

50th Anniversary Tours and Celebrations – April 2023

Outline Programme – *March 2023 update.*

We aim to make this special event as flexible as possible – please join as much or as little of it as you want to or can. The programme is pretty well fixed but will inevitably be subject to some minor changes as numbers firm and the events coalesce.

Please **Register** (you'll get the tour goodie bag) and then book through our Travel Agent the items highlighted below that you intend to join using the **Form** on the Club website. **While we are now passed the date for early registrations, there is still opportunity to participate by registering NOW at www.nzrrbc.org.nz - we will do our best to ensure that you are booked in with other club members.**

If you have any queries, please call Gary on 0272 220 044 or Murray on 021 311 335 or Simon on 021 615 725 who will be happy to help.

SOUTHERN TOUR – For those heading northwards

Note: Southern Tour participants will make their own accommodation bookings for the South Island leg. Refer to Murray on 021 311 335 for details.

Monday April 17 – Our formal tour commencement is mid-morning at Stirling Point SH1 at Bluff as the Southern Tour starting Point. We will there assemble for a photo-op. Then we drive via the Catlins, with lunch at Curio Bay, then on to Dunedin for a 'gathering of the clans'. Overnight in Dunedin.

Tuesday April 18 – We head off on a driving tour from Dunedin to Geraldine. Overnight in Geraldine.

Wednesday April 19 - The touring continues from Geraldine to Christchurch. Southern Tour Dinner in Christchurch – an ideal opportunity for those Southerners who can't make the whole tour to join in the fun. Overnight in Christchurch.

Thursday April 20 – Now we are off on the run up to Picton. Overnight in Picton.

Friday April 21 – We are on the Bluebridge 7:45am sailing to Wellington (so an early 6.45am check-in). Once in Wellington we will be met by some Central members for a short drive through the Capital city, and then head north to Masterton over the Remutaka Hill road.

NORTHERN TOUR – for those heading southwards

Note: Please make your Accommodation and Tour Dinner bookings through the Tour Travel Package Form.

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Friday April 14 – We assemble at the Taipa Beach Resort at Taipa in the evening for drinks and a casual dinner. Overnight at the **Taipa Beach Resort** at Taipa.

Saturday April 15 – We do an up-and-back run to Cape Reinga today. The formal tour commencement is at the Cape Reinga SH1 carpark as the Northern Tour starting point. We will assemble there for a photo-op. Then we return to Taipa, perhaps with a side trip to Kaitaia and Ahipara, for a casual dinner.

Overnight at the **Taipa Beach Resort** at Taipa.

Sunday April 16 – We have a slow day touring round the far north - Taipa-Kerikeri-Okaihau-Mangamuka-Kohukohu-the ferry-Rawene-Omapere. We are invited to morning tea with Adrian Garrett at the Carriage House in Kerikeri. In the evening you can have a burger at the Opononi pub or dinner at The Heads

Overnight at **The Heads** in Omapere.

Monday April 17 – We make a run down to Orewa visiting Tane Mahuta-Dargaville-Matakohe (Kauri Museum)-Wellsford-Warkworth and hopefully onto the new motorway extension to Orewa. Here we will have the **Northern Tour Dinner** – a BBQ at the Northridge Lodge – an ideal opportunity for those Northerners who can't make the whole tour to join in the fun.

Overnight at the **Northridge Lodge** at Wainui.

Tuesday April 18 – We whizz through Auckland after the morning rush-hour (picking up Aucklanders at BP Drury on the way) and on to a **Tour Dinner** at The Trinity Wharf in Tauranga.

Overnight at the **Trinity Wharf** in Tauranga.

CENTRAL TOUR - the Central Region joins the Northern contingent

Wednesday April 19 – Our Northern Tour team will meet up with the Central Region members who will have travelled from East Cape and Cape Egmont in Taupo for lunch. Lunch will be courtesy of Glynn Pointon at the Taupo Museum. We will then travel on to Ohakune for a **Central Tour Dinner** at the Powderhorn.

Overnight at the **Powderhorn** in Ohakune.

Thursday April 20 – We are off-the-beaten-track – heading down the River Road to Whanganui. We have arranged a memorable trip on New Zealand's only steam driven paddle steamer – the Waimarie! To top this off, we have arranged an onboard light lunch. We will meet in the evening for a **Tour dinner** at The Avenue Hotel in Whanganui.

