

The Nelson Mail - June 1997 Mystery surrounds fairytale ball

Shhh... don't tell, but there was this absolutely fabulous ball at The Rutherford in Nelson on Saturday.

Only nobody is supposed to know about it, darling. It's a secret!

Apparently it's been that way for decades.

The chairman of the ball committee (his identity is hush-hush) says you have to be in the know to get an invitation.

"It's a private function and we want to keep it that way because we can't handle any more people."

All he would reveal was that a committee of six couples organised the ball and they all had a wonderful time.

The Rutherford's conference manager, Kim Roebuck, said 170 attended The Fairytale Ball with cocktails, a sit-down dinner and band.

They came as Puss in Boots, Little Red Riding Hood and other fairytale characters.

As they walked into the hotel they were greeted by two footmen with Cinderella's glassed in carriage and two cream ponies.

Glenys Johnston of Creative Occasions, which organised the carriage and ponies, said they did not know who they are working for.

"It's very mysterious," she said. "We were asked to come up with a concept for the ball but the organisers are anonymous. All I know is a man is coming to pay us today."



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