

Heritage Bus Trip

Sunday November 8, 2015

A day in Mid Canterbury organised by Historic Places Mid Canterbury

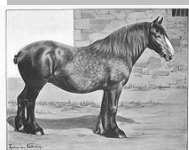


Programme for the Day

9.20 am

Meet outside the **Ashburton District Council Building** to board bus. Bus will leave at 9.30am

9.50am



Lagmhor Estate—Arrive at Lagmhor Estate where we will be meet by owner John Blair. Today we are looking around the historic stables. Lagmhor was one of the original large estates of Mid Canterbury. The rustic stables are a remnant and reminder of the toil and taming of the land by the huge Clydesdale horses. Some renovation of the stables has been carried out recently.

Light snack available on the way to Hakatere. Toilet stop will be made in Mount Somers.

11.20am

Hakatere Heritage Buildings — We visit the historic Hakatere buildings up the Ashburton Gorge road. We are fortunate to have heritage enthusiast David Howden give us a guided tour and talk. The stone cottage dates back to 1862, one of our oldest buildings. The singleman's quarters, also on site, dates from a round 1880 and has a great information room. Much work has recently been completed at Hakatere and restoration on the stone cottage has begun. Lunch and hot drinks will be provided.



1.30pm

Staveley Historical and Geological Museum — Earlier this year this little gem of a museum celebrated upgrading. It contains an extensive geological collection and museum of mining, timber, farming, education and community memorabilia. It is very worthy of a visit.



Toilets available in the Staveley Hall. The Staveley Museum would appreciate any gold coin donations.

2.30pm



Barrhill Settlement — Barrhill has often been called the historical gem of Mid Canterbury. We visit St John's Church, built in 1877. Hear the history while relaxing in the ambient settling of the village and enjoying supplied afternoon tea.

3.30pm

St Ita's in Rakaia — A former convent building, this lovely home is now run as a guest house by locals Ken and Miriam Cutforth. We have time for a peak inside and to take in the beautiful gardens surrounding the home.

