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Next Delegates Meeting

Wednesday
7:30 pm
Wednesday
7th June 2017
at
Walkerville RSL Hall
98 Walkerville Tce
Walkerville
All Welcome!

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE BEFORE THE MEETING

Following Meeting (**AGM**)
August 3rd, 2017

Celebrating 41 Years of Service to Caravanning in South Australia

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PRESIDENT'S CHATTER:

FUTURE DIRECTIONS FOR ACCSA

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday the 2nd August,2017 and all positions will be declared vacant.

This year we did not fill the position of Secretary and Frank Gratton as Treasurer carried the additional duties. This is not a workable option and it is essential that the position of secretary be filled for the oncoming year. I plead with all members to give this matter serious consideration and if you able to assist we would greatly appreciate a nomination to fill the position. It does not entail a lot or work the major role is to record the minutes and to forward communications to the other Club secretaries.

The alternative is a dissolution of the Association in accordance with the Constitution.

South Australia has been invited to stage the National Rally in 2022 and ACCSA has a major role in overseeing the planning of this event.

It is there imperatives that we maintain the Association to ensure that we are able to conduct the National Rally.

STATE RALLY

The critiques submitted by the members who attended the State Rally provided a positive response and all enjoyed the event. The success of the Rally was due to an enthusiastic Planning Committee and I personally thank them all for their contribution.

(See the Southern Cross Club Rally report on page 14)

I believe we achieved our objective by promoting caravanning within the Riverland and supporting the local community. It is estimated that the total money spent by those attending and the ACCSA contribution was in excess of $20,000.00.

On behalf of ACCSA I thank all the members that attended and joined in to make it a friendly and fun event. I have forwarded a letter to the Editor of the Loxton News thanking the community for their hospitality and hope that it gets published.

CARAVAN AND CAMPING SHOW

The Caravan and Camping Industry Association has invited ACCSA to apply for a sponsored site at the Caravan and Camping Show from the 27th-30th July,2017. It is an opportunity to promote your Club, if we are sucessful and if you are able to spare some time on the site please advised me and I will allocate a time that suits your Club.

Safe Travelling.
Graham Brown,
President, ACCSA

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

FROM THE EDITOR

DID YOU ENJOY THE LOXTON RIVERSIDE CARAVAN PARK?

If so, Park Managers Chris and Jane have asked that you place a comment on TripAdvisor and or Wiki Camps and 'Like' them on Facebook

Rally Reporters

So that our reporting of your rallies and gatherings has meaning and relevance for other members of the Association, when you send through the information it would be helpful if you could let me know:

Rally details - Dates, Where you went, How many vans

Price per van, per night (note any discounts given)

If you dined out, where you went and if it was good value

Places of interest in the region

What did the Club get up to?

An indication of the amount of dollars spent in the area during the rally. (More on this later)

Your information will help other Clubs when planning future rallies and events and will reward Parks and venues who provide good amenities and service to our members.

We'll aim to publish the Journal in the week before bi-monthly delegates meetings so if your report could get to me mid-month prior to that, it would be great!

A Useful Resource for Caravanners

The Caravan Council of Australia has been operating for just over two years and has established an excellent reputation for assisting many people in the RV industry by providing professional, factual, and unbiased technical information.

The CCA is run - on an honorary basis - by "mature-age" professional and experienced automotive engineers, to improve the level of compliance, safety and quality of RVs on Australian roads. It also educates industry personnel on technical and compliance issues… especially the critical and troublesome item of Ratings and Masses, and Handling and Stability.

The CCA is completely independent, and does not have any "Members". It is fully-impartial, and does not ever name any brands of RVs, or discuss any commercial issues.

Web-site www.caravancouncil.com.au has some free informative documents available.

NOTE: PLEASE SUBMIT CLUB REPORTS FOR THE JULY JOURNAL **BEFORE** 20 JULY, 2017

SOUTHERN CROSS CARAVAN CLUB INC

April Rally
at Mannum Riverside Caravan Park

VANS: 6

There we were at 0730 Wednesday morning running late, by our estimation, to pick up our van from Andrew at Adelaide Annex & Canvas, Woodlands Tce., EDWARDSTOWN. By 0930 we were on our way again, all booted and spurred. James our GPS person then took us on a personal tour to Mannum. Very interesting and only took two hours. Wed night was freezing and the rest were nice and mild.

Thursday was extremely busy with members arriving throughout the day. Our visitors Ron and Christine Worden arrived. Nola & Ian could not make it, car trouble. We all did the town over.

Friday: The remainder of members arrived and Disc Bowls were played whilst the exploration continued. The welcome meeting, followed by a Committee Meeting were held at 4pm.

Dinner was had at the Community Club. No complaints although Peter had a VERY SOLID GAMEY pie. Roy won a bottle of wine whilst Ron won a Pork Roast. Elaine is waiting for the Easter Raffle to be drawn.

Saturday: Tiserquiz held at 10am. Think score was 39. We all then went exploring the River Port Town of Mannum for bakery/coffee and points of hysterical interest for the Quiz of Local Knowledge by Annette.

A gourmet "make your own" hamburger dinner was held in the camp kitchen. Comprised of burger, onions, egg and salads of various persuasions.

To top everything off, the main was followed by diabetic desert. Ice Cream and Homemade apple pie. Thank you to all involved and especially Annette, J.B. & Roy.

Due to unfortunate TV Programming, the Saturday Evening Entertainment was deferred until Sunday Evening.

Sunday: Those that had to leave, did so. Remainder, coffeed, readjusted awnings, had a small taste of weather still to arrive, had fips & chups for dinner and played HOY for evening entertainment. Christine won HOY, whilst Ron won the Historical Walkabout.

I must thank the Rally Officers and their helpers, for a great weekend and may you all drive home safely.

Thank you all for making this a great weekend.

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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.

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."

2022 NATIONAL RALLY- SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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

The 2022 National Rally Planning Committee will meet at Walkerville RSL Hall on: 26th July, 27th September and 22nd November 2017.

