Hawkes Bay Rolling Rally 1st to 5th May 2017



lunch stop. Some people followed their GPS & some followed Kevin Longman's directions for the first night stopover at Pongaroa Hotel for 5ee's & dinner. Those who followed Kevin's LEFT HAND turn arrived travelling 80ks further than the rest including many kg's of mud and dust, however they all enjoyed a very good and very large dinner in front of a lovely fire at the Hotel. There was much washing of Motorhomes and towing vehicles, before leaving the next day.





2nd May Pongaroa to Dannevirke: Leaving Pongaroa traveling to Mangatainoka and the Tui Brewery for lunch. The drive was both beautiful and very steep. Most arrived at Dannevirke early afternoon. Bates & Upton's caught up with the Rally in time for 5ee's, Upton's after having over heating issues in the bus. 5ees was early to catch the last of the afternoon sun. Once it had disappeared, it was very cold. Dinner in our own vans was the order of the day.

The longest place name in the world

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Huge meals – too big for most



3rd May Dannevirke to Waipatiki: Some visited family or friends and some just took the opportunity to have a look around & a coffee before traveling up Highway 50 to the Hastings Golf Club for lunch. Quite a few arrived at the wrong Golf Club and had to be redirected just a few kilometres down the road to the correct Golf Club for lunch. Anne and Kevin's best efforts were undone as the caterers were not prepared for the influx, but all who arrived were well fed. We then travelled on to the lovely East Coast and Waipatiki Beach Camp. Travelling into this camp was very

steep both up and down towards the ocean. A few took advantage to go for a walk to the beach & back around to the camp. The new camp owner has had 2 floods in the five weeks he has owned the camp, washing away the bridge which would have made access to the beach a lot easier, however the walk did us good. 5ees was in the camp kitchen where we all squeezed in and as the wines kicked in the volume went up.





4th May Waipatiki to Morere Hot Spring Motor Camp.

Leaving the Waipatiki Beach Camp we had a very long and steep climb back to the main road and on over the Mohaka Viaduct to Wairoa where most of us stopped for lunch, some hitting Osler's Pie Shop and others around some of Wairoa's other Cafes. Jean Dillon and several others went bike riding before carrying on to Morere Hot Springs Motor Camp. Arriving at Morere, a

few of us were told that we were not able to park as we were too big to get into the Camp so we travelled on to Gisborne. As it turned out the bigger vans could have fitted in, but with little parking on the side of the road a quick decision had to be made to travel on to Gisborne. A number of people took advantage of the lovely Hot Spring Pools, and all enjoyed a lovely buffet dinner, which was organised by Kevin & Anne Longman.

5th May Morere to Gisborne. All who stayed at Morere travelled on to Gisborne to reunite with those who travelled on the day before for the start of the ICFR Gisborne Rally at Waikanae Beach Motor Camp starting Friday night.

This was a great Rally, challenging roads, lovely scenery and wonderful company. Many thanks to Anne & Kevin Longman for all the hours and kilometres travelled to organise a great and enjoyable Rolling Rally

