

## G'day to you all - back in good old Tassie

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After completing in round figures 15,000 kms we are glad to be back in Tasmania even though the weather is still cold. There is nothing like your own home and perhaps more to the point your own bed. The trip whilst a long way around was, I must say a learning experience and an education to us all. Barry & Claire came back with us at the same time.

Sue & I are looking forward to the next weekend rally at Blessington where we will catch up with all those that are going.

Whilst we came home earlier than expected I feel when you turn the "corner for home", nothing seems to stop you from achieving that goal.

I have included a few statistics for your information on the trip. These are my stats—Barry obviously kept those he wanted to. Each day I recorded the occurrences of that day and the totals (in some areas) that we spent.

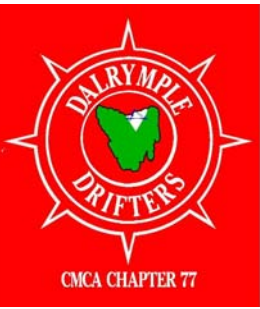
To say that our motor homes went well would be an understatement. I started out with around 288,000 on the clock and returned with 303,000. Our Navman's certainly assisted us even though mine sent me up a gravel road when it was pouring rain and Barry's had him driving across open paddocks, due to maps being out of date. Barry's Navman is nearly four years old and subsequently some maps have changed. My Navman was pretty good even though the same happened on occasions. At Barcaldine we found out the Barry's rig had a 6% Speedo error in the recording of distance. Our Navman's certainly got us out of a spot of bother on more than one occasion.

For those that are statistically minded I have included the following:

<b>Distance travelled</b>	14986 kms
<b>Ave distance per day travelled</b>	254 kms
<b>Total fuel purchased</b>	2011 liters
<b>Total fuel cost</b>	\$2698.00
<b>Ave cost per liter</b>	\$1.34
<b>Total cost Caravan Parks (CP)</b>	\$421.00
<b>Ave cost CP's</b>	\$21.00
<b>Fuel consumption over full trip</b>	
<b>Km per liter travelled</b>	7.5 km
<b>Liters per 100 km</b>	13.4 km
<b>Not bad for a 1986 model</b>	

“Where East Meets West”

**Dalrymple Drifters**  
“Communiq  ”



**Since my last Communiqué - Members absent over the next few months: - My latest knowledge on them**

Francis Shields - I believe back in Tassie and has moved to Latrobe area—hope to still see her at rallies. I believe she had a bit of trouble with her rig on the way home.

John Pether—last I heard was at the Barcaldine Rally- he was heading to WA for the wild flowers—believe he will be home around Nov 2007

Barry & Claire – sailed home 3/8 after 15000 kms “around the paddock”

Don & Sue - as above -back three weeks early.

Doug & Veronica – after trooping around northern Australia back in Tassie late July 2007.

Sam & Barbara— last spoke to them in Qld - indications are they will be back for the Annual Dinner in Nov 2007

Greg & Sue C – not sure if returned or not at this stage - spoke to them from Barcaldine at that stage heading further up the Qld coast.

Don & Sarah G—still believed to be on the mainland with the sun at their backs - still heading North

**Safe travel to those still away.**



The only water over the road during the whole trip—must have been a broken water pipe!!



The little rig—covered in mud after the Navman took a short cut—gravel road in WA—you couldn't recognize her.



Front tyre on little rig - 80 kms east of Perth somewhat “buggered” - Needed to replace the other front tyre also during trip



Yes Don knows how to do it!! - I said behind me Don-not beside me in the sand - thank goodness with Barry's help she came out pretty easy.



A typical rest area for overnight stay - most of our nights out were free stays throughout the trip



Sunrise on the Nullabor - about 7am heading East - weather whilst sunny was extremely cold!!

**Next Rally (September) Bell Bay Fire Station**

**Don & Sue hosts 14th 15th & 16th September 2007 0418 362 232**

**Some power (minimal medical) - Toilets one shower**

**\$10.00 per rig for the rally**

**Refer web page for more details etc**

**Discussions this rally re the November 07 and February 08 rallies at George Town**