



**Awarua
Radio
VLB/ZLB
Centenary**

**17th-19th January 2014
Awarua Coastal Radio site
and Ascot Park Hotel
Invercargill**

**The Awarua Coastal Radio station opened
18 December 1913 and closed in its historic
form and purpose August 1991**

**We invite all past staff and friends to join us
and mark this important milestone in
New Zealand's history**

The coastal radio station at Awarua on the Southern coast of Southland, operated as a Radio telegraph service in parallel to the submarine link between New Zealand and Australia. It was a department in the Government Post and Telegraph service and played a significant part in the security of New Zealand during times of conflict.

We invite you to join us in Southland in January 2014. Our Program has been devised to ensure the sharing of memories, debates and experiences can happen. Welcome to our celebrations

THE PROGRAM

Please use Registration form to register and attend Centenary Events.

NB Partners are not required to pay the registration fee

Friday 17th January

4pm—6pm	Registration at Ascot Park Hotel, Tay Street, Invercargill	\$30
	Registration after November 18th 2013	\$40
6pm—10pm	Social meet and greet old friends Finger food provided, bar available	\$25pp
7pm	Welcome to the Weekend's activities Opening of Centenary	

Saturday 18th **Awarua Coast Station and surrounds** **\$75pp**

0900-4pm **We are excited to be able to offer this tour option for your enjoyment. We express our appreciation to La Trobe University, the European Space Tracking Agency and the Invercargill City Council for making it happen.**

This is a **unique** opportunity to visit the Awarua site, now a fully functioning dairy farm with a number of buildings remaining and tenanted. See the Receiving Office, Transmitting buildings, cottages, garages and the depot.

You will be collected from the Ascot Hotel or designated Motels on Tay St, from 9am

Visit the Awarua Museum being developed on site and the Amateur Radio group experience

Take the only opportunity to see the Unwin Radar-Tiger (Tasman International Geospace Environmental Radar) operating for La Trobe University, Melbourne.

The European Space Tracking Agency has a location at Awarua. The ESA team have made their site available to visit . These sites are not open to the public

Lunch at the Drunken Sailor, Stirling Point, Bluff at your own cost

Visit the Bluff Maritime Museum and other Bluff landmarks before returning to your accommodation to prepare for the evening social.

PLEASE NOTE, Independent visiting the Awarua site is NOT permitted. This is the only opportunity to visit the Unwin Radar, the ESA site and the Awarua Radio Station sites.

Additional Options available, these must be booked directly with the Tour Operator

Option 1

Humpridge Jet on the Waihaurahiri River, Lake Hauroko; 0830 Ingill pick up \$225pp

Jet Boat across Fiordland's Lake Hauroko and down the Wairaurahiri River - 27 Kms of Grade 3 Rock Strewn Whitewater Rapids to the Wild South Coast and Return.

Take a short walk to explore the Wild South coast Line (Lovely beach walk with views of Stewart Island and the Solander Islands) Short Walk to Waitutu Virgin Podocarp Forest (Oldest Podocarp Forest in NZ). Experience wonders of the Wild South Coast. Be Still and hear the 'Call of the Wild' (Native Bird Song). On the return trip you will experience the full force of Grade 3 rapids. View the Native Orchid and Virgin Beech forest dripping with ancient mosses.

For This Trip You Will Need: Camera, warm clothing including gloves, hat and wet weather gear. *BBQ optional extra \$25* **NB** Strictly limited tour places available

Contact Paul on 0800 270 556 website: <http://www.wildernessjet.co.nz>

Option 2

Garden Tour around wider Invercargill—Winton area 0830 Invercargill pick up \$72

You will be collected from the Ascot Hotel or Tay Street motels at 8 30am.

Visit six of the gardens as advertised in 'Southland Gardens to Visit, from the expanse of Hideaway 201; to Argyle Cottage and the 105 yr old house with the church built as an old decayed building and used for weddings; to the intimacy of the 1 acre garden with wonderful panoramic vistas.

Enjoy a Country Manor picnic lunch under the big Elm tree in the Winton gardens.

Price includes lunch, morning and afternoon tea. Please advise of any dietary requirements.

