



May welcomes a fresh new chapter

As we step into May, there's a real sense of new beginnings here at Potter Travel. With our recent office move now complete, we're settling into our new home at **8 Sawmill Circuit, Hume**, and are excited for what's ahead. This month is all about moving forward, embracing change, and continuing to create memorable travel experiences for you as we head into a busy and exciting season.

As we welcome the month of May, we'd like to take this opportunity to wish all the wonderful mums, grandmothers, and mother figures in our community a very Happy Mother's Day. We hope your day is filled with love, appreciation, and special moments shared with those closest to you.


Looking ahead, we have plenty of exciting musicals and tours coming up, including the Henry Lawson Festival, along with our spectacular Sydney and Melbourne Musical tours. Our Darwin and Caloundra tours are just around the corner, with limited rooms remaining, so be sure to secure your place soon to avoid missing out.

John has now been with us for a month, and many of you may have already connected with him over the phone, in the office, or on our Sydney Spectacular tour. We're delighted to have him as part of the team and look forward to seeing him on many more tours ahead.

Our newsletters will now be delivered digitally, keeping you up to date with the latest news straight to your inbox. While printed copies will no longer be mailed each month, you're always welcome to collect one from our office, pick one up on your next coach tour, or join us at our Members Morning Tea in June. Thank you for your understanding as we stay connected online.

Thank you for being part of the Potter Travel community we appreciate your support and look forward to many more adventures together

The Potter Travel Team and the Deane Family xx



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No need to call ahead we're open Monday to Thursday, and someone will always be here to help



DAY TOURS



Murrumbateman Makers & Flavours Trail Thursday 21st May 2026 Last date to book - 11th May 2026

Discover the best of Murrumbateman on a relaxed country day out. Meet alpacas at Blackwattle Farm, enjoy a winery lunch and tastings at Shaw Estate. Sample locally made mead and shop their collection of bee products at Wins Creek Meadery. Round off the day with a treat, some handcrafted chocolates at Murrumbateman Chocolate Co.

\$280 pp Members
\$300 pp Non Members



Henry Lawson Festival Saturday 6th June 2026

Step back in time with a visit to Grenfell for the lively Henry Lawson Festival of the Arts, celebrating the life of famed Australian writer Henry Lawson. Enjoy free time to explore the vibrant street markets, local arts and crafts, live entertainment and country hospitality that bring this beloved festival to life. A delightful day out experiencing the spirit of regional Australia.

\$290 pp Members
\$310 pp Non Members



Potter Travel Club Members Morning Tea

June 3rd 10:00AM - 12:30PM

Complimentary Coach Transfers - Book today as seating is limited!
9.30am Woden Bus Interchange - **9.30am** Riggall Place, Lyneham

Join us for Australia's Biggest Morning Tea at the Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club for a wonderful morning of delicious treats, warm company, and plenty of conversation. You will have the opportunity to meet the Potter Travel team, pick up the latest tour brochure, and chat about our exciting upcoming tours and holiday experiences. Whether you are looking for a short getaway, a special event tour, or your next extended holiday, we would love to help inspire your future travel plans.

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea is a fantastic way to connect with fellow travellers while helping raise vital funds for cancer research, prevention programs, and support services for Australians affected by cancer. This exclusive members event, is a relaxed and enjoyable morning filled with friendship, travel inspiration, and community spirit. We look forward to sharing this time with you

Cost: Gold Coin Donation



Cruising into Christmas In July Thursday 2nd of July 2026

Celebrate Christmas in mid-winter with our Bass n Flinders Christmas in July Cruise! Depart from San Souci Wharf in Sydney, for a magical day, enjoying a delicious Christmas-style lunch and festivities. Relax with friends and family and soak up the fun, cheer, and seasonal treats of Christmas in July, as you cruise along the Georges River.

\$300 pp Members
\$320 pp Non Members



Bundanon Estate Friday 17th July 2026

Enjoy a cosy escape to Bundanon Art Museum overlooking the Shoalhaven River near Nowra. This unique destination blends art, architecture, and stunning natural scenery. Explore the Art Museum and iconic Bridge building before enjoying a catered lunch in the Creative Learning Centre. After lunch, take time to wander the exhibitions before our comfortable journey home.

