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Next Delegates Meeting & ACCSA Annual General Meeting

Wednesday
7:30 pm
Wednesday
2nd August 2017
at
Walkerville RSL Hall
98 Walkerville Tce
Walkerville
All Welcome!

Celebrating 41 Years of Service to Caravanning in South Australia

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PRESIDENT'S CHATTER:

The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday the 2nd August, 2017 and it is important that all Clubs provide delegates to this meeting. To be successful, the Association requires a broad contribution and ideas from its members and this can be best achieved by giving your Clubs perspective at the Annual General Meeting.

I have held the position of President for the last two years and consider that, in the interest of the Association, new members of the Executive should be appointed at least every two years. I would ask that members give due consideration to this submission and seek nominations from your Club for the positions that will be declared vacant at the AGM.

Thanking you all for your support during the past two years

Safe Travelling.
Graham Brown,
President, ACCSA

FROM THE EDITOR

Clubs to Update Contact Details

Club Secretaries are reminded to provide updated contact details for their club President, Secretary and Delegate to the ACCSA Secretary when there have been changes made following Club AGMs.

Membership Offer from Discovery Parks

As a result of negotiations between the NACC and Discovery Parks, we are pleased to advise affiliated club members of the following offer:-

Free 12 months Discovery Parks membership which will entitle you to a 10% discount up to $50 per stay. This offer will be valid until 30 June 2018. and can be redeemed by members using the link below.http://www.discoveryholidayparks.com.au/membership_program/join_form?discount=NACC

For a full listing of Discovery Parks and their locations, please visit www.discoveryholidayparks.com.au

NOTE: Please submit items for the next Journal before 20th September

Where and When is the next National Caravan Clubs Rally?

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

The total cost for this Rally is $450.00, which includes the registration fee of $30.00.

Payments can be made in full on registration or perhaps by the preferred method of $30.00 (non-refundable) on registration and then further payments on a regular basis. Most people have opted for this option. First part Payment of $120 is due on or before 30th June 2017, the second payment of $150.00 on or before 30th June 2018 and the final payment of $150 must be paid by 30 June 2019.

More information can be found at: www.17thnationalcaravanrally.org.au

SOUTH AUSTRALIA - 2022 NATIONAL RALLY

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

Over the weekend of 14th - 16th July, 2017, about 20 caravanners attended a Site Test at the Barmera Field Day site to assess the suitability of that site for the 2022 National Rally. Among the group was the current Steering Committee. Most stayed on site for a couple of nights to further test the site and the area and to discover the benefits and drawbacks of the site. The group was given a guided tour of the site and its facilities by the site management team, (see photo on p.9), followed by a general discussion and questions and answer session from the ACCSA group to get a clear understanding of what the site and locality has to offer and to let site management know what we need.

Following that meeting the Steering Committee met to consider nominations for and to formally elect the 18th National Rally Committee.

S.A. 2022 NATIONAL RALLY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE is:

PRESIDENT:	Phil Chandler.
VICE PRESIDENT:	John Anderson.
SECRETARY:	Margaret Shilton.
ASSISTANT SECRETARY:	John Baans.
TREASURER:	Trevor Porter.
ASSISTANT TREASURER:	Graham Brown.
PUBLIC OFFICER:	Reg Merritt.

Several other non-executive committee positions were also nominated and elected.

The next meeting of the 2022 National Rally Planning Committee will be at Walkerville RSL Hall on 27th September 2017.

All interested ACCSA Affiliated Club members are invited to attend.

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."

NOTICE OF ACCSA AGM

In accordance with the ACCSA Constitution, all Clubs are hereby notified that the Association's AGM will be held on Wednesday 2nd August 2017, at the Walkerville RSL Hall, 98 Walkerville Terrace, Walkerville beginning at 7:30pm.

Your club's commitment and support is essential to the continuance of the Association.

Please ensure that all your members are aware of this meeting and that they are all invited to attend, even if they are not Club Delegates.

SOUTHERN CROSS CARAVAN CLUB INC

June Rally
at Riverton Caravan Park

14 Vans, 1 Cabin Site fees: $28 / night.
$4,337 spent in the local area.

Southern Cross Caravan Club ventured to the lovely town of Riverton for their June Rally. (1-4th). We had 14 vans and 1 couple in a cabin. Site fees were $28. Overall the Club spent $4,337 into the local economy.

The weather was very kind to us over the 4 days of the rally. The days were lovely and sunny but the nights were very crisp in deed. The local oval was covered in frost every morning.

Most of our members arrived on the Thursday and were greeted by Caroline, the very nice and helpful park manager. After settling in, a number of us wandered up the main street and had coffee in a very nice café.

We enjoyed the café so much that we returned on the Friday morning with nearly all the members. At 4pm we had the President's Meet & Greet meeting followed by the Committee Meeting which was held by gathering around a roaring camp fire. That evening we attended the Riverton Hotel for dinner. The meals were very nice and very plentiful. Not one of the members were heard to grumble. The night was topped off by one of our people winning the meat TRAY raffle.

