

REPORT on 60s Up Movement of N.Z. Conference. WAIRAKEI.

24th 25th June 2019

WAIRAKEI RESORT HOTEL served us well as a conference venue. Helpful friendly staff, very good Conference room, comfortable accommodation, very good food. Denise & Cliff great entertainers. 121 members attended the A.G.M. & light lunch. 101 members stayed at the hotel & enjoyed the dinner & evening entertainment.

Branches attending: Birkenhead, Bream Bay, Brown Owl, Browns Bay, Cambridge, Dargaville, Devonport, Hastings, Kamo, Matamata, Papamoa, Pukekohe, Silverstream, South Auckland, Takapuna, Te Awamutu Taupo, Wainuiomata, Whangarei.

Hotel Manager Atif Khan opened the meeting and welcomed the visitors, giving us interesting information about the Hotel and the steam area. The new format worked well beginning on the Monday morning with 11.30 registration & lunch followed by the A.G.M. at 1.30 p.m. then dinner & entertainment at 6 p.m.

Our President Neil Todd chose not to stand again for election and his place has been taken by Alison Waugh of Kamo. Alison has been on the Exec Committee for some years and is very experienced in the procedures needed to run a good meeting, a good branch and we are sure a good Exec Committee meeting. Our thanks go to Neil, after 10 years on the Exec, 7 as National President. Neil has great people skills and has been a joy to work along with on the committee. We were proud to present 2 Life Memberships. Our retiring President Neil Todd and our Patron Bev Burford. Congratulations and thanks to you both. ALSO a certificate of Appreciation was presented to Olive & Peter Swain, Invercargill Branch in recognition by the National Executive of the great work done in their local branch. Received for them by Maureen Moody National Secretary who will courier this on to them. We welcome Vernon Atherstone from Papamoa Branch to the Exec Committee.

We have had great feedback, re the hotel, the friendly helpful staff, the hot pools in the garden, the entertainers.

The bus trip was well received by the 67 members who joined in. Assisted by a beautiful sunny day. We began in heavy fog which cleared as we drove up the hill to look down on the large Wairakei steam area and power station. The Lava Glass factory with shop & garden was most interesting with a delicious morning tea. A nice country drive with great info from our 2 bus drivers to have lunch at Wai-o-tapu. The lunch was a little disappointing, pies, sandwiches and huge scones, but made O.k. by good coffee.

Many thanks to all those members who supported us in our efforts to produce that important and necessary Conference. Next year at Armitage Hotel, Tauranga on 15th & 16th June 2020.

Maureen & John Conference Convenors.