

# Henry Ford's birthday

## Competitive event.



**Date:** Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2026

**Start point:** Bombay Waitomo Services back carpark.

**Assembly time:** 0830

**Departure time:** 0900

**General locality of the event:** Maramarua, Kaihere, Miranda, Kaiaua.

**Event distance:** 90 miles / 150 km one way.

**Times:** 1. Morning 'run' to Red Fox Tavern for lunch, with a 'pit-stop' at the Maramarua Bakehouse Café approximately halfway. Drive time 3 hours. Lunch 1215-1330

2. Afternoon 'run' Red Fox / Maramarua to Miranda, 30 mins

3. Guided tour of Pukorokoro Shorebird Reserve 1500-1600 hrs

4. Own afternoon tea/coffee at Miranda Camping reserve 1615.

5. Rally ends where the campers and caravans park. Some people may wish to go home then before it gets too dark. Others may wish to stay and have dinner at the Bay View Hotel, Kaiaua a few km up the road. These folk may also choose to stay in a local cabin or camp-ground so they can drive home in daylight on Monday 27-7-26.

**Route notes and Questionnaire:** These will be available as one document on the day. Put your name and car Rego number on the top. Only people competing in their Model A will be eligible for a prize, but modern cars are still welcome.

**What to bring:** Thermos and afternoon tea. Binoculars or telescope if you have one. Clipboard and pen. Warm clothes if it's cold, raincoat if it's wet. Ten dollars cash to cover cost of Guided tour at Miranda. Over-night bag etc if staying in Kaiaua for dinner and staying in local accommodation. Get some 6-Volt LED headlamp bulbs off Errol so you can drive in the dark!

Co-ordinator **Martin Rees**. I need to know if you are coming, for 'numbers' for lunch and also for dinner and whether or not you will stay the night.

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## Accommodation available in the Miranda/ Kaiaua region.

- 1. Tasman Holiday Park**, quality Camping Ground.  
555 front Miranda Rd, Miranda 3576 (7 km south of Shorebird Centre).  
Variety of motel units, cabins, motorhome and caravan sites. Heated indoor pool.  
Rooms from \$110.00. Phone 07 867 3205
- 2. Broadwater Farm** homestyle accommodation 5 Star.  
851 Miranda Rd, Miranda.  
Phone 027 446 7242  
Email: [broadwaterfarm7@gmail.com](mailto:broadwaterfarm7@gmail.com)  
Rooms from \$289.00.
- 3. Miranda Orchard Cottage** 4 Star.  
1065 Miranda Rd Miranda 2173  
Cottage has two separate bedrooms, Wi-Fi, bathroom and kitchen \$225 /night.  
Phone 027246 8242
- 4. Earth Energies Sanctuary** 5 Star.  
3315 SH 2, Mangatarata 3576. Phone for rates.  
Phone 07 867 3448
- 5. Pukorokoro Shorebird Centre Accommodation.**  
283 East Coast Rd, Miranda 2473  
Phone 09 232 2781 Chelsea or Trudy.  
Email: [admin@shorebirds.org.nz](mailto:admin@shorebirds.org.nz)

To use their accommodation and lounge area you need to take out a personal membership for \$50 or a family for \$60 for one year. This gives you a \$45 discount on accommodation rate.

They have two 2 self-contained motel type units (SCU) with toilet and a kitchen, and one bunkroom with shared facilities.

Whimbrel SCU 2 single beds \$90 per night per couple

Sandpiper SCU 4 bunk beds \$90 per night per couple

Turnstone Bunk room 6 bunks \$20 per night per person

Dotterel Bunk room 6 bunks \$20 per night per person

Curlew Bunk Room 1 single top bunk, one double bottom bunk, \$20 per night per person.