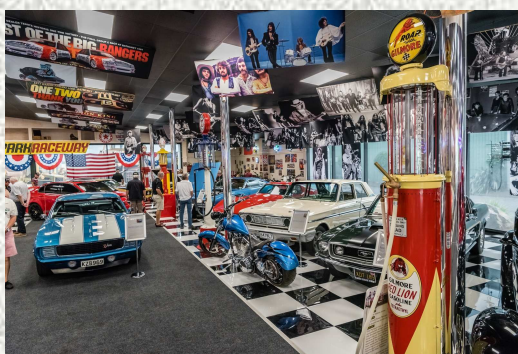




I am not going to even try to describe the museum except that it was quite stunning, a hidden gem I had never heard of. The cars are immaculate and range from a 1956 Beetle, through a beautiful 1972 Aston Martin DBS V8 and on to a Bonneville world record car and Scott Dixon's Target Indy Car. Memorabilia covers the walls, and 60's nostalgia decorates the ceilings.



But the thing that attracted most comment was a spectacular display of earthmoving equipment, (that being what Ross Brothers do). The most talked about item was a huge bulldozer, literally the size of a small house, weighing in at 123 tonnes and sitting on gigantic tyres more than 3.2 metres in diameter.

The tyres weigh 7 tonnes each and if you want to nip down to Tyremaster and pick up just one spare for it, take \$87,500 with you in pocket change!



Sadly, the museum is only open to groups, and you really need a full day to see it all so I would happily go again, but lunch called, and we headed to Podium Restaurant, at the rowing centre on Lake Karapiro, which I can highly recommend.

After lunch and good conversation, we all scattered to the four winds, having had an extremely interesting and enjoyable day.

To quote Arnie, "I'll be back"! *Eric* *(More photos on page 30)*