\$290 pp Members
\$310 pp Non Members

NEW DAY TOURS



Batlow & Tumut
Wednesday 12th August 2026



Travel through rolling countryside to the foothills of the Snowy Mountains, with a relaxing morning tea on the way. In Batlow, enjoy lunch at the Apple Thief Cider House and Distillery. Sample the award-winning ciders and learn about their stories, as you tour the distillery stop to admire the striking reclaimed timber interiors that celebrate Batlow's heritage and resilience. Afterwards step back in time at the beautifully restored Montreal Theatre, where a guided introduction and classic film screening evoke the charm of vintage cinema.

\$375 pp Members
\$395 pp Non Members



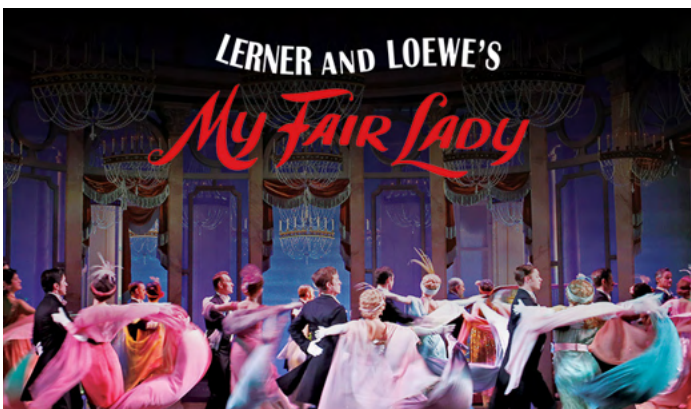
Snowy Mountains Discovery Tour
November 2026

Discover the stories and scenery of the Snowy Mountains on a relaxed day tour from Canberra. Travel through the Monaro to Cooma, starting with a visit to the local Car Club featuring classic and vintage vehicles.

Enjoy a BBQ lunch at the heritage-listed Cooma Monaro Railway, with time to explore its museum and restored carriages. In the afternoon, visit Adaminaby's Snowy Scheme Museum to hear the fascinating story of the submerged town. Snap a cheeky pic with the 'Big Trout' before heading home after a comfortable, enriching day out.



MUSICAL DAY TOURS



My Fair Lady - At the Sydney Opera House

Tuesday 29th September 2026

\$565 pp Members
\$585 pp Non Members

Hurry - Limited Seats remaining!

A Timeless Musical Masterpiece at Sydney's Most Iconic Venue

A special day trip to Sydney to see the magic of My Fair Lady on stage, one of the world's most enduring and beloved musical treasures, from its groundbreaking Broadway debut to the iconic Oscar-winning film, presented in a lavish recreation of the acclaimed 2016 Australian production directed by Julie Andrews. This unforgettable experience also coincides with Opera Australia's platinum 70th anniversary, making 2026 an extra special double celebration.

The day includes a comfortable coach journey with a morning tea stop, time to explore Circular Quay and enjoy lunch at leisure, before settling in at the Sydney Opera House for a truly memorable performance.



MUSICAL EXTENDED TOURS



Melbourne Spectacular

4 Days

Tuesday 8th - Friday 11th September 2026

Sold Out - Waitlist Available

Step into the dazzling world of Melbourne's theatre, music, culture, and indulgence.

The Melbourne Spectacular Musicals Tour showcases the city's vibrant arts scene, travelling in comfort by luxury coach with scenic views along the way. Enjoy 3 nights' accommodation with cooked breakfasts and delicious dinners included. Highlights feature a winery luncheon, a relaxed meal at Blazing Stump Motel in Wodonga, and a scenic Yarra River luncheon cruise with skyline views. Explore the Melbourne Arts Centre, National Gallery Victoria, and Cartier exhibition, plus premium tickets to Pretty Woman the Musical and A Beautiful Noise: The Neil Diamond Musical.



\$2645 pp Twin/Double
\$2885 pp Sole Occupancy



Sydney Spectacular

2 Days

Wednesday 18th - Thursday 19th November 2026

Tickets are limited - Book today!

Experience an unforgettable overnight Sydney escape featuring the dazzling Cirque du Soleil KOOZA

A vibrant and thrilling production that celebrates classic circus artistry through breathtaking acrobatics, colourful characters, and whimsical storytelling, the name "KOOZA" inspired by a Sanskrit word meaning "treasure" or "box" of delights. Your journey begins with a scenic drive and a gourmet lunch at Centennial Vineyards Restaurant, located in the Southern Highlands. Followed by an evening under the Big Top in Moore Park. After a restful overnight stay in Cambelton, we travel home to via Bowral arriving back by midday.

