

## AMENDED VERSION – replaces earlier text



### TO BURNIE, FRIDAY 3 NOVEMBER

Breakfast on Thursday is included in the tariff at our hotel. This is not a particularly arduous day of driving – perhaps 260 km all up. **We leave at 9.15 am.**

Our first visit for the day is to **Clarendon House**, a National Trust property less than 40 km from Launceston. We shall have morning tea there. (If you have had enough of heritage, of course you can opt out, though I should mention that Clarendon is a completely different sort of place from Woolmers.) Set in 7 hectares of parklands on the banks of the South Esk River, this magnificent three-storey Georgian house has servants' quarters, a heritage walled garden, several farm buildings and a rare avenue of elms. It was built in 1838 as an extraordinary statement of achievement for wealthy wool grower and merchant, James Cox, who was born in Wiltshire, England. Although Clarendon was built with convict labour, Mr Cox was known to treat his convicts well and he later played a major role in the abolition of transportation and convict labour.



Entry to Clarendon Estate includes the gardens; Australian Fly Fishing Museum with kids' fish feeding pool and riverside access for anglers and picnickers; Clarendon Fashion Collection with precious gowns from the 1830's to 1960's; and the Norfolk Plains Heritage Centre, offering photo collections together with family history records and advice. Our guided tour (pay-as-you-go) costs A\$15 adults, children free.

After that we drive to **Burnie**. The total distance to Burnie is 197 km but the roads are not fast and the landscape is worth looking at. Allow three and a quarter hours' or more actual driving from Clarendon. We drive through pastoral country, over the Mount Roland Range, then down the Forth and Esk valleys to the coast. There are several places worth visiting, so the suggestion is that you review the notes below and also for Saturday. Make a choice of a couple of places to stop today, reserving a couple of others for the next day.



Lunch is not arranged. Make your own choice of somewhere agreeable en route or just a simple picnic if the weather is nice.

Accommodation is at the Waterfront Voyager Motor Inn in Burnie.

Dinner can be taken in the Motor Inn and I have made a block reservation for 7.00 pm.

#### VISITS:

**Burnie** is a port city with an industrial past that has reinvented itself as a centre for artisans and craftsmen after the closure of its paper mill.

The best place to see local craft and artisans at work is at the Makers Workshop. You'll find paper making, cheese tasting, ceramics, textiles, glass, print makers, painters, sculptors.

Burnie Regional Museum shows the town's industrial past.

Burnie also produces good whisky at Hellyers Rd Distillery, where you can sample at the cellar door.

