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Next Delegates Meeting

Wednesday
7:30 pm
7th February 2018
at
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7:00 pm for Coffee

All Welcome!

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PRESIDENT'S CHATTER:

The year 2017 has been a productive year for the Association. At the last Delegates Meeting is was apparent that the Clubs have increased their membership with a number creating a waiting list for new members. However, there are some Clubs still seeking membership and I invite you to place a note in the next Journal providing a contact name so that any one enquiring about joining can be referred to these Clubs. We are an Association and it is about all Clubs contributing to increase the membership of Caravan Clubs in S.A. The greater the number the greater the voice.

In May we conducted a successful State Rally at Loxton and although we were down in numbers those that attended reported that they had a great time.

We have established a Committee to commence the planning of the 2022 National Rally and at this time we are negotiating with the Barmera Field Day site to hire their venue. If we agree on this site ACCSA will hold the **State Rally from the 8th to the 11th March 2019** at Barmera and this will provide an opportunity to test the venue for the National event. I would ask the Clubs to note this date in their diary and combine the **Club and State Rally for March 2019.**

At the Delegates Meeting on the 6th December the Clubs recommended that we apply for a site at the next Caravan and Camping Show. We have been allocated a sponsored site and the Secretary has circulated a note seeking volunteers. The Show is from Wednesday the 14th to Sunday the 18th February, 2018. If you can help please contact John Baans, Secretary ACCSA.

I would like to thank Robert Hart from the Southern Nomads Caravan Club for volunteering to accept the role of the Journal Editor due to the sad loss of Keith Thompson. Robert has been extremely busy in acquiring the necessary information needed to publish the Journal. Please assist Robert by providing timely reports.

Jacquie and I wish you all a Prosperous New Year for 2018 and Safe Travel.

VALE

It was with deep sadness that we received information that Keith Thompson passed away on the 1st November, 2017. Keith was our Journal Editor and Executive Officer of the Association and a valued member of the Wanderers Club. Keith's was a great supporter of the Association and his Club. His friendship and his contribution to the various duties he performed will be missed. Our sincere condolence to Keith's family.

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."*

FROM THE EDITOR:

Happy New Year to all clubs and their members.

The December issue of The Journal seemed to go ok. I am very encouraged by the many positive comments received, Thank you. Now it is into the real stuff. I have spent some time tracking down rally reports since September and have included those reports in this issue of The Journal. This issue is voluminous due to three and four months of rally reports from affiliated clubs and some rally reports being rather voluminous. Enjoy.

Take Care, Robert Hart

NOTE: Please submit items for the next Journal before 19th March 2018

BAROSSA VALLEY CARAVAN & CAMPING CLUB

October Rally (13th to 17th)
at Auburn Caravan Park

Site fees: $23 per night

Our October Rally was held at the delightful Auburn Caravan Park.

Grassy, shady and very clean the venue was only $23-00 per night. Volunteer caretakers Eric & Helen take their job seriously and do all in their power to make a stay comfortable.

A few of the 'early birds' arrived on Thursday and several stayed on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. We were blessed with perfect weather all week-end.

We ate tea together on Friday evening in the camp kitchen after which the 'Parry/Rogers movie machine' showed the movie, "The Sentimental Bloke" while we consumed bubbles and cheesecake generously supplied by the Rogers.

Saturday morning the walking group went for a walk around this historic and very attractive little town.

Saturday afternoon 'MAISIE' the Corn Toss presented herself on the lush lawns for the elimination heats which were concluded on Sunday afternoon. The victorious winners of the finals were Margaret Shilton and John Parry.

Also on Saturday afternoon some of our members chose to drive to Clare for a little shopping or a visit to the Clare Show.

Saturday evening we again dined in the camp kitchen after which a number of us went to the historic court house building to hear Pat Drummond who travels around Australia singing his own original songs.

Sunday was brekkie in the kitchen and later that morning was lunch at 'The Rising Sun' hotel.

A big THANK YOU to Ron and Marilyn Rogers for organising a great week-end.

November Rally (3rd to 6th)
at Moorook Camping Ground,

Site fees: $17 with power, $10.50 without

Friday: Many arrived either Wednesday or Thursday, and the three powered sites were available were well used. Part of the area had been roped off for ground maintenance for the Music weekend. Happy hour and our evening meal were all down at the BBQ shelter, sausage, salad and pancakes provided by Wilma and Graham.

Saturday: After the morning walk some visited the Op shops, the market at Berri and sightseeing around Loxton or lunch at the Lavender Farm. Wilma and Graham set up a photo competition. They had 25 photos taken around the Barossa region and we had to guess where they were taken!! Although most of us had driven past them all we had not SEEN them. Top mark was 18 out of 25. Graham Shilton won the best travel photo with a reflection shot taken at Dover in Tasmania.

Sunday: Most went into Barmera to the Sunday Market where they closed the main street and had various stalls set up. It was a good market and if it is still going in five years for the National Rally I am sure it will be popular. Wilma shared her delicious cheese and berry slice to celebrate her birthday (21 years and 792 months). A wonderful age for a wonderful lady. Dinner was at the Cobdogla Club. For $8-75 (caravan club rates) we had a beautiful roast and selection of salads and veg and very prompt service.

Monday: Members all were packing up and saying our goodbyes by 10-00am. Cost of the park is $17-00 for power and $10-50 per day without. The shop and Moorook Club are under new management and doing a great job.

BAROSSA VALLEY CARAVAN & CAMPING CLUB (continued)

December Rally (1st to 3rd)
at Balaklava

Site fees: $30 per night
Expenditure: approx. $2,000

Friday: After setting up (9 vans) we had afternoon Coffee at "Wendy's Café" and checked out the shops and Op Shop.
After happy hour we made our tea & had lots of chats in the room.
Saturday: First to the Market, then to the Museum, all were happy as there was a lot to see and talk about olden times. Many said it was the best Museum they had visited. $10-00 entry including a country morning tea.
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Sunday: Got up to a rainy morning, it did not detract Gary and his Family from making breakfast for our club, what a Feast. Thank you. Too wet to go for our picnic to the River but we enjoyed the Gallery display of Christmas trees etc. and the guided tour around the town and its beautiful homes and gardens.
Gary is the Caretaker of a very clean and well kept Park. Relaxing stay. $30-00 per night.
Expenditure in the town over 3 days approx. $2000-00.
Next get together is at Monkey Nut Cafe, Lyndoch on Jan 7th 2018 at 12-00.
Merry Christmas, happy holiday & Safe Driving.

Next Rallies: To be advised

The Caravan and Camping Show organised by the Caravan & Camping Industries Association of South Australia Inc. is on from Wednesday 14th to Sunday 18th February, 2018.

ACCSA have been allocated a sponsored site at the Caravan and Camping Show.

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CARAVAN CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC.

September
at Strathalbyn

Vans: 4
Approx. expenditure over all $350+

On a cool spring day 4 vans attended the Strathalbyn rally. Norma and Gary were first to arrive followed by Gary G, then Diane and Doug (with Doug receiving some vocal directions on were to put the van). Mary and Bob arrived later in the afternoon (due to a Medical appointment).
The Park facilities are in good condition and kept clean, the new single unisex units require a key (deposit required).
Norma and Gary were adapting a new Shade/wind break to their rear awning, and Bob had problems with his awning flap bars (too many supervisor/ onlookers).
Due to the elimination footy final Saturday night it was decided to hold the quiz night Friday night, fortunately the Park Caretaker allowed us to use the Tennis Club rooms.
It was mentioned prior to the quiz starting that this type of activity is good to prevent Dementia but I feel most of those present had left it too late. A good time had by all with much hilarity.
Norma and Mary both won prizes.

Gary G won the free rally "thanks" Mary. Saturday morning dawned still cool and overcast with all members making the walk to town returning for lunch. Following lunch members relaxed with some playing board games whilst the new Club TV was being set up in Doug & Diane's annex to watch the Footy elimination final. Tea was provided by the club, consisting of Soup, (Pumpkin or Vegetable) followed by Pancakes. Sunday dawned a much warmer Spring day as everyone was packing up to return home. Thanks to Diane for arranging and providing everything (Soup, Quiz, etc.) for another successful rally.

October Rally
at Port Broughton

Vans: 6
Approx. expenditure $800+

Arrived with a full weekend in front of us. A couple of members had arrived shortly before us and were still setting up, so we went about our usual setting up procedure. We brought our newly purchased TV so besides the normal Van setting up we also brought the Clubs wind breaks and our site was really good as we had several trees with which we were able to attach the tarps in a circular shape so all members could bring their chairs and sit around. Glad we did as Saturday was fine but very windy while members sat and watched the finals of AFL. Not being a fan I only popped in and out but their was not much cheering coming from anywhere in the park which I thought was not a good sign. Before the match we had to test out our boats that members had made we had some weird & wonderful ones, although I did tell them that I was possibly going to put weight on them to make sure they were sea worthy some did make such small ones I could not put even one can of full coke on them without sinking. We had yachts, catamarans, cruise ships even a barge. Olivia won the children's event with it holding 4 full cans of coke. Norma won the Adult section with 5 cans I think, it could have held more but was no room with the teddy on board and all the flags. Gary D won the (NASA) prize. Thanks to everyone it was great to see such participation. Members tea at Mundoora was great as usual and the markets were also a favourite again with the Duck race. Again I am still awaiting mine to arrive. A great and enjoyable weekend away with a great group of members.

