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ROYAL ENFIELD RALLY -- KUMARA - MARCH 2022

Photo courtesy of TNR Photography, thanks to Dean French.

Notes from the 2022

Elected committee of four

General Secretary. Phil Marsh .

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Athalie Clement

Technical, pre 1932. Bevars Binnie

New area rep for Canterbury. Jason Todd in Geraldine. 115toddyjr@gmail.com

Mid term rally 2022. UpNorth Chris & Allan. To continue.

STOP PRESS... RALLY DATES confirmed -- 11th, 12th and 13th November

Annual rally 2023 Proposed to hold rally at Coromandel. Terry O'Hanlon

Club computer --- register to buy a new computer for the membership sec/editor.

Rally and Club fees to increase on 1/1/23

Rally entry fee \$35,

New Registration fee \$20 for year 1. Annual fee \$20

Thanks to everyone who sent in their rally reports and photos, I did raid some of your reports and photos off facebook.

Special thanks to Eileen and Chris for their enormous effort in organising the Kumara rally.

Lew

PS. Nice To see two of my ex bikes at the rally.

1961 Crusader Super 5. 250

1963 MK1 Interceptor 750



Jason Todd - Can't be too far now !



Ian Reid - Start of our trip on the Enfield across the Molesworth

Morning Lew

Just been over cleaning up at the sportsground where we had the bonfire. There were six or seven campers, and they were saying that they had been talking to someone who was at the Rally, who had a wonderful time, and absolutely loved it. Word spreading around the County! I was thrilled to hear that.

It was lovely to see Claire and Robert and the crew from Nelson, and also to meet Phil and William in person. So many lovely people, all with a common interest. We had a fantastic weekend, it was just so hectic, and didn't really get time to chat properly one on one. But I loved every minute of it.

We even did a line dancing demo on Saturday afternoon. Our instructor is 87, and she went into the RSA rooms, where the guys were, and ordered them out to the hall! She used to be the publican at Jackson's Hotel, heading towards Christchurch, which was pretty infamous in its time, so she's difficult to ignore! Chris even videoed one of the guys having a go. It was so much fun.

We had a few issues before the Rally even started. Mal Ritchie with a clutch cable broken in Murchison. Chris took the cable off his Classic and I couriered it to them. Then, Rob and Claire had an issue with a lost or broken steering nut. They were unable to find it on the roadworks they'd just ridden over.

Troy Newman had an issue with his battery, and had to jumpstart his bike. Chris tried to charge it overnight, no luck. He brought a new battery on Saturday and had no further issues.

All enjoyed the weekend regardless though.

Regards Eileen



I just wanted to share with the group this email I received, on Sunday evening, from MCR in Dunedin. I don't know if all the Dealers throughout NZ are this supportive, considering that they are not the closest dealer to the West Coast, they went out of their way to support the Rally, and then emailing after hours, I just think that kind of service is fantastic, and deserves to be recognised...
Thank you MCR Dunedin

Eileen Parker

Hi Eileen.

*I Just wanted to say a huge **congratulations***

on the rally. It sounds like it was awesome and the weather played its part well. A few of our local lads went over and had a ball!

Sorry we couldn't make it this time - maybe next time.

Again, well done you !

Regards

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The rally, as I see it. Started out as a normal ride, and remained that way, but something went awry along the way.

On my way thru Piopio, I stopped for a break, and there was a blind man, leaning against an abandoned shop front. He was playing a 2 row button accordion. While I was listening to him play his Acadian music, he stopped and seemed to look straight at me and started talking as though I wasn't there. He said I was on a long journey, that I would meet all sorts of interesting people along the way. He said I would be eating well, and I would see unusual things. Like a motorcycle on a stage, a bonfire with people surrounding it, singing, people in fast cars acting strange. I would see majestic scenery, mountains, lakes, rivers, and plains. He said, beware of going to the Hotel in Fox, there is resident evil there, taking the form of a Swedish Netball team.

I left the blind man, still leaning against the shopfront, pondering his predictions, but knew that I would see grand scenery, wondering how he could know this other stuff.

