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Next Delegates Meeting

Wednesday
7:30 pm
6th June 2018
at
Walkerville RSL Hall
98 Walkerville Tce
Walkerville

7:00 pm for Coffee

All Welcome!

Celebrating 42 Years of Service to Caravanning in South Australia

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PRESIDENT'S CHATTER:

CARAVAN PARKS ASSOCIATION- CONTACT

The following Item was posted on the Caravan Parks Association Newsletter as a result of my liaison with the Chief Executive Officer. As stated we ask that Clubs appoint a representative to speak to Management of the Parks and explain that we are developing protocols to meets the needs of both the Clubs and Management. One issue we should explore with Parks is to find an alternative method that provides them with confidence that the Clubs will fill the sites booked and eliminate the need for members to pay individual deposits.

Association of Caravan Clubs in SA

SA Parks were recently contacted by the Association of Caravan Clubs in SA (ACCSA) whose mission is to promote caravan clubs to the public and to assist its members to enjoy the caravan and camping lifestyle.

A subject regularly discussed by ACCSA is their goal of identifying Caravan Parks within S.A. that can provide the best facilities and policies that best suit the needs of the Clubs.

As a result, the ACCSA Committee is currently working on an initiative to develop protocols applicable to all their Clubs that defines the needs of their members and at the **same time assists Caravan Parks to arrange their bookings and stay efficiently**. **This will require consultation with Park Managers and ACCSA will be asking Club members to do so when attending rallies.**

A Newsletter is published by monthly by the Association and Clubs submit details relative to their respective rallies. This enables Clubs to share information on the Parks and district visited. They usually give a review of the caravan park they stayed in and this can be good promotion (or not) of your business. The attendance of a club with 15-20 caravans for 3 -5 days can have benefits for region and the local economy as well as the areas visited by Clubs en-route to the Rally – this activity usually occurs during the off-peak periods so can provide an added boost to parks in a traditionally quiet period.

If you feel your park would like to work more closely to encourage caravan clubs to your park, ACCSA would be pleased to discuss this matter with you as a Park Manager. Please contact ACCSA through the contact page on their website via their website http://www.accsa.asn.au

This provides us with an opportunity to improve our association with Caravan Parks and at the same time a better deal for our members.
HELP US TO HELP OUR MEMBERS

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."*

PRESIDENT'S CHATTER: (continued)

Let's Go Caravan & Camping Super Sale

Thu 26th to Sun 29th JULY 2018

ACCSA has been allocated a site at the Caravan and Camping Sale at Wayville Thursday 26th to Sunday 29th July 2018. As a result, we will require volunteers to staff the stand. Please discuss this within your Club and if you are able to assist please advise me via email or telephone 8356 2611.

Graham Brown, President, ACCSA

FROM THE EDITOR:

Another couple of months have flown by.

In this issue we welcome the Adelaide Caravan Club to ACCSA, Club reports of their experiences at a couple of parks, where clubs are rallying in June & July, NACC reports that all States have agreed to a new insurance cover, the all important club rally reports, State and National rally updates and don't forget our sponsors: EBS and North East Isuzu.

Thanks to all the club representative for their rally reports. Don't forget to let me know of any significant event that happens in your club, e.g. club anniversary event, a special birthday of a member, a special award to a member, etc., etc. Photo's of significant events are welcome for publication. Fellow affiliated club members look forward to reading the rally reports of all the clubs. The website link of clubs in the rally reports header can be used to check out further club information. If your club has a website and it is not listed, please email me. Enjoy the Journal.

Take Care, Robert Hart

NOTE: Please submit items for the next Journal before 16th July 2018

From around the clubs:

Dave Benson Caravan Club recently attended the Barossa Caravan Park at Nuriootpa for a club rally. Prior to the rally caravan sizes were forwarded as requested by the park. It appeared that the sizes were ignored as vans were located on sites in alphabetical order, resulting in large vans on small sites and vice a versa.

The Adelaide Caravan Club found when they recently attended the Barossa Caravan Park that they would not allow their members to use Travel Auction Vouchers at the rally.