November Rally
at Kapunda

Vans: 3
Approx. expenditure $250

We were the first ones to arrive and were still setting up when Gary G arrived. Doug and Diane arrived just a short time later. Our first trip out was to the shop for insect spray as ants were everywhere.
At Happy Hour time, we all had a coffee together with rock cakes and a very nice cake baked by Gary G. Then when I finished my coffee, I poured my dregs over Mintie who was lying alongside me. She had just been groomed so I had to clean the coffee stain off her! It raised a few laughs! Poor Mintie!
We went for a walk together next morning and checked out where the rodeo was to be held. Then Doug and Diane went into town to have a look around but we stayed at the park and just sat around and had coffee together.
So that we could go to the rodeo, we had our barbecue together at lunchtime, cooked by Gary D and Doug, and it was very successful. The meat Diane bought was perfect, the shared salads good, and our shared desert was very nice. Once again Gary G's baking skills were evident in the fruit crumble he made and he brought custard and cream to have with it. Very, very nice.
A certain member was very forgetful at the weekend, watch left in the toilet block and misplaced key which he spent a long time looking for! Mentioning no names!!
In the early evening I decided to give the rodeo a miss as I was pretty tired but Gary D and Doug and Diane went. I had just got out a dip and biscuits, poured myself a glass of wine and was just about to sit down and relax when I got a call from Gary. The line up to get in was miles long and hardly moving and Doug and Diane said it was mostly young rowdy people. They came back and we played cards instead although Gary
G did not join us. It turned out to be a very pleasant evening though Diane lost spectacularly!
All in all a very lovely weekend in spite of the lack of numbers.

CARAVAN CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC. (continued)

December Rally
at Tununda

Vans: 6
Expenditure: $750

Diane & I arrived at Tanunda a day earlier so we could spend some time looking thru the shops, before having to arrange the Christmas Rally. Bob, Mary, Norma & Gary arrived Friday afternoon, the other members made their way there after they had finished work. Unfortunately the pageant was cancelled due to bad weather. I think this was the first Christmas Rally where the weather was not as nice as it should have been for December and the new water park was not being used to its capacity due to the cold. The park was also trying to finish off the upgrade to the pool before the school break. Saturday saw the vans being decorated to give to the Christmas atmosphere. We got a few comments from another club that was there. Ar happy hour members put there presents in a pile and the children pulled out names and we chose a present. If you thought someone else's looked better you could swap, well this one present went around and around. Members were in fits of laughter as no one knew what was inside until the end when we could open them. It was different and quite fun. As it was cold we shared the park recreation room with other people for our Christmas dinner which the club had catered. I wish all members safe travelling in 2018.

Next Rally: Hahndorf

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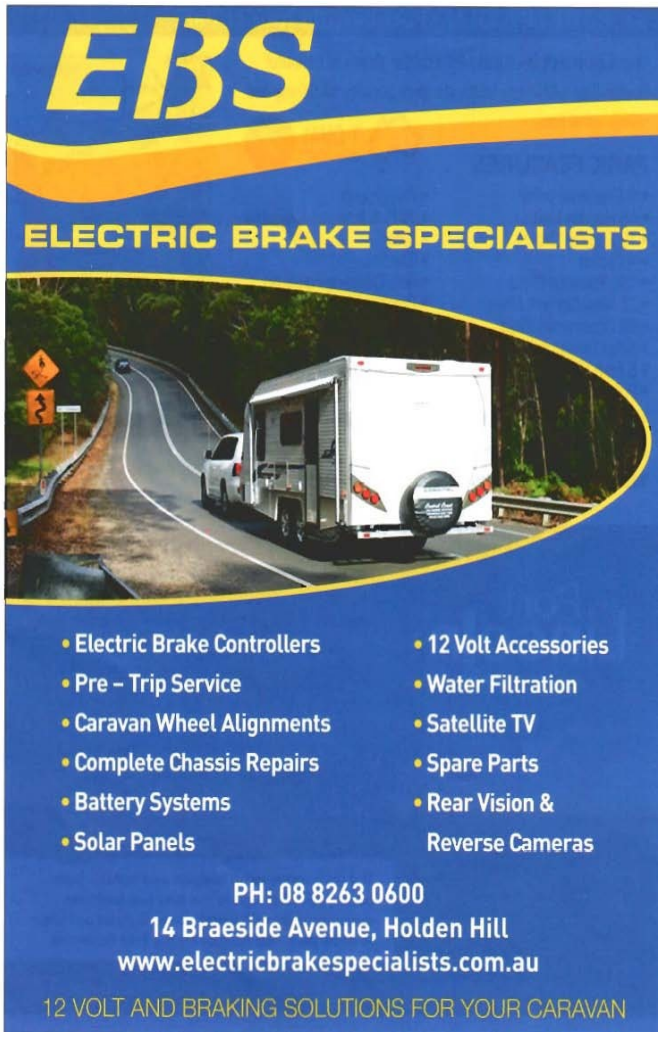

CAREFREE CARAVANEERS OF SA INC.

August Rally (10th to 14th)
at Murray Bridge Marina Camping & Caravan Park

10 Vans, 2 prospective new members
Expenses: Park - $1,260, Other - $2,640.

10 Vans, 2 prospective new members from the Caravan and camping show and one day visitor attended the rally.

On arrival: We were greeted with a warm homely smile and immediate attention, we just knew this was going to be a good weekend, we were not disappointed. All of our details had been forwarded to the park so that on arrival it was only a matter of picking up a brochure in our name with all we needed to know contained in it.

The park and surrounds: This park is now under a massive rebuild, our sites were huge at least 10 metres square plenty of room for the largest van. The amenities although a little distant from us it really did not pose any adverse issues. There are new cabins and more being built, there is massive terracing going on to accommodate more vans, at the moment the park is good for 50 powered sites, plus ensuites. Nights were enjoyed around a large camp fire where the park supplied the wood at no charge. The park is located up the hill from the Marina, of which we had access to. Being able to walk around the Marina also made it enjoyable, and there is a barbeque picnic area at the Marina which could be used by caravanners. The camp Kitchen in the park is quite large, enclosed on two sides with plenty of seating for communal meals, really everything one would need.

Things we did at this rally: We attended a Aussie style big breakfast at the Wellington court house, can thoroughly recommend this to you, must make bookings with numbers. We all had the day out at Monarto Zoo that was outstanding, had a meal at The Riverscape Restaurant down at the wharf precinct, can tell you this has to be the place to go, the view, the service, the meal and the cost fantastic several of us went back for second and third visits, the Bridge Port hotel meals were certainly value for money, (doggy bags the go), we played the usual disk bowls, some did the river walk, others spent time driving to Mannum and around Murray Bridge. The nights were fantastic around this large campfire, lot of laughs, great weekend away.

September Rally (part one) (14th to 21st)
at Melrose Camping & Caravan Park

14 Vans, 2 prospective new members
Expenses: Park - $1,260, Other - $1,500.

14 Vans, 2 prospective new members presented for first and second rally

On arrival: Park manager greeted us in the driveway and told us to go pick a site, set up and come back to check in, very convenient and easy. He was under a bit of pressure due to having a full park plus some for the weekend, through it all he maintained a high level of management and was very cordial and friendly.

The park and surrounds: No complaints, this has the feel of the outback, to be sited along the river under the trees with opportunity to have fires absolutely super. Toilets serviced regularly and clean and tidy, the new camp kitchen however very functional being across the creek from the caravan park didn't get used by our club, the weather so good we spent our together time around the campfire.

Things we did At this rally: This town has many walks to do, there is a lot of history for one to explore, if driving is your thing there is plenty of tracks and other towns to visit. Both hotels offer good menus with good pricing and good dining experience. The town offers few opportunities for coffee and cake, the Service station serves as the local IGA and is well stocked and not expensive, fresh bread and pastries on Saturdays.

September Rally (part two) (14th to 21st)
at Rawnsley Park Camping & Caravan Park

13 Vans, 1 prospective new members
Expenses: Park - $1,600, Other - $2,000.

13 Vans, one prospective new member presented for first rally

On arrival: The welcome we received was a happy experience the staff is very friendly and couldn't do enough for us, lots of information handed out when booking in left nothing for us but to enjoy the outback experience. **Note**; if parks require deposits then you should make sure you are aware of your position as far as a refund is concerned even for medical reason non attendance.

The park and surrounds: What can you say, this is the outback, the sites were large well terraced and loved the close proximity of well

CAREFREE CARAVANEERS OF SA INC. (continued)

built fire pits with BBQ, you are able to buy wood at the park. The camp kitchen large and very well appointed, the ablution blocks are very well maintained clean and tidy, unfortunately Wi-Fi is only obtained within a very small area by the camp kitchen but one must understand it is the outback. Outstanding to have the wild life the outback has to offer almost right on your doorstep.

Things we did At this rally: Walking, walking and more walking there are lots of them from the park all very well mapped out ranging from easy to hard. It is a long way to go for a road kill smorgasbord but that we did via Bunyoo and Brachina gorges on the way back from the Prairie hotel we came back through Blinman with a choice of gorges and outback ruins.

October Rally (20th to 23rd)
at Moana Caravan Park

25 Vans, 7 prospective new members, 1 cabin
Expenses: Park - $2,610, Other - $1,500.

On arrival: Most felt that the welcome by office staff was good however some experienced slow booking in, put that down to in experience by the operator.

The park and surrounds: It was a great park with lawn sites, with some drive through sites for those who needed them. This park has good clean amenities the park kept clean and tidy. Found the camp kitchen a little small for such a large group. Would definitely come back.

Things we did at this rally: Had an evening meal across the road at the Surf Club, beach cricket, the usual disc bowls and plenty of lively chatter.

November Rally (16th to 20th)
at Point Turton Caravan Park

21 Vans, 3 second time visitors plus 1 cabin
Expenses: Park - $2,620, Other - $1,600.

On arrival: The office and the staff were very warm and friendly, no fuss nothing too much trouble we just knew we were in for a god time, just as we caravanners like it.

The park and surrounds: No complaints, the sites are well maintained with plenty of grass and the amenities are clean and tidy.

Things we did at this rally: "Have a top time at the bottom end" the slogan of the southern Yorke Peninsular virtually says it all, from point Turton you can explore the whole bottom end as our club did, visit to Innes National park, the beach lunch at Pondalowie bay, the shopping at Edithburgh, the drive from Turton to Marion bay via Corny point, fishing from the jetty, and then the happy hours in the park at the camp kitchen made this a great Park to stay.

December Rally (8th to 11th)
at Riverton Caravan Park

24 Vans and 2 Cabins pus 3 day visitors
Expenses: Park - $2,260, Other - $2,000.

On arrival: The welcome we received was a happy experience the staff is very friendly and couldn't do enough for us, just as we like it.

The park and surrounds: Well grassed sites plenty of room although you would not want any more than 30 vans otherwise it becomes a bit of a squeeze. The amenities are very modern, kept clean and tidy all the time. The new modern camp kitchen is a plus, to be able to hire the club rooms at the oval for our Xmas dinner an absolute bonus, so glad we have an ongoing booking for this park.

