

Sanitorium Hill and Club Concourse



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The morning of our JAGUAR run to Cambridge, rose to drizzly rain, cloudy patches and of course fog !

GREAT! "TYPICAL WAIKATO WEATHER" I thought, some "Bay" people would say, as we loaded up raincoats ,hats and umbrellas amongst the picnic table, chairs and picnic goodies but No, no panic,

One must be positive I guess amongst the drizzle.....

As we drove towards our meeting place at the Karapiro Café & Bakery, the weather took a turn for the better showing some blue sky and sunshine at times (behind the clouds of



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course) but a lot more pleasant than previously thought.

It was lovely to catch up with everyone as they duly arrived and parked their cars under Noel's guidance.

There was ideal parking space behind the café which was perfect for the concours judging.



As most of us enjoyed a delicious morning tea from a wide selection of cabinet food and caught up with various members of the club whilst the judging was taking place it was a very pleasant morning

Formalities, comments and announcement of the winners of the competition was duly announced

Being only five entries, every participant won an award so that was good too for us onlookers!

The cars were immaculately presented and all their owner's hard work and efforts in presenting them were acknowledged and rewarded

1st prize Alan Judd - 1963 Mk 2

2nd prize Peter Davies - 2006 XK

3rd prize Dave Penn—2009 XK

As we were all congregated together our professional club photographer (newest 80 year old) jumped up, rather dangerously over the fish pond and rocked and rolled precariously to get the right angle to take that special “shot” of us all!

Think he may go to the gym by his movements, we were very impressed by his balancing act and a lot of others I am sure!

We look forward to seeing the photo Peter, thank you.

In our usual fashion we all left in convoy to Cambridge to our destination, Sanatorium Hill

As Cambridge is relatively flat, we noticed as we drove up the hills we passed around cyclists, runners and walkers, obviously that route is well used by the fit, focused and many more who are challenging their energy levels, the views would be very rewarding at the end of their exercising regime.

Sanatorium Hill was well known where returned soldiers went to recuperate suffering from tuberculosis where plenty of fresh air and solitary rest was recommended, and dormitories and small single bed shelters were able to accommodate up to 60 soldiers.



In 1922 it was sold and sadly demolished as too old and expensive to upgrade

Today only one, small concrete out building remains as a memorable icon of TB history in New Zealand

Originally the Army bought it from the Health Dept as it was the first open air sanatorium

Maungakawa Scenic Reserve was established in 1953 and included the Sanatorium site



Today it is still a sanctuary with its rhododendrons, camelias, walnuts and natives, with lovely walks and viewing sites which some of us enjoyed, and not accompanied by showers, rain or fog!

We set up our picnic lunch in the Reserve amongst the beautiful trees and had a lovely time of fun and friendship as always, before we all headed home on a scenic drive through the beautiful

outskirts of Cambridge.

THANK YOU to Noel and Wendy for organizing our pleasant and enjoyable days outing.

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