

Bright tour April / May 2021

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It was a bright sunny morning as the 41 members left for our Bright Tour. We had 5 days of great sightseeing and lots of fun, friendship and fellowship. We stayed at the Bright Chalet to enjoy all the magnificent autumn trees the North-East of Victoria offers, as well as the many tourist attractions in the area.

We spent a sunny morning in Bright before a tour of the surrounding towns and the scenery the Alpine Valley offers. Another sunny day was most welcomed for our visit to Yarrawonga, with a trip on the paddle steamer on Lake Mulwala, including the Skippers BBQ. A stop at the Warrabilla winery on the way home was a bonus for many. On a wet and windy day, we had a tour of the Red Stag Deer and Emu Farm and the Australian Pumpkin Seed Company, both were most entertaining, with the chocolate coated pumpkin seeds a big hit. Our arrival in Beechworth was met with rain and thunderstorms, so the local shops provided some relief from the rain. Our bus driver's knowledge of both Beechworth and Yackandandah gave us a real history lesson as well as seeing some of the finest parts of the towns.

The Bright Chalet was a wonderful destination with the rooms, restaurant and bar area very accommodating and the open fire just perfect for our evening get-togethers. The quality and range of food on offer satisfied everyone. Our card group were able to set up after dinner each night and they even attracted a new member that won one evening.

It was a busy 5 days, incorporating a couple of long bus trips, but the friendships and memories will last forever.



Brandon Park group getting ready to depart for our tour of "Bright and surrounds."



The Chalet tour bus for the trip.



Travelling.



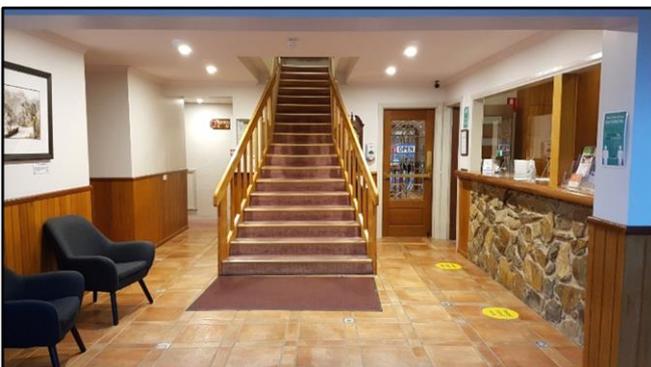
Our accommodation – The Bright Chalet.



Charles and Freda outside the Chalet.



Night view of the Bright Chalet.



Entry Foyer of the Bright Chalet.



View of the garden area looking back towards dining room at the Bright Chalet.



Chalet Gardens.



Chess set in gardens.



Freda and Val on their balcony.



First night at happy hour.



Happy hour - Irene, Judith and Eleanor



Happy hour - Alan with Brian and Helen.



Happy hour - Judith, Alan and David.



Happy hour - John P, John S and Barbara.



Happy Hour - Judith, Eleanor, Pam and Jenny.



Happy hour - Ian, John, Barbara and Lynda.



Happy hour - Ray, Yvonne and Margaret.



Happy hour - Ray, Jan and Alan.



Happy hour - Visitors Dinny, Barbara and Mary.
(Friends of Ellen Stokes)



Happy hour - Helen, John and Pat.



Happy hour - Brenda, Charles, John, Margaret, Val and Ray.



Happy hour - Chris and Trevor.



Happy hour - Chris, Freda, Pam and David.



Dinner - Gwen, Rosemary, Robin, Freda, Val and Allan.



The entry to the Bright Gala Day Market.



Market site.



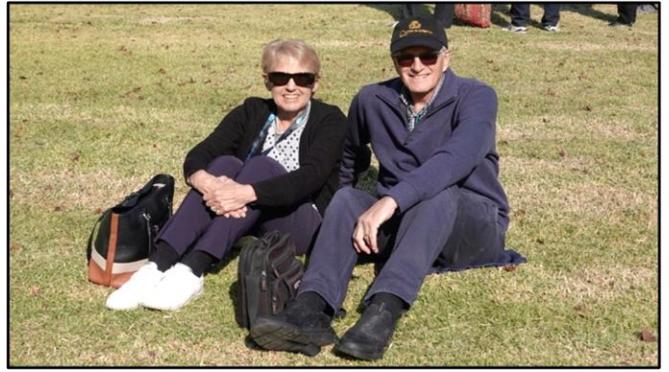
Market - Ann showing her purchase.



Market - Barbara and John having a snack.



Market - Ian, Judith and Helen.