\$970 pp Twin/Double Share
\$1,150 pp Sole Occupancy

EXTENDED TOURS

Caloundra - Winter Escape

9 Days

Monday 16th - Wednesday 24th June 2026

Sold Out - Waitlist Available



"Sun, Sand & Scenic Wonders, Discover the Best of the Sunshine Coast."

Escape the winter and head to Queensland's Sunshine Coast, where golden beaches meet lush rainforest. Enjoy scenic drives, local experiences, and plenty of time to relax.

Stay four nights in Caloundra while cruising the Noosa Everglades, browsing Eumundi Markets, and riding the Mary Valley Rattler steam train. Visit the Ginger Factory for lunch and tastings, and explore NSW coastal highlights with stops in Port Macquarie, Yamba, and Port Stephens. Discover Sea Acres rainforest, the Koala Hospital, Crystal Castle, and historic towns like Maclean and Trial Bay Gaol.



\$5,495 Twin / Double
\$6,295 Sole Occupancy

EXTENDED TOURS

Darwin & the Top End

7 Days

Monday 20th - Sunday 26th July 2026

Bookings Closing Soon!

Darwin & the Top End: Sunsets, Crocs and Cultural Adventures!!

Join us for an unforgettable Darwin adventure at the perfect time of year, with warm sunny days and low humidity. This tour combines history, culture, wildlife, and leisure, offering the ideal mix of guided experiences and time to explore at your own pace.

Discover Darwin's heritage and WWII history on a guided city tour, and experience the vibrant culture of the Tiwi Islands on a full-day excursion, including local art, storytelling, and traditions. Get up close to iconic Top End wildlife on the thrilling Adelaide River Jumping Crocodile Cruise, and enjoy the lively atmosphere of the famous Mindil Beach Sunset Markets.

A free day is included to explore Darwin at your leisure wander the waterfront, visit the Darwin Show, or simply relax and soak up the tropical vibes. This tour offers a fascinating introduction to the Top End's natural beauty, culture, and adventure.

\$8,480 pp Twin / Double Share

\$8,775 Sole Occupancy



Riverland Trail of Lights

9 Days

Sunday 16th to Monday 21st August 2026

Step into the enchanting world of light and art on this unforgettable journey to Mildura, featuring the spectacular Bruce Munro Trail of Lights and Fibre Optic Symphonic Orchestra.

Begin in Echuca, rich in paddle steamer history, with guided touring, a Murray River cruise, and a fascinating day exploring Bendigo's gold rush heritage.

Stay: Mercure Port of Echuca – 3 nights

Travel to Mildura, enjoying quirky regional stops along the way. Discover the town's history, arts precinct, and local producers before experiencing the magical Trail of Lights and the immersive Fibre Optic Symphonic Orchestra in nearby Wentworth.

Stay: Best Western Chaffey Motor Inn – 3 nights

Continue to Mulwala for unique local touring, including aviation history, heritage homesteads, and the captivating Bullanginya Dreaming experience.

Stay: Club Mulwala – 2 nights

A memorable blend of art, history, and regional discovery.

\$6450 pp Twin / Double Share

\$7290 Sole Occupancy

NEW TOUR

EXTENDED TOURS

Tasmania Highlights

7 Days

Wednesday 14th - Tuesday 20th October 2026



Discover Tasmania's wild beauty and rich history on this unforgettable journey from Launceston to Cradle Mountain and Hobart—with flights included for a seamless travel experience.

Begin in Launceston, exploring scenic Cataract Gorge and the Tamar Valley, including Beaconsfield's gold mining heritage and unique wildlife encounters at Seahorse World and Platypus House.

Stay: Best Western Plus Launceston – 2 nights

Travel via the mural town of Sheffield to spectacular Cradle Mountain. Discover alpine landscapes, visit Devil @ Cradle, and soak up the wilderness atmosphere.

Stay: Peppers Cradle Mountain Lodge – 1 night

Continue to Hobart, your base for exploring southern Tasmania. Highlights include city sights beneath kunanyi/Mt Wellington, the moving Cascades Female Factory, historic Richmond, and the powerful Port Arthur Historic Site. Enjoy a special dinner overlooking the Derwent River.

Stay: Wrest Point Hotel Casino – 3 nights

A captivating mix of nature, history, and iconic Tasmanian experiences.