Saturday was spent soaking up the sunshine and getting out the disc bowls in the afternoon. Happy hour was once again held around a camp fire and we then had a community meal (cook & bring) at the nearby football club rooms. We were lucky in that the locals were playing away and the room was free. The $50 hiring fee was well worth it considering how cold the nights were. The rally officers had us doing puzzles and making paper plains. A nice supper followed.

Sunday morning a number of us cooked a champagne breakfast and then later we ventured up the road to Saddleworth for the Market. Many came back with various items.

Sunday happy hour was once again around the camp fire and then for dinner 5 couples went to the One Stop Shop where they ordered fish & chips or pizzas.

The only downfall was the TV reception. Channel 7 was a bit of a hit and miss within the park.

The caravan park was in peak condition, the ablutions were held very clean. The park manager was extremely helpful. SCCC highly recommends Riverton Caravan Park as a rally destination for any of our clubs within ACCSA.

July Rally
at Goolwa Caravan Park

10 Vans, 1 Cabin. Site fees: $27 / night.
$2570 spent in the local area.

The SCCC attended at the Goolwa Caravan Park for their July Rally, (6-9th). Site fees were $27 (stay 4 pay for 3). Total Expenditure for our stay at Goolwa was about $2570.

The weather was mostly sunny, however there were some showers.

Anita, the Park Manager was very cheerful and helpful. She gave us a free site for our Gazebos.

Most members arrived on the Thursday which was devoted to settling in and of course Happy Hour. Some members went out for tea at the Corio Hotel which served up nice meals. On Friday Members had time to explore the area and then we gathered for the President's Meet & Greet Meeting followed by Happy Hour. For tea 23 members attended Jack's Restaurant at the Goolwa Motel. (cont p 4)

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Most meals were good, however, there were some grumbles but overall we had a good time. Saturday members had free time whilst others stayed in their vans dodging the rain. A wonderful selection of casseroles and sweets were downed at dinner in the Gazebo. Thanks to all our lovely ladies for the effort. Members wore their favourite beanies and after tea members read out a selection of Bush Poetry. A great night, thanks Rally Officers.

Sunday saw our members check out the Goolwa & Victor Harbour Markets and the Op shops. For dinner we had the traditional fish & chips.

A great rally, it was better than sitting home.

Next Rallies: To be advised

THE CARAVAN CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC OF SA INC

Errata: The May Edition of the Journal had a couple of 'cut and paste' errors in the headings for the Caravan Club of South Australia reports;

On page 5, the report for the April (Easter) Rally should have been "at Balaklava Caravan Park" (not Laura).

The Report titled "March Rally: at Nuriootpa Caravan Park", on page 6, should have been "May Rally (State Rally) at Loxton Riverside Caravan Park" and three vans attended, not 11 as shown.

June Rally
at Riverton Caravan Park

5 Vans Site Fees: $28 per night
$2570 spent in the local area.

Arrived Friday afternoon, with two members already setting up. We went for a walk up main street stopping in OP shop for a look. That evening our working members arrived having to set up in the dark. This particular weekend the park had a motor cycle club staying with these elaborate bikes towing a small trailer which opened out into a large tent. Also there were a group of families with bicycles they took off daily and road to a different destination each day. They even had a mini covered trailer behind one bike with 3 dogs in it. Camp fires were the in thing as we all tried to warm up. Saturday a free day where some relaxed while others went for a drive. That night some of us ventured to the Pub for a meal.

Sunday around 10am the men went off to their annual Golf game while the rest went to Auburn for a game of mini golf. Norma & Janet both had a hole in one. Janet took out the NAGA award. Although she still stands firm that it is the highest score that wins. As it was a well thought out course the real golfers decided to return in the afternoon to try their hand at it, finishing with coffee and scones. Returning for Happy Hr around the camp fire to celebrate the 3 birthdays.

Weather was cold but fine allowing us all to participate in whatever activities we wished to do and all agreed a successful Rally.

Next Rallies: None for July or August

BAROSSA CARAVAN AND CAMPING CLUB

June Rally
at Avoca Dell Caravan Park (3rd, 4th & 5th June)

13 Vans. Site fees: $28 / night.
$3500 spent in the local area.

Most of the 13 vans had arrived by Friday 2nd giving us plenty of time to browse the Op shops etc. Dinner was Margaret's pea and ham soup followed by Michael's Viennas, sauerkraut and bread rolls. All appreciated and delicious for $5-00 p/h.

As the days were sunny we took the opportunity to walk along the river & sit chatting. Happy hours, spent in the camp kitchen were noisy as usual. Saturday after watching the Princess glide to her moorings through the fog, we toured the Round House ($3-50) with some very knowledgeable local guides.

Our AGM, General and Committee Meetings were held in the camp kitchen and all matters were dealt with expediently.

Dinner at the Bridgeport Hotel was set menu, 4 choice mains, 3 choice dessert for $28-00. Excellent quality and quantity which we would recommend.

