

60s 'TOUR CENTRAL' 4th – 16th April 2018 \$1585

OPTIONS as attached, extra

Day 1. Wednesday 4th We will start the morning as guests at a local **Apple Pack House** in Hastings, watching the day to day running of the shed, followed by lunch at the **Napier RSA**, before a visit onto the **Napier Wharf**, with an on board commentary of their workings. We will finish our first day checking out the **Old Napier Prison (Option)** (now run as Back Packers Accommodation)

Overnight **Gloucester House Motels** Hastings ph 068763580 *own evening meal*

Day 2. Thursday 5th We depart Hastings 8am for the **Norsewear Sox** Factory at Norsewood, continuing onto Dannevirke for morning tea before visiting the miniature delights in the **Fantasy Cave (Option)**. From there we will travel over the Saddle Rd, **Hug a Windmill** before heading into Fielding for lunch. We hope a few members from Fielding 60sUp will be able to join us. While in Fielding we will visit the **Coach House Museum (Option)** before travelling onto Sanson where we will have afternoon tea at **Vivs Kitchen**, a 1950s style café, then on thru Bulls. A drive past Ratana Church to our overnight destination, Whanganui,

151 On London Motel ph 063458668 evening meal Cozzie Club.

Day 3. Friday 6th Whanganui This morning a drive to Virginia Lake where we can walk around the Lake & Bird Aviaries before heading to the **Waimarie Paddle Steamer** for a 2hr leisurely putter up the Whanganui River with a full on board commentary about the area (**Option**) Durie Hill & Elevator to the Lookout is next on the itinerary, a good way to stretch those legs after sitting for so long. Our next stop will be in Hawera for a '**must see**' visit to the **Tawhiti Museum (Option)**.

Overnight Hawera, **Furlong Motel** ph 062785136 & evening meal in their Restaurant

Day 4. Saturday 7th Hawera. This morning we will start at the Elvis Presley Museum (**Option**), before heading out to Stratford to see the **Glockenspiel Clock**, only one of its kind in NZ, the '*music*' resembles a xylophone but can only be heard after the hours of 10am, 1pm, 3pm & 7pm. We head from Stratford up the mountain to the **Mountain House café** for a late morning tea, before travelling out towards the coast to Opunake for lunch. Continuing on around the mountain to New Plymouth,

Overnight **Amber Court Motel (3 nights)** ph 067580922 evening meal Club

Day 5. Sunday 8th New Plymouth This morning we will motor out thru Egmont Village & if it can be arranged to the **Hearing Dogs** Training Centre, before going onto Inglewood to **Fun Ho National Toy Museum (Option)** back in New Plymouth there are several novelty structures to view (*Nodding Neddie by the Yacht club, Wind Wand, Te Rewa Rewa Bridge*) Nearby is Sugarloaf Island & Paritutu Rock for a short climb.

Overnight New Plymouth **Amber Court Motel**, evening meal Club

Day 6. Monday 9th New Plymouth *Coach driver's day off & you can all go shopping.*

Amber Court Own evening meal

Day 7. Tuesday 10th Leaving **New Plymouth** this morning we travel to **Mokau River** where we board the River boat for a 2 hr cruise (**Option**) with commentary about life on & around the river. You will get a scone & cuppa on board but you might like to take something more substantial as it will be a wee while before we have our next stop. Heading north from here up the main highway to Te Kuiti to see the **Sir Colin Meads Bronze Statue** & have a cuppa before motoring onto Billy Black Sheep & Woodlyn World for entertainment (**Option**). If there is enough interest (*a minimum of 15 people*) the bus will take us up to Ororahaunga to visit the **Kiwi House (Option)** & **Kiwiana Walk** before going to our overnight accommodation

Waitomo **Caves Motor Inn** ph 07 873 8109 evening meal at Motel

Day 8. Wednesday 11th A short drive from Waitomo is the **Mangapohua Natural Bridge**, 17m high limestone arches that are remnants of an ancient cave system. **Marokopa Falls Walk** is nearby, 35m of cascading fury. Next stop **Taharoa Iron Sand Mine**, founded in 1972, where the Iron Sand is extracted in a series of complicated procedures before being pumped from shore to a boat waiting off shore for transporting to North Asian customers. Between Kawhia & Raglan we will stretch our legs with a 10 min walk thru native bush to the spectacular **55m Bridal Falls**. A short drive onto Raglan to the freshest **Fish & Chips lunch** on the Wharf & wander around the few small shops in the area before travelling onto our overnight destination, Hamilton

Ventura Motel (2 nights) Ph 078380110 **own** evening meal

Day 9. Thursday 12th Hamilton. This morning we will drive past the **Morman Church** & the **Toothbrush Fence** before we indulge in the pleasures of the **Chocolate Factory**, after which we drive out to Horsham Downs Rd for our lunch & a Tour of the **Ataahua Alpaca Farm (Option)** Depending on the time/weather we may be able to visit the Lake or Hamilton Gardens (*Those not wanting to do any of these activities today can plan their own day*)

Hamilton. **Ventura Motel** - evening meal

Day 10. Friday 13th Hamilton Travelling across the Island today our first stop the **Cow City**, Morrinsville, where the much talked about larger than life cow welcomes us. Motoring on thru Tahuna to Thames & lunch. The **Log Dam** at Kauaeranga (**Option**) this is a replica of the dams used to send logs down river in the sawmilling days. We come back into Thames to visit the **Butterfly Garden (Option)** & onto the **Goldminers Experience (Option)** before heading North up to Coromandal

Coromandel for (2nights) at **Anchor Lodge** ph 078667992 evening meal

Day 11. Saturday 14th Coromandel This morning our first stop will be the **Gold Stamper Battery** where we can try our hand at Gold Mining (**Option**) then onto the **Historic Water Works** & Lunch (**Option**) before heading to the **Driving Creek Railway (Option)** Here we enjoy an hours ride on the mountain railway train thru native bush to the top with views of the Hauraki Gulf, included in that climb are 2 spirals, 3 short tunnels & 5 reversing points, as well as several large viaducts.

Coromandal overnight > **Anchor Lodge** evening meal

Day 12. Sunday 15th Coromandel Heading back round the Peninsular today we will first visit Whitianga before motoring around thru Tairua to Thames overnight.

Thames Rolleston Motel ph 07 868 8091 evening meal

Day 13. Monday 16th Our last day. From Thames we travel down thru Paeroa & Te Aroha with a stop at the **Kaimai Cheese factory**, onto Matamata & Tirau, Taupo, Hastings & bed ...☺

NB There is an option to drop off **Northern** members at Thames (**Intercity North 9.50am**) or at Tirau (**Intercity North is 12:15pm**) & **Southern** members at Taupo (**Intercity South is 2pm**) (you would have to arrange your own Intercity Bus transfers)