

Christchurch Meeting – November 1987

Excerpts from the write up by Philip Croft.

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This was the first meeting of the Film Buffs in Christchurch and part of it was held in the Christchurch Amateur Radio Rooms, 27 Galbraith Avenue.

Friday night, visits to the homes of John Newman and Ian Fisher had been arranged. The group divided into two and both spent time at each house. At John Newman's, we were impressed with his terrific Super 8 and 16mm collections along with a working juke box. We were treated to a short programme of 16mm which was most enjoyable. At Ian Fisher's place, we were shown an amazing collection of movie cameras and an excellent film made by Ian, along with a few others. Supper was provided at each of the residences.

Saturday morning we were chauffeured to town and assembled outside the Regent Theatre in the Square by 10.30. We then began a visit to a few of the city's cinemas which included seeing over their projection boxes. We then went to Hanafins for a film to video transfer demonstration.

We returned to the Radio Clubrooms for Lunch. The sales tables were all set up and bargaining began after which the meeting was officially opened. What was not sold was auctioned by Don.

Dinner on Saturday night was at the Rose Manor Restaurant in Rangiora and from here, we walked just down the road to Fred Read's Regent Theatre. He showed us a very old black and white super 8 film and after refreshments, we had a quick look around at the original part of the theatre before it was time to head back to Christchurch bringing the evening to a close.

Sunday morning we were taken to Don's place for a very entertaining show followed by a lovely lunch. We then visited Paul Evans's very interesting thetrette with various displays and memorabilia. Farewell were said and a great meeting came to an end.