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ACCSA Delegates And AGM Meeting

Wednesday
August 3rd, 2016
at **7.30pm**

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AFTER THE MEETING

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PRESIDENT'S CHATTER:

HELPING YOUR FELLOW CARAVANNERS

I wonder sometimes if the level of enjoyment of being a member of a Caravan Club is one of the best-kept secrets within the Caravan and Tourist Industries. In my dealings with the manufacturers, dealers, suppliers of equipment and tourist operators, few have had a great depth of knowledge on the benefits of being in a Club.

The Mission Statement for ACCSA was developed to promote this information and to increase this level of knowledge. The Association is dependent upon all current members to spread the word amongst the community and to encourage more people to join our Clubs. If your Club has reached the optimum membership level, remember there are other Clubs that would welcome new members.

An increase in membership provides ACCSA with a greater bargaining power and thereby "helping your fellow caravanners".

The Planning for the State Rally in May 2017 is well under way and we have received tremendous support from the Loxton Community: let's not disappoint them. We need the support of all Clubs to make the Rally a great success. See page 3 for information regarding the first planning meeting.

A special welcome to our new Sponsor - North East Isuzu. (See page 5).
If you or a friend is thinking of upgrading your vehicle, please ensure you contact John Smith, Fleet Sales, North East Isuzu Ute, 112 Port Wakefield Rd., Burton, SA 5110. Tel: 088280 9899 Mob: 0409 099 413, email: johns@neisuzuute.com.au Make sure to advise him that you did so as a result of their support of ACCSA.

Also, EBS are offering a Special on Servicing for August & September. see Page 3.

Safe Travelling
Graham Brown
President ACCSA

The Association of Caravan Clubs, SA has, as it's **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:

ACCSA Flag. A new Flag has been purchased and will be used at State and National Rallies. It will be available for the AGM.

More Information regarding Discovery Parks.

Exciting news from the National Association! Full details of the discounts available can be found on the NACC web site www.nacc.asn.au under the Benefits Card + Heading. Thanks to our State Director, Bob Williamson, for his efforts in bringing this to fruition for all members Australia-wide.

To take advantage of the discounts, club members should use the Discovery Parks online booking service quoting the promo code (link is on the NACC web page) and be prepared to present their valid NACC Benefits Card to the park reception upon arrival. Clubs are encouraged to use this discount offer as the more it is used, the easier it will be to extend the agreement beyond June 2017.

NOTE:
PLEASE SUBMIT CLUB REPORTS FOR THE SEPTEMBER JOURNAL BEFORE 22 SEPT, 2016.

BAROSSA VALLEY CARAVAN & CAMPING CLUB

June Rally: at Roonka Site, Blanchetown	11 Vans, 7 Day Visitors Estimated Local Spend: $1400

Roonka is a Water Activity Centre, Scout SA camp site, 7 km north of Blanchetown.
The camp has 24 Powered sites and 100 plus tent sites, Bunkhouses six separate dormitories. The cost of the powered sites $6 per person a day plus $10 per power per day, a couple in a caravan equates to $22 per day and visitors coming up for the day $3.
For the two days we paid $80 for the use of the kitchen & the BBQ is $10. A camp fire locations was available for our use.
We had Male and Female toilet/shower Blocks allocated to the club.
Prior to leaving all the facilities used must be cleaned.
We had a fun packed weekend including our AGM with all activities held at the camp, delicious meals cooked in the well equipped kitchen, Friday night was pie floaters followed by swapping stories, Saturday evening meal home grown roast lamb and vegetables. The meat was donated and a collection taken with monies to be sent to the Royal Flying Doctors Service.
The facilities of the camp are excellent for a relaxing weekend.

July Rally: Luncheon at Barossa Bowl and Mini Golf	10 Members. Approximate cost for the Day $400

We decided as a club that July would be a luncheon in preference to a rally. We commenced with Lunch in the Barossa Bowl café area, most ordered the wood fired 12 inch pizzas. Around $22, then three of us enjoyed a game of mini golf for $14 each in the Dinosaur mini golf course, need to see it to believe it, it was great. They also have a promotion where they offer a combination of a game of Bowls and Mini golf for $19.50.
Well worth the visit for a group and if the group is large enough a separate room can be booked for a cost.

