

ICFR Papamoa Rally November 2016

Many thanks to Faye and Robin Bly, Joan and Murray Bailey and Sharon and Trevor Thorne for their superb organisation of the Papamoa Beach Resort Rally. We all know that it takes time and effort to make a rally run smoothly and we appreciate their hard work.

91 attended with a few making use of the excellent on site accommodation. Anne and Dennis Jones from England proved the website to be an asset. The Resort owners went out of their way to be helpful and we all admired the campsite and facilities.



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By 4 30 on Friday afternoon anyone arriving at the camp would just have needed to follow the noise to find us all enjoying drinks in the kitchen BBQ area. Old friends and new it was a time to catch up on the news and enjoy being together again.

On arrival we were all issued with programmes and this included who we were getting together with for 'intervanning' in the evening. This mixing and matching on Friday evenings is always fun and such a good way to get to know all members. Saturday saw 2 buses A and B leave the camp for a mystery trip. A visit to Comvita and a tour of the new subdivisions of Papamoa were our



Comvita

destinations. Each bus taking a different starting visit. Comvita is a bee business. Honey and healthy derivatives were on sale. The company has set up a fascinating display. An informative guide took us through the audio and visual display with hands on exhibits and tasting. Papamoa has grown extremely fast. For someone who last lived in the area in the 60s it was quite amazing. Even locals found that it had changed recently. Our tour guides kept us informed as we drove around.

Lunch at the McLaren Falls was planned but even the best of plans can be sidelined by the weather and so after a quick look at the lovely site which will be well worth a fine weather return our buses took us to Maurice and Hillary McFall's museum. The sun perversely decided to shine and we were able to sit in the sunshine to enjoy our excellent lunch.



McFalls

The tractors and cars were an added attraction and many needed to be called to the buses when it was time to leave.

Dinner was held in the Camp Conference facility. Before eating we mingled and shared BYO drinks. The seating arrangements mixed and matched us all again. The meal was delicious. We then settled

back to enjoy the entertainment. The Tauranga Musical Theatre Development Squad were delightful. As parents and grandparents we all appreciated the hard work and dedication these young singers and their tutors had put in to entertain us. They thoroughly deserved the standing ovation they were given at the end.



Musical Entertainment



Meeting

The meeting and AGM were held Sunday morning in the Conference rooms.

Ron Taylor's 95th birthday was celebrated with an excellent cake. Visitors Anne and Dennis Jones, Diane and Mal McLaren were welcomed while Barara and Graham Rundle, Trish and Ron Millar and Bryce McFall became ICFR members visitors no more!

We remembered Gwynne Thomas and Ian Burson who had passed away.

Barry Benton reported on the website. The Rotary website has closed but we will now become a part of the www.rotaryoceania.zone We will be found under the social fellowship and networking banner.



New Members



Bev and Isabel

For the past 27 years Isabel Clotworthy has been in charge of the little red book. How many, many birthdays and anniversaries have been remembered in this time. However it is now time for Bev Mouat to take on this job.

Robin thanked his hardworking team and suggested if we had enjoyed our venue to go on to Trip Advisor and record this.

The Sergeant's session will go to Switched On a rehabilitation centre and gym for those with disabilities.

A Trust set up by the McFalls to help people with disabilities. People with strokes, MS, wheelchairs and sticks. Harcourts is putting on a charity auction to help raise funds. For people not covered by ACC there is very little other assistance available. The Sergeants session collection of \$325 was boosted to \$500 from club funds.

The wooden spoon did not make the trip to Papamoa so Brian Green will continue to hold this coveted award till next ICFR meeting.

Terry, the wardrobe master has negotiated for new apparel. There are fleecy jackets with full length zips for \$53 and a new light weight T Shirts for \$25.

Robin Matheson told us about the origin of the hand up signal. When she was organising an ICFR Whananaki Rally no one could hear her so she resorted to the Guide and Scout idea of "Hand up - zip up – listen up." She had seen it work with 3000 Guides in America and it works with ICFR just as well!!

Barry Benton reported that the Tauranga Airshow will be held on January 21. Motor Homes and Caravans can stay for \$20 one night or \$30 for two. You would still need to buy an entry ticket. Contact Barry for further information.

Mal McLaren told us about his Rotary club – an e club for Flying Rotarians. Based in Scotland they meet on the web. There are about 60 or 70 e clubs and it will be a growing trend.

It is difficult for rally organisers to find suitable venues with sufficient power sites for all. When looking for sites, especially in the summer, some with limited power sites could be considered.

John Pilcher thanked the organisers for a job well done.

The AGM followed the ordinary meeting. We have 157 members. The subs have been set at \$5 per member. A slight rise but still very affordable. The following were elected to office

President	Gary Bates	Northland	George Brennan
Vice President	Kevin Longman	Auckland	Robin Matheson
Secretary	Mandy Bax	Waikato	Raewyn Bell
Treasurer	Laurie Young	Hawkes Bay	Andy Duncan
Sergeant	Robin Bly	Lower North	Judith Gallocher
Assistant Sergeant	Derek Vincent	Newsletter Editor	Bev Brennan
		Red Book	Bev Mouat



Bryce and Hillary McFall



From Jean to Gary

Our thanks go to outgoing President Jean Dillon and Secretary Stuart Wright.

A good group joined together for lunch in the kitchen area. Some used the BBQ available.

At 4 30 it was time for drinks followed by Captain Robin's Pea Pie and Pud an excellent way to end a very enjoyable rally.



Secretary Mandy

Future Rallies

February 2017 3/10 (Bush Type Rally) Tauherenikau Race Course. Kevin & Ann Longman and Robert & Barbara Collins.

February 2017 10/11/12 Upper Hutt Holiday Park, (also known as Wellington or Kiwi Holiday Park) Barry & Kay Benton.

Rolling Rally to the Sth Island, East of the Alps, 2 nights per stop. George & Bev Brennan & Shirley & Raymond Scott, Audrey & Trevor Coleman.

May 5/6/7th 2017 Gisborne. Rob & Julie Brangwin, Brin Harward & Mandy Kimber.

August 4/5/6th 2017 Kevin & Gail Upton, Dereck & Lynne Vincent.

November 2017 Auckland to arrange. Suggested Muriwai/ La Valla, Tuakau

February 2018 Coromandel DOC camp BOP to arrange.

A very Merry Christmas

Bev & George Brennan