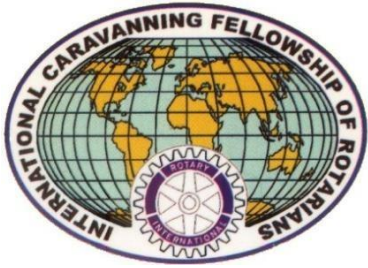


# Bowentown Beach Rally 4-7 August 2017

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Bowentown Camp



Our very hardworking Bowentown Beach Rally Organisers- Kevin and Gail Upton and Derek and Lynne Vincent provided us with an interesting and exciting programme for the rally. It was a

The Organisers



good mix of new and innovative ideas with traditional ICFR activities, and made for an enjoyable weekend. Despite the dreadful weather forecast the rain restricted itself to the dark time with little problems for our daytime activities

Excess Decibels



Bowentown Beach Holiday Park is in a great location with easy access to the beach and harbour. The manager Nicky Pitman was welcoming and the facilities were excellent. Whether paying \$90 for 3 nights or \$88 for 4 nights we all agreed it was value for money and would be a good place to return to.

The organisers efforts in writing and extending the Health and Safety & Risk Management Plan will I am sure be used as a template for many future Rallies. It was as well noise levels were not part of the plan as these probably exceeded the legal decibels as after 5s's on Friday, we all stayed in the camp kitchen to enjoy a pot luck finger food meal. The variety of food was amazing and other people's cooking always seems that little bit more interesting and exotic.

An interesting tour was arranged for Saturday. The bus left camp at 9:30 and the group was divided into 2 at the I-Site Centre





in Waihi. One group beginning with the Gold Discovery at the I-Site Centre while the other group began with the Gold Mine Tour. After lunch at various cafes in Waihi the groups swapped over.



Dinner at the Boating club was a great success. The meal was excellent. The organisers had done a good job of mixing everyone up at the tables and once more the chat reached high decibel levels. After dinner we were entertained by Helen



and her Daytripper band. Members of the local Country and Western Club, they sang songs we all knew and encouraged much singing, dancing and laughter.

The meeting on Sunday morning will be fully covered in the minutes from



Secretary Mandy.

We welcomed visitor Ken Bloor and 63 members. After the reports from the area representatives, it



was remarked that absent ICFR members are keeping the Travel Agents and Medical Staff busy. The Bowentown Camp Management had kindly donated a 2 night stay at the camp as a lucky draw and this was won by Robert and Barbara Collins. Derek Vincent was awarded the wooden spoon.

Sunday night saw 57 members back at the camp kitchen for burgers.

The hard working organisers were once more very busy cooking up a storm making the exceedingly delicious burgers . By popular request there were even caramelized onions available!

Every ICFR Rally is different thanks to the hard work and new ideas of each group of organisers. Thanks Kevin, Gail, Derek and Lynne for a delightful time at Bowentown.



Wooden Spoon