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Next Delegates Meeting

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

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

PRESIDENT'S CHATTER

CARAVAN AND CAMPING SHOW
27th to 31st July 2022

The Association has once more been offered a Sponsored Site at the Caravan and Camping Show from the 27th-31st July 2022. The 18th National Caravan Club Rally Committee is also seeking sponsors to donate prizes for the Major Raffle and this provides an opportunity to make contact with potential donors. If you are able to help during this time, please contact the undersigned.

18TH NATIONAL CARAVAN CLUB RALLY 2023

The 18th National Rally was postponed and will now be held from the 27th March to 4th April 2023. On reflection had the rally been held this year we would have had ideal weather and we hope that next year will yield a similar pattern. This also provides an opportunity for those that could not make it this year to consider registering for the 2023 event. This is a major event for South Australia and your attendance is supporting our State.

REGISTER NOW

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

JOIN A CARAVAN CLUB

The pamphlet designed to invite new caravan owners to join a caravan club is completed. A copy will be sent to the Secretaries of the affiliated clubs requesting that the publication be discussed by Club Members and any comments be return to the undersigned. The Executive will be seeking approval at the next delegates meeting to fund the printing of these pamphlets an estimated cost of $1,000.00. If approved it is proposed to distribute them to the various Caravan Dealerships requesting that they place one in the information folder issued to new owners. They will also be distributed at the Caravan and Camping Show.

VALE

It is with sadness that we learnt of the passing of Colin Humphries, who with Marie were long time supporters of ACCSA. Colin was an Editor and Marie President for a number of years. They were originally members of the Adelaide Caravan Club, later inaugural members of the Southern Nomads Caravan Club and members of the 12th National Caravan Rally Committee that was held at Lucindale in 2003-2004. Colin was a dedicated community worker he volunteered his time with the St. John Ambulance, and was promoted to Superintendent Glenelg Division, he coached a junior Football Club, a member of the local Neighbourhood Watch, a driver for Meals on Wheels just to mention a few of the Communities' activities he strongly supported. I was pleased to represent ACCSA at his funeral and passed on our condolences to Marie and family.

Graham Brown, President ACCSA.

ACCSA Mission:
"to promote caravan clubs to the general public, represent caravan clubs at a public and industry level and assist all members to safely enjoy the caravan and camping lifestyle."

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Membership closed at present
Members are mainly Seniors
Pet friendly

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Membership closed at present

FROM THE EDITOR:

I hope you have a had a good Easter break. I am sorry for the delay in releasing this issue of the ACCSA Journal, however I have not been well and was unable to produce the Journal on time.

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

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

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

"REGISTER NOW".

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

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

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

Take Care, Robert Hart

NOTE: Please submit items for the next Journal by 22nd May 2022

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Where Clubs are Rallying in April & May 2022

	April 2022	May 2022
Adelaide Caravan Club	Coobowie (31-4)	Burra (5-9)
Barossa Valley Caravan & Camping Club	Strathalbyn (1-4)	Laura (13-15)
Carefree Caravanners of SA	Waikerie (8-12)	Clare (16-20)
Dave Benson Caravan Club	Robe (1-8)	Rolling Rally (13-27)
Elizabethan Caravan Club	Goolwa (8-10)	Meningie (13-15)
Family & Friends Caravan & Camping Club	Eudunda (14-18)	Victor Harbor (6-8)
Jayco Caravan Club of SA	Jamestown (1-3)	Luncheon
Jayco Jaybirds SA	Spear Creek	Port Turton
Port Augusta Caravan Club	Mount Barker (4-11)	Cordola (9-12)
Southern Cross Caravan Club	Barmera (28Mar-1Apr)	Clayton Bay (12-16)
Wanderers Caravan Club of SA	Loxton (22-26)	Wallaroo (20-22)

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

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

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

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CAREFREE CARAVANEERS OF SA INC.

http://carefreecaravaneers.net.au

Date of Rally: 7th to 11th February 2022 at the Port Rickaby Caravan Park.

Expenses Incurred: Park Fees from $29.45 per night powered site, $1,650.90, other expenses $2,765.00. Total Spend $4,416. No deposit required.

No of Vans: 13. **Adults: 23**. **Children:** nil.