Things we did At this rally: Limited shopping, lots of eating, the hotels in this town offer very good meals at reasonable rates, visit wineries (plenty of them) nice to have platters and tastings.

Next Rally: Victor Harbor - Feb 8th to 12th

The McLaren Vale Lakeside Caravan Park is under new management and the Manager would like all Clubs to know that they are most welcome at the Park. They have recently painted and upgraded the ablution block and will soon start on concreting the Camp Kitchen floor and installing pull down blinds to keep the wind out.

The Park will offer 10% discount for a group booking of 10 or more but must stay 2 or more nights.

COROMAL CARAVAN CLUB OF SA

I received the following email from John Gray, Secretary of the Coromal Caravan Club of SA:

"Hi Robert
The Coromal Club hit a big low a year or so ago and we almost folded, but we seemed to have turned things around but we have as yet to recommence our news letters/rally reports. Hopefully we can get that going this year but in the meantime any info you need re the club (which hopefully includes enquires by prospective new members) I will be happy to help with.
Thanks for your enquires Robert have a great Christmas and new year.
Regards John"

Owning a Coromal is no longer a prerequisite. In the past many members have opted for other makes of vans and since these people were our friends as well as club members we changed the rules accordingly. This "Group of friends" environment remains the flavour of the club and we look forward to welcoming new friends into our midst. Our current ages range between sixty and early eighties so it probably wouldn't suit young people with children.

The Coromal Caravan Club is a valued member of ACCSA and the referral of prospective members would be very much appreciated.

Next Rally: February 12th to 16th - Robe

DAVE BENSON CARAVAN CLUB

November Rally (3rd to 10th)
at Victor Harbor Caravan Park

7 Vans @ $33 per night per site, 1 Cabin Appox.
$110 Approx. spend for the week $3500

Most members had the 7 night stay and a couple an extra day or so. The weather was cool and windy for most of the time and happy hours we were looking to find shelter from the wind. On the first day just before happy hour a member had a fall resulting in a cut near the eye. Also because of previous operations she was taken to the hospital for x-rays. The all clear was given, much to everybody's relief. On Saturday we had our usual BBQ tea. This was by the swimming pool camp kitchen as this area gave us protection from the wind. Brunch the following day was in the same place. We then had our AGM in the community room just next door. Tameka the manager was very accommodating and put a note on the door saying we were having a meeting, so we had the room to ourselves. Members not at the rally come for the AGM, which gave us a very good attendance. For the rest of the day members did their own thing. During the week friends came to visit or members themselves went visiting. Tuesday was a highlight as we watched the Melbourne Cup on the big TV in the community room. The usual sweep was held, with some unusual winners. Lockie the dog had the winning ticket, Oscar the budgie second spot, Peter the human got third and coming up the rear at last spot was Dallas the dog and he got his money back. We all had a laugh at the results. Wednesday the weather started to get better with a couple trying their hand at squiding in the afternoon, without any luck. Thursday was the best weather day of the week, no wind and clear skies. Lunch at the pub at midday was the go at the Grosvenor Hotel. Only trouble was I didn't book and it was full of women doled up to the nines and wearing fascinators. It was booked for a function. But we did alright and got in at the Crown Hotel. Very nice place and meal with 10% senior discount. After lunch a turn on the pokies, only one of us managed a small win to cover the cost of their lunch. At happy hour in the sun we had fun feeding a family of magpies, very friendly birds. Also members had cream cake, as it was the presidents wife's birthday on the Friday and that was the day most of us left. A good relaxing week with most members just taking it easy. The park is well laid out with lots of sites having thick shade cloth on the ground, kept the sites nice and clean along with the grass.

Next Rallies: Edithburgh, February.

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September Rally
at Port Vincent

Vans: 13
Expenditure $3,701

This rally started off with 8 vans, 7 arriving on the Wednesday, Gaye & Norm arrived back from their travels abroad and booked in on Tuesday. I reckon that must be a record for early arrivals to a rally. The weather was crappy with wind & rain on and off all afternoon/evening. After everyone was set up most with no awnings out, we ventured into the rec room which adjoined the camp kitchen for some socialising. Everyone had tea in their vans and spent the evening there as well.

A wet and windy wake up this morning, some went down the street and tried out the café, a few more vans arrived today leaving 4 vans to roll up on Fri. It was decided that we would all go out for tea to the local pub tonight. The meals were delicious, generous sizes and a salad bar to help yourself too. After we finished we headed back to the park with some returning to their vans and some continuing the evening in the rec room for a while.

A better morning, no rain, we headed to the café around 10:30am. Chris, the café owner was expecting us as Harry & Phyl had warned him the day before that we would be bombarding the café. Everyone enjoying their cuppa & cake.

We arrived back at the park to find Tony & Judy setting up and the visitors Ron & Vanessa arriving. It looked a bit chaotic as a group were standing around giving tips to Ron how to reverse into his sight, I'm sure he took it all on board!! After introducing ourselves to Ron & Vanessa and their little dog "lolly" we left them to do their thing. Deb & Steve arrived and so did our other visitors Hazel & Spencer. Everyone mingled in the rec room getting to know the visitors before meet n greet at 5. Barry welcomed Hazel & Spencer, Ron & Vanessa and went thru what was on the cards for the weekend. Most people stayed in the rec room and socialised after tea, Judy doing some painting & Vanessa crocheting. A good night was had & enjoyed getting to know our visitors.

We woke up to a beautiful sunny morning, most heading to the rec room to have breakfast. 10:30 we headed down the street to check out a gift shop that was only open today. The ladies went in for a look nothing much for the fellas, some ladies came out with special things they had purchased. Making our way to the café most had something to eat & drink. The café was very popular as it was full of customers before we even arrived. Ron & Vanessa, Dee & Andy sat out the front with their dogs. Steve, Harry, Lyn & James headed off to Port Giles to do some fishing, James had some luck catching the only fish, well done James! The afternoon, people sat around together, a few doing some craft others just chatting enjoying the beautiful sunshine. We were having spuds in jackets for tea tonight so Sue, Gaye, Marie & Deb were in the camp kitchen getting the spuds and fillings organised. Club members made their way over to the rec room and set up their place at the table. When ready everyone gets up and makes their way into the kitchen to grab a spud and fill it up. There was bolognaise, chilli con carne, coleslaw, sour cream, cheese, pineapple, chicken. Everyone seemed to enjoy them, there wasn't much left over. Thankyou Deb & Steve for getting the spuds for us they were great, the group sat around chatting and laughing getting to know the visitors a bit more which was great. Steve threw a line in off the rocks at the park and caught a few Tommies, the rest stayed on to chat in the rec room till late.

Oh, what a beautiful morning, Sun shining brightly but the wind is being a bit ferocious. Everyone met in the rec room for farewell goodbye at 9am. Barry also wished the visitors well and hoped that they had enjoyed themselves over the weekend. I'm guessing they must have as they are coming back for more at the Jamestown rally. Barry closed the meeting and pancakes were on. Harry, Norm, Barry were cooking up a storm. Thanks fellas for great pancakes. A few couples needed to pack up as they were heading off home, safe travels to you all. Judy & Tony headed to Stansbury for a look around, others stayed around the park and did their own thing and a few went for a walk back to the shops for another look before they had to head home tomorrow. It had become rather windy again outside. Everyone headed back to their vans for the evening, most packing up ready to leave in the morning. Two couples were staying on a few more days. Goodnight!!

This was a great park, it has a large separate kitchen with adjoining rec room with gas fire place. Plenty of tables and chairs. Good outdoor games area for adult & child, giant chess, jumping pillow & a couple other things. Plenty of powered sites, beach front, very clean amenities, pleasant staff. Good pub in walking distance and has great food & meal sizes, shops all in walking distance, IGA, take-away food, gift shop, quilt & paper craft shop, café, chemist, butcher, petrol station. Very happy with the caravan park & people in town.

October Rally
at Jamestown Caravan Park

Many of the members arrived on Wednesday & Thursday to the Jamestown caravan park. Gaye & Norm arrived & pulled into their site, no-one realising who it was until they stepped out & surprise surprise!! they have a new Motorhome. Congrats guys, we hope your new wheels give you many years of safe travels near & far. Some of the members walked down the street and checked out the shops and hotels to work out where we were going to dine on Saturday night, the Commercial hotel was decided on. Coffee was enjoyed as was doing a bit of shopping around the town. Lyn & James, Dee & Andy arrived on Friday afternoon & booked into the Commercial Hotel, there were no vacant cabins at the c/park. Arriving to join the group ready for meet n greet. Deb & Steve also arrived on the Friday afternoon with grandkids in toe. Barry welcomed everyone and went thru what was happening over the weekend. After more socialising members went back to their vans for tea. Arriving after dark was Sarah (Pen & Ian's daughter) who stayed and joined in with the weekend. Saturday morning, we all met up at the coffee shop, some had already been around to the shops in town the most popular being the op shop & quilt/craft shop. The shops shut around lunch time in the town, so people made a dash after coffee to get around to the shops they wanted before they closed. Getting a heads up from the owner in the craft shop that her husband built tractors etc. at their home if we wanted to check it out. Dee & Andy ventured off to have a look, Lyn & James arrived also to check it out. Fantastic work, he had built everything from bits & pieces he retrieved from old broken-down machinery, etc. A lot of the machines were in working order, he started up most of them for us to see, amazing what he had built. A few other members were going to have a look on Sunday.

