

NURIOOTPA RALLY REPORT

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Day 1 Excited to be on our way, the morning overcast travelling conditions ideal, slight tail wind all the way, at one point a shower of rain threatened fortunately missed us, now the hurry was to get on site and set up before the promised rain. Absolute minimum of fuss at the park reception QR coded sanitised hands, in and out with our site map in under two minutes, best check in ever. On arrival greeted by Trev, Graham, Jacquie, Jeff, and Anne - the others were off shopping, but caught up with them later.

Graham and Jacquie invited all of us to their annex for Happy hour. Jacquie turned on the blower heater, Barbara decided to sit over it until the nether region became toooooo hot, lots to talk about - quite a few fines suggested for obvious reasons, however, seeing the Treasurer was not dressed appropriately, these fines were waived. As promised, by the met forecasters the lightning first followed by the thunder then the rain, no dramas for us we are all nice and cosy in the annex.

Day 2 This morning very clear but bitterly cold, every person for themselves this morning, come lunch time the men and women gathered around the BBQ for club sausage sizzle, attended by all and very nice thanks to all concerned. The afternoon saw the shopping persons wandering the streets of Nuri - Thorpe's seemed a popular shop as did Barossa Boutique (a relatives' shop), no wonder, it's like being a tour guide. Tonight, some ventured out for dinner. After dinner, we all congregated in the new games room Cathy and Allan Savill had us in stitches playing 'Men are from Mars and Women are from Venus' - (the girls creamed the Boys 4 to Zip) it was great fun. Also, it was here that we are introduced to Roger and Gloria prospective new members. The night was a good fun night - thanks Allan and Cathy.

Day 3 this morning not as cold, but rain certainly threatening, Op Shop trail - by all accounts very successful, unfortunately very wet too. Some went for a drive around the Barossa, while others visited some of the many attractions this whole area has to offer. The boys set up the tables and chairs in the games room (started early I might add) for happy hour it is here we are all introduced to Julian and Brenda Stanstead, prospective new members (as yet have not picked up their van) - hopefully they find our club to be their preferred. Roger and Gloria suggested a trip to the chocolate factory for lunch time tomorrow and all agreed. Tonight, we all went to the Vine Inn for dinner, the President and his Lady decided to share a meal, as it turned out it was the size of half a beef - took an hour to cook. Consequently, we all sat around feeding them chips until theirs arrived, then watched them divi up the monstrous rib eye and eat it! Up the other end of the table we watch Judy devour a huge double-the-nuts Sundae!

Day 4 It rained most of the night, thankfully not very much wind. This morning the sun is poking its rays through the clouds, so let's hope the weather is improving. A very casual day we met at the chocolate factory for lunch of pizzas and coffee. Afterwards, some of our members stayed at the factory for the wine, chocolate, cheese and tasting - by all reports a very good thing to do. Some others checked out other wineries, the dried fruit farm in Angaston all in all another enjoyable day. Happy hour in the games room, with plenty of time for us to get to know and for our new prospective members to get to know us.

Time for farewells. A few vans staying o, some moving on.

Safe travels to all a thank you for a very enjoyable and relaxing Rally.