Wanganui Meeting – November 1989

Date 3rd 4th 5th November.

The meeting was held at Noel and Marion Ruscoe's theatrette.

Friday evening got underway at 7 pm with a large number of members and wives in attendance. At 8.30 pm we split into two groups to visit Eldon Burkett and John McDonald's theatrettes where we were entertained with a great selection of films at both venues. Each group was treated to a lovely supper after the film show.

Saturday began at 10 am with morning tea and then the half-yearly meeting was held. Our usual sales table proved as popular as ever, with all members finding some bargains to add to their collections. A lovely lunch was provided by Marion Ruscoe. At this stage, we were given an account of the *3 Stooges Convention,* held in the USA, from member Brian Lehrke, who was decked out in his official "Stooges" regalia. He was really an impressive sight to behold. Brian and his wife Anne certainly had a great time there.

At 1.30 pm, we were off to the Collegiate School for a demonstration of their large screen video and viewed John McDonald's tape taken at the London Film Museum, which he visited last year. Then it was back to Marion and Noel Ruscoe's place for a programme of films on various gauges. Don Sutherland gave a demo on an old ex-army GB 516 projector, which was most impressive. We then viewed Don's large collection of projectors of various gauges.

Afternoon tea was served and then it was off to Brian and Anne Lehrke's theatrette for a cocktail hour and a screening of some of his many 3 Stooges shorts he had acquired on his visit to the US.

We then headed over to Holly Lodge for dinner. This was a really lovely setting, complete with an adjoining museum which most of us took the opportunity to look over. We then headed back to Noel's theatrette where we had another programme of shorts before the evening came to a close.

At 10 am on Sunday we arrived at Marion and Noel Ruscoe's for a much appreciated morning tea. Farewells were extended and another successful weekend came to an end.