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KAI IWI BEACH RALLY

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Audrey Coleman writes ; -

A very warm welcome from the camp owners Murray & Robyn Abbot as we all arrived was really nice.

Wednesday saw 7 members Judith & Bill, Audrey & Trevor, Jane & Stewart & Robin M on a lovely warm sunny day. We had Happy Hour in the camp lounge. Thursday also a lovely warm sunny day, saw 35 members now in camp, some went for a walk to check out the beach others

were happy to sit in the sun. Happy Hour was in the

camp lounge, where we only just fitted. with a very chat-ty group.



Friday: 10-30am morning tea was on the camp green again in the same good weather.

By mid

afternoon all the campers had arrived to make us a very happy group of 64 members. Happy Hour was in the hall.

Saturday was another lovely day for our River cruise, the Bus arrived 9-45am at the camp to take us all to the Waimarie to experience the river travel. We boarded the Waimarie at 11am it was a full boat. We got the history of the Whanganui River, the river traders and Wanganui Farmers market re-creates days gone by of hustling trading active plus we

did see all the damage done to the river banks and land from the really bad flood they had in June last year. There was very nice food



on board for lunch. We went up the river as far as Upokongaro. The Waimarie is a unique turn of the century paddle steamer and the last coal-fired paddle steamer in NZ. It was a very pleasant river trip. We then had two walking guides to take us in two groups for a walk around the Moutoa Gardens where we were told of the Maori History, it was back on the bus for a tour of the City & a bit of Wanganui Heritage of the city and Buildings. Established in 1840 Wanganui is one of New Zealand's oldest & important settlers towns, we were told about the Opera House, Museum, Bell Tower & Cooks Gardens. They then



Moutua Gardens

took us up Durie Hill, where some fit IFCR members climbed the 176 steps in the tower to get a good view of the city. Most took the elevator which was built in 1919 and is the only Public underground elevator. The pedestrian tunnel leads you out at the bottom. The bus picked everyone up & we said our thanks to our walking guides Norm & Murray. All in all a really lovely day.



War Memorial Tower

Happy Hour was held in the hall then a very nice Dinner, followed by a quiz from our own Quiz Master Bill with some very interesting questions. One team answered 54 out of the 60 questions - well done team.



Drurie Hill Elevator Entrance



Saturday Evening Dinner

Sunday another beautiful day, some went off to the Bason Botanical Gardens others just relaxed in the sun.



Winning Quiz Team: Brian & Fiona Tait, Rob Brangwin, Norma & Pete Roffey, Julie Brangwin with Quiz Master Bill Shannon

Happy Hour at 4-30pm was in the hall with Peas Pies &



Mashed Potatoes for Dinner, with the help of Robin, Faye, Diane & Trevor all was served at 6-15 pm—thank you team.

The Hall was soon cleaned & tidied by very helpful members many thanks to you all.

Thanks Bill & Judith for the

a great weekend you put on - the weather was so good, Saturday was a great day the Dinner & Sunday night Pies were so good.



The Pea, Pie, 'Pud Team: Diane Holloway, Audrey & Trevor Coleman, Robin & Faye Bly

From the Sunday Morning Business Meeting



Treasurer Laurie Young attempts to convince his audience. If you can't convince then Laurie—confuse them .



New members Induction:

Terry Daniell introduced Christine & John Pilcher ; Margaret & Barry Ryan-Bell introduced by Pete Roffey with Vice President Gary Bates.



Stan Roberts receives the wooden spoon from George Brennan. Awarded in recognition of the loss of a boat - some award !

Future Rallies:

June 27 –29: Miranda Holiday Park (Informal Rally)
 Aug 5 -7 : Waitangi Holiday Park
 Sep 20—22: Omokoroa Thermal Park (Informal Rally)
 Oct 29—Nov 2 : Rolling Rally (informal). Start Pio Pio end Pirongia
 Nov 4—6: Papamoa Beach Resort

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Feb 3—10: Tauherenikau Race course ('Bush Camp')
 Feb 10—12 Upper Hutt Holiday Park
 Feb 14—Mar 1: South Island Rolling Rally . Blenheim - East of the Alps to Central Otago (route to be confirmed)
 Apr Gisborne (to be confirmed)



Whanganui