Next Rallies: August, Stoney Creek. September, Strathalbyn

CAREFREE CARAVANEERS OF SA INC

June Rally at Hahndorf Resort Tourist Park	8 Vans Estimated Local Spend: $1430

8 vans attended for 3 days in the magnificent Adelaide Hills, on arrival the first thing noticed about the park are the changes that have taken place since our last visit, (revamped office, mini golf, and well established powered sites) all ready a good feeling, the reception we received at the front office very jovial, warm and pleasurable indeed we just knew we would have a great stay. The amenities, camp kitchen, games room and facilities are all very new and beautifully maintained. There is a downside though if you are not very mobile then getting to the ablution blocks are a little taxing. We enjoyed a great lunch at the Prancing Pony near Mount Barker, can recommend for a club gathering. Being in Hahndorf would not be complete without experiencing German cuisine; we have Karl and Phillipa who on Saturday night invited us all to Essen on Drinken German Style, a wonderful, happy and memorable experience.

Next Rallies: No Rally planned for July

REMEMBER

When you visit any of our sponsors,
don't forget to mention that you are a member of
an ACCSA Associated Caravan Club

PLANNING MEETING for the
ACCSA 2017 STATE RALLY

Please publicise this among your members

A planning meeting for the 2017 State Rally will be held on 7th September at Elizabeth Playford Lions Club den, on the corner of Hilcott and Figsbury Streets, Elizabeth North at 10.00am.

(Note that some maps show both Figsbury and Hilcott Streets running off Womma Road.
The den is at the Figsbury Street end of the shops on Hilcott Street.)

All are welcome, and spouses are especially invited.

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

For further information, please contact either Graham Brown, ACCSA President or Frank Gratton ACCSA Treasurer.

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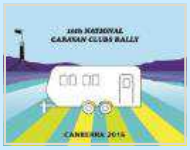
CARAVAN CLUB OF SA Inc

May Rally
at Balaklava Caravan Park

We arrived about lunch time, no-one there as yet, so lunch at the pub to start. From about 2pm the rest of the retired people arrived & setup, then we started with some drinks, all the crew went off to their vans for tea, solo me back to the other pub as single guys do on Friday nights.
By the time I got back some others members had arrived & were setting up in the dark.
Woke up to a crisp morning, blue skies and fresh air, some went for a quick walk, others went shopping – good shops and friendly people in the street, what we miss in the city. At 11.30am we piled into the cars and moved to "The Rocks", such a nice setting with running water and a nice shelter & toilets out of sight. Lunch was chicken & salad, what a spread we had, just like Kings & Queens, plenty there. Back to the park and ready for happy hour, here stories told & a few jokes, laughter is the best medicine!! Tammy read out birthday's and wedding anniversaries.
Then cleaned up and back to the pub for an enjoyable meal with other members, the place was busy, some locals waiting for tables, the service was prompt and polite.
Next morning I left early – 6.15am, but other members would have enjoyed pancakes supplied by the park.

June Rally: Riverton Caravan Park. Christmas in July function at the OG Hotel. No rallies for July/August

When and Where is the next National Caravan Clubs Rally?



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

More information can be found at:

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

POWER LEAD REQUIREMENTS FOR NATIONAL CARAVAN CLUBS RALLY

EPIC Management (show grounds) have reconfirmed that joiners are not permissible for power leads where the distance involved to the power source is no more than 25 metres.

This is an OH&S requirement for events of this kind and in keeping with Australian Electrical Standards. The same arrangements applied at the previous national rally in Rockhampton.

It is a necessary requirement to have a 25 metre lead tested and tagged by a qualified tester. This will allow the organisers to site (stack) some 650 caravans on the first morning of the rally in 4 to 5 hours.

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JAYCO CARAVAN CLUB OF SA

Additional to May Rally – Port Elliot 20th to 22nd. 18 vans attended.
The park was very clean and tidy with the toilet block & camp kitchen both well maintained.
Port Elliot park Fees $31.50 after 10% club discount
55 van nights = $ 1730
Saturday night evening meals at the Middleton Hotel = $310

