

Solo Travel:

DAY TRIPS UPDATE - JUNE 2021 meeting

Hello Fellow Solo Travel Day Trippers!!

All inquiries re Day Trips to Meg on 0405 156 959.

If I don't answer, please leave a message or send a text and I will respond ASAP

OUR GALLERY:

A fascinating day at Cockatoo Island – May 13, 2021



Amazing experiences at both the Reserve Bank of Australia and then the Palace of Dreams tour of the State Theatre – June 10, 2021



2021 PLANNED EXCURSIONS

JULY 15 – CAMDEN COUNTRY TOUR - CANCELLED

I have now been officially advised that this tour has been cancelled due to the Sydney lockdown following the latest Covid outbreak. I know you will all be very sorry about this, as I am. It is just too difficult to try to simply re-schedule this tour as there are too many variables at the moment. Of course, you will all be fully reimbursed.

Can I just add that this is one of the reasons I ask that when you pay for a trip, you put the money into an envelope which has your details and the amount enclosed. It makes it very straightforward now for me to redistribute your payments with no confusion, so please help me by keeping to this practice when you book trips with me into the future.

AUGUST 19 – TOUR OF NAN TIEN BUDDHIST TEMPLE – fully booked

We will travel by minibus to the Temple. Nan Tien is the largest Buddhist Temple in the Southern Hemisphere. The tour includes the unique visual experience of the buildings, statues, shrines and beautiful gardens but will also provide an insight into Chinese culture and the beliefs and practices of Humanistic Buddhism, plus one cultural activity (Meditation) and the top of the range delicious vegetarian lunch.

Restrictions involved in visiting include:

- No food, alcohol, cigarettes, beverages are permitted on Temple grounds;
- Clothing must be appropriate – no shorts, shoe-string straps or thongs;
- Their Media Policy requires that we give consent for them to use any photographs or images they take of the classes in future publications or their website.

The program I propose is:

7.30 a.m.	Depart Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club
8.50 - 9.20 am	Morning Tea – Prince Edward Park, Woronora
9.50-10.00 am	Bald Hill Lookout, Stanwell Tops (about 10 mins) via Sea Cliff Bridge and beaches along Lawrence Hargrave Drive
10.45 am	Arrive Nan Tien Temple, Berkeley
3.00 pm	Depart Nan Tien
3.20 - 3.40 pm	Mt Keira Lookout
5.20 pm	Arrive Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club

I have a waiting list for this tour so please advise me if you can't make it as it is likely that I can give you a full refund

SEPTEMBER 28, 2021 – BOWRAL TULIP TIME – fully booked

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A TUESDAY

I have reserved the 9.30 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. session on **TUESDAY** 28th September to view Corbett Gardens. For groups over 10 people and travelling in by bus/coach, I had to book a coach drop off and book through Eventbrite ticketing group so **the cost will increase by \$5 per head. If you have not yet paid this increase, please see me prior to the trip.**

Via Dural Minibus it is about a 2 hour drive, so we will leave RELC at 8.00 a.m., arriving approximately 10.00 a.m., giving us 3 hours of the morning session to explore the Gardens.

There are many interesting things to do in Bowral. Of particular fascination is Dirty Jane's Emporium - a huge warehouse housing over 75 independent dealers offering a vast range of vintage & antique pieces including furniture, homewares. Glorious!!! But there is a lot more to see – the Railway Station and much of the architecture is wonderful. There are also lots of places to eat – famous pie shops, great pubs, lovely cafes.

I think we should squeeze in as much as we possibly can, with departure proposed around 3 p.m. or 3.30 p.m. arriving back at the Club between 5 – 5.30 p.m.

Please see me to pay the additional \$5 as I have already paid for Garden passes.

I have a waiting list for this tour so please advise me if you can't make it as it is likely that I can give you a full refund

OCTOBER 21 – AT DAY AT THE HAWKESBURY RACES (Max 25 members)

Let's enjoy a day at the races. Fascinators and top hats **mandatory!!!!** There will be a SERIOUS prize for the best fascinator/top hat!!!! Unfortunately, I will be the judge!!! And no disputes will be entered into!!!

Meeting times: Gates open at 11 a.m. but I've been advised that it is better not to arrive until about 11.30 a.m. The first race is scheduled to start at 12.30 p.m.

RELC Pick up at 9.45 am for the 9.56 train from West Ryde to Strathfield linking up with the 10.18am train to Clarendon (Strathfield Platform 6). I don't think we change platforms at Strathfield, but we have 8 minutes which should be plenty in case. We arrive Clarendon at 11.18 a.m. The racetrack is about 10 minutes' walk (all flat) from Clarendon Station. So, it's pretty perfect!!! Of course, you can meet the group anywhere along the way! I'd appreciate advice if you won't be at the Club.

Cost: \$75 for the Race Day package and to cover our prize(s); travel is by public transport and will be \$2.50 for Seniors Opal holders.

I can take 25 people; I have already booked and paid the 25% deposit. I have almost a full list of people who have expressed interest, but it will be first in with the full payment. Please fill in an envelope and enclose the correct money and get it to me asap.

NOVEMBER 11 – PALM BEACH/DIGGERS ETTALONG (Max 21 members)

We will travel by minibus to Palm Beach where we will enjoy morning tea provided by Alan, then catch the 10.30 am Ferry (we need to be ready at the wharf by 10.20 am) to Ettalong, arriving at 11.00 a.m. Ettalong Diggers will have a minibus waiting for us at the wharf for those who cannot negotiate the walk, but I'm advised it is all flat and about 10 minutes to the Club, or you can choose to check out the shops but please get to the Club by at least 11.45 am to sign in so that we can order lunch at noon when the Kitchen opens. We will all have to do the Covid sign in upon entry.

We return to Palm Beach by the 2.30 p.m. ferry (again, we need to be at the wharf 10 minutes early and the Club's minibus will be available from approximately 2 p.m.) or you may choose after lunch to go for a stroll.

Meeting time: RELC pick up 8.15 a.m. for the trip to Palm Beach, arriving approximately 9.50 a.m. where we will have morning tea, then be at the Ferry Wharf by 10.20 a.m.

Apologies for the early start but the next ferry after 10.30 a.m. is 12 noon and my advice from the Club is that that is just too late for so many of us to have Club entry processed, and order lunch to ensure we can get the 2.30 p.m ferry back. In any event, by November the weather will be glorious so let's enjoy a full day out.

Cost: The cost for the day is \$60 and includes minibus pick up and return from RELC, Ferry fares to and from Palm Beach/Ettalong, and a lunch at the Diggers Club. Choices are:

- Roast of the Day
- Freshly Crumbed chicken schnitzel, chips, salad and gravy
- Freshly battered fish 6 chips, salad and tartare sauce
- Crumbed Prawn Cutlets, chips, salad and tartare sauce

Of course, dessert/drinks/pokies!!!! are available at additional cost.

I am limited to 21 people for our minibus. Please complete an envelope, enclose \$60 per head and give it to me as soon as possible. To be included on the trip, I must have your payment.

*Looking forward to getting back to “normal”, whatever that will be post-Covid
and seeing all my lovely Day Trippers again!*