



## Budgerigar Council of Tasmania

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# UPDATE ISSUE NO 1 -OCTOBER '23

Welcome to Budgerigar Council of Tasmania update Issue 1 for the ANBC Nationals to be held at the Country Club Resort, Launceston Tasmania from 24 – 27 May 2024.

This update is in regard to **accommodation options** at the venue and a sneak peak of **potential tours** to be offered during and the days following the show.

Why not chat to your friends, family or mates, ( they don't have to like budgies!) and we invite you to extend your stay and enjoy our states hospitality for a little vacation on the island!

### **ACCOMMODATION :**

We have negotiated a reduced rate per night for the several accommodation options available on site at the Country Club Resort and Villas. The Resort has “blanked” out the weekend of the event to enable attendees first option for accommodation, however, the availability to book exclusively will reduce from late March, so with this in mind, the Committee would strongly encourage, if you are planning to attend, and would like to the convenience of staying within the complex, to contact the venue and secure your accommodation. **See Page 2 for details.**

**With this in mind, we thought it would also be a good time to let you all know we are working on tour options to enable you to co ordinate your accommodation requirements. Tour details are still in progress and all tours will require minimum numbers to go ahead.**

A couple of potential tours are only at the “lets see if there is any interest stage”, before progressing to a more formal proposal. With these proposed tours, the committee is asking for indications of interest. The options are listed in the Update. If you potentially would be interested, it would be appreciated if you could send an email to: [ANBCNationals2024@gmail.com](mailto:ANBCNationals2024@gmail.com).

# Accommodation Options

## ROOM TYPES & RATES



## National Budgerigar Show 2024



### Golf View Suite/Courtyard Suite

Space is plentiful with a large footprint incorporating separate living and bedroom quarters, private guest powder room, and the freedom of having your own balcony.  
Room size 57m<sup>2</sup>. King bed.  
No. of suites x 16.

\$259.00

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\$299.00



### Golf Executive/Courtyard Executive

Open plan rooms allow for an inspiring combined living and working space with plenty of natural light and fresh air. Located alongside our championship golf course, enjoy the views of the course from your window.  
Room size 27m<sup>2</sup>. King bed.  
No. of Executive rooms x 26.

\$209.00

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\$239.00



### Deluxe King/Deluxe Twin

A private aspect offering a wilderness or courtyard view allows you to get up close and personal with the resident wildlife, without leaving the comfort of your room.  
Room size 27m<sup>2</sup>. King or Queen & Single beds.  
No. of Deluxe rooms x 60.

\$179.00



### Country Club Villas (1, 2 & 3 Bedroom)

Spread out and relax in one of the ambient and spacious self-contained villas featuring a separate bedroom(s) and living room. With a private bathroom and parking at your door.  
No. of Villas: 54 x 1 bedroom, 10 x 2 bedroom, 6 x 3 bedroom, 8 Villa Suites.

\$169.00

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\$379.00

Note: Rooms are currently on hold .

Rates quoted above are Nett Rates (single/double/twin share) based on bookings directly. Additional fees apply for additional persons/bedding.

Rates quoted above are Net Rates (single/double/twin share) based on bookings direct.

## TO MAKE A RESERVATION:

**Call Toll Free:** 1800 635 344

**Email:** [reservations@countryclubtasmania.com.au](mailto:reservations@countryclubtasmania.com.au)

**Villas:** [Villas](#)

**Resort:** [Resort](#)

### Conditions:

All rates are per night, per room, based on single/double occupancy & Subject to availability. Credit Card Surcharge for Amex and Diners is 1.8%. Rates valid 3 days either side of conference/event dates. Reservations must be cancelled 48 hours prior to the day of arrival to avoid cancellation fees.



# SNEAK PEAK OF POTENTIAL TOURS

NB :All tours require minimum numbers to proceed

## Saturday and Sunday



### Explore the North – Winery / Distillery Tour

The Tamar Valley region is renowned for outstanding scenic river views along the seasonal cool climate wines and you will have the opportunity to visit and taste some of the local wines at several of the many superb award winning vineyards in this region. Enjoy a diverse and sophisticated range of wine styles that are available from some stunning vineyard locations.

