

# **“TREVOR” THE TR2’S**

*Around Australia Adventure 2013 (Tasmanian Leg)*



*and*  
**“BIG THING” TOUR**

# TASMANIA

24TH NOVEMBER 2013 - 9TH DECEMBER 2014

## GLOSSARY

Total Miles -2431 = 3911.28 kilometres

Fuel - Litres 311.71

- Cost \$531.40

- Cheapest \$1.60 Bass Victoria

- Dearest \$1.82 Strachan TAS

8.3 litres per 100 kilometres or 33 miles per gallon



1. Cowes—Phillip Island

2. Spirit of Tasmania

3. Launceston (2)

4. St Helens

5. Blackmans Bay—Hobart

6. Bruny Island

7. Blackmans Bay—Hobart

8. Port Arthur

9. Old Mans Head—Crescent Lake

10. Blackmans Bay—Hobart

11. Queenstown

12. Stanley.

13. Devon Hills

14. Spirit of Tasmania



*Doing the Willie Nelson  
"On the Road Again"*



**Sunday 24th November 2013**

Here at Last - D Day for the circumnavigation of Tasmania.

Once again the check list was all ticked off, and with "Trevor" refurbished with new tyres and a New Hood (just as well), and a Rack and Pinion Steering box, (beautiful, a great transformation), which improved the handling with or without the trailer on, we headed for Cowes, Phillip Island, for our first night, testing the new hood out in pouring rain! Arriving at Cowes at 7.30p.m.



*Big Koala  
Phillip Island*

**Monday 25th November 2013**

A bit of work around the house before leaving about 2.30p.m. Photos of the BIG KOALA and BIG TAP before leaving the Island we then headed for Station Pier and The Spirit of Tasmania. The boarding went smoothly as did the crossing, a few hours sleep in our Ocean Recliners and before we knew it we were docking in Devonport at about 6.00a.m. on 26th November.



*Big Tap  
Phillip Island*





**Tuesday 26th November.**

David Pearce was waiting to greet us (in his Subaru !) and guide us to the BIG APPLE in Spreyton, then to Latrobe for the BIG AXE and BIG PLATYPUS and some breakfast, then onto the BIG CHERRIES, BIG SPUD and THE LITTLE GREY FERGIE TRACTOR (on a pole!). We stopped at Ashgrove Farm for Cheese and photos with the coloured cows, onto Deloraine for the BIG COFFEE POT and Westbury for the BIG WICKETS and a visit to Pearn's Steam Museum, onto David's place at Devon Hills (south of Launceston), catching up with David's wife Jean, we all then went to Perth for lunch. Back to David's place, the afternoon was spent playing with cars, before heading into Launceston to John and Pauline Kay's place (a lovely old house), spending the night there-. David and Jean stayed for dinner- great food great company.

Life is good



*Big Apple (Not New York!) Spreyton*



*Big Axe  
Latrobe*



*Big Platypus  
Latrobe*



*Big Cherries*





Big Spud



Little Grey  
Fergie



Big Wickets  
Westbury



Coloured Cows  
Ashgrove Cheese



Big Coffee Pot  
Deloraine



### Wednesday 27th November 2013

John went to work and Pauline a day walk with friends to Mt. Arthur and we went TRing with David leading the way up the east side of Tamar River to Georgetown, stopping to wander around the Pilot Station Museum (well worth the visit) and lunch at a quaint little café. Onwards to the Low Head Lighthouse where David said "this is the low point of the trip" (very dry humour). It was then back through Georgetown and down to Batman Bridge, some interesting photos under the bridge of "THE BIG A" and down the west side of the Tamar River to Launceston, where we farewelled David and stopped to stock up on essentials (Beer; Wine; Food) and back to John and Pauline's place for another pleasant night.

