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ACCSA Delegates Next Meeting

Wednesday
2 December 2015
at **7.30pm**

* Coffee will be available from 7.00pm

Walkerville RSL Hall
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All Welcome!

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

President Graham, on behalf of the Executive Committee, would like to wish all the Club Members of affiliated Clubs of the Association a Joyful Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

PRESIDENT'S CHATTER:

In my role as President of ACCSA I have set an objective for 2016 to encourage all Clubs that are members of the Association to increase their representation at the Bi-Monthly meetings. An increase in the attendance at the meetings will provide a broader scope of ideas and ways to improve and achieve the Association Objectives, as set out in the Constitution namely to "promote the spirit of good fellowship amongst member clubs."

Another initiative that I would like to pursue is an idea that has been previous used by ACCSA and that is to reintroduce the "Handy Hints" segment in the Journal, when members publish new ideas to assist in caravanning for all to read in the Journal.

In my research of the history of ACCSA, it is apparent that historically there has always been the issue of "what can ACCSA do for your Club". In 2016 I would like to continue with this challenge.

Note that the Time and Place of the December ACCSA Delegates meeting has not been changed. Any future changes will be forwarded when details are known.

FROM THE EDITOR:

This edition has lots more Rally Reports—well done to those who submitted them in time. For those who missed, we look forward to seeing your reports as well in the next edition of the Journal.

Deadline for the next edition is 28th January 2016.

MEMBER DISCOUNTS AND SERVICES (not endorsed by ACCSA)

- ACCSA have received an offer of Member Discounts from Proud Mary with Special Price Offers for individuals and groups on Murray River Cruises during January & February and June & July 2016.
- ACCSA members are also advised of the services provided in the Riverland area by Gibbs Auto Electrical, 1968 Bookpurnog Rd., Loxton. Ph 85847739, in particular auto electrical repairs to Caravans, Tow vehicles, including 4x4's, and Motor Homes.
- BIG4 Hopkins River, near Warnambool, Vic., will welcome one of your Club members visiting to assess the suitability of the park for your club. For further details of these offers, please contact the Editor.

A Summary of the Summary Report of the NACC AGM and Director's meeting held on 28-10-2015.

Copies of the Full Summary of these Minutes have been circulated to ACCSA Club Secretaries.

Well done to our representative director, Bob Williamson, who receives several honourable mentions!

NACC AGM

State Association Presidents (or nominees) attended the NACC AGM to deal with the agenda as previously distributed. SA was represented by Bob Williamson (Nominee of Graham Brown, President of ACCSA) .

Election of Office Bearers : Chairman - Peter Hillas, Treasurer - Ray Swift, Company Secretary – Rin Klasen

Election of NACC Representatives on RV Clubs Australia : Des Hartree – Director, Rin Klasen – Alternate Director

Directors Meeting

Immediately following the AGM, a Director's meeting was held to deal with the agenda as previously distributed.

- Reports were received from the 16th National Rally (Canberra 2016) as well as 17th National Rally to be held in Albany WA in 2019. A call has gone out for clubs attending the 16th National Rally in Canberra to provide volunteers to assist, especially in the task of security on the entrance gates.
- A report on the activities of RV Clubs Australia was tabled. This body is made up of representatives from CMCA, NACC and ATMC&CC and is focussed on matters affecting all RV travellers across Australia. The group met in June and the next meeting is scheduled for December. RV Clubs Australia has now been created as a company limited by guarantee with a Board of Directors and all the usual responsibilities of a public company. Further on-going discussions are planned with CMCA to address the question of representation on the Board of RVCAL.
- A report on the NACC online database was tabled. Nationally, 38 of 155 Clubs are using the database. This is a good result considering that the database has only been fully operational since June this year. Hopefully as more clubs see the benefit of using the database to manage their club membership records, these numbers will increase. Ideally all clubs will use the database and then both State Associations and the NACC can use the numbers when planning or negotiating discounts on behalf of club members.
- (Rin Klassen) was invited to attend the CCQ State Rally in Stanthorpe in September to give a presentation to delegates on the database and its use. Any State wanting a copy of the presentation please let me know.
- Thanks to the efforts of Director Bob Williamson, Directors now have a business shirt sporting the NACC logo. This allows Directors to publicise the NACC when conducting business or attending meetings.
- The Directors resolved to hold discussions with CIL Insurance and Ken Tame to see if some of the concerns raised by club members can be addressed. The outcome of these discussions will be published as soon as we have details to report.
- • The matter of raising the profile of the NACC was discussed and it was resolved that we approach the editors of various caravanning magazines with a view to having articles of interest published. Of course the question still remaining is how to raise our profile in social media to attract younger people to the caravanning lifestyle and the benefits of club membership.
- Shortly, the NACC will be developing a National Rally web site which will hold both historical data as well as information about the next two upcoming National Rallies. This initiative will assist states organising a National rally as there will be a specific location where visitors can obtain information.
- The CCQ Locality Expenditure Database was discussed and it was resolved that the NACC would apply for a grant to fund the development of a national approach. If funding is obtained this would allow all states to use the database and obtain the reports which CCQ have found very beneficial.
- The NACC will present a submission responding to the Draft Legislation on Holiday Parks and Camping Grounds in WA. WAACCI and CMCA are also preparing submissions. Submission close 30-11-2015.
- Bob McKernon (CCQ) reported on attendance at Destination Q forum held in Townsville recently. Queensland are actively promoting domestic tourism and leading the way on changes which need to be made to tap into this growing market.
- 7.5m Parking Regulation – NACC to write to Warren Truss (Minister for Transport) requesting changes to wording to only apply the regulation to commercial vehicles. Bob Williamson reported that the LGA feedback was that most councils were not aware of this regulation.