Sunday saw 20 of us travel to Monarto Zoo for the day. With group discount we paid $23-00 entry. The bus travel through the enclosures were enhanced by the knowledgeable commentary of the volunteer drivers. Dinner was back at the camp kitchen where half of us brought salad and the rest sweets to go with our BBQ.

Thanks to Michael and Chris, extraordinary Rally Organisers and Bill for the Report.

Next Rallies: No July Rally. Waikerie on 4th – 6th August

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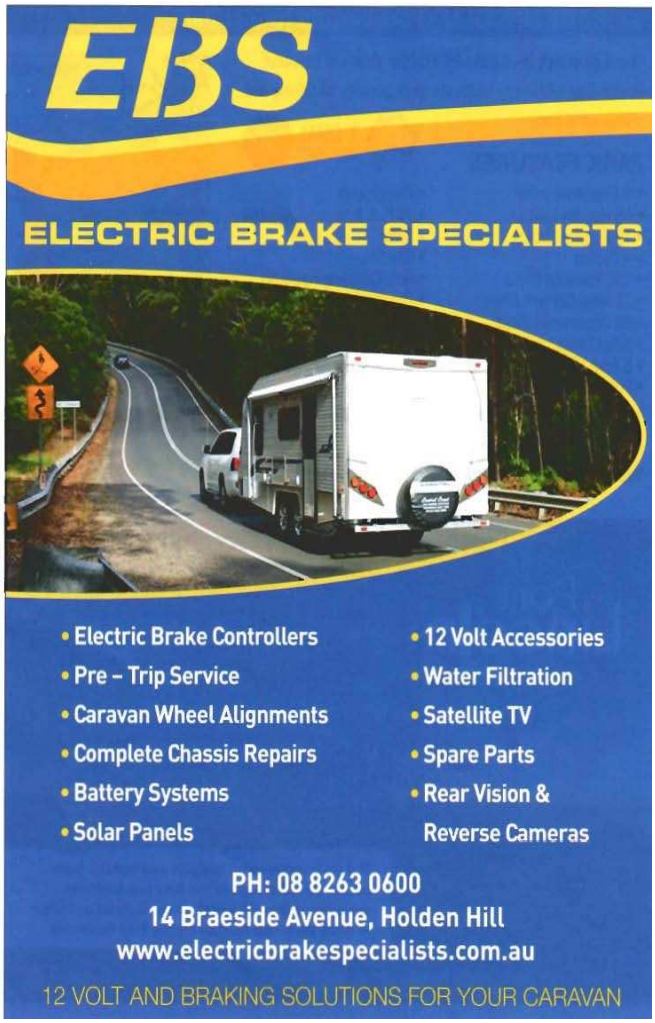


WANDERERS CARAVAN CLUB of SA INC

June Rally at Hahndorf Resort Tourist Park	12 Vans + 1 Visitor. Park Fees $40 / Night $3220 spent in the local area.

Not having the best run down here we thought we would not go down the freeway so we put the setting for Hahndorf into the GPS to take us on a more scenic route. Well don't ask where we ended up as we had no clue and had to use map books to find our way there in the end. Arriving safely we set up just in time for happy hour. The site has some nice views of surrounding area and a large camp kitchen with all modern cons which was a nicely laid out and very clean all around.

Friday morning we woke up to some light rain but it wasn't too cold, Hahndorf is very unique to South Australia when you consider we are mainly a wine producing area, it has so much history and was a very interesting place to look around. Just outside Hahndorf the Beerenburg Farm Shop sells all types of jams that are home made, we were told they were excellent so we picked up a few jars to take back home. Finishing the day at the old mill hotel with a buffet meal was very enjoyable.

Saturday morning we all took a short walk up to the on-site Three Gums Bistro for coffee. Bob G and Ken T put on the floor show with Bob sending his coffee flying and Ken doing a back flip ending up on the floor with his legs in the air. Luckily no one was hurt and the waitress brought Bob a fresh cup of coffee to make up for the one he spilled. Some of us went from there to play mini golf. From there we all had lunch then formed a small convoy for a scenic drive in the hills stopping at the bakery at Woodside. Members that have been in the club the longest told me they know every bakery in Australia.

Arriving back in time for the general meeting and happy hour later that night we had a BYO meal with a German theme not sure what every one brought but it seemed to go down very well.

Sunday morning as we were leaving and saying our goodbye's I learned two of us had a hole in one at the mini golf, so we both got rewarded with a pick from the lolly bag.

Later on the Sunday some members went to "The Cedars", where Hans Heysen lived and worked.

Next Rallies: July 19th - 25th (Extended Rally) Naracoorte; August 18th - 20th, Pt Willunga.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY CARAVAN AND CAMPING CLUB

June Rally at Stony Creek Bush Park, 9th -11th June	20 Vans (38 Adults and 21 Children)

We arrived at Stoney Creek Bush Camp around 3pm on Friday 9th June.

There were already about 7 or 8 vans that had arrived before us, here we were thinking we would be one of the first.

Some of the members had meals from the Kell's Kitchen take away menu. From what we heard all the meals were great tasting and great value. It's really great when you've ordered your pizza after a 4 hour drive to hear "we'll bring it over to your tent when it's ready" so you can get your tent setup.

