

# Lakes Entrance trip report 15<sup>th</sup> May 2016



It was a nice change only having a few hours travelling to get to a meeting. Usually, for most meetings, we don't even get to Melbourne in the time it took us to get to the Lakes. The weather was extremely kind as there were gales and strong winds around Melbourne but nothing like that where we were camped. The Eastern Beach Caravan Park was excellent with good, clean amenities and well set out. It is a Council owned park which probably explains why it is in such a prime position, right on a part

of Cunninghame Arm and a couple of hundred metres from the surf beach. There are walking and bike tracks along the inlet to the shops and a servo/shops not far away for newspapers or minor groceries. One of the purposes of the meeting was to investigate the area for possibly holding our 2017 get together there. With that in mind we did several tours from the tourist brochures and added some other side trips ourselves. One we did was a visit to a farmers market at Metung and then on to the silt jetties near Eagle Point which at 8 Km long are some of the longest in the world. It was quite different driving for kilometres with water close by on both sides until you get to the end of the silt jetties and find you are way out in the huge lake. Another trip took us through the forest to



an historic bridge near Nowa Nowa and then North to the Buchan Caves area. There were a few plays on words using the Buchan town name - one I liked was a firewood supplier called "The Buchan Good Wood Company" which you don't want to say too fast! We returned through the forest to Orbost and back along the highway, it was a fairly casual trip of about 170KM. As always the company is what makes our meetings great and this was no exception. One member gave us a look at his garage and some of his projects, like the super charger on the 345 pictured. I am just not sure how much fuel you can feed into a Scout motor!



Of course there will be some people who may unwrap their arms from around a tree long enough to say V8s use up too many precious resources. On the other hand I have attached this photo just to show how easy it is to save the world; all you need is a large rig [plus a spare vehicle] that possibly has a bigger carbon footprint than the Titanic. The vehicle had 2 people in it; if you look on the roof you can see there is an air conditioner each. It just goes to show that if you are out in the bush to save the planet there is no sense in roughing it under a wet tarp, like in the propaganda videos; you may as well do it in style.



Fred Wright, June 2016.