Two meetings have been held, with an interim Steering Committee in place and significant progress is being made. Formal committee positions will be filled from nominations and volunteers so, if you or someone in your Club is thinking of serving on the National Rally Planning Committee, please contact either Graham Brown, ACCSA President or Frank Gratton, ACCSA Treasurer**.**

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

SOUTHERN CROSS CARAVAN CLUB INC (CONT FROM P2)

May Rally (State Rally)
at Loxton Riverside Caravan Park

Vans: 9

(Don't miss the extended Southern Cross Club Rally report on page 12)

Southern Cross attended the State Rally at Loxton with 9 vans. Most stayed 6 days and helped pump $19,000 into the local economy. Our members had a great time and were most impressed with the organization and the interesting agenda. The weather was kind which made the Rally even more memorable. It is hoped that we will attract more vans at the next State Rally in two years time.

Next Rally: Riverton (2-4th of June.)

BAROSSA CARAVAN AND CAMPING CLUB

April Rally
at Moorook

Vans: 11. 50Approx spend in the area: $2000
Sites: Pwr $17.5 / night, No Pwr $10.

11 vans attended the rally, with other members visiting over the weekend.
The camp site is in Moorook and right on the Murray it is mainly a grassed area with three powered sites and many areas where one can park their van or pitch a tent. The park is clean and tidy, with two toilets for females and one and a urinal for the men. The park consists of a modern shelter with two stainless steel BBQ's, bench seats and tables & a dump site. Powered Sites: $ 17.50, Non Powered $10.50 per day. The area is full of places to visit, members lunched at the Overland Hotel and were entertained by the owners with its history. The Nippy's Factory in Moorook was another favourite place as was the Moorook club on the Saturday Night where we enjoyed a nice meal for a reasonable price.

Approximate cost for Camp Site $400. Food, petrol, etc. $2000

May Rally (State Rally)
at Loxton Riverside Caravan Park

Vans: 8.

8 vans attended the rally, Members enjoyed the weekend with so much to offer, members involved themselves meeting & mixing with new friends, Lawn Bowls, Disc Bowls, Shared Meals, a great movie night with an enormous screen, reminiscent of the drive in, Schild Estate came with Hazel the caravan and delighted us with wine & cheese tasting. We enjoyed talks by SA Ambulance and SAPOL. On Saturday evening we had a superb roast with a great entertainer by the name of Mick Kelly. On Sunday we had market day with a free sausage sizzle "Yum". Our club had a great time.

Next Rallies: June: Avoca Dell, Murray Bridge; July : No Rally August : Waikerie

JAYCO JAYBIRDS SA

April Rally
at Laura Community Caravan Park

And so 11 vans ventured to Laura for the April rally with one couple opting for a cabin for the weekend.

As usual those not committed to work were able to arrive as early as Thursday and stay beyond the weekend. The work commitment drove some home early on Sunday.

We welcomed Kevin and Evelyn for their first rally and apparently didn't scare them off as they took a membership application form and promised to come back.

Friday evening saw the usual bounty of food shared in the camp kitchen with much merriment enjoyed by everyone.

Saturday a large contingent ventured to Boolaroo Centre for the sheep racing big day out. While we had fun and enjoyed the country atmosphere the event prooooved tooooo beeeee tooooooo slowwwww for some and we left after race 2. Of course that meant that we were back at camp early for happy hour…..bugger!

The club sponsored dinner for Saturday night with pizza's purchased from the local store.

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JAYCO JAYBIRDS SA

Jayco Jaybirds SA April Rally
at Laura Community Caravan Park

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Another injection of cash into the local economy.

Eating pizza, drinking wine and watching the Adelaide Crows win a fantastic game of football over Port Adelaide really finished the day off on a high.

The Laura Caravan Park is a community run operation with nice surrounds and clean amenities. The camp kitchen was well equipped and the town has sufficient shops and other points of interest to keep everyone happy.

Another great weekend with great company.

Next Rallies: May 5-7th McLaren Vale, June 2-4th Tanunda, 1st July: Avoca Hotel lunch

THE CARAVAN CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC OF SA Inc

March Rally:
at Nuriootpa Caravan Park

6 Vans
$39 per night

The facilities and grounds are much nicer than previous years, with the addition of a swimming area and a larger room to use was helpful.

Diane & I arrived Friday afternoon and went for a walk into town, stopping to have a coffee before returning. By the time we got back Bob & Mary had arrived then slowly the workers came in one by one.

Saturday the Club put on free breakfast. The rest of the day was left to members to do what they wished.

Some sauntered over to see the Bull Terrier Show that was on over the 3 days. We were asked if we would like a lift to the lookout as it was not too far away it included a sculpture park. We accepted but by the time we arrived in Sedan all decided we had taken the wrong road although it was a picturesque drive. We did however find it on the return trip. It must be popular as there were mini buses there with tourists.

Our usual happy hour where we all got together to talk about our day came & went and after tea was a night of entertainment with a "Minute to win it" games in the room. Very funny all decided we should have that again.

Sunday the weather was not quite so nice but a few went for a walk, some only getting as far as reception when the rain became heavy but Diane & I soldiered on visiting the underground museum and then onto the new coffee & flower shop. In the afternoon we used the room again to have our Adelaide Cup race. With many of the children in the park wanting to have a go we put on a couple of extra races for them. Our day visitors, Norma & Gary, stopped to enjoy the racing. The Movie was cancelled so Mary, Bob, Diane & myself watched it in our Van.

Another good weekend. Monday am said our goodbyes and wished members a safe trip home.

April (Easter) Rally:
at Laura Caravan Park

6 Vans. Approx $720 spent on accommodation over the long weekend $39 per night

Arrived at Balaklava good Friday morning for the Easter rally. It is really a beaut little park. Bob & I did not make it for the hot cross buns for morning tea but had a nice relaxing afternoon after setting up. In the evening members watched a great movie before bunking down for the night.

Saturday morning members walked or drove to the main street to have a look around and check out the shops that were open with the Club purchasing supplies for the weekend at the Foodland.

That night the club put on "make your own hamburgers" with the ingredients supplied for tea. After a nice tea it was eyes down for games of bingo. An entertaining night with members winning Easter Eggs.

Sunday, members went to the Rocks for a picnic and a walk. It was a beautiful setting with a water hole where humans and dogs can swim. A very popular spot with the locals. Returned to the caravan park after the outing and relaxed and enjoyed the fresh air and peacefulness.

