

DALYSTON MEETING TRIP REPORT

On Saturday 25-11-2017, at *0900hr.* 7 vehicles followed Fred & Elaine's Scout on a guided tour from Dalyston Rec. Res. inland into the rolling hills along a narrow and winding road, through farmhouses perched on any flat land available. At the highest point, we could see 360dg. views of Wilsons Prom, Cape Liptrap, Cape Woolamai, San Remo, Phillip Island & Bridge. Making our way down the other side, we joined the Bass Hwy. and stopped at San Remo for a breather & looksee and a splash in the water. Crossing the bridge onto Phillip Island, we drove *past* the Chocolate factory, stopping in at the National Viet Vet Museum, where Steve the volunteer guide took us on an extensive and informative tour which included a sound and light show, vehicles, helicopters, & memorabilia of the Vietnam War. Leaving the museum, we had a sneaky peek at the race cars practicing, and then drove to the Nobbies, heading back via the back coast road where the lucky ones saw some penguin chicks in hard to find burrows. We separated to have lunch and made our own way safely back to Dalyston. Many thanks to Fred & Elaine.

Saturday night saw 21 people at the Ozone Hotel for our 'Xmas in November' dinner, rain clouds were gathering and the lights went out, but our host Daniel soon had them back on, and our 'Xmas style' meal arrived. It was good to catch up with familiar and not so familiar faces, with tales of our (mis)adventures. We found out in the morning from Hans, our campsite contact, a severe storm had passed close by, uprooting trees etc. Luckily we only got rain. Another thing we also found out, was that after leaving the Hotel, and as the night was still young, a 'not over the hill yet' couple from our group had called into the Rec. Hall where there was a New Vouge dance being held. The locals, surprised by new faces, soon made them very welcome, and they joined in the dancing, (*boots 'n' all!!*). I believe one comment was "you're like a breath of fresh air". Good on you.

Once again, a good time was had by all at another I.S.O.C. v.d. meeting/weekend.

Thanks to all concerned. See you, "*On the road again*", Peter Prewett.
