

# ICFR (NZ)

## NEWSLETTER

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## WAITANGI RALLY

### 5—8 AUGUST 2016

Rally organisers: Andrew & Mandy  
Bax, Ian & Bev Mouat

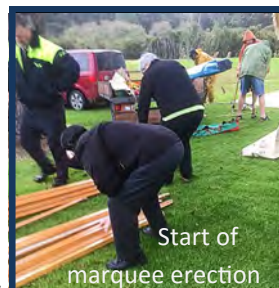


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The camp was held at the Waitangi Holiday Park which is run by the Te Tii (Waitangi) B3 Trust.

The organisers – Mandy and Andy Bax with Bev and Ian Mouat are to be congratulated on an excellent rally. They had some difficulties to overcome but as the saying goes they managed to “Keep calm and carry on” sorting things out in the background while the rest of us enjoyed ourselves. The camp manager Bruce and his crew of Tim and Jo were a great team and went the extra mile whenever help was needed.

August is typically a wet month in the North and this year was no exception. George put his Mother in charge of the weather but she did admit at 104 her powers weren't as good as they once were! Heavy showers passing regularly meant the ground was very damp and several vans needed extra towing assistance! After being let down by the original Marquee hirers the replacement from Cowley Hire was erected in the rain by a very efficient ICFR crew on Thursday morning. Mandy stood



Start of marquee erection



Instructions from under the umbrella



Only the sides to go!

under the sun umbrella reading the instructions and in no time we had a great meeting place. The grass was boggy and wet but Tim was able to source some Tar-paulins from the Trust to make us a carpet. The hired heaters kept us toasty.



Waitangi Holiday Park

5ss on Friday saw the marquee full and buzzing as 73 people caught up with the news. An Australian Rotary couple were the last van to be fitted into a very full camp and they joined us for some activities. Intervening supper on Friday evening was as usual a great opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones.



Chris Barber's Bus

Saturday was a little drier and some went off on a fishing charter. Chris Barber, a Whangarei South Rotarian,

arrived with the 20 seater bus and gave a very enjoyable hop on hop off service for the day, stopping at Paihia, Waitangi and Haruru Falls.



Paihia

The organisers had a few challenges with the Saturday evening venue but we all had an excellent meal and the



Saturday Evening Dinner

speaker was inspiring. Sean McDermott is the Principal of the Bay of Islands Academy. The efforts of Sean, his staff and Board of Trustees in turning around a small failing country school was a fascinating story. Most people watched the rugby and were delighted to applaud the Hurricanes win.



Sean McDermott

The Venue's decision to have a band play throughout with no TV commentary was unusual to say the least.

Sunday's meeting was comfortably held in the marquee. There were reports from the



Sunday Morning Meeting

Treasurer, webmaster and area reps.



Dave Campbell

We had a minute's silence for Dave Campbell and Charlie Innes. We were pleased to be able to welcome Rae and



Charlie Innes

her brother to the rally. Irene and Colin Smith were inducted as members. The extremely well supported sergeant's session will be donated to the speaker's school. The wooden spoon was awarded to Brian Green.

Future rallies sound exciting.

The BBQ was carried into the marquee and many members joined together for Sunday lunch and a



Irene & Colin Smith with Pres. Jean Dillon

chat. 5ss saw everyone gathered again and were followed by pies for our tea. A nice coleslaw accompanied the savoury pies and ice cream complimented the sweet ones.



Brian Green & Stan Roberts

Monday morning at 8 the team assembled and de-erected the marquee. By 8.45 it was hard to imagine it had been there! Another excellent ICFR rally. As always there was lots of fun and fellowship.



Sunday Night Pies



On to the ferry and .....



off to Russell for the day.



The waka at Waitangi



Haruru Falls



That way—according to Laurie



President Jean has seen the light,  
Secretary Stewart is not so sure  
while Treasure Laurie just counts  
the money



We left our mark

**FUTURE RALLIES:**

Sept 20-22: Omokoroa Thermal Park (Book with camp Ph. 07 548 0857) .Jean Dillon

Oct 29-Nov 2 : Rolling Rally. Start at Pio Pio end Pirongia (Email Neville Bell n\_rbell@xtra.co.nz)

Nov 4-6: Papamoa Beach Resort (Book site with camp—see registration form) AGM Rally. Robin & Faye Bly

2017 Feb 3-10: Tauherenikau Race Course, Wairarapa (Bush Type Rally). Kevin & Ann Longman, Robert &

Barbara Collins

2017 Feb 10-12: Upper Hutt Holiday Park. Barry & Kay Benton

2017 Feb 14-Mar 1: South Is. Rolling Rally. Start Blenheim end Arrowtown, George & Bev Brennan, Raymond & Shirley Scott, Trevor & Audrey Coleman

2017 May 5-7: Gisborne area . To be confirmed