

IRO Report 2013

Gentlemen

A year of intrigue, plotting, suspense, research, amazement and wonderment at what can happen within our Association of Ex Tabler's.

At the AGM in Chennai and then later with confirmation at the French AGM, after 20 years of constant badgering, promises, promises broken, bullying and sheer arrogance to change the rules of 41 INTERNATIONAL so that their Non Ex Tabler's could vote at International level, France at last "Spat the Dummy", "Threw the Toys out of the Cot" left 41 INTERNATIONAL and attempted to take the name and logo with them.

They did not succeed.

All that time wasted over so many years, so many meetings, workshops, discussions, attempts to get voting rights for all the French Colonies and Dependencies so they could gain the votes when after all we are "An Organisation for Ex Tabler's" and nothing more than a Club of friends.

The Vice President of 41 INTERNATIONAL against the wishes and policies of the International Board went to the French AGM and sucked up to the French trying to start it all over, he did not succeed and was quickly replaced by his Association and now we have Christoph Haenssler from Switzerland as our International President.

Our good friend KK (now Immediate Past President) has had a year of enormous problems which he has handled with great leadership, vision and skill and we owe him many thanks for leading 41 Club back onto the right track once more.

Thank you!

We have had visits from 3 groups of Indians, 4 English couples, 1 Frenchman, 2 young couples who are Children of 41er's and of course many communications with people wanting to travel, find hosting, find work etc.

Another busy year and along with the planning for the INTERNATIONAL HYM in 2014 a very fulfilling and rewarding one as well.

Thank you all for your advice and support which has been so necessary over the years, should you wish I will stand again for another term as your IRO.

Tour Leader Report 2013

Re-connect in 2013/2014

Not a very busy year for me with New Zealand Tours but of course Chris White has had an exceptionally busy one with his "Saris and Safaris" Tour to India and I will leave it to him to talk of that, well done Chris.

The 20 of us who did the "Queensland Walkabout" Tour including our AGM in conjunction with Apex 40 at Hervey Bay had a wonderful time; close on 2000 km's in our "Little Bus" even though most of the scenery along the way was either sugar cane or scrub and there were an unbelievable number of road works! Lots of lovely stops at coastal places and interesting National Parks, boat cruises, train, gondola rides and lots of walks were enjoyed by all including Bob & Gisela Parton from Germany.

This year my focus has been on the 41 INTERNATIONAL HYM and the Pre and Post Tours associated with that. The South island Tours are already on our website and I have nearly 60 names wishing to take these.

I have also have 11 day Pre and Post Tours between Auckland and Blenheim but am waiting to see what requests we have for these before doing brochures for these. 2013 -14 I will be concentrating on these HYM Tours and if someone else wishes to continue with Tours further away during this time as Chris has done this year, that would be great.

I have started once more on a 2 to 3 week tour from Cairns to Darwin, possibly next year; quite a few people have asked to be included for this.

The research I have done so far leads me to think the best way to do this is to hire a commercial Truck-bus and driver who would be able to take us to Tribal lands and have concessions to go onto the big Stations that we wouldn't be able to go to by ourselves but it won't be a cheap holiday whichever way we do it.

Also on my mind for 2015-16 is a Tour to Europe taking; a sea or river cruise then Southern France, Northern Italy, Spain and Portugal, I will keep you posted.

Please let me know if you have any other destinations you would like to travel to.

Once again I offer myself as your Tour Leader for New Zealand.