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Wednesday
7:30 pm
3rd April 2019
at
Walkerville RSL Hall
98 Walkerville Terrace
Walkerville

7:00 pm for Coffee
All Welcome!

PRESIDENT'S CHATTER

STATE RALLY

The State Rally for 2019 was successful and I would like to personally thank members of the Organising Committee and the many other people who assisted throughout the weekend.
There were a number of benefits enjoyed by those attending the State Rally that would not be available on a Club Rally.

- The range of activities that were able to be arranged and enjoyed in the airconditioned auditorium.
- In a Park on a long weekend you would have to share the facilities with other campers. The State Rally was on a fully grassed 12.5 hectares area which was enjoyed by ourselves.
- Then if you consider the cost of the four days at Barmera with the $35.00 plus per night at a caravan park.
- Fees. Our fee was $10.00 per night?
- We had the advantage of sitting down to a two-course meal as much as you could eat for $20.00 per head and enjoy your favourite beverage.
- There was entertainment on site each night at the State Rally.
- A wine tasting event on site. All could enjoy without the concern of driving.
- Members had their caravan weighed as the entered the site.
- The presentation by St John on the use of a deliberator and the safety talk from the RAA were most beneficial.
- The opportunity to make new friends.
- A focus on supporting the Riverland created a great atmosphere.
- The Club Committee have a free weekend.

The question remains how do we better promote the State Rally as a fun event? If anyone has any ideas please pass them on to your delegate.

CARAVAN AND CAMPING SHOW

I would like to thank the following Club Members for assisting at the Caravan and Camping Show.
Southern Nomads — Ed & Pauline Glasson, Trevor Chapman, Margaret Dell, Ian & Pat Bartholomew, Bev Kent.
Adelaide Club — Kevin & Lorna Bretag, Leslie Davis
Carefree Club — Barbara Stanley, Tony Langley, Den & Geoff Baker, Jacquie Brown
Southern Cross Club — Robert & Margaret Hart, John & Judy Baans, Roy & Annette Turner
Family and Friends — Paula & Phil Walker

Regards

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:

Well, we are into the year now, it's March already.

In this issue: Clubs report their experiences at their rallies, State Rally report from President Graham Brown and also from Secretary John Baans a State Rally Report and don't forget our all important sponsors: EBS, North East Isuzu, Pedders - Salisbury & Prospect and Kui Parks. We have a new sponsor coming on board from April - Adelaide RV. There are some photo's from the State Rally. Photo's from the State Rally will be added to the ACCSA website in the weeks ahead.

Enjoy the Journal.

Take Care, Robert Hart

NOTE: Please submit items for the next Journal by 20th May 2019

CARAVAN CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC.

February Rally: 8th to 10th at Aldinga.

March Rally: 8th to 11th March at Hindmarsh Island or State Rally Barmera.

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February Rally: 8th to 9th at Moana Beach Tourist Park.

March Rally: 8th to 11th State Rally at Bamera.

Next Rallies: 5th to 7th April at Gladstone & 3rd to 5th May at Hummocks Station.

ADELAIDE CARAVAN CLUB INC.

https://www.adelaidecaravanclub.com

February Rally: 1st to 3rd at Victor Harbor Beachfront Caravan Park

March Rally: 1st to 3rd at Meningie

Next Rallies: 5th to 7th April at Clare & 8th to 15th at Loxton.

REMEMBER

When you visit any of our sponsors,

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

To keep up to date with Newsletters & additional information following link:

https://www.17thnationalcaravanrally.org.au

SOUTHERN NOMADS CARAVAN CLUB SA INC.

http://www.southernnomadscaravanclubsa.asn.au

February Rally: 15th to 17th at Williamstown.

March Rally: 8th to 11th at State Rally, Barmera

Next Rallies: April 18th to 23rd at Strahalbyn & May 17th to 19th at Mannum.

JAYCO JAYBIRDS SA

http://www.jaycoclubsa.asn.au

February Rally: 1st to 2nd at Edithburgh.

March Rally: 1st to 7th at Cape Jaffa.

Next Rallies: April 5th to 6th at Hummocks Station & May 26th to 28th at Hindmarch Island (AGM)

WANDERERS CARAVAN CLUB OF SA INC.

http://www.wccsa.org.au

February Rally: 15th to 17th at Port Broughton.

March Rally: 8th to 11th at State Rally, Barmera.