\$6815 pp Twin / Double Share

\$7650 Sole Occupancy



Twinkling Lights & Tastes of the Hunter Valley

5 Days

Tuesday 10th November - Saturday 14th November 2026

Last date to book - Thursday 28th October 2027

Celebrate the festive season on our magical 2026 Christmas tour to Hunter Valley Gardens.

See millions of dazzling lights transform the gardens into a glowing Christmas wonderland. With enchanting displays and festive music, it's a truly special experience that captures the joy of the season.

Enjoy a delicious Christmas dinner in great company, making for a relaxed and memorable celebration. **This will be our Christmas tour for 2026.**

Discover the best of the region with a winery luncheon and tastings, plus indulgent stops for local chocolates and cheeses. Visit the historic Tocal Homestead, and experience Darley Stud, where you'll see magnificent thoroughbred stallions and learn about world-class horse breeding. An unforgettable festive escape filled with sparkle, flavour, and unique experiences.

\$2515 pp Twin / Double Share
\$2980 pp Sole Occupancy



2027 EXTENDED TOURS

Singapore Chinese New Year!

7 Days

Wednesday 10th February - Tuesday 16th February 2027

Get your passports ready to experience the vibrant sights, flavours and culture of Singapore on this exciting international getaway.

Stay five nights at the stylish PARKROYAL COLLECTION Marina Bay, perfectly located for exploring the city. Discover Singapore's iconic highlights including the stunning National Orchid Garden, Merlion Park, colourful Chinatown and the fascinating Peranakan Museum.

Enjoy unique experiences such as breakfast at the zoo, high tea at the legendary Raffles Singapore, and a full day on Sentosa Island including a cable car ride, Fort Siloso and the spectacular NEW Singapore Oceanarium. Be amazed by the evening light show at Gardens by the Bay, see the Super Tree Forest glow in the warm evening. The tour also features a visit to Bird Paradise and a delicious seafood dinner at East Coast.

With guided sightseeing, and time to enjoy the festive atmosphere of the famous Chingay Parade, this is certain to be a colourful and unforgettable Singapore escape.



Lord Howe Island

7 Days

Sunday 25th April 2027 - Saturday 1st of May 2027

A Tropical Island Paradise, Where Nature's Beauty Comes Alive.

Leave the everyday behind and immerse yourself in the natural beauty of Lord Howe Island. From crystal-clear waters to lush green mountains, this UNESCO World Heritage-listed paradise is a haven for relaxation, adventure and unforgettable memories.

Explore the island's unique plant and birdlife on guided walks, enjoy gentle cruises and turtle spotting along pristine coral reefs, and discover the vibrant marine life that surrounds North Bay. Take in breath taking views from scenic lookouts, stroll along the many various grades of walking tracks, feed the fish at Neds Beach, or simply soak in the tranquil island atmosphere. This exclusive destination with only 400 visitors on the island at any one time, there are no crowds and plenty of tranquil secluded places to be discovered.

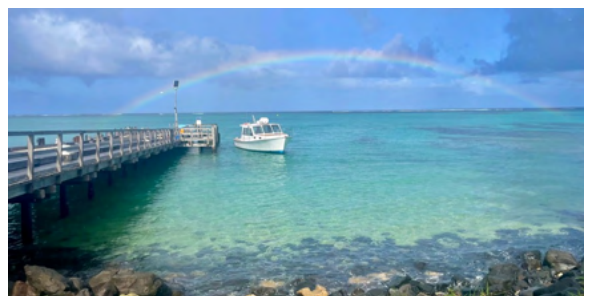
This multi-day escape also gives you the chance to meet the friendly locals, experience island culture, and savour delicious meals at some of the island's favourite restaurants all while making memories that will last a lifetime.

Small Group Tour: Maximum 18 Guests!

\$6845 pp Twin / Double Share (Waitlist)

\$7665 pp Sole Occupancy (3 rooms remaining)

**Please note tour cost is subject to airfare surcharges*



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

REGISTER TODAY FOR EXCLUSIVE ACCESS TO
TOUR DETAILS AND UPDATES!

