

Whangateau Rally 10-12 May 2019

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Pot Luck

As promised by the organisers Mandy and Andy Bax with Margaret and Colin Wrack this was a rally with a difference. All the usual activities, along with interesting surprises, were timetabled to suit the availability of venues.



Hall

We began a little later than usual on Friday with a pot luck meal in the hall across the field. The food was delightful, varied and plentiful. The hall reverberated with happy chatter with members catching up with each other and sharing the news since our last meeting.



Saturday Meeting

Saturday morning saw us all back in the hall for the meeting. There were 62 members soon to be 64 with the induction of Barbara Ashworth and Richard Worth from Kerikeri. Our current membership is 131. We were all sad to hear of the death of Roger Clotworthy.



Robert Introduces Barbara & Richard

The website is working well but Barry Benton is investigating setting up our own site still linked to Rotary but allowing for future easy access regardless of who was the webmaster. Auckland will require a new representative as Susan and Peter Blackman are moving to Taupo.

Ces presented the Stirrer award to Andy for his stirring efforts. Gary will be away in August so there will be no wardrobe sales. The sergeants session was held over till Sunday evening due to the early meeting time and many discretions still had to happen. The meeting closed at 10 45 allowing for plenty of free time for exploring and socialising.



Speaker at Saturday Dinner

We were transported to Warkworth Bowling Club for dinner . The meal was catered by Chocolate Brown and was delicious . The speakers Jenny Hill and Andrew Garratt told us about The Hundertwasser Center and Wairau Maori Art Gallery being built at the waterfront in Whangarei. Construction is underway and should be finished by late



2020. This project has been 25 years in the making and has had lots of twists and turns. Jenny and Andrew shared their experiences and hard work in bringing this project to where it is now.

Sunday morning saw us bussed to the Sculptureum for a totally amazing visit. We were lucky that the weather held for us to explore the gardens and art works displayed at this wonderful place. We had a very enjoyable lunch of sandwiches and salads with endless coffee and tea.



Children at Play



Chandelier



Happy Bunny



Sunday Evening

Back to the hall for 5ss followed by a rather spicy Thai green curry. The sergeants session caused fun and laughter and the proceeds will be donated to the Hundertwasser appeal.



Great Views



Great Camp

Thanks Mandy, Andy Margaret and Colin for an interesting fun filled rally.