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## An enjoyable day was had by all who attended the Waikato Wars Day Trip on the 27<sup>th</sup> October.

We left Morrinsville at 9am and headed for the Queen's Redoubt at Pokeno, where we were given a very informative talk about this historic site.



Next stop was at the Mercer Museum. We were welcomed by Jeanette Thomas the daughter of Caesar Roose (Roose Shipping Company) who gave us a very interesting presentation.

We then headed to Whangamarino Redoubt where the view from the top was breath-taking.



### *Did You Know?*

The Morrinsville Museum is the only place in the **WORLD** where you can enjoy - 'The Green Circle' film and view our Mana Whenua o Piako exhibition?





Our lunch was ready for us at the Rangiriri Café and we viewed the film in the Cultural & Heritage Centre.

From there we drove up the road to the Rangiriri Pa listening to audios from the Heritage Trails app then on to Te Wheoro's Redoubt nearby.



Our last stop before heading home was a 'The Point' at Ngaruawahia where there is a gun turret from the gunboat 'The Pioneer'. Then we had a cold drink and biscuits before driving home.

(From Barbara)

## Bette's Volunteers' Report

October has been a rather busy time with comings and goings. We say farewell to Michelle Walton as our clothing and textiles volunteer. You would have seen many of her wonderful displays and stories using costumes. Michelle has become busy with other things at this time. We thank her for her wonderful work over five years.

We welcome Vivian Liu and Eva Yang who will be in the museum on a Sunday along with a committee member who opens up between 11.00 am and 3 .00pm. Cezanne Walker comes in on a Monday to do some data entry. Shan, Mary, Michelle, Chrissy and Leanne continue their work in entering data and Tutahi is still busy cleaning artefacts for us.

Bette and Mike have been preparing new content for the website for our volunteer webmaster to upload.



The genuine 1913 dress represented the fashion that someone may have worn to the opening of the Croquet Club. The replica hat was made by Michelle.