### Thursday 28th November 2013

We set off with David, John and Pauline to Lilydale where we had a coffee stop, from there our small convoy headed for Pipers Brook winery for tastings and purchases and onward to Bridport for lunch and a look around the Kay's beach house, a great place, (currently on the market). The Kay's' started their maintenance and we with David leading our even smaller convoy off to Scottsdale, where he peeled off for Launceston and we to St. Helens, stopping at Pyengana Cheese Factory along the way.

We arrived at St Helens about 5 p.m., taking a powered site, however in the process of erecting the tent, the heavens opened up, and with horizontal rain, hurricane winds we sat huddled in the tent for over an hour before the rain started to ease up, now we were very wet and dishevelled, this had been THE BIGGEST STORM for the whole trip. An executive decision was made and we upgraded to a cabin, where we turned on the heaters and spent the night drying everything!



*Low Head*



*Big A  
Batmans Bridge*







*John and Pauline's House*



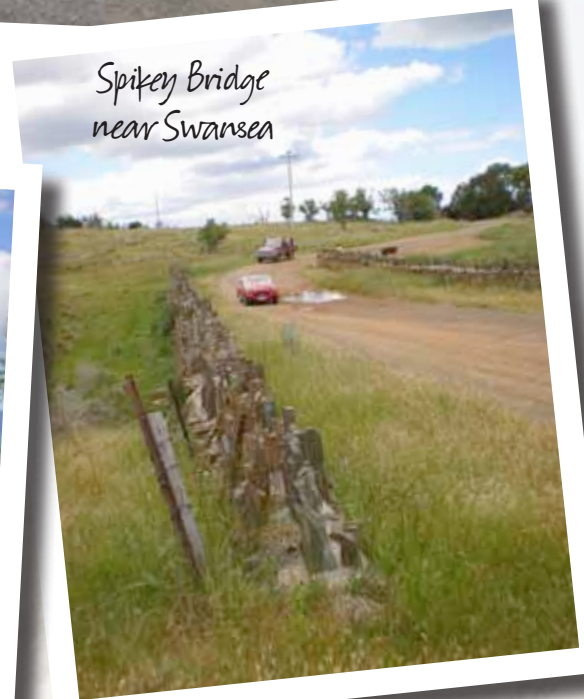
*Pyengana*



*On The Road to Bridport*



*East Coast  
near Swansea*



*Spiky Bridge  
near Swansea*



### Friday 29th November 2013

With everything dried and packed we left St Helens by 9.00a.m heading south, stopping in at Iron Horse Brewery at White Sands for morning tea. Onto Bicheno for lunch, then a call into Freycinet Winery for a sample and purchase. Photo stops of Freycinet Peninsular and the stunning coastline and the convict built Spiky Bridge, dodging a few showers along the way. A pit stop at Barilla Bay Oysters to buy some fresh ones and onto Hobart Wharf to meet up with "Whitey" (an old army mate), he has his Crayfish boat; the "Kristy Lee" moored there for an engine overhaul and maintenance. We followed "Whitey" to North Hobart to pick up "Whitey's" wife Sheralyn (Shez) at their Printing business and from there south to their house in Blackmans Bay. A BBQ for tea, beer and wine and great company.

Life is good.

### Saturday 30th November 2013

Leaving "Trevor" at "Whitey's" we travelled with them in their Subaru to Salamanca for breakfast and then some Christmas shopping at the famous market, very crowded, and, we were soon marketed out!, so we set off for Bruny Island to stay at Shez's brothers house for the night. We picked Oysters off the rocks during the afternoon, and then in the evening went Floundering and came home with 6 nice Flounder; 2 Sea Trout and 4 Flathead, We were kept entertained by the local Possums and Quolls that live around the house, one even stole Bob's thongs, which were left at the back door. We found one under the house and the other way out in the paddock!

Life is good

### Sunday 1st December 2013

1st day of summer was spent with a drive to South Bruny and Adventure Bay, bought some yummy chocolates and then it was time to catch the ferry back to Kettering and back to Blackmans Bay. Fresh Flounder for tea, boutique beers; local wines, and good company Ah Life Is Good.