Another happy hour was enjoyed by all. Then finished our weekend with a combined BBQ and shared desserts. After tea Bob & I departed the company and headed home.

PS: Peter H has a new profession - mending punctures on Emily's new bike. Not sure how many in the end although I was told it was in excess of a dozen.

THE CARAVAN CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC OF SA Inc (Cont from p 5)

March Rally: at Nuriootpa Caravan Park	11 Vans

By Helen & Brian B.

We arrived at the 30th State Rally at Loxton in lovely sunshine about 1pm on Thursday, many caravans were in place. Bob & Marie already there to welcome us Brian was tired after his long drive from home. A lovely white Marque was already in place. At 3o'clock that afternoon the President Graham Brown welcomed us all to the 30th State Rally and congratulated Brian & myself as being the longest caravan members at the rally. The Mayor declared the rally open.

Brian was very honoured to be asked to raise our club flag, thank you to Bob & Marie for taking the flag pole Brian made to the rally. Gary G arrived in the afternoon but Bob & Judy F had to cancel due to ill health.

Friday we had St Johns demonstration very interesting followed by a visit to the Pioneer Village returning to the Park for a wine tasting and yummy cheeses, in the evening the Park supplied a great movie.

Saturday morning tea & biscuits then a Police talk on Caravaning. It was excellent in the afternoon Disc Bowls the winners were from the Wanderers Bob G & Bill E. At 6.30pm a catered meal and sweets was very nice followed by the best ever entertainment. (Michael Kelly Extreme Karaoke) what an artist - he got a standing ovation.

Sunday at 9am we had a Market with lots of nice crafts, produce, sauces & jams. Lunch was a sausage sizzle supplied by the State Rally Assoc. In the afternoon a tour to the Pines. A lovely stately home bequeathed to the people of Loxton. It included furniture, crystal, dinner sets, wedding frock everything in the house down to the car. Returning to the park for afternoon tea consisting of chocolate cake supplied by the Park.

Monday morning tea was followed by the Raffle draw. There were five lovely big baskets to be won. We had no luck. The pretty purple basket supplied by our Club was lovely thank you.

Brian thanked Graham Brown and his committee for a excellent State Rally. The venue at Loxton was an excellent venue and we both hope to attend the next State Rally.

The closing ceremony and lowering of the Club flags brought the weekend to an end.

Next Rally: No rallies for July and August Sept to be advised

FRIENDS AND FAMILY CARAVAN AND CAMPING CLUB

April (Easter) Rally at Roonka Scout Camp, near Blanchetown	10 Vans (18 Adults and 18 Children)

The Easter club rally was held at Roonka scout camp this year. With an even mix of 18 adults and 18 kids there was fun to be had by all of us. We had our own kitchen and hall to use throughout our stay which gave us a great social space and it certainly made washing up easier for some.

People had fun on the river using their speedboat to tow kneeboards and donuts. Others went kayaking with an epic 6km row around Julia island

Some people indulged in a bit of fishing with Sue catching the biggest carp of the day. The billabong was enjoyed by many people, with kayaking and using the flying fox. It was also a nice place for the kids to sit and chat out of parent earshot, or so they thought.

Evenings were spent enjoying the warmth by the fire. Thanks to all those who provided wood and joined in the banter. A special thanks to the android app man for naming the stars both above and below us.

On Friday afternoon, we all gathered together to play club games. With such a great turn out of adults and kids it was quite the competition and a great demonstration of good sportsmanship. The game went on a bit long for some.

On a sunny Saturday morning, a shared pancake breakfast was supplied by the club. Toppings ranged from simpler options such as Nutella or lemon and sugar while others indulged in elaborate toppings like smoked salmon and spinach. Thanks to the batter mixers and flippers for preparing our delicious breakfast.

Kids club on Saturday afternoon provided lovely baked goods for our hot pot dinner that night. It was great to see everyone contribute such a variety of great food for us all to share.

Sunday morning started with a cuppa for the adults and a difficult quiz for the kids to earn their Easter egg. A surprise visit from Easter bunny lead to a shower of chocolate for everyone. A big thank you to Easter Bunny for making the effort to come and keeping the Easter spirit alive.

Club social started at 7pm on Sunday evening with a hardcore bingo game which was well attended. Sarah and Sue finished on top taking home the major prize for each game. Smaller prizes were awarded to winners with horizontal or vertical lines only.

As the saying goes, all good things must come to end and after Monday morning cuppa everyone pitched in to make short work of the clean-up. Some organised families had even finished packing up camp before morning cuppa, an impressive effort! Goodbyes were exchanged with talk of future rallies to share with friends new and old.

Next Rally: June; Stoney Creek Bush Park

St John/ACCSA Partnership

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.

Those who saw the demonstration at Loxton have seen how easy it is to use the unit.

Maintenance is very minimal. Heartstart Defibrillator's self test on a daily basis and will sound an audible noise to inform you if any faults are found, if a fault is found, simply press the information button on the unit and a voice prompt will indicate the fault found.

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).

To take advantage of these offers,
please contact Tony on 0488 178 823 or email at tony.sparham@stjohnsa.com.au

ELIZABETHAN CARAVAN CLUB INC

March Rally 17th—19th March
at Milang Lakeside Caravan Park

8 Vans + 1 Visitor

Making their way to Milang on Wednesday was Dee & Andy, Kay & Jim and Su & Barry with everyone arriving by lunch time. The weather was quite warm so Kay & Jim decided to test out the lake and went for a swim, very refreshing they said.
Harry & Phyl turned up surprising us as we weren't expecting anyone else. We had catch up time and then organised dinner. Sitting out together after tea chatting it was still pretty muggy as there was no breeze.
Thursday came around much different weather, after a very windy night it was still quite blowy & cool. We all went to the bakery for late morning tea and then took a drive to Clayton Bay to check out the caravan park for future reference. Upon returning to Milang c/p more members had arrived. Frank & Lyn, Reg & Bev, and Phil & Marie arrived mid arvo.
After a much cooler night Friday morning arrived, everyone doing there own thing mostly.

We invaded the local mini mart/coffee shop for a cuppa & chat. The afternoon was taken up with stories & chatter sitting around the flag pole.