### Explore the North – Heritage Tour

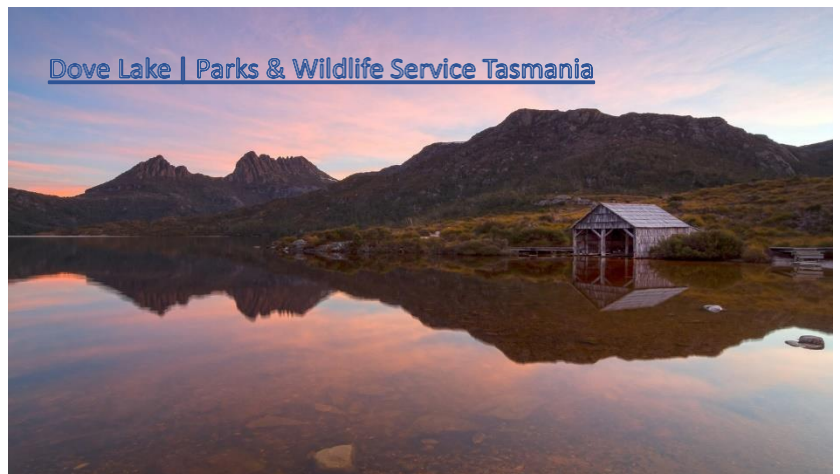
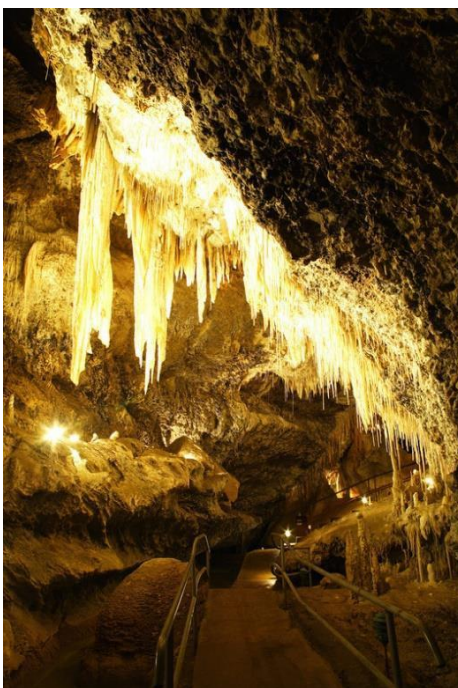
Northern Tasmania has many examples of early colonial buildings and places of national significance. Enjoy a visit to the colonial mansion of Clarendon House, World Heritage listed Woolmer's and Brickendon Estate along with the Georgian convict built Franklin House. Experience an insight into the unique and fascinating reflection of colonial life in Tasmania.



## Monday and Tuesday

### Full Day Wilderness Experience – Cradle Mountain Day Tour and Mole Creek Caves

[Mole Creek Karst National Park | Parks & Wildlife Service Tasmania](#)



Departing the venue, travel through the scenic Meander Valley and Great Western Tiers to reach the Mole Creek Karst National Park. Enjoy a guided tour through one of the spectacular limestone caves.

Travel up into the mountains through gorges, rainforest and button grass plains to reach the destination of **Cradle Mountain, one of Tasmania's iconic and most visited attractions.**



Enjoy a light lunch, experience the unique flora, fauna and geographical features of the World Heritage listed Cradle Mountain National Park. Enjoy a guided tour amongst the wilderness and experience the awesome views across Dove Lake to the jagged dolerite peaks of Cradle Mtn, wander the ancient King Billy Pine Forest.

Departing the World Heritage National Park, make your way back to Launceston via the friendly rural town of Sheffield featuring more than 140 murals which depict the pioneering history and character of the Cradle Mountain region and its intriguing past.

## Tamar Valley Highlights Tour

The West Tamar region is renowned for outstanding scenic river views and the State's highly acclaimed cool climate wine region and offers a wide range of unique attractions.

See the Beaconsfield Mine and Heritage Centre, view the Mine Rescue Display which tells the story of the extraordinary events of survival in the 2006 mine rock fall as well of lots of local history and treasures from the past.



Visit Beauty Point, the home of the Seahorse World where you can enjoy a tour through the fascinating Seahorse aquarium and platypus House where you have the opportunity to see both platypuses and echidnas in the daylight and undercover.

On your return to Launceston visit the National Automobile Museum of Tasmania

[N.A.M.T. \(namt.com.au\)](http://namt.com.au) displaying many magnificent examples of motoring history

with both motor vehicles and motor bikes presented.

The museum's theme and displays change regularly. Both modern and vintage eras are represented and everything in between, from muscle cars to the quaint and quirky.

Finish the days outing with tasting some of Tasmania's best cool climate wines and (Spirits) distillery offerings and have a chance to purchase local gourmet products.



Let's See If There is Any Interest ?? – Potential Tours – register your interest under no obligation to [ANBCNationals2024@gmail.com](mailto:ANBCNationals2024@gmail.com)

**Tasmanian Western Wilderness - 4 days visiting Tasmania's iconic must see destinations**

**Monday to Thursday or Tuesday to Friday**

**Day 1** - Depart Launceston, visit the townships of Deloraine and Sheffield arriving at the Cradle Mountain Lake St Clair National Park, only one of two UNESCO World Heritage Site, which meets seven out of ten criteria. Only one other place on earth, China's Mount Taishan -meets that many criteria. , Despite its wilderness character, visitors can access several sites that demonstrate what's so special about this World Heritage Area.