June Rally at Peterborough Caravan Park	8 Vans, $30 per Night

Most arrived on Thursday & Friday. Thursday was windy, wet & cold making setting up a bit miserable. During this set up time on Thursday one member who will remain nameless had left his boot open whilst there was a heavy downpour that lasted about half an hour, needless to say there was one unhappy camper. The park at Peterborough is on top of a hill which allows for excellent views of the surrounding countryside but there was no shelter from the wind. A notice in the camp kitchen advised that it was always windy and the television reception was poor.
Friday dawned cold but fine with the sun trying to warm things a bit. Activities for the day included exploring Peterborough and the surrounding district along with sitting back and watching other members arrive and set up their camp sites.
Saturday's weather was much the same as Friday's and again some members went on walks around town, some of the ladies went for a walk in Victoria park which was next to the caravan park, and spent time feeding the ducks. Others found some newly installed exercise equipment in the park and tried to show off to one and other. After checking the town map it was noted there was ''Subway'' marked on the map, thinking they could have a nice healthy meal there for lunch some went off only to find it referred to a tunnel under the rail line.
Saturday night most members went to the Peterborough Hotel for dinner, the hotel was being renovated and the room was a bit sparse and not very warm but everyone enjoyed their meals. On returning to the park, those that were interested crammed into the only van that had television reception to watch the Crows win their football match.
Sunday morning arrived and one of our members was up early packing up and departing to start their winter holiday in Queensland, lucky them. Another of our members didn't show her head out of her van until after 10 AM quoting it was too warm and cosy in their new van to bother getting out of bed and beside that she was still waiting on her husband to cook her breakfast, a task the rest of the men hoped would not be repeated too often.
Some of the men went down to the railway station to watch the Indian Pacific train come through at 11.30, when no train had arrived by 12.00 some inquiries were made and they were advised they were a bit early as it was due on the next Tuesday, Whoops. At least they did eventually see a freight train go through. It was a bit of an ordeal waiting for the train, as at midday the temperature was 7c but with the wind chill it felt more like arctic conditions. The afternoon was taken up with a Mini Golf competition that was fiercely contested.
One member went for a drive to Orroroo for coffee and to check out Magnetic Hill to see if his car could "freewheel "up the hill, which he swears it could, I hope he hadn't been drinking & driving!!!!
A group went to the Light and Sound Show at Steamtown, they sat in an old railway carriage to watch the show which was a film about the history of Peterborough and the railway. It was an amazing story telling how Peterborough that at the height of the railway boom had 100 trains a day passing through.
Monday morning saw most vans leaving with another couple heading to Queensland and the remainder heading home, but before anyone could go they had to scrape ice off of their cars windows.
And so another Rally was completed and enjoyed by those who attended, with the weather fine but cold for the long weekend after the rain on Thursday.

July Rally at Port Wakefield Caravan Park	5 Vans, $25 per Night

Only 5 vans attended this rally, I presume, due to the particularly inclement weather during the week leading up to this rally. However one van arrived on the Monday prior only to have to battle the gale sweeping across the park whilst trying to set up. Another arrived on Tuesday and again had the wind factor against them. Wednesday another of our members arrived and Friday saw the arrival of a new prospective member on their maiden voyage in their new van, along with the last of our members.
At happy Hour on Friday night Sandy Hill adopted the temporary roles of President and Social Secretary to welcome all and introduce our new prospective members.
TV reception was patchy, depending on, what size van, what trees and where you were situated in relationship to the transmitter. TV reception was available at the recreation centre.

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JAYCO CARAVAN CLUB OF SA (cont)

July Rally (cont from page 5)
at Port Wakefield Caravan Park

Thursday, Friday & Saturday were cold but sunny, warm if you got out of the breeze & most took advantage of the sun to catch some rays.
There are a lot of places to go for day trips & Balaklava, Kadina, Wallaroo, Moonta & Moonta Bay were the most popular.
Saturday night's dinner ranked from awesome to OK, though one meal was quite late arriving at the table. After dinner the recreation room was the place to be for a port or two and to watch another successful Crows match.
A couple of members stayed on but the remainder left for home Sunday morning

COROMAL CARAVAN CLUB OF SA

The Coromal Caravan Club advised that they have had no recent activity, so there is no report.

DAVE BENSON CARAVAN CLUB

April Rally
Long Trip to Flinders Ranges

First stop on Friday, Peterborough for 3 nights. $30 night. 4 vans at this point in time. TV reception not very good, only one van getting just 4 channels. Weather good with plenty of sunshine. Did the market on Saturday morning at the end of town, then a bit of shopping at the supermarket. Sightseeing done around the area. On Sunday a game of putt putt at the 9 holes setup in the caravan park. Girls Vs Boys with a good win for the boys. Steamtown Sound & Light Show in the evening. $20 each, which included free taxi there and back from the park. Excellent show. We sat in a rail carriage on the turntable and watched an hour-long movie on the big screen through the windows. At the start and finish the trains in the shed around the turntable were lit up with coloured lights and rising steam.