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

The park and surrounds: **V**ery well Maintained and beautifully manicured, the amenities are good spotlessly clean, cleaned regularly and COVID rules strictly adhered to, large camp kitchen easily accommodated all our needs.

Would definitely come back.

Things we did at this rally: The park is typical beachside park with grassed sites as well as gravelled areas. The amenities are old are cleaned regularly. Camp kitchen adequate for groups of about 20 seated which opens up onto a lawned area.

Things we did at this rally: Beach Drives along Bluff and Parsons Beach, drive up to Wauratee camp ground then on to Port Victoria, lunch at Barley stacks Winery $20 per head, fishing off the jetty Squid, Gar and Tommy Ruffs caught. Hawaiian night with Ham steaks and grilled pineapple. Walks along the coast line, shopping in Minlaton and Maitland. Visited Watsacowie brewery sampled the beers, played disc bowels and bocce.

Date of Rally: 1st to 5th March 2022 at the Normanville Jetty Caravan Park.

Expenses Incurred: Fees From $ 40.00 per Night Powered Site, Total $2,080, other expenses $1,680. Total spend $3,760. No deposit required.

No of Vans: 12. Adults 24. Children nil.

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

The Park and surrounds: The park is close to the beach with a small jetty and Kiosk, the park has grassed sites, upper and lower levels as well as some additional sites made available by the loss of permanent units. The amenities are well maintained and cleaned regularly. Camp kitchen well-appointed large enough to accommodate big groups, quite cosy in fact.

Would definitely come back

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CAREFREE CARAVANEERS OF SA INC. (continued)

http://carefreecaravaneers.net.au

Things we did at this rally: Tag along Drives to Myponga Beach, Inman Valley and the local areas of the Fleurieu Peninsula. Using the courtesy bus we had dinner at the Lady Bay Golf links hotel, visited Fleurieu milk factory, Smiling Samoyed Brewery, games night in the camp kitchen and a game of Finska.

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Date of Rally: 8th to 12th April 2022 at the Waikerie Holiday Caravan Park.

Expenses Incurred: Fees From $40.50 per Night Powered Site, Total $1,944, other expenses $2,887 Total spend $4,831 **Deposit Required to secure your site**

No of Vans 12 Adults 23 Children nil

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

The Park and surrounds. The park is close to the river with average lawned and gravel sites, amenities are modern and very clean, lots of work being carried out with addition of new cabins. Unable to use camp kitchen or recreation room due to them being booked by other organisations, some areas of the park need a little work all in all a great place to stay.

Would definitely come back

Things we did at this rally: Some camped at the many spots along the river before entering the rally, used the scout hall at reasonable cost to hold our easter bonnet parade plus run the Waikerie easter cup, lunch at Caudo wines, the usual games and walks along the river, the cliff top walk for some. Drives to neighbouring river townships, Waikerie hotel good meals.

Next Rally: Clare Holiday and Caravan Park from the 16th-20th May 2022.

WANDERERS CARAVAN CLUB OF SA INC.

http://www.wccsa.org.au

Rally Report for Strathalbyn 21st - 23rd January 2022, 12 Vans Attending and I Cabin.
Our weekend in the picturesque Strathalbyn was heralded with a number of seasons across a few days. We started on Friday with a hot 35 degrees and a warm night, which gradually changed to a rain front coming through on Saturday. Van numbers were somewhat reduced due to members who were unable to attend due to covid quarantine, hence our sole committee members, Trevor and Corinne, ran a very quick and very efficient meeting!
This gave much time for happy hour drinks in the heat! A call to the local hotel confirmed that we would fit and a delicious and very welcome evening meal was served on the balmy Friday evening. Saturday morning heralded our Australia day theme with the treat of an excellent bacon and egg breakfast, cooked by our gourmet chefs Graham, Bill and Trevor. As breakfast came to an end, the rain started and Graham was well set up with his umbrella headwear! The normal intrepid walking group was reluctant to go with the impeding rain, so, instead, Strathalbyn, its op shops, antiques stores and wineries were explored. Of course, the classic Australia Day activity of a cricket match still needed to be undertaken in the afternoon. Even though the cricket skills may have been, arguably, limited, the onlookers and the "barmy army" caused much hilarity from the sidelines. Bill donned the appropriate attire, although he did lose his 'box' down the trouser leg! Barry showed great style as a wicket keeper, Graham as a bowler and Steve even managed to catch a ball! In true cricket style, rain caused an eventual end of the game. The long table dinner, at tea time, was a highlight with great camaraderie and food shared together. Delicacies such as fritz and sauce sandwiches, sausage rolls, lamb chops and lamingtons graced the table, exquisitely adorned with in Australiana table cloths and decorations.

