

About Your Hosts

The Other Side of the Snowy's Tours are operated exclusively by the Amaroo Motel combined with Goodes Coaches and Harvey World Travel (Tumut).

About the Amaroo Motel

The Amaroo Motel has been owned and operated by Ian and Louella Russell since 2002.

During that time we have hosted over 250 coach groups. We have won the Tumut Region Tourism Award twice. Recently Ian and Louella have been joined in the business by their son Chris and his wife Gemma. The whole family works hard to ensure that everyone enjoys their stay.

The evening meals are cooked by Louella with an emphasis on traditional country style meals. All the soups are homemade. Our meat and vegetables are sourced from local suppliers whenever possible and practical. Breakfast and evening meals both take place in our dining room which comfortably seats 50.

All rooms at the Amaroo Motel are ground floor with ensuite bathroom fitted with walk in showers. Each room is individually air-

conditioned and heated via a split system. All rooms feature a 32 inch LCD flat screen TV's with Austar movie and sports channels, electric blankets, Tea and Coffee making facilities are also provided. For those traveling with a laptop we provide wireless internet access free of charge.

About Goode's Coaches

Goode's Coaches began in 1959 when founder Edward Goode purchased a passenger and freight service from Tumut to Wagga Wagga. Over the years the company has progressed into a thriving business specialising in school bus services, coach and minibus charter as well as extended tours including camping safaris to Central Australia. The company was an early pioneer into Central Australian touring having continually operated camping tours to the region and now Australia Wide since 1974.

Today the fleet is maintained and operated by Edward and Barbara's 4 children. The company's bus fleet has grown to 13 school bus services and 4 modern, high quality coaches and mini buses. The family also own and operate the local Harvey World Travel Franchise.

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DAY 1

This morning we depart from our nominated pick up point and begin our journey south via the Hume Highway stopping along the way at a suitable place for a comfort stop and some morning tea. Our next stop today will be at Goulburn where you will have some time to browse the main street to find something for lunch and maybe even find a bargain or two. Following our break here we travel onto Yass to visit the historic "Cooma Cottage" the home of the famous explorer, Hamilton Hume. This is a fitting first stop as Hume and Howell's exploration party where the first white men through the Tumut Valley. From Yass we continue our travelling through to Gundagai and Tumut and onto the Amaroo Motel for the next five nights with hosts Ian and Louella Russell. (note: No attractions on this day for Central Coast and Newcastle pick ups)

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DAY 2



After our cooked breakfast we board the coach and begin our day's travels by heading past Lake Blowering and into the High Country of the Kosciuszko National Park. It is here in the Park that we find our first attraction at Yarrangobilly the beautiful and ornate 'Jillabenan' limestone cave. The Parks' guide will lead you on an informative tour through this easily accessible cave; it even has wheelchair access for those who cannot walk. After

our tour we have some free time at the National Park Office to purchase souvenirs and to gather other reading matter. Following our picnic lunch at a suitable site, we will head back north to the T3 Power Station at Talbingo. Here we pick up our guide and head out to Australia's largest hydro power station as well as the Talbingo Dam Wall, the largest dam wall constructed in the Snowy Scheme. After our tour we return back to Tumut and the Amaroo Motel for dinner.

DAY 3



Today's sightseeing is to be highlighted with our drive through the Upper Murray Region. Travelling through Batlow and Tumbarumba we make our morning tea stop off at the Paddy's River Falls. We then cross the headwaters of the Murray River and onto the rural town of Corryong, which claims the memory of Jack Riley, to be the "The Man from Snowy River". While in Corryong we will visit his grave and also spend some time at the well-presented museum which houses unique artefacts and memorabilia of the Southern Cloud, Jack Riley and a must see "Jim Simpson's rug". After our picnic lunch in Corryong our touring then continues on back past the famous Towong Race Course to then follow the Murray River downstream to Jingellic and back to Tumbarumba. We then retrace our steps home via Laurel Hill and the vast stands of softwood timber of the Bago State Forest to Batlow and finally Tumut.

DAY 4



This morning we tour the town of Tumut, experiencing the magnificent view from the Telegraph Hill lookout, visit the site of the first township on the banks of the Tumut River, and the beautiful local churches. We browse through the Tumut Region Visitor's Centre before heading out to Tumut Plains for our morning tea at Tumut Valley Violets. Tumut Valley Violets has over 1000 different varieties of African Violets on display and are available for purchase. Heading back into town we make a visit to the nearby Millet Broom Factory which has been continually operating since 1946. Here you will see a quality made broom pieced together and sown. You also have the opportunity to purchase one if you want. Today we have a BBQ picnic lunch in the award-winning Stockwell Gardens (weather permitting) before giving you the afternoon free to enjoy at your leisure. You may choose to go for a stroll along the beautiful Tumut River Walk or Heritage Walk around the CBD, "do the shops", visit the Bowling or RSL clubs, or just return to your room for a rest.

DAY 5

This morning we travel through the picturesque Greenhills State Forest on our way to Rosewood and Boggy Creek. Our day will be highlighted with our time at Boggy Creek with a demonstration of mountain stockman work. The 2-hour show includes

mustering, shearing, working kelpies and a few laughs. This is followed by lunch at the Pioneer Women's Hut at Glenroy where a stroll around the many exhibits can be enjoyed. After lunch we travel into Tumbarumba continuing past some more of NSW State Forest's pine plantations to Laurel Hill where we have a short stroll to view the spectacular Sugar Pine Walk. From here we travel back to Tumut, having a quick tour of the Batlow Township along the way.



DAY 6

After breakfast we bid our hosts at the Amaroo Motel farewell and tour via Brungle to Gundagai. We climb the South Gundagai lookout to take in the spectacular view of the flood plain and the Prince Alfred Bridge, the longest wooden bridge in the Southern Hemisphere. While in Gundagai we also have time to visit Rusconi's Marble Masterpiece before heading off to Yass for a visit to Crisp's Art Glass for a browse through the Gallery and Nursery. Following our time here we set our sights for home travelling back along the Hume Highway, making our lunch stop at a suitable spot. We arrive home late this afternoon after a memorable break away. (note: No attractions on this day for Central Coast and Newcastle pick ups)

