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The organisers –

Diane & Laurie Holloway with Charles & Marjorie Spain ran an excellent rally full of interesting things to do and time to mix and mingle. Marjorie was in charge of the weather and certainly deserves a gold star!



Despite a less than encouraging forecast it was not until Monday that the weather adversely affected any of our activities. Hopefully those who missed out on the Gold Card jaunt to Waiheke on Monday will be able to reschedule on a sunny day.

Happy hours on Friday and Sunday were held at Party Central – 3 gazebos centrally placed. This allowed for several smaller circles rather than one large one and there was lots of happy chatter.

The draw for supper in vans and tables seating for Saturday was given to us with the well thought out information sheets issued on arrival. As usual the mixing and mingling on Friday evening saw members old and new socializing and getting to know each other better. This is one of the really good things about ICFR.

The Taste of Auckland Day Trip was superb. First stop was Kelly Tarltons . One bus group began at the entrance and



walked through the penguins and fish tunnels to end with a very informative talk and slide show by the education officer while enjoying coffee or tea and biscuits.



The other bus began at the exit and did the trip the opposite way.



Next stop was at the fish market for an excellent fish and chip lunch. One bus had a tiki tour round Parnell to stagger the arrival and departure. The new art gallery was the



final stop and we were treated to a fascinating talk about the

meaning of the architecture and the joining of the old and new buildings. After such an interesting taste of what Auckland has to offer many will be planning a return visit. *[Right: Our tour guide and Morris McFall at the Art Gallery.]*

At 5:30 we departed the camp in our buses and were comfortably



delivered to Silverdale RSA for our evening meal and entertainment. The food was a buffet and was delicious, well presented and served.



Our speaker for the evening was Tara Remington. Tara is an ocean rower and had lots to tell us about rowing across the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans. Tara's trips with one companion or three were adventurous and sometimes scary. She told us about seasickness, weather good and bad, types of food and visits from sharks.



Tara uses her experiences to support the Charlotte Lucy Trust. This trust has been set up to help Charlotte who contracted Meningococcal disease as

a very young girl and lost her limbs as a result. We were all inspired by Tara's dedication to both her rowing and to Charlotte. We were told that the sergeant's session on Sunday would go to the trust and the orchids decorating the tables were also sold to swell the coffers.



Sunday morning saw a short walk across the road to the Bowling Club. The meeting was followed by the AGM. The recent deaths of Nancy Campbell, Ray Perry and Lloyd Saunders were remembered with sadness. The minutes of these meetings will give full and detailed coverage.



Rebecca and Peter Signal were inducted as members of ICFR. We now have 142 members.

The sergeant's session was exceptional. Irene and Jean managed on their final outing as sergeants to collect the largest amount ever in a very enjoyable way with lots of fun and laughter. With the sergeant's session, table decoration sale and our speaker, Tara, donating her fee, we were able to donate \$1000 to the Charlotte Lucy Trust.



Life Membership Award

To the delight of all present, President Peter awarded Life Membership to outgoing Secretary Andy Duncan and to Joyce Duncan. Andy has been secretary for 10 years and with Joyce's help has kept us all well informed and up to date on all aspects of ICFR.

Congratulations and thanks Andy and Joyce.



[Left] Big Stirrer Award

Ian Burson had considered several possible worthy recipients and finally decided on Joy Baker for 'stirring the members up' during the previous rally with stories of her youthful exploits on Lake Rotoiti.

[Right] Golden Oscar Award *[presented to the club by Peter Blackman]* Pres. Peter awarded the Golden Oscar to Robin & Faye Bly for their magnificent Blog keeping members informed during their extensive travels in Canada and the USA.



Sunday lunch saw an informal gathering at Party Central. After a quiet afternoon Party Central was again busy for 5s's.

This was followed by a delicious meal of Jester Pies and coleslaw, with Jester apple pies and ice cream for dessert. Laurie and Diane had organised the pie man to bring his van filled with our pre ordered pies for a different and delicious Sunday meal.



The "Jester Pies" van and our Sunday evening pie meal.



A serious business this, collecting your pie(s).

As always it was sad to say goodbye, but we will look forward to catching up again in February.

A message from the Treasurer

All those who attended the rally paid their sub for the new year. Others who wish to pay their sub may do so direct to ICFR bank account (No.02 0152 0132029 – 097) quoting "their name" and "Subs". (The subs, being so ridiculously low 'it's not the money but the thought that counts' and that members may wish to be recognised as "paid up").

\$3.00 single members; \$5.00 couples.

The Team for 2014/2015

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Future Rallies

2015

13-20 February Maitai Bay, Karikari Peninsula – Bush Camp (DOC)

20-22 February 90 Mile Beach Holiday Park, Waipapakauri

1-3 May Kennedy Park, Napier

August Auckland Area – to be advised

November Bay of Plenty – *[Thornton Beach, to be confirmed]*