Monday next stop Rawnsley Park. $36 night but we did get a 10% discount on that. Another van arrived to take us to 5. TV reception here was good but only channel 7 on the analog system coming from interstate. Somebody left their ignition on in their car and flattened their battery, luckily a member had a battery charger in their car so that saved the day. I won't do that again will I! The camp kitchen was well set up with plenty of room and lots of work area to do the cooking. Tea was had in there each evening. Many drives were taken around the area sightseeing the ranges. Lots of ringneck parrots drinking at the hose taps each morning. Lunch at the Hawker Hotel for the secretary's birthday. No cooked meals as such. Hamburgers, steak sandwich, fish & chips. All good serves about $12 depending on filling. 2 more vans rocked up on Tuesday, to give us a total of 7. A trip on the Pichi Richi Steam train out of Quorn was a must. $46 concession. Great 2 1/2 hr trip, plenty of photos taken. Lots of people taking photos of us on the train as it ran alongside the road. Stop at Woolshed Flat for smoko break before the return journey. Back to Quorn in time for lunch. The Great Northern Emporium (Emily's Bakery) was the place to go. Still set up like an old fashioned emporium with solid wooden shelving all around the walls full of olden stuff. The old flying fox, that used to take the money to the cashier was still there, with many points around the store. Pie's followed by scones with jam & cream. Cheap prices for a good feed. Also a little museum downstairs in the cellar to look at. A good 7 days in the area with lots of walks and drives.

4 vans off to Port Germein on the Monday for 3 nights. The other 3 went their own way. $29 night. Fishing and crabbing at the end of the jetty was the go for 3 of us. It's a long walk to the end. But over a couple of days it was worth it as we had a good feed of crabs and squid. Again drives taken around the area. A visit to Blesing Winery and the Bridle Track which was 4x4 only. Took a while to find, but we did after asking a Telstra worker on the side of the road. Started at the top, way up in the range. Slow drive down but made it safely back to the bitumen. A great 2 weeks away with marvellous weather and all had a good time.

Dave Benson Club doesn't have any rallies from June until September. Some are away in the warmth of Queensland.

Next Rally: October To be advised

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Notice of Annual General Meeting 2016

Notice is hereby given that the next Annual General Meeting of the

Association of Caravan Clubs South Australia Inc

will be held on

Wednesday 03 August 2016

at the Walkerville RSL Hall, 98 Walkerville Tce, Walkerville
at
7.30pm (followed by supper)

Guest Speaker: TBC

Agenda:

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the AGM held on 05 August 2015 and Special General Meeting.
2. Receive President's Annual Report.
3. Receive Financial Report for 2015/16.
4. Election of ACCSA Committee Members for 2016/17.
   4.1. President
   4.2. 1st Vice President
   4.3. 2nd Vice President
   4.4. Secretary
   4.5. Treasurer
   4.6. Journal Editor
   4.7. One other Officer if required
5. Appointment of an Auditor for 2016/17.
6. Appointment of a Returning Officer for 2016/17.
7. General Business:
8. Any Other Business
9. Close

JAYCO JAYBIRDS CARAVAN CLUB

May Rally at Clare Caravan Park	

No report for May Rally.
June Rally at Belair has been cancelled, but a couple of vans are planning on venturing to Pt Hughes, the front part of the park, the weekend of the24th.
July lunch will be at the Wellington Hotel on 2nd July.

Next Rally: August 5-7th Waikerie; Sept 2-4th Stony Creek.

PACK CAMPING CLUB Inc

June and July Meetings at various	

June - twelve members plus two granddaughters enjoyed an interesting guided tour of the Old Adelaide Gaol. It was freezing in there and must have been very bleak for the inmates and very hot in summer.
July - a large turnout of twenty members attended the mid year lunch held at the Warradale Hotel. The meals were good and the venue pleasant even though a little crowded and noisy.

Next Rally: To be advised

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ELIZABETHAN CARAVAN CLUB INC

March Rally: (Long weekend) at Cape Jervis Station	COST p/n: $27:00, VANS: 7 Note: Bore Water Only.

