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Next Delegates Meeting

ACCSA Delegates are only by video conferencing. The next ACCSA meeting is on Wednesday 20th April 2022 at 7:30pm

We would like to see a delegate from every club, if you wish to attend by Zoom Video link please contact Robert Hart to send you the invitation link.

PRESIDENT'S CHATTER

CARAVAN AND CAMPING SHOW

The Association was well represented at the Caravan and Camping Show with four clubs actively involved. There was a number of potential members who registered an interest in a follow up enquiry and they have been distributed to the Clubs. In addition, a number of brochures advertising the participating Clubs were handed out during the five days. This resulted in a major increase in the number of contacts made with the ACCSA and Club websites. Further contacts were made with the Caravan Industry and a number of Parks showed an interest in advertising their parks in the National Rally Newsletter. The Spear Creek and Bordertown Caravan Parks stated that they would advertise their parks.

I personally wish to thank all the volunteers that help staff the site and without your support it would not be possible to participate in the show.

18TH NATIONAL CARAVAN CLUB RALLY 2023
YOU CAN NOW INVITE A FRIEND

A further reminder that the 18th National Rally is still scheduled to be held from the 27th March to 5th April 2023. This provides an opportunity for those that could not make it this year to consider registering for the 2023 event.

It is an 18year opportunity to attend a local National Rally.

Friends who would like to attend but are not members an Affiliated Club, can do so as a result of the National Association decision to approve this initiate. All that is required is to have these visitors endorsed by your Club.

This is a major event for South Australia and your attendance is supporting our State.

GET WELL SOON

Bob Williamson who served as an Executive Member of ACCSA and as a Director for the NAAC for a number of years is experiencing a bout of sickness and we wish Bob a speedy recovery.

ACCSA AGM

Remember folks, the AGM is scheduled for Wednesday 24th August 2022 via Zoom and all positions will be declared vacant. This is an opportunity to consider nominating someone that you consider would represent your Club on the ACCSA Executive. The current Committee have served a number of years and deserve a break. Please give it some thought?

Graham Brown, President ACCSA.

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."

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Membership closed at present

FROM THE EDITOR:

I trust that everyone has copied with the chilling winter weather.

In this edition of the ACCSA Journal are very interesting rally reports. Some clubs have a website and/or a Facebook page to spread news of their clubs, so it worth looking up other clubs websites and Facebook pages. However I ask clubs to please keep sending in your rally reports during 2022 and share your experiences. Remember that other clubs are interested in what other clubs are doing and their experiences at their rallies.

Please check out the ACCSA website for items added to the "Club Newsletters" and also to the "Notice board". In particular the Caravan Clubs of Queensland info regarding their State Rally in 2024.

The National Rally has taken a lot of time by many committee members who had to make the difficult decision to postpone the National Rally that was to be held this year in March/April 2022 to March/April 2023. Having made that decision we look forward to holding the 18th National Caravan Clubs Rally from Monday 27th March 2023 to Wednesday 5th April 2023 (9 nights). We encourage all affiliated clubs to put the National Rally in their 2023 calendars and ask their members to register for the 18th National Rally.

The National Rally Committee is rebooting National Rally. Please look up the National Rally website at https://www.18thnationalcaravanrally.org.au/ to check out what is going with the National Rally, and remember

"REGISTER NOW".

We would like to see a greater presence from members of South Australian affiliated clubs attend the 18th National Caravan Clubs Rally in 2023.

We are pleased to announce that our sponsors, EBS, Adelaide RV, Kui Parks, North East Isuzu, Northern Caravan Storage and Fund Raising with Entertainment are continuing to support ACCSA during 2022 and in return we encourage members of all affiliated club to please support our sponsors.

Enjoy the Journal and drive safely, stay safe health wise.

Take Care, Robert Hart

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As a sponsor of ACCSA and the National Rally, Kui Parks recommend the following two parks to consider prior to and after the 18th National Caravan Clubs Rally 2022. Make an early booking at either of these two parks.