Family & Friends advised that they had a great time at the Black Cockatoo property near Naracoorte. Camp beneath shady gum trees beside a water hole stocked with fish and yabbies. Barbeques, tables, flush toilets, hot showers and powered sites provided in a natural setting. (Limited power available until further notice.)

At the recent AGM of the Jayco Jaybirds, they made the following appointments: Dean Carruthers as Treasurer, Anne Powditch as Rally Co-ordinator. Vic President, Peter Garner, came up for a mention for his 65th birthday - Congratulations.

Barossa Valley Caravan Club has a new President in Bill Reilly and a new Rally Officer in Elaine Dempsey. Other important announcements from the BVCC revealed that Joanne Gaskin has attended 50 rallies. Also Wilma & Graham Walker celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary and Sue & Robby Robinson their 50th, Congratulations.

Thanks to Lesley from the Adelaide Caravan Club who reported on their May Rally from Canada. Well done!

Congratulations are in order to John & Judy Baans on receiving their 100th rally plaque at the April rally of the Southern Cross Caravan Club.

Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary to Annette & Graham Brammer, valued members of the Southern Nomads.

40 year celebrations of the Carefree Caravan Club occurred at their April rally.

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 1st August 2018, 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 a Club Delegate.

The Annual General Meeting of the Association of Caravan Clubs, SA will be held on Wednesday 1st August, 2018 Walkerville RSL Hall, 98 Walkerville Terrace, Walkerville.

The Executive of ACCSA consists of: President, 1st Vice President: 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, Executive Officer and Public Officer.

The Executive of the 18th National Caravans Rally Committee consists of: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer.

All current Executive Committee and the 18th National Caravans Rally Committee positions will be declared vacant, so please give consideration to whether you or someone from your Club can contribute to the betterment of caravanning in South Australia through service on the ACCSA Executive.

Nomination forms are attached to this edition of The Journal and the official Notice to hold the AGM is attached to this issue of the Journal.

Where Clubs are Rallying in June & July

	June	July
Adelaide Caravan Club	Stockport 15-17	Luncheon
Barossa Valley Caravan & Camping Club	Avoca Dell 1-3	No Rally
Caravan Club of South Australia	Riverton	No Rally
Carefree Caravanners of SA	Normanville 13-18	
Coromal Caravan Club of SA	Naracoorte 14-18	Social 15th
Dave Benson Caravan Club	Lightning Ridge 15-30	No Rally
Elizabethan Caravan Club	Avoca Dell 15-17	Port Pirie Beach 20-27
Family & Friends Caravan & Camping Club	Peterborough 8-11	Lunch & AGM 28th
Jayco Caravan Club of SA	McLaren Vale	Punyelroo
Jayco Jaybirds SA	Nuriootpa 1-3	Lunch
Masonic Caravan & Travel Club of SA		Lunch
Port Augusta Caravan Club	No Rally	Still to decide
Riverland Caravan Club		
Southern Cross Caravan Club	Kingston on Murray 21-24	Coobowie 26-30
Southern Nomads Caravan Club SA	Gladstone 8-11	Riverton 27-29
Wanderers Caravan Club of SA	Kingston	Quorn

April Rally 6th to 9th at Mannum
29 people attended in 14 vans and 2 cabins.

Expenses incurred: Park fees $31.50 per night Total $2,000. Approx. other expenses $2,000

Report: Beautiful location on the wetlands and river. A highlight of the weekend was the river cruises provided by one of our members on his speedboat and coffee on the houseboat at the Marina. We also enjoyed a lovely dinner on Saturday night at the Mannum Club and some members frequented the market on Sunday and various coffee shops.

The park and surrounds: The grounds and amenities, including showers, toilets and an excellent camp kitchen were kept very neat and clean. Unfortunately, some of the other campers didn't show much respect for others and were noisy all night on Saturday. To the management's credit, when informed about the group, they acted immediately and told them to leave within 10 minutes. Manager said we should have called him during the night. We will definitely go there again.