Arriving over the top of the hill going into Cape Jervis we found a surreal view of cloud cover over the landscape disguising Kangaroo Island and the sea in-between. An amazing sight to see.
The Cape Jervis Station Caravan Park was very rustic as were facilities, surrounded by rolling farm-land. It was 'site yourself' within an area of power poles. A hot gathering for Meet & Greet with the weather giving no respite made it difficult to find shade except thankfully, under the only tree there, which fortunately covered everyone.
Saturday also started hot again. Some folk drove to Victor Harbor, others stayed and gathered in the Café for Coffee & Cake at morning tea, the fantastic freshly baked scones with jam and cream were sought after. A few drove to the Harbour area to watch the KI Ferries arrive and depart. A fascinating process efficiently done. No one opted to have a day trip ! During the day, a very large group of people with tents began to arrive. It was like a tent city – many kids and cars as well. The noise continued well into the night.
The Pear Tree Bistro booked for the Saturday evening meal had delicious Menu choices. After a wait the superb meal was served piping hot, very quickly, everyone received their meal around the same time. Costs varied between $22:00 and $30:00. Our large group were seated in the Café instead of the smaller Bistro, a very enjoyable evening. We did not sit out after the meal as the evening was cool. Last Trophy: Lyn. Nearly Trophy: Steve & Deb. Sunday was a quiet and relaxing day with Cake & Coffee or Scones jam and cream, once more in the Café. Margaret & Ian arrived for the day. Kaye & Jim decided to walk a section of the Heysen Trail until coming across a large snake on the pathway!!!
A flexible departure time with only two Members staying on until Tuesday

April Rally at Morgan Caravan Park	COST p/n: $32:00, VANS: 9

Morgan is a lovely Park with green grass sites, with a new Camp Kitchen and a Swimming Pool.
The days warmed up after fresh mornings. A great communal Brekky on Saturday got everyone joining in. The Café for morning Coffee was changed when we found no cakes there, a further walk to The Bakery fortunately proved successful with a coach load of people leaving, luckily they had not cleaned it out of cake.
The fishing was very disappointing, the waiting pelican took one of the two bites for the weekend.
An area of interesting places to visit, including The Morgue, The Museum also a trip on the Ferry is always fun. The weather was lovely.
Saturday evening meal at The Terminus was a fiasco with the 'Hot Rock' meals and almost non-existent Vege & Salad Bar not impressing the recipients!
That experience didn't stop the Rally being a great one with some great company.

May Rally at Loxton Riverfront Holiday Park	COST p/n: $33:00, VANS: 12 Estimated spend $3,284

The Rally start was on hold, waiting on a group of 3 vans coming from the Flinders. A rapid set up was completed just before dark we then welcomed the most recent Members of the Club, handing them our Welcome Pack with good wishes for many happy Rallies in the future. A birthday cake to celebrate one Members special day. One more celebration to Harry & Phyllis who were presented with their Badges for Attending 50 Rallies. Well Done, Congratulations! The evening was now very cold and all returned to their vans to warm up and have evening meals. Saturday was a bright, sunny morning with a Pancake Brekky plus all the extras to enjoy. Varied activities for the day included a visit to The Pines, a beautiful house circa 1900 bequeathed to Loxton. Afternoon Tea was served after the tour. Some took a walk along the riverbank enjoying the scenery and the warm afternoon. The Village was also open to view. So much choice! Loxton Hotel for evening meals was exceptionally busy due to at least 3 Clubs staying at the Caravan Park. Very quick service and great meals were enjoyed with Michelle receiving the 'Last' trophy! Great Park Managers delivered a chocolate cake for morning tea before everyone was ready to go home. They were very friendly and welcoming. We look forward to our next visit.

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ELIZABETHAN CARAVAN CLUB INC (Continued from page 9)

June Rally at Aldinga Beach Holiday Park	VANS: 3, CABINS: 2 Estimated spend $1400.

A small Rally this time, perhaps because the weather had been bad during the week. A few brave, or silly, depending on your viewpoint, arrived and organised themselves. It was wet underfoot but by mid-morning Saturday it was gone and the day was glorious and sunny, not warm of course and night temps were low. Didn't stop us from exploring. A free Shuttle-Bus booked via the C/P for 6pm for the 5 minute journey to the Aldinga Tavern for our evening meal. Food was good, hot and quick to be received. Good value too. Gay received the 'Last' trophy this time. Back to the big shed trying to get the wood stove going as temps had dropped dramatically. The flames were good enough to toast the marsh-mallows, everyone happy. Sunday morning we all travelled to Yankalilla for morning coffee and a cake as the Club Birthday treat. Browsed the shops for a while before heading to Myponga Markets sausage sizzle and mini-brewery tastings. Everyone happy again! Later we gathered in the Big Shed after our evening meals to chat and hopefully get warm, that wasn't happening easily. Eventually as we got colder it was time to head to our accommodation, vans or cabins, for the night.

Next Rallies: July-Berri; August-Avoca Dell; September-Tanunda, plus National Rally Canberra.

