

Helensburgh Country Fair October 26

Our Club was invited to display at this event, something the Lions Club hold as a community fund raiser.

Tracy was their contact person for us, and she provided good information on our parking allocation, etc. She was almost a 'local' but hadn't been born in the 'white house', which is apparently a requirement to be classified as a local.

We had a 3-car (Morrie) roll-up, the attendees being Graeme & Sue Gould, Jim Bowen and myself. David Nunn also appeared in 'something else'.

The Fair had the usual round of market stalls, live music/entertainment plus food and drink outlets. Charles Harper Park was the event venue; Charles' claim to fame was his discovery of coal here in 1888, hence the Peabody mine that exists in the town today.

Jim and I did a mine surface tour which involved a bus ride down the hill, a tour around the mine site and a good look at the workings from the lookout point.

Our tour guide, Kane, was full of interesting info about the mine's history; their claim is that this mine is the longest continually-operating coal mine in the country. About 400 people work there and it is a 24/7 operation. The first mine manager's wife's name was Helen - hence the name of the township.



The South Coast railway line terminated there before the town existed. They now load a few trains each day and it takes about 90 mins to fill one.

It was a warm day and a bit windy. My car will need a clean and vacuum before it goes out again.

The Land Rover in the picture was a topic of some discussion. Jim did have one similar in the past.

All in all, a good day out and a pleasant Saturday drive for us all.

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