By evening's end more vans/campers turned up, good work to Mark and Grant who seemed to organise the site locations. They then eventually joined in with the group that gathered around the campfire.

Football was on the TV screen in the camp kitchen to keep those interested updated on the games progress. While bs stories where being told around the campfire lol

Saturday a couple of more people arriving taking the club to 20 + sites with many new faces, including those that were on their 1st and 2nd rally with the club.

After lunch we went for a drive and walk into Alligator Gorge with Will and newcomers Tony and Anna. Arriving at the entrance to find we had to pay $10 park permit before moving forward. The gorge was a great hilly drive with a picturesque spot down in the bottom of the Gorge after a climb down the steps and if you haven't been please have a look when you're in the area next.

We arrived back at the campsite just in time for club games and happy hour. Once again well done to Janet for the lovely scones with jam and cream

The club put on a good BBQ of patties and snags with members bringing along shared salads to make for a fantastic meal. Well done to the gents that cooked the BBQ.

With the temperature dropping people either retired to their vans or gathered around the large roaring fire.

Mark assembled his newly made game, where you have to throw your tethered balls at a plastic frame, with the harder the position on the frame the more you score. There was much laughter and lots of really poor throwing.

On Sunday after Morning tea, several groups went off in different directions, some of us went on to Warren George approx. 25km north of Quorn, also had a park entry fee of $5 (This would be a fantastic spot for camping). A beautiful spot to sit and watch those energetic souls climbing the hills, while the other enjoy a lovely picnic in the sun.

The other group went on to Hancock's look-out and managed to spot some Kangaroos. Then it was down road for a little hike with the dogs getting there exercise.

As the evening came, we once again all met up around the campfire to share our adventures of the day. Some members made campfire hotpots. They were absolutely delicious. There was pizza, damper, chocolate brownies, chocolate marshmallow cones just to name a few.

Also over the course of the weekend, the kids both young and old had a fantastic time playing laser skirmish which was put on for all by the park owners, what a bargain at $2 a game.

Monday morning came around quite quickly. Some were quick to pack up and head on our way as they had a train to catch at the Pichi Richi station. Some ventured to local eating establishment to see what faire was available, all in the name of research

Hope everyone had a great weekend and a safe trip home.

Next Rally: July, AGM. August, Mount Pleasant

ALWAYS AVAILABLE

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

Signs available from ACCSA Treasurer at bi-monthly Delegates meetings or by mail.
(P & H applies)

Contact: treasurer@accsa.asn.au or **0413 596 852**

St John/ACCSA Partnership - Offers extended to end of August

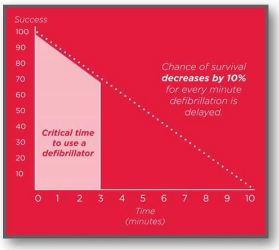
Those who were at the Loxton State Rally will recall the very informative talk and demonstration given by Tony Sparham from **St John Ambulance Australia SA Inc**. Tony has invited all ACCSA Affiliated Clubs and their members to consider undertaking a personal First Aid course at an exclusive discounted price from St John SA. In addition, Tony is offering Clubs the opportunity to purchase a defibrillator for Club use, including a carry pack with some essential First Aid items.

Defibrillators are important to have access to as a First Aid response to Sudden Cardiac Arrest which is one of Australia's biggest killers, affecting approximately 33,000 people per year with the current survival rate at around 5%. Defibrillation within the first few minutes of someone who suffers a cardiac arrest increases the survival rate by 80%, for every minute that passes that defibrillation does not occur the survival rate decreases by 10%.

The Philips Heartstart range of Defibrillators are designed to be used by anyone, even if they have no training. Philips Defibrillators are light weight and portable, give clear voice prompts on how to be used, they are safe and will only administer a shock if required.

The Heartstart Defibrillator has an 8 year replacement warranty and the only consumables are the pads/electrodes which are a once use item that should be changed if unused on a 2 yearly basis ($105 per set), and the battery, which is a lithium ion battery that will last 4-5 years, depending on use ($250 per battery).

Some important facts about Sudden Cardiac Arrest Survival...



- 30,000 + people will suffer from Sudden Cardiac Arrest each year in Australia
- Less than 10% will survive
- Defibrillation in the first three minutes increases the survival rate by up to 70%
- For every minute that Defibrillation is delayed, the chance of survival decreases by 10%

Offers extended to end of August

Contact Tony on 0488 178 823 or tony.sparham@stjohnsa.com.au

ELIZABETHAN CARAVAN CLUB INC

June Rally

at Berri Caravan Park, 8th—12th June

Arriving early afternoon on Wednesday, Dee & Andy set up on site. Turned out to be a very wet site as they had the sprinklers going on most of the area. After a cool night morning appeared with sunshine. Phil & Marie arrived late morning with Marie getting out the car and being greeted by the dog from the van behind them, it gave her a nip on the leg. (Not a very sociable dog!!)

