

## **Auckland Meeting – November 2010**

*Excerpts from the write up by David Lascelles.*

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Thirty five members including some from Australia gathered at John Ryder's 'Westwind' establishment where the evening began with a beautiful roast dinner. A short film show followed which included the song *Whispering Grass*, sung by Don Estelle and Windsor Davies, which was an excerpt from an episode of *It Ain't Half Hot, Mum*, a TV series which ran from 1973 to 1977.

Next day we arrived at Forrest Hill School where the rest of the meeting would be held. Lotting up of auction goods took place before the AGM at 9.30am. During the meeting Rob Fulton was voted life membership.

A trip to Kelly Tarlton's Sea World was most interesting and the dinner at the Takapuna RSA on Saturday night was enjoyed by all. During the evening, special First Day Covers were presented to Colin Kirby QSM, John Bell, Ian Fisher and Bruce Grenville. A fifth one was auctioned with Bryan Ellis being the lucky winner. Colin Kirby QSM then presented a special Certificate from Parliament and a Community Service Medal to John Bell and David Turnbull in recognition of their service to the Film Buffs and the Community. Rob Fulton, Mike Trickett and David Lascelles were awarded Special Parliamentary Certificates for services to the NZ Film Buffs. President Ian Fisher was presented with the Arm's 150 year commemorative medal and gave a pretty slick salute when receiving it. The signed placemat was also auctioned.

Sunday saw the buffs gather at the Bridgeway Cinemas in Northcote where we met up with Steve Henshaw, John Lilley and manager Jean Smith. They gave us a tour through the cinemas which was very interesting. Then it was back to the hall for a film quiz before lunch and the official farewells.

Later on Sunday night, a BBQ was held at Peter and Gillian Bartlett's place which was well attended and brought another successful meeting to a close.