Visitors Lin & James arrived during the arvo, set up & joined in with the group.
Meet n greet time welcomed everybody and Marg & Allan were given their welcome pack. We covered what's happening over the weekend and welcomed visitors Lin & James.

5.30 came around so we headed up the road to the bowling club where we were booked in for tea. Great meal, schnitzel & salad followed by banana cake & cream, for Su & Phil apples & custard especially made for them. Connie (the cook) did a great job and at just $7.50 pp it was fantastic value. Kay, Jim, Barry, Su, Dee, Andy, Phil & Marie decided to dress up for St Patricks Day. An array of hats, glasses & bow ties were worn all looking a treat. Some of us were even drinking green beer, cider & soft drink, thanks for bringing the food colouring Phil.

Saturday, waking up to a beautiful morning, cockies making lots of noise & plenty planned for the day. Most left the park on foot a few drove as we got to the street there were lots of cars around & lollipop men directing traffic. There was a push bike event happening so besides cars there were many bikes & riders all around. The train had different things in each carriage, Info centre, books, crafts of all types, old tools etc. From there we headed to the bakery for lunch. Bit worried that there would be nothing left with all the people around, luckily there was still plenty to go around.

Heading back to the park for a spell then around 2pm about a dozen people went for a drive to the horseradish farm about 10 klicks away to check out what was there and to try what was on offer before purchasing. Leaving there we stopped for a look at the free camping spot along the way which was pretty busy and then headed for Bremerton winnery. Leaving there we headed back to the c/park via an Andy shortcut which was mostly dirt road!! The remaining arvo found most socializing, chatting & having a few drinks together just enjoying the company. Around 5.15ish the cockies all came flying back to perch and squark in the trees. This happened around the same time every day.

6pm came around so we all headed up to the local pub for tea. Drinks & meals ordered we sat at our tables (3 in total) chatting with each other as we waited & waited & waited & waited for our meals, most of which were schnitzel, grilled fish or lambs fry. *(Ed. Deleted long story about terrible service.)*

We left the pub absolutely disgusted, if some of us hadn't already paid for our meal we would have walked out. We had booked for the group 2wks earlier so they had plenty of time to organize themselves & not give the chef the night off. We do not recommend the Pier hotel for a meal any time soon.
Back at the c/p we chatted for a while, mostly about the evening that was and then retired to our vans for the evening.

Sunday morning was upon us before we knew it, breaky time finished, some cleaning up, others socializing & Barry waiting to hear back about Devonshire tea at the train. Goodbye farewell took place around the flag with only Harry & Phyl, Marg & Allan leaving for home. Dinner was mentioned again from last evening but apart from that everyone had fun & enjoyed the weekend. Su got the nearly trophy & Dee took out the last trophy.

Yummo, over to the train at 12 for Devonshire tea, with most of us wandering over. Some having tea/coffee, a few having milkshakes with their scones, raspberry & apricot jam & cream delicious, not bad for $5.

After enjoying ourselves we walked back to the park grabbed our chairs & sat around in the shade together for the remainder of the afternoon. A few games of bocce were played but it was decided it was a bit too hot. Most organised their dinner in their vans, a couple got fish & chips & sat outside their van to eat. They were joined by Lin & James & Frank & Lin, sharing a few chips & having drinks together & sharing tales. Eventually all retired to their vans for the night.

Monday came around and everyone was packing up nobody in any great hurry. Once individuals were ready to go they said goodbyes and headed on their way.
Another fantastic rally, lots of fun, despite tea Saturday night.

ELIZABETHAN CARAVAN CLUB INC (CONT FROM P8)

April (Easter) Linger Longer Rally
at Broken Hill Caravan Park

Approx spend for the Rally $2200

Wednesday 12th April saw the majority of the Rally attendees set off for Broken Hill.

Overnight free camp at Yunta and entertainment from the owners of the Yunta Hotel. Plus a very nice dinner!

Thursday 13 April arrived at Broken Hill. Set up after a few incidences at check in. Good Friday saw the final member arrive just in time for lunch. The guys helped Thelma set up and at Meet & Greet we were introduced to the newest club member…. Everybody meet Lucky (the dog).

The Itinerary was set up by all participants.

Saturday shopping and visits to the Info Centre.

Sunday am Market at the Oval where (almost) everybody purchased items. Then off to Silverton, we visited the Old Jail which is interesting and full of history. Time then for lunch at the iconic Silverton Hotel. Fortunate to get a seat out the front. We were all happy with our meals. Su unfortunately, as per usual, because of her difficulty with food, got the Last trophy!

After lunch several of us went to the Day Dream Silver Mine where we enjoyed afternoon tea. This was served in old time tin mugs!.

Monday a day of rest, some of our party enjoyed the clubs, some shopping and some enjoyed a back-in-time visit to Bell's Milk Bar.

Tuesday, bright and sunny saw our group head off to Menindee Lakes to immerse ourselves in an outback experience. 4X4 driving is definitely not for some and Ruby now Does Do Dirt ! (not that she wants to …. BAD BARRY !) The group found the Burke & Wills Campsite from 1860-61 and finally, some who have travelled extensively have At Last, seen roaming Camels in a little corner of NSW.

Accompanied by Kangaroo's and Emu's (with some being a little too close for comfort !).

Wednesday Barry enjoyed op-shopping in all 4 stores and highly recommends it to all the males. A pair of Lycra bike shorts he was after, were found but he was not enamoured with the colour !!

Sadly though, the time has come to de-construct our campsite in readiness to say farewell to Broken Hill and adieu to our wonderful travelling companions.

Next Rally: MAY**,** STATE RALLY LOXTON

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DAVE BENSON CARAVAN CLUB

March Rally 10th-17th
at Beachport Southern Ocean Caravan Park

9 Vans. $29/night (Pay 6, stay 7 - $174/wk)
Total spend approx $4500 - $5000

This being a long weekend the park was close to being full. There were many 4x4 drivers from Victoria. With all the people in the park, it was tight for the last ones to get into their sites. We had our catch up at happy hour, in a sunny spot as it was a bit cool.