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Where Clubs are Rallying in Sept & Oct 2022

	September 2022	October 2022
Adelaide Caravan Club	Morgan (8-12)	Nuriootpa (20-24)
Barossa Valley Caravan & Camping Club	Stony Creek to Whyalla (12-19)	
		Port Rickaby (1-23)
Carefree Caravanners of SA	Meningie (12-16)	Tag-a-long (17-26)
Dave Benson Caravan Club	Crystal Brook (16-23)	Mt Compass (21-28)
Elizabethan Caravan Club	Strathalbyn (16-18)	Mildura (from 14)
Family & Friends Caravan & Camping Club	Mount Crawford (9-11)	Robe (30-Nov 3)
Jayco Caravan Club of SA	Rawnsley Park (9-11)	Mannum (7-9)
Jayco Jaybirds SA	Coonawarra	Robe
Port Augusta Caravan Club	Hummocks Station (6-9)	Naracoorte (17-14)
Southern Cross Caravan Club	Rolling Rally (19-30)	Willunga (20-24)
Wanderers Caravan Club of SA	Clayton Bay (17-19)	Kapunda (21-23)

The 18th National Caravan Clubs Rally will be held at the Riverland Events Centre, Barmera SA from 27th March to 4th April 2023 (9 nights)

To keep up to date with Newsletters & additional information following link: https://www.18thnationalcaravanrally.org.au

Southern Cross Caravan Club Rally Report 16th to 19th June 2022 at **Riverton Caravan Park.**
9 vans & 2 Cabins. Site Fees $31 per night (Discount to Caravan Clubs — Normally $34 per night)

On Arrival: - The check in process was pleasant and efficient.

The Park & Surrounds: It is a small park in basically a bush setting. It has good clean amenities which were kept clean for the duration of our stay. There is a new camp kitchen which was quite large enough for our club. It has 3 enclosed sides but open at the front. We made good use of the fire drum which directed heat back into the building. The sites were muddy after much rain. **Would we come back? Yes.**

Things we did at this rally: Dinner at the Riverton Hotel, the lamb shanks & beef schnitzels were popular and very tasty. The Rally Officers took orders the day before ensuring meals arrived on the tables soon after arrival. The Advertiser Quiz is always popular at morning tea (score was 33 out of 50 this time) and Saturday night members told us about caravanning and travelling experiences. Checked out the Auburn Markets at the Auburn Oval/Caravan Park. A good rally, very enjoyable and the weather was sunny but cold and the rain held off until departure on the Monday morning.

Approx. Spend at this Rally: Accommodation $1,738, Other Spend $1,870.

Southern Cross Caravan Club Rally Report 28th July to 1st August 2022 at **Murray Bridge Marina Caravan Park**. Site Fee $34.80 with discount, Deposit was required, Attendees: 10 vans & 1 couple in a Motel & 5 visitors.
Approx. Spend this rally: Accommodation $1,698, Other Spend $2,307.

On Arrival: Quick, efficient, and friendly.

The Park and surrounds: A great park with large lawn sites but had patches of dirt. The handyman decided to whipper snip the grass after our arrival which resulted in grass clippings being sprayed everywhere and being trudged into vans. The amenities were kept clean and tidy even though the park was relatively busy. The camp kitchen was small but well equipped. We set up our Club Gazebos at no extra cost. **We would definitely come back.**

Things we did at this rally: Thursday arrived and set up and used the camp kitchen for Happy Hour as it was not busy at that time. Dinner was either brought to the camp kitchen or had back in respective vans. Friday: Erected 3 out of 6 of our Club Gazebos due to our small group. We attended the Bridgeport Hotel for lunch where we were joined by Peter & Elaine who had booked into a nearby motel as cabins were all booked out and John & Wendy who came up for the day. The meals were large, service great and the new modern hotel was fantastic. Meals were a bit pricey. (What we call the barometers, the schnitzels were $24 plus toppings). Later back at camp, we had the President's meet & greet and happy hour. Saturday: Met for Morning Coffee & the Advertiser Quiz in the Club Gazebo and then free time to explore the area. Some ventured as far as Mannum for lunch. Later that night the rally officers had us complete Road Traffic questions. It did show that some of us will need a bit of a brush up on the laws. Sunday: The club attended Aussie Apricots, 255 Carawatha Drive, Mypolonga. Where Kathy & Paul Prosser gave us a talk regarding their apricot growing business and apricot products which are supplied to their own Aussie Apricots Outlets, Murray Bridge outlets, Farm Fresh Market and Drakes Stores. We then attended the gift shop where many purchases of dried apricots, dipped chocolate apricots, soaps and relishes were purchased. We then attended 200 metres up the road to Paul & Kathy Prosser's Revolution Motor Museum where we were treated to a BBQ lunch with salads and apricot ice cream for dessert. We then inspected their collection of old and classic cars and then some watched a movie at their theatre. Our Club highly recommend that you include this function at a rally should you be in the vicinity. The cost is only $23.50 per person. Well worth it and killed half the day. Bookings can be made by phoning 08 8535 4334 or 0427 711 734 Email: kathy@heprosser.com.au

