

Special MG Run Saturday 31 January 2015

Official Opening of Main South Road, Rangiwahia

We had 14 cars assemble at the Feilding Railway Station, from where we departed on time at 1.45pm, making our way to Rangiwahia. A regrouping at Kimbolton saw Des having clutch trouble, so he limped back home to swap vehicles. He came all the way back in his Jaguar and met us at the Apiti Tavern, later.

On arriving at Rangiwahia, we joined the Mangaweka contingent and made our way inside the hall for 'light' refreshments. All that home baking! Where did you start! A second lunch for some, I believe.

Over 200 people packed into the local Rangiwahia Hall for the start of the official programme. MC for the day, Lance Bickford of Destination Manawatu, made mention that he has only MC'd six times and every time it has rained! He did not let us down, the big wet started the next day!

Mayor Margaret Kouvelis, MP Ian McKelvie plus many other MDC Councillors and dignitaries showed their support for Mary and Steve Bielski, whose tireless campaign since 1998, finally resulted in the last stage of the sealing of Main South Road, linking Rangiwahia to Apiti. Recounting their story of the many submissions made to Council over this time and being told that it would never happen, would have had many give up but not Mary and Steve!

We then made our way down to Main South Road for the Official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, followed by this amazing scenic drive, in convoy, to Apiti Tavern for more light refreshment of a different kind. All that stunning scenery on our own back door!

Over 80 people had booked for the sumptuous evening meal prepared by the new proprietors of the Tavern, of which ten of our members stayed behind for. This rounded off the day nicely.