

RALLY REPORT

LEVI PARK

THE LEVI ADELAIDE RALLY

We believe life is more exciting when one seeks a new adventure. To pack the van and travel 15 kilometres to the Levi Adelaide Caravan Park for a rally was a new adventure. We were so excited we arrived at the park 1 hour before the scheduled arrival time but the staff were very friendly and forgiving and allowed us to book in early.

First impression was favourable, the amenities were very clean and the camp kitchen was excellent with well resourced facilities. Most impressive was the garden of the original homestead and the Morton Bay Fig Tree estimated to be over 200 years . At the stroke of twelve there was a major insurgent of vans from the members who read their phone message to arrive after 12 noon.

Newly appointed President Barbara welcomed us at the 4.30 Happy Hour followed by shared hot pot with a great selection of food followed by fruit salad and ice crease arranged by our host the Grovies. A call came from the kitchen asking for assistance to light the Gas Oven, on investigation, it was found to be electric with gas burners on top. After dinner a board meeting was called by ex- Pres. Chris and several night owls attended, although World problems were discussed, it was resolved that whiskey had nothing to do with any of the issues. VP Don had to attend Council duties but was able to join the group on his return, being a Walkerville boy he was able to provide a history lesson.

Tuesday was the day the adventures commenced. We divided ourselves into several groups to cover as much territory as possible.

Adventurers-the plan was to catch the Obahn to Tea Tree Gully but owing to a misunderstanding of the bus routes it led to a tour of the North Eastern Suburbs before arriving at the destination.

Living with Nature-a visit to the Adelaide Zoo by two couples was their call for the day

Historians-A ride to North Terrace on a bus -a trek through the War Memorial and Walk then to the Migration Museum- lunch at the Art Gallery and a walk through the Adelaide University back through the Botanical Gardens back on the bus on return retreating to their respective vans for a well-deserved rest. On the ride back an interest conversation occurred talking to a local residence about where we had been and when asked where we were from; she was taken back with the reply

"oh we are all from Adelaide" Pres Barbara achieved the most steps taken during the walk.

At Happy Hour Pres. Barbara asked each group to give a presentation on what they had done during the day which was very entertaining. A touting smell swept through the park caused by the barbecues resulting in an enjoyable evening meal together. Wednesday morning witnessed a march to the camp kitchen where egg and bacon muffins was served for the hungry adventurers.

One group took a ride on the bus to the Paradise Terminal, onto the Obahn to Tea Tree Plaza, back to the city, a coffee stop at the Adelaide Arcade, a wander around the Mall and Art Gallery amazed at the changes that had taken place over the years. Even a ride on the City Loop bus appealed to one couple. At Happy hour we had pleasant visit from Bev and Ken Browne-Baldock and Tony Langley also attended as a day visitor.

Thursday some of the members followed the experience of visiting the city others enjoyed the tranquillity of the park. Visits from Herren's, Zeuner's and Wainwright's to attend the all-important Committee Meeting. The Grovermann's and the Brown's attended a funeral of a dear friend.

Finally was a pleasant meal at the local Italian Restaurants where we enjoyed genuine Italian cooking.

The Levi Rally was small in distance, low in expenses but big on opportunities to explore our wonderful city as tourist.

Congratulations to Barbara in her inaugurated role as President and a special thanks to John and Marilyn Grovermann for organising the activities at the Rally.

A great rally with great company.

Graham and Jaquie.