



TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

SATURDAY TOURS 1:00pm – 5:00pm

FOR ALL TOURS, IT IS RECOMMENDED YOU WEAR COMFORTABLE WALKING SHOES.

ALL DAY TOUR - WALHALLA

Walhalla is an old historic gold mining town and at its peak in 1862, 4000 residents lived there. 20 permanents now live in Walhalla. Today the town is dependent on the tourist industry.

The group will be booked in for a guided underground tour of the Extended Gold Mine. Wear supporting shoes, but the surface is flat. The old cemetery is worth a hike up the hill or just wander the streets and visit the museum and the historical shops. You have the option to catch the [Walhalla Goldfields Railway](#) out of town crossing several trestle bridges and enjoy spectacular views along the way. This is an added cost of \$15 per person, to be paid with your registration fee.

To assist with the booking of numbers for the group mine tour and train ride could you

**Please indicate on your Registration Form if you will be: (a) doing the Underground Goldmine Tour

And (b) if you wish to take the Goldfields train ride.

*****PLEASE NOTE - TOUR DEPARTS WARRAGUL at 10.00am after a quick Morning Tea and returns no later than 5.00pm.**

BELTED GALLOWAY, BLACK ALPACAS

Visit [Clifden Farm](#) located on 122 acres of rolling hills in West Gippsland. Bill and Lindy Smith will be your hosts, and from their property there is an amazing view looking back over the tourist town of Yarragon. The tour will include meeting their Belted Galloway cattle and premium black alpacas and how they manage the two animal classes for the production of both food and fibre. The fleece from their small select herd of alpacas requires no chemical dyes. Lindy Smith has written two children's books and also runs a B&B which takes full advantage of their picturesque location. If time permits, we may visit Yarragon village to browse the arts and crafts shops.

TOUR DEPARTS – 1:30pm

BINGARRA BEEF FARM AND MT CANNIBAL TOUR

Lyn and Peter Link invite you to visit their 78 acre farm. They'll discuss high input grass growing, 25 years of pasture improvement, past vealer production and the Angus steer fattening operation. A Melbourne Water streamside project on the Hamilton Creek has involved fencing and planting 6,000 native plants. A further 1,000 native plants in shelter belts have resulted in wildlife corridors between Mt Cannibal and the creek. They will explain the management plan for deer, kangaroos and foxes. There is no better place to see a Portaloo, with 2 steps to manage.

After a chat, farm walk and afternoon tea, a scenic walk up Mt Cannibal is on offer. It is a steepish climb with steps up and down, but you are well rewarded with panoramic views in two directions. Estimated time is 40 minutes. Anyone not wishing to partake in this walk may be taken to Lyn and Peter's scenic home farm at the head of the valley. View the tree ferns, the damage to pasture caused by lyrebirds, the impact of wild deer on bushland and fern gullies, and the results of a Melbourne Water basket willow removal project.

TOUR DEPARTS – 1:30pm

CRANBOURNE BOTANICAL GARDENS

Be inspired with the amazing landscapes and creative use of plants, art and architecture which form the wonderful Australian Garden at the [Royal Botanic Garden - Cranbourne](#) - using all Australian native plants. Upon arriving at the gardens, the first thing you will see is the impressive Red Sand Garden. After this you will be free to wander around on a self-guided tour viewing more than 170,000 plants, representing more than 1,700 varieties. Most are labelled with the common name. There is also a very good gift shop to browse. Cont'd next page

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For those who don't walk so well and would like to view these gardens you may hop on board The Garden Explorer and enjoy a guided ride around the gardens. Cost is \$8 p/p concession to be paid at the Gardens.

**Please indicate on your Registration Form if you would like to take the ride on the Garden Explorer.

TOUR DEPARTS -1:00pm

FLAVORITE HYDROPONIC TOMATOES.

Depart after lunch for a leisurely tour of the [Flavorite](#) complex on the outskirts of Warragul. Upon arrival the tour will be met by IPM Manager Karen Swanepoel who will give a presentation on the various aspects to producing their premium vine ripened tomatoes, capsicums, cucumbers and eggplants. Most of us will have eaten Flavorite produce which is available year round. You'll be guided through their expansive greenhouse systems which are highly automated using computer technology to control conditions such as heating, water use, conservation and recycling systems. Growing mediums, nutrients, plant selection, integrated pest management, environmental sustainability are all key to producing their quality produce.

TOUR DEPARTS – 1:30pm

OLIVES & SUSTAINABILITY NETWORK

Depart after lunch for [Darnum Park Estate](#) to learn about the olives they grow for the production of extra virgin olive oil, infused extra virgin olive oil and table olives, fruit and berries for jams and other delights. Products may be purchased. Back into the bus to be driven to the [Baw Baw Sustainability Network](#) in Yarragon for afternoon tea. The group will be taken through the vegetable garden and learn what you can do in your garden or property to sustain the environment.

TOUR DEPARTS – 1:00pm

PATCHWORKER'S DELIGHT

This tour is a must for all keen patchworkers. Are you looking for fabrics different to what you can buy at home? Be ready to leave Warragul at 1.30. This tour will visit two shops that specialise in patchwork fabrics, kits and other crafts and have agreed to open just for this tour. Two Mad Cows, in Moe, and [A Little Patch of Country](#), in Trafalgar will welcome and inspire you.

TOUR DEPARTS – 1:30pm

POTATOES & PRIME LAMB IN THORPDALE.

This tour will take you to the rich red soils, rolling hills and accompanying huge dams of Thorpdale. Here you'll enjoy an afternoon with Val Murphy on the family run property which is noted for its extensive potato growing and prime lamb production. Wander around her garden, enjoy tasting some homemade potato ice cream or buy some spuds with proceeds going towards Drought Relief. Val also operates an Agri tourism business in Gippsland and takes an active role in the promotion and staging of the annual [Thorpdale Potato Festival](#) each March.

Kirby Richmond-Davies, the Victorian manager for Safe Ag Systems will be joining this tour to explain how the owners will use the Safe Ag Systems on the property with the benefit of working towards compliance to address the health, well being and safety issues facing farmers. If time permits on the way back to Warragul the bus will stop in Yarragon Village where you can stroll through some of the arts and crafts shops and galleries.

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SCULPTURES, PRIVATE GARDEN, ROBOTIC DAIRY.

Your first stop will be the Laurie Collins Sculpture Garden & Red Tree Gallery in Jindivick. Laurie creates a vast array of artwork, and is renowned for his unique metal sculptures using junk and recycled metal. Browse the garden sculptures and the [Red Tree Gallery](#) which will be showcasing a photographic exhibition for the month of March.

Back on the bus for afternoon tea in a large private garden known as Lillico Siding. This garden is regularly opened to the public during [Gardivalia](#) and is a delight to wander through the informal cottage planting, dry stone walls and rose arbours. The last stop on this tour will be Melaleuca Park to watch the dairy cattle wandering into the robotic dairy. Our hosts Darryl and Trudy Hammond will hop on board to give a quick overview of this modern facility before we inspect the dairy.

Representatives of [Lely](#) manufacturers of the robotic milkers will be on hand to explain the finer details of robotics and their use in farming today. On this tour you will be driven through some of the best Gippsland farming country.

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