



# TRAVEL TALK

## RETURN EDITION 2020

### WELCOME BACK

Dear Travel Club Members

Well, 2020 has not panned out the way expected when we sent you the Summer Newsletter. The good news is given the challenges of Covid-19 we are all still here ready to get out and tour the great Australian outdoors. We hope to **RESTART on Tue 01 Sept 2020** with something that is a bit different (see page 2). Government restrictions may make it difficult for us to run our **Spring Mystery** on **Monday 07 September** even though it does not go anywhere near the Sydney area. Our tours to Mallacoota, Red Rock Cruise, the November Riverboat Postman, Charlotte Pass, the Summer Mystery in December and Norfolk Island in March 2021 are fully booked or have limited seats available at this stage.

This slimmed down Newsletter is to let you know what else we have on offer over the next 6 months as well as what we have planned for 2021 (see the adjacent column). A full newsletter will be produced in the Spring.

We have a mix of tours that have been rescheduled from 2020 to 2021 as well as new tours on offer. Some of the new 2020 tours travel to the NSW South Coast as we try and help our coastal neighbours and those local communities emerge from both the bushfire tragedies as well as Covid-19.

Some 2020 tours rescheduled for 2021 have firm dates and prices. The issues with Virgin Australia means tours with an airfare component rescheduled from 2020 to 2021 have a firm date but no tour cost. We will advise those tour costs as soon as we know the airfares. The **Australian Open Tennis** is still in our plans but we cannot get any tournament or ticketing details at this stage.

Musicals have been hard hit by Covid-19 and **Frozen** is the only production to reschedule and we have a date in February 2021. As other musicals come back on line we will let you know. We have rescheduled affected day tours plus have others on offer, some of which head to the South Coast to help those communities. But there is plenty else to see and do and we hope to welcome you back onboard very soon.

Happy travelling from Karen, Bob, Alex, David, Col, Brad and Shelley

### WE ARE A COVID REGISTERED BUSINESS

Due to Covid-19, we have introduced a range of protocols to help keep you safe on tour. This includes signing a disclosure form pre tour that you have no likely symptoms or been in contact with anyone who has; having your temperature taken before boarding; providing hand sanitiser at the entrance to the coach to use upon boarding; dedicated seating where possible to assist in a 1.5 metre separation; providing antiseptic wipes for those who wish to wipe down their personal area. Coach crew have the Covid-19 app on their mobile phone and heavy use areas on the coach will be regularly cleaned. Tour suppliers used on the tours will be encouraged to have Covid-19 hygiene guidelines and when visiting any areas with other members of the public members will be encouraged to maintain social distancing.

