



Dear Members and Supporters

Thank you for your continuing support of the Waterwheel Historic trust.

This year we have continued our focus on promoting Waterwheel and engaging with the community.

A very successful venture was our **“Farming Like Grandad”** day which was held on January 29th this year at a property on SH 30, Kawerau. A great turn out of locals and visitors arrived

The main attractions were the Clydesdale Horses ploughing up the paddocks – with Glenn Sutton and his team along with Heavy Horses Association from Waikato – providing a great show of how hard work the horses can do.

Vintage Car Club provided a spectacle of a large range of Vintage Cars.

Vintage tractors from the Tauranga Vintage Machinery Club gave a wonderful parade of working Vintage machines.

We also had tractor rides for all; music provided by the John McKay trio and the EBOPaleles with their ukuleles added a country flair to the day

Town Crier a la Harry Sutcliffe and children’s activities, and the animals of the Farnyard corner were a great hit especially the Highland cattle, The Fibre and Craft group ladies showed a great range of spinning, weaving, old treadle sewing machines; and also a farrier at work – all of these activities giving a day like down at the farm with Grandad.



Highland cattle with the children



Vintage tractors in action



Clydesdale horses pulling the wagon



The ladies in a 1880 Victoria carriage



Rotoscillo treadle sewing machine still workable.

An Antiques Roadshow is held on Saturday 12 August from 10-3 at the Kawerau Town Hall for people to bring along their treasures and ask an expert for values. There is also a collection of small items from our Waterwheel Collections. Come along and bring your items that have been locked away – they may be worth something.

WoodFest at Kawerau on Saturday September 30th and Sunday 1st October this year also showcases our larger items – the restored Fire Engine, chaff cutter and many other larger pieces that will be working on the day. A good day out to see local activities and come along to our stand to support us.

Any support would be greatly appreciated. Our collection is based at KEA Industrial Park, Manukorihi Dr. We welcome group visits.

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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