As I pulled into the Mokau whitebait cafe, I saw about 10 Ford Mustangs peel away, seemed to be driven by women. Inside were Owen and Chalky, looking fatigued, ravaged in fact, shirts untucked, lipstick smears on their faces, big round eyes. I don't know what happened, they weren't talking. We picked up Phil in New Plymouth, he had an expectant look in his eyes, maybe he knows things.

The predictions of beautiful scenery kept revealing itself as we made our way to Reefton, caught up with another bunch of RE enthusiasts, great , entertaining evening in the local pub.

It was a great rally from beginning to end. Well done to the organizers, excellent choice regarding the evening dinner as well. Loved the ride. I heard Owen tell Terry O'Hanlon that 'this is best day of my life'!

Three of us peeled off to complete a loop thru Otago, and we did stop for a night in the Hotel in Fox. Seemed to be a lot of young blond women around, Phil got involved in various conversations with them, completely ignoring us, and off he went. His bed wasn't slept in, his bike was gone in the morning, and we didn't see him for the rest of the trip. Missed his ferry crossing too. I hope he's OK.

Anyway, I digress, it was a great trip, excellent catch up with old and new faces.

I saw no sign of the blind man in Piopio on the way back, now I'm starting to wonder if it really happened.

Cheers, Ken

When we heard the unmistakable sound of the Enfield thump coming up the Kumara straight, that was something to smile about, and for me, the start of the rally

My journey towards hosting the best weekend I could, started back in early July 2021, when I began my “begging campaign” around the Coast. Sourcing raffle prizes, and “lucky dip” gifts for everyone, little knowing how big it would get, and how much grovelling I’d have to do! Now, I just have to fulfil my promise of some baking!

Then came the wrapping of fifty-five gifts, and counting them, at least four times! Chris suggested wooden name tags so they could be kept as a memento. Fifty-five names to write on one side, and then stamp the RE symbol (which he had specially made) on the other. Such fun!! The build-up over the last couple of weeks involved quite a few sleepless nights. Mind racing, with things to do at 2am, so up you get, and start another page of notes!

Friday 25th 8am

We’re at the hall, setting up inside. The forecast is for brilliant sunshine all weekend, yah! Bikes start arriving before lunch. It’s just so wonderful to be a part of this event, but also quite difficult to actually ‘take part’ if that makes sense. I wish I’d had more time to chat to everyone. People start queuing up to get in, then meeting new friends, and catching up with old ones. What an atmosphere. It’s awesome!

5.30pm **Mmmm... Our special West Coast Welcome treat: West Coast Whitebait Patties are cooked and served, delicious, the BBQ sizzling, all is well in Kumara! Except for three “Palmy Boys” who had their whitebait sandwich literally snatched out of their hands!! Due to late arrival they missed out. Sorry guys, come back to the Coast, and we’ll make sure you get one!**

Saturday 26th Another beautiful, bright and windless West Coast day. Trying to organise fifty-odd men is like trying to herd 100 chickens into a run!

Finally the ride is on, with the majority taking the longer option. Meeting up in the fabulous wee town of Ross at 1pm. What a wonderful choice that was for lunch and a look around the Bike Shed down there.

Back at the hall, our line dancing Instructor, Daph, aged eighty-seven, tried in vain, to get some of the guys on the dance-floor. Eventually one brave biker, Colin Skeats, was courageous enough to give it a go. Good on ya Col!!



AGM over, Raffle drawn, Lucky Dip prizes given out. Time for another beautiful meal, which was enjoyed by all.

Eventually, some of the group headed over to the sports ground and lit the driftwood bonfire. Two local musicians accompanied us on guitar, we let off a couple of sky lanterns, as fireworks were not allowed. And then there were just four people left, gazing at the crystal-clear Kumara night sky, with the milky way, Elon Musk satellites, and the Space Station clearly visible, telling tall tales, singing and sampling a selection of home made liqueurs supplied by an anonymous loyal RE local.

My thanks to everyone who helped make the rally the success it was. To everyone who attended. To the breakfast cookers, and cleaner uppers! To 'The Loyal Royal West Coast Riders' thank you for your support, backing and help. The Tin Sign you gave me has already assisted me in learning a few parts of a motorbike!



Thanks for picking that Colin!!