### 2021 TOURS

Details in the Spring Newsletter

**4 DAY TUMUT BUSHFIRE RECOVERY**  
Departs Tuesday 24 March 2021

**5 DAY AUTUMN IN MARYSVILLE**  
Departs Tuesday 27 April 2021

**7 DAY LORD HOWE ISLAND**  
Departs Monday 10 May 2021  
Departs Monday 04 October 2021

**13 DAY EYRE & YORKE PENINSULA**  
Departs Monday 24 May 2021

**3 DAY SYDNEY VIVID LIGHT FESTIVAL**  
Departs Wednesday 02 June 2021

**12 DAY OUTBACK QUEENSLAND**  
Departs Sunday 13 June 2021

**8 DAY NOOSA & THE SUNSHINE COAST**  
Departs Sunday 27 June 2021

**8 DAY LIGHTNING RIDGE & MOREE**  
Departs Thursday 15 July 2021

**9 DAY BRISBANE & SCENIC RIM**  
Departs Saturday 24 July 2021

**3 DAY BLUE MOUNTAINS XMAS IN JULY**  
Departs Tuesday 27 July 2021

**6 DAY NORTH COAST WINTER GETAWAY**  
Departs Wednesday 04 August 2021

**7 DAY AIRLIE BEACH & WHITSUNDAYS**  
Departs Monday 16 August 2021

**7 DAY BARMERA & SA RIVERLAND**  
Departs Sunday 12 September 2021

**6 DAY ART SILO & BENALLA ROSES**  
Departs Thursday 28 October 2021

**15 DAY TASMANIAN TOUR**  
Departs Saturday 13 November 2021

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# POTTER TOURS



## A DAY OUT WITH KAREN & BOB Tue 01 & Tue 15 September 2020



Join Coach Captain Karen and Tour Escort/COVID Marshall Bob for a great day out after months of having to stay at home. This is a new initiative from Potter Travel to provide outings for members during this trying time and the need to comply with Covid-19 restrictions. So we will be running a number of small group outings comprising a maximum of 18 people plus Karen & Bob. Enjoy a day

aboard the purple coach taking in the local sights, morning tea, a BBQ lunch and afternoon tea. Our destination is a surprise as we will be running quite a few of these tours over the rest of the year if there is enough interest from members, each one selecting a different spot to visit. The first of these 'Days Out' are in September on the dates nominated above. At last, ALL ABOARD!!!

Member cost: \$95.00 pp Non-member: \$115.00 pp



## FISH 'N' CHIPS ON THE CLYDE Wednesday 23 September 2020



Let's help the South Coast which has suffered so badly the last 6 months. The **Clyde River** is pristine, flowing through over 100km of NSW national park and state forests. Enjoy the famous **Innes Fish 'n' Chips** on board the **MV Merinda** as you sit back and watch the river meandering slowly, each bend revealing the river's

many moods and faces. Our cruise takes us up river to the historic little river port of **Nelligen**, where in past times sailing and steam ships plied their trade. We have half an hour to stretch our legs and take a wander around the village before cruising back down the Clyde River. After disembarking we reboard the coach and travel to Braidwood for an afternoon stop before heading home. A maximum of 25 allowed on this tour.

Member cost: \$135.00 pp Non-member: \$155.00 pp



## HERITAGE JUNEЕ Tuesday 13 October 2020



Junee, a pretty town **created by the railway**, but divided by the rails. A rural town set between rolling hills and the Murrumbidgee River, Junee has many fine features - wide streets, wide awnings, verandahs and **eccentric old-style architecture**. A local guide joins us on the coach for a **guided tour** of Junee, entertaining us with tales and history. Marvel at the **heritage streetscape** of the east & the west side **divided by the rails**; Junee is filled

with surprises at every turn! Afterwards we enjoy lunch at the **Graze Restaurant** as well as a tour & talk at the **Junee licorice factory**. You will have plenty of opportunity to stock up on the wonderful organic licorice and other treats! *This tour date may change subject to travel restrictions affecting 2020 tours.*

Member cost: \$130.00 pp Non-member: \$150.00 pp

## 10 DAY TOOWOOMBA CARNIVAL OF FLOWERS & O'REILLY'S RETREAT Tuesday 22 September 2020

This tour incorporates two of southern Queensland's iconic attractions—the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers and O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat. Travel via northern NSW to Toowoomba for a 3 night stay. The Carnival of Flowers is Australia's longest-running annual horticultural event, a cultural party



featuring spectacular gardens and all things spring. This year the Festival will be slightly different than in a normal year but still many festival activities and local attractions to enjoy. From here we head across to O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat in the Lamington National Park where it has been welcoming travellers for over 93 years to relax, experience and connect with nature. After a 2 night stay we head home via the New England Tablelands and Gloucester. *Tour subject to Qld border restrictions being eased.*

Member cost: \$2815.00 pp twin share \$3495.00 sole use

## 4 DAY OBERON & PARKES Tuesday 13 October 2020

The main purpose of this tour is to provide support to some of the drought effected areas of **Central Western NSW** supported where possible by local CWA branches and other community organisations. Come and join us in our effort to help our friends doing it tough in the bush. Our first night is at **Oberon**. Sitting on the western fall of the Blue Mountains, it's



a beautiful town taking its name from one of William Shakespeare's characters in *Midsummer Night's Dream*. **Mayfield Gardens**, **Millthorpe** and the **Amusu Theatre** are part of our itinerary as we head for a 2 night stay in **Parkes**, the town named after the famous statesman Henry Parkes. The **CSIRO Radio Telescope Complex** and a very unique display near Condobolin called **The Utes in the Paddock** are part of this itinerary before we head home via Grenfell and Young.

