



GRIFFITH SALAMI FESTIVAL (LAURA) &amp; THE OLIVE NEST MUDGEES (SALVATORE)

# Paramount Tours Newsletter

## December 2017

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by Laura Di Leva

Welcome to our "End of the Year" newsletter.

I can't believe that 2017 has gone so quickly. It seems like only yesterday I was writing the newsletter for the end of 2016!

Following on from two successful overseas tours, our day trips and short tours are becoming more & more popular.

We celebrated Christmas in July this year with a wonderful lunch at Panorama House – Italian style. We had over 80 people attend the event this year, and that a record!

August is the annual trip to Griffith for the Salami Festival. This year there was a record crowd of 1,250 people in attendance. It's always a great time in Griffith with plenty of food, lots of salami and great company.



In September, we welcomed the Spring with a pleasant day trip to the small historic township of Morpeth, near Maitland. Everyone had the opportunity to visit this pretty town, its historic buildings and the importance it played in the history of early Sydney. We followed up with a plentiful buffet lunch at the East Maitland Bowling Club.

Our Mystery Day tours are also becoming popular. It's wonderful to see that so many people come along on these trips, not knowing where we will take them, but everyone is always pleasantly surprised. The Mystery Tour in November saw everyone enjoy a beautiful late spring day down the south coast, visiting the Wollongong Lighthouse (for some great photo opportunities) and the unique Nan Tien Temple.

Some people had never seen the temple and its serene beauty. The great buffet lunch at the Builders Workers club in Wollongong did not disappoint either.



# Mudgee & Dubbo Tour

6 - 9 October 2017

This October a group ventured into the Western Plains of NSW to Mudgee and Dubbo.

In Mudgee we visited Mudgee Honey Haven and tried almost everything made from honey including the delicious honey mead. We visited the Olive Nest to see all the great products made from olives set in a fabulous olive grove. We also did a special tour of Gooree Park stud farm to see many breeding and racing horses including some new born foals.

We then went to Dubbo Zoo and took a tour of the zoo to see many

animals that roam in the free enclosures. Although it was raining and we didn't get a chance to get up and close with the animals we had a pretty good view.

## OUR GROUP

There were 25 of us in the group including myself. Thanks to everyone in the group for making this a great trip.



# Cherry Festival Young

1 -3 December 2017

This year, as part of the December cherry season, we went to Young to celebrate the 68<sup>th</sup> annual Cherry Festival. We made a special stop in Cowra to see the POW camp where more than 2000 Italian were interned in the camp during WWII. In our group, there were two sisters whose father was a POW at the camp. It was a moving and emotional experience for all. Although the street parade in Young was cancelled due to heavy rain, we managed to get quite a few boxes of cherries to take home and enjoy.

I would like to thank all the tour participants for making all our tours such fun and always a pleasure.

Look out for our new brochure for all 2018 tours, including tours to the Islands of the Mediterranean and many more. **For any information or brochures, please contact us:**

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## OUR GROUP

There were 50 of us in the group including myself and Salvatore. Thanks to everyone in the group for making this tour one to always remember.