Out came the disinfectant as it broke skin, luckily for Marie it wasn't too bad.

Harry & Phyl rolled up mid-afternoon, Barry & Su arrived late in the arvo. Everyone got together chatting about the last month and what's been happening in their lives.

Harry & Phyl wanted fish & chips for tea so headed off to find the take away shop, coming back all too soon to tell us that there is no take away shop in Berri anymore it caught fire and is no more, Bugga!! Phyl had to scrummage the fridge for tea. Andy & Dee were having wraps in the camp kitchen, Phil & Marie were cooking a chook in the baby Q and Barry & Su had a large late lunch in Blanchetown on their way thru so were not too hungry. That ended the socializing as everyone stayed in their vans from tea time. A few spits of rain were felt but that was it, all over in a flash. Here's hoping for another beautiful day tomorrow.

Morning all, bit of a sleep in had by a few members today. Overcast and cooler today by the looks but still no rain in sight.

Harry, Phyl, Barry, Su, Andy & Dee all went into town to find a café for a cuppa. Finishing at the café Barry & Su headed off to the hospital to catch up with their daughter who was driving an ambulance coach delivering patients to the hospital. Harry & Phyl headed back to the park, Dee & Andy did a bit of shopping before making their way back to the park. Arriving at the park was Judy & Tony who were setting up camp. Deb & Steve, Ian & Pen had also arrived and were setting up by the ensuite sites. Raelene & Charlie had arrived earlier also. People got together around Harry's van and socialized for the afternoon. 5pm came around and we had meet n greet in the camp kitchen where it was much warmer. Discussing what & where things were happening over the weekend, bbq breakfast on Sat morn, pancakes on Sunday morn. Dee & Andy, Judy & Tony, Harry & Phyl, Barry & Su all cooked tea in the camp kitchen talking food and enjoying each other's company. Su decided to re-arrange the tables & chairs to accommodate everyone even thou the way they were was fine, good onya Susie. After the dishes were cleaned up (with everybody helping) we sat around chatting telling tales of years past etc sharing the "Verdi" between Judy, Su & Dee. After a short time we were joined by Steve, Deb, Ian & Penney, out came the Port & Bailies to warm hearts. This was enjoyed until management came and kicked us out at 10pm, even thou we were very quiet. Time flies when you're having fun!! We all said goodnight and returned to our vans after having a very enjoyable evening.

What a way to start the day with a good ole bbq breakfast. Bacon, eggs, tomato, sausages, black pudding. Great cook up guys & gals, I think everyone enjoyed their breaky this morn. Thanks to all those that helped with cooking & preparation. After breaky everyone went off to different areas. Steve, Deb, Pen & Ian went to Renmark for a caravan part for Ian, Monash for a cuppa & Barmera for the sheep dog trials. Andy & Dee headed into Barmera to look at the sheep dog trials, disappointing there was nothing happening with the trials because they didn't start till 12.30 and they were a bit early, nobody told them that thou. It was also the country music festival in Barmera, this too was disappointing as there were only a couple musical acts and not very many people around or shops open. Having lunch at one of the bakeries, bumped into Judy & Tony who were also disappointed in the festivities. It was decided to head back to the park to do something constructive with the afternoon. As for Barry, Su, Phil & Marie they ventured off to Banrock Station. Judy, Dee & Su sat out in the sun and did some craft painting. Judy & Su were painting Memory Boxes and Dee was doing a photo frame. After a while other club members decided to bring a chair and sit around with us chatting. 6pm came around and time to head off to the hotel for dinner. Once every one had arrived orders were placed and people started to help themselves to the salads & bread on offer. Harry not happy with the potato bake (not cooked properly) brought it to the attention of a waitress and then went to the kitchen to see if they needed a hand to get it right. Everyone being served their meals in fairly timely fashion with the exception of 4 schnitzel plates that came around a few times with no owners (not sure what happened there!!), Barry sent his steak back as it was not blue enough!! Tony going up to see what was taking so long with his meal which arrived while he was gone, was the lucky last to get their meal, well done Tony. A few left to have a dabble on the pokies while others sat around and chatted over ice-cream & drinks. Saying goodnight to each other as we left the hotel we arrived back at the park just before 9pm, everyone ventured to their own vans for the night.

What a great way to start Sunday morning, pancake breakfast in the camp kitchen. Maple syrup, cream, lemon, sugar, strawberries, tea & coffee yummo. Everybody seemed to enjoy, thanks to the fellas that cooked them. Everyone did their own thing for the remainder of the morning and early afternoon. A few members went into Barmera for the market that was on down the street. Judy, Su & Dee ventured to the camp kitchen to do some more on their craft projects. Meantime the rest of the club also came over to the bbq area & kitchen and were socializing until the cake was ready to be served. Su had bought a rainbow cake, choc cake, vanilla cake, lamington fingers & some chips, coffee & tea was also available.

