

# **CARS, CARS, CARS**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

Twenty-one cars gathered at the Summerhill shopping centre car park, Palmerston North, on a wet and blustery morning for Bruce and Jocelyn Manning's outing into the Tararua District. Among the group were four cars that our Whanganui member Bruce McLeod brought with him from their classic sports car group.

The weather was such that many brought their modern car leaving their beloved MG at home in the dry. The original plan was to travel over the Pahiatua Track to Pahiatua but the Track was closed due to slips caused by the volume of rain that fell the previous night. This meant a detour over the Saddle Road to Woodville and down State Highway 2 to Ron and Di Gray's home in Pahiatua, to view their collection of immaculately presented cars. Amongst their collection was a 1955 MGTF, Jaguar 3.8 Mk 2 and four Morgan's (Aero/Plus8/1930 3-wheeler and a 2014 3-wheeler).

Ron and Di own a very interesting period home and after viewing their car collection and learning the history of each vehicle many accepted Di's offer to tour their beautiful home.

Lunch was arranged at the Tui Brewery's Mangatainoka café, sheltering us from a sudden band of heavy rain.

Lunch was followed by a drive through the northern Woodville countryside to a privately owned southern Hawkes Bay motoring collection. This collection contained many vintage motor bikes, the majority of which were Harley Davidsons, three immaculate early model Kenworth trucks, vehicles under restoration, vintage petrol pumps and a variety of other motoring paraphernalia. During our visit we experienced another down pour which fortunately had concluded by the time we departed.

From here we made our own way home as the weather cleared. Thank you, Bruce and Jocelyn, for a great day out which was not dampened in any way by the inclement weather.

Robyn and Steve