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BVCCC – WILLIAMSTOWN REPORT – 3rd to 5th December 2021.

Williamstown is a southern gateway to the Barossa Valley, and The Queen Victoria Jubilee Park has 4 cabins, 30 campsites, a camp kitchen and laundry. There is also a pavilion for hire, netball courts, oval, public swimming pool, gas and electric barbecues, a dog park, kiosk and public telephone.

Located just 18km south east of Gawler and 50 km north of Adelaide via Gumeracha, a very pretty drive. The rates were reasonable at $30.60 a powered site and the park is spacious and shady sites for most of the day. However, there are no ensuite sites. Their deposit policy is for a full refund with 1 weeks' notice.

On Friday 3 December, seven vans had arrived at Williamstown with some arriving on Thursday. It was great to have our two potential member attend.

Friday evening, we had a great Happy Hour and on Saturday most members visited the Mount Pleasant Farmers Market while one couple went to the Cherry Café at Kenton Valley for the best scones, cherry jam and real cream. Saturday afternoon was a friendly game of Maise and all went to the Williamstown Hotel for a lovely Christmas meal together.

Sunday five couples decided to find out for themselves if the scones at the Cherry Café at Kenton Valley were the best, and they were! One to put on the list for 2022.

Sunday afternoon we visited the Lyndoch Lavender Farm for a talk about how the family came to grow their lavender and the products they make, a delicious afternoon tea of scones made with lavender and a walk about the farm.

We would visit this caravan park again and recommend it and the region to other Caravan Clubs.

Our Club expenses totalled $2,562.

BVCC - RALLY REPORT FOR PORT WILLUNGA FEBRUARY 2022.

Our first impressions exceeded our expectations, it almost appeared to be a mini bush setting. The trees were mostly about 12 to 15 mts high, giving shade throughout the whole day regardless of the position of the sun. The whole area was covered with a very generous depth of pine-wood chips which gave way to a general feeling of softness and a cooling effect of the area.

Powered ensuite sites at $90 per night were of a very high standard. On site cabins were found to be more than satisfactory. Powered sites were $45 per night (less 10%). Caravan park amenities were of a high standard of cleanliness and maintenance.

Our numbers were six caravans including one visiting caravan, plus one cabin and we enjoyed a comprehensive and excellent weekend program prepared by one of our prospective members. Friday night following happy hour we used the very well maintained and well equipped camp kitchen to prepare and eat our evening meal.

Saturday morning most of us went to the farmers market in Willunga and after lunch some of us went on to the op shop and the shops in the Willunga main street. On Saturday night our evening meal was at the Willunga Hotel where the food, service and venue were all first class.

Sunday morning was a free day for the local sights/shops/attractions. During happy hour, because it was the eve of Valentines day, our hosts organised a quiz called "Who knows the most about their partner", even providing chocolates and a bottle of champagne for the winner. Interestingly the eventual winners were our visitors.

Everything about the park was first class and it would be difficult to fault anything at all. We would certainly recommend this park to receive recognition from ACCSA as a preferred and friendly park. We will certainly be returning to this excellent park.

Our total expenses for this Rally were $3,096.42.

BVCC - PARINGA RALLLY REPORT 4TH to 7th March 2022

5 member vans, 2 cabins and 3 visiting vans attended.

The park is quiet and very clean, facilities are excellent and the drive through sites large. The camp kitchen is well equipped but small. The pool is new and was well received by our members. Management is friendly and very obliging. We were escorted to our sites. List price is $35-00 for a powered site but discounts are available including $5 for payment by cash. No deposit was required. Yes we will return in the future.

