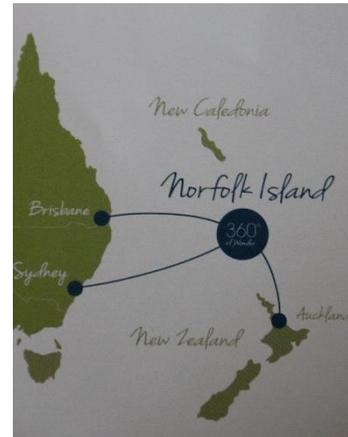
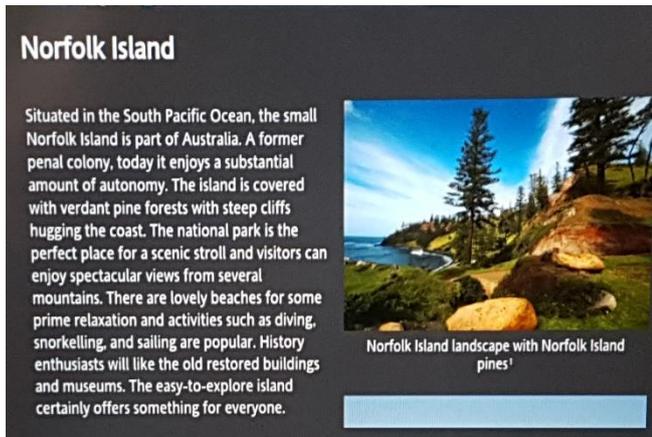


Norfolk Island Trip, December 2017

(Comments courtesy John Shrives, photos and captions by Ray Binks)



Norfolk Island Trip – 1 to 8 December 2017

We arrived on Norfolk Island on the 1 December and after checking into the Governor's Lodge, our first night involved dressing up as convicts and going to a Convict dinner show. Great fun for all, with Jenny Major & Barbara Mathews being sentenced to table service.

Over the next few days we had a range of tours covering local culture, cheese making, wood turning, convict settlement days, sound & lights shows and in-depth stories on the history of Norfolk Island. There were many tales regarding Mutiny on the Bounty – truthful stories – mainly?

The local people were very helpful and the tours received a high mark from everyone. Our accommodation at the Governor's Lodge was very comfortable and the staff excellent. We all enjoyed the range and quality of the meals supplied, both at the Lodge and on the tours.

On the last full day, we were treated to an indulgence tour of chocolate and liqueurs, followed by a "Fish Fry" dinner and a further Mutiny on the Bounty stage show.

The island scenery is magnificent, with some lovely beaches. The weather (pre-ordered), was 22 degrees each day with only an odd shower or two, mainly at night. The slow pace and simple life style brought back memories of our growing up days where you only had fruit and vegetables in season and a limited selection of products in the old grocer shop. There are some great bargains for the shopaholics, with the cheapest Lego prices in the world and discounted shoes (duty free).

The trip certainly fulfilled the object of Probus being fun, fellowship and friendship.



Judith and Barbara admire the Christmas decorations at the Sydney stopover in Stamford Plaza Hotel.



Lord Howe island on route to Norfolk Island.



The "Governor's Lodge" entrance.



The "Governor's Lodge"



A sample of the beautiful gardens at the lodge.



Lodge accommodation.



Night as a Convict, prisoners awaiting a meal.



Some of those who did time on Norfolk Island.



Barbara and Jenny showing their style.



Private Parts and the Commandant ran the prison.



Annette wearing the hat when the music stopped.



Judith passing the hat as quickly as possible.



Jenny and Ellen enjoying happy hour.



Ann, Marilyn, Barbara and Margaret -The cocktails were popular.



Val Barbara & Judith are all smiles.



John Marcia and Bryan look happy.



Rob, Annette & Margaret, where is Sid?



Happy Hour, Colin, Linsay and Ian chatting.



The John's enjoying a beer.



Queen Victoria's Garden.



Queen Victoria's Garden.



Queen Victoria's Garden.



Burnt Pine township.



Hands for democracy protest.



"The Bounty sculpture" at Visitors Centre.



Overlooking Quality Row and the golf course.



Queen Elizabeth Lookout.



Again overlooking Quality Row.



Beautiful Emily Bay.



Emily Bay, the water looked superb.



Emily Bay towards Kingston.



Margaret, Judith, Jenny and Barbara at Emily Bay.



Rob and the John's at Lone Pine near Emily Bay.



Foreshore at Kingston.



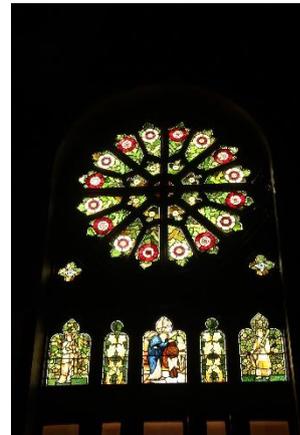
Emily Bay looking towards the islands.



Saint Barnabas Chapel.



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Val, Ian, Bryan and Marcia enjoying the tour.



Cliffs at the property "Orn Daa Cliff".



Pinetree tours property - Orn Daa Cliff.



Anson Bay.



War memorial at Kingston.



View down part of "Quality Row".



