

Auckland Meeting – November 2013

Excerpts from the write up by Peter Bartlett.

Date 1st 2nd 3rd November.

The meeting was held at Forrest Hill School hall on the North Shore.

Friday night we assembled at Ryders in Avondale and after a little chit chat and a social drink or two, a beautiful roast dinner was served. Around 8 pm we filed into the cinema for a film show. Films included, *Beauty* (Latvia), *NZ Mirror*, *WW1 Footage*, *Rocket and Roll/Abbot & Costello go to Venus* (US), *Little Barrier Island*, *Hauturu*, *You Know What I Mean* (UK) and *The Paleface* (US). This brought the evening to a close.

Saturday morning began with the formal meeting which was followed by morning tea. The auction then took place and by lunch time all items had happy new owners.

After lunch we boarded the buff's bus and we were off on our mystery tour. Destination was 'Just Plane Interesting' which indeed lived up to its name. Next door was a cafe and some of the members had afternoon tea there before we headed back into town.

The Saturday night dinner held at the Back Yard function room in Northcote. It was buffet style and enjoyed by all. Afterwards, the signed placemat was auctioned.

Sunday morning, we met at the Victoria Theatre in Devonport. The 'Vic' as it is affectionately named, has just celebrated its 101st birthday and our hostess Margo McRae, gave an interesting talk on its history and plans for the future. A short screening showed the restoration of this theatre and we enjoyed morning tea in the foyer before returning to the venue for lunch

After a lovely lunch, Coral Carstairs chaired two movie quizzes, both of which were won by member Dawn Ellis. The official farewells followed and a group photo was taken.

The stayers BBQ was held at the Bartlett's residence in Castor Bay and over 20 members turned up for an enjoyable evening, rounding off a busy and successful meeting in the 'City of Sails'.