

Thornton Beach Rally February 2019

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Thornton Beach Camp



The rally organisers –Raeanne and David Smith, Julie and Rob Brangwin and Ann and Kevin Longman, put a lot of time and effort into organising a very happy and enjoyable rally. They even arranged beautiful weather!!

Thornton Beach Camp has excellent facilities and members were all able to be accommodated on level sites together. The large covered area was a great community space for our activities.

Friday at 5 saw the rally begin. The noise level was high as members got reacquainted and caught up with each other's news. After dinner some members set off for a visit to the Whakatane Observatory while the rest watched the light hearted movie – Mamma Mia Here We Go Again .

On Saturday morning the

keen fishermen were early risers and spent the morning enjoying a boat ride and dangling a bait in the water. A campwide fish BBQ for lunch remained a dream! However those who went to Red Barn by car, minibus and bike had an enjoyable time – good company, good food and good conversation.

The keen golfers headed for the Ohope Golf Course for 9 holes. They stayed at the Golf Clubrooms and a coach brought the rest of the campers to meet them. The Club Rooms were an excellent dinner venue with sweeping views over the estuary, comfortable seating and a good bar. The food was well presented and tasty. The guest Speakers - Meg and Mike Collins, told us about the birds of the area, some of which are great travellers. They illustrated their talk with bird pictures by talented photographers.

Red Barn



All Aboard



Ohope Golf Club



The Bar





Dinner



**Meg & Mike
Collins**



Yummy Food

Sunday saw 66 of our total 133 members at the business meeting. Sandy and Mike Konig were inducted as members. They introduced a new acronym POPRO- Park Over Property Rotarians Only for members visiting Hawkes Bay. It was nice to welcome Isabel for the day. A full report of the meeting will be covered by the minutes.

Ces was presented with the stirrer award for worrying the President! Our Sergeants began their session with a bird dance to celebrate our interesting speakers from Saturday evening.



Sandy & Mike



**Isabel & Roger
60th Wedding Anniversary**



Meeting



Pea Pie Pud

After 5ss Gourmet pies were served along with potato and peas. Bingo and some videos completed the evening.

Many thanks to the organisers for a job well done.