Thanks to all State Association representatives who made the effort to attend the meetings and for working together to ensure that club member's interests are being served.

Rin Klasen

NACC Company Secretary/Director/Public Officer

More Dump Points.

It seems that new 'On The Run' service stations are being fitted with dump points. The first unit was seen at Bolivar and, from a distance, it looks as though it has been installed at the right levels.

Thanks to Kevin Collins, State Representative for SA, Campervan and Motorhome Club of Aust Ltd.

Volunteer Camp Hosting at the Julia Creek RV Site

ACCSA received the following invitiation: (Note that this activity is not endorsed by ACCSA)

Julia Creek, in North West Queensland, has an RV Site for self-contained campers (toilet and shower on board) at an idyllic spot on the water's edge of Julia Creek. It is free to camp here for 96 hours. We are seeking **Volunteer Camp Hosts** from April to September 2016. Duties/requirements include:

- Volunteer Camp hosts must provide their own self-contained Caravan/RV (toilet and shower on board)

- Volunteers should be friendly and enjoy working with people

- It is preferred if volunteers stay for 2 to 3 weeks (camping is free, of course, during that time)

- Volunteers assist by ensuring guests complete their free registration permits and by providing basic local information (training provided)

For more information on Julia Creek, go to www.atthecreek.com.au

If you or one of your members is interested, please don't hesitate to contact:

Katrina Harling on tourism@mckinlay.qld.gov.au or (07) 47467690.

CHECK your Club's INTERNET PRESENCE.

With the proliferation of the internet, many clubs now have a presence that can be accessed by others.

Over time, links are added to external sites but are not necessarily updated.

It is recommended that Clubs undertake a search on their Club name and various permutations to see what information is out there and to check it's accuracy.

Try using a couple of different search engines, e.g. Google, Yahoo, Bing, Wikipedia, etc.

Request site owners /admins to correct any incorrect data.

The following refers to the last dot point in the 'Summary of the Summary Report of the NACC AGM and Director's meeting' opposite.

A question was asked regarding the length of time that a long vehicle can remain parked on a road and the following extract is from a letter of reply from the Local Government Association to The Hon Robert Brokenshire MLC.

It basically says that, unless allowed, if you park a long vehicle on a public road in a built-up area for more than one hour, you will commit an offence - but you probably won't get a ticket! - but you might!

"Rule 200 of the Australian Road Rules.

Thank you for your letter of 19 August 2015 concerning Rule 200 of the Australian Road Rules, which regulates parking for vehicles over 7.5 metres.

I understand that the Australian Road Rules are broadly similar in all states of Australia, following an effort some years ago to make road rules more consistent. Rule 200(2) of the Australian Road Rules, which applies in South Australia, states that:

> *The driver of a heavy vehicle, or long vehicle, must not stop on a length of road in a built-up area for longer than 1 hour, unless the driver is permitted to stop on the length of road for longer than 1 hour by information on or with a traffic control device, or under subrule (2A) or another law of this jurisdiction.*

Rule 200(3) defines 'long vehicle' as:

> *a vehicle that, together with any load or projection, is 7.5 metres long, or longer.*

It appears that this Rule can be modified by the use of traffic control devices, but I'm not sure whether they have ever been used for this purpose.

