

# Top of the South Rolling Rally 20<sup>th</sup> February to 7<sup>th</sup> March

New Zealand



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Coleman's Vineyard

Carey and Stephen Coleman very kindly allowed us to use their vineyard as our gathering spot. Situated in Bell's Road near Blenheim the location is perfect and our hosts were superb. The 12 vans gathered and soon caught up with each other and the news. The surrounding area was great for sightseeing and bike riding. On Wednesday evening we went to Highfield



Wine Tasting

Winery for tasting and a magnificent dinner. An excellent start to a fun filled rally.

Havelock was our next stop. Most enjoyed a mussel dinner at the Mussel Pot. The next day some went exploring by land while others took the opportunity to do the mailboat cruise. The sounds are spectacular from land or sea.



Mussel Pot

Cable Bay was a lovely little camp. When we arrived the sun shone, sea sparkled and the Spirit of Adventure passed by out to sea. The next morning we had some rain but this soon cleared. A rooster and his 2 wives joined us for 5ss. The small café stayed open for us to have a delicious fish and chip evening meal.



Cable Bay Fish and Chips





Richmond A&P Grounds

Richmond A & P Grounds was our next stop. Next to the camping area was the home for the fire affected animals of the region, but most had been able to return to their homes by the time we arrived. The whole region was very dry and there was still activity as the fires were mostly controlled but still not completely sorted. There was good bike trails, shopping and sightseeing available for everyone.

Bethany Park was just a short walk from Kaiteriteri Beach. Again some went

driving in the countryside while others did a day boat trip to Totaranui and return.



Queuing for Boat

Pohara Top 10 camp was a good place to catch up on washing and chores. The sea was lovely and warm but you did have quite a walk to find deep water. Fish and Chips were organised for dinner and we all enjoyed sitting outside in the sunshine sharing fun and fellowship.



Wash Day Pohara

gravel road to explore the Wanganui Inlet. Some chose to stay at the farm, others to do a day trip and 6 hardy vans camped by the Pakawau River. Back to the farm for a night before heading off for the final night at Totaranui. Unfortunately our golden weather decided it was time to give up but it stayed fine long enough for a delicious pot luck dinner.

Fernbrae Farms was a POP near Collingwood. From here some set off over a fairly bumpy



Pakawau

After 2 weeks of exploration, 5ss and good company it was time to say au revoir .



Crossing the Pakawau River



Pot Luck Dinner