

lizards lazing happily on the wood. There were a couple of us who couldn't resist making a purchase, and once the Eftpos machine was sorted we were able to take possession of our new little beauties, before going off to the Apiti Hall for lunch and some real head scratching stuff.

We do know from previous experience that if June is left in charge of catering, it will be good, and it certainly was. Lovely food, venison meat loaf, sliced cold meat, a variety of salads, fresh buns, beetroot, yummy chutneys etc, followed by a cuppa, caramel tarts and sponge roll. It was after lunch that the head scratching started with a quiz to beat all others! Have you ever seen a group of women, each trying to teach a man (not necessarily their husband) to knit, in a very defined period of time? It was so funny, the facial expressions and the lack of crafting skills in some of the men! There were also questions, just like any quiz, but what was obvious at the end was none of us knew as much as we thought we did. Thanks must go to Murray and June for such a fun day. We all came home with some lovely memories: of gorgeous scenery, great driving roads, great conversations and mostly, I think, a far deeper understanding that in any rural area there are communities living and working together with each other and with the land, and achieving that with a significant understanding of the environment they are working with, and the nature and beauty of the objects produced by their profound skills and creativity.