The LGA has never been approached by either Councils or members of the public about the application of this Rule and the information contained in your letter was the first time I had heard of it. The LGA has not formed a position on this issue and it is one on which I suspect that Councils may differ, depending on their locality."

BAROSSA VALLEY CARAVAN & CAMPING CLUB

November Rally 6th-9th Nov 2015
at Blanchtown Caravan Park

Eight members vans attended the rally with 2 prospective new members. The Blanchetown Caravan Park, east of the river, is very well managed and in an ideal setting with little traffic, closes proximity to the water and with walking trails. Cost was $25 per night for a powered site. All had arrived before Happy hour, which was held under a large gazebo between the vans. Thanks to the rally organisers for this. Saturday, after walks some chose to visit the market, Chocolate Shop and Gallery at Waikerie, while others enjoyed the opportunity to relax and catch up. The dinner on the deck at the Blanchetown Hotel was very prompt and enjoyed by all. Sunday we enjoyed breakfast under the gazebo and while it was cool, some ventured to Morgan to explore the Antique shop. The afternoon saw the BVCCC Belle's bathing in the park pool. Happy Hour was a hit as was the post tea meeting. We have now caught up on the 2015 travels and discussed plans for 2016. Colleen has finished her Crows Rug, all vans have been analysed and solar & battery options discussed.

November Rally 20th–23rd Nov 2015
at Riverton Caravan Park

Twelve member's vans attended the rally and two new prospective members.

The Riverton Caravan Park hosts Carolyn and Peter were very friendly and greeted the 'vanners on their arrival. The park itself clean and tidy with good amenities and park fees at $28 per night. Friday night at the Riverton Hotel for a two course meal with two choices of main course and dessert & a self-serve of vegetables and salads, at a cost of $30.00 per head. Meal was adequate, if a little expensive. Saturday night all had dinner together in the new camp kitchen with the usual frivolity followed by games night, for those who wish to indulge, at the football club rooms hired out to the club for a small donation. Sunday was pack up day and farewell to seven of the vans, the remainder staying on to visit 'THE GRAPE BAKERY' at Seven Hills for lunch and visit to Clare for afternoon, four of our members enjoyed a platter at O'Learys Walker, Leasingham. The evening was the final get together with the evening meal before leaving for home on Monday morning.

January Rally: Lunch at the Greenock Tavern

CARAVAN CLUB OF SA

October Rally
at Pt Broughton Caravan Park

The Pt Broughton Rally was another successful one full of interesting things to do in and around the area.
Good participation for the Club boat regatta by young and old.
Our Prospective members Janette & Gary kindly did the judging with Mary taking out the honours of best Adult Boat and Emily in the children's section. In the race we had Emily 1st Luke 2nd and William 3rd. In the Adult section Peter Ryan 1st and coming from the rear you guessed it I came in 2nd.
Thank you to the Judges we hope you enjoyed your weekend away with us.
To enlighten members who were unable to attend we had pirate boats, the hassled housewife boat, a speed boat with outboard engine and many other designs but only one boat had some safety equipment onboard.
The meal at Mundoora was excellent certainly worth putting it on the agenda again, and our Club BBQ and breakfast everyone joined in and the food was plentiful, thanks to the men for cooking the meat, and the ladies for salads and desserts.
I think we all took advantage of the pancake breakfast put on by the park.
We wandered up to look at the markets fighting off the pesky flies that took no notice of the repellent we all wore. I purchased a rubber duck but just like last year it is still coming in I think. (or drowned).

November Rally: Goolwa Camping & Tourist Park.

ACCSA 2017 STATE RALLY

Affiliated Clubs are asked to provide one of their members to represent them on a sub-committee to plan the next ACCSA State Rally. The sub-committee will report to the ACCSA Executive and will be tasked with determining the time, place and programme for the State Rally. It is envisaged that they will meet 3 or 4 times a year and will assist the Executive with final implementation of the programme.

Please ask among your members and forward name(s) to:

Graham Brown, ACCSA President at : president@accsa.asn.au

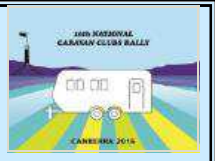
CARAVAN CLUB OF SA (cont)

November Rally
at Goolwa Camping & Tourist Park.

