

Hawkesbury Combined Probus Canberra Trip

16 May to Monday, 22 May 2023

It was a wonderful trip to Canberra, Ken, the coach driver, was fantastic and looked after us like a mother hen, even going out of his way to show us places we hadn't seen.

The motel was delightful, especially the staff and the food plentiful. Only 2 out of 22 came back with Covid. We had a guided tour everywhere we went.

Day 1 - Fairground Follies, amazing collection

Day 2 - Tour of Canberra. - Mt Ainsley, the Embassies, Avenue of Memorials, War Memorial. The War Memorial featured John Monash, Vivian Bullwinkel, Cousin Jack. We stayed for the Closing Ceremony and the Last Post. It was very moving.



Day 3 - Parliament House. Flag pole can be seen from everywhere in Canberra. Queen Elizabeth II opened the New Parliament House in 1988. Duke of Cornwall opened the first parliament of Australia in Melbourne in 1901.

- Australian Institute of Sport
- Royal Australian Mint

Day 4 - Museum of Australian Democracy in Old Parliament House. Statue of George V, who opened the building.

- National Library
- Canberra Glasshouse

Day 5 - Cruise on Lake Burley Griffin, an unexpected treat. Autumn colours in all of Canberra were terrific.

- Arboretum
- Dinner at the Yacht Club

Day 6 - Cockington Green, amazing miniature village.