We would recommend the Cinnamon Grove Ral Ral Avenue, Renmark for coffee and scones in the quirky- garden settings. Walking across to the Paringa Hotel for tea with a 10% discount card was great value and good food and service. Lunch at the Renmark Club at Murray Avenue, Renmark was also excellent with great views of the river and garden.

Money spent in the community during the rally was $3,333

BAROSSA VALLEY CARAVAN & CAMPING CLUB

BVCCC – STRATHALBYN REPORT – 1st to 3rd April 2022.

9 vans and 1 cabin attended the rally. Powered sites were $32-00, Ensuite $40-00 and cabin $110-00 per night.
No deposit was required. Staff are very friendly and helpful.
Facilities were excellent with the adjacent oval for dog walks and the Netball shelter shed for meetings.
Our members made full use of the many coffee shops and restaurants in the town and Langhorne Creek. We all visited the Op-Shops for great bargains. The Motor Museum and Open Garden were also well attended.

Sunday lunch at the Victoria Hotel was very enjoyable.

Money spent in the area amounted to $4,054 over the 33 nights. $1,368 on Accommodation, $885 Fuel, $1791 on meals and extras.

Our next Rally is on 13th- 15th May at LAURA

AGM has been CHANGED due to the long weekend to 17th - 19th June at KAPUNDA

BVCCC will celebrate our 20th BIRTHDAY with a luncheon for all past and present members at VINE INN Nuriootpa on 15th July 2022 at 12:00noon. A book detailing our journey will be launched at the luncheon. RSVP to President Elaine 0409202158.
Safe Travelling
Chris Parry

DAVE BENSON CARAVAN CLUB

Dave Benson Caravan Club February 2022 Rally at the Port Elliot Caravan Park 4th -11th February 2022.
Park fees $1,764 for 7 vans in attendance. I member visitor from their holiday home at Goolwa. Other expenses $1,500 approx.

On arrival. I was allocated a site that one of their seasonal workers was on. He was told to move, but I said it would be easier for me to go on another site, which I did. Staff friendly and helpful. Sites were grassed but some had bare patches and in need of watering. TV reception was non-existent in parts of the park, WIFI reception was excellent. The camp kitchen good with 4 nice free BBQs for use. Clean amenities block, instant hot water in showers. Covid rules in place for inside areas.

Saturday night was our usual BBQ, just remember to bring the meat. Somebody said we have potatoes and onion but NO meat. No worries the male said I will go back to Goolwa and get it. 15 -20 minutes later the meat was discovered in their bag, and he was on the way back by this time with a second lot. All cooked up with surplus for the following day.

On Monday, 3 decided on fish and chips for tea, by the end of happy hour all 13 of us had said count me in. So off to Victor Harbour Ocean Crest Cafe for their $7 fish and chip pack. Good feed for everybody.

Tuesday a trip to Victor Harbour, over the new causeway to Granite Island. The new causeway is nice and wide, so plenty of room for the horse drawn tram and pedestrians. Disappointment on the island as the kiosk was permanently closed, so no chance of any refreshments

Wednesday lunch at The Hotel Elliot. Good selection on the menu enjoyed by all, $15 Seniors meals. It has a nice beer garden, which was dog friendly. One lucky camper had a nice $150 win on the pokies.

Thursday a trip to Goolwa and Hindmarsh Island. On to the Murray Mouth with lunch on the island. Weather was warm to hot, which made for a very pleasant week. A few walks were had during the week as it was ideal weather for walking.

Next rally Coobowie 4th March

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ELIZABETHAN CARAVAN CLUB INC.

Rally Report for Milang 8th April to 10th April 2022.

Expenses incurred: Park fees: Nightly rate $27 Total: $1,107 ($30pn - 10% disc). Approx. other expenses $1,500.

Attendees: 11 vans, 21 Adults, Children 1.

Park On Arrival: Looked a bit rough/messy, manager very friendly (even thou she looked a bit rough).

The park and surrounds: Lots of permanents most had messy sites, they were all together down one side. Toilet block clean & tidy – bit old but no problems, they even have floor mats to use, needed mowing but they did get a bit of rain the day or so before, great view over the lake.

Do you recommend this park for future rallies? Yes.

Was a deposit required? No.

