

## **Auckland Meeting – November 1991**

Date 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

The meeting was held at John Ryder's Westwind complex at Avondale.

At 6 pm, a large number of members and wives (almost 70), converged on John Ryder's cinema complex, all ready and enthusiastic for the weekends activities ahead. We were treated to a magnificent "sausage sizzle" and refreshments to start the meeting off. By 7.30 pm it was time to head off to Jan's Hollywood cinema to board our chartered bus for our trip to the Monterey Park Museum at Hobsonville. Here we viewed some wonderful old vintage cars along with the collection of projectors and equipment previously owned by Eric James. A short programme of films was shown in the museum's theatrette, ably present by Doug Harley. Following this, we returned to the Hollywood cinema for a lovely supper and sales of equipment etc were negotiated. For those still going strong, Jan screened a selection of shorts etc until the evening drew to a close.

On Saturday, we arrived at Westwind cinema at 9.30 am and were greeted with morning tea. The auction followed and at the conclusion of this, the meeting took place. At this stage, the wives were taken on a factory shopping spree which was really enjoyed by all of them. At approximately 12.30 pm, a delicious coal-range roast lunch and other goodies were served.

Following lunch, we boarded the buff's bus for our visit to the Village 6 cinema complex at Manukau City. Then it was off to the North Shore to view the theatrettes of Doug Harley and Steve Henshaw.

The Saturday evening meal was held at the Peninsula Motor Hotel in Avondale and it was a great meal. Returning to the Hollywood cinema, we were treated to a demonstration once again on the mighty Wurlitzer organ, organized by Len Stenerson. Jan then treated us to a programme of nostalgic shorts, clips etc which we all enjoyed and was a fitting end to a busy day of activities.

At 9.30 am on Sunday, we assembled in two groups, one to tour TVNZ's new complex in Hobson Street and the other to visit the restored twin cinema complex at Devonport, the Victoria and Albert cinemas. Both tours held much interest for everyone. This concluded another great movie weekend for us all.