

Fourth Newsletter for the 17th National Model A Ford Rally

23-28th February, 2025. Solway Hotel and Showgrounds, Masterton, Wairarapa, New Zealand

Dear Model A Enthusiast,

26th October 2024

Formal Registration has been open for eight weeks and only about 50 drivers have Formally Registered for the Rally out of 120 Early-bird Registrations.

Please make Formal Registration as soon as possible, returning your 'Waiver' document as well, please, to nimafc.secretary@gmail.com

Registrations close on the **10th of November** to give us time to get the Rally Brochure printed and make final arrangements. Formal Registration documents were emailed to all 'Early-bird' Registrants on 2nd September, 2024. Check your emails for that date.

Registration Documents are available on the Club website www.modelaford.co.nz

Look for the link to 17th National Model A Ford Rally. If you email Martin Rees using nimafc.secretary@gmail.com I can send you the Registration documents again, if you have lost them.

Several people have enquired about getting **cloth badges** embroidered by Custom Threadz. We did not promote this as there had been very few requests for these items from the previous National rallies. However, Mala Uka is willing to do cloth embroidered badges for anyone who wants one. They cost \$23 each including GST. Please email her at info@customthreadz.co.nz with your request and mailing address. She will send you an invoice. When this is paid she will post the cloth badge to you.

Some **women** may like a Rally cap that is neither black nor navy blue. Mala can supply **Rally caps** in other colours if you wish. They cost \$36 each with the Rally logo embroidered on the front. Email her as above with your request and mailing address. She will send you an invoice. When this is paid she will post the cap to you. Follow this link to see the various colours available for ladies caps.

https://www.headwear.com.au/en_nz/product/brushed-heavy-cotton-with-peak-trim-embroidered-5

For **museum visits** we have had to do some negotiating to get the admission prices down as much as possible for 'large group' attendance. The Greytown **Cobblestones Museum** entry fee will be **\$10** per person but **\$8** with presentation of your **Gold Card**. To speed Museum admission please try and have either \$8 or \$10 cash available, but

they do have Eftpos facilities. The Museum admission price is in addition to the lunch fee pre-paid with your registration.

Entry fee for the Featherston **Fell Locomotive Museum** is a flat rate of **\$7** per adult, no Gold Card rate. Again, please have \$7 cash ready to speed up admission, although they do have Eftpos available.

Entry fee for the **Pointon Museum** is **\$10** per head. It has a great collection of women's era fashion clothing plus a very interesting and varied vintage car collection. Francis has given us a very generous group discount of \$5 per head. Please have \$10 cash each to be paid to the Rally appointed 'Team Leader' for the day, who will be collecting the cash to pay Francis, as he does not have Eftpos facilities available. (This will be done on the roadside whilst having afternoon tea outside his museum entrance!)

Entry fee for the **Pukaha Wildlife Sanctuary** at **Mt Bruce** is **\$20** per head, which is a \$4 discount off their usual adult rate and 50cent discount off their pensioner rate. They will take cash and have Eftpos available. Group tours will be available but these are \$40 per head. They will have guides available to explain about what to see at Pukaha (no charge for the 'introduction') before you do your own 'walkabout'. This is a very interesting place with captive breeding programs for many of our endangered bird species. The day you do the 'Pukaha Run' will be the '**Competitive Day**' with a questionnaire sheet to fill in. There will be questions about what you will see and learn at Pukaha and also on the route from there to Le Gra vineyard for lunch. There will also be questions about the Greek Orthodox Church and the Pointon Museum. There will be a Prize for the winner at the Friday night dinner.

The following is a note for people with **food intolerances**/ specific dietary requirements. For the three Rally dinners at the Solway Hotel the Chef can make Gluten Free, Dairy Free, vegan and vegetarian meals available to special request. For the pre-paid lunches, if you have food intolerances we suggest you deduct \$100 from your registration fee (that pays for four rally lunches) and supply your own lunches to meet your specific dietary requirements. You won't be supplied with lunch tickets. Everyone, irrespective of dietary requirements will need to purchase their own drinks at the Solway Hotel and at the lunch venues.