Next Rallies: April 26th to 28 at Clare & May 17th to 19th at Wallaroo (AGM).

The professor was telling his early morning class,

"I've found that the best way to start the day is to exercise for five minutes, take a deep breath of fresh air, and then have a bowl of delicious cereal with raisins and almonds and a cup of green tea and finish with a cold shower. Then I feel rosy all over."

A sleepy voice from the back of the room said, "Tell us more about Rosy".

REMEMBER

When you visit any of our sponsors,

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The 18th National Caravan Clubs Rally will be held at the Riverland Field Days Site, Barmera, South Australia on 28th March to 6th April 2022

Where Clubs are Rallying in April & May 2019

	April	May
Adelaide Caravan Club	Clare 5-7	Loxton 8-15
Barossa Valley Caravan & Camping Club	Gladstone 5-7	Hummock Station 3-5
Caravan Club of South Australia	Balaklava 18-22	Auburn 3-5
Carefree Caravanners of SA	Tagalong 28Mar-7	Mannum 16-19
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Dave Benson Caravan Club	Mannum 5-12	Mildura 13-20
Elizabethan Caravan Club	Goolwa 5-7	Strathalbyn 17-19
Family & Friends Caravan & Camping Club	Coomandook 18-23	Rapid Bay 17-19
Jayco Caravan Club of SA	Jamestown	Stansbury
Jayco Jaybirds SA	Hummock Station 5-6	Hindmarsh Island 26-28
Masonic Caravan & Travel Club of SA		
Port Augusta Caravan Club		
Riverland Caravan Club		
Southern Cross Caravan Club	Port Broughton 4- 7	Port Victoria 16-19
Southern Nomads Caravan Club SA	Strathalbyn 18-23	Mannum 17-19
Wanderers Caravan Club of SA	Clare 26-28	Wallaroo 17-19

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA - 2022 NATIONAL RALLY

To be held at Riverland Field Days site at Barmera, South Australia
28th March, 2022 to 6th April, 2022

The SA 2022 NATIONAL RALLY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE is:

CHAIRMAN: John Anderson
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SECRETARY: John Baans
ASSISTANT SECRETARY: John Grovermann
TREASURER: Trevor Porter
ASSISTANT TREASURER: Graham Brown
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EXEC RIVERLAND FIELD DAY: Tim Grieger
GENERAL COMMITTEE:
Sandra Anderson, Margaret & Graham Shilton, Peter Kitto & Sandy Lee, Marilyn Groverman, Roy & Annette Turner, Frank Gratton, Robert Hart (ACCSA Editor).

Others may be interested to join the committee at another time

The next meeting of the SA 2022 National Rally Planning Committee will be at a time to be advised on Wednesday 17th April 2019 at the Elizabeth Lions Club Rooms, Hilcott Street, Elizabeth North.

All interested ACCSA Affiliated Club members are invited to attend.

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday 7th April 2019.

At 3:00am clocks are turned backward 1 hour.

It is also a timely reminder to change batteries in all of your smoke alarms.

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Check on them, there is lots of information to read.

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The 2019 ACCSA State Rally Report.

The 30th State Rally was held at the Riverland Field Days site, Barmera.

This is the site that has been chosen by the National Rally Committee for the 2022 National Rally where up to 600 vans are expected from all over Australia.

61 Vans attended from 7 ACCSA affiliated clubs and tested the facilities of the 12.5 grassed hectare site which looked like an oasis compared with the dry, parched, arid country surrounding it.

Most of the vans had arrived early on Wednesday the 6th March and settled in to their various groups surrounding the recently completed Auditorium Pavilion which proved to be a haven with its modern kitchen, ablutions, electronics and especially a good air conditioning system as the weather hovered around the 30 plus degree mark for the entire rally.

On Thursday most other vans arrived and settled in. It was decided to bring forward the registrations as the majority of our people had arrived. Welcome bags were handed out by Frank, our Treasurer, which included local information pamphlets and also 2 novel plastic anti spill wine glasses and also 2 biros.

Happy Hour was well attended followed by a Communal BYO Tea and then a film night.

On Friday we had the Flag Raising Ceremony and the official Rally Opening by the Mayor, Peter Hunt, of the Berri Barmera Council and other dignitaries, Caroline Phillips General Manager of Destination Riverland and also Tim Grieger, Executive Manager of the Field Days Inc.