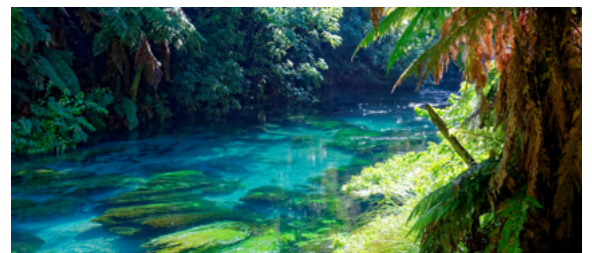


LONG WEEKEND IN THE RED CENTRE

Expressions of Interest are requested for our 4-day Long Weekend in Uluru and Kings Canyon (Fly in/Fly Out) in Spring Join a fully escorted long weekend escape to the Red Centre, with return flights from Canberra included for a seamless, stress-free journey to one of Australia's most iconic destinations—without the long travel time.

Discover Uluru, Kata Tjuta and Kings Canyon, including guided walks, breathtaking sunsets, and an authentic Outback BBQ experience. Watch sunrise over Uluru, explore Walpa Gorge, and take in the dramatic landscapes of Kings Canyon.

This is a compact, immersive experience showcasing the very best of Central Australia—perfect for travellers wanting an easy, escorted getaway.



Expressions of Interest are requested for Auckland and Surrounds featuring Waitangi Discover the highlights of New Zealand's North Island on this fully escorted journey, based in a centrally located Auckland hotel with return flights included.

Enjoy a city orientation tour followed by a sunset dinner cruise on the Waitematā Harbour. Explore Waiheke Island for a full day of wine tasting and cultural experiences, then visit the historic Waitangi Treaty Grounds and scenic Northland. Continue to Rotorua and Lake Taupō, the Coromandel Coast, and travel south on the iconic Northern Explorer train to Wellington.

A relaxed, fully escorted itinerary showcasing the very best of New Zealand in one seamless journey.

SUPPLIER HIGHLIGHT: GETTING TO KNOW OUR VENUES

At Potter Travel, we believe that great travel experiences are made even better when we know the people and stories behind the places we visit. Our Supplier Highlight series gives you a glimpse into the journey of one of our favourite venues from humble beginnings to becoming a must-visit destination. These stories showcase the passion, dedication, and creativity of small businesses in the tourism industry. By getting to know our venues, we can support them while sharing unique and memorable experiences with our travellers. Every tour isn't just about the destination it's about the people and places that make it truly special.



Hamish Ta-mé is a passionate beekeeper and founder of Bowral Bees in the Southern Highlands. What began as a childhood fascination has grown into a thriving business offering beekeeping courses, swarm collection, and high-quality local honey.

Known for his engaging and approachable teaching style, Hamish runs workshops and hands-on experiences at Bowral Honey Farm, helping people of all ages understand the vital role bees play in pollination, biodiversity, and food production. Guests leave with both practical skills and a deeper appreciation for these important pollinators.

Hamish is also committed to sustainable beekeeping, focusing on bee health, responsible honey harvesting, and supporting local ecosystems. His dedication has made him a trusted figure among schools, community groups, and aspiring beekeepers.

Whether you're curious about keeping bees, interested in gardening, or simply love honey, Hamish offers an educational and memorable experience.

Through his work, Hamish highlights how small-scale, sustainable beekeeping can make a meaningful impact, supporting both the environment and the wider community.

MEET THE TEAM

Get to know the friendly faces behind Potter Travel! Our dedicated team is passionate about creating seamless and memorable travel experiences for every client. From planning and bookings to on-the-ground support, we work together to ensure every detail is taken care of. With a strong focus on service, reliability, and care, we're here to help make your journey as smooth and enjoyable as possible.



We're delighted to welcome Liz Scarlett to our team as a tour host, bringing with her a wealth of experience, a warm personality, and a genuine passion for people and travel. Based on her family farm in the Snowy Mountains, Liz has a down-to-earth nature and a natural ability to make everyone feel welcome from the moment they step on board.

Liz has travelled extensively, both as a guest and working as a tour coordinator, giving her a strong understanding of what makes a trip run smoothly while ensuring guests have an enjoyable and memorable experience. Her calm, friendly approach and attention to detail make her a fantastic addition to our team.

Outside of touring, Liz enjoys camping, horse riding, and exploring her love of food, as well as spending time on the farm with her three young grandchildren.

Liz is excited to begin this new chapter and looks forward to meeting our guests, sharing new adventures, and creating engaging and memorable tour experiences.

THE FUN WE'VE HAVE

One of the best parts of travelling with Potter Travel is the fun we share along the way. From laughter over morning tea to unforgettable moments exploring new places, it's the people and the experiences that make every journey special.

