The biennial get-together of the Victorian and South Australian Mazda MX-5 Clubs

Friday 8 - Monday 11 March, 2013 – Halls Gap, in Victoria’s Grampians

Five South Australian couples had an absolutely fabulous long weekend at Halls Gap in the Grampians with the MX5 Club of Victoria recently.

We arrived to a hot humid night at a lovely motel complete with kangaroos munching wildly either side of the long gently winding driveway as well as alongside our motel room and well up the back of the property. After settling in we joined our Victorian hosts Will and Coral Campbell and Gail and David Willis and the rest of the participants for a barbecue a few drinks and caught up with old acquaintances and met many new...

The next day we drove to Brambuk National Park and Cultural Centre for a tour of the Aboriginal cultural display centre then a tasting session of crocodile (like chewy chicken), kangaroo and emu meats and a variety of bush tucker relishes and wild fruit and herbal teas.

We then had a run, thanks to local, Lachlan Story, an MX5 club member from the Halls Gap area, to Wartook and “The Wander Inn” for lunch in a very interesting wooden house in a beautiful garden setting with a very crafty shop. We then returned to Halls Gap for the famous waffle coned ice cream. How people can eat 2 scoops I don’t know, we were struggling to eat one – despite it being so yummy. By the way, Lachlan’s red MX5 has 5 kangaroos and 1 sheep painted on it as that is how many animals he has hit in his car.

The next day began with a fully cooked breakfast in the lovely gardens of the Grampians Adventure Golf followed by a hilarious game of mini golf. As there were so many of us, we were allocated hole 18 to begin our round with and ended up with the ball in every wrong hole, every stretch of water, hit every rock, ricocheted through every tunnel and the writer ended up the last of the group – oh well, someone’s got to be the loser and it was a lot of fun!

After some very successful purchases at the local flea market we returned to the motel for a picnic lunch with other visiting MX5 Club of Victoria members who had just come up for the day followed by a scenic drive to the most majestic Grampian and Hall’s Gap scenery.

That night we ended up at the Halls Gap Hotel for our farewell dinner where we gave our hosts some well-deserved thanks followed by drinks in the grounds outside at the motel.

 Unfortunately, all good things have to come to an end and we left early the next morning for a long, hot drive home for return to work the next day.

Those few days were like a long holiday for we returned tired but refreshed having renewed old friendships and made many new ones with our friends the MX5 Club of Victoria.

We look forward to meeting our friends again at the Natmeet next year on the Sunshine Coast or at the next SA/Vic weekend in 2015, when its South Australia’s turn to organise it.

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