These were all shared between the club members after singing Happy Birthday to the club. Everyone

ELIZABETHAN CARAVAN CLUB INC (cont from p8)

sat around chatting, watching tv, doing craft or just socializing. A few other caravaners & their kids came into the kitchen to watch some tv. It was now around 5pm & Harry & Phyl started cooking their dinner on the bbq, this was followed by Dee & Andy getting their dinner stuff and cooking it in the camp kitchen also. Most of the club then brought their food over and cooked it in the kitchen and sat around eating and chatting for quite a while. The craft table was cleaned up so that other park people could use the area also, suddenly the kitchen was full of other caravaners cooking their meals and eating in the kitchen. Judy & Su were showing and telling some interested people about the memory boxes they were painting and about the meaning behind it all. By now there were not too many members in the kitchen most had returned to their vans for the night. A cool night ahead as the dew was setting in, hopefully another nice day on the cards tomorrow.

A later start this morning with goodbye/farewell at 10am. Harry & Phyl needed to leave before the meeting so they said there farewell's & headed off. Steve & Ian were cooking bacon, eggs & tomato on the bbq's to use up what was left from Sat morning, bacon & egg sambos were very nice. The meeting started with Barry stating what a good weekend we had, the weather had been wonderful and the company great. The meal on Saturday night was enjoyed by most but not all, and there had been something on around the towns for everyone to see. Next was the Last trophy which went to Tony, and the Nearly trophy was shared by Steve & Deb for nearly going home on Monday (they had rung their boss to see if they could have Tuesday off so they could stay the extra day) well done guys. A few other points were raised and then the meeting declared closed. Nothing was really planned for today it was a relaxing day to do whatever you felt like. One group went for a drive to Loxton & Lyrup. Another group needed to fuel up so they went to a café overlooking Lake Bonney in Barmera for drinks & a small bite to eat. Judy & Tony went for a bike ride around Berri & found a garage sale. Most were back at the park by mid-afternoon, a few of the ladies went back into the kitchen with bags in hand & trolley to do some more painting & crafts they had been working on over the weekend. Dinner time came around so they all decided to cook in the kitchen again and ate together (sort of anyway) there was - meat n veg, scrambles eggs, pizza, pasta, rhubarb crumble for desert just o name a few. There were also a couple other families that came in and used the camp kitchen for their dinner and joined in with conversations we were having. Dinner finished and most left the kitchen with a few staying on, Barry, Judy, Su & Dee stayed on and chatted until it was time to close the kitchen for the night. This brought the long weekend to an end and as usual it went far too quickly, but I think everyone had a good time and enjoyed themselves.

Next Rally: To be advised

DAVE BENSON CARAVAN CLUB INC

Dave Benson caravan club don't have rallies in June- September
The Club will be travelling to Canberra in September.

The 2022 National Rally crew inspect the Barmera Field Day Site, There are several shelters such as shown in the foreground, each with brick paved floor. In the background to the left, is the huge shed, capable of holding in excess of 600 seated persons.

JAYCO CARAVAN CLUB OF SA INC

June Rally 7th - 12th at Coobowie Caravan Park	10 Vans

We arrived Wednesday 6th June in the afternoon closely followed by Bob and Pat; finished setting up our annex and went to the Pub for a meal before retiring for the night.

Thursday came and the weather was nice in the morning but then a change came in, along with about 5 other vans. Happy hour ended up being in our annex on Thursday, lucky there was only about 7 couples so we could all fit. Some people were saying we should buy a bigger van just so we could fit everyone in!

Friday had arrived and the Rally had officially started. We had 10 vans in total so quite a small rally as a few people cancelled due to ill health so hope those people get better soon. Whilst waiting for everyone to arrive a few people went for drives around the area to get some more supplies & the rest caught up on some gossip & cups of coffee.

It was good to see Peter & Maureen plus Barry & Kaye turn up even though they didn't have their vans, but stayed in Cabins. Happy hour was held in the camp kitchen & Barry was even seen wearing a Port beanie thanks to Peter Pestka I believe.

Saturday came and a few members were seen walking up to the local shop for some scones & coffee before lunch. Most people remained around the caravan park for the day and at one stage all the men were standing around in a group & the women in another circle deep in discussions. Happy hour was in the camp kitchen followed by a lovely assortment of meals which everyone had prepared for the Saturday night feast, great job was done by all. Kaye brought a early Birthday cake for Barry and Pat made two lovely desserts which all seemed to disappear pretty quickly. The clean up began & people continued socialising in the camp kitchen whilst watching Port play against Essendon which didn't end well for the Port supporters!

Sunday morning and Barry G offered to cook bacon and eggs at 8:30 in the Camp Kitchen for anyone who brought their own gear over. The markets were on at Edithburgh so after breakfast quite a few of the members were off to the markets. The weather was lovely on Sunday so a lot of people ventured out for the day!

The Caravan Park offered to cook sausages for lunch in the afternoon for a small donation, which was well received by all patrons of the park & all the proceeds would go to the Royal Flying Doctors. We thanked the Park Managers for the soup & sausages and they said they are looking to putting a fire pit with seating in soon so they can have some camp cook ups, which will be good to try. The afternoon was spent with a few members around Barry's van telling a few tales and enjoying the afternoon.