Things we did at this rally: Bakery for coffee often, (fantastic bakery pasties are amazing), walking the jetty & main street, Friday night fish & chip van in park cheap and very tasty, drive to Strathalbyn, Goolwa, Langhorne Creek, (all about 20km), Train museum & little train ride, craft shop, etc. on train, Devonshire tea on train. (Train only open on Sat & Sun, Devonshire (only Sunday 12 - 4), Langhorne creek Hotel for tea Saturday night (Milang pub Not recommended at all) sitting around vans chatting, etc. We had beautiful weather for the whole rally, some of us were there for 5 days.

Next Rallies / Activities - Location and dates: May: 13th – 15th Riverton. June: 17th – 19th Avoca Dell (birthday rally).

SOUTHERN CROSS CARAVAN CLUB INC.

http://www.scccsa.asn.au

SOUTHERN CROSS CARAVAN CLUB March Rally 2022 at the Port Elliot Caravan Park Thurs 3rd to Monday 7th.

Attendees: 13 vans, 1 Cabin, 1 Motel (27 members).

Site Fees: $34 (with 15% Club Discount). Deposit required.

On arrival: All Club members were happy with the check in procedure. Staff were efficient and pleasant to deal with. We appreciated the short notice we gave them in arranging a March Rally at the caravan park due to the postponement of the National Rally. We also appreciated the use of a free site for our Clubs Gazebo.

The park and surrounds: This is quite a large sprawling park. Some had lawned sites and some drive through sites. The sites allocated to us had some grass but mostly dirt. Some of our larger vans had difficulty fitting onto the sites. Staff were quite happy trimming some of the branches. The park has good amenities which the staff kept clean and tidy. The camp kitchen was very modern but small for such a large park.

We would definitely come back. Yes.

Things we did at the rally: Coffee & cake at 'Cockles on the Strand', dinner at the Chiton Beach Café/Restaurant, ride on the Cockle Train to the Goolwa Markets, others checked out the Port Elliot Markets, morning coffee & Tizer Quiz (score 39/50) in Club Gazebo, happy hours, and games of quoits and Jenka. (Blocks of wood stacked into as tower and then take turns in pulling out blocks one by one, stacking them back on top and see how far we could go before it collapsed. Great fun), Met up with the Adelaide Caravan Club which was also holding its March Rally at this park.

Approximate Spend This Rally: Accommodation: $2,282. (4 vans arrived one day early & vans stayed one day late).
Other Spend: $2,909.

SOUTHERN CROSS CARAVAN CLUB at the Barmera 28th March to 31st March 2022.

Attendees: 14 Vans (Negotiated site fees of $20), 1 Cabin (stayed at Cobdogla Caravan Park).

Due to the National Rally being postponed, the SCCC had to find a March Rally destination and so it was decided to go to the National Rally Site as some of our members on that committee had to attend to rally business.

The National Rally Site was picture perfect and an oasis in the desert. The ground staff are to be congratulated on producing 12 hectares of green grass.

It was surreal to be there on what should have been the first day of the National Rally with only 14 vans instead of 500 vans.

The new shower block with 9 cubicles is in place, adjacent the southern end of the Function Pavilion and was checked out and used by some of our members. They were happy to report that they were first class. The second dump point is also in place and centrally located behind the old female toilet block.

Things we did at this rally: There was ample free time to visit the river towns. Dinners were eaten at the gazebo adjacent to the pavilion and on one-night members brought their own cooked meat with salads & dessert supplied by the Rally Officers. Attended the Overland Corner Hotel for Wednesday lunch where huge meals were served and plenty of doggy bags needed.

When the rally was completed, some members went home, some went on to Buronga, NSW and two vans stopped off at Blanchetown Big 4 caravan Park which now has new management, a lovely young couple who are doing a great job and are very friendly and helpful. There are 18 sites right on the rivers edge and a great pub up the hill with fantastic meals.)

Our Spend in the Riverland: Accommodation $1,660. Misc. $6.280. Total: $7,940.

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ELIZABETHAN CARAVAN CLUB INC.

Date of Rally: 4th to 6th February 2022 at the Port Victoria Caravan Park.

Expenses Incurred: Park fees nightly rate $38 total $1.064 (no discount with these owners), approx. other expenses $700. **No of Vans:** 7 vans, 11 Adults, 13 Children, and one dog.

