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**ACCSA Mission:**
*To promote caravan clubs to the general public represent caravan clubs at a public and industry level, and assist all members to safely enjoy the caravan and camping lifestyle.*

## President's Report, April 2024

Where have the last 4 months gone? I hopr everyone has been out and about enjoying our wonderful SA weather.

I must thank the Club members who helped on the ACCSA Stand at the Caravan & Camping Show in February. Thanks to Carefree, Adelaide and Southern Cross Caravan Clubs. There will be another chance for Clubs to assist at the next Show being held in July. We will be asking for volunteers to attend the stand during the Show and hope to have more clubs involved to promote caravanning and caravan clubs in SA.

The State Rally will be held from 16th to 22nd October 2024 at the Big 4 Breeze Holiday Park, Port Elliot. The first ACCSA Sub-Committee meeting was last week. Thanks to those who attended. The planning is well on the way with 70 caravans already registered. If your Club has not registered members wishing to attend, please contact our Registrar, Lesley Davis email ldavis@outlook.com.au with member's details required by the Caravan Park. A reminder that ACCSA is paying your deposit which is the first night's site fees.

Please do not contact the Caravan Park as your registration will be handled and paid for by ACCSA. If members have special requirements at the Caravan Park please advise our Registrar Lesley, who will liaise with the Caravan Park.

We are currently organizing a programme for the event which includes entertainment on Friday and Saturday nights. A pizza meal is being supplied for all attendees on the Saturday night at no cost.

We will have other activities during the event for attendees to take part. There will be a Disc Bowls competition between clubs on Friday afternoon. More info on the State Rally will be advised in coming months.

The next ACCSA Delegates Meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th April at 11.00 am in the offices of the Caravan & Camping Association, 65 Goodwood Road, Wayville. This is a face to face meeting but a Zoom connection will be set up for those unable to attend. For those attending the meeting and wish to join us for lunch afterwards at the Goody Hotel, please contact John Anderson on mobile 0418 803 551.

Happy & Safe Caravanning

*John Anderson*
ACCSA President

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# State Rally Registration

### Port Elliott Caravan Park, 16-22 October 2024

Thank you to the clubs who have already sent their lists of members intending to come. Could remaining clubs please send your lists (preferably in Word or Excel format) to Lesley Davis at ldavis@outlook.com.au as soon as possible. The list should contain the following details:

Member names, van length, address, email address, phone contact, number of people attending and arrival/departure dates.

If any of your members have booked a cabin, please indicate this on your list too. Similarly if any member requires special consideration regarding location of their van, please add this to the list sent to the Registrar or advise her now. These lists will then be collated and sent to the caravan park who will allocate sites.

The **registration fee of $20 per site** is payable to ACCSA by the **31st August**. We are asking that Clubs collect this from their members attending and pass on to the Registrar by the due date. This will then allow a check to be made that all intending attendees have been booked into the caravan park.

Full payment of the remainder of your site fees will be payable directly to the caravan park about one month before the rally. Date to be confirmed.

Any questions, please do not hesitate to phone me on 0417 862 367.

Lesley Davis
Registrar

ACCSA President at the Caravan and Camping Show on the ACCSA stand.

# Club Rally Reports

## Location: MENINGIE

**Date of Rally:** 1-5 Feb **No of Vans:** 21 (**Adults** 36)
**Expenses Incurred:**
Park Fees $40 per night (deposit/full payment before)
(lakefront sites were at additional cost)
Total site fees: $2890
Other Expenses: $950
Total spend at rally: $ 3840
**On arrival**: Collected site details from the unattended office. No problems with sites allocated.

**The park and surrounds**: Well maintained, green grass, neat, tidy, excellent camp kitchen with additional facilities from last year.

**Things we did at this rally:** Enjoyed meals at the bowling club and hotel, brunch and coffees at the adjacent café, walked into town, visited the op shop and bakery. Spent a lot of time in the sun enjoying catching up with other members.

**Recommended.**

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## Location: WALLAROO (NORTH BEACH)

**Date of Rally:** 1-5 Mar **No of Vans:** 22 (**Adults** 39)
**Expenses Incurred:**
Park Fees $35 per night (no deposit required)
Total site fees: $2700
Other Expenses: $1200
Total spend at rally: $ 3900

**On arrival**: No issues. Friendly staff in reception.

**The park and surrounds**: Well maintained sites although some nearest the beach were a bit dusty and well used. Our club members were a bit spread out but that was due to more vans attending.