Sadly we had to start packing up on Sunday as we had to leave on Monday with a few others who still had the luxury of staying on and missing the traffic on the way home.

Well another great Rally ended with the Jayco Club and a good time had by all.

July Rally 7th - 12th at McLaren Vale Caravan Park	

Several club members arrived at McLaren Vale on the Thursday. Six members went to Lloyd Bros Winery, saw the interesting metal sphere sculptures in the picturesque grounds and tried some wine-tasting, olives and pesto. Another couple spent Thursday afternoon walking in the sunshine while it lasted.

Happy hour on the Friday evening was spent in a member's van annex. One couple awoke at home on the Friday morning to see dark skies and rain.

It wasn't looking good weatherwise. Luckily the rain cleared by 10.00am as they set off for the McLaren Vale Caravan Park.

The country side was looking very lush and green. The caravan park is situated an easy walk away from the main shopping centre and also close to the Coast to Vines Rail Trail. This rail trail runs all the way from the Marino Rocks Railway Station to the site of the former Willunga Station.

After lunch on Friday a few of the men had a working bee on one of the new Starcraft caravans. Another couple were also making adjustments to their new Silverline van over the weekend so lots of little working bees.

As it was cool and damp on the Friday afternoon, several of the ladies took the opportunity to check out some jewellery in one of the lady's caravan. Several purchases took place.

We braved the cold conditions for the Friday night Happy Hour, rugged up and went to the camp kitchen- which unfortunately was not enclosed. Later in the evening, members purchased fish and chips, which were eaten together in the "cold and windy" camp kitchen.

On Saturday, a group headed off early to the Willunga markets. There was great fresh produce available and as well as other interesting stalls. The group had morning coffee together in a Willunga cafe, then headed back to the vans.

Several members had Saturday lunch at a café in McLaren Vale. Other members visited some of the local wineries and had lunch at "Harry's Deli" in the Wirra Wirra Winery.

One member organised for our group to be given an introductory talk and free tastings at 2.30pm on Saturday at the Menz Fruchoc shop in the main street of McLaren Vale. Very interesting information was given at the talk, (Cont p 11)

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including the fact that the business is a fourth generation owned business and that "Fruchocs "are listed under "Heritage Icons" with the National Trust (SA).

All the "girls" present at the shop had photos taken in a photo booth while wearing dress up hats, glasses, etc.

Rain set in again at 4.00pm Saturday, so Happy Hour was cancelled as we were all dining together at the McLaren Vale Hotel that evening. 19 members- the whole rally group attended the dinner. One member decided to be adventurous and try the alpaca on the menu but was somewhat disappointed with its bland flavour.

On Sunday morning it was off to the bakery for coffee. Most of the group stayed at the caravan park on Sunday afternoon except for one couple who went for a drive to Victor Harbor.

CAREFREE CARAVANEERS

April Rally
at Clare Discovery Holiday Park

17 Vans
Accommodation; $2633, Other Spend; $6175

17 Vans attended the rally; some arrived a few days earlier, some lingered longer than the 4 days, but one thing is for sure we all had a wonderful time. A cordial reception on arrival was very much appreciated as we all know a friendly smile and conversation on arrival can determine the enjoyment of your stay. The park was well presented with plenty of staff in attendance to promptly eradicate any concerns; the amenities were kept neat, clean and well serviced during our stay. At this rally the committee had been busy and organised several wine and cultural tours with excellent guides of the district culminating in a Pastry lunch at Sevenhills bakery, in the afternoon a visit to Sevenhills winery with Tour.

There are many things to do in and around Clare; Many of the members spread themselves far and wide in the culinary delights department as there are plenty of cafe's, restaurants and the odd pub to attend, nightly frivolities included use of the three Pizza ovens for a Pizza night, Saturday night taken up with the showdown where some vans made room for supporters to watch an entertaining game of football, the following day a visit to Martindale hall with tastings and lunch at Reilly's in Mintaro.

Two notes for the park, the gravelled areas you really need to use screws to peg down annexes and TV can be a real pain even using the park antenna, thank god Saturday night footy the antenna worked perfectly.

May (State Rally)
at Loxton Riverfront Park

On Behalf of the Carefree Caravaneers club "Well done".

State Rallies are alive and well - looking forward to the next one.

June Rally
at Lake Albert Caravan Park (Top Park)

12 Vans + 1 Cabin
Accommodation; $1576, Other Spend; $3500

On arrival, the general consensus of members was that they were happy with the reception, as we all know a cordial reception can determine the enjoyment of your stay. The park management went far beyond to make sure we got the most Meningie had to offer, it was a novelty to receive (for those who forwarded contact details) an SMS notifying us of goings on in the area, Friday night the Park management notified that the RSL 200 metres down the road put on a happy hour with nibbles, some of us attended and were pleasantly surprised with the friendship of the people.

We discovered the Park Managers, Troy and Jacquie, are the main thrust behind the Friday happy hours. An SMS also informed that the local footy derby was on the next day at the oval, Sunday we were text to let us know the hotel had meals, happy hour and meat tray raffles from 4:30pm.