Later we made our way back to camp for happy hour to complete a very enjoyable day.

Monday was pack up and safe travels.

Our next rally will be at Laura Caravan Park 25th to 29th August.

CAREFREE CARAVANEERS OF SA INC.

http://carefreecaravaneers.net.au

Carefree Caravaneers Club Rally Tues 21St - Sat 25th June 2022 at the Port Wakefield Caravan Park

Expenses Incurred: Fees from $31.50 per night Powered Site: Total $736.50, Other Expenses $720, total spend $1,456.50. No of Vans 6, Adults 10, Children nil

On arrival: efficient, very friendly and well-prepared Check in.

The Park and surrounds. The park is close to the Wakefield River with gravel sites, there are lots of permanent privately owned allotments, several lawned sites not overly large. Amenities are oldish and cleaned regularly, we had sole use of camp kitchen and rec room. Some areas of the park need a little work all in all a great place to stay.
Would definitely come back

Deposit not Required to secure your site

Things we did at this rally: There is a lot of history in this town, so a town walk takes a while, trip to Lochiel, Balaklava, the usual happy hours, BYO BBQ, pot luck dinner, breakfast, visit the courthouse museum, dinner at the Rising sun hotel, there is enough in this area to satisfy for a few days.

Carefree Caravaneers Club Rally Monday 4th – Friday 8th July 2022 at Wallaroo North Beach Caravan Park.

Expenses Incurred: Fees from $30 per night powered Site, Total $2,108, Other Expenses $2,327, Total spend $4,434.99. No of Vans 10 + 1 Cabin, Adults 19, Children nil.

On arrival: efficient, very friendly and well-prepared Check in.

The Park and surrounds: The park is close to the beach with gravel sites, there are lawned sites that need some maintenances. Amenities are very new and cleaned regularly, the camp kitchen and rec room are large and accommodating, cleaned before you get out of bed each morning.

Would definitely come back

Deposit not Required to secure your site

Things we did at this rally: Our main thrust for this rally was Xmas in July, wow, what a show we put on thanks to all who attended, we played disc bowls, kube, and at night charades. There is a lot of history in this town, so a town walk takes a while, trips to neighbouring towns Moonta, Moonta Bay, Kadina, Bute, the Moonta mines, there are various Museums that our members availed themselves of, there is lots to do.

Carefree Caravaneers Club Rally Friday 12th – Monday 16th August 2022 at the Lakeside Caravan Park McLaren Vale.

Expenses Incurred: Fees from $39.15 per Night Powered Site: Total $1,992, Other Expenses $4,611, Total spend $6,603. No of Vans 12, Adults 23, Children nil.

On arrival: some had difficulties at check-in, we had a mixed reception, the hired help I found very friendly and helpful; being notified of a staggered entry into the park I found puzzling, management lacked people skills, when are they going to realize if your welcome is not all that friendly you are not about to recommend this park.

The Park and surrounds: The park is well situated in the wine growing district, there are large lawned sites that due to heavy rain became quite boggy, some of us were relocated. Amenities are very basic the cleaning certainly was not up to scratch but then again, the weather conditions did not help, the camp kitchen is large and accommodating; however, it took our club members to clean it up so that we could use it. The three walls of the camp kitchen have been filled in, but notice all the bird droppings are still on the rafters, doubt very much if the camp kitchen was cleaned by employees of the park, the whole time we were there.