Unfortunately the **Wings over Wairarapa Airshow** that was to be staged for the three days prior to our 17th National Rally has been **cancelled** due to financial issues following one airshow being cancelled by Cyclone Gabrielle and the subsequent one being severely affected by further bad weather. Ron Mark, Chairman of WOWA was quoted in the 'Post' newspaper saying 'the WOWA Board had not received final payment from the insurance companies and there is not sufficient time now to organise Wings 2025.'

Many of you will be planning to go to the Art Deco Festival in Napier (13-16th Feb, 2025) the weekend prior to our Rally.

You will have some spare time to fill-in after Art Deco and before our Rally starts.

There are many **interesting things to do in the Wairarapa** that won't be covered by our Rally. It would be best to try and avoid visiting the places we are going to on the Rally, that are listed in the program in the Registration Document. For the physically fit there are some good walks to do.

1. **Pitangirua Pinnacles**, spectacular eroded spires used as a backdrop in Lord of the Rings movies. Access is off the main road from the Lake Ferry turn off to Cape Palliser. A short walk in past a slip that has supposedly closed the attraction but is easily negotiated will take 1-2 hours and there is a loop track which is a 3-4 hour walk for the more adventurous! Take your cameras for a great photo opportunity.
2. **Patuna Chasm** is accessed via Patuna Farm, 236 Haurangi Rd, Ruakokopatuna 5781 Wairarapa. Phone 027 633 1337. Go to www.patunafarm.co.nz for details and to see a YouTube video of this amazing limestone gorge. You will get wet feet on this spectacular walk!
3. **Tararua Forest Park**. Access is via Dalefield Road off SH2 at the southern border of Carterton. Follow signs to Waiohine Gorge Rd that takes you to the Waiohine River carpark, campground and Fern Stream Waterfall, beyond which is a pleasant walking track. Take your own picnic lunch.

For those wanting something more **leisurely** to do there are many '**Stately Homes**' in the area and the Queen Elizabeth Gardens opposite the iSite on Dixon St, with the adjacent Henley Lake Park make a very pleasing walk. You can go to www.wairarapagardentour.co.nz to get an idea of the other gardens that can be seen.

Stately Homes.

1. 'Llandaff', 183 Upper Plain Rd, R D 8, Masterton 5888 Ph 06 378 6628
Email: llandaff@xtra.co.nz www.wairarapa.co.nz/llandaff
Elizabeth & Robin Dunlop hosts.
2. 'Dursley'. 1899 Te OreOre -Bideford Rd, R.D. 11, Masterton, 5871
www.dursley-garden.blogspot.com E: dursley@actrix.gen.nz
Phone 06 3724 804 J D Callaghan, host.
3. 'Brancepeth', 1534 Masterton-Stronvar Rd, RD 10, Masterton 5890

Phone 0274 464 660 or 06 3722 876 E: edward@brancepeth.co.nz

Other activities to help fill in time before the Rally starts!

1. Masterton Golf Club, cnr Manuka & Bolton's Rd, Lansdowne, Masterton 5810
Phone 06 377 4984 E: admin@mastertongolfclub.co.nz ,
www.mastertongolfclub.co.nz
2. Middleton Model Railway, Cwmglyn Farm 36 Morgan's Rd, R D 2, Eketahuna 4994
Phone 020 4175 0942 E: fraser-davies@inspire.net.nz, www.modelrailway.co.nz
3. Stonehenge-Aotearoa, 51 Ahiaruhe Rd, RD 2, Carterton District 5792
Phone 06 377 1600 www.stonehenge-aotearoa.nz
4. The Wool-Shed Shearing Museum, 12 Dixon St, Masterton 5810. Phone 06 378 8008 E: admin@thewoolshednz.com, www.thewoolshednz.com
5. Wairarapa Farmers Market, Solway Showgrounds, off end of Fleet St, Masterton
0900-1300 Every Saturday a.m. www.waifarmersmarket.org.nz
E: waifmsec@gmail.com This is where the Rally car display will be Mon 24-2-25

It is best to phone any of the above mentioned venues to check for opening times and admission prices.

If anyone has any useful items they are happy to donate for an auction at one of the dinners, please email Martin,

E: nimaafc.secretary@gmail.com

We look forward to everyone completing their Registration Documents then seeing you all at the Rally. Stay safe on the roads.

Our best wishes,

Wade Alexander, Hugh Hulse,
Terry Costello, Martin Rees
17th National Model A Ford
Rally Committee.

