

Sunbeam Car Club Of New Zealand 2020 AGM

TAIHAPE

Friday 6th March to Sunday 8th March 2020

Taihape – the town you drive through. The name is abbreviated from Otaihape which is the name the original Maori occupants gave to the area. William Colenso is the first recorded European to visit this part of the Central North Island in 1845. In 1884 Surveyors planning the future route of the North Island Main trunk railway surveyed the area. The town was founded in 1894, mostly by settlers from Canterbury. Many descendants of the original settlers still live in the area. The main products was wool which had to be carried by horse and cart to the port of Napier. The construction of the NIMT brought more people to the town. The opening of the Railway Station and a Dairy Factory in 1904 further increased the prosperity of the area. At it's peak the town had a population of around 3500. Like many rural towns it has seen a decline in recent years with the population now being about half this figure. Taihape came to national attention in the 1970s when Professor Frederick Dagg , holder of the Seat of Joinery at the University of Taihape, presented a series entitled The Dagg Lectures on Leisure on national television. Professor Dagg is credited with introducing sports such as Farnarkling to the New Zealand public. Sadly, the University no longer operates.

Today, apart from being a comfort / refreshment stop on SH1 Taihape is best known as the Gumboot Capital of the country. We will be acknowledging this during the weekend.

So polish up your Red-Bands, or Perths if you prefer and join us to explore this part of the country.

PROGRAMME

Friday 6th March – Casual dinner (own cost) at Cafe Telephonique , Huia St. Registration Packs available from 6.00pm. The Cafe closes at 9.00pm.

Saturday 7th March– 10.00am Concourse judging commences. All Sunbeams (even if not being judged) asked to be in place by 9.45. Venue is on Robin St across the road from Taihape Motel. This area is open to the public during judging.

- 2.00pm Summer Event starts from parking area on Robin St,opposite Taihape Motels.
- 6.00pm meet at the Utiku Old Boys Rugby Club rooms for the AGM Dinner and Awards . Dinner commences at 6.30pm. The Clubrooms are located on Kokako St in the Domain . An easy two block walk from Taihape Motel for those not wishing to drive.

Sunday 8th March - 10.00am Natioal AGM at the Utiku Old Boys Rugby Club, Kokako St. The Exec. Meeting will be held straight after the AGM at the same venue.

- lunch at the eatery of your choice (own cost)