

Christchurch Meeting – November 2017

Date 3rd 4th 5th November.

The meeting was held at the Christchurch Amateur Radio Rooms in Idris Road.

Friday night began as usual with members, on arrival eager to renew friendships and check out the sales table. Continuous finger food was served at 6.30 pm. The auction began and with so many items on offer, this took up most of the evening.

Saturday began with morning tea, followed by the meeting which in turn was followed by the rest of the auction. When completed, lunch was served which consisted of Subways and other goodies.

Soon after, we boarded the buff's bus for the drive to Ashburton, where our first stop was the Aviation Museum which is housed at the old Ashburton airbase. From here, it was a short drive to Peter and Lorraine McQuarter's Retro Museum & Theatre (this no longer exists). During our 2 hour visit, we were shown some movies, enjoyed a cuppa and biscuits before we boarded the bus for the drive back to Christchurch.

Dinner on Saturday night was at the Little Sister Restaurant in Templeton and during the evening, Hugh Macdonald gave a short talk on the making of his film *No Ordinary Sheila*.

Highlights on Sunday were a tram ride around the city followed by a visit to the Paua House in the Christchurch Museum. Then it was back to the venue for lunch and the draw for the signed placemat, followed by the official farewells.

The stayers BBQ was held at Dawn and Bryan Ellis's home in Woodend. Some movies were shown and another great weekend came to a close.