I want to thank our wonderful friend, Pat Costello. He was our back-up driver, along with Chris. Pat came from Christchurch especially to help us for the weekend. He picked up supplies which we couldn't get on the Coast, helped set up the Hall, and was the barman all weekend in the RSA rooms. And, boy, was he busy! We absolutely couldn't have managed without him.

To the NZREOR committee, without your enormous support and encouragement, we would not be able to hold these brilliant rallies. The amount of work you all do often goes unrecognised, but I'm sure we all want to say thank you so much for the time and effort you all contribute in various ways!

It was really sad to say goodbye, and see everyone leave. I didn't want the weekend to end. Thanks for the wonderful memories.

Warm Regards

Eileen



Andrew Cudworth.- 350 Bullet/Combo.
Andrew built the entire sidecar unit



1961 Crusader Super 5 alongside Jens on his KX Vee Twin



Dion McAsey





[Dion McAsey](#) - Fantastic Rally. The guys have done an awesome job.
Special thanks to Eileen.



[Kerry Little](#) · Kumara town hall..awesome food and whitebait fritters...
great bunch of riders



[Frank Pinion](#)

Royal Enfield Motorcycle Rally 25th-27th February 2022 held at a small township on the West Coast of the South Island called Kumara. Crossing to the West Coast of the South Island I went to Lake Coleridge & down Seddon Road to the Coleridge-Lyndon Road to Lake Lyndon. Superb weather for duration of the Rally which was like being back in Summer again after the Autumn feel back home. Largest turn out of any Rally to date.

Nice to catch up with old acquaintances & share stories. Being a small town accommodation was at a premium so I was very lucky to be provided with the opportunity to stay at a farm set in the bush in a little cottage made up at the end of a pole shed. The Cottage was self contained in that the water come from a spring in the creek which fed two water tanks up on stands. The pressure created by the height of the stands above the ground. Power (12 v) was provided by the spring water which drove a hydro system which generated power. The coal stove in the corner heated the water for the shower etc. TV was a 12 v style for caravan or camper van. I thought the whole thing was rather ingenious. Thank's to Eileen who organised the Rally, for helping me out with Accommodation. Superbly organised Rally & thoroughly enjoyed the friendly/ relaxing atmosphere on the west coast.

It certainly was very peaceful & had some splendid views.

The Motorcycle Mueseum was located in Ross where we stopped for lunch at the Pub. Our other stop with the swing bridge was taken from a walk up the Hokitika Gorge. The lake photo's were of Lake Kaniere which had a well groomed gravel road around it & provided a superb location for water sports.

Next year the Rally is back to the North Island, and in the Coromandel.

Frank Pinion



Jason Todd

Had an amazing weekend at the 2022 Royal Enfield rally in Kumara, such a fantastic bunch people, so we'll organised and accommodating, I've never owned a motorcycle that comes with such a following, when you buy an Enfield whether new or old you don't just buy a bike but you become part of family, fun times, thank you all that was there.



Cedric Trounson



[Russell Biggs](#)

Luke and I just wanted to say a big thankyou to [Eileen Parker](#) and the rest of the team who worked hard to create a brilliant Rally. We had a fantastic time and really enjoyed meeting such a lovely group of people.



[Greig O'Kane](#) Awesome weekend

Want to give a huge shout out to Eileen Parker and the rest of the team, who put together a fantastic rally on the South Islands West Coast Their hospitality was on point. Well done guys, give yourselves a big pat on the back.



[Alastair McIsaac](#)

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What an amazing AGM that was, full marks to [Eileen](#) and Chris, they did both RE and Kumara very proud.

The on site food, the gifts at the lucky dip, the route and luncheon at Ross, the cooked breakfast and the whole event itself. You guys are awesome! Many thanks from us all!

It was great to see so many good friends again and a good number of newly made friends also.

One could really feel the warmth and love for our glorious machines, regardless of the model, year and condition and as the numbers increase within the register, so will these warm fuzzies.

And so to the mid term, even though it's not the full AGM, [Chris](#) and [Allan](#), you have a the pleasure of showing us the best of what Whangateau have to offer in November, other than your great company and hilarity.

Take care everyone and thanks to all for making the 26th REOGNZ AGM such an amazing event.

Ride safe and take it easy.



A great shot in Ross



Jens Christensen --- One Fabulous KX Vee Twin