

## STAG OWNERS CAR CLUB

Te Anau Long Weekend

24-27 FEBRUARY 2023



Bookings have been made and detailed planning is very well advanced

There is an exciting Itinerary to look forward to!

### FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY

Arrive Te Anau and check into The Village Inn. So easy to find, right opposite the Caltex Service station on the side road on the left.

5-6pm – Meet and Greet Time –  
Drinks and Nibbles –

***BYO Drinks and Nibbles.***



Let's make this fairly informal, hopefully the weather will allow us all to mix and mingle outside, amongst our prize possessions before dinner!

7pm – Asian Dinner at The Village Inn – The cost is \$25 per person and will be just charged to your room, but we need numbers. You are welcome to dine elsewhere so this is not a set venue but we think it would be great for us all to eat together, however, you might want to enjoy other eating places in town.

(NOTE: Our formal evening will be at The Te Anau Club on Saturday night)

## SATURDAY 25 FEBRUARY

DEPART THE VILLAGE INN AT **10AM** – RETURNING APPROX **3-4PM**



Our drive today is on the SOUTHERN SCENIC ROUTE.

This will take you via Manapouri on the backroad route towards Invercargill. A full route map will be sent later – obviously we are just doing a part of the Route and before Invercargill, we will take an inland route back to Te Anau.

Take a drive on one of NZ's remote open roads, with stunning views and amazing ocean vistas on the coast.

We are working on organizing a picnic lunch option at Riverton Heads – we will advise details later, including cost.

### **FORMAL WEEKEND DINNER**

We have booked the Te Anau Club for Dinner and Entertainment.



Starting at 6pm with drinks at the bar so you can enjoy the impressive array of trophy Stag heads, then sit down for a 3 course Buffet meal from 7pm.

The meal will be paid for by The Stag Owners Car Club – drinks will be at your cost from the bar.

Entertainment has been arranged by Jane and Dave Grant – you are in for a toe tapping, knee slapping, sing along session with Te Anau's one and only, Ukulele Band – dancing is always encouraged!

Plus, we will have a **Special Auction** during dinner, of Stag memorabilia from John Parker. Bring along your wallet (we can provide bank account details on the night for internet banking) and get down on some precious items which John has collected over the years. We will provide more info on these items in a later newsletter update so you can be prepared for some lively bargaining!

## SUNDAY 26 FEBRUARY

Our drive today is through to Milford Sound, including a 2hr scenic cruise.



DEPART **9.30AM APPROX** (TBA depending on cruise departure times)

For those of you who haven't been before, this is an amazing drive, up and over the Southern Alps, through the Homer Tunnel and down into the iconic Milford Sound.

We will have a Tour Leader and Tail End Charlie – this is a seriously steep drive up and over and back again so a bit of support front and back is a good idea – but it is truly one of the best drives in New Zealand.

So even if you've been before, it's worth doing again.

### OTHER SUNDAY OPTIONS:

But if you decide not to go to Milford Sound, we have lots of other activities for you to choose from, to name just a few:

- RealNZ Glowworm Caves Trip – across the lake by boat from the lakefront wharf, this is an amazing 2hr trip – please organize your own bookings at <https://www.realnz.com/en/experiences/glowworm-caves>
- Te Anau Vintage Museum – a vast array of tractors and machinery. Hours are **9am – 5pm. 132 Sandy Brown Road, cnr of Milford Road (look for the windmill on the corner)**
- Garden Visit – Check out a local, private garden and enjoy a cup of tea/coffee with scones, jam and cream. Cost and details for this will be advised later (Cash only payment at the venue).
- Stretch your legs or rent an Ebike – enjoy some of our local tracks for an hour or two. We have some lovely local tracks, easy and very accessible from town. A map with details will be available on arrival at Te Anau in Feb.
- Lunch at a Local Restaurant and a bit of souvenir shopping – amble around our small town and find a wee trinket to take home to remind you of this great town and helping to support our local economy

## SUNDAY BBQ AT THE GRANTS HOME

– Hosted by Jane and Dave Grant



Come and join us for a summer BBQ **from 5pm onwards**. We live just out of town, on the main highway to Mossburn at **423A Te Anau Mossburn Highway**. Easy to find, look for the accommodation signpost "423 - Te Anau Country Accommodation". Drive up the hill, veer to the right and through the gate (see picture) and follow through to the parking area – just look for a Stag parked in the paddock on the right by the drive (lots of room for parking).

