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Dear Travel Club Members and Friends

We have had another very full and successful year with our fun and friendly Travel Club! Our local 3 day tours to Port Arthur and another to Ida Bay Railway with hosts Peter and Joanne have again proved very popular. 2016 also saw extended trips to Norfolk Island, 3 day Melbourne Musicals trip, Lake Eyre and the Flinders Ranges, Mildura, Broken Hill & Swan Hill, and Sri Lanka plus our day trips! In this Newsletter you will find a varied selection with day, a 3 day West Coast Trip, interstate and overseas trips all featuring. We strongly recommend appropriate Travel Insurance for interstate and overseas travel destinations which should be obtained at the time of paying your deposit. For extended tours, deposits are required at the time of your booking; an *expression of interest* is not a guaranteed booking. For payment of trips we encourage you to call at our office, send a cheque or arrange direct deposit to our bank account. For our day trips we will advise you the time of pick up when we call you to finalise your outing, if in doubt nearer the event you may like to re-check with our office. Encourage your friends and relatives to join our Travel Club and share in the fun and friendship we offer. Our drivers and hostesses are well known for the excellent courteous and compassionate care they extended to all travellers. This Newsletter is also available on our new and improved website at www.mcdermotts.com.au. Any last minute or extra tours can be found here. If we have your email address we can get our 'specials' out to you so much faster than relying on regular post. You can also find us on McDermotts Coaches Travel Club Facebook page! We wish you many happy travels and thank you for your continued support.

From: Joanne, Peter, Simon, Sandy and all staff of McDermott's Coaches

February 2017

Saturday 11th February



Wooden Boat Festival &/or Salamanca Market

Today our first Travel Club trip for 2017, we travel to Hobart for all the sights, sounds and tastes of the festival. This biennial event brings Hobart's waterfront to life with the colour and excitement of maritime culture and activity. Some of the finest and most beautiful wooden boats in Australia will be showcased. You may also like to visit the nearby Salamanca Market. Fine foods and refreshments will be on offer at both events.

Cost: \$45.00 per person - coach travel only

Friday 7th April **Pickled Onions**



Dairy Farm



& Radios

What do these have in common you ask? They are all situated in our lovely North West. Our first stop after morning tea will be at the recently opened state of the art processing factory for Tasmanian Pickled Onions in Ulverstone, where the manager will give a welcoming talk, after which you can view the pickling process from cutting to bottling at their purpose built premises. After your 2 course lunch at the Sheffield Hotel you will be transferred to Kim Braid's Dairy Farm at Sheffield to see the milking of a large dairy herd with the latest technology. Later you will move to Kim's father's hobby room where you will see his magnificent collection of approx 600 old fashioned radios.... to re-kindle memories!

Cost: \$67.00 includes morning tea, lunch, entry fee and coach travel

Wednesday 19th April **BRICKENDON ESTATE**, Longford



& **HAZELBRAE HOMESTEAD**, Hagley

Brickendon Convict Farm Village and Heritage Gardens offers visitors insight into early colonial and convict history of Australia. The Estate was developed by William Archer and since 1830 the gardens have been tended by members of the Archer family. During the guided tour explore amazing timber barns and granaries, poultry sheds, Chapel and original homestead cottage. The gardens have old fashioned roses, shrubberies, walks and planted beds.

Hazelbrae Hazelnut Grove and homestead is surrounded by exquisite gardens and almost 5000 Hazelnut trees with the first plantings in 2005. During your guided tour you will learn about hazelnut vitamin health benefits, see the processing facility and enjoy many tastings! Your light lunch will be at Hazelbrae featuring gourmet wraps, fruits, nuts, cakes, drinks etc.

Cost: \$75.00 includes morning tea, Brickendon Tour, Hazelbrae Tour & lunch and coach travel

April 20th – 24th **Beautiful**



Flinders Island

5 Glorious days but sorry, this trip is fully booked

May 4th – 13th



Norfolk Island Experience



Due to the popularity of last year's Norfolk Island Trip we are again offering another with a few slight variances. Brochure and full details are available from our office. Only a few rooms left.

Tuesday 9th May **HONEY**



RELIQUAIRE & CHOCOLATES!



Today is an indulgence day! Our first visit after morning tea will be at The Melita Honey Farm at Chudleigh where you can 'sample before you buy' the many and varied varieties of honey! The shop also has an extensive range of health and well being products, beeswax products, gifts and ice-cream. Later you will travel to Latrobe where you can buy your own lunch and enjoy some shopping time. A visit to the temporary but well stocked Reliquaire shop will not disappoint. On the way home you will call at Anvers Chocolates for further indulgences!

