time to watch. Friday saw Gary and Colin up very early so they could catch snapper and smoke them for our 5's's. A very delicious extra we all enjoyed. Our



thanks to the fishermen.



President Peter welcomed lots of new friends to our group. Joy Baker, Rob and Catherine Cameron, Ann and Kevin Longman, David and Raeanne Smith, Derek and Lynne Vincent and Margaret and Colin Wrack.

Charles Spain made an impassioned plea regarding the wardrobe. It must have worked as he made lots of sales.

Two school buses awaited us Saturday morning but as one had a puncture the first bus made 2 trips to Driving Creek Railway. We enjoyed a lovely ride on the train through the bush to "Eyefull" Tower. The views were spectacular.



After a look around the station and gallery it was back onto the 2 buses for a ride to Coromandel Town. A chance for retail therapy and lunch before our return to camp. Our evening meal was at Peppertree Restaurant and was an excellent meal.

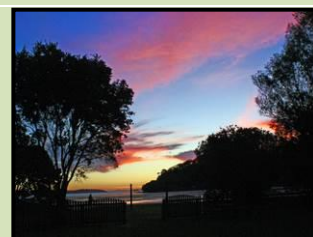
We all enjoyed an extra hour in bed due to the ending of Daylight Saving. Our meeting on Sunday was held outside beside the sea. The sun was shining and the sea sparkling.



President Peter was almost inspired to sing "Oh what a beautiful morning!!" Margaret and Colin Wrack were inducted as members. The meeting will be reported in full by Secretary Andy.



Sunday evening meal was a BBQ prepared and served by Nola, Vi and Diane with a little help from some BBQ experts. After meat patties, sausages, potatoes, coleslaw and beetroot we had cheesecake and peaches. At \$6 a head this was not only delicious but also economical. Thanks "cooky girls".



The rally was over but for lots of us there was plenty more to come on the rolling rally. Our first stop was Kuaotunu for 2 nights. Most people took a scenic route and enjoyed the sunshine and views. Monday night we went to Luke's Kitchen for a meal. This is a beach shack restaurant with atmosphere and an amazing selection of pizza and other delights.



They were extremely well organised and within 20 minutes we were all served. The time at Kuaotunu seemed to disappear fast with people fishing, walking and enjoying ICFR fellowship.



Whitianga was the next stop. Mercury Bay Holiday Park is in walking distance of town and has good walking and biking trails. Some went for a soak in the Lost Springs. Again our time seemed to disappear and it was time for our last night at Whenuakite Seabreeze Holiday Park, an easy exploring distance for many interesting places. Some visited wineries others Hot Water Beach or Cathedral Cove.



The last evening meal was at the on-site brewery and restaurant. Saturday morning was time to say goodbye and head off till next time. What a great time we all had. The rolling rally was excellent. Our numbers diminished a bit as people needed to return home for various reasons but the fellowship continued. Although each stop was not too far from the previous, each camp was quite different with a new set of fascinating places to visit. Each time we moved on we ended up with a new set of neighbours, a fun mix and mingle.

#### FUTURE RALLIES



*Thanks Jan, John and Vi for all your hard work and making our time in the Coromandel such fun.*

#### 2014

Jun 9-11 Miranda [Informal]  
 Aug 8-11 Rotorua Top 10 Hol Pk  
 Sep 23-27 Omokoroa [Informal]  
 Oct 31-2 Nov  
 Orewa Beach Top 10

#### 2015

Feb 13-20 Matai Bay DOC Camp  
 Feb 20-22 Houhura to be conf'd