A group met up in cars in the afternoon and in a convoy headed out to have a look at the solar/ battery that was being put together by the government. What a disappointment!! All we could see were a heap of white boxes in the distance, the wind farm that was all around it was more interesting. Maybe once it has been built it will be worth having a look. We headed back to the park and sat around chatting, socialising & some doing their thing, crochet, knitting etc. Before we knew it, it was time for tea, so everyone got themselves ready and headed off for the Commercial Hotel. We were seated in a separate dining room on two tables. Once everyone had ordered it didn't take long before our meals started to be brought out. The last few taking a bit longer for some reason. Well done to Deb for being the last one. Most enjoying the meal they had ordered, once everyone had finished their meal they headed back to the park with a few having a dabble on the pokies first. Dee & Andy, Hazel & Ron staying on a while longer, Dee having a small win, thanks Sarah for warming up the machine. Dee & Andy left the others to play on their own and headed upstairs to their room.
Sunday morning came around all to quick, Dee & Andy, Lyn & James enjoyed breakfast in the hotel before heading down to the caravan park ready for goodbye/farewell. The meeting was held a bit earlier than usual as Barry & Su wanted to head off on their extended linger longer. Barry thanked everyone for a great weekend, thanked the visitors again for coming then awarded the trophy's to Deb for Last. Thelma for the Nearly trophy as she nearly ran Deb over driving in the park!! (on ya Thelma).
A group of members left for home once meeting had finished the rest of the group stayed on and headed for home on Monday.

November Rally
at Cobdogla—8th to 10th

Vans: 11

Members started arriving from the Tuesday and by Thursday there were about 11 vans already set up in the park. A group set out for the Lavender farm at Glossop for lunch another couple went to Waikerie to check out the shops and the rest of the group stayed at the park and socialized. After everyone got back to the park we sat around chatting for the rest of the afternoon. A few tested out the pool saying it was very refreshing. Tea time came around so most headed off to organise dinner, afterwards meeting back together for more chatting and socializing.

Friday: The day started out warming up early, supposed to get to 33deg today it was feeling like it was going to reach that early. Not too many ventured out today, one couple went into Berry to do a bit of shopping, others stayed at the park and socialized. Some read books under their awning (how relaxing) some chatted in groups and others did their own thing. The afternoon became quite hot, so some were inside their vans with the air con on. 5pm came around and we all grouped outside Barry & Su's van for meet n greet. Barry welcomed our visitors Lin & Michael to the rally, Vanessa & Ron, Hazel & Spencer received their welcome packs, Barry then went thru the things on the list for the weekend. Visit on Sat arvo to Banrock Station, Train ride on Sunday arvo these were the main highlights, there was also tea at the Coby club Sat evening and tea also on Sunday night for those interested (roast for $11) pretty good deal. Barry then had some very sad news, ACCSA Editor Keith, had passed away during the week. Our deepest sympathies to Keith's family at this very sad time.

The meeting finished, some went off to cook tea, some stayed around in the group and chatted for most of the evening, telling tales and having a good time. Barry & Su ended up at the Berry hospital around 11pm, Su had some very nasty bites on her leg that had swollen up rather bad. Not being able to do very much for her the staff told them to come back in the morning.

Saturday: Barry and Su up early went back to Berry Hospital for treatment on Su's leg. It was a warm night and quite a few people didn't have a very good night sleep. After everyone had their own breakfast and did their own thing in the morning we met at the club flag just before 11am, to commemorate Remembrance Day. 100yrs ago was the bloodiest year in WWI, "Australians sacrifice in 1917 was the greatest our country would ever pay in war time" this is a quote by Mathias Cormann.

Frank, Merv & Norm read the ODE followed by the Last Post playing & a minute's silence.

Marg & Allan arrived just as we finished the minute's silence (good timing guys) our other visitors Pamela & John arrived around lunch time.

Around 2pm, 9 cars (some with extra passengers) headed off in convoy style to Banrock Station for a look around, a bit of wine tasting and afternoon tea. Orders consisted of - iced coffee & scones, lime or raspberry spiders & scones, coffee & cake, iced choc & wedges. Everyone enjoying what they had ordered. Heading back to the park with a few hours to spare before heading to the Coby Club for dinner a few went for a swim to cool off, some mingled at other vans, others just relaxed awhile. 6pm we all headed to the Coby Club, they had set up 5 tables for us in our own area, we ordered drinks and waited until the kitchen opened so we could place our orders. The line up at the kitchen window was very long, but didn't seem to take long to get thru. Before we knew it, meals were being brought out to the tables, there was certainly nothing wrong with the service. Bad luck Deb, you've done it again…… lucky last, well done. Most enjoyed their meals a few had overcooked meat, great salad bar & hot vegie bar, after everyone finished they headed back to the park, some on foot, some drove. Lovely warm evening great for a walk, let's hope people sleep better tonight.

Sunday: Another warm night and hot day ahead, we met outside Barry & Su's van in the shade by the flag for Good-bye/farewell at 9:30. Wow, what a big group we are this morning. Barry welcomed everyone and officially welcomed John & Pam as they had arrived on Saturday around noon. Handing out the trophies to Deb for Last and the Nearly trophy, well done Deb. Fishing trophy went to Spencer for the carp he caught and fed to the pelican, good job Spence, I'm sure the pelican appreciated it. A few other things were mentioned about the upcoming rally & BBQ then Barry closed the meeting. Some sat around chatting for a while, others headed off to finish packing up ready to leave. Farewell's were done and a few headed for home, the rest of the club relaxed doing their own thing. Barry informed us that there was no longer going to be a train ride as the track had been pulled up and wasn't going to be fixed in time. We were all disappointed that it had been cancelled. The afternoon was spent with some swimming in the pool, others sitting around chatting & some spent time in their vans where it was cool with air con on. Those that were heading to the Coby Club for roast dinner headed off just before 6pm. The rest of the club stayed at the park and did their own thing. Upon returning to the park some sat out mingling others went into their vans and called it a night. It was still very warm outside, you could hear the air cons going in vans around the park.

Monday: It stayed very warm overnight, people started leaving the park from around 6:30am. There were 2 vans that stayed on and headed home on Tuesday morning.

December Rally
at Port Broughton 8th - 10th December 2017

12 vans $35 per night
Total Expenditure: $3698

Dee & Andy arrived on Tues arvo, Kaye, Jim, James & Lin arrived on Wed. Beautiful warm days we'd had, after setting up we sat and chatted a while then went back to our vans for tea. Thursday early morning it started to rain, it came down quite heavy at times.
Dee & Andy headed off to Kadina for part of the day while the others stayed at the park. By the time D & A arrived back at the park Phil & Marie, Vanessa & Ron had arrived and were set up, not long after Spencer & Hazel. Barry & Su arrived. The rain had eased off by mid afternoon so setting up wasn't to bad. Everyone sat around in a group and chatted enjoying each other's company. Dinner time came around and everyone headed back to their vans and stayed there for the evening.
Another lovely morning with the sun shining thru some cloud and a slight breeze. Everyone was up and moving around the place. James, Lin, Spence & Hazel tried their luck at a spot of fishing off the jetty. Lin outshone the boys quite well with 8 small tommies to the boys each had caught (well done Lyn). A few others set out and did a bit of shopping around the place. Mike & Lin arrived in the afternoon with John & Pam, Thelma, Pen & Ian all following not that far behind. It was getting very windy, so we had meet n greet in the camp kitchen, a few slight changes were made to Saturday's events, a bit more chatter and the meeting was closed. Decorating of vans was happening during the afternoon/evening, some were cooking tea, others were chatting together. Once it was starting to get dark we walked around the vans to check out the decorations. Saturday: What a beautiful morning, the sun is shining and a slight breeze blowing. A group of members met at one of the local cafés for a cuppa, cake & some socializing. Heading back to the park for about an hour before heading to the hotel. Three tables were set up with Christmas decorations, lollies and bon bons. Lunch comprised of a choice of - Turkey with cranberry sauce, roast vegies, fish & chips or beef/chicken schnitzel & chips with the salad bar available. Desert was either pavlova with berry sauce/cream or Christmas pudding & brandy custard. After everyone had placed their order with the waitress we enjoyed chatting and having some fun. Spence started making a (origami fortune teller) from the menu paper, bringing back memories for a lot of us of good ole school days. Then somebody named James decided to make a paper aeroplane and see how far it would fly. It landed on someone on another table, so they threw it back and then it was on. Everyone that got hit sent it back again and across the room this paper plane travelled until Lyn got hit and held onto it and that put an end to it, party pooper! Soon enough lunch was being brought in to us & boy did it look good. Roast turkey plates were abundant with turkey, gravy & vegies, fish/chips looked good as did the schnitzel/chips plates. A short time after we all finished our main meal desert was brought in to us. The pavlova slice was huge, it had a berry sauce trickling over the whipped cream & an extremely large strawberry on top. Plum pudding was a good size and was covered in brandy custard. Both deserts were very very nice, Norm, who favoured ice-cream over the deserts had a choc nut sundae with wafers instead. Lunch finished and most headed back to the caravan park for some relaxation time.
Most of the club headed back down the street later in the afternoon to watch the street parade make their way around the town a few times. With floats and bands playing Christmas music as they made their way around with of course Santa arriving at the finish.
Some of the committee members stayed at the park to decorate the camp kitchen in preparation for dinner and secret Santa. Club members started arriving with plates of food and setting their place at the table. Raffle tickets were handed out to everyone for the door prizes which were 4 baskets that had been put together by Su and they looked great.
Once everyone had arrived and settled down the food was uncovered, and everyone went up and helped themselves. Wow!! What a great feast that was put together by all the club members, (well done everyone) mostly finger food was the go. Sandwiches, platters of chicken & salad, sausage rolls, quiche to name a few. Once everyone had pretty much finished eating we had a surprise visit from Elf Ron & Elf Spence. They arrived with big bags drapped over their shoulders, where is Santa?? Waiting, waiting, waiting, the elves scurried off to see what was holding him up, oh dear! he had a bit of trouble with his pants, they had a blow-out. Poor Santa he was in a bit of a pickle, with the elves on hand they fixed him up and before we knew it - here comes Santa. Ho Ho Ho was the greeting as he entered the room. He sat down with elf Ron on one side & elf Spence on the other, apologising for being late. Let's get on with it, he called his first suspect, Su followed by Barry as each elf had either the girls bag or boys bag. After Su & Barry the next person was called up and so on and so forth until everybody had received a gift, even Santa and the elves. It was a fantastic evening with mega laughs and even some jokes being told. James, Ron & Spence did an amazing job, I think we should sign them up now for this year before they get other bookings. Well done fellas and a BIG THANKYOU again you did an awesome job. Santa & his elves had to leave so we said good-bye and with a Ho Ho Ho off they went.

