



MANAWATU

## MG CULTURAL TOUR

### Saturday June 19th Run to Otaki.

Some of us left from Longburn and went in convoy to River Cottage Cafe, where we met everyone for coffee and Run briefing. Good turnout with 13 cars and 24 people.

Our 1st visit was to Rangiatea Church, Otaki. We had a guided tour, with very informative detailed history, including the church's destruction by fire and the rebuild. As we were leaving the church, the guide mentioned to us that Inia Te Wiata was buried there; she showed us his grave. (One of the world's greatest bass-baritones).

Next visit was to the Tote Modern Pottery Club and Gallery at the Racecourse. Very interesting, and some of our group made purchases.

Lunch was then at the Salt and Pepper Cafe, after which Geoff gave us a talk about the history around Lake Papaitonga. The rain had set in by this time and only two people wanted to walk to the lake.

The rest of us headed for home.

A very enjoyable day; thank you Geoff and Vicky for your effort in organising and running this event.

Alan and Robyn Henry