Cost: \$45.00 includes morning tea and coach travel

It's Your 3 day WEST COAST Cruise & Rail Getaway!

16th-18th May (**Vacancies**) & 22nd-24th May (**Fully Booked**)

This 3 day tour with Peter and Joanne includes a **Mystery Day**, a day on **World Heritage Cruises** boat from **Strahan** along the **Gordon River**, with stops at **Sarah Island**, into **Macquarie Harbour** where you will take a **boardwalk stroll** through the rainforest and much more. Lunch on board. The next day you will board the **West Coast Wilderness Railway** with the famous **Abt locomotive** for a memorable day with morning tea and lunch included. The tour includes 2 nights' dinner, bed and full breakfast at the Gold Rush Motel, Queenstown, 3 lunches, morning teas, and all attractions including the World Heritage Cruise and the West Coast Wilderness Railway. Please contact for full itinerary/brochure.

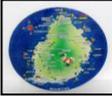
Cost: \$749.00pp twin or double. Single supplement an extra \$130.00



Wednesday 31st May **EASTLANDS** (Great retail therapy on a Winter's Day!!)

Forget those winter chills 'board our bus' for Eastlands, where you can shop for winter clothes, meet up with friends, relatives or your fellow travelers, for a nice warming lunch (at your own expense) with several options available to suit your needs!

Cost: \$45.00 coach travel only

3rd June 12 Days!  **Mauritius**  'paradise' 

Thursday 8th June **CAMPBELL TOWN**  & **SWANSEA** 

After your morning tea stop in Campbell Town treat your self to a walk along the shopping precinct or visit the wood carvings at the southern end of Campbell town for photos or a look. Later we will continue onto The Bark Mill Tavern at Swansea for a hearty 2 course lunch. Weather depending maybe a walk along the beach? Later returning via Lake Leake.

Cost: \$67.00 includes morning tea, lunch and coach travel

Tuesday 20th June **NEW! Tassie Tiger Holograms** 

Wear layers today as we travel to the Cradle Mountain Hotel for an enjoyable 2 course lunch at the hotel. Whilst there see the new Tassie Tiger Holograms, visit the Wilderness Gallery, enjoy honey tasting, the gift shop and more. The coach and Hotel will be heated but layers could be helpful at morning tea or if looking about outside of the hotel.

Cost: \$75.00 includes morning tea, lunch and coach travel

27th-29th June 'My Fair Lady' 3 Day Indulgence Trip, Melbourne 
Sorry, this trip is fully booked

If you are particularly interested in Musicals please make sure you have your details added to our Musicals and Overnight List along with your email so we can contact you quickly, as usually when we are informed of upcoming shows we have very limited time to purchase tickets, arrange accommodation, contact our clients to gauge interest etc.



Christmas in Winter

Wednesday 5th July

Today you will enjoy a traditional Christmas Dinner including ham, roast turkey, vegetables and trimmings, plum pudding with brandy sauce or pavlova with fresh fruit plus tea/coffee all in a Christmas decorated and themed venue! There will be some time for shopping today too!

Cost: \$60.00 includes Winter Christmas Dinner and coach travel



Saturday 29th July **SALAMANCA MARKET**

Pack your shopping bags today for a day in Hobart at Salamanca Market!

Cost: \$45.00 coach travel only



Sunday 13th August **KENTISH LIONS MUSIC HALL**

Today promises to be a great day featuring a superb Old Time Musical Hall with a voluntary, original and professional cast from the local area. It features lots of bright music, singing, and comedy skits. Lunch will be an early 2 course meal, tea/coffee at the Sheffield Hotel prior to the matinee performance.

Cost: \$69.00 includes lunch, matinee show and coach travel



Wednesday 23rd August **Spirit of Tasmania Showcased**

Have you ever had the opportunity to board a large ship? Today you will have an exclusive ship tour including the showcasing of Tasmanian timbers, furniture and fixtures all crafted by local trades people and recently used in the refurbished décor from the decks to the cabins! After your tour of the Spirit you will enjoy a 2 course lunch at the Bridge Hotel, Forth.

NB: Photo ID is a strict security requirement to be produced prior to boarding. It is essential to wear flat shoes as there is an escalator and stairs to climb to upper decks during your tour.

Cost: \$65.00 includes morning tea, lunch and coach travel

25th Aug-1st September **Outback in Longreach & Winton, Queensland**



"8 Days Full of Surprises"



Some Highlights: Tour of Brisbane, fly into Longreach, visit Camden Park Station, Stockman's Hall of Fame and Outback Heritage Centre, Qantas Founders Outback Museum, Outback Stockman's Show, Cobb & Co Stagecoach 'Gallop Thru the Scrub Tour', Thomson River Sunset Cruise, Starlight's Spectacular Sound & Light Show, Spirit of the Outback Overnight Rail trip in First Class Sleeper Cabin, Winton, Australian Age of Dinosaur's Exhibition and much more, our brochure will not disappoint. Contact our office for full itinerary and to make your booking.

