**Highland Home History**

**1911** Highland Home purchased by Douglas Forlong.

**1954** First Young People camp to stay in Homestead, crusaders girls camp.

**1961** Murray and Ula Forlong lived permanently at Highland Home

**1967** Land and buildings donated by the Forlongs, Homestead turned into camp.

The camp was called Highland Home Christian Youth Camp, HHCYC.

**1969**  First committee meeting held at Guildford St chapel, John and Judeth Foulton involved.

Murray and Ula Forlong responsible for running weekend camps.

**1977** Gymnasium built by Hugh Badger and Jack Humphry.

**1989**  Melvyn and Jocelyn Smith managed the camp part-time from PN and changed the name to

Highland Home Christian Camp.

**1991** First motorbike camp was held. This has been held at Easter every year since and led by

Michael Forlong.

**1992 - 1993** Lived with Murray and Ula Forlong while our accommodation was being built.

(Was this the Smith’s?)

Catered facilities began along with outdoor instructors available for many outdoor pursuits.

Due to this service, school camps and other camps began to book HHCC more frequently.

**1994** At the suggestion of the Ashhurst Police we established Neighbourhood support for the

valley.

**1994** Onwards- Weeklong school holiday camps were held every school holidays with only a

couple being cancelled over that time.

**1995 - 1999** A mountain bike camp was held every Queens birthday weekend led by Al Meehan

and Daniel Little.

**2003** The Forlong Lodge was opened. Abseiling tower built by the army.

**2003** 550 gum trees were planted as part of the new sewage system and they are used for

firewood.

**2004 - 2014** Marty and Vicky Richter were the School holiday camp coordinators.

**1998 – 2014** During these years regular camp activities included: Helicopter rides, jet boating, river

rafting, canoeing, tramping to and overnight stays at Rangiwahia Hut, shearing

demonstrations, horse riding and trekking, quad bike rides - 4WD off-road rides.