

~ HCCV Spring Tour Reports ~

North East Victoria - 13/14 - 15 October 2023

Lotte & Ray, Les & Bev

I don't know quite where to start! Jon put the call out for the NE Tour and we gladly put our hands up. We were also delighted that Les and Bev Lindorff agreed to join us so we could share the adventure with them.

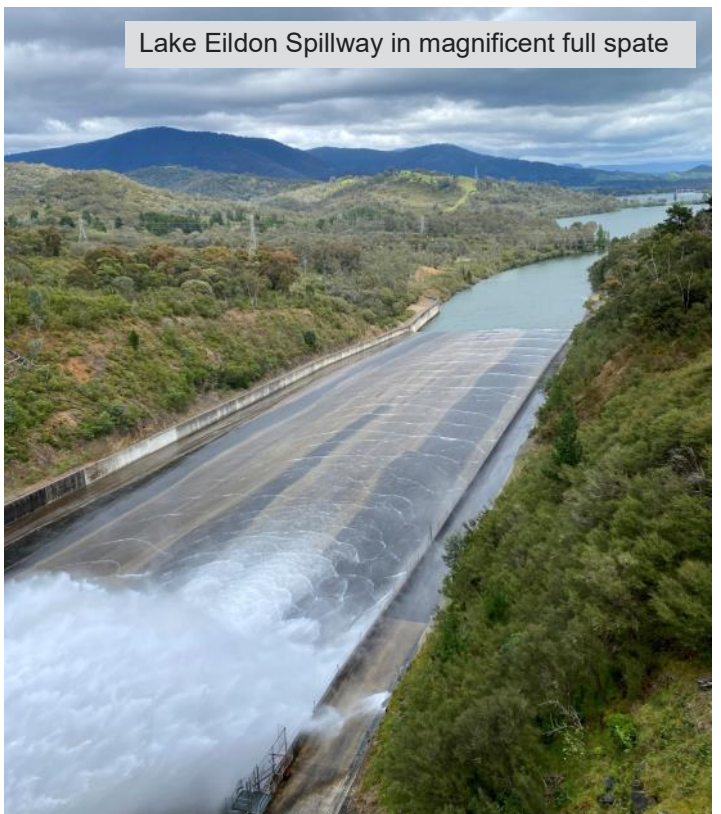


We decided to make it a proper weekend from Friday, as we had to head west to Ballarat first to pick up Les and Bev before we then headed east to our destination in Alexandra.



Friday night was our meet and greet BBQ and take-away at the Alexandra Motel. So well set up for groups, great social area in the courtyard with easy access to all our rooms.

We headed off on Saturday morning for a gentle drive, with a stop at the high point of the range for our first glimpse of Lake Eildon.





Saturday night dinner at The Corner Hotel and there was awesome food, much lively discussion and a quiz! I confess, I “borrowed” the quiz from the Fed NW Tour (thank you Michelle and Lloyd!). There was at least one contentious answer, but as there was quite a margin between the 1st and 2nd place-getters, it didn’t matter.


1st Prize went to Rod and Majella (below left), with a consolation prize to Michael Paas for last place (below right).

A fun and fitting end to a very full day.




We even found a “Big Thing” to compare with MM4 - Victorian Fisheries Authority, Snobs Creek Fish Hatchery


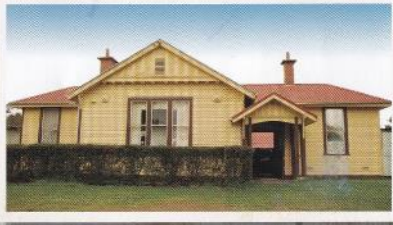




Alexandra Timber Tramway & Museum

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On Sunday morning we packed up, checked out, and headed off to the Alexandra Timber Tramway & Museum.



Our genial and patient guides, volunteers Gerry & Jane generously gave up their Sunday in order to show us around.



Rod and Majella Burchill

We left a wet Gembrook on Friday afternoon and drove through Healesville and over the Black Spur to a drier Alexandra, a comfortable trip of 1 and a half hours. A pleasant evening was enjoyed with others from the HCCV, a few BBQed sausages and one or 2 Reds consumed.

