

Report of Survey Concerning the W3 RNZIR 50th Anniversary Reunion

The 2018 W3 AGM discussed the location for the 50th Anniversary in November 2020. Some members had a view to have the reunion in the North Island but the matter was left open for further discussion. In January a survey [on *Survey Monkey* - eight questions covering the views from the 2018 AGM) was offered to W3 veterans and whanau using Facebook and email. This report summarizes the feedback.

35 responded, about a third of potential respondents. The survey mechanism only allowed one response per participant. The survey is now closed. Percentages are rounded down (but some are greater than 100%).

Here is a summary of the respondents' views to the eight questions:

1. North Island or South Island:
 - a. North 31%, South 31%, **no preference 37%**.
2. Suggest a location:
 - a. 31 responses - many offered more than one location or simply flagged it away. Considering all feedback these areas were preferred: Christchurch (12), Nelson (2), Wellington (6), Palmerston North (7). Included in the Christchurch and Palmerston North totals Burnham was mentioned 7 times. Linton 4 times.
 - b. Some wanted to be based at and supporting a local RSA.
3. Local volunteer to organize:
 - a. While 10% indicated their willingness only three names were forthcoming, two in the lower North Island.
4. Formal structure or relaxed programme:
 - a. Formal 40%, **relaxed 48%**, no preference 17%
5. 3-day event:
 - a. **3-day 85%**, shorter 5%, longer 7%
6. Veteran & whanau likely to attend:
 - a. **Either island 94%**, North Island only 2%, South Island only 2%
 - b. Comments identified that 38 people would attend, good initial support
7. Willingness to meet costs:
 - a. > \$120 8%, **> \$150 82%**, subsidized costs 8%
8. Preference for a date:
 - a. 13/15 Nov 17%, **20/22 Nov 62%**, no preference 25%

Analysis of the Feedback:

- Either island has majority support
- A relaxed 3-day format is preferred
- A majority did not support either Burnham or Linton
- Gather weekend 20/22 November 2020

Moving Forward: The two North Island volunteer organisers will be canvassed for their thoughts with a decision to be announced in late May.