On Saturday the weather was cold with rain on and off all day. We had happy hour at one of BBQ areas, this was followed by BBQ tea. By the time the washing up was done, it was back to the vans with the heaters on as it was cold and wet. Sunday brunch, followed by our club meeting. Some then went fishing on the jetty as the weather was a bit mild. No fish were caught. Very slow for everybody on the jetty. By the evening it was raining again.

By Tuesday a lot of the park guests had made their way home. During the rest of the week, we had a trip to Robe. With the mandatory stop at the bakery, taking the proceeds to the park on the water front. Mount Gambier was a must, with lunch at The Commercial Hotel. Special board $15 with a good selection of meals, very nice feed and good serves. A little flutter on the pokies gave a small profit for one member. A drive up to the Blue Lake and around town.

On the last day, Southend was the destination. One of the Cray fishing ports.

Friday was the day to head home again. The park itself had lovely grassed sites and very good amenities.

Heidi & Dan Prouse, the park managers, were most helpful. Dan often driving around in the golf buggy, checking everybody was happy and having a chat. A good week had by all even though the weather was a bit inclement at times. This didn't help the fishers who had a bad week. Always next time.

April Rally 28th April - 5 May
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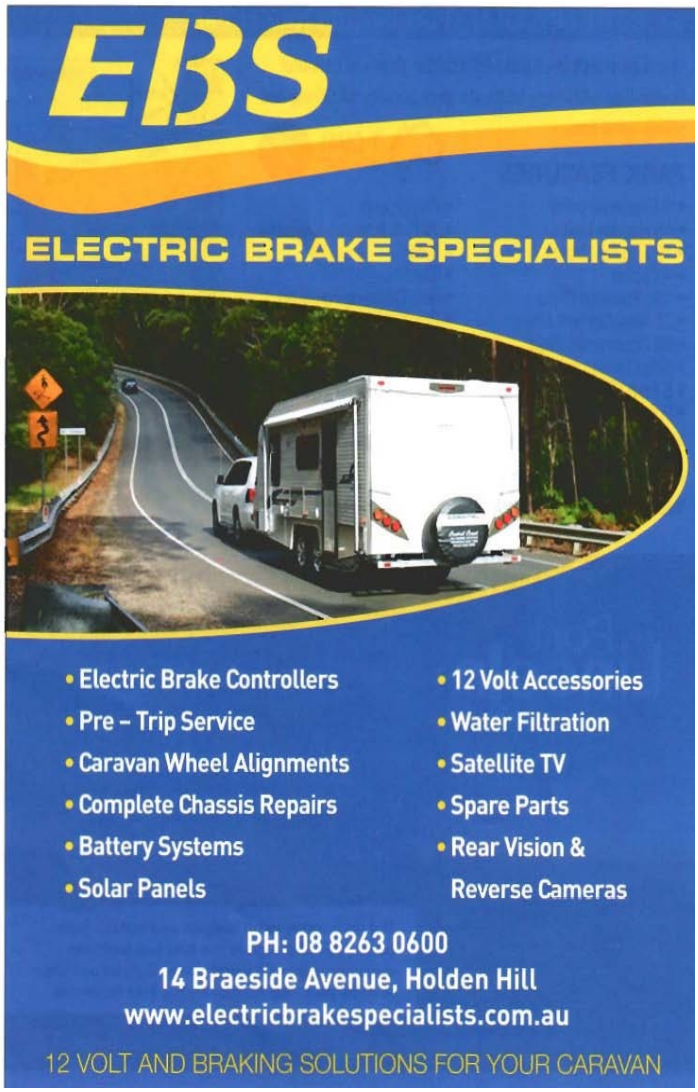
The group cooked and spent happy hours around the fire pit. Wood was available to purchase. The camp setting was scenic with a stony creek running around the edge of the park. The weather was wonderful with only a shower lasting a couple of minutes one evening which sent us scurrying back to our vans. There was a Takeaway Kitchen at the Park and members availed themselves of a delicious meal or two.

Some fitter members went to Alligator Gorge – many steps to be climbed, fantastic scenery. From Hancock's Lookout one could see right across the gulf.

Drives to the Horseshoe Range, an attempt to drive up to Moochra Tower was aborted as the track was rough then onto Orroroo for lunch, finally a hug for the largest tree in the area, 500yo 34' around, it took 8 of us to circle the tree, a sign warning that it was a widow maker! Also a trip via Horrock's pass, Spear Creek and through the Pichi Richi Pass to Quorn to visit Emilie's Emporium a very interesting venue and to partake of their delicious lunches. A final lazy day enjoying the weather before packing up and returning home.

Next Rally: To be advised



SOUTHERN NOMADS CARAVAN CLUB SA Inc

April (Easter) Rally at Strathalbyn Caravan Park	7 Vans @ $29 per night. Approximate spend in the area $2100.

Members Mary & Phil arrived on the Wednesday followed by Ruth & Vern and Margarete & Jack on the Thursday. The weather was lovely and afternoon happy hour was being enjoyed when Bailey the dog run amuck and tipped Phil sideways off his chair with Margarete on the other end of the lead fell on top of Phil. Phil ended up with bruised hand and knuckles.

Friday delivered another lovely day and Margaret L, Annette & Graham, Bev & Danny and Christina & Richard arrived for the weekend. All members went to happy hour for the club ritual of devouring Hot Cross Buns. The Hot Cross Buns went very quickly. They were very nice.

A lazy morning was had on Saturday followed by a great lunch at the Victoria Hotel and Margarete & Jack went to the Meadows Market then on to visit their new Great Granddaughter. Everybody was back in time for happy hour and in the evening some played Rumikub until late. There were lots of laughs. Thanks to Bev for the Easter bunnies and Mary for her home made marshmallow rabbit treats. Both were delicious.

On Sunday Margaret & Robert arrived for our meeting which ended with Richard and Graham giving out Easter eggs and chocolate bunnies, then on to the park for Sunday lunch after which we played Klomp. Richard winning the first game by default and Christina winning next by making an impossible shot. A family were watching and four children joined in a game. Great fun.

Meanwhile some of the men went to view the classic MG cars that were on a rally in the park.

At happy hour Graham was presented with the "Button" for saying something unprintable and the "Frog" for offering to fix Margie's pant zip. It is a joy having you at a rally Graham, you make everyone laugh so much. What a gift!!! The evening saw some members playing Rumikub again and trying to get over the chocolate rush.