Our Goolwa Rally was lacking in numbers but not in enjoyment. Gary and I arrived at lunchtime on Friday and Mary and Bob shortly after. No-one else showed up! We drove into Goolwa in the afternoon for a wander round the shopping centre (minus Bob) then had a happy hour in our caravan until about 7.
We all went to the bakery in Goolwa for morning tea then had a wander in the main street, then back to the bakery to pick up some lunch. After lunch we drove to the wharf then over to Hindmarsh Island, looking around the Marina then out to the river mouth a very pleasant day then back to the caravan park for a SCAN (Senior Citizen Afternoon Nap) before heading out for tea.
We went to the Goolwa Hotel first, No Room, No Booking: then to Murphy's Hotel, No Chef, No meals: then to The Corio Hotel, No Room, No Good: finally over to Hindmarsh Island to The Landing, where it was perfect.
We all thoroughly enjoyed our meal in a lovely setting at the Landing! On Sunday we had to check out though Mary and Bob were staying another night so we all drove to the wharf (us with our caravan) and booked in for a cruise at 12.30 on the Oscar W Paddleboat. We had a coffee together then a walk with Mintie before boarding the paddleboat for a very enjoyable cruise in lovely weather. It was a very enjoyable weekend.

December Rally: Tanunda .

When and Where is the next National Caravan Clubs Rally?



The 16th National Rally of the Caravan Clubs of Australia, will be held at the Exhibition Park in Canberra (EPIC), situated on Flemington Road Mitchell, in the Australian Capital Territory, from Monday 19 to Wednesday 28 September 2016.

EPIC is just a short distance from the main Canberra city centre. This is a modern complex with large comfortable buildings at visitors disposal.

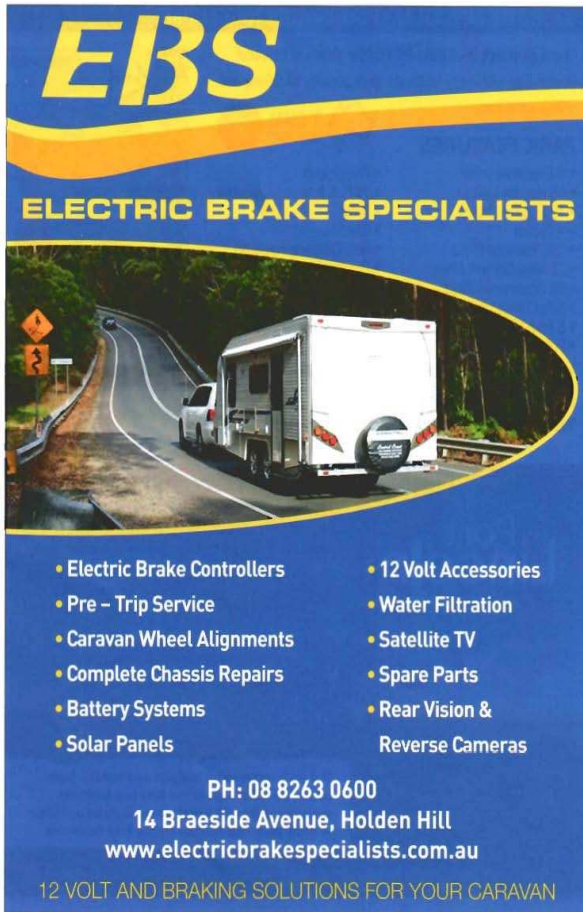
All evening activities at the rally will be held in a large air-conditioned building. This building may be familiar to visitors as it was the National Tally Room in the recent federal election.

RALLY COSTS

The total cost for this Rally is $400.00 including the registration fee of $30.00. Everything you need will be on site. There is even a service station and a McDonalds attached to the site.

More information can be found at

http://www.16thnatcaravanrally.org.au.



