

Peterborough & Jamestown Roll-along Rally Report

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Day 1 A beautiful day to be travelling on our first Rally after the July hiatus. The country roads were very quiet, probably due to the fact there is very little travel to and from the Eastern seaboard. Lots of roadworks (did not enjoy them) between Riverton & Terowie, testing the patience of some. All eight Caravans checked in very easily by staff who were very happy to greet us. Happy Hour enjoyed by all before we ventured off to the Railway Hotel for dinner and more socializing. On returning, everyone retreated to their warm caravans to read, chat or have an early night as Cathy & Allan were the only ones lucky to have TV reception.

Day 2 A lovely warmish day greeted us as we hit the streets of Peterborough with Trevor as our tour guide. Everyone enjoyed all of the different exhibits particularly in the YMCA Historic Building and the Steam Train Museum. For those who ventured in to the Bakery, they were treated to a fascinating old movie theatre and other paraphernalia & exhibits. In the evening, we all rugged up and attended the Sound & Light Show at Steam Town. Another great day enjoyed by all.

Day 3 With the Grovies as our Tour Guides, the convoy of cars started at 10.30 am as we drove to Magnetic Hill where we watched water and our cars roll up hill??!! "A couple who will remain nameless, did not want to get out of the car due to having artificial joints, and were nervous about the magnetic energy not letting them go." Then it was on to Pekina Hotel, a very old outback Pub where we all viewed a large mural painted on the Hotel's Dining Room wall, searched for the elusive five cockatoos perched on a log and marveled at the road that appeared to follow us around the room. Photos were taken in the Pub's Bar, then it was off to Goyder's Line and Monument. Those with two way radios continued to receive commentary from the Grovies, the remainder of us just wondered where we going, but followed just the same.

We were curious why we suddenly all stopped, Marilyn stepped out of their car to pat a horse in a paddock, and then it was off to view the 500 + Year Old Tree Of Life with its 10.8 Square Metre base. We all stepped out in to the cold to give this giant tree a big Hug as it is supposed to bring about a miracle for you??!! Finally we arrived at the Orrorro Hotel where we enjoyed a delicious lunch and sang Happy Birthday to Audrey as she blew out candles on her cake donated by the Hotel proprietor.

Back to the Caravan Park for Happy Hour, and we were joined by David & Val Grovermann. Sang Happy Birthday again to Audrey and devoured more cake, this time given to us by the Caravan Park owners. Two cakes down and she tells Anne she is only 17 yrs. old, no more cakes for Audrey.

Day 4 10.30 and we were on the road again, this time to view the Wire & Paper Mache Art Exhibition, then followed by a visit to The Printing Office, both really interesting, steeped with much history. In the afternoon some of us ventured back to Steam Town to explore the many Steam Trains and Passenger Carriages of this by-gone era. Happy hour became a Shared Meal with Baked Spuds and all of the trimmings plus Home Made Damper prepared and baked by John Grovermann.

Day 5 Time for us to say goodbye to Peterborough with some of us rolling on to Jamestown, a couple moving on to other destinations north and some homeward bound. It was another great Club Rally filled with many new experiences enjoyed by all who were able to attend.