

Chairpersons Report 6 May 2008

What an interesting night we had by having our AGM followed by our Club Meeting. I was extremely fortunate to have few last minute changes.

At the AGM we saw the new committee voted in. The minutes were taken by Grant and will be placed on the website shortly.

We had one guest, Alana who we hope to see back next time.

Morgan gave us his Icebreaker speech "I'm the guy with the thick accent". He talked about how he used to live in Brooklyn, New York and now lives in Brooklyn, Wellington. It was a very entertaining speech and we got to know Morgan a little bit better and how he spent his youth! I look forward to the tales to come.

Chris was up next with his speech titled "A Pleasurable Walk". Chris told us a wonderful story of a tramp he had recently completed in Akaroa. The scenery sounded breathtaking as Chris gave us images that seemed so real. The adventures in the cottages along the way were interesting and the bath out in the moonlight sounded just divine!

Thirdly we had Stacey with her speech "Science as a Religion". Stacey was extremely passionate talking to us about climate change and how we shouldn't believe everything we read or hear in the news. It was very thought provoking, especially the part of how do you know an expert is an expert and on what basis are these facts based on.

Amanda made us a lovely home made supper of springrolls with crackers and hummus.

Grant was our Grammarian and his word for the night was "Grant or Granted".

Robyn had an interesting bag of objects for table topics. We had only 3 speakers speak as time was running short due to the AGM taking longer than anticipated.

Our evaluators for the night were Joy, Caroline and Grant. Caro was our L Evaluator and Derrick was General Evaluator and will be chair at the next meeting.

Overall it was an entertaining, interesting and wonderful evening.

Thank you to everyone who played a role, I look forward to seeing you on the 20th May.

Joanne