The park and surrounds are kept in pristine condition, the attention to detail around the cabins with their little gardens is fantastic. The camp Kitchen although small was clean and functional, the TV room next door made one feel very spiritual with church pews to fit more in (a nice touch), the open area undercover at the camp kitchen is a great place to congregate, there is another BBQ area on the lake where we spent a good deal of time as it afforded shelter from what little wind there was. To be able to hire fire buckets and buy wood at the park was outstanding for extended happy hours. The amenities were kept neat, clean and well serviced during our stay. The weather for our stay was, fabulous for this time of the year, nippy nights, plenty of sunshine during the day and very little wind.

Things we did - At this rally the committee had organised dinner at the Golf club; can recommend this venue what a great bunch of people. The meal was excellent, the choices being Steak, Schnitzel, with chips and salad, the cost ranging from $8 to $18, plenty of locals to share time with also made our visit very welcoming.

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Saturday morning spent exploring the town this place has much to offer a well maintained interpretive walk along the water front from Bowling club (which also provides meals to clubs) right up past the motel heading out of town, a more strenuous walk up to and around the lookout for those who can handle the pace, in the afternoon we ventured across the road from the park and witnessed a good old grudge football match between town rivals Meningie and Tailem Bend, at night we cooked baked potatoes in our fire buckets and plenty of toppings to go with it.

Sunday some went to church in the morning in the afternoon we all went and visited the sheep Poltalloch station with afternoon tea, tonight the proprietor of the cheese factory restaurant adjacent to the park organised a deal for club members to have dinner. We all attended and can thoroughly recommend it to you. Cost of Meals Roast Chicken, Corned silverside with yummy mustard sauce $18, Coorong Mullet $23. All served with chips and vegetables There are cafes, the Bakery to die for, the hotel with lavish dining room - there is plenty of everything on offer in this town.

There is a hospital boasting 4 resident doctors, a police station, ambulance service and CFS, Golf Club, bowling club - what more could you want.

Next Rallies: To be advised

SOUTHERN NOMADS CARAVAN CLUB SA Inc

June Rally
at Waikerie Caravan Park
9th to 12th (long weekend)

7 Vans, 1 visitor. Sites @ $38 per night.
Park fees $1,076, Meals $495, Fuel $334, Incidentals $665, Other $124. Total Spend $2,694

We had seven member vans and one visitor van attend the Waikerie Rally. Two members arrived a day early and three members stayed an extra day making the weekend a bit longer. The Waikerie Caravan Park which only re-opened at Easter in their new location is still a work in progress. Staff are still doing things: putting up shade sails, garden beds, camp kitchen still to be finished, and toilet/shower blocks waiting for the manufacturers to return to make adjustments to doors. The staff are operating out of a container for their office. The perimeter fencing is too low to keep out back packers who came in at night using the camp kitchen for nothing. The park will only improve as the friendly staff get things done around the park.

On the Saturday, our members visited the local market, the Waikerie District Machinery display with several working displays including the blacksmiths and some of the cafes in town. Dinner was at the Waikerie Hotel where our members enjoyed a great meal.

On Sunday members went on walking trails, went to Lock 2 and other features in the area. Sadly some of the places of interest we wanted to visit were closed on Sunday which is a pity as it was a long weekend and with lots of visitors to the area it was an opportunity lost for the local venue owners. A great weekend was had by all.

July Rally
at Aldinga Beach Caravan Park 14th-16th July

7 Vans, 1 visitor. Sites @ $32 per night.
Park fees $544, Meals $136, Fuel $15, Incidentals $93, Total Spend $2,694

There were seven members vans and one visitor van attend the Aldinga Rally. One member arrived on the Thursday whilst everyone else came in on Friday morning. The Aldinga Beach Caravan Park is a good bush camping park. Some of the sites are a bit tight to access, however with all our vans in one area it was good for a club environment. Most sites had pads to park alongside. The park owners were very accommodating. We had access to the recreation room for the whole weekend. The weather for the weekend was sunny on the Saturday and overcast on the Sunday. Both Friday and Saturday nights were very cold. We got a bit of rain on Friday night whilst it remained dry for the rest of the weekend.

On the Saturday, a number of members went to the Aldinga Airfield close by for tea, coffee and cake for afternoon tea. On Saturday all the members gathered to celebrate the 80th birthdays of three of our members: Graham, Margarete and Vern. We had such a great night of fun. We had prearranged to have a casserole night and surprised Graham Margaret and Vern with a party, awarding them with their OBE (Over Bloody Eighty) certificates and having a few games that brought enjoyment to all present. During the evening, Pat & Ian and Margarete & Jack were presented with their 25 attendance rally badge and 50 attendance rally badges respectively.

Sunday seem to come around very quickly. Everybody packed up, had morning tea together and headed home.

It was really an excellent weekend with every one enjoying themselves.

Next Rallies: August (AGM), Normanville (11th-13th); September, Kapunda (15th–17th)

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