Overnight at **The Avenue** in Whanganui

Friday April 21 – We are up and away to Masterton - via the Saddle Road through Woodville with lunch at the Tui Brewery in Mangatainoka. There is an option to stop at Pukaha Mount Bruce Bird Sanctuary, SH2 for coffee and a walking tour.

50th ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND CELEBRATION BEGINS

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Friday April 21 Evening - We all gather for a Welcome Evening at the Copthorne Solway Park in Masterton. We'll have meet and greet drinks, then our **50th Welcome Dinner** with a mix and mingle game (to get to know each other better) over dinner.

Overnight at the **Solway** in Masterton.

Saturday April 22 – We travel to Greytown for the 'Great Greytown Explorer'.

We will take a relaxing back roads tour to Greytown where there is plenty to see and do - most within easy walking distance. It is pretty much free time in one of NZ's most beautiful towns. There are plenty of cafes and eateries available for casual lunch, and some shopping! Then we take different back roads on the return to Masterton.

In the evening, we bus from the Solway to the Kittyhawk Café at Hood Aerodrome for our 1970's themed dress-up **50th Anniversary Dinner**. Return by bus to Solway.

Overnight at the **Solway** in Masterton.

Sunday April 23 – In the morning it is time to wash and wax for the Concours d' Elegance display and judging.

We then drive to Martinborough for a **light catered lunch** at the historic Martinborough Town Hall, with wine tasting options. Afternoon is a casual drive (via an easy navigational run with other places of interest en-route) back to the Solway for the National AGM leading into pre-dinner drinks and then our **Black Tie Gala Dinner**. Our guest speaker is Scott Thompson - *'Rolls Royce - the myth and the Magic'*.

Overnight at the **Solway** in Masterton.

Monday April 24 - We have two options:

1. **Bus tours** going to various places of interest – depending on numbers, we are planning to go to Brancepeth historic house, Tirohana Estate for lunch, or;
2. **Self-drive** convoy to the south coast (Cape Palliser / Ngawi).

We return to the Solway for a **Tour dinner**. Our guest speaker is John Kennedy – *'Mr. Radley Drives to Vienna'*.

Overnight at the **Solway** in Masterton.

Tuesday April 25 - ANZAC Day. There will be a number of options;

1. A dawn parade at the Masterton War Memorial Hall at 5:30am with a memorial service at the Cenotaph in Queen Elizabeth Park at 5:55am;
2. A memorial service at Tinui Church (en route to Castle Point) commencing at 10:00am, or;
3. Join the service at the ANZAC Bridge Kaipororo - 20km's north of the Pukaha Mount Bruce Bird Sanctuary at 2:00pm. (This will be too late for our visits to Manfield or the Coach House – so is a 'on-your-own' visit including getting your own lunch.

We head over the Pahiatua Track to either;

1. A visit to **Manfield Autocourse** in Feilding where we will be met by TrackDaysNZ who will coach us through some high-speed runs in our cars behind a pace car or, for the more aggressive, some individual Hot Laps. For the more passive, there is a passenger/spectator option. A light **lunch** will be provided, or;
2. A visit to The **Coach House** in Feilding where a light lunch is available.

Then on to a **Tour Dinner** at the Coachman in Palmerston North, with Colin Dray as our guest speaker – *'Derby Bentleys'*.

Overnight at the **Coachman** in Palmerston North.

Wednesday April 26 - There are two options;

1. We may be able to get into the Ohakea air base (yet to be confirmed) for a Biggin Hill aircraft museum visit - possibly including the helicopter repair / maintenance facility (the NZ Air Force helicopters are fitted with Rolls Royce jet engines). This is subject to Air Force approval – but we are trying! This is yet to be confirmed. Or;
2. We go to the Gables Museum and Gardens and Awahuri. If the Ohakea visit is not possible, we will all go to the Gables Museum and Gardens.

We have options for lunch;

1. La Bull – in Bulls, or;
2. Viv's Kitchen (*food the way it used to be*) - Sanson, or;
3. The Church Café – Sanson, or;
4. the Woolshed Café – on State Highway 1, just south of Sanson.

before heading south to Southwards Car Museum at Paraparaumu and on into Wellington.

Our **Farewell Dinner** will be at the prestigious Wellington Club - Sir Neville Jordan is our guest speaker - *'Peking to Paris - trials and tribulations'*.

Overnight at the **James Cook Hotel** in Wellington.

Thursday April 27 – after a casual breakfast you are now on your own to make your way home!