Tuesday 5th September



THE WALL IN THE WILDERNESS

Due to many requests we are again repeating this trip so our travelers can see the progress that has been made since our last visit a couple of years ago! It is truly a magical masterpiece of work in progress! You will enjoy a lunch of soup, sandwiches, hot savories plus slices to have with your tea or coffee at the Derwent Bridge Hotel.

Cost: \$80.00 includes morning tea, admission fee, lunch and coach travel

Thursday 28th September



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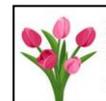


The World Heritage listed Cascades Female factory is Australia's most significant historic site associated with female convicts. On your guided tour learn what went on within the cold stone walls where thousands of women and children were housed. Maybe your ancestors have connections or made the famous bonnets? After this informative tour you will be transferred to Channel Court Shopping Centre at Kingston, where you can buy yourself some lunch (lots of choices) and of course some time for shopping before departing for home.

Cost: \$60.00 includes morning tea, tour and coach travel

Saturday 14th October

Bloomin Tulips Festival Day



This full day festival with free entertainment, art gallery, kid's activities, is set in Gutteridge Gardens on the banks of the Inglis River at Wynyard. Walk through the largest publicly assessable area of tulips under cultivation in the southern hemisphere. Bulbs, flowers, food, beverages and more are all available on the day should you wish to purchase.

Cost: \$45.00 includes morning tea and coach travel

Tuesday 24th October **Eastlands Shopping, Wicked Cheeses & Lafayette**

Eastlands Shopping



Have your bags ready for some retail therapy and maybe some early Christmas shopping! Lunch today will be at your own expense whilst at Eastlands, before transferring to Richmond to enjoy your time at Wicked Cheeses and Lafayette.

Wicked Cheeses



Factory Outlet for tastings and sales! Numerous awards have been won by this family owned boutique cheese maker. Their specialty shop also sells gourmet products, olive oil, Tasmanian whisky, Bruny Island fudge and more.

Lafayette on Bridge, Christmas shop & more



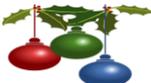
In this 3 story shop you will find a treasure trove of goodies for sale such as homeware, jewellery, giftware, ladies clothing & accessories plus of course the Christmas Shop! A very timely visit!

Cost: \$50.00 includes morning tea and coach travel

Monday 4th December **Kaydale Lodge**, Nietta.  Peony Roses time!

Kaydale's unique country garden at Nietta on our beautiful North West Coast, was established in 1979 by the Crowden family who with the assistance of their daughters still run it. It features ponds, streams, waterfalls, stonewalls, dry zen garden, organic vegetable gardens, fruit trees and much more. At this time of the year you will see masses of peonies which flower profusely a photographer's delight! Included in your trip today will be a guided garden tour so comfortable walking shoes are a must. Lunch will be in the Cowden's restaurant featuring homemade food, using much of their home grown produce.

Cost: \$60.00 includes morning tea, garden tour & lunch and coach travel

Wednesday 13th December **It's Christmas**  **Party Time!**  Come and join us today, 2pm at our Legana Depot to celebrate another wonderful year for our Travel Club. Catch up with your fellow travelers to exchange photos, stories, fun and friendships whilst enjoying some light refreshments. *Please RSVP to our office by Wednesday 29th November*

Upcoming 2018 extended tour schedules!

Coach & Fly Tours: Vivid Lights – Sydney
Queensland & NSW Festival, Flowers & Legends
Silo Mural & Sound & Light Show – Swan Hill Vic

Cruises: Queensland Barrier Reef New Zealand
Christmas & New Year – Melbourne, Sydney & New Zealand
Antarctic & South America

The Fine Print!

Travel Club Trips are payable by *cash or cheque* at our Legana Office. **EFTPOS is not available.** If paying by cheque or money order please make payable to McDermott's Coaches. If paying by bank transfer, contact us for details and remember to always include the last 4 digits of your telephone number or your name as your reference.

McDermott's Coaches reserves the right to decline to carry anyone if it is felt the individual cannot cope with the requirements of the trip/tour, or who may require services that we cannot guarantee will be available. At times we may need to make essential changes due to unavailability of meals or attractions.

SOME HAPPY SNAPS FROM OUR RECENT EXTENDED & OVERNIGHT TRIPS.



Is your photo here? Next time?