

## MHS MUDGEE BUS TRIP - October 2024



Early on Sunday morning, 13<sup>th</sup> October our bus driver, Ron collected all 49 guests boarded the Sid Foggs coach at various locations and then we headed north-west to Denman for our first stop. We enjoyed morning tea in the park which included some delightful cakes and slices. After morning tea we continued on west and climbed the Great Divide which had some very steep inclines. We went through Rylong and continued on to Kandos where a local guide boarded the bus. He took us on a detailed tour of Kandos pointing out numerous interesting locations. The tour guide informed us that he had removed a house from 48 Buchanan Street,



**Merewether** to 46 Buchanan Street, **Kandos** several years ago. We were then treated to lunch on the Kandos Railway Station by the Kandos Historical society which was well received. After lunch we went on to tour the sights of nearby Rylstone. We then drove on to Mudgee and settle in to our accommodation at The Winning Post Motel. After getting our room allocation and a quick freshening up. We enjoyed a

refreshment or two at the motel happy hour, then a great 2 course meal to complete an enjoyable day.

Day 2, after a cooked breakfast, we left the motel and picked up a local guide who gave us an extremely interesting and informative tour of Mudgee including the Mudgee Railway Station, beautiful building but no longer used by the railway. We then went to Mudgee Honey Haven where we were given a detailed insight into the local honey industry. After several tastings, numerous purchases were made.

We then went to a local Mudgee Arts & Crafts store to look at local Mudgee artisan wares. Next on to Mudgee's Irish Hotel for lunch. After lunch, we drove out to Goree Park, a well-established Horse Stud, but also a winery, sheep and cattle producer, together with vegetable gardens and fruit orchard. The stud also has a 2000m race track which featured in our 2.5 hour tour of the property (20,000 acres). After the tour we were treated to a wine tasting of some fine tipples. We then retreated back to the Winning Post Motel in time for happy hour then dinner.

Day 3, After breakfast we were off to Gulgong where a "local identity" boarded the bus and gave us a very interesting story of Gulgong's history pointing out the Henry Lawson Centre, the Prince of Wales Opera House where Dame Nellie Melba sang. After the tour we went to the Pioneer Museum which had some fascinating exhibits, probably you would need a whole day to take in all the exhibits. We went to the Gulgong C W A Hall where the Gulgong country women's Association provided us with lunch, another winner! Then back to the outskirts of Mudgee and a visit the renown vineyard of Robert Stein (established 1838) including a very interesting wine tasting and in-depth explanation of winemaking. Lastly a visit to his personal motorcycle collection which was a collector's dream. Then back to our digs for happy hour and the evening meal.



Day 4 All good things come to an end so after breakfast and packing up we head off to back to Newcastle via Merriwa to visit the Merriwa Men's Shed and Tourist Centre. The weather was inclement, so we were able to have a bit of shelter there for morning tea. A visit to Merriwa Bottle finished our time in Merriwa then we were off to the Singleton Royal Hotel for lunch. Then back home.

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