### Monday 2nd December 2013

Leaving the Trailer at Whitey's we took off for Port Arthur via Royal Hobart Hospital to visit Peter Cousins, hospitalised for a broken ankle and other complications. It was great to see him and we gave him a copy of "Trevor's" travels around Oz, and, made him custodian of the book for the Tasmania chapter of the TR Register. Peter's wife Mary with their young Granddaughter arrived while we were there, so we were able to catch up with her also. (Peter has since passed away, a very sad time for all concerned).

The drive to Port Arthur was very pleasant, taking in all the damage as a result of the bush fires that burnt the Tasman Peninsular last year. Took a scenic tour out to Dead Mans Island and stayed the night at The Fox and Hounds Inn, a huge meal at a fair price.





**Tuesday 3rd December 2013**

Toured through Nubeena, and back to Eaglehawk for photo of BIG BLUE SEAL, then back to Whitey's. We thought about a run up to Mt. Wellington, but thick fog deterred us, so lunch was had at Whitey's. Packed the Subaru (too many dirt roads for Trevor) and headed to their bush block called "Old Mans Head", near Bothwell and borders on Crescent Lake. The block is 5000 acres and they derive some income by selling permits to gather firewood and do some carbon trading (an interesting concept). We camped in an old Shearing shed. After breakfast and a nice walk around the property we left Old Mans Head and back to Hobart via Oatlands arriving about 5p.m.





**Thursday 5th December 2013**

With Shez off to work and Whitey involved in meetings, we set off in Trevor (with hood up as it was very wet) for a day trip, down in Southport, stopping in Franklin to tour the Wooden Boat Museum and School, where we marvelled at the skills and works in progress there. Lunch was had in Dover and a quick look at the Ida Bay Train. Bought yummy apples and took photo of BIG SWAMP GUM LOG in Geeveston. Back to Whiteys by 5 and out to dinner at the Ball in Chain in Salamanca for our last night in Hobart.



*Wooden Boat Museum & School  
Franklin*



*Big Swamp Gum Log  
Geeveston*



*Queenstown*



### Friday 6th December 2013

All packed and on the road by 10.00a.m.. Stopped off at the Print shop (Focal Printing) to meet up with Whiteys son and daughter who also work in the business. Left North Hobart about 11.00a.m. stopping at New Norfolk for lunch and a browse through the antique shops. Next stop a Boutique Brewery "Two Metre Tall", carried out a six pack of various ales, and onward to Derwent Bridge to The Wall in the bush. A purpose built big shed, that houses a Huon Pine carving (a work in progress by artist Greg Duncan) depicting the history of the area, a very unique work and a must do experience. Onto Queenstown for the night and as it was getting late (7p.m.) we took a cabin in the Caravan Park for the night.

### Saturday 7th December 2013

The Tourist train that runs to Strachan out of action still so we drove to Strachan where we did a bit more souvenir shopping, then onto Zeehan and Roseberry and northward to Wyndham then west to Stanley for the night in a very well appointed and busy caravan park as the Stanley show was in full swing.. The weather was perfect and we enjoyed a walk around Stanley