Park On Arrival: A few other vans on sites, staff sort of helpful, sent us to look at the site as they had wrong size for our van (too small) gave us a choice of 3 but the original site was the best one. Not a lot of room to move cars, etc. around, some fitted on the site. Had to plug our vans in to power on top level, we were all on bottom level. Our side had mats other side had gravel but faced the beach.

The park and surrounds: The beach was crap, very rocky, could only go out a short way to knee high as the rest was seaweed so could only sit in the water. There was also jelly fish (not stinging type) beautiful view over the water & jetty. Hotel, walking distance from park, no where for decent coffee even for a small group so we drove into Maitland (20km approx.) to the bakery which was great. Did some shopping there also, Foodland, op shop, market on Thurs & Fri. Crap camp kitchen had oven, fridge, etc only a small room with no windows that opened and a small door, no ceiling fan or air con so very hot and not usable in warm weather. Pergola outside has no shade cover so again really hot in the sun, very disappointing. Toilets were clean and showers were ok, the water in one of the ladies showers shot up to the roof all the time!!

Do you recommend this park for future rallies? Won't be in a hurry to return. **Was a deposit required?** It said yes, but nobody had to pay it.

Things we did at this rally: Drove to Maitland to the bakery (very nice) op shopping, craft market, socialised together, went swimming (water sitting really), walks along the beach & jetty even thou quite rocky, fishing, out for tea Sat night good meal at local hotel, ice creams from take away/post office, sitting around vans

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ELIZABETHAN CARAVAN CLUB INC.

Rally Report for Loxton 4th March to 6th March 2022.

Expenses incurred: Park fees: Nightly rate $40 Total: $1,232 (10% Disc) approx. Other expenses $1,821

Attendees: 9 vans, 18 Adults.

Park On Arrival: Friendly manager, only been in park for about 4 weeks, still learning his way around but very helpful.

The park and surrounds: Clean & tidy, amenities clean & tidy always, grounds nice and green, some could have done with a mow. Beautiful weather and great trees to sit around & under.

Do you recommend this park for future rallies? Yes

Was a deposit required? Yes

Things we did at this rally: Swimming in the river, canoeing, shopping in town, coffee/bakery, sitting around Chatting & socialising. Dee & Andy celebrated their 100th rally with the ECC and received - 100 rally badge, certificate & trophy. Dave (Vice P) presented the trophy, badge & certificate to Dee & Andy and made a short speech. Thanks heaps Dave.

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DAVE BENSON CARAVAN CLUB

Dave Benson Caravan Club Coobowie Rally report 4th- 11th March 2022.

7 vans in total and 2 cabins taken. Site fees $1,127, cabins $475. Other expenses approx. $900.

Sites we had were under trees, which was ok for shade. Unfortunately this made for the grass being starved of water and the sites were a bit bare. We were close to the amenities block, which was a bonus. Weather on the first day was reasonable but it went downhill from there. Very windy and cold. Happy hour was in the camp kitchen for the week to keep out of the wind. We were lucky to score some cooked crabs from another camper one afternoon. Very generous of them to share. BBQ on Saturday night at the camp kitchen. On Monday we had brunch and then our club meeting followed by a fishing trip on Edithburgh jetty. We had some crab nets out, nothing caught in the nets at all. The fishing wasn't much better as only 4 fish caught that day. A little better later in the week with 6 more caught. We put the poor catch down to the cold windy conditions. Tuesday a trip up the coast to see the water tower murals at Stansbury and Port Vincent. Very well done. Watched a couple of seals frolicking in the water at Stansbury boat ramp for 20 minutes. Then the Port Vincent kiosk on the sea front for coffee and doughnuts, very refreshing. Wednesday lunch at the Melville Hotel, Yorktown. Good selection on the menu and prices reasonable. A little was won on the pokies, just a few dollars gambled for a bit of fun. At least the sun came out on Thursday, which made for a better day but still windy. Most of the day either packing up or sitting around chatting. The week could have been better weather wise, but a good time was still enjoyed in spite of that.
Next rally to Robe 1st to 8th April 2022 was cancelled. This was due to lack numbers because of other commitments or medical appointments.