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Everyone opened their gift, and all seemed happy with what they had received. The raffle was drawn for the four baskets with first drawn picks a basket 2nd drawn etc., the lucky winners were: Su, Pen, ?, & ?. The evening was slowing down and people were starting to pack up and head back to their van. Before that happened, some of us went around to all the decorated vans to have a look before judging who we liked most. It had been a very busy day - some going for morning tea at the café, Christmas lunch at the pub, afternoon street party/pageant, decorating the room before dinner, dinner and secret Santa in the camp kitchen. I'm sure everyone enjoyed the day, and most were glad for their head to hit the pillow, I know I certainly was. What a great day of Christmas celebrations & fun we have had. Good – night all.
Another nice day ahead by the looks, sun is out with a slight breeze. Setting up chairs in a circle trying to stay in the shade between caravans ready for the goodbye/ farewell at 9.30am. Once everyone had arrived and paid their rally fee to Su, Barry opened the meeting by welcoming everyone & back tracking over the weekend especially Saturdays events. Everyone was happy with their meals at the pub for lunch and the afternoons activities and of course Sat evening with secret Santa. Again, applauding James, Ron & Spence for the fabulous Santa & elves. Moving on to the trophies, Last trophy went to Jim, Nearly trophy went to James & Fishing trophy went to Lyn who is the first female to receive it, well done Lyn. The winning van for best decorated for Christmas was Dee & Andy, with a close runner up Pen & Ian, well done guys. Only a couple of vans leaving today, Vanessa, Ron & Lolly, Hazel & Spence. We wished them safe travels as they headed home with everyone else leaving on Monday morning. Another great rally, thanks to everyone for the fun & laughter that we had.

The ACCSA 2019 STATE RALLY
will be held at the
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FAMILY AND FRIENDS CARAVAN & CAMPING CLUB

September Rally (8th to 10th)
at Clare Caravan Park

Vans: 15 + 1 Cabin
27 Adults and 18 Children

Cold conditions didn't stop the fun at the latest rally held in the beautiful town of Clare. Known for its wineries and beautiful scenery, Clare did not disappoint.
Lazy days were spent enjoying the sun, checking out the wineries, feasting on the goods of the bakery, riding bikes, playing in the creek, taking a scenic drive and just sitting in the park watching the day go by.
Afternoon saw a competitive club game played and happy hour shared, and may I say what a happy hour spread! Thank you to everyone for providing such a delicious variety of food for us to stuff ourselves with. It was a glorious victory for the Sargent family. Youngest daughter Teagan took the win over Tabatha in the kids game and in a 2 end only victory, Tania and Adam Sargent won over Sue and Wayne Stephens. Well played Sargent family.
Relaxing times were spent keeping warm around the campfire as the sun began to set and the coldness kicked in. The kids spent the dark evenings playing games of spotlight, running around enjoying the freedom camping provides. Everyone was reluctant to pack up and end their weekend away, as usual, apart from the Foley family who very uncharacteristically were one of the first to pull out of the caravan park. Thank you all for another great rally. See you at Black Cockatoo.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS CARAVAN & CAMPING CLUB (continued)

October Rally (29th to 2nd Oct)
at Black Cockatoo Bush Park

Vans: 9
16 Adults and 5 Children

What a weekend to be travelling to Black Cockatoo with the Crows and Richmond in the grand final playing at the MCG (Crows loosing against Richmond). We did have a little traffic on the road, and plenty of police. When we arrived at the camp site there was Foley's, Robert's and Whitford's already set up. A few more arrived with the last for the night arriving at 9:30pm. 8 vans in total for Friday night. While everyone unpacked and settled in Mark did his wonders with the camp fire and made it comfortable for everyone to sit around.

Saturday morning found people just putting the finishing touches on set up, then heading to morning cuppa. This is where Grant collected money for the owners and explained a few things that could be done around the area. There was 4x4 drives and nature walks to see some native orchids. After morning cuppa we wished Melinda a Happy Birthday. The day was yours, leaving people going for a drive and seeing the wood carvings, while others went for the bush walk or just sitting back watching a movie and talking in some much wanted zzzz's. Saturday afternoon Vern setup the TV outside his van and we squeezed together under the awning to watch the AFL Grand Final, with disappointment for the Crows fans. The evening meal was at the Naracoorte Hotel, which is a lovely setting and the food was delicious and good portions. Once again Saturday night was spent around the fire for many.

Sunday morning we had lovely bacon and egg sandwiches for breakfast cooked by the committee and helpers "thank you very much". The owners of the park then put on Scone's, jam and Cream for a gold coin donation going to the Flying doctors. The morning weather wasn't to good to us bringing on a few showers, but that didn't stop the six 4x4 drivers heading to the course. I have heard that there was lots of mud, water and a few broken cars when they headed back. Nick also got to drive in parts of the track, with mum in the back holding on. While others stayed back and either did the nature walk or just relaxed in the vans. After helping the owner recover a 4 wheel drive that was stuck, they all made their way back for wash down of the cars and minor repairs. Happy hour and club games saw baby Harper have her first club game.

Children: Nick winning Breanna loosing

Adults: Foley winning and Wallis loosing

But Jarred was happy that they got into the finals as this has not happened in quite some time. Doggy day care had most of the dogs off their leads having well earnt leg stretchers. As there were more dogs than kids on this rally. Sunday night saw most putting their roasts in the Webber's and sitting down for a lovely meal followed but laughter around the fantastic camp fire.

Monday morning Cuppa and Farewells. Seeing everyone packing up for a 5 plus hour drive home. Wallis and Brockbank's are the lucky ones this rally staying on another night.

Overall another fantastic Rally.

November Rally (3rd to 5th)
at Adelaide Shores Resort Park

Vans: 8 + 1 Cabin
17 Adults and 11 Children

The rally started on Friday afternoon with Sally and Steve Benke arriving first, setup on the large pitches that overlooking the very desirable view on Military road. We took a very picturesque walk through the campsite and the path that runs along the sea to the West Beach surf club. A lovely view of the sun setting over the sea while we tucked in to our meals and caught up on everyone news. The walk back to our weekend homes was cold and windy and much appreciated to sit around the electric fire.

A cold Saturday morning was welcomed with blue sky and sunshine that eventually warmed us up. At morning cup Sally welcomed us all and a special welcome to the Monument family, whose third rally welcomed them to the club as fully members. Lots of families came to visit for the day, Leanne and Vern, Dawn and Bob, Sue and Wayne, the Sargents, Sarah and Brennan, the Walker brothers. Jenny and Sarah said their goodbyes and disappeared off to see Stevie Nicks in concert, judging by the Facebook post they had a fun time. Kids club had the kids doing some exercise, which not all were too enamoured with until they got going. With two twin peddle karts the kids took turns in riding around the park. Once the little kids had had enough the big kids (normally know as adults) decided it was time to join the fun. Some of the adults finding out they are not as fit as they thought they were, Steve and Brandon decided to cheat and get a tow from the kart in front. With the weather and the peddling warming everyone up Liam and Ryan decided it was time to go and have fun in the water park, accompanied by half the clubs adults for moral support, and possibly out of us all we

FAMILY AND FRIENDS CARAVAN & CAMPING CLUB (continued)

might collectively be classed as a "responsible adult" to supervise the boys. Happy hour and club game was again enjoyed with much laughter and gentle banter. Mark struggled to work out who was still at the rally and who had gone home or gone to work. As the sun started to set some decided it was time to put their culinary talents to good use and served up their gastronomic delights for dinner. Most decided that a trip to the West Beach chicken shop was a better option. With the main course polished off Steve Benke decided to introduce Sue, Stu and Luke to the new delicacy of frozen custard. Of course photos had to be taken and sent to Vern, who in turn replied, but unfortunately I can't communicate his response as this is a family club.

Sunday morning arrived with beautiful blue sky and sunshine, still a cold chill in the wind, so we all huddled in the sun for morning cuppa. The weekend had to come to an end, and some had a long journey home, well possibly not. We said our goodbyes and wished those that wouldn't be at the Christmas Rally a good Christmas and to see them in the new year.

December Rally
at Williamstown Caravan Park

Vans: 16 + 2 Cabin
31 Adults and 20 Children

Twas the rally before Christmas and all through the park,
Not a person was stirring not a dog did bark.
Some came early and some came late,
It was time to relax and have a beer with your mate.
Many members were present, some old and some young
All rug up as the mercury dropped another rung,
With the glasses all empty it was now time for bed
For tomorrow was the day for the big man in red.
The morning we woke with junior cricket they did play
Morning cuppa came and from Grant the order for the day.
Arts and crafts for kids club, some fun to be had
Thank you Sue Roberts, they were all very glad.
While happy hour food was bought to the tables
Kids were all hoping the presents had their labels.
Carols were playing, anticipation grew
Adults were enjoying the food "what dip to have" horseradish or cashew.
Down the drive came a truck with lights flashing
In the back was the man in red looking quite dashing
Santa had arrived with a Ho! Ho! Ho!
He has put on some kg's by looking at the seat bow
He had a little helper in a bright red dress,
To help relieve a bit of Santa's stress
We all gathered round this man that we knew
Would we get coal or a gift we hadn't a clue.
On Santa's knee we all sat on our turn
A few naughty boys had voiced their concern.
Paper abound and smiles all around,
It seems we had all been good this year-round!
We waved good bye to Santa as he drove away,
With our presents we were left to play.
Play time limited, we were on the clock
As a big meal at the pub in a town they call Lyndoch
We all took our seats and opened our treats,
Before placing our order for our main meal meats
Raffles were drawn, all prizes given out
Seemed one man's number did Grant shout
It was back to the park for coffee and cake
Everyone full, not many would partake
We all woke in the morning and packed up the van
Well all but Ern one very lucky man.
So, remember all members a new year awaits
New places to visit as the calendar states!
So book in early and have the foresight
And Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night.