PACK CAMPING CLUB

August Rally (Edited from Club Newsletter report) at Cornvale 14-16 August (North Of Kapunda)	

The 3 parties took some time to select their perfect spots due to having so much choice as unfortunately no other members could attend this great camp. The light drizzle on arrival … & we soon had a raging fire with plenty of wood available. After dinner Peter & Joan travelled around Europe & London via the photos as Jan & Gerry relived their recent wonderful trip. Peter expressed this was a good way to see the sights without spending any money!! Saturday was a misty morning … & after lunch Jean & Grant dropped in for 5 mins … turned into a pleasant 2 hours … we were all in good spirits especially with the Crows convincing win. The thank you gift was presented at this time. We had ... our meal around our beautiful big camp fire… . We awoke to a 4^0C cool bright sunny morning & we knew we were in for a beautiful day. ... Peter & Gerry walked to the farm to view a shed being built within a shed… . We had a massive campfire all day & into the night, cooking on it & eating by it with the birds really singing up a storm, … . What a perfect setting! The canopy of brilliant stars filled the sky for two nights & we never tired of gazing at them while chatting & solving the world problems!

We had a warmer night Sunday & awoke Monday to a magical misty thick carpet of fog & no rain. We were in no hurry to pack up & enjoyed the sun breaking through by mid-morning & after a leisurely lunch headed off to beat the peak hour traffic. A big thank you to Jean & Grant for their generous hospitality & we were sorry due to various issues other members had to miss this great camp.

October Rally: Inglewood Motel and Caravan Park

CAREFREE CARAVANNERS

October Rally at Normanville	

The Normanville Caravan Park is a popular park and although it is ideal for Caravan Clubs it is well worth noting that if you plan an event that requires the Camp Kitchen fair chance that you will have to share the venue with other campers on the weekend.
We had planned to gather in the kitchen on the Thursday night but found two people watching a T.V. soapie but fortunately it was a pleasant evening and we were able to gather under the veranda for our entertainment.
On the Friday Night the Club went to the "Min Palace" Chinese and Thai restaurant and had a most enjoyable evening well catered for by Management and staff. The food was excellent and reasonably priced - a better option than the traditional hotel venue.
Some of the members availed themselves to the tourist spots in the area including the Deep Creek National Park, the Myponga Reservoir and Carrickalinga and others made good use of the scenic walk along the beach.
A new experience for the club was beach cricket and was described by the Rally Report as "a shabby fun affair with much laughter and questions from young beach goers".
A good venue for a Club Rally along with good weather makes for fun times.

November Rally:

Wanderers Caravan Club

November Rally at Edithburgh Caravan Park	19 Vans

19 vans attended on a warm but windy weekend, some still on their way home from an extended rally through south-eastern Victoria. The park has excellent facilities and is clean and tidy. Friday night dinner at the Troubridge Hotel was well received and enjoyed by all. Saturday morning quite a few attended the Garage Sale and the Workshop Café for a browse and a coffee. This was our Melbourne Cup Rally and the Saturday evening entertainment was the 'running' of the Wanderers Cup, lots of fun and (small) fortunes made and lost, thanks to "Honest Bob" the bookie and his fancy runner, Jacqui. On Sunday, a bowl of freshly made popcorn was spread all over the ground by a gust of wind, much to the delight of the ever waiting & hungry seagulls.

December Rally: Nuriootpa

COROMAL CARAVAN CLUB

October Rally
at Mannum Caravan Park, 15th October

. What a surprise. We arrived to find that, since our last visit, the whole caravan park had been renovated, repainted and beautifully upgraded - except for the dump point, which is still surrounded by sites and a bit awkward to get to.
Arriving back from a trip to Murray Bridge on Thursday we found the temperature hovering around 38 degrees, so after a quick chat together we all hibernated in our cool vans. As it was too hot for Happy Hour, we arranged to have Breakfast Hour the next morning.
Friday dawned cold and wet. The Breakfast Hour was most enjoyable in the attractive camp kitchen with everyone catching up on travel stories and the inevitable health issues and it was 11:30 before we knew it!
Dinner was at the Community Club with 13 members in all. The menu was quite extensive and reasonably priced and everyone was enthusiastic about their choices of food. It was a lovely evening with good friends and much laughter from Ken's jokes!
The weather on Saturday was perfect so most of us had a wander up the main street, some visiting the well-known bakery for morning tea, others enjoying the lush green lawns along the riverfront. A quiet afternoon chatting and reading before travelling across the river to have Happy Hour at Merv and Shirley's "Rose Cottage". This was another successful rally which we all enjoyed - a lovely venue, ok weather, a gathering of good friends - what could be better?

