

MG Manawatu July 2023 Run Report

Steve organised this month's event being an eclectic mix of both old and new.

Ten cars left Bulls on a wet morning traveling along a few country roads to Whanganui. We were joined by our Whanganui member Russell Gaisford in his red MGA on Guyton Street. Under the guidance of our Whanganui member Chris McLeod, we parked up on the forecourt of the Whanganui War Memorial Centre. There we attended 'Brickanui,' (the new) a display of Lego creations with over 70 exhibits including the winner of Lego Masters New Zealand 2022. Chris was one of the organisers for the Whanganui Riding for the Disabled who arranged the Lego show as a fund raiser. After enjoying Brickanui we had time on our hands to visit various eateries and places of interest within the CBD before our afternoons major event.



We regathered at 1.30 pm and took a short drive to Collegiate School, established in 1854, where we experienced a guided tour of the school (the old). Our tour guides, Richard Bourne (Museum Trust Chair) and Frances Gibbons (Museum Archivist) gave us an extremely in-depth tour of the museum which holds the history of not only the school but also every pupil who ever attended the school since 1854, including their subsequent life achievements; Old School building (the way schools were designed in the 19th Century); the chapel, both very old with beautiful architectural features and finally the Prince Edward Auditorium.



Russell was an 'old boy' of the school and his personal experiences added to our guides presentation making it more personal for us all.

Our tour took about 2 hours finishing around 4 pm, after which we ventured home in our own time. Although the Wilson's, Morris's, Henry's, Higgison's and Robyn Christensen joined up for a farewell coffee at McDonalds by the bridge before leaving for home in torrential rain.

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