Would come back, Deposit Required to secure your site.

Things we did at this rally: There are many things to do here, as a club we had a nice meal at the Bowls club, morning tea at the Tin Shed Lunch at Chalk Hill winery, Dinner at the McLaren Vale hotel, individually some went to Aldinga aerodrome café for lunch, visited other wineries, op shops and surrounding areas had the usual Games nights, and disc bowls, a very full and enjoyable 4 days
Next Rally; **Lake Albert Caravan Park Meningie 12th – 16th September**

Jayco Caravan Club Rally 9th to 13th June 2022 at Riverton.

The misty rain surrounded the caravans in the Riverton Caravan Park but as we set up the awnings for shelter, we all decided that we would try to claim the Camp Kitchen for 'Happy Hours', if possible. Pat Walker and Doris Shepard were already in Riverton so they kindly sourced out the best place to have Dinner on the Saturday night and also which coffee places were available. They thought they had the local mobile Coffee Caravan secured for a "Caravan Park" visit on Saturday morning, only to be informed later that the local Council would not give the person a permit to operate on weekends. The local coffee shop was also closed due to renovations, so all in all, we had to make our own coffee!

Friday night Happy Hour was eventful with the Badge draw and birthday cards being given out. We must mention that a special birthday was being celebrated on the weekend with an afternoon tea being planned for Sunday. *Happy (80th) Birthday Barry.*

We were also happy to welcome Carol Uellendahl to the Club for her second event. Carol had been at the Jayco CC May luncheon at the Bartley Tavern. We also welcomed Darlene and Selwyn Voss for their second rally.

On Saturday two adventurous members walked a small section of the "Rattler Trail" while the rest of us had coffee and cake plus visited the shops in the main street.

At 2 pm Pat Walker kindly gave us a class on how to "Paint on Glass". Pat supplied all of the paint and we bought along a glass to practice on. I must say that it was not easy to master but eventually, we all painted 'flowers', a 'flying pig' *(guess who this was!)* or 'dots' on our glassware and felt very proud of ourselves. One of the ladies suggested that it was a shame that we didn't have any wine in our glasses, so that was quickly rectified when one of the husbands arrived with a bottle of white wine. This was followed by two other bottles and after that the brush stokes really improved, or so we thought. A huge thank you to Pat Walker for allowing us to use her paints and have the experience.

We certainly have some very talented people in the Jayco Club and a lot of the members have seen the beautiful knitting projects that Judy Harris has completed over the years. She had just finished crocheting a new rug but she also had two albums of all the wonderful animals and dolls that she had completed over many years. Well done to you Judy.

Dinner at the local Riverton Hotel was well organised and quite delicious. We were very happy to have a visit in the afternoon from Trevor Luders and his friend Michelle. People caught up with his news, the ages of his children etc. They came along to dinner with us all.

Sunday morning, Kaye and Barry organised Pancakes which was well received by the members. Once again, we were lucky to get the Camp Kitchen and it was not raining so that was a bonus.

It was organised with the local volunteers to visit the Scholz Park Museum so we walked through the Pioneer Garden Walkway by the Church to arrive at the Scholz Park. The Cottage was so well organised and it looked like the previous Scholz family had only just left the home back in 1865. We watched an interesting video and then the volunteers took us through the Blacksmith Shop and the Wheelwright Shop. All tools, machinery and several forges with their huge bellows, were there just as they were left. It is a "living history" display.

As their brochure read – "In the early days, things had to be done by personal effort, but pride in workmanship shone in every article made".

3pm and it was back to the camp kitchen for a delicious afternoon tea of small cakes for Barry Roger's 80th Birthday. Of course, this flowed into Happy Hour and eventually the cold weather made most people leave the fire and retired to their warm caravans.

Everyone had a fun time and enjoyed the Riverton area and the company of their fellow campers.

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Jayco Caravan Club Rally 1st to 3rd July 2022 at Goolwa.

