

MG Manawatu - Cryptic Rally Report

September 2018

Steve and Robyn were the organisers of the run held on the 16th of September. Around 12 cars gathered in Feilding, all eager to get started but we had to wait for Steve who had the cars starting at 1min intervals.

Every car received four pages of instructions and questions. The first instruction was to turn right into Kawakawa Road and look for a large pair of scissors; we must have been too busy, excited or blind as we got to the end of the road without seeing them. Not a good start for us.

The route had us heading out to Rongotea, into Leen Road, Kellows Road towards Glen Oroua, down the Main Drain Road, Taikorea and out to Bainesse, into Himatangi Block Road to turn left at the T and over the Moutoa flood gates then turning right into Spring Road. This road was totally new to me as it took us over the stop bank and across the flood area spillway, over the stop bank again and out onto SH1 at Whirokino.

From there it was into Foxton where we regrouped and a short walk to the flax stripper museum. Tony Hunt gave us an interesting presentation on the history of the Foxton flax industry. If you were born a few years ago you might remember the flax plantation that went from Whirokino to Opiki. Tony said there was 15 small flax mills in the area at one stage.

This was followed by a prepared lunch upstairs in the Awahou Nieuwe Stroom Museum and a debriefing plus answers to all our rally questions, 28 in total.

Winners on the day were Liz and Neil with 24 questions right.

Thanks to Steve and Robyn for organising this run.

