

WATERWHEEL HERITAGE PARK

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NEWSLETTER

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In 2016 we have continued our focus on promoting Waterwheel and engaging with the community through regular display openings, Live Days and involvement in community events.

We have tried to have the display open this year, but have been short on helpers to open it up. Any support would be greatly appreciated. It is at KEA Industrial Park, Manukorihi Dr. We welcome group visits.

LIVE DAYS are a chance to get some of our collection out and working. We run Live Days every 2 to 3 months, preferably in conjunction with another major event in Kawerau to take advantage of extra people in town.

Waitangi Weekend 7 February, 2016 – Live Day with good public support and some great media in the Beacon. With it being a nice day, children enjoyed fire engine and wagon rides.



Queen's Birthday weekend. A large group of 45 visitors from Ferguson Heritage Group came to visit the Collections. Stan and Phyllis Fretwell came and it was great to have Stan explain the concept of the Waterwheel, his construction of it, and about their commitment to Waterwheel Historic Trust. Phyllis helped with the sausage sizzle. The lunch for the group was next door at Jive café, but many chose to support us with our food we supplied. Donations of money were also given to support us.



KAWERAU MALL DISPLAY

In May, we put the miniature doll collection which was donated by Erica Dillon, into the new cabinets in the mall. This is an extensive collection of miniature dolls representing countries from all around the world. It is definitely worth a look, so if coming into Kawerau, head along into the mall to see this wonderful collection. We also used some items from our Collections site – dolls prams, and a tableau of yesteryear shops made by Edgcombe Primary school children, for their centenary celebrations last year.



SCHOOL VISIT

On 30 June we had a large group of school children from Awakeri School visit the Collections site. Two groups of 22 children – 7 to 8 year olds came to look and see the items of interest. They had been doing a project of vintage times and enjoyed handling old phones and typewriters and riding on the fire engine and the old tricycles.



If you would like to become involved with the Waterwheel Heritage Park – we need skills from writing, to event organisation to restoration to just being able to give some time to mind open times for our exhibition.

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