RIVERLAND CARAVAN CLUB

May Rally at Eckerts Creek	

May saw the group assemble at Andrew Centofanti's property at Eckerts Creek.
This is now a familiar spot for our members and has the advantage of being right on our doorstep.
We had four vans present and had numbers topped up with day visitors.
Highlight of the weekend was Madame President celebrated another birthday. Family members turned up for the occasion with tucker everywhere. After suitable speeches, we all got stuck into what was on offer. Ernie and Lois were celebrants as well. In their case, it was sixty years of marriage.

June Rally at Lake Cullularaine	

We had four vans this June rally which we had at the Bushman's Rest Caravan Park. This park changed hands about twelve months ago and is now something to behold. The new owner has carried out an extensive re-grassing program and has also built a new camp kitchen and toilet block.
The park can accommodate around 100 vans and also offers both house and cabin accommodation.
It is a very attractive park which is only about 60kms east of Renmark. Sunrise over the lake is really something to see.
There is certainly plenty to see in the region. We went to such places as Lock 9 on the river, Meringur where we visited the museum, Coolwa where we went to the old vehicle museum, then back to Mallawa. We had dinner on Friday at the Werrimull Hotel. Next day we visited Merbein.
If people did not wish to tour the district, fishing was always the fall-back option. Our ladies (as usual), adjourned to play cards.

April Rally (AGM) at Glossop Hall	

This was held at the Glossop Hall on Saturday 2nd July. The group assembled at 10.00AM, had smoko, then got into the cards. When it was time for a break, lunch was served. Lunch was followed by the AGM.
We must be doing something right as we still have money in the bank so can keep going for some time. The committee was re-elected for another year and Madame President gave her report.
Once the AGM was out of the way, the group reverted to the standard card game before ceasing activities around 4.00PM

Next Rally: To be advised

SOUTHERN NOMADS CARAVAN CLUB Inc

May Rally at Mount Barker Caravan Park	6 Vans, 1 Cabin Sites $35 per night

The Mount Barker Caravan Park is an older one, without all the bells and whistles or a pool. There were some shady outdoor seating areas but nowhere to congregate out of the blustery weather. A short drive or a ten to fifteen minute walk will take you to the shopping Centre. There is a cinema complex, swimming pool and lots of eateries in Mt Barker which is 39 k from Adelaide and just a ten minute drive from Hahndorf and there are some really nice country drives if you enjoy that.
We arrived around 12.30 about the same time as some of the others and soon had the van set up. After saying hello to everyone and meeting the new member who has four legs and lovely black eyes (Penny the Moodle) we had lunch and a look around the park. Keith and Coralie had booked a cabin and as it was a bit cool the group were invited into the cabin for afternoon drinks and nibbles, it was a bit cosy but we all made it in.
As nothing was planned for Saturday some of the group went into Mt Barker for some shopping and a look around and after lunch we went for a drive to Nairne on the back roads to take in the area and the scenery. Saturday night was soup night, but as there was no indoor room to go into to get out of the cold Keith and Coralie offered the use of their cabin again. Extra tables and chairs were sourced from around the place and somehow we all managed to fit in.
Robert and Margaret Hart came up to join the group for the evening meal and brought along some homemade pumpkin soup, which was very nice, to line up with the other pots so there was plenty to eat. This was followed by an assortment of sweets and cakes for dessert, which all went down well. Everyone had a good night and special thanks to all those members who helped put it together.
On Sunday, as there was no late check out, everyone packed up their vans and after saying goodbye made their way home.

June Rally at Port Pirie Caravan Park	

A great rally was held over the long weekend with 10 vans in attendance. 5 vans arrived a day earlier on the Thursday with the remainder arriving on Friday. Vern and Ruth arrived after dark on Friday so it was a group effort to get them set up. Good to see Vern up and around again.
To avoid the long weekend traffic at Port Wakefield a few members decided to stay the extra day and leave on the Tuesday. No matter when you chose to arrive or depart a great rally was had by all.
The park itself was in excellent condition with the new managers only too happy to accept constructive criticism to help them improve facilities. Considering the fact that they have only been in residence for 4 weeks. They are doing a great job.
Friday saw most people just chilling out and visiting friends in the area, where Saturday was a different story, most members decided to visit the "PADARC" Rally (Pirie and district automobile restorers club) where a magnificent display of restored classic and vintage cars was open to the public. Entry fee was a gold coin donation.
Saturday evening was a group get together at the "Sporties" for dinner, well done, nice meal and very reasonable prices. The event of the evening being Margaret bringing what looked like a gold fish bowl with a cigar in it back to the table, it turned out to be a special presentation of a gin and tonic with a cinnamon stick in it. Well done Margaret.
Sunday saw a group visit the RSL museum, (a project the city should be proud of) then on to a farmers market on the wharf. To fill in the day some people visited the Information Centre and received a guided tour around "Shakka, The great white shark exhibit."
Note of the rally was somebody who shall remain nameless went for a shower in the morning forgetting to take his towel with him, the end result was a gentleman who dried himself on his clean boxers then had to wear the same boxers back to the van for fresh ones. Bit cool Phil, Ooops.