Friday 30th June some early campers arrived on site and Happy Hour was attended by Claire and Colin Nichols, Lindy and Warren McCarthy, Tony and Betty Fewins, Chris and John Carter, Val and Roger Adamson, Doris and Phil Shepherd, Catherine and Colin Goldings, Pat and Brian Goudie, Julie and Mark O'Toole, Kay and John Manuel, Sue Mitchell and Peter Halsall, Sue and Mike Partridge, Pat and John Luty, Sue and Kevin Henderson, Marlene and Shane Landorf and newbees Lynda and Peter. (I apologise if I've missed out a name or two).

A diamond hunt began when Doris thought she had lost her earring down the floorboards. The photos show Phil with his torch on the hunt, we all thought he was maybe looking for "loose change" under the floor instead!

30 of us folk transitioned to the Goolwa Hotel that evening for a meal and lots of chit-chat. Two lucky raffle ticket holders were Kay and John and Kevin and Sue, who won lovely meat trays, so they were very happy indeed with their community investment.

Saturday morning a few met at the Saltwater Café in Goolwa for brunch, a few went to Port Elliot for a meal following which we mostly separated to indulge sight-seeing whales along the wonderful southern coastline, touring about or shopping down the main street.

In the afternoon 6 budding artists attended a pottery class conducted at Woolaway Studios (check their website if interested) and they showed their untapped skills working with clay creations. (Lindy, Sue M., Catherine and Colin, Sue P., Pat L.). Meanwhile others attended the music session run by Warren and they are really honing their musical talents. The second happy hour was well attended with badge ceremony, birthday wishes to John Carter, Claire Nichols and Pat Luty, and introduction of Linda and Peter. Mike Partridge spoke to the group about the upcoming National Rally 27/3/23 to 5/4/23, the main marquee, daily events, opening meal with top level bands, markets, music and maybe ukes, also friends you may have with vans may also attend. For more details see the National Rally report. This Happy Hour also culminated in a colourful variety cocktail mixing/testing by a couple of knowledgeable bartenders, a little music and a dance or two, but it did end up a little late into the night!

Sunday morning commenced with pancakes at the park and, although I was not there to spy, I believe each person enjoyed some more little outings around the lovely South Coast. Some went to markets on the Goolwa wharf whilst another small group attended a pre-booked Axe Throwing session in Victor Harbor, it was a real hoot – something very different indeed. I noted the champions as being Julie and Mark, Colin, Warren and Brian! Bullseyes everywhere (hidden agendas or some frustrations were/or could have been released)! What great fun.
We followed this outing with afternoon tea for 16 of us at our own place at Middleton where there was some excitement at seeing whale activity out the front in the bay. The fire warmed us all on such a chilly day, although no rain at all and the sun was still shining. (photos on Facebook).
It was unfortunate to discover that night, myself and Mike's headaches during the afternoon were not just a cold (or hangover!) but the dreaded Covid. A ring-around has been done by both of us and we sincerely hope there were **NO** other potential victims of our contacts during the weekend.

Jayco Caravan Club Rally 5th to 7th August 2022 at Coobowie.
By Robyn McDonald

A number of the members rolled in on Thursday amid howling winds and torrential rain but the JCC are made of tough stuff and Friday morning they decided to explored the area (we even ventured down to look at the Edithburgh swimming pool- quite impressive) and sample the coffee and shops in Yorketown .
Happy hour was attended with good numbers on Friday in the camp kitchen and despite some minor water leaks from a heavy bout of rain, the evening proceeded as planned! There were 23 people who booked for the Coobowie weekend including 3 cabins. The President warmly welcomed back past members Tony and Wendy Roe. A member's raffle of a box of chocolates was drawn and won by the President who promptly handed the prize to his wife Jennifer who shared them amongst members!
The weekend was coordinated by Pat Luty and Claire Nicholas and what a wonderful job they did! A covid safe meal was shared by all members and included rice, garlic bread, a curry dish, chicken pasta. Hungarian Goulash and spaghetti bolognaise. (hope I did'nt miss anything) The dishes suited all tastes and contributed by Pat Luty, Claire Nicholas, Ursula Davies, Dot Shephard and Margaret Cloy. In addition, dessert was supplied by Jennifer Griffith, Betty Fewins, Gillian Flynn, Wendy Roe, Bob Newmarch and Lorraine Sharp.
Saturday was some what better weather with the sun out and only light showers. A few ventured for a coffee at the Coobowie General store . Peter and I decided to venture to Minlaton and check out the Pepper Corn Tree Markets in the grounds of the Watsacowie Brewing Company. It had been 3 years since we had visited Minlaton and we were surprised how much more it had to offer since our last visit. We managed to find a short cut which was 30 kilometres travel instead of 40 kilometres. We counted 5 places open for coffee and highly recommend the new Ye Old Cafe open 7 days a week. Quite a few caravans were passing through at the time and parking in the generous area supplied for caravaners. Coincidentally Stansbury and Minlaton were featured in Hello SA channel 9 on Sunday evening.

