



Introducing Peter and Pauline Watt - "ace organisers"

MIDWEEK RUNS

A big thank you to all for the support and encouragement for our midweek runs. What a lot of fun we have had with our practice run to the Blue Pub in Methven to see the snow up close, then our first official midweek run from Pegasus, through Rangoria, on to Waipara and then lunch at Waipara Hills Winery.

Our next run was from the Papanui Club, through the Lyttleton Tunnel, around the coast to the Governors Bay Hotel - and what a great turn out. I have to admit that the seafood chowder was the best I had had, and the weather was perfect.

Found it pretty hard to top these runs, but looking at the local paper that gets jammed in our letter box we read about the St John's Garden Fete out at Rakaia in private gardens and during school holidays. So our third run was on, and what a fabulous location and a great fundraiser for St John's - lots of stalls and great food. (From comments made, everyone packed a picnic lunch and ended up taking it home!) The bacon & egg butty - let's just say 'Awesome'. The highlight - 8 club members singing Hi Ho Silver Lining at the top of our voices, and not a drop of alcohol anywhere.

So what's next for our midweek runs? We have a couple planned.

For the fourth week in January - a 'Posh Picnic'. Ladies: A Fascinator; Men: braces and bow tie if desired.

You will need your own table & chairs, or blanket on the grass. We will again start at the Papanui Club for a 50 min drive to our destination, 'The Rusty Acre' in Mandeville.

Plans are being made for a **Valentine's Day run** on the 14th Feb 2023 to Little River Inn. This is a brand new pub opened October 2022 and is a great venue - personal inspection having been made by Pauline, Janice, Nigel, and myself on Wednesday 2nd November. What a great host Nicky is - should be a great day.

Thank you all for your support for our midweek runs

Peter and Pauline Watt



THE PETER AND PAULINE STORY

The old saying that 'you only get out of something what you put into it' has proved so true for Pauline and myself.

Our love for the Mustang came about through our friends Garry and Pauline who we met during a Mazda MX5 Club run, and arrived in Gisborne with their first Mustang, a 2017 GT stage 2. When Garry opened the door to show us the pony light on the ground, Pauline wanted one - so began our search and love of the Mustang.

We found our first Mustang on Trade Me in Auckland, and after a flight from Gisborne we were met at the airport, did our once around the car, and before you can say 'Mustang' we were on our way back to Gisborne.

A lot has happened since then, including a move to Amberley and becoming members of the Canterbury Mustang Owners Club. The friends we have made through the club and owning a Mustang have been very humbling. Pauline has a habit of seeing a Mustang parked and then searching out the owners. Cerry and Sue in Amberley, & Leslie and Lance have experienced this first-hand.

I was approached to join the Committee and asked what I would like to accomplish. My reply: midweek runs. This ambition took a back seat to my Prostate Cancer (a big thank you to Mike Dilger for support during this) but a year later and the mid-week runs are now happening.

On a recent trip to see family in Gisborne and Tauranga I was having a problem with the cabin noise in the Mustang, and pain in my ears. After a visit to an ear specialist and with ear plugs in, we made it to Hawkes Bay. I by-passed Napier our usual coffee stop, deciding instead to go to Coffee Club in Hastings. Believe this: Stephen Hill Motors were across the road with a White Mustang for sale, a 2018 model with a quiet exhaust. Short story: we swapped cars and the ear problem disappeared!

With health problems gone and a move to a smaller home in Ravenswood, we are finding more free time to do the things we love. At Labour weekend we travelled to Picton in convoy with the group heading to the Convention and met our friends Garry and Pauline Brooks from the Manawatu Mustang Club. We then went in our Mustangs to Central Otago to partake in the new release wine tasting. Garry's new 2022 Cyber Orange car had less than 1000km on the clock when he arrived in Ravenswood. They enjoyed a great week down south before heading back to Carterton.

We are heading back to the North Island over Christmas and looking forward to hosting the first mid-week run in January 2023 and catching up with our Mustang Club friends at upcoming events.

Thanks Peter and Pauline for all that you are doing for CMOC members!President Garry