



## MG MANAWATU ENTHUSIASTS

### **BREAKFAST RUN** SATURDAY 19<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

Over 40 people attended Paul and Josie's outing to the Georges Café at Speldhurst Country Estate on Kimberley Road, Levin. This was the largest turn out of members for a number of years.



Sixteen cars comprising Manawatu and Whanganui members commenced their run from the Sanson Domain, Blokart Club car park at 8.45 am and under the guidance of John and Viv travelled down State Highway 1 through Foxton and Levin to Speldhurst. Members from Levin, Kapiti and Wellington joined this group at the café for a 10 am brunch.



An extensive menu was on offer and after ordering, Levin member Bruce Little gave a short presentation on how the alluvial sand from the South Island's West Coast is being washed up the South Island, around Farewell Spit and deposited on the Kapiti and Horowhenua coast. The effect of this can be seen by the current positioning of the wreck of the 'Hydrabad' which is now buried some 20 or so meters inland, in the sand dunes, where in the 1960's/70's it was not only in the sea but covered by water at high tide. As a result of this expanding coastline the Horowhenua soil has changed over the centuries from being wetlands to farmland and in doing so created Lakes Horowhenua and Papaitonga amongst others. Bruce spoke of the quality of the local soil and climate which is responsible for growing around 30% of the country's vegetables. The island in Lake Papaitonga was the home of Te Rauparaha during his time in the Horowhenua.

After lunch was eaten some members took the board walk through the native bush to the Lake Papaitonga lookout, whilst other's visited friends in the vicinity or travelled home at their leisure.

Thank you, Josie and Paul, for organising this month's outing. The venue was ideal.

Robyn and Steve