

21st Annual Report 6th June 1999

I extend a warm welcome to you all from Tapawera 41 Club.

This Convention is a milestone for 41 Club, marking 21 years of fun and fellowship amongst like minded people. Many people have had a hand in the successful “coming of age” of National Association of 41 Clubs of New Zealand, I thank them for their efforts and I’m sure we all hope for an even more successful further 21 years. Thank you to Motueka club who handled the 21st celebrations.

We started the year without a Vice Chairman or Convention venue for the year 2000, I’m delighted Blenheim are showing an increased involvement with the National Association by holding Convention 2000.

We had a proposal for a convention in Australia which had to be abandoned because of lack of support, however there is still a tour available there, South Africa are working on a tour here, Belgium are here next spring, and Peter Butchart’s Canada – Alaska tour is fast approaching.

The International subs issue has been settled at a level I think we can “live with”, and I haven’t heard a different view from anyone.

I have put a lot of effort into membership, mainly through communication, and have had some pleasing results, increased from 416 to 450. There are a number of “unofficial” clubs out there who don’t see any benefit in joining the national body at a mere \$8 per members per year.

Special thanks go to Secretary/Treasurer Bruce Moffitt, who has done a great job, his main bug bear being “the Bank” also to my wife Dinkie whose office skills and willingness to help have been invaluable.

Thanks also to Peter Butchart for his friendly ear, Les Mockford IRO and Cliff Hitch, also my own Club for their support, Rod and his Convention Committee for organising this weekend.

To conclude my best wishes to incoming President Andy for the year ahead and hope to see you all the same time next year

Peter Phillips
National President