

# OYB Sculptures to the Sea Tour 2024

Saturday 21 September – Sunday 29 September

Corrigin – Kulin – Lake Grace – Pingrup – Newdegate - Lake King – Ravensthorpe - Hopetoun

## Final Report

7/11/2024

### 1. Tour numbers

- 91 participants enrolled for the tour.
- Unfortunately 5 dropped out in the last week before the event due to illness, so 86 participants went on tour.
- About 10 of these were first time OYB participants.
- We aimed for 100 but expected between 80 to 90 on tour, which was about right.
- We did a quite a lot of publicity for the event (including social media) to attract new participants, so 80 to 90 seems to be the new post Covid participant level.

### 2. Financial outcome

- All payments have now been made and just awaiting bond return of \$400 from the Shire of Ravensthorpe.
- With the bond return of \$400 included the tour made a loss of \$1,346.
- The contingency budget, based on 90 participants, was for a profit of \$3,061. However we provided a refund of all but \$100 to each of the 5 participants that dropped out in the last week. This was a total payment of \$4,030 which wasn't factored into the original budget.

### 3. Overall outcomes

- The tour went very well, with good feedback from participants that they enjoyed it very much.
- The scenery was nice and green after a good winter of rain. Varied and interesting scenery.
- The weather was favourable with mild conditions and little rain.
- The two excursions went very well:
  - Holland Track Farm had 50 participants
  - Fitzgerald River National Park had 56 participants
- Quiz night on the evening of the rest day in Newdegate went very well and was a lot of fun. We felt this was more inclusive than a band and dance night would have been.
- Contact with all the Shires was very positive with good support from them for the tour. No real problems with use of the recreation centres or camping on the ovals.
- Catering was challenging to arrange for some of the smaller towns, but overall the evening meals were good. Interestingly the two smallest towns (Pingrup and Lake King) with catering by the local P & C provided far and away the best evening meals.

### 4. OYB 2025 Team

- Three of the six members of the OYB 2024 Team said they wished to step down at the end of the tour.
- An email was sent to all participants a few weeks prior to the tour to let them know about this and that we would need three new people to come onto the OYB 2025 Team or the OYB tour could not be held in 2025. On the second last night of the tour we showed the proposed route for the OYB 2025 tour and reiterated that new people from the participants present would need to step forward by the following night or the OYB for 2025 would not be held.
- It was great to see that by the last evening more than 5 people stepped forward. New people are: Maureen Gill, Steve Napier and Udeni Gunasekera on the OYB 2025 Team as well as two support persons – Randell Holland (brochure and booklet) and Jennie Knight (garment).