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NUFFIELD AUSTRALIA 2024 NATIONAL REGIONAL TOUR – TASMANIA

THURSDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Route for the day: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/7RaDiUeN2c7ZLMfR6>

NOTE: Please bring along your own water bottle if possible to reduce plastic waste.

8.00am Depart Hotel Grand Chancellor

Drive to Tasmanian Berries, Exton, TAS – approximately 45-60 minutes.

Owned by Andrew and Steph Terry, this is a family-owned business commercially producing berries for Driscoll's Australia, in Central Northern Tasmania and also in the Bundaberg Region in Queensland. All berries are grown under multi-bay polytunnel using state-of-the-art irrigation systems. A brand new multimillion dollar packing-and-storage facility will be viewed as well as learning about how they use the PALM scheme for labour hire. Morning tea.

Drive to Deloraine Football Club, Deloraine, TAS – approximately 10 minutes.

Presentation by Johno and Sophie Ranicar, from Forager Food Company, one of Australia's largest and most advanced producers of freeze-dried products. They take only the best ingredients and combine them with a unique freeze-drying process to forge premium Tasmanian-made products of exceptional taste, texture and freshness.

Followed by lunch at the Deloraine Football Club.

Drive from Deloraine to Nook, TAS – approximately 45 minutes.

Darren Long of MG Farms, runs a family-owned potato growing operation in Sheffield on Tasmania's north-west coast. Hailed as a leader in his field, Darren has been involved in cover cropping and biofumigation for over 20 years. Afternoon tea.

Drive from Nook to Eastford Creek – approximately 30 minutes.

Vineyard and winery tour of Eastford Creek with Rob and Sue Nichols. On arrival at the cellar door, we will split into 4 groups. Rob will share his story from chickens to wine, while Rachel will chat about succession between generations. Groups will get to see winemaking and bottlings facilities and later wine-tasting and the opportunity to enjoy the view! Dinner feast included.

8.00pm Bus leaves to drive back to the Grand Chancellor in Launceston.

FRIDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2024

7.30am leave Hotel Grand Chancellor – everyone to be checked out of the hotel and bring their luggage.

Drive to Longford, TAS – approximately 25 minutes.

Tasmanian Farmers at Longford War Memorial Hall

Ian Sauer of Tas Farmers will share the issues and possible solutions currently facing Tasmanian farmers. Morning tea.

Drive from Longford to Formosa – approximately 25 minutes.

John Heard of Formosa Estate, Cressy will present a family-owned mixed farming operation with around 15 different enterprises from wool to small seeds to irrigation. Their diverse cropping rotations and inherent complexities will be explored.

Later on, Andrew Davies from Tas Drone Solutions will discuss spraying and technology.

Lunch will be provided.

Drive from Formosa to Macquarie Oils – approximately 15 minutes.

Rob Henry will discuss making fennel, canola and hemp oil.

One bus will depart for Launceston Airport drop-off – approximately 45 minutes.

The other bus will drive to Adams Distillery – approximately 40 minutes.

Conall Cassidy of Adams Distillery will introduce us to a casual tittle in a warm, friendly, local distillery <https://www.adamsdistillery.com.au/>

5.00pm drive back to Launceston for those staying overnight. End of tour.