Market - Rosemary and Robin enjoying the performance by the Busker.



Colourful autumn trees in Bright street.



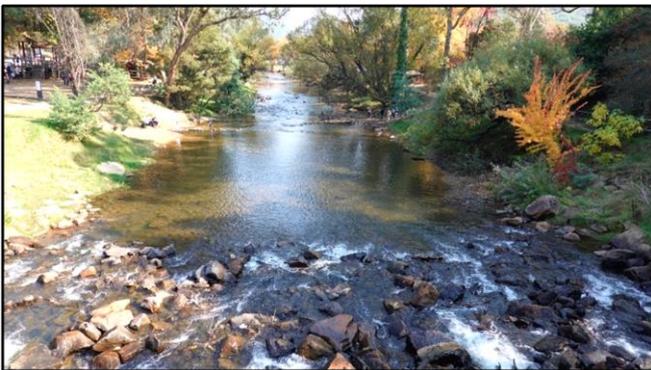
Autumn scenery.



Laneway in the main street of Bright.



View from the foot bridge over the Ovens river in Bright.



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Riverbank in Bright.



City of Melbourne Pipe Band playing in the main street of Bright.



Some of our party resting after a busy morning at the market and around town.



Waiting for the bus pickup.



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Apple orchard and sales



Apple orchard at Wandiligong.



Apple orchard. The 3 wise monkeys?



Apple orchard scenery.



Apple orchard scenery.



Apple orchard. Margaret enjoying the scenery.



Sunday morning SURPRISE. **Cold water !!!!**



Lake Mulwala cruise aboard the Cumberooma Paddle Steamer.



Cruising - Chris, Trevor Barbara John, Jan, Gwen, Mary (visitor), Yvonne and Margaret (visitor).



Cruising - Irene, Eleanor, Robin, Rosemary.



Cruising - Sebel Yarrowonga Silverwoods Resort.



Cruising - Freda, Jenny, Val, Judith and Ann.



Warrabilla Wines.
David and Allan.



The gang purchasing at Warrabilla Wines.



Outdoor area at Warrabilla Wines.



Warrabilla Wines, boarding the coach.



The Red Stag Café and Restaurant.



The Red Stag Café and Restaurant.
"Yes Coffee time".



Café shop.



Red Stag Café and Restaurant.
View from the Balcony.



Red Stag Café and Restaurant.
View outside the Café.



Red Stag Café and Restaurant.
Val patting the goat.



Red Stag Café and Restaurant.
John talking to his mate.



Red Stag Café and Restaurant.
Deer in the distance.



Red Stag Café and Restaurant.
Old shack on the property.



Goat at the Red Stag Café and Restaurant.



Deer at the Red Stag Café and Restaurant.



Red Stag Café and Restaurant.
Old truck on the Café property.



Pumpkin seed factory.
Pepo Farms.



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Pumpkin seed factory.
Examining the produce.



Street scene near Yackandanda



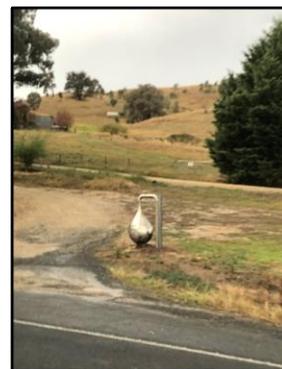
Street scene near Yackandanda.



Out the bus for a photo.



Beechworth Golden Era Service Station showing
vintage tow truck and RACV service vehicle.



An unusual mailbox, a dripping tap.



Street scene in Bright



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Foyer of Chalet looking to the street.



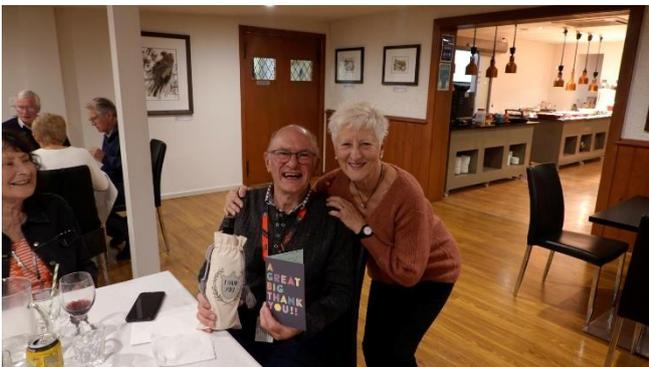
Chalet pool from dining room.



Dinner on the last night.



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Judith presenting John with his thank you gift for organising the tour.



Last day, early morning wakeup call !!!



Group Photo at the Lake Mulwala cruise