We will have a friend taking photos with his drone so we should be able to get a great shot for the next magazine after the event and we also have another friend, Chef Will, helping prepare some yummy lamb, venison and sausages on the BBQ(s). Simple Sliders is the theme for the BBQ, easy to eat and perfect to go with the meat which has been sourced locally by Dave and cooked to perfection by Will!

Salads will also accompany the meat and sliders.

**BYO DRINKS** – Tea, Coffee and Ice water freely available

**COST: \$15 per head** – cash please, payable at the event.



## WHAT TO BRING .....

As you are all traveling a fair distance during your Summer 2023 road trip, it would be good idea to pack a couple of portable camp type deck chairs in the boot – I'm sure you've all thought of this already but they will definitely come in handy for your weekend here in Te Anau as well as at our BBQ



And of course, sunglasses, a hat and sunscreen will be a must – surprisingly it can get quite hot down here!!



Plus, please bring a bit of cash – as you can see from this Itinerary, there are a few events that we would like to manage more easily with just cash payments – thank you.

## MONDAY 27 FEBRUARY

Departure day!

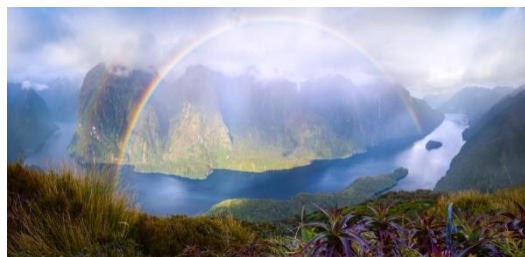
No plans this morning, unless you want to take up the Breakfast Option at The Village Inn and have a final farewell together over a bite to eat and a coffee, as from here, the group will split up as you all make your way north and back home.

BUT ...

There are still things to do, places to see ....

### DOUBTFUL SOUND

If you've been to Milford Sound and think you don't need to do Doubtful Sound, think again!



Doubtful Sound is 10 x larger than Milford Sound and the trip is just as beautiful but quite different to the route to Milford.

A boat leaves from Manapouri Harbour and takes you over Lake Manapouri to West Arm where you will board a coach for the 40min stunning drive over the Southern Alps, dropping down to Deep Cove to meet your boat to do either a 3 hour day cruise or start your overnight trip.

There are a couple of options for Doubtful, a Day Cruise or an Overnight Cruise.

RealNZ is the only day cruise operator and I know that bookings are already strong for January/February next year. RealNZ are also the only company that do the 1 night overnight trip, and again, bookings are filling fast but both trips are worth every penny.

(I'm not biased, but I have managed all these tourist activities in both Doubtful and Milford Sounds and if you have the time and the money, don't miss out on one of the last fantastically remote locations in the world!).

Departures times are:

DAY CRUISE – 10am the boat departs Manapouri, returning at 5.30pm

OVERNIGHT CRUISE – Departs at 12.30pm returning the same time the next day.

If you want to book either of these trips, please do this directly with RealNZ ASAP (or any other company/option you choose) at [www.realnz.com](http://www.realnz.com) as it is much easier if you manage your own bookings.

And if you do the Day Cruise, you might want to book a 4<sup>th</sup> night at The Village Inn, so please let me know if you want me to extend your 3 night stay to 4 nights and I will advise The Village Inn.

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Further information to fill in the gaps in this flyer, will be sent out before Christmas but if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

Thanks,

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