

PRIME TIMERS ACTIVITY COORDINATOR REPORT 2019

The PrimeTimers gathered in great numbers on February 14 to hear about guest speaker Fiona Fairbairn's 45km swim across Lake Wanaka, and we spontaneously donated \$200 to her trust.

Our first outing was a cruise to Ruby Island with a morning tea to prepare us for a bit of a stroll, a beautiful day out and the sun shone for us.

In March local author Viv Milsom introduced us to her recent publication 'The Vineyards of Central Otago' and gave a marvellous expose on the history of our regional wine exploits.

Later in March trip to Hogland Glass inspired us all before a leisurely wander and lunch around the Cromwell mall and shops, and only one of us got lost.

Sue Bartlett demonstrated her Sweetheart Project in April. And so many recognised the Wanaka names of men who were immortalised in Sue's Lovehearts. The Grace Quilts which Sue also makes were all of great interest as well.

A popular visit to the April Arrowtown Autumn Festival saw a packed bus with over 40 fancy-hatted PrimeTimers who enjoyed the fancy afternoon tea, the Miners Band, the Buckingham Belles and a special tribute to Vera Lynn from Vicky Lee. And again the shopping was fun, bus loaded up with crafty projects and gifts.

In May we were very lucky to hear of the exploits of the Otago Rescue Helicopter Trust's from former chairman Ross Black, and we responded with a healthy donation and a new insight into one of our wonderful services. Gina Dempster from Wastebusters spoke at the same meeting, and prepared us for the new impending rubbish collection. Lots of questions and answers there!

Many put their hands up for the trip to St Bathans on May 25 and after a light lunch and brisk walk around the lake sampled the Irish Coffees. Seeing inside the church, playing the organ and picking the holly were highlights!

At the June meeting we heard about the Heart Kids Project (a cycling trip through Cambodia) from Sue Dunbar Davis and Cate Davis, and we generously donated \$200 to this cause.

On a grey day our outing to Cinema Paradiso to see 'Sometimes. Always. Never.' This took the chill off, and cookies and coffee lightened our spirits.

We're looking forward to trips to Clyde and Tarras in the coming months and more interesting speakers with a focus on local vineyards and maybe even tastings. We are always welcoming new members and may have to have to get extra buses for our enormously popular trips!

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