This was followed by a presentation/refresher by St. John Ambulance on the use of a Defibrillator Machine.

After afternoon tea there was an interesting presentation by the RAA regarding the laws on caravan and car weights.

People did their own thing for the evening meal and followed by a Karaoke Night hosted by Alan Savill and Tony Harding of the Carefree Caravan Club. I am sad to say, that we did not discover a suitable contestant to represent us on the Voice Australia but we had fun trying.

On Saturday, the Clubs held their Market Day Stalls in the shady gazebo adjacent the Auditorium. There was a good selection of goodies. The Barossa Club had a novel way of clearing their stock by holding a $5 raffle and kept drawing tickets until their table was depleted.

After morning tea, there was an interesting lecture from Kevin Collins from The Campervan & Motorhome Club of Australia. Most of us didn't realize just how big they were and that they also had many caravans in their organization.

The Disc Bowl Competition was held after lunch. I was overwhelmed by the number of teams and as a result had to run 3 courts. Once again, I apologize for having left 2 teams off the list. If someone else would like a go of running the Disc Bowl Competition next time, feel free to contact me. The Grand final was won by Murray & Geraldine Eitzen of the Southern Cross Caravan Club.

We ran out of time for the Kuub Demonstration but as I remember it, you throw a lump of wood at wooden pegs to knock them over.

The wine tasting afternoon by Berri Wineries was a huge success. Many bottles were purchased and we thank them for donating wines for the bingo session.

Happy Hour followed the wine tasting which made Happy Hour even more Happier.

The evening meal was catered by Ed & Judy's Bush Cooking. The menu consisted of roast beef, chicken, selection of hot vegies and followed by warm fruit salad and ice cream.

This was followed by the entertainment by Alan Savill and Tony Harding who call themselves 'Dual Tone." They were good singers and put on a good show. Many people got up and danced and everyone who attended appeared to have a good time.

Sunday morning we had author Wendy Atschwager give a presentation. The 30 people who attended thoroughly enjoyed it and were very impressed with the way she kept diaries of her caravan travels and then wrote several novels using fictional characters from those diaries. Those novels are well sought after and she will be producing another one very soon. Some of our people bought her novels on the day.

After the presentation, time was allocated for Club Committee Meetings.

ACCSA then catered for a Sausage Sizzle Lunch via the Barossa Caravan Club whose members did a great job. The coleslaw & onion on bread made a tasty and interesting addition to the sausages. The wedges of water melon were also well received. There was plenty of food to go around for seconds

Next followed the Bingo Session which was hosted by Christine Worden and members of the Southern Cross Caravan Club. There were many happy winners, some were happier than others with multiple wins. The bottles of wines donated by Berri Wines, also made good prizes.

A 2022 National Rally Information Session followed afternoon tea by President Graham Brown and Chairman John Anderson. They reported on the current status of the Planning Committee regarding that Rally and also the plans of our presentation at the 2019 Albany Rally in October.

They emphasized that as we approach the 2022 National Rally dates, we will require more help from our ACCSA Clubs and members.

Once again, the evening meal was a BYO in the Camp Kitchen or many chose to have it in their own vans.

The evening film was well attended and enjoyed.

Monday (Adelaide Cup Day), the club Presidents and Secretaries meeting was held that morning. Those meetings are always well received. Not only do our people meet each other but ideas are exchanged.

After morning tea, we had the Raffle Draw. There were many prizes. Thanks to our attending Clubs, our sponsors from EBS & Kui Parks and also donated battery operated lights courtesy of the CMCA.

There were many happy winners, especially young William, who I believe won the basket of goodies he had had his eye on.

Then followed the Rally Close and Flag Lowering.

Some of our people departed for home but many stayed another night.

Three Clubs attended the Barmera Hotel for a meal that night and helped the local economy even more.

I wish to thank the following people and Clubs for their efforts in making the 2019 State Rally a success.

President Graham BROWN and the ACCSA Executives.
Chairman John ANDERSON and the 2022 National Rally Committee.
Tim Grieger and staff of the Riverland Field Days team.
Our attending Clubs for their donations of Raffle Baskets.
The Barossa Caravan Club for the Sausage Sizzle.
The Carefree Caravan Club for the selling of raffle tickets & disposal of rubbish from the site.
The Elizabethan Caravan Club for the Morning and Afternoon Teas.
The Southern Cross Caravan Club for the Disc Bowl Competition and Bingo Session.
Thank you also to the individuals who helped in anyway, especially young William from the Family and Friends Caravan Club who assisted with the microphone and also umpired at the disc bowl competition.

