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The last day of our Tasmania Experience tour allowed a sleep in to 8am before enjoying one of Dennis's Big Breakfasts. We were then back down the road to Ulverstone to demonstrate the Aurora 101 solar car at Ulverstone High School. This is a major area school of about 600 students from grade 7 to 10. We saw some 300 of the students in the school urged along by science subject head teacher Peter Snare. Our show was adjacent to the playing fields and this enabled Kon to demonstrate the car at speeds up to 60km/h. We had lots of great questions and many of the students noticing that the Aurora 101 solar car was a Ford. Students Christy, Jessie and Luke all had turns sitting in the drivers' seat.





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Then it was back on the road to Burnie in high winds. The solar car handled that well including the big hill at Penguin before arriving at Hellyer College on top of the hill at Burnie. As we passed the waterfront we could see drilling rig waiting to go out to the Yolla gas field in Bass Strait. Also evident were the mountains of woodchips heading for Japan. The usual group of cool year 11 and 12 students greeted us at Hellyer and we enjoyed seeing Merritce Summers, a photography student showing off her \$17 Monsters Inc. feet! Hellyer College has about 800 students and is one of the major Colleges in the North-East sector of Tasmania.



Our last visit and one that was really interesting was at Burnie TAFE where David Kirkham took us into their Disney Land. There we saw their human powered plane "Skycycle" which has the distinction of having flown 800m. Also their replica 1909 Bleriot vintage aeroplane was really impressive and finally the Mileage Marathon

car which has achieved 1667mpg.



That's it. Kon, Dennis, Rob and David have had a fantastic week. Team leader David has been taken away in a wheelchair. A big thankyou to Aurora Energy for sponsoring this week.

