

REAP Marlborough Travelling Road Show Waihopai Valley Community



The REAP Marlborough Travelling Road Show was held at the Waihopai Valley community hall on Friday 19th and Saturday 20th June. The aim of the programme was to bring a range of educational opportunities to a rural community.

Friday morning began with an ATV motor bike safety demonstration run by Bryn Price from Agribusiness, Christchurch.



Shelly Sidley from the Department of Conservation then spoke about the native falcon project happening here in Marlborough.

After a bbq lunch Peter Mann from Yealand's Estate told us how Yealand's Estate has integrated sustainability into everyday business practices. They have devised a number of innovative ways of reducing their carbon footprint.

Then Malcolm Williams from Public Trust covered the options on how to maximise the benefits available to all concerned, including division of assets, rest home care costs and an introduction to family trusts.

At a well attended workshop on Friday evening Anne-Marie Berry, cheese maker from Kaikoura, demonstrated how to make soft cheese varieties simply and economically at home.

Day two began with vet David Sim from the Alabama Road Vet clinic covering animal well being and he described some new developments in veterinarian practice.



Gillian McCloy, a health educator, talked about respiratory conditions, diabetes and heart disease. She also gave blood sugar and blood pressure tests. For most, a reassuring check-up.

After another well received REAP Marlborough bbq lunch, folk had the opportunity to see dry stone walling expert, Jim Bruce, working on a gateway stone wall which will include a name plate made by the local Landon-Lane family.



The final presentation was by Ken Thompsett who shared his home butchery skills to a large group.

Thanks to CRT Real Estate who sponsored a tent, REAP Marlborough was also able to present several displays and sales tables including: Rural Women, the Nut Ranch, SPCA, merino products from Nest-To-Go, tole and pergamano cards, grape vine sculptures and tufa pots, Waihopai Valley fire brigade demonstrations, Wairau Worms, creative patchwork, Kiwi Seed Company, jewellery, oak barrel furniture, Superior Horse Covers, CRT Farm Centre, Outdoor Trends clothing.

We have received excellent feedback such as:

"Loved it, would come again."

"Well presented. Great atmosphere."

"A very inspiring experience."

"Good way to meet people and get new ideas."

"Very informative, with realistic information and topics of a rural benefit."

"A great way to bring our community together."