



MATAMATA 60's UP - NEWSLETTER, APRIL and MAY 2024

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(Paul's report on Butterfly Creek)



On Wednesday 36 members ventured out to the Butterfly Creek attraction. The trip up on Nev's Buses was good and without many road works stoppages. We arrived around 11 am and were greeted by an administrator who gave us wristbands and a health and safety talk.

Lunch was set for 11.45 which gave the group time to look around the farm petting area and then back for lunch, served in the café. The meals were excellent and I didn't hear of any complaints other than the meal which was too big, doggy bags to take home for some.



There was a train to take those members around who found walking a challenge and the rest walked. The Butterfly enclosure was warm but the number of butterflies made up for this. There are about 30 species in the display and people were enjoying them landing on them with many photos taken.



Next on the Giant Crocodile feeding. The croc was 4mt long weighing in at 650 kgs. The croc was removed from a river in far north Queensland and arrived here in 2009. It only gets fed every second day as they digest their food very slowly. Two keepers gave a presentation and fed the croc a good size piece of pork.





One of the two Meerkats and far left a large Australian Iguana.

There was also an animated Dinosaur display of full size beasts.

The attraction was very good and the event went well. Well done to all the Committee for your dedicated work.

Welfare

Please contact Ngaire Lepper on 027 4842206 if you know of a member who is not well, needs a home visit or, sadly, if someone has died.

Diary

Book all trips and coffee mornings, with JODY at Monday meetings from 1.00 pm onwards or phone 07 880 9170 or mobile 027 484 2206. Use these numbers to phone if you have to cancel. **OTHER PEOPLE MAY BE WAITING ON BACKUP LIST. Please note the buses we will be using are Nev's Buses and will depart from Pohlen Park.**

AGM

Nomination forms for Committee positions are on the front table and must be given to the Secretary, Ngaire Lepper, no later than 30th April 2024. The Committee requires no more than 9 Branch members.

APRIL 2024	
Monday 8th	1.30pm Anglican Hall Matamata Guest Speaker: Fran McKay (a Nurse who worked on Buffin Island, the largest Island in Canada, and fifth largest in the world) Cost: \$3.00
Wednesday 17th	9.30am: depart Pohlen Park for Killarney Stone in Te Poi. From there on to Putaruru Timber Museum in Lichfield. Lunch will be held at Cabbage Tree Café Tirau. Cost: \$45 Pay by 8 th April



Monday 29th	10.30am Coffee morning at the Okoroire Hotel. Own transport, if you require transport please contact a Committee member. Cost: \$12.00 Pay by 15th April
MAY 2024	
Monday 13th	12.00 pm AGM Please note early start. 12.45 pm if you are attending the AGM only not requiring Subway Lunch provided by Subway <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helen Michael, the National President will attend and will address the meeting. • Election of officers • A Branch Life Membership will be awarded Cost: \$15.00 Pay by: 30 th April Please note if you do not require lunch but only wish to attend the AGM you will only need to pay \$3.00 not \$15.00.
Wednesday 22nd	9.30 am Depart Pohlen Park by Nev's Bus for Rotorua. Visiting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Faiths Church at Ohinemutu. • Approx. 12.00 Rotorua Citizens' Incorporated Club • Mamaku Donkeys Cost: \$50 Pay by: 13 th May

Please do not pay before booking with Jodie.


Matamata 60s Up Bank A/C	Your Name	Cost	Function	Pay by
06 0361 0207971 00	-----	\$45.00	Killarney	8th April
06 0361 0207971 00	-----	\$12.00	Okoroire Hotel	15th April
06 0361 0207971 00	-----	\$15.00	AGM	30th April
06 0361 0207971 00	-----	\$50.00	Rotorua	13th May

If using Direct Credit, please always include your name and cost of the function. Cash payments may be made at our monthly meeting or to Les Bevin at 3 Karamu Street, ph 888 4044.

Trip rules are to be followed – a copy is on the welcoming table at the Church Hall. All trips are subsidised by the Matamata branch of 60s Up, your support for these trips is vital to ensure the smooth running of the branch.



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