On the ACCSA website there are links to the NACC: National Association of Caravan Clubs Ltd., and other State Associations: Association of Caravan Clubs of Victoria Inc., Canberra Caravan Club Inc., Caravan Clubs of Queensland Inc., NSW Association of Caravan Clubs Inc., Western Australian Association of Caravan Clubs Inc.

Check on the links, there is lots of information to read.

AGM/Nuriootpa Rally, Nuriootpa Big 4 Barossa Tourist Park - 4th to 6th February 2022 Rally Report by Claire Nicholas.

Nuriootpa proved to be a popular Jayco Club rally location as 22 Jayco caravans made an impressive sight along two rows in the park. Three groups were in Cabins and we had six retired members for the AGM meeting. The park certainly looked in good condition and seemed very spacious. Throughout the weekend, lots of the members split into groups to visit coffee locations, markets, wineries, etc. It is great that people could "covid safely" go out to explore the many interesting locations in the Barossa area. Happy hours were well attended with members not catching up since the December rally at Wallaroo so there was a lot of chats. Doris was quick to say hello to Wayne but she had not grown taller over the Christmas holidays, she just stood on "a ladder" to say hello.

Saturday morning 5th February about 8:30am, Warren 'quietly' organised a few Ukulele players plus onlookers, to stand outside Lorraine and Robert's caravan with the idea of singing "Happy Birthday" to Lorraine. A good plan but a slight stumbling block – Lorraine was in the shower washing her hair! Robert must have alerted Lorraine to a waiting audience, as Lorraine looked through the window, towel around her and wet hair as a rousing "Happy Birthday" was played and sang with gusto. There was a repeat performance at a happy hour later in the day when a rug was wrapped around Lorraine and another rendition of Happy Birthday was sung. The AGM was commenced at 3:30pm and Barry Griffiths was aiming to make it the quickest AGM ever, even trying to beat his previous record-breaking time last year! Congratulations to Peter Davies who has taken the position of Programmer and our special thanks to Peter Halsall who will step down from being the Programmer. We look forward to the coming next six months of rallies. As it was quite hot, nobody seemed to mind that the President's report was not read out and the great financial position of the Club was displayed on paper for all to see and thanks must go to Kaye Rogers for her hard work managing the financials. Wayne Rhode conveyed a vote of thanks to all the Committee for all their hard work on behalf of all the club members. It was then time to celebrate the Club by raising a glass or bottle (or two), so thanks to Shane for organising the drinks. The girls, led by Kaye were busy preparing a great dinner of barbeque chicken and salads. We must compliment Pat Luty who made three flavoured Trifles; mandarin and orange, tropical fruits and two fruits. All very delicious and on behalf of everyone there, many thanks Pat, you make a sensational trifle. Apple and Apricot pies and ice-cream were also served for everyone's enjoyment. It was full tummies of food and drink plus a lot of laughs and fun which was enjoyed by all. We must thank quite a few of our retired members for coming along to the AGM – Val and Roger Adamson, Bob Newmarch, Flo and Dennis Wetherley, Wendy and Tony Rowe. It was also great to see a few of our "newest" members, come along to the AGM rally – Julie and Mark O'Toole, Val and Brian Mellow and Sue and Kevin Henderson. You all bring special fun and laughter to us all. The weekend finished as it started, coffee shops, retail therapy, wineries and lots of sitting around in groups, chatting and laughing. Well done to our current Committee for a great weekend. And we won't mention those that misbehaved will we? We have photographic evidence!

Berri Rally, 11th to 14th March 2022 Rally report by Noelette Pearson.