November Rally & AGM
at Pt. Willunga Tourist Park, 11th November

At the Big4 Port Willunga Tourist Park. On Sunday our ranks swelled considerably when we were 23 together for lunch. The caravan park owners Neale and Linda Geddes together with their staff Emma, Amy, Dave and Peggi were excellent – courteous, tolerant and obliging, helping our AGM and lunch run so smoothly.
The caravan park is well set up with large shady sites, a very good camp kitchen, a games room which we crowded into on Friday evening. The owners also offer caravan clubs fish and chip suppers, an outdoor movie show, wine tasting and a Thermomix demonstration. They also very kindly offered us the use of their café for our AGM and lunch. Port Willunga is a stunning beach and it was only a short walk from the caravan park, across Tuitt Rd. On Saturday night we had dinner at The Beach, formerly The Seaford Hotel. The service was very friendly and the meals generous. The Home Grain Bakery in Aldinga is worth a stop if you are passing that way.
The only thing we didn't miss coming home was the peacock at night. A very beautiful bird, which unfortunately didn't catch laryngitis!

December Rally: Pt Broughton Caravan Park

NOW AVAILABLE

Aluminium (Screw or rivet fix) @ $15 ea
Self-adhesive vinyl @ $12 ea

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at bi-monthly Delegates meetings
or by mail (P & H applies)
Contact: treasurer@accsa.asn.au
or **0413 596 852**

JAYCO CARAVAN CLUB

October Rally (Edited from Club Newsletter) at Robe Caravan Park	

Robe turned on beautiful weather for the Jayco caravanners and by the time we arrived most people were enjoying the sunshine and about to also enjoy "happy hour".
Barry Griffith welcomed everyone to the rally and suggested a few interesting activities such as dinner on Saturday night and meeting in the Camp Kitchen to watch the Grand Final of football. There was also a new Brewery in the town to explore.
Saturday morning was coffee time and a visit to the Mahalia Coffee shop which was also an "Aladdin's Cave " of wonderful crockery, toys, flowers, etc . Other people visited Beachport and the markets. We even heard that one couple collected a bag of cuttlefish for their neighbour's birds!!
As Saturday afternoon approached, the Camp Kitchen was the place to be and a friendly game started by people having a guess which Football team would win and by how many points.
Dinner at the Robe Hotel was lovely even though we had to wait for a while and also beat the children to all the bread rolls. Everyone on the rally went to the dinner, so we had a large table.
We all had a Bacon and Egg breakfast on Sunday morning and then walked down to the Robe markets to check out the wares. We noticed that there was a band playing at the Caledonian Hotel in the afternoon so a few of us decided to wander down to listen to the group and to have a light refreshment. All in all, a very relaxing, refreshing Robe rally.

November Rally (Edited from Club Newsletter) **at** Normanville Jetty Caravan Park, 6th- 8th Nov	30 Vans attended. Ppet friendly park $30.74 per powered site for two people

On arrival at the park we were warmly welcomed by Robyn & Russell Stanley, who had only taken over as managers one week earlier. Robyn & Russell were previously managers of the Windsor Gardens Caravan Park & so were quite experienced & there were no unexpected problems reported. This park was clean & tidy with good facilities & is located by the beach with good access for large and small vans. Happy hours were held in the camp kitchen which was full of fun & merriment.
Members of the Australian Caravan Company "our major sponsor" attended the rally, they supported our happy hour on Saturday night & what a happy hour it was with platters of finger food & refreshments for all. Our thanks go to Kay & Wayne Rohde (Directors), Michelle & Matt (General Manager), Leanne & David (Service), Yassma & Chris (All RV Parts), & Damon (ALL RV Manager).
The members of the Jayco Caravan Club wish to thank you for the support of our club & the way in which you participated & interacted with us.
The weather turned out to be perfect & whilst at Normanville members ventured around the area far & wide. Visits to Victor Harbour, Cape Jervis, Myponga, McLaren Vale, (for some wine of course) & Yankalilla for the bakery & some retail therapy for the girls. Between trips around the country side members also indulged in walks along this fantastic strip of beach, walks into town for the paper & morning coffee and some even walked in to the local hotel for an evening meal on Saturday night, then walked home again and thought they had exercised enough to be able to partake in an excellent serving of deserts that the members had provided for all.