Afternoon tea supplied by the club was served on Saturday afternoon in the camp kitchen with the indoor games of which " 5 second rule" was the most popular causing lots of laughs and serious brain exercises! A game called Dronehome was also very popular and became very competitive & very noisy. Great fun was had by all especially the ladies (I think the men became a little intimidated by the ladies & their superior intellect & talent) I am not too sure if anyone took Colin up on his" learn the guitar". Maybe I have got there too late. To finish the day off, a most delicious meal was enjoyed at the Coobowie Hotel in the evening. I did not see much food left on the plates so assume everybody enjoyed it! I think an early night was had by most people that evening, well at least by me anyway!
As I did not attend Sundays organised activities I'm hoping everyone enjoyed the Bublacowie Military Museum and found it interesting and informative. The activities were completed with fish and chips at Dalrymple Hotel Stansbury

DAVE BENSON CARAVAN CLUB

Dave Benson Caravan Club Rolling Rally Report 13th-27th May 2022

Eyre Peninsula was our destination for this rally, with 5 caravan park stops on the trip. Due to health issues with some members we were down to only 5 vans for most of the trip and 1 other joining later.

13th to 15th Port Germein. Lovely small park gravel sites throughout very close to the jetty. A few crabs caught even though it was late in the season. A new takeaway had opened on the corner by the jetty 50mts from the park. Fish and chips was had by all for 1 nights tea. Very good feed at good prices, highly recommended. Happy hours in the camp kitchen, to keep out of the wind. The park had an update of the amenities, with a new building put in. Very modern and clean. Staff very accommodating.

15th to 17th Cowell. Nice little gift pack of toiletries given on arrival. Sites close to the jetty, but this didn't help with the fishing as it was windy for our 2 days we were there. Walks into town with stops at the bakery. Work being done at the mariner and a new building. Still a work in progress. A walk on the mangrove boardwalk. Happy hour in the very nice camp kitchen. Amenities at our end of the park were a bit dated but still ok.

17th to 23rd Elliston. Town caravan park a few minutes' drive from the jetty. Nice large grassed sites near the entrance. Small camp kitchen at the back of the office, which was ideal for our group for happy hours. Hard working staff at the park and everything was kept clean and tidy. Many walks into town, which was a very short distance from the park. Bakery and supermarket were well patronised. Pancake breakfast one morning, followed in the afternoon by a 12km scenic drive along the coastal cliff tops. Sculptures along the way at different intervals, to add interest to the drive. Then on to Locks Well to watch the salmon fishers from the lookout. Didn't see any caught while we were there. Voting in town on the Saturday for those that hadn't done it before leaving home. Tea one night was pizza from the roadhouse and then another night at the golf club. The caravan staff phoned a booking for us at the golf club 2 days prior. On the night got to the club and said booking for our club, no bookings here was the reply, but it was phoned through say's I, we don't have a phone here was the next reply. They must have phoned the cook. We got a table anyway. 2 pieces of battered fish. Flake or flathead, chips and salad cooked by the volunteers in the kitchen. The meals got a bit mixed up but after a bit of jiggling it was sorted. They did a very good job of the cooking, it was a lovely meal and we thanked them on our way out. A little bit of fishing was done on the jetty and quite a few Tommies were caught. So there was a few to go around. Windy most days but sunny as well, so it made for a comfortable 6 days.