Monday: apart from Mary and Phillip we all packed up for home.

A great Easter Rally with great company.

Margarete

May Rally at Balaklava Caravan Park	6 Vans + 1 Visitor $32 per night. Approximate spend in the area $1100.

Members Richard and I, Christina, arrived at the caravan site and to find no other members had arrived, which is very unusual, it made us think that maybe we had the wrong weekend. Being a site in which there is no manager on site we unhitched where we wanted.

During the rest of the afternoon every all the other members arrived to a sunny afternoon. When our visitors, Margaret and Trevor, arrived we all made our introductions and hopefully managed to welcome them to our rally.

The cheerful and talkative manager arrived to collect site fees and hand out keys to the amenities.

The amenities we very clean and well maintained.

We had our usual afternoon get together in the warmth of the afternoon sun until it just got too cold. Two couples went to Royal Hotel for dinner, while the rest went to their caravans for the night.

After a restful (for some) night some went for an early walk to see the town then we met for morning tea and a short meeting to discuss our June rally at Waikerie.

We then disbursed and many took the opportunity to walk around the town and look in the few shops that were still open.

Another enjoyable afternoon gathering that lead into our combined dinner, oven surprise/ little boys/salad. Thanks to all for the plentiful food. Again never allow me to cook, I unfortunately burnt one tray of garlic bread. What a smell!! However, I think we all enjoyed the atmosphere and the company. Some stayed on to play rummikub. Another good night.

On Sunday morning, the managers' wife put on a three course breakfast with all the trimmings. The bacon was to die for.

All too soon it was time to leave.

Christina.

Next Rallies: Waikerie (June 9th to 12th), Aldinga (July 14th – 16th)

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SOUTHERN CROSS CARAVAN CLUB INC (CONT FROM P4)

May Rally (State Rally)
at Loxton Riverside Caravan Park

Vans: 9

What a great weekend it was!!

On WEDNESDAY as we arrived at the Loxton Caravan Park, we saw Peter and Elaine, Jim and Glenda, John and Judy already on sites setting up. John and Sandra soon joined along with many other vans from Barossa, Elizabethan, Wanderers and Carefree Caravan Clubs. It was sad to hear Peter and Sandy withdrew that morning. As the caravans arrived, the owners were asked if they would like their vans to be weighed. A lot of vans were safe, however a few were overweight. As we grouped with other clubs for happy hour in the sun we watched as the marque was erected by the local Lions Club.

Dusk came so did Ian and Nola. We all headed to the Hotel for a great meal.

THURSDAY was a free morning, seeing more vans arrive and getting weighed. Bill and Lynne, Trevor and Valerie, then Tammy arrived and at 3pm all gathered to register for the 30th State Rally, collect a Riverland showbag and Rally mug.

The opening ceremony speakers were Graham Brown – President ACCSA, Tim Whetstone – local MP, Jenny Semmler – Tourism Rep and Leon Stasinowsky – Loxton Mayor. Club flags were then raised followed by afternoon tea/happy hour.

Behind the scenes, Jim was heard to say "how cold the morning had been", and here is where Elaine's knitting skills were put to use, and Peter presented Jim with a "willie warmer" knitted in Crows colours!!!!

A BBQ tea followed at 6.30, meat was cooked, we shared salads and later desserts. A wonderful meal accompanied by a man from Barossa club playing his favourite songs on a piano accordion.

FRIDAY, another cold night, cool morning, mist on the river and a lovely warm Autumn day. After morning tea some people went off to try their hand at Lawn Bowls, (John and Roy went and Roy returned with a "runner's up" trophy that he and a Loxton partner won). whilst the majority stayed behind and gathered in the marque for a very good, informative demonstration on how a Defibrillator is used. Tony Sparham ensured us of its "follow the instructions" use, as it talks you through its steps. A brilliant life saving device to have in any first aid kit. Nola as driver and passengers Tammy, Lynne, Valerie and Annette checked out the Op shops. The afternoon saw Cheese and Wine Tastings (arranged by John A) – a very popular treat, I loved the cheeses whilst many, many others the wines.

Tea saw the SCCC back at the Loxton Hotel for another "night off cooking a meal". A movie followed for those who braved the cold outdoors, and the blow up screen worked a treat.

SATURDAY, before morning tea John took down names for a Disc Bowls Tournament, then at 10.30 we converged into the marque to listen to Rob Winter from the Traffic Police to talk on weights of caravans, followed by a lively discussion with a question time. There were a lot of head shaking, and faces of disbelief. At 2pm in brilliant sunshine the Disc Bowls began with John "Chief", Tammie as one of two scorers and Judy with Annette as recorders. The final winners were a team from the "Wanderers Caravan Club" and runner-ups the "Elizabethan Caravan Club".

Happy hour was enjoyed and continued until the "Rally Dinner", a tasty two meat roast with hot vegetables, gravy etc, followed by delicious hot fruit salad and ice cream – yum!! Meanwhile Mick Kelly, a man of many talents entertained us with poetry, jokes and many styles of singing, as well as taking requests, until 10pm. A great night, lot of fun and laughter.

SUNDAY, everyone was up early to set up our market stall – 4 tables of plants, produce, craft and bric-a-brac, everyone helped and at 9am the sales began. We sold almost $300 worth in the hour. A great effort, and I believe leftover items all went to good causes.

After a quick cuppa, clubs adjourned for their own meetings followed by a sausage sizzle lunch.

Many took advantage of free time to explore Loxton and other towns in the Riverland, I do believe Bill and Lynne spent hours watching the Pedal Prix, that had taken over the main street for 6 hours – brilliant to see local, interstate, and a team from America competing. Those back at the park met to discuss the National Rally to be held in 2022 and next State Rally in 2019. At Sunday's happy hour, many clubs were intermixed and conversations flowing – great to good vibes. Our tradition was not broken as we enjoyed "Fish'chips" for dinner.

MONDAY, everyone gathered for the raffle draw……1st was Trevor Carter, 4th was John Baans, SCCC won 2 of the 5 baskets. The President said thanks to all the committee and all who were present, to make it so successful. This was followed by the lowering of Club Flags, which brought the 2017 State Rally to an end.