Thank you also to our members who attended and filled out the survey. Your ideas and thoughts are very much appreciated and will be considered for the 2021 State Rally.

Yours sincerely,
John Baans.
ACCSA Secretary.

SOUTHERN CROSS CARAVAN CLUB INC.

http://www.scccsa.asn.au

February Rally: 6th to 10th at Middleton Caravan Park. 13 vans & 1 Cabin.

On Arrival: The Office closed at midday and though there were 2 mobile phone numbers to call they were not answered. Most felt that the welcome by staff was efficient, however there was some confusion with one staff member advising members to go on any site and another staff member allocating sites.

The Park & Surrounds: The grassed sites were appreciated and the Camp Kitchen was reasonable but the mice droppings in the kitchen drawers should be attended to. The ablutions were reasonable but required maintenance as one toilets didn't flush, one toilet continually flowed, one shower door did not lock and the men's toilet smelt strongly of urine. Management not present to report issues. Noted that other than our Club no other vans arrived during the 4 days we were there.

We will not be returning for some time at this stage.

Things we did at this park: Had evening meals twice at the Middleton Hotel, had a book and DVD swap, cook and bring the Saturday evening meal and then shared some yummy desserts. The rally officers then introduced the interesting subject of recycling rubbish.

Approx. Expenses incurred: Accommodation $2,618 (Site fees $38 with discount normally $42. Required a $50 deposit). Other Spend: Dining out $880, General Expenses $1,100, Total $4,598.

March Rally: Rolling Rally following the State Rally, Barmera at Buronga Caravan Park, NSW 12th– 15th March.

On Arrival: Our members were warmly welcomed by the friendly and efficient office staff which made the booking in process a pleasant experience.

The Park and surrounds: A large park set amongst majestic gum trees on the NSW side of the mighty Murray River opposite the large Victorian town of Mildura. The watering of lawns and gardens were kept up daily. The park had good clean amenities. There were two pools and three camp kitchens. Our Club would definitely come back.

Things we did at this rally: This was a laid back sort of rally. Our members were free to do their own things. We did gather for coffee and cake at the Mildura Rowing Club, lunch at The Edge Hotel and a paddle steamer ride on the Rothbury.

Approx. Expenses incurred: Accommodation $1,280 (Site fees $32 with Family Park or Seniors discount, no deposit required). Other Spend $1,619, Fuel $1,200, Total $4,099.

Next Rally: Port Broughton Caravan Park. 7th-11th April.

DAVE BENSON CARAVAN CLUB

We held our February rally at Edithburgh Caravan park where we were greeted by a very friendly park manager. Fees were very reasonable at $22 per night. No deposit was required. Camp kitchen & amenities both excellent and surroundings very pleasant. We estimate that about $3000 including park fees was spent in the Yorke Pensinula area.

Our March (1st-8th) rally was held at Meningie where we received a warm welcome from the manager. Deposits were required. Fees were $28 per night & judging by the number of people in the park it is a very popular destination. Lovely green lawns and well maintained sites. We relaxed, enjoyed the views of the lake, as well as exploring various parts of the Coorong. We estimate approximately $2000 was spent by our members during this rally.

News from Kui Parks

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ELIZABETHAN CARAVAN CLUB INC.

February Rally: 15th to 17th at Port Rickaby Caravan Park. 14Vans (27 adults & 1 Child)

Expenses incurred: Park fees: Nightly rate $27. Total $996. Approx. other expenses $1,203. Total $2,199. No deposit required.

Park On Arrival: Clean & Tidy, management very cheery & helpful, small park, grassed sites, amenities cleaned daily, few other vans on site.

The park and surrounds: Right on water edge, jetty right next to park as is the beach, walk along board walk to other side of beach, great views, tidy town, only about 40 town residents, managers supplied 2 platters for meet n greet (spring rolls, dim sims, chips dipping sauces) was fantastic.

Do you recommend this park for future rallies? **Y**es, small park but great managers & kept nice and clean all the time.

Things we did at this rally: Fishing off jetty, relaxing, shopping, Minlaton Café/bakery, walks along the beach, walking the dogs, socialising/chatting together, knitting, etc., dinner at Minlaton hotel (Sammies) great food — cater to dietary requirements not a problem.

