

Southwest Explorer

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PERSONALISED TOURS

We have had a really beautiful summer and even though we need and want the rain it has been great weather for getting out and about.

We have once again met a wonderful group of visitors and this newsletter is aimed at highlighting the diversity and beauty of what is on offer with our tours.



The Great Ocean Road always delights



Gibson Steps always a beautiful walk



A wander through the beautiful Melba Gully



Feeding time at Cudjee Creek Wildlife Park



Hopkins Falls with not a lot of water



Pondering what is really out there....
Cape Nelson



A beautiful spot for a group photo



Walks anywhere along the coast are beautiful
and relaxing.....

INDONESIAN TOUR TO WARRNAMBOOL

In March we had a visiting group of Students and 1 teacher from Indonesia and I had the opportunity to take them on a number of tours over a few days. We covered the Great Ocean Road, Grampians and Bridgewater bay. They have taken back many memories of our beautiful area and friendly people.



Cape Nelson Lighthouse



After the walk up Mount William



Not a bad place to have a bit of a rest after
the climb.....

THE RAVEN - REPLICA OF A 15TH CENTURY CARAVEL

There is a growing interest in the construction of this magnificent ship by Graeme Wylie. After nearly ten years of planning and construction he and Felicity are hoping to have the Raven in the water by Christmas this year. Visits to the Raven have become a highlight of many of our tours and people marvel at the size and construction of such an authentic project. Everyone leaves in awe of the work that has gone into the planning and construction and the amazing patience and perseverance Graeme has to finish such a large challenge in life.



TOUR SNAPSHOTS - Food & Coffee time

One of the really nice things we do is take groups to places for lunch and a coffee that are a little of the beaten track. Places to sit back and enjoy the view.....



Backyards a secret spot.....



Sandy cove near Childers



Triplet Falls near the Otway Fly

INTRODUCING NEW TOUR OPTIONS

Our latest development has been the introduction of **Walking Tours** that can be modified to suit the abilities and interests of all participants.

We now take **guided and supported tours** on both the Great Ocean Road Walk and the Great Southwest Walks. These are sectional walks that can take about an hour along the beautiful coast around Cape Nelson or the walk from the Gables to Wreck Beach. The longer and more challenging walks include an all day walk from Johanna Beach to Moonlight Heads.

The short sectional walks are proving most popular with the inclusion of Refreshments and Lunch in the total cost for each tour. This is a great way to relax and enjoy the magnificent scenery along the way.



A BBQ at the B&B Halls Gap



Top of the Gables – Moonlight Heads
[A bit windy!!!]



Bridgewater Bay under the pine trees



Time out at the Gables Lookout

We have had a really busy and enjoyable summer and now look forward to the changing season that brings the whales and wild stormy seas. There are always new things to do and see and we look forward to looking after you when you arrive in Warrnambool.

Thank-you for your support

Bob and Helen