Next Rally: January - Wallaroo North Caravan Park

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October Rally
at Loxton

Vans: 18 66 members attended with an average spend for the weekend: $200 each

Arriving on Thursday 28th we were greeted by many of our Jayco members who were already set up and looking forward to a good weekend. Most of the members ventured into town to the local bakery and enjoying morning coffee/tea and then on to the local shops for groceries or just retail therapy.
Later that day we had a very cosy Happy Hour in the camp kitchen where we were given some information of local events plus there was a "Lucky Member" draw for one us wearing our member badge. A bottle of wine and box of chocolates went to one lucky member. A new BBQ invention designed and built by one member's friend was demonstrated for its efficiency and portability.
Saturday 30th was full of excitement and anticipation for those who follow the AFL or should I say the Crows or Richmond. The camp kitchen became the viewing room for quite a few of our members to watch the AFL grand final. At half time of the big game we had a chance to recoup with the cutting and sharing of a birthday cake for one member but unfortunately the celebrations were soured by the eventual loss by the Crows to Richmond. Most members went to the Loxton Hotel for dinner which was delicious and it was a great way to finish an eventful day.
Sunday morning, after putting our clocks forward one hour to commence daylight saving, we were treated to a pancake breakfast kindly organized and cooked by a few of the members along with their helpers and they were yummy especially the "low fat" cream they provide. One member was kind enough to show the ladies her cute "little owls" that she had crocheted and her talent is certainly to be admired.
One member, being our resident joke teller, gave us a laugh when he went to leave in his car but forgot to unplug the lead to his car fridge. We think he needed a longer extension lead!!!!!
The Beer and Burger Bar at Loxton was a unique venue where most of the club members helped several members celebrate their wedding anniversary. The restaurant was very rustic and offered a range of specialist burgers and beers that we enjoyed for lunch. With the weather so pleasant, happy hour started next to the camp kitchen where two new members were accepted into the Club. As the night became colder, we retreated to where the fire pit was and kept us warm into the evening.
On Monday 2nd we said bye to a few members whilst most of us stayed the extra day and others who stayed spent time at the Loxton Show. Others enjoyed a pleasant walk along the river and then continued chatting and relaxing. Once again it was a great rally and a good time was had by all.

November Rally
at Normanville

Vans: 28 66 members attended with an average spend for the weekend: $150 each

We arrived at Normanville midday, Thursday 2nd November with quite a few members already set up and a few more arriving before having happy hour, which didn't last too long due to the wind and chill factor, so we all went off to the warmth of our vans.
Friday saw not much improvement in the weather and most of the club arrived throughout the day. Several small groups went separate ways checking out the local cafés and bakeries. Later in the day a few of the ladies retired to the camp kitchen for a game of Canasta.
Happy hour was then held in the camp kitchen. Dannie welcomed us all to the rally and then Gerry gave us a rundown of the club's activities over the weekend, which included a **Melbourne Cup morning tea**. Gerry organised a wonderful spread of delicious "bakery items", fruit and a cheese platter which was very well received. After eating the morning tea, the fun and games began. **"Best hat—male and female" and "best created horse".** There was a horse race where the "riders on their horse" could advance according to the number on the dice. There was even a "Last Person Standing game" which was enjoyed by all but especially the people who won the prize money. The winners of "best hat" and "best horse" were judged by

several visitors to the Park and were selected from the group down to the final three from each category. Later on, Saturday afternoon Gerry's daughter came along with a collection of jewellery which the ladies enjoyed seeing. Claire gave a demonstration on how to make paper tissue roses which were on her "Melbourne Cup hat". Later quite a few of the ladies tried out some Rock and Roll dance steps as a practice for the 60's theme Christmas Dinner at Nuriootpa. There were some very busy ladies that afternoon. Saturday night most of the club went to the Jetty Restaurant for an evening meal. We didn't hear of any complaints only that the meals were very large. Most people really enjoyed their meals, but we will all know to order half serves next time! Later that night the wind really got up, with quite a few Club members not taking any chances and took their awnings down. *(No damages were reported.)* Sunday started off with pancakes thanks to Dennis, Gerry and their helpers. Delicious as usual thanks. The rest of the day was spent just chilling; at the bakery, walking and fishing on the beach. So overall it was a great rally even though the weather could have been a little less windy.

December Rally
at 2017 Christmas Rally at Nuriootpa

Vans: 28 66 members attended with an average spend for the weekend: $200 each

We arrived on Thursday afternoon very excited for the coming 4 days of activities and Xmas festivities. A few members had been up at Nuriootpa relaxing for a couple of days already and by the end of the afternoon nearly the whole caravan club had arrived. After setting up we were all very keen for a drink or two as it was very steamy and 35 degrees.
After a few hours of banter and catching up the happy hour ended rather quickly as the temperature dropped to 15 degrees and the wind and rain set in.
On Friday morning the rest of the club arrived and then it was time for our ritual 10am "Coffee Meet". We were spoiled at the brand-new Co-op Foodland Café in the mall in the main street and by all reports the cakes and muffins were to die for. As us ladies do, we all had to look at the shops and all the bargains Nuri had to offer. Everyone bought some Xmas goodies and treats at the Aldi and huge Cheap as Chips stores.
Friday afternoon was a hive of activity, hours spent decorating vans and annexes and they all looked amazing – even better than last year.
Another busy happy hour with Gerry giving us a rundown of what we could look forward to on Saturday night at our 60s themed Xmas Dinner. Lots of raffle tickets were sold. About 8pm lights and blow up Xmas figures were on and mother nature was kind to us and we all started our 'Caravan Lights Tour'.
What an amazing array of inflatable Santa's, Snowmen, Combi Vans, Motor Bikes and light and laser shows. This year we also had St Nick's Magic Cave and an Australian Bush Xmas set up. There were lots of temptations – lollies chocolates cherries wine and even in some parts of Nuri it snowed for us.
But the best surprise of the night was a real reindeer named 'Dennis' who loved giving cuddles and he even enjoyed a glass of red while with us.
Every member had to vote for their favourite caravan and the results were going to be announced at the dinner.
Saturday was a relaxing day for most, preparing and having nana/poppa naps ready for the big night ahead. All afternoon the committee spent decorating our venue the Nuri Football Clubrooms and making sure every little detail was just perfect for us.
Our dinner started at 5pm sharp and people arrived dressed up as 60's Bodgies and Widgies, Flower People, Rock and Rollers and even Don Dunstan came to the party.
The hall looked amazing, we had pin up pictures and cars on the walls and a 60s themed kitchen ware display table, 60s lollies (fresh but inspired from the 60's) and the list goes on.
Well done Gerry and the team – best of all was a picture board with a picture of many members that was taken in the 1960s. We all had so many laughs looking at the old photos and trying to guess who was who. It wasn't an easy game let me tell you.
5pm until midnight just flew – it was such a fun filled night. The winners of the "Best decorated Caravan were announced. Dannie said it was a close competition and thanks to all the members

who decorated vans and annexes we loved it and so did many locals and other campers who wandered around on Friday night.

There were auctions, raffles and even a CD presentation prepared by a member, showing all the comic and musical skits that Gerry and Dennis had organized during their time as Social Co-ordinators.

Soon after our beautiful dinner was served – roast turkey, beef and hot leg ham with plenty of roast vegies, gravy and a huge dessert table with many options and some 60s inspired sweets.

We also enjoyed "DJ RON" who played a variety of music and took requests. The dance floor was alive with Rock n Roll demonstrations from eight members and others just tried to dance!! Santa and his helpers arrived with sacks of presents for everyone and I think most of us took home at least one gift from the enormous raffle table as well.

It truly was a fantastic night and the committee should be very proud of themselves for putting it all together.

Sunday was clean up day at the Football club and taking down the remainder of caravan lights and decorations and even a few members heading back to Adelaide for work or other holidays.

The highlight of the day was a beautiful dinner at the Vine Inn. About 30 members were left so after a quick happy hour we all went into town.

Once again, thanks to the committee of 2017 for all the hard work you have put in and most importantly to Gerry and Dennis for organizing our wonderful Xmas Breakup.

Merry Xmas see you all in 2018.

Next Rallies: February 2018 at Tanunda

SOUTH AUSTRALIA - 2022 NATIONAL RALLY

NOTE THAT THE DATE AND PLACE FOR THE 2022 RALLY ARE YET TO BE CONFIRMED

The S.A. 2022 NATIONAL RALLY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE is:

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Others may be interested to join the committee at another time

The next meeting of the 2022 National Rally Planning Committee will be at Elizabeth Lions Club at 10:00am on 21st February 2018.

All interested ACCSA Affiliated Club members are invited to attend.

JAYCO JAYBIRDS SA

November Rally
at Port Vincent

Vans: 11

The Port Vincent rally was very windy but dry and all who attended made the best of the conditions. We had 11 vans attend as well as prospective new members checking out what the club was about. Some went for drives checking out what the area had to offer, while others went for walks or just simply sat around. Some went crabbing to try their luck. Unfortunately the wind and the cool breeze made conditions unpleasant for sitting outside too late in the afternoons, so we retired to the camp kitchen area for happy hour and meals, which were excellent all round. Saturday night meal consisted of beef or chicken hamburgers followed by fruit salad and ice cream. Thanks to all the cooks and dessert queens for another great meal. A good time had by all and we will see everybody that can make it at Wirrina Cove for our Christmas Rally.

December Rally
at Wirrina Cove Caravan Park 1st to 3rd Dec

As this was such a success we have rebooked for our next Christmas Rally. The club has decided to subsidise this rally for current members for 2 nights site fees and the dinner on the Saturday night.

Next Rally: Aldinga Beach 2nd to 4th February

The 17th National Rally of the Caravan Clubs of Australia will be held at Albany. WA from 14 - 21 October 2019.

Those who are considering attending this Rally are urged to lodge their nominations as soon as possible.

Follow this link: https://www.17thnationalcaravanrally.org.au

RALLY COSTS

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MASONIC CARAVAN & TRAVEL CLUB OF SA INC.

November Rally 1st to 6th
at Tanunda Discovery Holiday Park

The park was full due to a national rally of the New Age Caravan Club but fortunately all our sites were together. The weather was fine but a little cool and windy for November.

First to arrive were Len and Diane Armstrong on Wednesday 1st November. Peter Hill and Ralph and Pam Billet arrived on Thursday November 2nd followed by Jeff and Chris Bettens on November 3rd.

On Friday Len, Diane, Peter, Ralph and Pam went to Nuriootpa for morning tea and a look around. Happy hour that afternoon allowed members to catch up and share stories about recent trips.

