

LONGEST

LUTHERAN LUNCH

**Sunday
30
OCTOBER**



We started the day with a parish Reformation service at St. Martins Church Mannum. Had usual coffee and fellowship time after service, then started the Longest Lunch.

The lunch started at the Summerfield church hall, a congregation in the parish which is on the westerly side of the parish, with drinks, ports & sherries, & nibbles, after which soup was served by the members from that congregation.

It was then back to Mannum, the central point of the parish for the main course, of hammed pig, sauerkraut, and 4 German salads, washed down with a good drop of red or white wine or if you wanted something a bit milder apple juice was also popular.

After the main course, about 2.30 pm we then drove to Forster, the most easterly point of the parish where those member served the dessert of apple strudel and ice-cream and tea and coffee was also served.

It was a great day of fellowship, fun, eating, entertainment, and bonding in the parish, as our parish has only been realigned in the last few years and we are still in the process of the parish bonding, so this was a great opportunity to do this also.

I will just note some of the “longest” things we did that day:

1. Our lunch spanned geographically over a long area, aporox.80ks from one end of the parish to the other.
2. For travel we had a long bus to get us around in as well as car pooling to transport our 100 plus attendees.
3. Our lunch took a long time from 11.30 in the morning until 4.00 pm in the afternoon.
4. This was the longest time members of the parish had spent together as a parish.
5. For the main course we set our tables up around the perimeter of the hall to create a long table. Oh we didn’t forget the little people, we set a special long table up for them in the middle and had special finger food for them.
6. For the main course we started with a long piece of meat, a whole hammed pig, which was carved up by a retired butcher of the congregation, and he said it had been a “long time” since he had done that.
7. We had a parade of “long” fellows, to see who was the longest (tallest) male in attendance.(believe it or not it was the bus driver from the long bus which was escorting us around on the day).
8. We had two older men playing their “squeeze accordions” and we spent a long time singing old favourite German songs, some even in German. This was great fun, bought back lots of memories to the older folk present.
9. We had to cross the longest river in Australia(The Murray) to have our dessert and coffee.
10. We had people in attendance in a long age range, the youngest being just 4 months old and the oldest being a spritely 100 years.

At the end of all this fun and enjoyment we were pleased to be able to forward \$1466.00 to the African Famine Appeal. We feel so blessed with the enjoyment we had, and that we can now pass this on so people in Africa can just survive.

Cheers from Lorna Bormann
Co-ordinator of the Mannum Parish Longest Lunch

