

PRIMETIMERS REPORT 2018

Our year began in February with a lot of newcomers and a welcome visit from Sarah Ballard, back in Wanaka after her move back to England...some lovely songs and travel tales followed by a very entertaining talk from Winton, our President, about his Blue Pottery Collection. Amber Scheuker also encouraged more members to join her popular personal training classes.

Our outing up to the Chondola at the Cardrona Alpine Resort was thwarted twice, thanks to bad weather, but out of our control, sadly.

In March Margaret West, an enterprising and very much community involved person in Wanaka, gave us a fascinating and beautifully photographed account of the Cavalcade down south and all the hardy riders and trampers involved.

We eagerly anticipated the March outing with a cruise on the lake but again the weather was against us. However a lunch at the Trout was a pleasant compensation.

In April Megan Williams spoke to us about the proposed Community House and her other ecological and environmental ventures.

The annual trip to the Arrowtown Autumn Festival, complete with decorated fancy hats was a fantastic occasion with the unexpected surprise appearance of the New Zealand Youth Choir, breathtaking indeed !

At our May meeting Graeme Halliday gave a lively talk on his experiences working on the Clyde Dam, which brought back so many memories. Then Gwen Hendry told us about her triplets and her proposal that the older folk of Wanaka could try their hand at babysitting. In May we bravely undertook a trip to the Ida Valley with a tasty lunch at the Chatto Creek Pub then on down to Hayes' Engineering Workshop, where a tour around the Homestead then Gilchris's General Store at Oturehua was particularly interesting, and Doreen bought socks. Thank goodness the weather held !

Graham Taylor told us about his vintage cars in June and a large appreciative crowd enjoyed the coffee and cookies at Cinema Paradiso later in the month seeing the inspirational movie "Edie".

It was a pleasure to have Kathy Dedo in July from the Wanaka Alpine Community Trust to talk about the initiatives from Link and the proposed Lakefront Development Plan. And the outing to the Airport and Toy and Transport Museum for memories and lunch was greatly enjoyed on July 26.

So what does the future hold ?

A visit to a local school, another attempt at an outing on snow or water, a frenzied day of Christmas shopping and a lunch with the angels. PrimeTimers are enjoying their Prime !

