



Melbourne Whittley Cruiser Club Inc.

MWCC July Trip Report 2019 - Mornington Peninsula by Road.

Our first road trip for the club was a great success, with a good bunch of people and the weather being kind to us.

Friday the 19th being our first day started with both Myself and Fil arriving at The Nepean Country Club at about 3pm, as we were booking in Peter and Audrey Nic arrived and also booked in for the weekend at the same time.

We pick up the keys and proceeded to our rooms when Peter and Gail Miller arrived and had booked in staying in the room next to us, they had just finished a game of Golf at Eagle ridge, the Golf club next door to the resort.

Later that afternoon Gary and Lee Honeychurch along with John and Joy Beckman arrived together in Johns new Ram 1500 (Nice Ute), his sporty exhaust that had a nice V8 note.

Wayne and Leanne Carpenter followed shortly after and booked in to their room for the weekend. It was now close to 6pm and Tony and Di rang to say that they would not make it in time for the bus and would meet us at the RSL for dinner, as Di was working on Friday.

Buses had been arranged via the Rye RSL and just after 6pm the two buses arrived to pick us up from the resort and take us to dinner, not long after we had sat down Tony and Di Marshall arrived to meet us. We all ordered dinner and drinks sitting and having a great time chatting and laughing enjoying each other's company. The night seemed to go so fast and before you know it we were on the bus heading back to our rooms to settle in for the next day's activities.

Saturday the 20th. Before heading off for our wine tasting, some took advantage of the facilities the resort offered, like swimming in the heated pool or go for the free massage that came with the deal or have a breakfast at the cafe. We all met at reception at 10.30am and headed for the first winery, Point Leo Estate facing Western Port entrance and Phillip Island in the back ground, as we arrived for the tasting the barman had the 14 glasses lined up and ready. As we tasted and chatted, some members were enjoying the wine displays and the cafe with coffee, cakes and the beautiful scenery. After the tasting had ended most went out to view the massive sculpture park with lovely gardens to walk through, the variety of sculptures on offer was huge. A great estate to go and visit, would recommend it.



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So at just after 12.15pm we headed down the road for lunch to a lovely restaurant come wine bar/pizzeria called Giao Bella. We all went in sat down ordered our lunch and drinks spending the next 1.5 hours enjoying the food and the company, the time went so fast that I had not realised and unfortunately I had to gather all quickly to head off to Tucks estate as we had to be there for our 2pm appointment.



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So we all got in our cars and headed off to Tucks and as we were running late, I had a phone call from Tucks to confirm if we were on the way to our appointment, but all good, we made it just after 2pm and the lady was all ready for the wine tasting. Well she was great, we stood around a high table to do the tasting with white board markers and all trying to guess the type of wine she was serving, I was amazed at how we all integrated writing down our thoughts, just a lot of fun with the answers that some had written on the white board on the table. We spent a good hour enjoying the fun tasting some nice whites and reds that Tucks had on offer.



In the mean time a few went to the cafe had a coffee or tea and took in the scenery while having their drink, as we came to the end of tasting and where about to head back to Nepean Country Club I think it was Lee or Di suggesting if we could go for afternoon tea somewhere, so we all agreed to go to Arthur's seat and go to the Chair lifts then have a coffee taking the magnificent views.

Unfortunately, the wind was strong and the ladies decided not go on the lifts as they were swinging considerably, so into the hotel all sat down ordered coffee and teas relaxing then we headed back to the rooms to freshen up and get ready for the evening meal that I had booked for all.

At 7pm we had made arrangements to meet at the reception and head off to the Sorrento pub perched on the top off the hill over seeing port Phillip bay taking in the sights and the evening lights. We spent a lovely night wining and dining with a great group of people who were enjoying each other's company having a laugh and a joke. After a lovely dinner we headed back to the resort to have coffee in my room to finish off the night.



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At dinner I had asked who would be interested in going to Sorrento before we all headed back home and taste the famous Vanilla slices, all thought what a great idea to finish off what has been a memorable weekend and the clubs first road trip.



I hope that next year the club puts the road trip back on the calendar and that more members come to enjoy the weekend.

over and out from the cruise leader and a special thanks to the members that attended to make it a memorable weekend.

cheers

Mario and Fil Greco