Member cost: \$795.00 pp twin share \$970.00 sole use

## 4 DAY MERIMBULA & SOUTH COAST Friday 30 October 2020



The **NSW South Coast** has been hit by bushfires during their peak holiday period then Covid-19 as they tried to recover. So let's spend **4 days** in an area in real need of visitors. We will be based in the beautiful town of **Merimbula**, an enchanting seaside town on the sparkling **Sapphire Coast** that offers rugged ocean beaches and tranquil coastal lakes. The name is derived from a local Aboriginal word meaning 'two lakes', a reference to **Merimbula Lake** on the southern side of the town and the smaller **Back Lake** on the northern side. The tour includes the local sights of **Merimbula**, a **whale watching cruise** on **Twofold Bay**, a visit to an **Angora Goat Farm** in the beautiful Towamba Valley, a stop in at **Wheeler's Oyster Farm** and lunch at **Foxglove Spires Garden**.

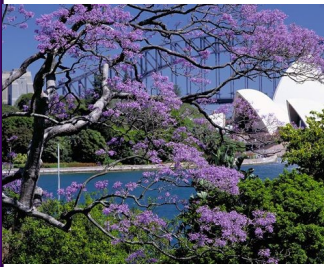


Members cost: \$995.00 pp twin share \$1155.00 sole

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## SYDNEY JACARANDA CRUISE Wednesday 04 November 2020



A day trip to Sydney which includes a fantastic **Sydney Harbour Jacaranda Cruise**. See the most beautiful harbour in the world with breathtaking Jacarandas in full flower. Hear the stories about Sydney's early days on the waterfront from **renowned gardener and TV personality, Graham Ross**. Graham's passion for Sydney Harbour has seen him

escort over 60 Jacaranda cruises since 1988. Graham is a horticulturist, plantsman and garden media presenter. He started the Garden Clinic Radio Show on 2GB in 1980, and has been the gardening presenter on **Better Homes and Gardens TV** since 1995. He's only the 4th Australian to receive the Veitch Memorial Medal from the Royal Horticultural Society in London.

Member cost: \$195.00 pp Non-member: \$215.00 pp



## HISTORIC 'BURNIMA' Monday 16 November 2020



**Platypus Country Bombala** is situated in the **visually stunning** south east corner of New South Wales. Could the **nation's capital** have been on the southern Monaro? Yarralumla Homestead, now Government House and 'Burnima' in Bombala were built, in part at least, by Frederick

Young. A close contender in the **Battle of the Sites** for the Federal Capital Territory, Bombala was narrowly pipped at the post by Canberra. If Bombala won, Government House would almost certainly have been **'Burnima'**. Today we have a guided tour of the elegant two storey Victorian Homestead and gardens with lunch included at Bombala. *This tour date may change subject to travel restrictions affecting 2020 tours.*

Member cost: \$125.00 pp Non-member: \$145.00 pp

## JUGIONG COUNTRY EXPERIENCE Wednesday 25 November 2020



**Due to popular demand we are running this tour again!** Nestled amongst towering hills on the banks of the Murrumbidgee River, **Jugiong** is a progressive village that is fast becoming a popular tourist destination and the location for this **new** day tour. Upon arrival meet your charismatic tour guide. He'll show you the sights and dazzle you with

information on Jugiong's history and all the village has to offer. You'll see and hear about the **Murrumbidgee River**, historic buildings—including the bush school that Richie Benaud attended—pioneering history, bushranger past, aboriginal heritage, spectacular scenery and much more. After the tour you'll enjoy a 2 course lunch with genuine, country hospitality and live entertainment with lots of laughs.