July Rally at Port Willunga Caravan Park	

Friday - What a great start to the weekend to have Sunshine. 4 vans were in by lunch time and a 5th van by Friday night. "Bailey" not sure about tiny "Penny" who was a bit lively for him. Happy hour saw Jack H bring out his "hot wine" which was enjoyed by all who had some. It was a cold night – heaters on. Saturday morning was cold but sun came out once again. Everyone did their own thing: Lesley & Jack went to Port Elliott market, some went to the new Aldi at Seaford, Graham & I went with Christina & Richard to Aldi and then on search for a coffee, what happened, no coffee the shop was full. Back for a late lunch then to the AGM meeting. All positions filled made for a easy quick meeting. Margaret & Robert arrived before the AGM and "what" no caravan – will pick up next for sure. The peacocks walking around the park seemed to like Lesley, the only person with food. The bus picked us for dinner at the Aldinga pub.

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July Rally (continued from page 11) at Loxton Caravan Park	

The first table received prompt service, meal served to all. The second table did not get service for one and a half hours – received a free drink for waiting. Sweets was a yummy cake for Margarete & Vern's birthdays. Happy birthday to you both. The bus then took back to Caravan Park. Graham & I sat out in the camp kitchen to watch the Crows win. We had a late check out on Sunday. Button for Richard and the Frog for Richard – gee you really had a great weekend. Then back to packing up. A good weekend had by all. Will see you all at Paringa rally? Take Care in your travels. Hope those going to Canberra have a safe and great time.

Next Rally: Paringa

SOUTHERN CROSS CARAVAN CLUB Inc

June Rally at Nuriootpa Caravan Park	11 Vans $31.50 after discount & 1 Cabin4 nights pay for 3 nights. $370. The Club spent $2,830 in the local area

Most arrived on the Thursday and settled in. Friday afternoon we held our Club Committee meeting in the Gazebo. We were unable to secure a free site for it but managed to squeeze it in between vans. Dinner was at the Vine Inn Bistro. The meals and service was excellent and enjoyed by all. Saturday was mostly free time to roam the country side and check out the Farmers Markets at Angaston and Mt. Pleasant. In the afternoon we dusted off the Disc Bowls and had a few games in the sunshine before the weather changed for the worst. Dinner was held in the new Camp Meeting Room. Members b.y.o. their own meals but we shared a lovely array of desserts. The Rally Officers asked members to bring along a photo of when they were toddlers and we had fun trying to guess who they were. Members were then asked to draw a picture of a Moose, starting off by drawing the eyes, then passing the paper to the person next to them who then had to draw the tail, passed on for the next to draw the front feet, etc. Anyway, it was hilarious to see the end product.
Sunday it rained most of the day. Happy Hour and the traditional Fish & Chip dinner was held in the Park Meeting Room.
The Camp Management were good to us but there was a slight hiccup with our Cabin People. They paid cash for their deposit and then cash up front for their stay. The lady booking them in insisted on retaining their credit card for the period of their stay. Our member refused, arguing how can he use his card if the Park retains it. Anyway, all was resolved when Management relented and let them keep their card.

July Rally at Avoca Dell Caravan Park	4 Vans $26.25 after discount. The Club spent $2140 in the local area