**Things we did at this rally:** We were lucky again with the weather which meant happy hours could be held outside. We had a barbecue one night, went to the hotel another night and visited the Port Hughes café for a fish and chip lunch. Walks on the beach, a swim, coffee at the beachfront kiosk were all enjoyed. Bowls was held in rather strong winds on the seafront which resulted in some interesting shots.

**Recommended as a destination.**

## Dave Benson Caravan Club

## Location: WALLAROO HOLIDAY PARK

**Date of Rally:** 9th – 16th Feb 2024
**No of Vans:** 8
**Site fees:** $37.80 per night (senior's discount)

**The park and surrounds:** The park has a fantastic air-conditioned, well-equipped camp kitchen.
Sites were sand and dirt, when the wind picked up from the SE our vans were sandblasted inside and out.

**What we did:** The group had lunch and cooling drinks at the beachside café. We visited the petting farm and the goats had some fun trying to eat a members clothing. Drives to Kadina, Moonta, North Beach along the beach and lunch at Port Hughes. Fishing from the jetty was light on, a few sand crabs but no blueys. We cooked pancakes on Shrove Tuesday.

**We would recommend this park**.
Next Rally Renmark Riverbend Caravan Park March 1st – 8th

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## Location: RIVERBEND CARAVAN PARK

**Date of rally:** 1-8 March 2024 **No of vans:** 6
**Expenses Incurred:**
Park fees: $42.30 per night
**This park and surrounds:** This is an excellent park with many well grassed sites. It has a very good and well stocked camp kitchen. The areas were clean and well maintained. The facilities are clean and modern.

The common grass down to the river was well used for happy hours. It was nice to watch the kangaroos grazing at sunset.

**Things we did:** We had two organized meals out. One for lunch at the Renmark Club. The other for dinner and this we took advantage of the Paringa Hotel courtesy bus.

There are many interesting local points of interest – the lookout over the River Murray and the Paringa Cliffs.

**Recommended:** We would recommend this park to other caravanners. However, there is some noise at night from the traffic going over the bridge to Paringa.

Our next rally is to Kapunda 5th – 12th April

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# Club Rally Reports

## BAROSSA VALLEY C&C CLUB

### Location: Victor Harbor Beachfront Holiday Park

**Date of Rally:** 2 – 4 February 2024 **No of Vans:** 8

**Expenses:** Accommodation $1087, Fuel, Meals, other expenses $2474. Total expenses for weekend $3561.

The rates were a little confusing being different for Saturday from other days, at $51 night for power. But with the other two nights being discounted at $42 per night, it averaged out at around $45 per night for the 3-night weekend. It does pay to check for fees when booking here each time as they also differ for peek times and school holidays etc.

By whatever route we came, the trip to "Victor" was certainly not leisurely for the eight vans from our Club which arrived at the very crowded NRMA park. However, our sites were on the quiet edge of the park near the river (with an ablution block close by).

The weather was kind to us all weekend, with a sea breeze and temperatures much lower than most of the rest of the State suffered.

**What we did:** Our program provided us with a range of suggestions for spending our time. Op-shops (there are 6 in the town) and morning markets featured among them. Some people took the opportunity to visit friends and relations. The nearby beach provided pleasant walking towards the Bluff in one direction and the causeway and town in the other. On Sunday most of us did the walk around the obelisk and enjoyed the views towards Port Elliot and Goolwa. Of course, then it was time for a coffee in one of the (busy) cafes.

Dinner at the Grosvenor Hotel on Saturday night was excellent in terms of the quality, quantity and prices of the food.

"Happy hour" each day tended to last much longer than sixty minutes and being part of a smaller group than usual, seemed to make it easier to have a chat with everyone.