Life is Good

*Between Queenstown And Strachan*



*Big Wooden Kangaroo  
Strachan*



*Stanley*



*Sheffield  
with Pauline, John, Bob, David  
and Pepper*





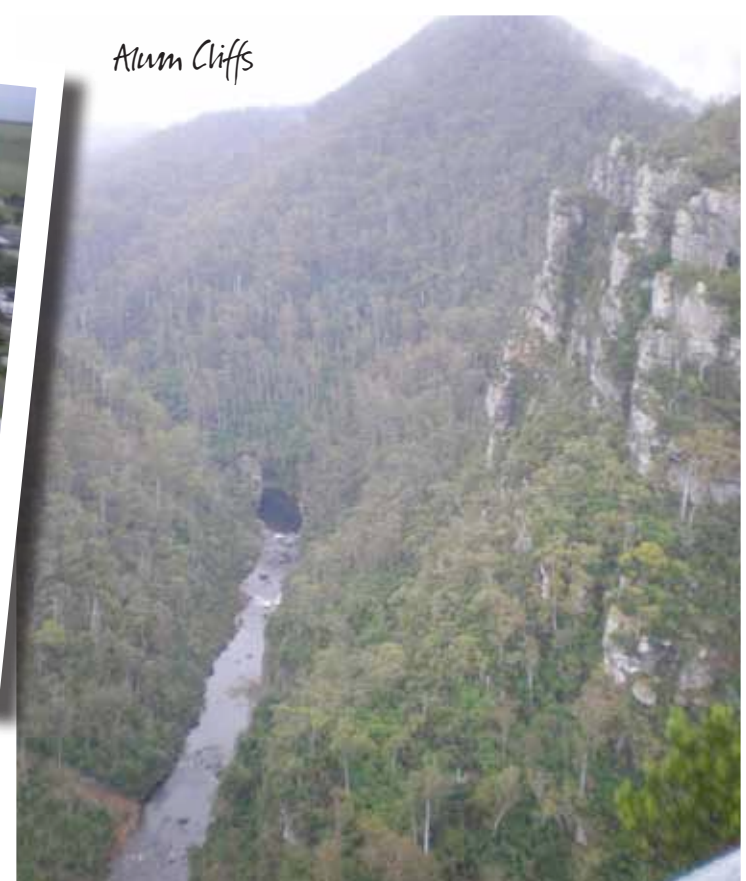
**Sunday 8th December 2013**

Up early for a walk up and around The Nut—a must do experience. Back to camp for Breakfast and on the road by 9.30. Overcast and wet along the coast to Penguin, a photo with the BIG PENGUIN (in Santa jacket!) Onwards to Sheffield to meet up with David Pearce in his TR3A and John and Pauline Kay and Pepper the Fox Terrier, in their TR4A. Photos of the Murals, then lunch it was with hoods up we set off through Paradise to Mole Creek. A slight diversion to Alum Cliffs, a short walk from the car park to lookout over the Mersey River and Ochre Cliffs. Well worth the visit. Next stop a photo with the BIG TASSIE DEVIL (Mickey) near Mole Creek. Onto Longford for a cleansing ale in the pub and see the car in the window and view all the car racing memorabilia. Said farewell to John and Pauline and we followed David back to Devon Hills where Jean had dinner ready. Once again Good Food; Good Beer and Good Company

Life is Good.



*View Of Stanley*



*Alum Cliffs*



*Big Penguin (In Santa Jacket) Penguin*



*Big Tassie Devil  
Mole Creek*



**Monday 9th December 2013**

All too soon our last day had arrived. Jean went with David for a doctor's appointment, while we did some final packing, before they returned and then we all headed into Launceston to visit the Tasmanian National Car Museum. David took us to his personal car park—right out the front and in we went. Great display that is changing every few months and worth the visit. Next was a visit to David's old working place—Boags—Lunch and photos with The BIG BEER CAN. Departure time so back to David's to drop Jean off and for us to pick up Trailer and David to swap from TR3A to the Peerless. Following David once again he led us to Railton to view the Topiary, a great tourist attraction for a small town, and worth seeing. Time running out so onward to Devonport. A farewell to David, a very convivial host and along with John and Pauline, and Whitey and Shez made our stay in Tasmania a very memorable one. Thankyou. In the boarding queue by 6.00p.m

Goodbye Tassie

*Big Beer Can  
Boags Brewery  
Launceston*



*Longford*



*Tasmanian Motor Museum  
Launceston*



*Topiary - Railton*





*Cenotaph Rarilton*



*Farewell Tasmania*