Sydney Spectacular

Our recent Sydney Spectacular tour was filled with iconic sights, unforgettable experiences, and great company.

Travelling with our new manager John and coach driver Dani, guests enjoyed a relaxed and well-organised journey from start to finish.

Highlights included lunch at the beautiful Grounds of Alexandria, the spectacular Showboat Dinner Cruise, visits to the Australian National Maritime Museum and Sydney Fish Markets, and a guided tour of the Sydney Opera House. Guests also enjoyed two standout performances Anastasia at the Sydney Lyric Theatre and Phantom of the Opera on Sydney Harbour.

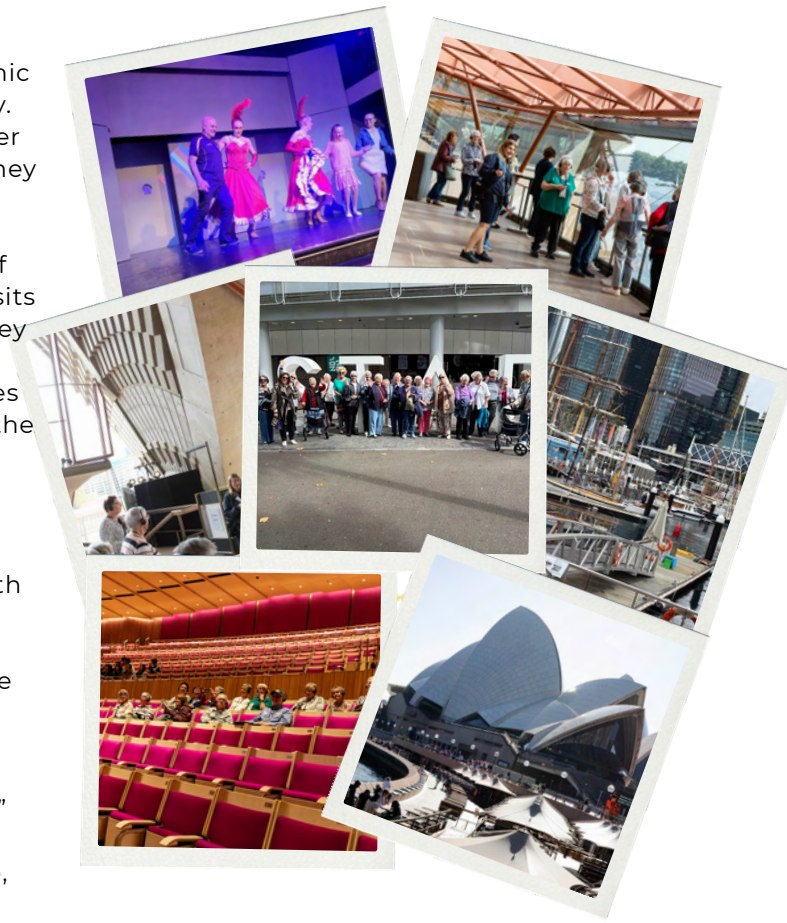
What our guests had to say:

"Loved every part of the itinerary very compact but with time to unwind each day."

"The Phantom of the Opera and the Fish Markets were highlights for me."

"John and Dani added to the exceptional experience."

"The tour guide and driver were exceptional attentive, helpful, and great fun."



Goulburn Heritage

Travelling with tour guide Calista and coach driver Rob, guests enjoyed a relaxed and enjoyable journey from Canberra, with friendly service and plenty of laughs along the way.

Our day began at Riversdale, where guests enjoyed exploring the beautifully preserved National Trust-listed homestead, followed by a delightful morning tea. We were then joined by local guides John and Jade for an enjoyable on-coach tour of the city, including a visit to the iconic Rocky Hill War Memorial. From the top, guests took in sweeping views across Goulburn and the surrounding countryside.

Lunch was enjoyed at the historic Goulburn Brewery, established in 1836, where guests relaxed and enjoyed a delicious meal in a unique setting.

The afternoon allowed time to explore at a leisurely pace. Many visited the magnificent Saints Peter and Paul's Cathedral, browsed the unique finds at Argyle Emporium, or enjoyed a relaxing stroll through the picturesque Belmore Park.

With a wonderful mix of scenery, relaxation, and local charm, the day was a great reminder that Goulburn is far more than just a stop along the way it's a destination full of character and enjoyable experiences.