Saturday morning we cruised in convoy to Eildon and checked out the water being released from the spillway, a very spectacular view. A wonderful lunch was had at the old Thornton School. Following a pleasant drive down to Marysville, we visited Steavenson Falls. We had plenty of time to enjoy the Falls, which had a lot of water cascading down. We had a walk around Marysville, having stayed there many years ago before the devastating fires, and visiting just after, it was nice to see the redevelopment of the town.

Saturday evening we walked down to the Corner Hotel for a convivial dinner. Majella and I, to our surprise, won Lotte's quiz. Chocolates and a bottle of Red being the prize.

Sunday morning found us at the old Alexandra railway station museum. An interesting variety of exhibits to be seen there. Some of us made our way to the Cheviot Railway tunnel, it's amazing what interesting things are about that you don't know are there.

After a yummy Yea Bakery pie for lunch, sitting in the main street, enjoyed with Jon, Hans, Michael, Judy and John we headed home.

Thanks to Jon Miller for organising a very relaxed weekend. We do enjoy being with a wonderful group of fellow Humber enthusiasts.



Barry & Marg Croke

The rally gave our Humber a 298 mile run down into country unfamiliar to us. President Jon's local knowledge was a great benefit and provided for interesting localities to visit.

When we next have a written quiz the club should ensure counselling services are available for crestfallen members after being told their examination performance is sub-optimal.

Too few people experience the perceived privilege of driving around in a fleet of Humber. Our sense of self-worth depends on more similar gatherings.

There were many good aspects of the trip but for us one highlight was seeing an old school at Thornton being usefully revamped into a café.



Judy Lewis and John Washbourne: Snippets from Alexandra

What a lovely weekend we had recently with the club exploring some of the delights in and around Alexandra.

About 15 club members gathered together staying at the Alexandra Motel. It was an ideal venue for our group as each room opened out onto a shared private area with a swimming pool (too chilly for us to have a dip though) and BBQ area with plenty of chairs and tables where we could gather, relax and chat each evening or enjoy a morning coffee together in the sunshine.

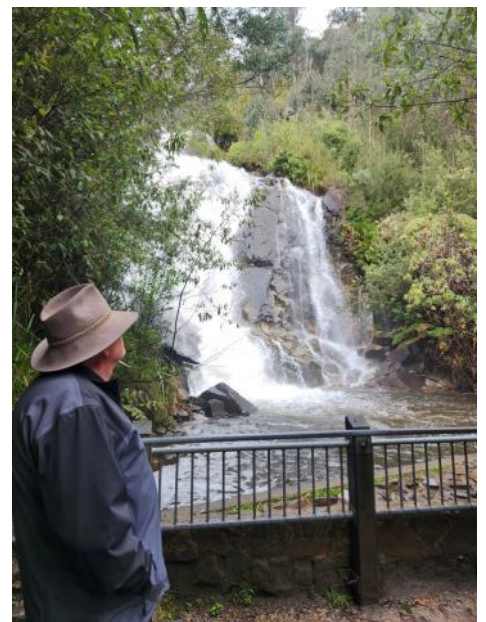
Jon Miller had carefully planned a mix of interesting and beautiful places to visit over the weekend with just a leisurely drive between them that gave us a chance to show off our cars along the way.



Our visit to Eildon seeing the spillway in action was like a trip down memory lane as I hadn't been to Eildon since I was a child. The views of the reservoir on our approach were stunningly beautiful. The water gushing over the spillway was impressive even though Jon said it was half the volume of the previous week. Gazing down into the depths was mesmerizing and I lost all track of time. Needless to say a short phone call asking "Where are you – we are all waiting to go!" quickly brought me back to earth.

Steavenson Falls in Marysville was another delight that we took time out to explore. These Falls, being 84 metres high, are among the highest in Victoria and surrounded by beautiful bushland. Not quite enough time or energy to do the complete

Ferntree Gully walk of 3.4 kms from Marysville to the Falls, which would have been lovely and it certainly was tempting if we had been a bit younger. However, we certainly had enough energy to stroll to the Falls from the nearby carpark. The Falls were impressive and threw up a fine mist as it tumbled down the rocky face. We also made sure that our special cars were lined up in the carpark ready to be admired by the visitors. We were not disappointed!





So a big thank you to Jon for arranging such a lovely and relaxing weekend and thank you to everyone who came along and helped make it such fun too. It's great to have the opportunity to meet, get to know other club members and together enjoy exploring the countryside. (Judy & John)



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