Thankyou to the 9 vans from SCCC who attend,

A great time was had by all I believe.

Annette

PHOTOS FROM THE STATE RALLY

Club flags were flying high

ACCSA President, Graham Brown, presents the SA State Disc Bowls Champions Trophy to Bob G and Bill E of the Wanderers Caravan Club.

The Sunday morning Market Stalls were well attended, with a great range of goodies for sale.

An overview of the Rally site, Vans and Marque at the Loxton Riverside Caravan Park

WANDERERS CARAVAN CLUB OF SA INC

April Rally at Berri Riverside Caravan Park	Vans: 13 + 1 Visitor $38.70 /night. Approx spend in area $3950

Thursday morning started out wet and miserable but still hooked up ready to go for our rally at Berri. We headed off to meet up with another couple at 11.00am. We then headed off towards Tanunda and Angaston having decided to travel via Sedan and Swan Reach. The road is a very good and because it is a quiet road there was a lot less traffic to worry about.

We arrived at Berri mid-afternoon and set up our vans and made our rounds to greet other members.

Friday arrived a much nicer day with nice sunshine. Some went shopping and some just relaxed. We went for our evening meal at the Berri Community Hotel. The meals were very good and I don't think there were any complaints.

Saturday arrived just as good as the day before. Some went to the markets and some had coffee and a general look around. Saturday afternoon some made Easter hats out of newspaper and the winner was Bev. Later in the afternoon we had an Egg and Spoon Race which was quite a lot of fun. The winner was Janet. This was followed by pin the tail on the "wabbit". The winners of the "wabbit" tail pinning comp were: closest Lady was Vivian, closest Man was Bob and finally farthest away was Anne T. That was a lot of fun and it was good to see everyone join in. After this some headed to the kitchen to put their tail on I don't know what, while others settled down to an ice-cream courtesy of Mr Whippy (he knew the Wanderers). After having a BBQ tea, Bill showed some slides of the Linga Longa which were very good. The slides showed some beautiful country and also that the trip was a great success.

Sunday morning there was coffee and hot cross buns and the usual goodbye's for those leaving to head for home.

May Rally (State Rally) at Loxton Riverside Caravan Park	Vans: 3

Three vans attended the State Rally at Loxton, due mainly to the much anticipated rally at Pt Hughes for the Kernewek Lowender festival weekend shortly after.

Enough has been said by others regarding the excellent rally, the informative and tasty programme items and the wonderful entertainment. Suffice to say that, although small in numbers the Wanderers made a good show of it by taking out both the Lawn Bowls and Disc Bowls tournaments.

A most enjoyable rally. Our thanks to the organisers and their hard working assistants.

Next Rallies: May : Pt Hughes, June : Hahndorf

Linger Longer Rally (27th Mar to 8th Apr 2017) to NE Victoria and NSW High Country	13 Vans Average Park Fees $30/night Travelled approx 2600, plus day trips

Each made their own way to the start point at Colac Colac Caravan Park, near Corryong, about 100km east of Wodonga, some taking a week or more, others just a few days.

Day 1 - Corryong. A day trip via Khancoban, a short stop at Splatters Lookout, onto Thredbo and further up to Jindabyne where we had lunch at the beautiful park overlooking the lake, then onto Cooma, where we turned off to view the beautiful valleys from a different perspective and all the while marvelling at the stock and rugged rocky outcrops. On to Adamidaby and down to the Kosciusko National Park, Tumut Ponds back to Colac Colac via Khancoban at around 6 pm.

Day 2 - Corryong to Walwa, about 60km, so took the opportunity to visit the small settlement of Tintaldra on the upper reaches of the River Murray. At the local post office/tearooms and met the long time owner Betty Walton who was a sprightly 89 years old. The shop was full of old memorabilia which she had collected over the years and was a source of great amusement particularly for Bill and Joan. We browsed around the shop while she served us tea/coffee and pumpkin scones. We later found out that she was also a champion at Yarn Spinning - if ever you get the opportunity call in to this shop, it is well worth the visit. Then it was down the beautiful Murray River Valley to Walwa. The caravan park is located on the banks of the river under a tall stand of cottonwood trees - such a beautiful setting. We set up camp early and that gave some of us time to travel further down the valley to a little settlement called Jingellic. Once again very picturesque on the banks of the River Murray. We also noted that it had a very good free camp area. Something to remember for the future. After refreshments in the local pub we travelled back on the opposite side of the river to Walwa just in time for Happy Hour.

Day 3 - Walwa. A group of walkers left the caravan park to tackle the walk in the nearby National Park. When the mountain came into view the group had split into three. The back group was called "They must be bloody joking group"

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with comments coming from them such as "Can you find a ride home luv?" The middle group was called "How far have we come so far group". That was because that was all we heard from them. The first group was called "Let's go to the top group". One hour later this group changed its name to "This is far enough group." After lunch everyone did their own thing till happy hour and then it was off to the Walwa Hotel for the evening meal and happily John T got his ice cream.

Day 4 -Walwa. It was back to Corryong for the day to witness "The Man From Snowy River Festival". The first and most important event to attract our attention was the re-enactment of the saga of the Man from Snowy River. We know it from Banjo Paterson's poem of the same name. It was a great spectacle for the thousands of attendees and was extremely well produced, in a most majestic setting. Then it was on to the showgrounds where there was a plethora of stalls selling all things equine. There were all sorts of horse and cattle related competitions and entertainment. Many of our number took in and enjoyed the grand parade in the main street which reflected the heritage of the mountain horseman.

Day 5 - Left Walwa and Victoria, heading to Tumut, in NSW, via the small but quaint timber town of Tumbarumba which was to be a coffee/ bakery stop. We continued on through the apple growing district of Batlow to arrive at Tumut just after midday. The afternoon was spent setting up in the splendid Riverglades Caravan Park by the banks of the beautiful Tumut River. A special treat was watching some horses frolicking in the fast flowing water just downstream of the caravan park.

Day 6 - Tumut. After a sumptuous pancake breakfast cooked by our Wanderers Chefs, 10 cars travelled along the Wee Jasper (where did this name come from?) Road led by Trail Boss Bill.