The famous sight of Dove Lake beneath Cradle Mountain is just one superb example of glacially-formed landscapes that have “exceptional natural beauty”

Overnight at Cradle Mountain

**Day 2** – Depart Cradle Mountain and travelling across the Alpine Plateau, drive through old mining towns, then drop down to the wild west coast at Strahan. It is only in the last 50 years or so that the main roads came to this part of Tasmania. You will be driving through landscapes almost untouched by modern civilization.

Arriving at Strahan, wander the township and early evening you will be treated to Australia's longest-running play, The Ship That Never Was tells the dramatic and hilarious true story about the last Great Escape from Sarah Island. The play is based on a real event in 1834.

Overnight at Strahan





### **Day 3** – Strahan - Gordon River Cruise

Step aboard an award winning Cruise Vessel and glide through the UNESCO Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area, a truly immersive experience.. Take in the tranquil surrounds of the Gordon River as you glide across the water.

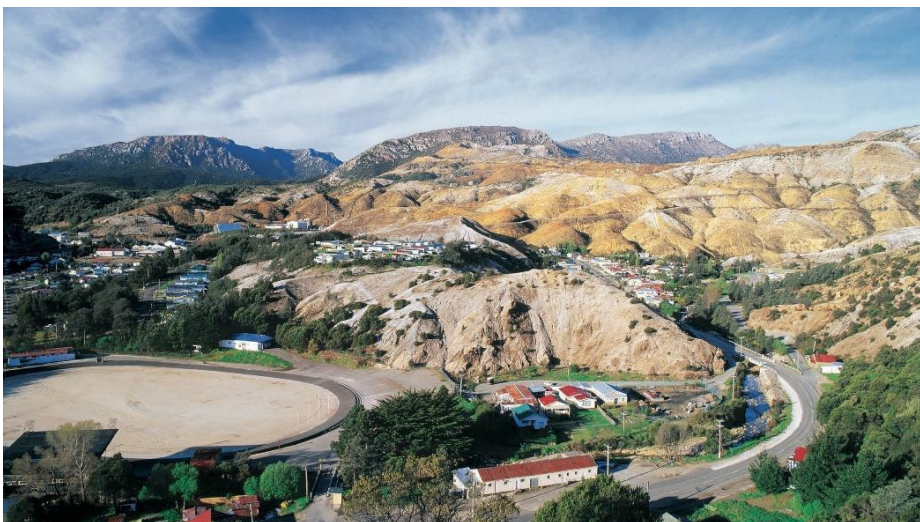


Guides and character based interpretations will take you through the history of this remarkable place, including the Macquarie Harbour Historic Site , Hells Gates, Heritage Landing taking a walk through the temperate rainforest, learning of the local flora and fauna while wandering elevated boardwalks that thread their way between the magnificent rainforest species. As well as sassafras and myrtle, you can stand in awe next to the pride of the forest, an ancient Huon pine.

Visit Sarah Island, Tasmania's oldest convict settlement and reputedly one of the severest penal establishments in the history of transportation to Australia. Remotely located, the island sits in the southern part of Macquarie Harbour Historic Site ..

Overnight at Strahan

### **Day 4**- Depart Strahan for Hobart via Queenstown and Lake St Clair



Queenstown is surrounded by the scars of its rugged mining history.

Right at the western edge of Tasmania's World Heritage Wilderness Area, lay an ethereal moonscape of stripped hills and mountains. Logging and copper mining in the early 1900's have left Queenstown's surroundings bare, colourful and beautiful.

Queenstown was once the world's richest mining town, and home of the Queenstown Oval, known colloquially as “The Gravel or The Rec (for Recreation Ground). Built in 1895, it is infamous for its gravel playing surface, and is used primarily for Australian rules football, while also hosting cricket and athletics.. The AFL has strict guidelines on what preferred playing field conditions are — they include well-groomed, green grass. In Queenstown, the local council uses a 10-tonne roller to flatten out the oval. It knocks the rocks back into the ground.





From dramatic snowy peaks in the north, to the vast glacial lake in the south; cascading rivers, and dense old growth rain-forest in between, visit the jewel, Lake St Clair National Park, one of the five national parks that form the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area. Take a stroll to see Lake St Clair, Australia's deepest lake which makes for picturesque water and mountain views all along the shoreline.

The first European settlers to visit the area in the 1820's were soon followed by explorers and

prospectors. Some of the old timber huts still standing in the valley probably date back to these times.

With increasing numbers of visitors and growing interest in settling the area, in 1885 the land around Lake St Clair was formally set aside for public enjoyment by the government in a very early and far-sighted act of conservation.