Contact Lynn Huggins on 03 214 1769 or 027 668 1009 or info@folstergardens.co.nz

Option 3

Tour of the Southern Catlin Coast

0830 Ascot Hotel Invercargill pick up \$150pp for 6 persons or \$110pp for 10 persons

Take the Southern Scenic route to where the Mataura river joins the sea at Fortrose,

Continuing on through Tokonui and onto Curio Bay. A short walk takes you to the viewing platform and if tides permit, you can walk down the stairs onto the Petrified Forest and take in the remains of the forest that stood here 180 Million Years ago. Enjoy the Niagara Falls café for a cuppa, own cost. Continue to the Waikawa Museum and see how the early settlers have developed industries over the years and see relics from times past. Drive through the Chaslands Scenic Reserve of the Catlin's State Forest Park, and a walk to the McLean Falls.

View the Catlin's scenery and stop at the Whistling Frog café for lunch, own cost

Drive through the Tautuku Scenic Reserve of the Catlin's State Forest Park. A short bush walk into Lake Wilkie allows you to view New Zealand Native Forest up close. Drive up Florence Hill and view Tautuku Bay and Tautuku Peninsular. Continue onto Papatowai and view the cliffs of Tahakopa Bay and Long Point. We leave the coast behind and return to Invercargill through the farming valleys of Tahakopa, Mokoreta and Redan before rejoining the highway at Wyndham and Edendale before arriving in Invercargill at 5.00pm.

Lynette Jack Scenic Tours, ph 03 215 7741 or cell ph 0274 338370

Option 4

Fishing Trip out of Bluff

Leaves Bluff 0830 \$130pp

Take a trip on a fishing boat and catch your own meal. Bob, an ex-commercial fisherman and the Mana team will treat you to the experience of a lifetime, a day's fishing off the Bluff coast. Take your lunch, tea and coffee available all day. You are welcome to bring other refreshments if you wish.

All fishing gear is provided but you may take your own

All fish are cleaned and ready for the pan

The underwater camera allows you to see up to a depth of 50 metres and spot your fish.

Mana Charters (03)212 7254 or cell phone 025 335801. mana.charters@xtra.co.nz

Saturday 18th Centenary Dinner \$75pp

6pm—7pm Gather for a pre dinner social hour and be prepared to share the microphone for some reflections of your time at Awarua.

7pm—10pm Join everyone for a buffet dinner and social

Our speaker will give us a humorous version of his experiences and time working at the Awarua Radio Station.

Be prepared to enjoy the band and join us on the dance floor

Sunday 19th Visit the Bill Richardson Truck Museum 10am \$10 pay at the door

Bill Richardson always had a passion for trucks. So it was only natural that he began to collect them. The collection started with the purchase of the remains of his grandfather's 1933 International truck. He went on to purchase a handful of trucks over the next few years but the collection really started to expand rapidly in the mid eighties.

The Museum hosted the 2013 induction into the New Zealand trucking Hall of Fame

Dart Street between Anglem and Inglewood Streets <http://www.hwr.co.nz>

Saturday and Sunday: Communication Collections Saturday and Sunday 10am—3pm

Visit two gentlemen who have superb collections of communication equipment
One location also has two of the Awarua site buildings that have been removed and are now neighbours. A wide range of equipment utilised in the communication industry will be on display
We sincerely appreciate these gentlemen making their homes and collections available for our fellow enthusiasts to enjoy. Addresses will be available in your registration pack

Blokes and their sheds, a favourite destination

E Hayes & Son's on Dee Street, home of 'The World's Fastest Indian' motorbike is a must for the blokes and their sheds, and is hosting a display in conjunction with the Centennial weekend

Sunday 19th

1230 Farewell Barbeque at 115 Yarrow Street Invercargill \$5pp

Come along and round off those memories and yarns

Arrange to meet each other again in the future

Our photographer will be on hand to capture the event. Photos may be ordered before you leave.

Photographer details will be available in your registration pack and at the events

Please complete separate Registration form and forward to (e-mail registration acceptable);

The Registrar, Awarua Radio Centenary, 115 Yarrow Street, Invercargill .

Registration not accepted until fees are received

Payment methods: Cheque or on-line banking. SBS account: 031355 0768259 00 On line banking must be followed by an e-mail to the Registrar, annedon@xtra.co.nz

NB Posted copy of program and registration available upon request

Our tours are available for you should you stay a little longer in Southland. We have plenty of attractions to tempt you to stay including: The Pyramid Museum with Henry NZ's oldest Tuatara; Stewart Island; Maple Glen the internationally renowned 25acre garden and of course Milford Sound.

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