

OZ-TRACTION 2016 - COONAWARRA, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

This has been a busy year for CCOCA with the Cit-in at Easter and the Oz-Traction event in June. However, I was very pleased to receive an offer of assistance to run the June event for our club from Andrew Begelhole who lives in Naracoorte in South Australia.

The committee quickly accepted this offer and handed over the running of the event to Andrew. We assisted with some procedures and support and also with his approval invited members and friends from the Club Citroen of South Australia (CCSA) to join us on this activity.

We had 37 members from both clubs attend and included enthusiasts from Queensland, NSW, Vic, SA, and ACT. We all joined together for a great weekend of activities between Naracoorte and Penola. New friendships were made and old friendships renewed at this event. I counted 20 Citroens on display; with a good spread of models ranging from Traction, GS, C4, DS, and 2CV's.

Saturday started off cool and sunny but light rain developed and our car line-up and display in the centre of town proceeded without incident. We undertook a walking observation run for the Iain Mackerras perpetual trophy and then started some touring of the local area. We had a full book of activities every day and dinners every night. We also had afternoon teas and wine tastings along the way. Private car collections, private gardens to visit and plenty of pumpkin soup to keep us fortified. The weather was generally fine but cool and it was mainly sunny.

It was one of our best events because of the detailed activities Andrew arranged for us, with the help from his parents Roy and Esther who were pressed in to service. Brian and Esther Wade from Queensland found they were helping also, along with all of the males who bravely washed the dishes on Saturday evening (the males explained - if you want something done properly then do it yourselves).

We had a great weekend and really enjoyed the camaraderie of everyone one who joined us from the two clubs. We liked it so much we decided we will try and run another event together. If you did not attend look out for a repeat in the future and join us next time.

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Secretary CCOCA



