

## **Christchurch Meeting – November 1992**

*Excerpts from the write up by Fred Herring.*

Date 6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> November.

The meeting was held in the Christchurch Amateur Radio Rooms in Galbraith Avenue.

Friday night was full of activity with plenty of chit chat as old and new members met up again for the start of the weekend.

Saturday began with the official welcome by Don Mackay which was followed by the meeting. At the conclusion of the meeting, a short talk was given by Brian Lill, the manager of Ferrymead Historic Park Museum. Morning tea was served and the auction began with auctioneer John Bell assisted by Michael Woolf who both made the whole thing very enjoyable.

Hornby was our next stop where we visited the new cinema complex which has four theatres in the one building. The films are run on a platter system, using very modern projectors. One word for this was – brilliant!

Next stop was the Air Force Museum at the old Wigram Air Base where a light lunch was served before we looked over the exhibits where our newest fighter bomber, the Skyhawk was on display. From here it was off to Film Services which is run by one of our members, Morris Jackson, who provided more food, liquid refreshments and a movie show.

Dinner on Saturday night was held at the Willowbank Wildlife Reserve after which we were invited to go on the “NZ Experience”, which was a walk around the bush tracks (illuminated at night), to see a variety of birds, including a kiwi in its natural surroundings. Later still, a movie show was put on by Keith Steffensen. The two Aussie members’ Con and Stan, along with Jan went on to the “late show” with Fred Read.

Sunday the group split into two parties, with one group visiting Gavin Cummings’ theatrette at Lincoln, while the others visited Fred Herring’s theatrette. After this, we all found our way to Brian Ellis’s home for a BBQ lunch, more refreshments and movies.

On Sunday evening, most of us converged on Don Mackay’s home for a “fish and chip” tea followed by a selection of movies on both 16mm and video and then more food at supper time.

Another very successful weekend with everyone having a great time.