

Mystery Day Trip- 22nd September 2013

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PLANES, TRAINS & AUTOMOBILES – HIGH TEA

This trip started off on a cracker of a Spring Day at the Gawler Railway Station Car Park. Trip Leader Quenton gave us a brief account of James Martin and the impact his locomotives had on the development of Gawler.

About 9.20Am.our 13-car convoy set off on our Mystery Drive. We proceeded out through the back roads of the Southern Barossa Valley. Passed the Barossa Goldfields we stopped at the Whispering Wall. This was an excellent stop for Morning Tea and to check out the Acoustics of the Whispering Wall. The children in the group were issued a competition pack to complete during the journey.



After our enjoyable stop we headed through Lyndoch and then up into the hills on the eastern side of the valley. Early into this section a loud exclamation was heard from tail-end charlie (President Peter), he had just become a first time Grandfather and was over the moon. Congratulations once again Peter & Sandra.

The scenery was very special during this part of the trip; with green meadows everywhere you looked. Eventually we descended from the

hills and made our way to the Memorial Park in Angaston for lunchtime for the kids to have a play and everyone to enjoy a splendid picnic lunch.

Back in convoy we headed out from Angaston around the top of the valley and back through Stockwell. Heading back we now turned right off the highway and ended up at Moppa Springs. This is where the planes component of the trip presented.

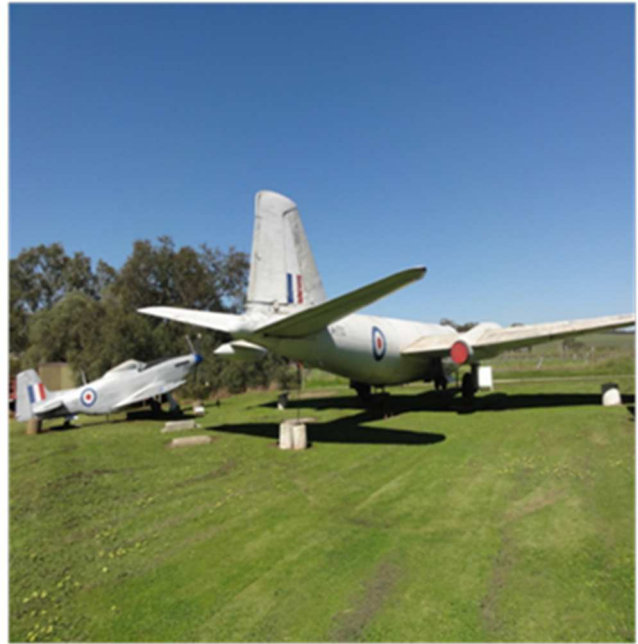




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Lincoln Nitschkie has a fantastic display of plane components, and partial and completed planes. There were also literally thousands of plane models to look at. It certainly was a very interesting private collection. Most of the pieces on display were of WW11 vintage. In addition to the planes there was an extensive array of old farm equipment, a couple of old trucks and a gift shop

The day was getting on and we still had the cars component, and high tea to go. On through Greenock and down the other side of the valley we passed through Rosedale. Still on the back roads we ended up on Kalbeeba Road then back to Gawler.



On Cheek Ave we assembled at the Bellchambers household for the final events of the day. Trevor and Lyn were perfect Hosts for the high tea and the automobiles component.



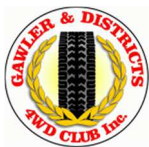
The shared afternoon tea was a gourmet delight. Wayne Heinze was judged by our hostess Lyn to have the best tea cup and saucer. Cooper won the children's competition in a tight finish.

There were dozens of restored cars on display from working bridal cars down to sports cars. These included Rolls Royce, Bentley, and Jaguar amongst others. The collection also had several cars in various stages of restoration and many more for future development.

Many thanks to Lyn and Trevor for their wonderful hospitality and sharing their collection with us all.

What a way to top off a super day. Thanks also to Quenton and Deb for their time and effort in organizing another excellent trip. Looking forward to many more.

[Darryl Grace]



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With the promise of fantastic weather today, we met at the Gawler Railway Station. 13 vehicles in all, which included 8 children.

Quenton gave us a short briefing and local history of the early local railway before heading off on our mystery journey.

The first stop was the Whispering Wall for morning tea. Even though most have visited this area before, it is always good to visit our local attractions. The kids enjoyed the discovery of whispering across the wall and experimented with a ticking clock and the sound of an alarm. It was good to let them run freely, without the fear of danger.

They were given a task of finding a list of articles along the route which included some colouring in.

Travelling along the back roads of the Barossa viewing the fresh green and gold landscape along the way, we stopped at Angaston for lunch. Some of our party were fascinated by a group playing the bagpipes and we enjoyed the warmth of the sun.

The kids played at the playground while others relaxed and socialised within the group.

On our way again, we arrived in a roundabout way at the Aviation Museum at Greenock. After a brief introduction by the owner Mr Nitschke we had a good look around at planes, part planes, models, trucks and tractors. A very well presented display.



Next we headed back towards Gawler. Darryl and Joan tried with all their might to guess where we would visit next! Seppeltsfield? No!. None of the places they thought of.

As we got closer to Gawler and Cheek Ave, they were convinced we were going to their place!!! But no, it was to Trevor Bellchambers to have high tea and see his collection of vintage cars. A beautiful spread of goodies, but no scones!

We finished the day with the judging of the best 'cup and saucer' and collection of articles by the kids. The winner of the kids section was Cooper Cuthbert and Wayne Heintze won the best 'cup and saucer.'

Congratulations to the winners. Cooper is very excited.

Thank you Quenton and offsider/navigator, Deb, for a well-organized, fantastic, fun day.

We had done a complete loop of the Barossa. What a fantastic way to see our own backyard with a group of friends. There were some very exhausted kids and grandparents at the end of the day, but it was all worth it.

[Kerryn Wilkins]