

Report of the Getaway Lakes Entrance November 2025



David Holding, from the Bullock Island Boatyard in Lakes Entrance took this photo.

We were very lucky with the weather during the 2025 Getaway to Lakes Entrance. Although it rained heavily on the Monday we were able to board our coach before the rain came. We enjoyed lunch in the very pleasant surroundings of the Warragul Country Club. This was followed by a most interesting talk at the Ellinbank Smart Farm where they undertake dairy research, as well as run a commercial farm.

The accommodation at the Bellevue and the meals at the attached Albert and Co. dining area were of a high standard so we were easily able to relax. On Tuesday there was a luncheon cruise to Metung with perfect weather. Then on Thursday we took a cruise in the morning to see Paynesville. Seals and birdlife were abundant on both cruises.

On Wednesday we all took the coach to the Aboriginal Gallery and Bush Cafe nearby, then a tour and cut-lunch at the historic Nyerimilang Homestead. Following a scenic drive we were treated to a very different and informative talk by Ken Eckersley at his Nicholson River winery accompanied by platters Juliet had prepared.

The Special Dinner was held at the Wyanga Winery 20 minutes from Lakes Entrance and with great food and wine we were treated to a wonderful performance by the Nowa Nowa men's choir (our donation went to a local palliative care charity).



The Nowa Nowa Men's Choir who featured at the Special Dinner.

Friday saw us head back to Kew via the Gippsland Art Gallery in Sale, featuring some amazing artworks and a sandwich lunch. We then stopped briefly at Jack Vine Lookout to see the vast Loy Yang brown coal open cut mine.

Once again we were lucky with the weather as we disembarked from the coach. We would like to thank all those who participated in the Getaway and made our coordination most enjoyable and stress free.

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The visit to the Gippsland Art Gallery, Sale