December Rally: Nuriootpa

DAVE BENSON CARAVAN CLUB

October Rally (Edited from Club Newsletter) at Pt Willunga Caravan Park, 9th to 16th October	10 Vans

We received a very generous club and Big4 discount, with savings of $60. The owners Linda & Neil were very obliging for the whole week we were there. We had an area all to ourselves, with pine bark covering the ground, so no dust. Very nice clean amenities. Saturday the Willunga farmers market was on. Lot of stalls with fruit and veg, also lots of specialty stalls. Sunday was brunch followed by our AGM. New committee formed with a few changes. Date set for our Christmas dinner. During the week we had trips to wineries of course. Fed the kangaroos at Woodstock Winery. Took in one of the local bakeries, which you must do for lunch, at least on one day. The Big Buda 20 minutes drive down South Road was well worth a visit. Tuesday we were in for a treat. Linda & Neil put on tea in the kiosk for 18 of us. This was fish and chips with … all the trimmings, choice of tea, coffee, soft drink or red wine. A great feed, all for $15 each, then a movie on the lawn; Death At A Funeral. On Wednesday, a Thermomix presentation. The weather for the week was a mixture of hot and cold. Sightseeing and drives to various places. An excellent time at a park to be highly recommended.

November Rally: Stansbury

JAYCO JAYBIRDS CARAVAN CLUB

October Rally, 2nd to 5th October 2015 at Stockport Caravan Park	

Wow, what a surprise package! I don't think anyone could have imagined such an unusual experience. The weather was fabulous and as usual, much laughter.
We were greeted by the camp managers and were taken on an amazing tour. They have dozens of very old cars including a Mercedes valued at $3.4 million! In addition they have collected thousands of pieces of equipment, tools and relics. They have a grand plan to create the most unique caravan park in Australia. They also offered to provide a concert featuring Elvis Presley next time we visit!
Most people visited local towns during the day and the evening meal was to die for. I think we have some members preparing for a gig on Master Chef!
Following an unusual night drive we returned to a great camp fire which provided welcome relief as the cold night air descended.

November Rally at Pt Willunga Caravan Park, 6th to 8th November	6 Vans

Most arrived on Friday the 6th to be greeted by a beautiful spring day with plenty of sunshine. After everyone had completed setting up we all sat around enjoying the weather and chatting until someone suggested we start happy hour. We were joined for happy hour and a nice BBQ dinner by Emma and Karen, who live so close to the caravan park that they chose not to bring their Van. They also visited again on the Saturday night to catch up with everyone as did Ellen and Peter. As the Park camp kitchen was quite busy some members offered the use of their portable BBQ's and hot plates and all the meals were cooked and enjoyed by everyone. As the evening progressed the weather became quite chilly, and as there are no camp fire facilities, everyone retired to their Vans quite early. On Saturday morning, members again sat around enjoying their breakfast and having a chat until lunchtime when most members went their individual ways, exploring the district and enjoying lunch at various Cafe's and Restaurants around the area. We all assembled back at the park around 3:00pm to observe the members of the committee hold a meeting to discuss the running of the Club. We then decided to have a Bocce tournament on the grassed area near our vans, until once again it was happy hour, so we enjoyed a few drinks and nibbles before Tea. Some members chose to prepare their own dinner, while others chose to order food from the Park Kitchen, who provided a nice menu option at very reasonable prices. The night was a bit warmer than the previous one, so we stayed up a bit later, enjoying each others company. Sunday morning was time for most of us to pack up and head for home.

December Rally: Normanville Caravan Park

SOUTHERN CROSS CARAVAN CLUB

October Rally at Melrose, 15th-17th October	13 Vans Site Fees, $28 with Club discount

The management were wonderful and really looked after us and also provided a free powered site for the Club Gazebo. Friday afternoon we had the President's meet and greet and then we went to the North Star Hotel for a lovely dinner. The portions were generous and the staff were great. On Saturday we had Tizer Quiz in the morning and then at 2pm the rally officers had planned Roman Games which turned out to be a Bocce Tournament. At 4 pm we had the Club Committee meeting followed by Happy Hour and then a Community Dinner in the Gazebo. Later that night we played a card game called 'Hoy'. It is like bingo but played with cards. Members are divided into 5 at a table and are given a set of cards. One of them deals everybody 7 cards which are then turned face up. A caller then goes through a set a set of cards and as cards are matched they are turned face down and when all the cards are turned the first one who calls out "Hoy" won a prize. All our members donated a male and female prize which were also wrapped up. It was also fun to see each winner unwrap the prize which was supposed to be funny. On Sunday morning we had a Champagne Breakfast and then later that morning we had to show and tell all an item we had bought locally. At 6pm we had our traditional Fish & Chip meal. A Great Weekend, enjoyed by all.

November Rally: Middleton.

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