

# Murupara Run

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This event may have been cancelled last July due to bad weather, but on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March the weather couldn't have been better. There was another great turnout with 20 cars and 30 members attending. Two of them were new members and a couple of guests.

After travelling from our usual meeting places, we arrived at the Coffee Club in Rotorua at 10 am for a caffeine fix and a bite to eat. We then headed off down State Highway 5 past Rainbow Mountain and through the Kaingaroa Forest to Murupara then stopping a little further on in the Galatea Valley at the Steiners property. Galatea is a small farming settlement with only a School, Hall, General store and Vet.

Here we got to view their private beer can collection. There were cans lining all the walls from floor to ceiling, with bottles high up on the rafter. There are over 12,000 cans collected from 120+ countries around the world. There was nearly as much beer related memorabilia leaving little room to showcase a few classic cars restored to original condition.



We wandered out to another shed for our picnic style lunch. This shed had several restored tractors with others out in the yard.

After lunch we made a short walk (or drive) across the road to another one of their sheds to find more tractors, cars, generators, farm machinery and an assortment of interesting memorabilia.



We left there and 10 minutes down the road we stopped at Lake Aniwhenua. This is a very picturesque place with camping and fishing or just relaxing. Great for a picnic (Maybe another club day trip?).

Everyone headed off on their own merry way, some stopping at the Matahina dam but most heading to Te Teko to branch off to their own home towns.



Another one of those successful trips aided by great weather and pleasant company.

You can view a video of our club arriving by going to Beer Can Museum - Galatea on Facebook

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