

Celebrating 175 years of Manchester Unity in New Zealand

Celebrating the 150th Anniversary of Manchester Unity..

In 1992 the 150th Anniversary of Manchester Unity was celebrated in Nelson, mainly at the Trafalgar Centre, with the Memorial Service being held in the Cathedral.

Four hundred and fifty people attended, with representatives from throughout New Zealand, Australia, England, Bermuda and Malta.

The New Zealand Governor General Dame Catherine Tizard was the Guest Speaker at the meeting, with Wyatt Creech representing the Government. Local MP's and the Mayor Peter Malone (the granddad of Paralympian Liam) were also in attendance.

There was a BBQ and social evening on Friday evening so people had the opportunity to meet and greet each other casually.

The Saturday tours required 4 x 50 seater buses and two mini buses to take our guests to see a variety of local highlights. Because of the sheer numbers, they all went to different locations at different times, but all arrived back at the same time having seen the same things. Confused? We weren't!

The Dinner and Debutante Ball were held that night with the planning and seating worked out to the last cm, so both events could be held in

the same hall without having to move chairs and tables after the Dinner. The Debutantes and their partners (from throughout New Zealand) did a fantastic job and the onlookers were spellbound as they were presented to the NZ Grand Master, Brother Richard Jenkins and Sister Carole, then danced the Debutante Waltz in perfect unison, even though they had not had the chance to rehearse together.

The Pilgrimage, Street Parade and Memorial Service were all held on Sunday and the atmosphere was electric. The Street Parade commenced at Miller's Acre and concluded at the Church Steps, led by the Nelson Municipal Band (who also played for the Service.)

Following the Celebrations CEO Brother Jim White wrote an article on the front page of the Society newsletter describing the celebrations as "Tina Turner singing Simply the Best at full volume." High praise indeed.

Register Now!

If you'd like to be part of the 175th Anniversary, to be held in Nelson in April 2017 from 7th - 9th, please contact the Fraternal Administrator - Sister Jan Simpson - NOW!

Registrations close on 25th February and this date cannot be extended because of the volume of work to do once we know the final numbers. Thankyou! jans@manchesterunity.org.nz