## Carefree Caravaneers of SA Inc

### Location of Rally: Coobowie Caravan Park

**Date of Rally** 9th – 13th February 2024
**No of Vans** 13 **Adults** 23 **Children** Nil
**Deposit Required** **Yes**

**Expenses Incurred:**
Park Fees = From $30 P/N Total= $1560
Other Expenses = $2860 Total spend = $4420
**On arrival**: All good, park managers very helpful and friendly.
**The park and surrounds**: Great place to stay, good crabbing
**Things we did at this rally**
Communal BBQ , Ordered takeaway at local deli, lunch at Edithburgh, general games afternoons, crabbing, fishing and trips around the local area.
**Recommended:** Would definitely come back

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### Location of Rally: Port Broughton Tourist Park

**Date of Rally:** 4th – 8th March 2024
**No of Vans** 12 Plus 1 Cabin Adults 24 Children Nil

**Expenses Incurred:** Park Fees = From $46P/N Total= $2468
Other Expenses = $2860 Total spend = $5328
Deposit Required Yes
**On arrival:** All good, park managers very helpful and friendly.
**The park and surrounds:** The sites are good size and most had good artificial grass. The facilities are a little tired for the money being paid it was a bit disappointing but nothing really bad. The bathrooms and camp kitchen cleaned daily. The BBQ and pizza area was not all that welcoming so we used our own BBQ and pizza ovens.
**Things we did at this rally:** to the local hotel for lunch had a pizza night disc bowls, scone making morning tea and a byo BBQ with shared salad.
**Recommened:** Would definitely come back.

Next Rally; Goolwa Caravan Park 8th- 12th April

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# Club Rally Reports

## Southern Cross Caravan Club

### Location of Rally: Beachport

**Date of Rally:** 29th February – 4th March 2024
**No of Vans:** 18 No. of Adults 33

**Expenses Incurred:** Park fees per night: $38.00
Total site fees: $2,936:00
Other expenses (food, entertainment, fuel, etc) $9,558:00
Total spend: $12,500:00

**On arrival:** Meet by friendly management and allocated sites

**The park and surrounds:** Park across the road from the beach, small camp kitchen so set up club's gazebos on subsidised site. Grassed sites some sites small but all negotiated OK.

**Things we did at this rally:**
Thursday arrived and set up at happy hour celebrated Leap Year learnt a lot about leap year, individuals rewarded with BIG chocolate frogs.

Friday explored local area and brewery, Happy Hour welcomed guests joining us and acknowledged members who achieved 25 Rally milestone, evening meal at Beachport Hotel big serves and very busy.

to the Crayfish Festival (which ran from 10am-10pm) where members indulged in good food, wine and music returning to camp around Happy Hour to debrief, some returning later.

Sunday morning, we gathered in the gazebos for morning tea and cake with candles to celebrate the founding of our club 50 yeas ago. The normal Tizer quiz followed scoring 35/50. Happy hour with Crayfish spiders and dip provided by the local Crayfish Co-op.

Monday packed up and left for home, one member had motor trouble so travelled home in a tow truck. Great Rally and company as usual.

**Recommended or not:** **Yes**

Next rally location & date: Melrose Show Grounds RV Park 21st March – 25th March 2024

### Location of Rally: Melrose Showgrounds

**Date of Rally:** 21st March – 25th March
**No of Vans:** 13 No. of Adults 25

**Expenses Incurred:** Park fees per night: $30.00
Total site fees: $1,560:00
Other expenses (food, entertainment, fuel, etc) $5,900:00
Total spend: $7,460:00

**On arrival:** Meet by friendly caretaker (Michael) no allocated sites.

**The park and surrounds:** Camping area at northern end of oval. Power, water and dump point with modern toilets and showers. We used the large camp kitchen for meeting and get togethers

**Things we did at this rally:** Thursday arrived and set up at happy hour gathered and watched the Kangaroos come into feed on the oval. Friday after morning tea a group explored the Bridle 4wd track lead by member Ian , Happy Hour members welcomed by President Dominic evening meal at Mt Remarkable Hotel where we were very well looked after with complimentary Garlic bread or soft drink and separate dining area. Saturday morning tea get together afternoon visit to Jacka Brewery situated in the old brewery which has been revitalized with accommodation, meals and of course brewery products, highly recommended by members. Happy hour back at Camp, BYO dinner and followed games in camp kitchen. Sunday traditional cooked breakfast followed by morning tea and Tizer Quiz at 10:30am score 36/50 some travelled to Booleroo Centre to see Steam Power festival and to check out Wilmington and surrounding area. Back at camp by 4:00pm Happy Hour and BYO Dinner in Camp Kitchen. **Monday** pack up and leave for home. Another Great Rally and company as usual well done SCCC.

**Recommended or not:** **Yes**

Next rally location & date: Long Rally, Padthaway 16-18 April

Halls Gap 18-22 April Keith 22-24 April

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