



## RRBC SOUTHERN HOT WATER BOTTLE TOUR 2022



### Pack your favourite hottie ( ) in the car and motor off to the wild cool yonder, winter adventures await on the RRBC Southern Hot Water Bottle Tour

With the blessings of the weather Gods I have proposed the itinerary below, with contact details. For you to book your own accommodation. The format of the tour is an informal drive West, where the winter weather is refreshing and car washes are frequent and free. Starting with a weekend stay Lakeside with weekend excursions, and further motoring adventures to Nelson for the adventurous

I envisage that some may be content with, or only able to do the weekend trip on 23-28 July. Others may be interested in all or some of the continuing programme. *PLEASE FEEL FREE TO JOIN US IN ANY OF THE TOUR, ALL WILL BE WELCOME EVEN IF IT IS JUST FOR A NIGHT.*

Please contact Murray Hawkes on [alford.geoconsultants@xtra.co.nz](mailto:alford.geoconsultants@xtra.co.nz) and 021 311 335 for any enquiries. Accommodation bookings should be done directly but please coordinate with me so that I can track the reserved rooms

#### Friday 22 July 2022

Drive in your own time to meet at the Lake Brunner Lodge

Dinner at the lodge

#### Saturday 23 July 2021 Mackenzie tour

Light Breakfast at the lodge before departing

Kumara, to Greymouth and North to lunch at Punakaiki

Pm return to the Grey valley, Blackball Grey valley loop and return through Moana

#### Sunday 24 July 2021

Breakfast To be confirmed

Breakfast on the terrace prior to a mid morning departure through Rotomanu, Moana and up the Grey valley

Lunch in Reefton with a museum and distillery tour on the cards.

Any South Island members who want to get home to work might want to return with a lovely 3 ½ hour drive back to Christchurch via Springs Junction and the Lewis Pass

The touring group will transit from the Grey valley to the Buller and the wonderful upper Buller Gorge road, via Murchison to our accommodation at Tophouse in the Nelson Lakes

Accommodation and dinner at Tophouse

#### Monday 25 July 2022

Breakfast in St Arnaud

Transit via Nelson with stops and diversions to be arranged

Lunch on the Nelson waterfront

Afternoon Nelson to Blenheim

Accommodation (two nights) Renwick, 15 minutes from Blenheim at the Cork and Keg 03 572 9328, [stay@corkandkegmotel.nz](mailto:stay@corkandkegmotel.nz) 33 Inkerman St, Renwick with overflow or alternative in the nearby Olde Mill House <https://www.oldemillhouse.co.nz/our-rooms> [info@oldemillhouse.co.nz](mailto:info@oldemillhouse.co.nz) 03 572 8458 . Dinner Monday will be at the Cork and Keg

#### Tuesday 26 July

A brilliant day is planned cruising the coast in our elegant steeds with a vineyard lunch and relaxed afternoon

Return to Hotel around 4.00pm

Dinner @ Gramado's Brazilian restaurant <https://www.gramadosrestaurant.com/menu> cocktails at the hotel from 5.30, taxi to the restaurant.



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Wednesday 27 July

Breakfast to be confirmed

Home day. For those heading South lunch in Kaikoura, and a return through the Inland Kaikoura road via Waiau is recommended,

For those going North, check your ferry times and allow a good half hour to get into the ferry que in Picton (Oxley's Bar near the Marina do nice light meals pre departure, the Mediterranean Food Warehouse near the Bluebridge loading area is an unexpected gem, load up with porcini gorgonzola and kalamata

Please respond to Murray Hawkes on [alford.geoconsultants@xtra.co.nz](mailto:alford.geoconsultants@xtra.co.nz) or by text to 021311335 to indicate your interest.

We welcome anyone joining for any part of the tour, but please indicate which parts you will be likely to want to participate in

1. Westland weekend, Friday / Saturday nights
2. Tophouse, Sunday night
3. Nelson Lakes to Blenheim- Renwick, Monday/ Tuesday night.
4. Final Dinner Tuesday night,
5. All of the above

***I welcome any input to the plans for the weekend, (mostly) sealed roads, blue skies, no traffic cones no traffic cops and all the other good things in life.***

**BOOKINGS, ROOMS HAVE BEEN RESERVED, SOME VENUES HAVE LIMITED ROOMS AVAILABLE SO FIRST IN FIRST SERVED**

22-23 July Lake Brunner Lodge [lodge@lakebrunner.co.nz](mailto:lodge@lakebrunner.co.nz) Ian 0800 648 243 <https://www.lakebrunner.co.nz/accommodation.html> COST, including accommodation dinner and breakfasts \$160.00 per person

24 Juicy Tophouse Inn Helen and Clint Brough [info@tophouse.kiwi](mailto:info@tophouse.kiwi) 03 521 1269 0210712363 <https://tophouse.kiwi/> \$135 to \$155 per room Dinner on site

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For both Lake Brunner and Tophouse there should be sufficient space provided bookings are confirmed early. **Please identify your booking as NZRRBC**

References cited, [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hot\\_water\\_bottle](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hot_water_bottle)  
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