We stopped to examine and try out the swinging bridge built to enable trekkers on the Hume Walking Trail to cross the river. We followed the river and found a second swinging bridge. We stopped for a picnic lunch at a scenic spot at the base of the Talbingo Reservoir wall then up to the top of the reservoir where some walked across.

Day 7 - Tumut After breakfast, walked into town through a big park near the caravan park, along the Tumut River. The walkers finally left the park and proceeded up the Main Street until we came to the "Pie in the Sky" bakery, where it was decided to partake of needed refreshments. How unusual for the Wanderers! It was a leisurely walk back to the Caravan Park for a quiet afternoon.

Day 8 - Tumut to Gundagai. We awoke to another beautiful sunny day and it seemed a pity to leave such a wonderful caravan park but everyone was eager to move on to the next location (Gundagai) just 37km down the road.. The afternoon time was spent preparing casseroles for the planned evening feast.

After our normal 4 o'clock drinks on the banks of the Murrum bidgee River we settled down for a lovely meal around the camp fire in true Wanderers style. Life is tough!

Day 9 – Gundagai. We head ed off to explore the town, beginning a do-it-yourself day, but kept bumping into all these happy Wanderers - seemed we all had the same intentions to visit the jail, museum and railway station then a walk down the main street. Had a chuckle or too at the Bald Archies Art display; some great cartoon captions. How could we not hit the bakery for a pie? What a lovely town full of beautiful old buildings and rich in history. Couldn't leave without taking the 8 km drive to The Dog On The Tucker Box. Who did we met there but more Happy Wanderers.

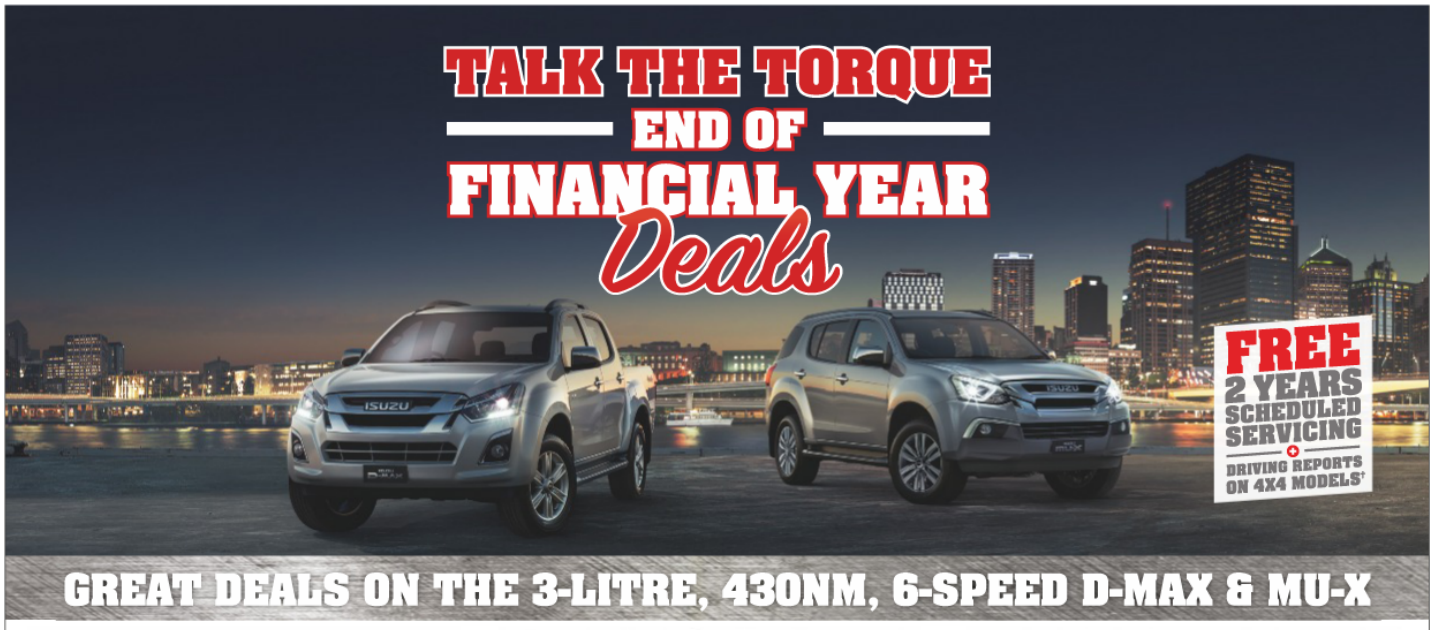
Day 10 - Gundagai to Junee. Beautiful Junee! Lovely warm weather welcomed us to this historic 1870's railway town. Even though we arrived two hours early to be admitted into the caravan park, the owners did a great job of accommodating everyone. The lovely historic buildings in the town are unique and typically "Australian". The award winning Junee Licorice and Chocolate Factory was our first stop and is situated in the historic Junee Flour Mill built in 1935. Some Happy Wanderers made an attempt at making their own rocky road and "freckles". The Factory has a licensed restaurant and gift shop. Our next stop was the Junee Railway Roundhouse and Museum which began operating in 1947 at tending to every class of steam and diesel locomotive in NSW. The Roundhouse is the only example of a complete brick full circle roundhouse in NSW with a 100 foot turntable still operating. Our dinner at the Commercial Hotel was a "goodbye" event for some of the Members leaving the next morning.

Day 11 - Junee. A bright, clear morning held the promise of another lovely day for those remaining and so we set off on our adventures. John T and Bev were disappointed with their much anticipated visit to the Lavender Farm, as it was recently closed. Others somehow found their way back to the Licorice Factory, some for the second time - the lure of the gift shop, the coffee and scones and the free samples were just too much. Monte Christo Homestead was open.

It is reputed to be Australia's Most Haunted House and their website has lots of interesting information. The girls didn't see any ghostly apparitions, but they did enjoy their self-guided tour of the house. Another of the Junee historic landmarks is the Red Cow Hotel. Happy Hour rolled around again - not quite monotonous yet - and a shared B BQ in the camp kitchen. The next morning final goodbyes as we departed Junee, making our own way home.

The whole trip took about 3 weeks.

Thanks to "Trail Boss" Bill and all who contributed to a very enjoyable outing, made even better by the good company, excellent weather and fantastic scenery.



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