

Southern Group outing to Orari

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Photo credit: Paula Buchanan

Seven lovely Leyland's lined up outside a cafe on SH1 at Orari where 16 members enjoyed a lovely lunch together followed by our usual meeting. The venue was chosen to enable some of our very southern members to participate and as a result, those present were as follows: Brian and Lyn Morris from Waikouaiti, Malcolm and Jan Moore from Reefton, Alastair and Frances Young from Waimate, Roy and Paula Buchanan from Methven. Don and Helen Prouting from Ashburton, Mark and Christine Hammond, Paul Jones and Dawn Cumming and Don and Jenifer Alexander, all from Christchurch.

The main topic of our meeting was the next AGM in Nelson which our branch is hosting. We are hoping for a good turnout of North Islanders to join us in Nelson and the programme is looking better than ever!

Apologies were received from our treasurer John Warren who has been suffering from ill health lately and has passed on his role to Don Alexander. Thank you for your participation over many years John, and we hope to see you fully recovered in the near future.

George and Sandy also declined to join us and as the day was very cold and wet in Christchurch we didn't blame them for opting to stay at home and keep warm. The weather improved slowly the further south we travelled and by afternoon a watery sun was shining.

Special thanks to Helen Prouting for arranging such a good venue for us though she admitted the suggestion actually came from Colin Sweetman who with Kathy is currently holidaying in America.

Editor's note: The photo of the seven P76s above shows the large colour spread, kind of 5 red and 2 green. The drivers have been photographed with their cars so I'm not deliberately missing out the navigators. You can work it out from the above story. Missing from the mix is the lovely Hammond B as BD V8 but not for long I believe. Note the bid to make the Leyland's look more "sportier" all having their sun visors down. Sportier is a direct quote from at least one of those attending. I'm yet to be convinced of this effect and yes Brian does have his down, they are black in his car as is all the interior. So L to R we have Don PMAG E, Brian PMAG E (sort of, black leather has to be of exec quality surely) Roy BA D, Alistair DR D, Jan DR D, Paul SO S and Don AG E. Deluxe's would have ruled!



Above we have the Southern group members at their Orari lunch. Certainly, a big happy looking group rugged up against the cold. Good to see such numbers supporting your outings.

As far as I can recall this photo shows most of the attending members, from L to R we see Roy, Christine, Paul, Malcolm, Jenifer, Paula, Lyn, Brian (obscured or hiding) Mark, Don A, Frances, Alistair, Jan, Helen and Don P.