

TRIP REPORT – Tatura – November 2022

From President David Payne

Tatura report.



Members gathered at Hilltop Golf Course and Bistro, Tatura, for our November meeting and Saturday night Christmas dinner over the 11th to 13th November weekend.

Some members arrived early in the day as this location was a reasonable close drive from home base but no matter where you came from, a common comment was the state on local roads and even the very poor condition of the GV Highway and Hume Freeway leading to Tatura.

Massive damage to the roads done by recent weather events was evident. Giant pot holes big enough to swallow a Scout were numerous in number.

You quickly learnt which lane to drive in and what side of the road was the best although some potholes were as wide as the carriageway or couldn't be avoided due to oncoming traffic.

Those who travelled through Murchison saw at first hand the high water mark left by the flooding of the Goulburn River and the debris and destroyed caravans left behind.

We arrived at Tatura, or if you're a local Tat for short, and explored the main street and shops sampling coffee, pies, vanilla slices before purchasing sausages from one of the local butchers for the Presidents BBQ, which turned out to be very tasty, just like his home made varieties of Kabana he had on offer.

Onto the Golf Club and Caravan Park where we virtually set up at the 17th tee and within 30m of the clubhouse with all it had to offer.

It was only a short walk to the facilities, and then into the Bar, Bistro and Pokies if you desired a drink, something to eat or a bit of a flutter.

I even got coffee and dessert delivered by Tracey and I'm sure I saw Glad going inside to try her luck.

An impromptu happy hour took place on Friday night amongst some camping golfers before the Presidents BBQ was held.

All sausages were sizzled, along with a veggie burger or two, but not before the Presidents' BBQ cleaning service was called into action to get the cooking surface clean.

I'm getting pretty good at cleaning venues' BBQs where ever I go.



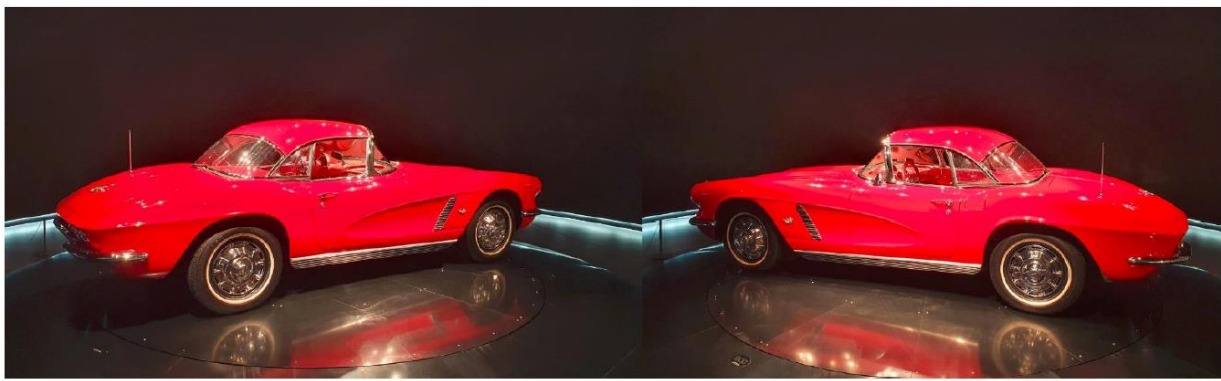
Three Scouts rolled up for the weekend with their owners too.

Saturday was free time but most travelled to Shepparton to visit shops and the **Museum of Vehicle Evolution, MOVE**, at Kialla along with Barclay's Antiques & Collectables and the Chocolate apple factory.

I think I got lost for a few hours in the museum marvelling at the exhibits, as when I came out I found some members sitting in the shade feasting on hot chips! Well that was an indication it was time to get back to the golf club for the Christmas celebration.



How's that for an early International Charabanc? Almost the Great Grand Daddy of a Scout!



Did I hear anyone singing Little Red Corvette?.

Our dinner at the Golf Club was well attended and delicious with just the right amount of festive spirit(s) for everyone to relax and enjoy the night.

Thanks to Tracey for her festive decorations on the tables, bonbons and Scout shaped homemade chocolates.

Sunday's meeting was convivial with everyone contributing to discussions and the attendance of guest and now new member Scott McRae. Welcome to Scott.

Unfortunately, due to work commitments, Tracey and I had to depart for home at the conclusion of the meeting.

Overall a good weekend away, the weather could have been a bit better and more consistent and we could have all done without the savage mosquito squadrons that were ever present.

Regards David



Chow down time on Saturday night