We were happy to arrive in Berri around 3:30pm on Friday. Of course, proceedings were well underway already, with many of the club members already arriving a day or two earlier. I was told that the group had enjoyed a lovely lunch on Friday at a local vineyard and that the food was very good. We joined the happy hour and as usual, it was fantastic to be able to sit and enjoy a drink, snacks, great company and perfect weather. The club held a silent auction on Saturday – there was a huge selection of items up for auction and it was open to the whole caravan park. It was a very successful event and the club ended up with just over a thousand dollars profit! Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make it possible. It was also Ed's birthday on Saturday and we had an open invitation for club members to drop in for a slice of cake and BYO tea/coffee. We had a great turn out and it was so special for Ed to have so much love from the members. Towards the end of morning tea, Lindi realised that she had misplaced her keys. after an hour and a half of searching (and an announcement made to the whole park to look out for missing keys). She realised that she had popped them into her bra earlier and forgotten about it! That's the first place Warren will look next time the keys go missing. Spare a thought for Kevin and Sue who tried three times to get to the Berri rally, but their car was not playing the game. In the end, they came through for a quick visit – thanks you two! Let's hope the car gets sorted out soon. Before we knew it, it was time for happy hour again and pizzas! The Pizza-making event is so popular and a great initiative by the park. There were some amazing looking pizzas and I'm sure that there was a lot of left-over pizza for breakfast or lunch the next day! As old hands, the members knew they had to get in early with their orders, so we were lucky to be eating while there was a very long queue of people still waiting to place their orders. The park had organised a live band for the evening and members (especially the ladies!) enjoyed singing along until late. On Sunday, we awoke to another glorious day. The Putt-putt competition was the highlight of the day. I had told the team that I was going to kiss Ed's golf balls for good luck before he teed off and when we woke up on Sunday morning, there was a small parcel at our caravan – a set of golf balls wrapped in paper towels with lipstick kisses on it. It seems I was not the only one who thought it was a good idea! Ed proudly wore his 'balls' to the competition. The course is a work of art! There were shouts here and there for the rare 'hole in ones' and I think everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The two champs for the day were Brian for the men's division and Clare for the ladies' division. Well done, you two!! The golf was the highlight of the day and everyone was happy to find some shade for the afternoon until happy hour. A few of the members headed off to the Berri Hotel for a relaxing axing evening meal. I think most were fairly tired and happy for a lazy evening. It was Pete's birthday on Monday and it was celebrated at the local pub with a large contingency of the club members. Happy birthday, mate! Before we knew it, it was time to pack up and go home, but not before we enjoyed a bacon and egg roll (gold coin donation) organised by the park management. What a great way to end the weekend. Can't wait to see you all at Jamestown. Stay safe and happy until then!

Jamestown Rally Jamestown the Bourton on the Water (UK) of South Australia Rally report by Julie O'Toole.

There was a steady trickle of Jayco members on this rally some arriving early in the week to other members arriving on Saturday. On Friday there was a rowdy bunch at the feeding trough at Jamestown Bakery where afterwards some of the ladies went shoe shopping and delegated some of the men to organise the evening festivities at the Jamestown Hotel. We took over the whole back room organising tables to suit the 32 of us plus one assistance dog (here is said assistance dog). Great Thanks to the Jamestown Hotel, staff & chef for organising such great food & service in a bit of a hurry, however they were greatly helped & managed by our very own (PP) Pete whose duties included but were not limited to: seating management, chief food announcer, waiter, washer upper, and with the help and tact from Shane, Debt collector. To summarise it was a great evening with a party atmosphere. On Saturday some of the clan went up to the bakery, others stayed on site whilst the more adventurous ones visited the local tourist attractions of: The Stone Hut, The Bluff, Wirrabbra, and the Jamestown Glass Museum. On Saturday night after happy hour we were treated to a gourmet treat of yiros, which went down really well. Special Thanks to all who organised & took part. After the feast we all sat around telling stories from the days exploits which led into the evening where there were great festivities & a brilliant camp fire. On Sunday morning we were treated to bacon & egg sandwiches & toad in the hole by the fantastic BBQ wizards, then most people started to wind down and prepare for the journey home a few stayed over until Monday and some a bit longer. In brief what a bloody good rally – Thanks everyone for making it great! Thanks Julie and thanks to the "English Mafia" who always liven things up

CARAVAN CLUB FRIENDLY PARKS

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

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

Please nominate a park that you believe is worthy of receiving an ACCSA Friendly Park Sticker to President Graham Brown who will present the nomination to the ACCSA executive.

ACCREDITED PARKS

The Executive Committee have approved the following Caravan Parks: Kapunda, Clayton Bay, Peterborough, Laura, Kingston SE, Wallaroo, Jamestown, Keith, and Melrose. Accreditation Certificates have been posted to the listed Parks.

Please advise a member of the Executive Committee if your Club would like to nominate a Park that has demonstrated that it is worthy of this accreditation.

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