Saturday morning saw the arrival of Murray and Helen Balchin who joined us for lunch at the Tanunda Hotel. Later we took the short drive up to Mengler's Hill Lookout and Sculpture Park. Good scenery and some interesting statues. Unfortunately Murray and Helen had to return to Adelaide that afternoon but not before Murray had the pleasure of officially welcoming Ralph and Pam to the club.

The next day Len and Di packed up and went home. The rest of the team had morning tea at Maggie Beer's Farm Shop followed by some wine tasting at the beautiful Seppeltsfield complex. Sunday's happy hour was followed by a shared BBQ tea.

Next Rally: Edithburgh February 16th to 18th

PORT AUGUSTA CARAVAN CLUB INC.

I made contact with the President, Mal Gransden, from the Port Augusta Caravan Club in the last week or so. The club has a meeting coming up soon and hopefully we will continue to have ongoing news of what's happening with our valued affiliated members from Port Augusta. Hear from you soon Mal. Editor

RIVERLAND CARAVAN CLUB

During the month I also spoke to Kay Parrotta, President, and Barbara Jones, Secretary from the Riverland Caravan Club. Contact with the club has been a little difficult due to Kay and Barbara not having internet availability. However, Kay has now given us the email of address of her daughter which will open the ability to continue regular contact with the Riverland Caravan Club. I have reiterated to Kay and Barbara that the their club is a value affiliated member of ACCSA and I will follow up to get news into future issues of the Journal. I look forward to contacting Kay in the months ahead. Editor

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September Rally
at Mount Compass Caravan Park

Vans: 9

Southern Cross Caravan Club had to cancel their August Rally which was to be held at the Clare Caravan Park due to sickness and up to 5 vans travelling to Qld. seeking the sun.
The September Rally (14th-18th) was held at the Mt.Compass Caravan Park.
There were 12 vans & 2 Cabins. Site fees were $32. Richard, the Park Manager is a really nice bloke and he really looked after us. The weather was not as kind with limited sunshine but plenty of rain and howling winds on the last night.
Most of the members arrived on Thursday and it was decided not to erect the Club Gazebos as the Camp Kitchen was quite good enough. We all looked forward to Happy hour there and had several electric and gas heaters going to make us comfortable. Four couples attended the Mt. Compass Tavern for dinner.
Friday saw other members arrive and at 4pm we had our Committee Meeting in the Camp Kitchen. Later 23 members had dinner at the Mt. Compass Tavern. The meals were fantastic with prompt and pleasant service from the staff.
Saturday: members gathered for Morning Tea at the Harvest on the Fleurieu. The Club treated the scones, cream & jam. There followed free time to roam the country side. We all regathered for happy hour and then a Community dinner in the Camp Kitchen. The rally officers then introduced a fun game where each wife would sit on a stool with the husband sitting behind on a chair and reach around in front of her and try to thread a needle with the wife only able to give verbal guidance. What a hoot.
Sunday: We gathered in the sunshine at 10am and participated in the Tizer Quizz. The score was 41 out of 50. (all swore that they had not looked at the answers from the previous day.)
There soon after, the rally officers organised a rolling car rally to "Lets look at the Compass Produce and Tourism Trail". All had a good time and purchased lunch and much produce along the way. Happy hour was at the usual time of 4 pm and then the rally officers collected our orders of fish and chips from the local shop at Mt. Compass which was very nice in deed. Later some of us played cards but then dismantled our awnings as there was as 50 km/h winds were predicted that night. None of our vans suffered damage but one of the local vans was not that lucky, losing an awning.
The SCCC thoroughly recommend the Mt. Compass Caravan Park as a Rally destination.

October Rolling Rally
at Wallaroo, Point Turton & Port Wakefield

Vans: 9
Total expenses: $4,589

5 vans stayed 2 nights at Wallaroo & then travelled to Point Turton for 4 nights where they were joined by 4 others and then 3 vans stopped at Port Wakefield for 2 nights.
Our main Rally destination was Point Turton. The Management were friendly and assisted members onto their sites. The park looked a treat with green thick grass on all sites. The weather was fantastic, overcast but not windy. On Friday night we all walked up the hill to the Point Turton Tavern for dinner. The meals were excellent, large serves and on time.
Members had free time on Saturday to explore the Peninsula as far as Edithburgh. On Saturday Night the club supplied the meat for a BBQ and the members brought salads and desserts. For entertainment, the Rally Officers had the members write a list of any items in pairs. One can imagine that certain items of the human body made appearances on most of the lists. We also had them partake in the Irish College Entrance Test. There were many laughs and all had a good time. On Sunday Morning the Rally Officers baked a large batch of lemonade scones to have for the morning coffee break. They also provided whipped cream and jams, yum. Once again the rest of the day was free and the disc bowls were dusted and used in the afternoon. The rally officers took orders for fish and chips for the Sunday Night Dinner.
On Monday we all packed up. One couple went on to Marion Bay, three of us went on to Port Wakefield Caravan Park and the rest went home.
The Pt. Wakefield Caravan Park was neat and tidy and the Manager was friendly and obliging. The only drawback was the numerous sticky horrible flies.
After setting up, we walked to the nearby bakery for lunch. On returning to the park we basically relaxed for the last 2 days of the rally.

November Rally
at Christies Beach Caravan Park

Vans: 10 and 2 cabins site fees $33 per night
Total expenditure during the Weekend $4,850

There were 10 vans in attendance and other members hired 2 cabins. Site Fees were $33 per night.

Most members had settled in on the Thursday night. On Friday afternoon we had our Committee Meeting followed by Happy Hour and then we walked to the local Chinese Restaurant for a lovely banquet.

Saturday morning we all participated in the traditional Tizer Quiz and then attended the local Market. Saturday night we had a Community Dinner in the Club Gazebo and then had a card night for the entertainment. The Rally Officers introduced a game of Phase 10 which was enjoyed by all.

Sunday morning we all attended a local coffee shop where the Club shouted the cake. For dinner we had our traditional Fish & chip night in the Club Gazebo.

In all, a good time was had by all. Management were great and the facilities were excellent.

December Rally (14th - 17th)
at McLaren Vale Lakeside Caravan Park

Vans: 14 + 2 cabins), Site fees $35 per night, Cabins $150 per night, Expenditure $3,955

The park was in pristine condition with thick green grass on all sites. The park is under new management and they were very helpful. The Manager extends a welcome to all Clubs to think of them as a venue destination for a rally.

We camped next to the Adelaide Caravan Club and interacted and invited them to join ACCSA. Hopefully they will.

Most of us had arrived on the Thursday and set up near the Camp Kitchen area. We were given permission to erect the Club Gazebo at no charge. Members settled in and then gathered for happy hour. Three couples later attended the McLaren Vale Hotel for dinner.

Friday morning a group walked to the Tin Shed for coffee and cake and checked out the shops in the main street. In the afternoon we had the Presidents Meet and Gret Meeting and we invested 3 new members into the Club. Happy Hour followed and then we all went to the McLaren Vale hotel again for dinner. The meals were good, the service was good BUT if you go as a group, go early because there will be a long line up to order meals as the lady at the desk there painstakingly checks your Seniors Card and writes names and numbers on her list before she offers discount. Also, if you don't have your card, you will not get discount. One of our couples, the husband was given Seniors discount but not the wife as she had left her card back in the van.

Saturday morning we had the Tizer Quiz over coffee and scored 33 out of 50 as a group. It was a tough set of questions that week. The rest of the day was free. Some members checked out the wineries to replenish stocks. We regathered for happy hour and then the Gazebo was set up for Christmas Dinner witch consisted of chicken, turkey & ham provided by the Club and accompanied by fantastic salads and desserts provided by our members. A wonderful night was had by all.

Sunday was relatively free to explore the area and then we again gathered for Happy Hour. Instead of the traditional Fish & Chips Sunday night dinner, we had mega left overs from the night before.

Unfortunately one of our members had fallen off his ladder getting his awning in just before the meal and had to be carted off to hospital per ambulance. I am glad to report that after xrays, etc. he returned a few hours later with just cuts and bruises. He had an uncomfortable night but is on the mend.

Monday we packed up and went home.

Next Rally Brighton Caravan Park - 2nd to 5th February

SOUTHERN NOMADS CARAVAN CLUB SA INC.

October Rally (13th to 21st)
at Bridgewater Victoria

Vans: 8 (14 Adults)
Expenditure: $6,273

Eight members vans attend our week-long Rally at Bridgewater, Vic. The park is operated by the Loddon Shire Council and has been and still is recovering from the 2011 floods that wiped out the park at that time. The park is managed by friendly and obliging staff employed by the council. The facilities are new with three toilet blocks which are kept very clean, however only have two showers cubicles in both the male and female areas in each block. The blocks were designed by engineers not caravanners. The camp kitchen was well appointed and well used by our club and other park guests, however there was not barbecue in the camp kitchen outside area. The council is looking into getting a barbecue into the area. The sites are all on well grassed areas and beside the Loddon River which is used for regular water skiing activities. There is plenty to see and do in the surrounding areas of Bridgewater. Our members visited Boort, Wedderburn, Inglewood, Maldon, Castlemaine, Bendigo and other smaller towns. Some of the places visited by our members included: The Spanner Man and Simply Tomatoes at Boort, the eucalyptus at Wedderman and Inglewood, the street scape Maldon, the steam train from Maldon to Castlemaine, the Restorers Barn, the Mill market, the Budha house and other attractions at Casltemaine, the Bendigo tram, shops and other attractions at Bendigo. It was a busy week at Bridgewater and members did get the opportunity to relax at happy hours and dinner times. All members enjoyed the week and have all arrived home safely after a successful rally.

November Rally
at Punyerlroo 10th - 12th November 2017

Vans: 8 (15 Adults)
Expenditure: $498

Eight member vans attend our Rally at Punyerlroo. The park is operated by the Local Council and is very pleasant spot beside the Murray River. There is no camp kitchen and not a lot to see in the vicinity of the park however there is activity on the river. Members spent a lot of time talking and drinking. Members enjoyed themselves despite some getting lost getting there and some breaking down on the way home.