It was declared a Scenic Reserve in 1922, and a National Park in 1971. It now covers an area of 161,000 hectares



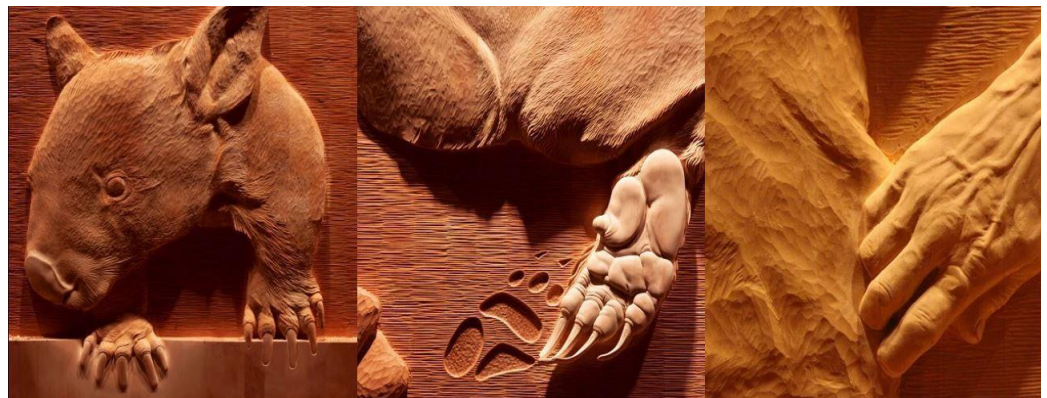
A short drive and you will visit the Wall in the Wilderness.

On the 1st March 2005 in one of the most beautiful parts of Tasmania Sculptor Greg Duncan set out to undertake sculpting a wall that would be 3 metres high and over 100 metres in length.

The material would be Huon Pine.

Through an often arduous at times but also immensely satisfying journey

and over a decade and half later you to visit what is simply known as The Wall.



Depart The Wall and make your way into Hobart, arriving at your overnight accommodation or catching a late flight home. This will finalise the 4 day Tasmanian Western Wilderness Tour where you can extend your stay to take in the many sights of Hobart or it is here we bid a fond farewell to all flying out of Hobart Airport.

# BUDGIES AND GOLFING

## Bring the mates even if they don't love budgies! THIS TOUR IS FOR YOU

**Monday** – Jump on board the bus and head to Australia's premier golf destination – Barnbougle.

Three iconic golf courses - The Dunes, Lost Farm and Bougle Run – golfing treasures for both the enthusiast and social golfer.



Rated #2 Golf Course in Australia by Australian Golf Magazine (2013) and #11 in the World by U.S. Golf Digest, The Dunes, with its spectacular vistas of Tasmania's North East Coast, is a Links Golf Course unlike any other in Australia.

The elder of the two courses, The Dunes is a spectacular example of traditional Links golf



Just a short pitching wedge across the river from The Dunes, lies Barnbougle's second instalment – Lost Farm. Despite Lost Farm's close proximity to The Dunes, it is remarkably different, featuring 20-holes that wind along the coast and through the coastal dunes.

Ranked as the #2 public course in Australia by Golf Australia Magazine, and #23 in the World by US Golf Digest, the Lost Farm course is an exciting challenge for Golfers of all levels



Overnight at Bridport or surrounds

**Tuesday** – Play a round or two of golf then head back into Launceston or beyond staying overnight



Set atop the dramatic sand dunes behind Lost Farm, Bougle Run, is the 14-hole short course at Barnbougle.

A fun, challenging addition to Barnbougle’s two world top 100 courses, Bougle Run is designed for golfers of all abilities and the perfect option to sate your golf appetite in just 90 minutes.

**Wednesday** - a day of relaxation taking in a winery or distillery or two before heading off golfing the next day **Thursday** at Australia’s oldest golf course, Ratho Farm, Bothwell.

TBC - Overnight or travel into Hobart finalising the tour. Extend your stay or fly out of Hobart late or next day .

## **TROUT BY DAY AND NIGHT – yingina/Great Lake**

yingina/ Great Lake is the largest natural freshwater lake in Australia. It is situated on Tasmania’s Central Plateau at an elevation of 1,036 meters (3,398 feet) above sea level. The lake spans an area of 158 square kilometers (61 square miles) and measures approximately 22 km (14 miles) by 11 km (7 miles). It fills a shallow depression with an average depth of around 12 meters (40 feet).



The lake is renowned for its fantastic fly fishing opportunities, especially after a wet winter or spring when water levels are high. During these times, trout can be found “tailing” in the shallow, flooded margins of the lake, providing excellent sight fly fishing experiences. Yingina is OPEN all season

Join your guide for a day or two, bring your favourite rod, spend the day spinning or fly fishing if that’s your fancy for a “rainbow or a brownie” . May stay overnight