Next Rallies / Activities - Location and dates:
March: 8th – 11th Barmera (Field day site) (State Rally)
April: 5th – 7th Goolwa
May: 17th – 19th Strathalbyn
June: 21st – 23rd Normanville (Birthday Rally)

18th National Caravan Clubs Rally Mission Statement: *"to organise the 18th National Rally of Caravan Clubs and to promote South Australia as a tourism venue for caravanners."*

JAYCO CARAVAN CLUB OF SA INC.

http://www.jaycoclubsa.asn.au

February Rally: 1st to 3rd at Tanunda. 22 Vans & 2 Cabins (48 Adults)

Expenses Incurred: Park Fees: $45 per night including discount. Other expense approx. $150 per couple.

Was a deposit required?: Yes – one night's site fees. Some members were charged different amounts of daily rates which was difficult to reconcile and a bit disconcerting for members.

On Arrival: Most vans arrived either Thursday or Friday and gathered each afternoon for a "happy hour" and friendship chats.

The Park and Surrounds: The Park had lots of sites which were some grass but mainly dirt which was due to a lot of people using the park over the Christmas / New Year period.

Things we did at this rally: This was our AGM rally with members gathering at the large Camp Kitchen which was air-conditioned (thankfully). After the election of the Committee, the members enjoyed refreshments and a chicken and salad dinner. It was difficult to get into the Swimming Pool due to the large number of local people and children who take advantage of the facilities for a daily rate. Due to the heat, most members headed to Nuriootpa airconditioned Foodland complex for coffee.

Next Rally: 8th to 11th March at Berri Caravan Park.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS CARAVAN & CAMPING CLUB

https://ffccc.com.au/

January Rally: 25th to 28th at Port Germein. 12 vans (19 Adults and 7 children)

Expenses Incurred: Park fees: $34 per night. Approx. other expenses in total: #30 per person for evening meal at Sporties Pub Port Pirie.

Impressions on arrival: The owners are very helpful when you arrive and the park is clean and tidy.

The park and surrounds: The park is very clean and tidy, but also the amenities are very basic. The park is gravel with a small patch of grass next to one of the camp kitchens. The park is very close to the beach and jetty, which a very long walk to the end. There is a pub, which no longer does meals, a general store and a popup coffee/ice cream van on the foreshore. Opposite the caravan park is a small park with a kids play area.

Do you recommend for future rallies: We would definitely be returning to Port Germein Caravan Park.

Was a deposit required?: For a long weekend they ask for a deposit.

Things done at the rally: The Kids went crabbing off the jetty. A 4wd trip through the gorge to the see the Silo art at Wirrabara, then on to Stone Hut Bakery for a pie or vanilla slice. RSL museum at Port Pirie. Cricket match on the beach. Sunday market on the Port Germein Jetty.

Next Rally/Activity: Normanville Jetty Caravan Park - February

CAREFREE CARAVANEERS OF SA INC.

http://carefreecaravaneers.net.au

February Rally: 7th to 11th at Moonta Bay Caravan Park (Discovery Park). 24 Vans (46 Adults)

Expenses Incurred: Park Fees $40.00 per night with discount for caravan Clubs $36. Total $3,798.20. Other Expenses $6,345. Deposit required if you are asking for specific site.

On arrival: No complaints at reception we were welcomed warmly friendly and informative.

The park and surrounds: Showed the lack of seasonal rainfall, but in most parts neat and tidy. The bottom ablution block needs a bit of attention, it is certainly clean and serviced regularly unfortunately the soap containers were left empty the whole weekend, our site on the water front very good unfortunately the wind came up during our stay which made it a little uncomfortable at times. However the strong wind warning via the SMS was a godsend for us all.

Would definitely come back: Yes

Things we did At this rally: The Moonta bay mine train ride a must and very informative, we also enjoyed a Cornish pasty prior to the ride and a tour of the museum. Tram ride around the town also very good, dinner at the Moonta Bay hotel very good (great Menu competitive pricing), an Orienteering afternoon enjoyed by all. Visited the Coffee Barn and Gelateria on Maitland Road (Yummo), the crabbing using rakes an outstanding success, plus of course Disc bowls.

Next Rally: State Rally Barmera field day site 8th-11th March, followed by a tagalong to Bendigo from the 28th March to 7th April.

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