

15<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2019 MG MANAWATU run was held in THE SQUARE PALMERSTON NORTH.

The MG Manawatu group commenced on June 16 1998. We met at the chalet car park and went for a run to Bushy Park in Whanganui.

Pat and Lynette Widdup volunteered to organise our 21<sup>st</sup> birthday and they sure did it in grand style.

By 10.20am there were approx 40 MG's of all descriptions parked in the South Western quadrant of the Square from Pat's little prewar Midget to a number of F's, TF's (early and late) and MGBGT's and midgets.

In some ways we were lucky we had no more cars as we were rapidly running out of parking spaces.

Pat had approached Car Town who are now the MG dealership in the Manawatu to sponsor morning tea. A very delicious morning tea was had and a number of ex members who we have not seen for quite a while were invited to join the group. There were many "catch up" conversations. It truly was a great occasion with members of the public viewing all the cars.

From the Square we left the cars under guard and walked to the Angkor Restaurant in the Coleman Mall for a sumptuous banquet for lunch. The restaurant opened up especially for us and I think everyone was impressed with the food.

The highlight was the cake Pat and Lynette had ordered for the occasion. This cake was truly the centre piece of the day, beautifully iced with the letters MG on top and on the four sides of the cake, photos of MG's (able to be eaten). It was a shame to cut it absolutely delicious inside and out.

Members of the original first outing on hand were Gay Baxter; Ian and Sue Pearson; Graham Toms and Velda Dunlop and Trev and Sandy Hardy. All of these people assembled to cut the magnificent cake.

After the cutting of the cake, Gay Baxter spoke a few words about the first run and then it was time for all of us to MG out of the Square back home.

A truly memorable day and a BIG THANK YOU to Pat and Lynette for organising this. Thanks to Cartown for the lovely morning tea and providing the latest MG's to look at.