December Rally
at Wellington 1st - 3rd December 2017

Vans: 10 + 2 cabins (26 Adults)
Expenditure: $2,708

7 member vans, 2 visitor vans, 2 members & 2 visitors in cabins and a member on day visit attended our Christmas Rally at Wellington. We had a magnificent weekend with the largest number of attendees for some time. The caretaker of the Wellington Caravan Park was very helpful and looked after everybody without any problems. We had our Christmas Lunch on the Saturday at the Wellington Hotel that we were able to walk too. The food and service at the hotel was excellent. The club was able to hire the hall over the road from the park where we were able to meet for lots of fun and frivolity. The highlight of the weekend apart from the Christmas Lunch was the presentation of Life Memberships to two of our founding members Maria & Colin Humphreys and Ruth and Vern Strudwick. The rally had an air of joy and happiness throughout. And after another great weekend, everybody left for home on the Sunday with the wish that everyone will have a Happy Christmas and New Year.

Life members Vern, Ruth, Maria & Colin

Next Rallies: January 2018 Port Willunga (Australia day Weekend), February 2018 Normanville Jetty Caravan Park

September Rally (15th to 17th)
at Peterborough

Vans: 16 + 1 Visitor

THURSDAY: We set off at 9.30am for the 360 km journey to Peterborough. The day was overcast with intermittent showers. We travelled as far as Burra when the car suddenly lost power. The RAA was called. Had we blown the turbo, were we up for big money.....NO! A wire hanging behind the accelerator pedal stopped that sensor transmitting to the fuel sensor. Hmm…. maybe it's better to have professionals install a reversing camera.

FRIDAY: We woke to a beautiful blue sky, the wattles were blooming and the spring lambs were in the paddocks. We walked the main street of Peterborough; some members met for coffee and cake while others went to the Railway Museum. Bill ticked one of his boxes by visiting Magnetic Hill, but he's still in a quandary..... "Did the water and cars run up or down hill" Anne & Ken visited the local Peterborough Printing works and highly recommend it. It was fascinating to see the old restored machinery in action. The evening concluded with a nice meal at the Railway Hotel. Keith started a trend by ordering pancakes, mixed berries and ice-cream, the kitchen almost ran out. YUMMM.

SATURDAY: The women went on a "*leisurely"* walk into town today while the men planned a wonderful brunch of bacon, eggs, coffee and toast in the camp kitchen. Bernie blew the fuses with his frypan and resident Chef Colin made "gourmet" scrambled eggs. I am sure the women could really get used to this treatment. Thanks guys, it was really appreciated, especially as we didn't have to clean up later. Raffle tickets were sold to subsidize costs, thank you Janet.

TIP OF THE DAY: Use capsicum rings instead of metal egg rings ones to save washing up.

At Happy Hour: Barry and Julia were presented with their 150 rallies badges while new members Malcolm & Chris Feder were welcomed into the Club.

Later that evening John called the magic numbers for a "*Bingo, cake and quiz night*" held at the local Senior Citizens Centre.

SUNDAY: Most members were stopping until Monday but for us it was time to pack-up and say farewell. Many thanks to everyone who donated their time and energy to make this such an enjoyable rally.

October Rally (20th to 22nd)
at Port Vincent

Vans: 20 + 1 visitor

Met up with Gloria and Steve at Windsor and had a lovely drive to Port Vincent. By the time we set up Happy hour was well on it's way so had a quick catch up and a nice wine.

Friday the rest of the group arrived, we went for a drive around the Peninsula, various people did a walk around Port Vincent and we all got together for happy hour and then had a communal BBQ. Back to our vans for some quiet time.

Saturday the boys took off on their walk ops where were Steve and Bob obviously at the wrong muster point. The girls started off 30 minutes later. Two girls who will stay nameless went off to the Pokies for a couple of hours, lots of our group could be seen along the waterfront walking their dogs and I am sure enjoyed coffee and cake, when Gloria and I returned from a profitable 2hours it was time for lunch which was followed by games on the green. It was noticeable that more women won the challenges than the men. Anne's new game "Scatters" where everyone takes turns at chucking a piece of wood at 12 wooden pins which scatter everywhere was a great success. Also I believe John and Jenny had an exciting morning chasing their new little puppy around the park. After having a little adventure on his own, she returned to their van with a bone. John you need to dress earlier and not get caught with your pants down. Already an escape artist but knows where home is. Happy hour was followed by a Fish and Chip night, thanks John D well organised. After dinner a fabulous presentation was given by Ann and Collin on their experiences farm sitting on various properties around Australia, what an interesting time they had. During the presentation however one husband was seen to be snoring in the back ground, this was no reflection on the great presentation. Barry S you could have given John R a nudge.

Sunday morning our coffee and farewell to our fellow travellers, and later in the morning those of us that remained headed off to Minlaton for fantastic lunch. Safe travel home to everyone.

November Rally
at Mount Pleasant 18th - 20th November 2017

Vans: 19

After waking to a drizzly morning on Friday, and packing last minute stuff for the weekend, and hoping the weather would only improve, we set off on a gruelling 42km journey through the beautiful Barossa, to arrive at Mt Pleasant at 10:40am. We were surprised to see that quite a few vans were already nestling into their spots. As each van arrived it became more and more challenging and interesting to connect everyone to power and water, as the supplies where centrally located. After doubling up on water outlets, and Barry 'waterproofing' extension lead couplings with duct tape and a giant 'doggy' bag, everything seemed to be working OK. The Wanderer's flag was flown at half mast, as a mark of respect for Keith Thompson, who's funeral was held on the Thursday. A very sad occasion, but lots of lovely memories to cherish from our relatively brief association with Keith. Loving thoughts are with Jenifer.

Friday afternoon seemed to be chill out time. Guys in groups chatting and ladies playing a card game of Frustration, most probably getting very frustrated. Happy hour followed at the usual time with the usual banter and jovialities and drinkies of course, interrupted only to continue at the Totness Inn pub for dinner. When the meals were eventually served, we found out that the cook had resigned at lunch time that day, leaving the staff to cook the meals as well as perform all their other duties. The meals were perfectly cooked and presented. A credit to the staff.

To top the evening off the Wanderers won two raffles. One was a meat tray, won by John E, and the other was a $25 envelope raffle won by yours truly. Big surprise as the squares were only filled in at the last minute to enable it to be drawn before we all left. Back at camp, a good port was had by some.

On Saturday morning, quite a few, if not all, of the Wanderers invaded the Farmer's Produce Market, conveniently held within walking distance, virtually in the caravan park. There were lots of yummy foods to sample and buy of course, and heaps of plants for sale too. Mid morning, it was off to a local bakery for their famous vanilla slices and a cuppa, but on arrival we were told that they had run out of the vanilla slices. Still had cuppas and some indulged in other temptations from their menu. After leaving the bakery, some checked out the Horse and Buggy antiques shop that was offering 60% off, in their closing down sale. Hopefully they found that treasure that they've been looking for. In the afternoon, John D's battery charger spat the dummy, but Ken came to the rescue with a spare one. John was a bit concerned he'd have no television that night and that he'd have to grope his way around the van, to find the exit door, of course.

The afternoon was whiled away by a group of ladies playing Frustration again and various others chatting in groups, anticipating more eats, i.e. scones and jams and cream which all went done quite well. Thanks to the scone bakers and the providers of the jams and cream. It was all delicious. The general meeting followed and then of course Happy Hour. More drinks and nibbles. And chatter. The much anticipated horse racing began at around 7pm. There were horses, jockeys, punters and of course the race caller, er, dice thrower, el Presidente John D. A great time was had by all, with Kate Pilling taking out the Mt Pleasant cup by a length. I heard one punter reportedly put her house on the line, while others blew their weekly budget, betting on their favourite nags. The evening finished with yet another cuppa and voting for best hat and best dressed among the fillies. Di won best hat and Kathy won best dressed. Well done ladies.

A farewell morning tea was held Sunday morning for those who were leaving. Many of us finally had a vanilla slice after they were ordered and made especially for us. They were rather yummy. The rest of the day was spent chatting and lazing around and a few keen golfers ventured to the golf club for an 18 hole round. I heard Bernie took out that 'trophy'.

After Happy Hour everyone retreated to their vans to pack up ready for their homeward journeys on Monday morning.

All in all, a really good time was had by all in a very nice part of the Adelaide Hills.

December Rally
at Nuriootpa 8th - 10th December 2017

Vans: 26 + 3 visitors in Cabins

About half the members arrived on Thursday to drizzling overcast weather. Nuriootpa is quite a large town, very tidy, especially the caravan park which opened in 1936, it has 100 powered sites and many cabins around border. The Wanderers had about 30 vans turn up, one of their biggest rallies yet for Christmas. We were pleased to see that Bob and Marion, who have attended over 300 rallies managed to attend. One member was so anxious to get set up on his site that he didn't see the tree that welcomed his vehicle, turned out to be a very expensive weekend for them. Friday the weather was a lot better, sunny and 20 degrees. Some went for a brisk walk. Most of us met up at Foodland for a cuppa, I think we overran the shop, the coffee shop certainly appreciated our patronage. In the afternoon the local CFS members turned up to give us an idea of what their duties were and to show us 3 of their trucks. Afterwards we enjoyed a BBQ where everyone pooled salads and desserts. Saturday was another lovely sunny day. We had a free morning to see more of the town, etc. At 1pm an "Observation Drive" was organised which took about an hour and finished in town for a cuppa and discuss who found all objects. Later that afternoon our Christmas raffle was drawn during Happy Hour, the winners were 1st prize, Chris Hall; 2nd prize went to Julia Herbert and 3rd prize was won by Bev Trueman. A big thank you to Jacqui Baskerville for all the work she did preparing the prizes. At 6:30 we were booked into the "Barossa Weintal" at Tanunda for our Christmas Dinner. The club paid half the cost for members. Father Christmas and his elf arrived and was soon into the swing of things. There was a D.J. Playing Country & Christmas music and singing, the bouncing ball was bouncing on the wall - when it wasn't overheating. Sunday was the warmest day of the weekend. Many members headed home after a Coffee and a farewell chat whilst those that remained had a quiet day enjoying each others company and solving the world's problems.

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