

## **MG Manawatu Mid-Winter Christmas Dinner Saturday 16 June 2018**

It was a pleasant sunny winter afternoon in Pohangina Village when around 35 members gathered at 2.30 at County Fayre Cafe.

After the ladies of the community County Fayre enterprise had served a delicious afternoon tea Jill Walcroft of the Cartwheel Creamery spoke about cheese making. Cartwheel Creamery is located near the village and has been set up in recent years by Jill and her husband Adrian to make a range of specialist cheeses.

Tasting the range was enjoyed by the group and some purchases were made of cheeses and also local honey.

From Pohangina we made our way over Saddle Road to an impressive collection of reed organs in Woodville. It was fascinating and entertaining hearing something of the background of the collection of 190 old organs from the enthusiastic owners Milton and Rosalie and sharing an 'Amazing Grace' sing-along.

A short drive to Pahiatua followed to gather at the Black Stump bar and cafe at 6pm for dinner and socialising. Several more members were able to join us for the evening after a busy day elsewhere.

Pat and Lynette's legendary games of Beetle rounded off a very successful event. Sincere thanks to them for taking on organising MG Manawatu's Mid-Winter event once again and, as always, finding interesting people and places to visit.