

41 INTERNATIONAL - HALF YEARLY MEETING 2014 –NEW ZEALAND

A BIG HELLO FROM ALL OF US HERE IN NEW ZEALAND- “AOTEAROA” IN MAORI WHICH TRANSLATED MEANS “LAND OF THE LONG WHITE CLOUD”

HOWEVER OVER MORE RECENT TIMES THE TITLE “SHAKEY ISLES” HAS BEEN MORE APPROPRIATE IN SOME PARTS OF THE COUNTRY HOWEVER I AM HAPPY TO REPORT THAT THINGS HAVE PRETTY MUCH SETTLED DOWN IN CHRISTCHURCH AND THE BIG “RE-BUILD” IS ABOUT TO GET UNDERWAY.

THE HYM WILL BE HELD IN BLENHEIM IN THE WEEKEND OF 31OCT/1/2 NOVEMBER 2014.

BLENHEIM IS THE PRINCIPAL CITY IN THE PROVINCE OF MARLBOROUGH WHICH IS SITUATED AT THE TOP OF THE SOUTH ISLAND OF NEW ZEALAND AND IS EASILY ACCESSIBLE BY AIR, SEA AND ROAD AND IS KNOWN WORLD WIDE AS THE “SAUVIGNON BLANC” CAPITAL OF THE WORLD AND IS HIGHLY REGARDED AS ONE OF THE MOST DIVERSE AREAS IN NEW ZEALAND INsofar AS TOURIM ACTIVITIES ARE CONCERNED
THE WEATHER IN BLEHEIM IN EARLY NOVEMBER IS GENEARALLY VERY SETTLED AND WITH “DAYLIGHT SAVING” IN PLACE AT THAT TIME YOU WILL HAVE PLENTY OF “DAYLIGHT” TO PLAY WITH.

SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES AVAILBLE IN AND AROUND BLEHEIM INCLUDE

- A WORLD REKNOWNED AIRCRAFT HERITAGE CENTRE WHICH FEATURES SIR PETER JACKSON’S PERSONAL COLLECTION OF 1914/18 WWI AIRCRAFT AND OTHER MEMORABILIA
- MARLBOROUGH CLASSIC CARS- A BIG SELECTION VARIOUS TYPES AND AGES OF CARS AND MOTORBIKES
- MARLBOUGH SOUNDS BOATING EXPERIENCES VARYING FROM SPECIALISED TOURS TO FISHING TRIPS TO DAILY “MAIL BOAT RUNS” WHICH REALLY EXPLORE THE MAGIC OF THE MARLBOROUGH SOUNDS
- WE ARE ALSO ONLY 40 MINUTES FROM THE TOWN OF HAVELOCK WHICH IS THE HEART OF THE WORLD FAMOUS “GREEN LIPPED MUSSEL” INDUSTRY
- SPECIALISED “MUSSEL AND WINE” CRUISES WHICH VISIT MUSSEL “FARMS” WHILST SAMPLING “SAUVIGNON BLANC”
- WINE TOURS RANGING FROM THE TOP OF THE LINE PRIVATE TOURS TO THE BASIC TOURS IN A 12 /20 SEATER BUS. ALL OF THESE TOURS ARE DONE BY EXPERIENCED DRIVERS WITH EXTENSIVE KNOWLEDGE OF THE WINE INDUSTRY
- “WHALE WATCH”- JUST A 90 MINUTE DRIVE FROM BLENHEIM WHERE YOU CAN OBSERVE WHALES IN THEIR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT EITHER BY BOAT OR BY AIR
- SCENIC TOURS BY AIR FROM THE LOCAL AERO CLUB
- TWO 18 HOLE CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF COURSES
- CITY OF NELSON WHICH IS A 90 MINUTE DRIVE AND IS THE CAPITAL OF THE NELSON PROVINCE IS REGARDED AS ONE OF THE “ARTS AND CRAFTS” CENTRES OF NEW ZEALAND
- WORLD CLASS FLY FISHING
- SKY DIVING

WE UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS A “WORLD GOLF” COMPETITION NOW IN PLACE AND IF THAT IS THE CASE THIS WOULD BE HELD ON THE FRIDAY.

ON THE BASIS THAT PROBABLY MOST OF YOU THAT WILL COME TO NEW ZEALAND MAY WELL CHOOSE TO SPEND SOME EXTRA TIME HERE WE HAVE ARRANGED A PACKAGE THAT INCLUDES THE HYM WEEKEND AND POST TOUR OF THE SOUTH ISLAND FOR 46 PEOPLE, IF CONFIRMED DEMAND IS THERE WE COULD ALSO OFFER OTHER PRE OR POST TOURS OF THE NORTH AND SOUTH ISLANDS

WE CAN ALSO OFFER THE PROSPECT OF SOME “HOME HOSTING” BOTH HERE IN BLENHEIM AND IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY IF DESIRED.

ACCOMMODATION

WE HAVE TWO 4.5 STAR HOTELS ALMOST SIDE BY SIDE PLUS IF REQUIRED 3 OTHER 4.5 STAR MOTELS IN THE SAME BLOCK

VENUE

THE MEETING AND SOCIAL EVENTS WOULD TAKE PLACE IN OUR NEW CUSTOM BUILT CONVENTION CENTRE WHICH IS 5 MINS WALK FROM THE VARIOUS ACCOMMODATIONS

COST

IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT WE CAN SET THE REGISTRATION LEVEL AT \$320NZ WHICH IN TODAYS TERMS IS APPROX E199 BUT THE FINAL AMOUNT WILL BE IN \$NZ WHICH WE ANTICIPATE THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO SET MIDWAY THROUGH 2013

AS YOU WILL APPRECIATE WE ARE ENTERING THE FINAL PLANNING STAGES FOR THE MEETING AND IT WOULD HELP US COSIDERABLY IF WE COULD GET SOME SORT OF INDICATION OF THE APPROXIMATE NUMBERS THAT MIGHT ATTEND. WE WILL BE MAKING A MORE DETAILED PRESENTATION TO THE AGM NEXT YEAR HOPEFULLY WITH SOME AUDIOVISUALS THAT WILL REALLY “WET YOUR APPETITE”.

FINALLY, YOU CAN BE ASSURED OF A VERY WARM AND FRIENDLY WELCOME HERE, IN BOTH BLENHEIM AND NEW ZEALAND AS A WHOLE AND I AM SURE THAT YOU WILL HAVE AN EXPERIENCE TO REMEMBER.

YOURS IN 41

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PRESIDENT

41 CLUB NEW ZEALAND

