

WAIRARAPA TOUR

Saturday 29th March 2025

We met at the Summerhill car park at 9.15 am on a clear if somewhat cooler morning for Sandy and Trevor's trip to the Wairarapa. Ten cars comprising Sandy and Trev, Neil & Liz, Robert & Glenn, Ken R, John E, Ian & Jason, Helen and friend, Ann & John, Graeme B, and ourselves left to travel over the Pahiatua Track. We turned right into Loop Road on the eastern side of the ranges, through Mangamaire, enjoying the rural countryside, to State Highway 2.

After a short comfort stop in Eketahuna, we continued down to the Masterton by-pass road gathering near the Greek Orthodox Church, from which we entered the church grounds. Church custodian, Bernard, gave us an enlightened and informative presentation on the church's history and the story behind the beautiful paintings adorning the interior walls and ceiling. The accompanying photos do not necessarily do justice to the colourful scenes. Sandy mentioned in her run directions that this place is fascinating, and everyone agreed.

Our next stop was Queen Elizabeth Park in the centre of Masterton for our BYO picnic lunch. We circled our chairs, unpacked our lunch, and enjoyed the usual MG comradeship under the Wairarapa sunshine.



Lunch was followed by a short drive through a few back streets of town to the Pointon Car Museum where Francis gave us a tour of his 40 plus collection of, mostly vintage, cars. One of which was a 1925 Chrysler 2 door sedan which Sandy and Trev had sold to Francis a year or two earlier. Francis's late wife was a collector of vintage women's clothing and in one of the sheds much of this collection was on display. There is some quite interesting motoring history on display here.

After our tour and time spent reviewing the collection we made our own informal way back to the Manawatu.

Thank you, Sandy and Trev, for an informative and relaxed outing, very much enjoyed.

Robyn & Steve

