

## DAY 1 REPORT

### Friday 15th July 2022 Taranaki Run

Seven local cars met in Bulls on Friday morning and we headed to Whanganui

At Turakina we added another 3 cars and at Whanganui another 1

We all met for lunch at 12 noon at the end of Denby Road at Waihi Beach which is on the west coast from Hawera in Taranaki.

A sunny day with no white horses in the sea. People had a picnic lunch before we headed off to our first shed visit.

Very disappointed the toilets at this beach were locked. So had to make another stop on route to Trevor and Julie Cox's sheds and Markaka Hall full of trucks, cars, and memorabilia of all sorts. Even had a shed full of piggy stuff.

They are still collecting and sorting out boxes of recently purchased items. They started collecting 45 years ago.

We had been to this private collection several years ago before they purchased the hall that was standing across the road from their home. I was amazed at the interesting things to view.

We then headed down the road to find Opunake where we visited the Beatles museum which has not long been opened, We split into two groups to see and remember the sound of the four boys from Liverpool. Was just like walking into the Cave at Liverpool.

Fantastic private collection.

Thanks to Graeme and Marilyn McPherson who owned this collection at Opunake.

We carried on round the mountain to find the Flamingo Motels via various roads up under Mount Egmont, unfortunately only three cars made the scenic route; the others who got mismothered went the seaview way to the motel. No problem, we all got to the destination to freshen up, rest, and swim in the hot pool before the bus came to take us all to Gengy's Mongolian BBQ. Two hours feeding ourselves on all sorts of yum food, then the bus was back to return all tired and full people to Flamingos to sleep it all off.

Thanks for the fun-filled day.

Cheers Claire Brown