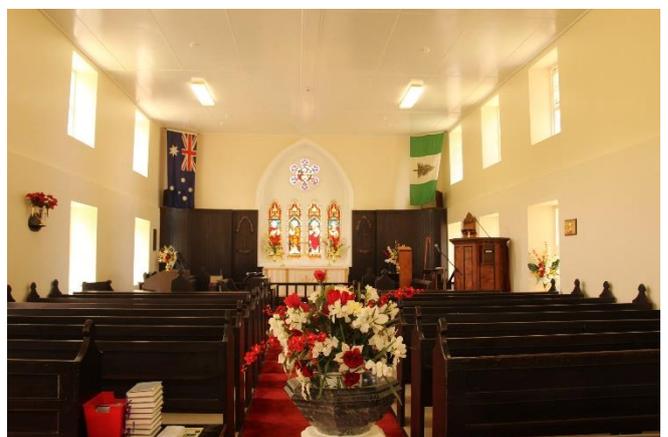
Old Lighter.



View towards settlement from Flagstaff Hill.



View up valley from Flagstaff hill.



All Saints Church.



Entrance to All Saints Church.



Kingston Old Jail ruins.



Well inside the old Jail at Kingston.



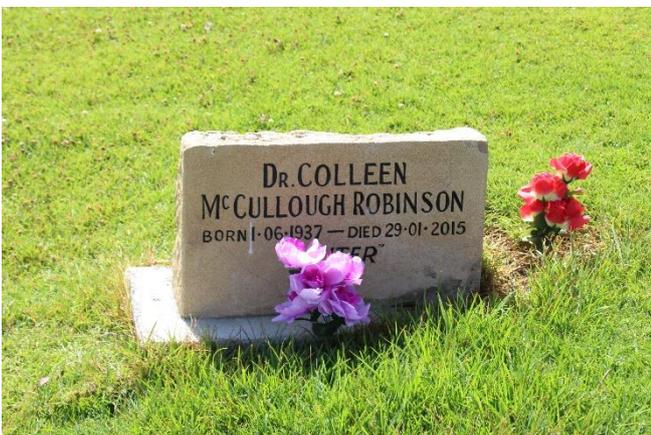
Original entrance gates to Kingston Cemetery.



Kingston Cemetery.



View of Cemetery bay.



A famous grave.



Lime Kiln at Chimney Hill – Near Slaughter/Emily bay.



Slaughter Bay



Cuppa near Slaughter bay.



Slaughter Bay.



Gates and Cattle grid to keep cows out of town.



Entrance to Burnt Pine township.



The Christian's Ukulele workshop.



Val and Marcia admiring the craftsmanship.



Wild hen eggs.



Christian Brothers Cheese Tour, the cheese was delicious.



John Christian giving us a song.



Ellen at the Christian Brothers cheese tour.



Typical road scene.



Moreton Bay Fig tree at Rocky point reserve.



Judith and Barbara at Cooks Memorial.



View from lookout near Cooks Memorial.



View from Mount Bates.



View from Mount Pitt.



“Wonderland by night” tour.



“Wonderland by night” tour.



Palm Glen track in National Park.



Palm Glen track in National Park.



Governor’s Lodge garden - Red Hibiscus.



Governor’s Lodge garden - Yellow Hibiscus.



Judith, Barbara and John at Cockpit falls.



Coffee at Rumours café.



Launching the Glass Bottom boat.



A view of "George" and a friend fighting over bread.



Coral in Emily Bay.



The group studying the coral & fish below.



View of Nepean island from the Glass Bottom boat.



Phillip island from the Glass Bottom boat.



Music Valley culture tour display.



Jane showing us an old telescope that belonged to her father.



Music valley culture tour, a great display of island history.



Darren Bates demonstrating wood turning.



Island Culture tour, hat weaving with Kath King.



Island Culture tour, the gang with Kath King.



Christmas lights, what a surprise on the way home from the Progressive dinner.



Christmas lights a fantastic display.



Sweeties chocolate shop.



Marilyn and Colin at Sweeties.



Jenny and Jude trying to pat the cows.



Temporary housing for convicts upon release.



Unloading cargo on the Slaughter Bay jetty.



Cargo ship unloading a car onto a "lighter" boat.



Max our driver for many of the excursions.



Draught horses by the road.



The Norfolk island liqueurs were popular.



Bumboras reserve beach.



Site seeing at Bumboras reserve.



"Fish Fry" dinner on the property "Orn Daa Cliff".



Marcia Bryan, Marilyn, Colin, Lindsay and Ann at the "Fish Fry" dinner.



Annette, John, Margaret V, Margaret R, Sid & Barbara chatting before dinner.



Barbara and Jenny enjoying the sunshine.



Ian, Rob, Ellen, Val on the cliff at the Fish Fry.



John M, Ray and John S enjoying the view.



Wow, the Sunset at the Fish Fry



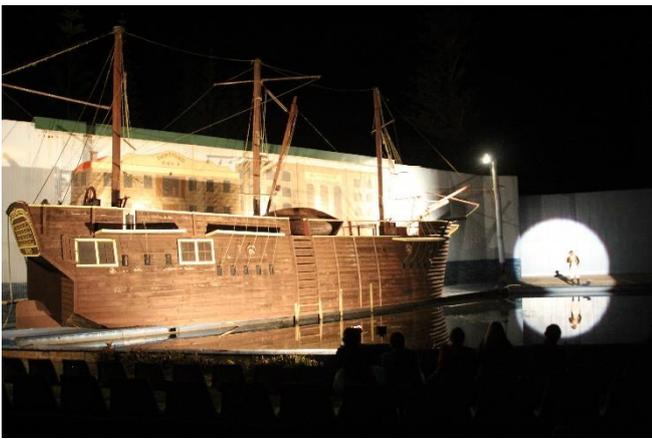
Tahitian dancing demonstration by the local girls



Tahitian dancing demonstration.



The sunset just got better and better.



Mutiny on the Bounty show.



A good place to do time.



Last day, John with our gift of appreciation from the group.



View of Sydney harbor.
Back in mainland Oz again after a great trip.