23rd to 25th Arno Bay. Grassed sites near the jetty again, which was very handy. This was where the 6th caravan joined us. During the day one member had a bad toothache and went to the chemist at Cowell. Advised to see a dentist and managed to get an afternoon appointment in Port Lincoln the next day. This resulted in the tooth being pulled because of an abscess and 4 stiches in the gum. Lucky to get a good result at such short notice. Over the 2 days some fishing done in the creek and the jetty, with fish and squid being caught. Most took a walk down to the creek which was a fair distance from the park. On the 24th we had brunch followed by our club meeting. We cooked brunch in the camp kitchen on our own hot plates as they were the cleanest. We were not impressed with the cleanness of the camp kitchen at all. We had rain all night from 10pm, but it stopped in the morning so packing up was ok. This was the only rain we had the whole time.

25th to 27th Port Augusta. Prior to getting to the park one member nearly ran into another car. It pulled out on the left to do a right turn on to the divided highway, realised he wouldn't make it and stopped across 2 lanes in front of them. Had to swerve around the back of them to avoid a smash. Some drivers!!!. Gravel sites close to good amenities at the park. When we arrived a member couldn't find their purse to pay site fees. Got a loan to book in and then realised it may be back at Cowell roadhouse 200km away, in the toilet. A phone call confirmed it was and had been handed in to the roadhouse by a very honest customer. So a trip back to Cowell to collect and then drive back to Port Augusta again. 600km for the day, at least down and back was without the van. The park was pretty full, being as it is at the junction for the west and the north. Camp kitchen for happy hour both days. Very clean and well set up. Good stainless steel BBQ's undercover just in front. We had birthday cake for 2 members on the first night.

The trip was good for the most part, bit windy but sunny at times. Only the rain once overnight. A bit eventful at times but all adds to the spice of life. Expenses. Park fees $2,474. Fuel $3,000 approx. Other $2,900 approx.

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Family & Friends Riverton Rally Report 5th to 7th August 2022 at Riverton.

The first of the arrivals made it in on Thursday, followed by the rest of us by Friday evening to a warm cozy fire to gather at in front of the camp kitchen once we were set up. I could hear all the laughter and giggling from my van until the late evening, later finding out that the last of the firepit crew went to bed at 3 am. Now myself, I was tucked up nice and warm in my van as I had a bad reaction to a Crispy Cream donut on the way there. Also heard that Mr B had a rough night too as no sleep for him either. Saturday morning was cloudy as we gathered at the camp kitchen to grab a hot drink and cookies before singing Happy Birthday to Phil and enjoying some cake too. A new family joined us Yvonne, Colin and Thea Timms with their big fluffy dog. We were in for some fun too as Jenny had set us a challenge to complete a scavenger hunt per family. Well you could see the look in the face of fellow camper as to how we were going to find an Ant carrying something in this weather. Let the challenge begin and lets all walk into town to find what we need to win the prize. Now think outside of the box was some peoples view on how to complete the tasks at hand, off to the OP shop for me and people's gardens too. Afternoon came too soon with a group off to see a camp site for future dates, club game followed and only a slight shower to move us under cover for a short time. Congratulations to Will defeating Thea and the Walker's defeating the new family Timms. Dinner was to be served at the Commercial Hotel a short walk down the road, I understand that one pretty female who was walking alone on their way there was picked up by 3 Hookers to her Surprise. Have to say a very big thank you to the hotel in allowing the Timms rather big sookie dog to join us too, the waitress needed to be careful which way she came with the meals so as not to get too close to the dog. Great meal and fun stories shared by our new friends the Timms, I am staying tuned to the next chapter in the family tree. Another great night shared around the fire with the circle expanding then contracting later in the night, could not believe that Thea had never done marshmallows over the fire, not sure how many she ate. Mr B got some sleep too. Sunday morning awoke to a frosty view and time to pack up and head home for most of us.

CARAVAN CLUB FRIENDLY PARKS

The Executive Committee have been working on a scheme to reward Caravan Parks that have demonstrated that they are a Caravan Club Friendly Park and have provided above average service when hosting a Caravan Club.

A sticker as show below would be awarded to the Park and encouraged to display the Award. The Committee would appreciate your comments on the concept and the proposed sticker below.

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