

The Last Hamilton Meeting – May 2017

Date 5th 6th 7th May.

The meeting was held in the Hamilton Pleasure Boat Club Rooms.

It was with a touch of sadness that we arrived at around 6pm on Friday night for the beginning of what we knew was going to be the last time we would meet in Hamilton.

The evening began with a presentation of NZ films, recorded from YouTube and brought back happy memories of New Zealand in the 50s. There was a break for supper after which some more nostalgic films were shown before it was time to call it a night.

On Saturday the meeting got underway after morning tea and when completed, the auction began. Although there were fewer items for sale, John Bell was in great form and swiftly got through the business before lunch was served.

Visits on Saturday included Lake Karapiro and the Avanti velodrome which we all enjoyed. At the velodrome, we were shown a movie on the making of the stadium before we were served afternoon tea.

The meal on Saturday night was served at the venue and we all enjoyed it. David Brown gave a very interesting talk on his life as a projectionist. He was also involved with tours of the Beatles and other big named acts. The draw for the signed placemat was made and the evening came to a close.

Sunday morning after morning tea at the venue, we headed off down town to visit Auteur (French for author) which is a privately owned DVD rental business. A visit to the museum followed before we headed back to the venue for lunch and farewells.

Later several attended the BBQ.