

## **MG Manawatu Christmas Dinner**

**Sunday 4 December 2022**

A good number of cars and their passengers gathered at the Coach House Museum in Feilding at 4 pm for a cruise along country roads through Mt Biggs, Rongotea, Glen Oroua and Himatangi and onto Wylie Road to Foxton Beach and The Manawatu Marine Boating Club for our Christmas Dinner. Meeting us there were Ian and Sue from Wanganui, Helen from Paraparaumu Beach, Ian and Sue from Sanson and Paul and Josie from Levin. A total of 30 people in all.

After a period of socialising with a drink or two the boating club provided us with a wonderful dinner including ham off the bone and roast beef with condiments followed by dessert.

Part of the deal in attending this run, organised by Sandy and Anne, was that each person was to bring an Op Shop item to a value of no more than \$5 as a secret Santa gift.

After dinner we reassembled on one of two long tables and a game began where we passed our gift along the line in time to a poem read by Sandy, with far too many lefts and rights to remember. The idea was that when Sandy said left, we passed the gift in front of us to the left and when right was mentioned we passed the gift right. I think some gifts passed my spot about 4 times. At the end of the poem, we were allowed to open the gift that sat before us. We all had a good laugh at not only the process of passing gifts left and right but also at some of the gifts received.

The formal part of the evening finished about 8.30pm and we each made our way home as time suited.

Robyn and Steve