Most members arrived on the 30th. of June and departed on the 4th of July.
The Park managers were wonderful and very obliging. The rally officially commenced at 4pm on the Friday with the President's meet and greet meeting followed by happy hour in the Club Gazebo. Dinner was held in the Camp Kitchen which is a fantastic facility. Our ladies produced a wonderful array of casseroles and desserts. The rally officers then arranged a game of Tenzi where each member was given 10 dice. The rally officer would roll a dice and call out the number then each member had to roll their dice until they had 10 corresponding numbers. Quite hilarious and noisy as one can imagine. The first member to reach the target had to yell out "Tenzi" and then choose a prize.
Saturday was free to roam the town of Murrray Bridge and area. The weather was fine and the disc bowls were brought out on the lovely grassed area. Dinner was once again in the camp kitchen and then later that night the Rally Officers arranged a quiz answering questions from the Adelaide Hills Tourist Booklet. Good fun and also found out a few things about our State. On Sunday morning our rally officers spoilt us with hot steamy scones with jams and cream. The rest of the day was free and then for dinner we attended the RSL Club which opened just for our members and served seafood dishes and salad for $15 pp. Very nice indeed.
We had a great time even though there wasn't many of us due to sickness, mechanical problems with vehicles and other members having headed north for the winter.

Next Rally: August: Moonta Bay

WANDERERS CARAVAN CLUB of SA Inc

June Rally at Discovery Lake Bonney Holiday Park, Barmera	17 Vans. Sites $30.60 per night Total spend in the area was just over $4220

Discovery Lake Bonney Park is located on the Lake Bonney Foreshore and is easily accessed from the main highway. Local attractions include water sports on the lake, Banrock Wine and Wetlands Centre, Monash Adventure Park, Napper's Ruins, Cobdogla Irrigation and Steam Museum and the privately owned 4x4 adventure playground, Loveday 4x4 Adventures.
Most members had arrived by mid Thursday, to be greeted by some pretty miserable weather
On Friday morning it was down to the cafe for the usual coffee and cakes (not many of us there, must have been a bit cold) and then the usual walk into town for the women to browse through the Op shops, etc. Noticed a couple of gentlemen in there also. (No names mentioned yet) and then back to camp to spend the afternoon doing our own thing and to welcome incoming caravans.
Come evening and it was off to the Cobdogla Community Club for a meal. The atmosphere upon arrival was fantastic and we were given a warm welcome by the compere.
A good selection from the menu saw all parties tucking into some fine food and how lucky can some members be winning some very good food packages in the raffles Bruce ,John ,Gloria, etc.
Due to a few mistakes by kitchen staff, some of us were lucky enough to get free sweets which were appreciated. Finally it was back to camp to rest, however John D decided it was time to test some very old port and convinced the writer to join him in sampling the product. Not a bad idea as it was extremely cold, however 1/2 bottle later we decided to call it quits and hit the sack like all the others.
Saturday came and the weather was much friendlier so we all did our own thing during the afternoon until our get together for nibbles and drink and welcome the new members to our club.
From there it was off to the Uniting Church hall for a Pie Floater meal and what a meal it was with two varieties of mushy peas to grace the pies. I am sure all members enjoyed the meal. Well done the cooks.
After the meal it was 'eyes down' for Bingo and, as usual the man put on a great show - it was fun, with plenty of laughter. Well done to the compere, however someone must advise Bruce that you need all the numbers required before claiming the prize - not once but twice. Nice try mate Gold card for having the members in fits of laughter.

July Rally at Pt Wakefield Caravan Park	20 Vans. Sites $25.00 per night Total spend in the area just over $3700

Port Wakefield is known mostly for its roadhouses and trucking stops but it has a surprisingly colourful past. Although not renowned as a tourist destination, the Caravan Park has some waterfront sites, some lawnand most are shady. There is a fully enclosed rec room with all the necessary amenities and it is a cosy place for Happy Hours on a blustery and drizzly weekend such as the Wanderers encountered. The Rising Sun Hotel provided a good meal for the 40-odd caravanners on the Friday night, assisted by a free drink voucher from the park. Saturday was spent by some exploring the town with the aid of a self guided tour before returning for Happy Hour, shared dinner and a Quiz Night. Most folk found Sunday lunch further afield at Balaklava, Wallaroo, Kadina and Moonta. Although the weather was not so good and storms were pounding Adelaide, those who stayed on 'til Monday were rewarded with a pleasant day and a tail-wind to see them homeward bound.

Next Rally: August - Riverton; September - Cobdogla

FROM THE SECRETARY'S INBOX - Some items of General Interest to Caravanners

Latest "Camping Sites" webpage

The "Go See OZ" team, part of QORF (Qld Outdoor Recreation Federation) bring your attention to the latest & most comprehensive resource webpage, that assists travellers, both local & overseas visitors, the attached webpage, "Camping Sites". Several links have had their parent website upgraded, enhanced, updated & the modern facilities of video, photo galleries, & not only camping sites but extensions to "Places of Interest" etc. included. http://4x4earth.com/campsites/

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