Member cost: \$125.00 pp Non-member: \$145.00 pp

## HISTORIC CROOKWELL Monday 30 November 2020



Rescheduled from June 2020. Enjoy a day tour to **Crookwell**, a place full of surprises with many claims to fame. An experienced **tour guide** boards our coach for a comprehensive overview of Crookwell, old and new—to tell the history and stories behind many of the **local landmarks** and provide us an overview of how the town has changed. Perched high up on the **Great Dividing Range**, with a cold climate, rich basalt soils and reliable rainfall. Crookwell is famous for wonderful gardens and producing top quality certified disease free seed potatoes. But did you know that this historic town is also famous for producing sporting champions such as current Australian legend Hockeyroos Captain Emily Chalker. We enjoy lunch at the RSL Club and time for a wander.

Member cost: \$110.00 pp Non-member: \$130.00 pp



## MEMBERS' CHRISTMAS LUNCH Wednesday 16 December 2020



Our **2020 Christmas lunch for Travel Club members** is at the **Mollmook Golf Club** overlooking the beautiful **Mollmook Beach**. We head for the coast travelling via **Braidwood** and **Nelligen** enjoying morning tea from the coach along the way. Near Batemans Bay we turn north

and travel through **Ulladulla** to **Mollmook Beach**. Enjoy a **delicious 2 course luncheon** and be entertained with songs from a wonderful performer. After lunch you might like to stretch your legs with a wander along the beach or the foreshore. Enjoy a great day celebrating with other **Potter Travel members** before we head back home to complete a very disrupted year of travel and touring.

Member cost: \$150.00 pp



## 5 DAY CHRISTMAS IN WANGARATTA Wednesday 23 December 2020



Enjoy 4 nights at the Quality **Gateway Hotel Wangaratta** in Northeast Victoria this Christmas. Take a locally guided tour of historic **Beechworth** and visit the **Beechworth Historic Courthouse** where Ned Kelly was committed to stand trial for murder. On Christmas morning enjoy a bit of Silo Art at **Devenish & Gooramab** before a delicious Christmas lunch at our hotel. On Boxing Day take a cruise on **Lake Mulwala** before visiting **Corowa** and the **Corowa Whiskey and Chocolate Factory** followed by the **Federation Museum**, where in 1893 preliminary discussions began with a group of independent and uncooperative colonies to help form a unified Federation. On our last day we stop into visit the historic village of **Chiltern** including a visit to the National Trust's **Lakeview House** before heading for home.

Member cost: \$1385.00 pp twin share \$1695.00 sole use

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## 6 DAY TAMWORTH MUSIC FESTIVAL Friday 15 January 2021



We will be staying 3 nights in **Tamworth** for the **country music** lovers. After an overnight stop in Maitland we head to **Tamworth** arriving on the afternoon of the first Saturday of the annual **Tamworth Country Music Festival**. The next 2 days we have the whole day to enjoy the festival activities and watch performances of your own choosing.

While we are here we will stop in to visit the **Walk a Country Mile Museum** which educates us on the history of country music. Leaving Tamworth we return to Maitland for an overnight stop on our way home. This tour provides you with the chance to immerse yourself in some of the best emerging **country music** on offer in Australia.

Member cost: \$1495.00 pp twin share \$1815.00 sole use

## 7 DAY SOUTH GIPPSLAND TOUR Monday 01 February 2021



Settle in at the **Prom Country Lodge** and spend your days exploring the rolling hills and spectacular shorelines of **South Gippsland**! Journey into **Wilson's Promontory** and cruise along the beautiful granite coast, immersing yourself in its natural wonder. Take a walk back in time as you unearth the gripping history of Victoria's oldest Port; and together we shall meet the colourful locals whose passion for the region and love for community makes South Gippsland a must-see destination. Enjoy an overnight stop in **Lakes Entrance** on the way and see the recently completed street murals in **Yarram**. Our journey home takes us through the **Dandenongs** to Wangaratta for our last night on tour.



