

Ted's Terrific Tour to Nuriootpa 2015

How delighted we were to hear that Helen and Ted Cross had organised a 'pre-tour' to the 2015 Cit-in. In their customary manner, Helen and Ted arranged a 4 day tour through Western Victoria with the aim of helping new comers get to know each other. A group of around 30 Citroenites met on the Western Highway ready to form an entourage of 2CVs, Lite 15s and Citroen D's. In a car park full of colourful and quirky cars, we knew who our travelling party were going to be before ever speaking to them.

Off we went, at a comfortable speed heading to Halls Gap. Smiles greeted us as we motored through never-ending townships. We hadn't been to Halls Gap since BC (before children), so it was wonderful reacquainting ourselves with the spectacular scenery and Helen and Ted's carefully planned 'shortcuts'. Dinner and a sing-a-long finished the night off beautifully. Thanks Bernie.

Always on the lookout for something different, it was an honour to be invited to dinner at the Naracoorte Historic Vehicles Club. Again we had the opportunity of sitting with new friends for dinner and roaming around the Club house inspecting the vehicles and tractors. Our hosts were incredibly hospitable-Keith, Daphne and a score of helpers providing a fabulous dinner and Daphne again, doubling up as the MC.

Another day on the road enjoying the stunning scenery took us to the river crossing to the Mannum Caravan Park. Frequent whistles from the passing river boats reminded us we were camping on the riverside. Blessed with stunning weather, we all enjoyed sitting outside being entertained by Bernie and others before heading off to the Mannum Community Club for dinner.

Our final leg of the journey took us to the Birdwood Car museum where we joined up with our new group. What a lovely way to finish off Ted's Tour before joining the Cit-in in Nuriootpa.

Fabulous food, great camping experiences, super touring including the Alexander Caves, unexpected scenery, and making new friends – I think Ted and Helen can be rest assured that they achieved their goal. Many thanks to you both for the countless hours and care that went into creating Ted's Terrific Tour.

Janie and Graham Barton.