

AUSTRALIA DAY WEEKEND AWAY

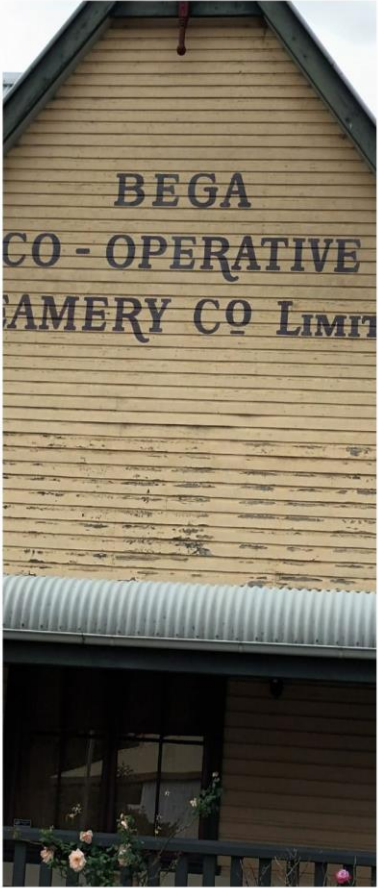
Off to Merimbula – thirty one members and coach driver 32
Expecting the unexpected, could never have been more true!
We had Rodney for company till lunch, at Bairnsdale RSL
With his bodyguards, a Roman Emperor & an ex-Jockey as well!
A last minute change to accommodation at Bega
Turned out best to enjoy sightseeing, from not too far
Spoilt with cooked brekkies and varied cuisine for dinner
There was no way we were returning to Melbourne any thinner!
At the Bega Cheese factory there was a brief tour to explain
While one adventurous member milked a 3-uddered cow in vain!
It was lovely walking around Tilba Village – quaint shops to check out
Also a perfect photo stop for our main yarn teller, to twist his mouth!
Blue skies and fine weather made visits to the beaches extra bright
Strolling the boardwalk of Merimbula beach & ice-cream for lunch felt right!
We had a close encounter with a fanged lizard crossing the road
As the coach headed back to the hotel – to check-in and unload
All in all, it was a relaxing and memorable time away
At the Star of the Sea Church in Eden, we all wished we could stay!
With the vast ocean as a backdrop – the exquisite grotto and large cross
A picturesque setting in praise of God – natural beauty without any gloss
Return was set for Sunday with an early morning start
Bingo and wind down music with company to warm the heart!

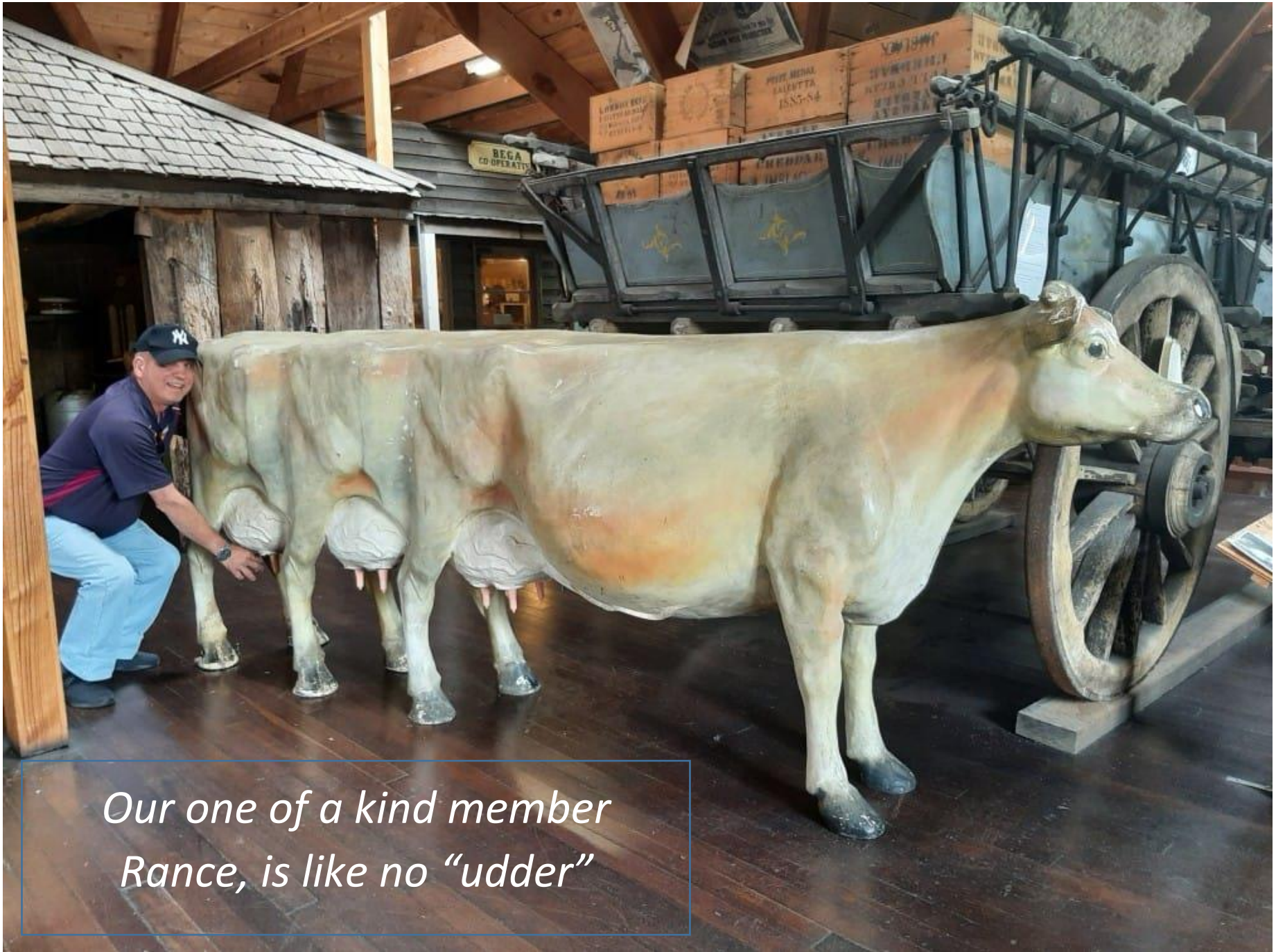


Stops on the journey in...



BEGA





*Our one of a kind member
Rance, is like no "udder"*



Neville the devil, spinning another yarn!



Childhood
Sweethearts:
Winston, with an
"I" and Crystal
with a "Y"



Out on the boardwalk – Merimbula beach

EDEN



Star of the Sea Church, Eden





Vegetarian Chicken for Chandra! 😊



*Rodney's Happy Travellers –
Merimbula, January 2023*