

## MG Sanson Woolshed

### Houses Run

It was a beautiful autumn morning cooler first thing and then sun soon warmed up. Nine cars assembled on the main road in Bulls and we were soon under way heading north on SH1 to the Feilding turn off. We travelled through to Halcombe and up Mt Stewart road making our way to Sanson, where there was a bit of traffic to negotiate to turn right on to the main road, we all made it and on we went on the way to Bulls where we turned off just before the bridge and went around behind the Ohakea air base and back onto SH1. We arrived at the Woolshed Café in time for lunch and a natter.

After lunch we broke into groups to see the houses from the 1800s through the ages to the 1980s. We were issued with earphones and commentary device. This gave a very interesting commentary of the houses and lives of people at the time. The houses have all been furnished and decorated according to the times. How things have changed from e days of the early settlers with two rooms, a bedroom and a living rooms. Villas increased in size but were very basic on today's standard, plumbing and power were not available. Bungalows with bay windows and verandas became popular. These had more room and plumbing and power was being used. Art Deco houses with stucco cladding and rounded corners came next, more appliances were becoming available. The state house with the tiled roof became popular as the population increased and housing was sort after, these were very sturdy houses still build of native timbers. By the time the sixty's came native timber was getting short and bevel backed pine weatherboard was being used as cladding, more windows were used and the houses were much lighter inside. Kitchens became more spacious and more rooms, electrical appliances were being more ready used

After our tour it was time for a drink and a chat before we all headed off. Thank you to Alan and Robyn for organising an informative day out