Member cost: \$1975.00 pp twin share \$2440.00 sole use

## FROZEN, THE MUSICAL Wednesday 10 February 2021



From the producers of Aladdin and The Lion King, Disney's new hit musical **Frozen** is storming Sydney's Capitol Theatre from July 2020. Adapted from the **Oscar-winning film**, Frozen the Musical is expertly brought to the stage by acclaimed Director **Michael Grandage**, giving life to this beloved story in an all new, unforgettable theatrical experience. An inspiring tale of **sisterhood** and **true love**, it features the songs you know and love from the original film plus an expanded score with a dozen new numbers.

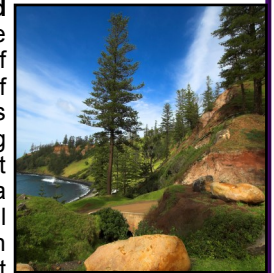
With gorgeous sets and costumes as well as sensational special effects, Frozen is everything a Broadway musical should be—moving, spectacular and pure joy. Be one of the first to witness this global phenomenon on stage!

Member cost: \$200.00 pp Non-member: \$220.00 pp

## 8 DAY NORFOLK ISLAND Sunday 21 February 2021



Both our 2020 tours to **Norfolk Island** had to be rescheduled to 2021. The island lies about 1700kms east of Sydney, a volcanic island made up of undulating hill country, with steep cliffs rising from the ocean and a fascinating history. Discovered by Captain Cook it was twice settled and abandoned as a **Convict Settlement**. The original buildings are beautifully restored and on display. Its third and permanent settlement came with the relocation of the descendants of the famous mutineers of the **Bounty** from the tiny island of Pitcairn in the mid 1800s. Today the families of these descendants are prominent. The history and scenery make this a memorable holiday. Our accommodation is at the **South Pacific Resort Hotel** and our touring on the island is with **Baunti Escapes**.



Member cost: \$2695.00 pp twin share \$3180.00 sole use

## 3 DAY RIVERBOAT POSTMAN CRUISE Tuesday 23 February 2021



The November tour sold out so we have put on another. On this tour we join the mail run with a difference! We hop aboard **Riverboat Postman**, on this tour to cruise along the **Hawkesbury River**. Known as one of Australia's greatest scenic waterways, with its historical isolated communities, the last Riverboat Postman has been servicing the region for over a century. Sit back and enjoy the tranquil scenery of sandy beach

coves and fjord like inlets while listening to the lively commentary from the Skipper as we make our all-important deliveries. Our tour includes 2 nights accommodation on the magnificent **Central Coast**, a visit to the **Ken Duncan Gallery**, a guided tour of the **Mt Penang Botanical Gardens** and a visit to the **Henry Kendall Cottage and Historical Museum**.

Member cost: \$645.00 pp twin share \$785.00 sole use

## 10 DAY MURRAY PRINCESS/KANGAROO IS. Thursday 18 March 2021

Explore some of the gems of **South Australia**. We travel via **Bendigo** to **Mannum** where we board the **Murray Princess** for a fabulous accommodated cruise along the river. Discover the beautiful lower riverlands, between Walker Flat and Murray Bridge and cruise through spectacular riverlands enjoying the great variety of flora and fauna, plus take a nature walk and get up close to the river birdlife. From here we head to **Kangaroo Island** and spend 3 days exploring this amazing island visiting some unique Kangaroo Island ventures such as the pure Ligurian Bee Honey Farm and the Emu Ridge Eucalyptus Distillery. We also visit **Flinders Chase National Park**, **Admirals Arch**, **Remarkable Rocks** and the world famous **Seal Bay**, where we walk amongst the colony of Australian Sea Lions.



Member cost: \$3485.00 pp twin share \$4220.00 sole use