

Annual Report 2010.

Tour Leader

After lots of planning, sleepless nights and apprehension by yours truly with his first tour 12 lucky Kiwi 41er's set on our 16 day trip around Tasmania.

I am only sorry that there weren't more of you to enjoy what Tassie has to offer, if you have the chance, take it and I'll be more than happy to give you some help with the planning.

Windy, up and down, narrow roads (you're taking another short cut Johns), different scenery, friendly people and fantastic tourist attractions made for a very happy group even though we took half the smoking population of New Zealand with us!!!

We met up with Launceston Apex 40 Club and they showed us around their Tamar Valley for the first full day and the Devonport Apex 40 hosted us at the other end of the tour. More new friends and wonderful to be able continue the links between Apex and 41 clubs.

Next year Apex 40 are coming to Nelson to hold their Rort there and then tour around the South Island, I have been in discussion now with Apex 40 for around 2 years and now it is really going to happen, I just hope that we will be able to take all who want to come.

Bill and Liz Hammond have done Stirling service in promoting this at the Rort in Bendigo recently and Bob Ireland Apex 40 President has been of great help to me and is here to see how we do things in "Godzone".

I have asked where you all want to travel to next and seem to have as many places as replies but there has been quite a few interested in a tour of the South Island and I have been looking into a Wild South Tour of 16 days going to places most of you won't have seen, Danseys Pass, Doubtful Sound, Tuatapere, Catlins, Middlemarch etc in March/April next year. Anyone interested; a draft Itinerary is with your handouts.

For Winter 2012 how about the top of Western Australia, covering the Pilbara, Coral Bay, Port Hedland, Broome, Kimberly's into Northern Territory and up through Katherine and Darwin. Not easy to organise and maybe too much at once but will look into it.

2013, is it time to start thinking of a tour to Europe again, will the worlds monetary crisis be over and where will the New Zealand dollar be? Oh for a crystal ball!

Arrive, Northern Europe/Scandinavia at the end of the tourist season for short tour then board one of the cruise ships relocating down to Mediterranean for 10 days, all stops on way are places that have 41 Clubs and of course you won't have to pack your bags all that time. Once in the Med we could do another coach tour of Northern Italy, Southern France, Northern Spain and Portugal. 41 Clubs or OT Clubs in all of these places and I have contacts there already.

Six week tour

This would be a good way to see a lot more and then perhaps go our different ways to UK or wherever afterwards.

Now I want feedback please

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