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May Rally 11th to 13th at Strathalbyn Caravan Park
9 Vans

Expenses incurred: Park fees $29 per night Total $928 plus other expenses approx. $1,240

Report: The park was clean & tidy. Most sites were grassed but some showed wear due to traffic. Amenities were aged but clean. Three ensuite facilities have recently been added. The park is within walking distance to the town centre. We attended the Victoria Hotel for a meal. There are many antique shops in the town.

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Next Rally: Stockport Jun 15th to 17th

REMEMBER

When you visit any of our sponsors,

Make sure you mention that you are a member of an ACCSA Affiliated Caravan Club.

This is a good news story on the value of free camping:

This article is from the Eyre Peninsula Tribune and is printed here with their permission.

Kimba's free camping a money-maker

The free camping area at Kimba's recreation reserve has grown in popularity in the past financial year, with campers donating $11,000 for the year, well above the council's forecast of $7000.

Kimba District Council mayor Dean Johnson said having modern, free camping had a direct flow-on effect.

"More than 40 vehicles are regularly setting up at the Kimba Recreation Reserve each night, which means more people spending their money with local businesses," he said.

The area will get a new amenities block in the 2018-19 financial year with funding from the council and the National Radioactive Waste Management Facility Community Benefit Program.

"Anecdotal evidence suggests that the overall economic benefit to Kimba as a result of offering free camping facilities far outweighs the minimal forecast cost to council to maintain the new area once the project is complete," Mr Johnson said.

"Those travelling in caravans and motorhomes are incredibly well connected and we know they share their experiences, good and bad, via social media and word of mouth – the feedback elected members and council staff are getting is that Kimba is quickly becoming known as a must-stay location on the Eyre Peninsula, based in part to the fantastic free camping facilities we offer."

BAROSSA VALLEY CARAVAN & CAMPING CLUB

April Rally 6th to 8th at Port Germain Caravan Park
8 Vans and 1 Cabin

Expenses Incurred: Park fee for a powered site was $31.00, Total $1,100. Other expenses totalled $1,680. No deposit required.

On arrival: Sandy, the camp host, was very helpful and welcoming. Just as well we had all reserved our sites as the park was full. We are very happy to recommend the park.

The park and surrounds and things we did At this rally: The main attraction at Port Germein is the jetty, which is now repaired but crabs were not plentiful. Great for the morning walks however. Convoy to Blessing Wines for tasting and Devonshire morning tea under their shady veranda with David playing the grand piano in the cellar door was great. The drive to 6 poles lookout eluded us as the road was only for the adventurous 4X4 driver. Great views over the Gulf. Dinner at the local Café was enjoyable and reasonably priced. Sunday Port Pirie Market was of a high quality and $10-00 lunch at the RSL excellent. Their display and dedication is worth a visit, especially the Huey.

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May Rally 5th to 7th at Williamstown
Held AGM over the weekend

Expenses Incurred: Park fee $31 per night for a powered site, a deposit was required. We spent $1,150 in the district.

On arrival: The park is very clean and hosts extremely helpful allowing us to hold our AGM in their office. The BBQ area sheltered and camp kitchen has good facilities but very small.

Things we did at this rally: Breakfast and shopping at Mt Pleasant market was followed by our AGM. Sunday we travelled to Gumeracha for the Medieval Fair. Worth a look with some amazing costumes in the crowd. $15.00 concession entry. We would certainly recommend the park in summer with the pool next door. We got to watch some local football.

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Next Rally: Avoca Dell June 1st to 3rd

The ACCSA 2019 STATE RALLY
will be held at the
Riverland Field Days Site, Barmera
on 8th to 11th March, 2019

JAYCO JAYBIRDS SA
http://www.jaycoclubsa.asn.au

The Jayco Jaybirds SA had their March Rally at Kingston on Murray, their April Rally at Meningie and their May Rally was at Port Hughes. Rally reports can be found by reading their newsletters on their website.

Next Rally: Nuriootpa - 1st to 3rd June

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

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

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

CARAVAN CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC.

April Rally Easter 2018 at Balaklava Caravan Park
6 Vans (12 Adults & 2 Children)

Expenses incurred: Park fee $30 per night Total $720, Approx. other expenses $500. No deposit required.

Opinion on Arrival: Sites clean and ready.

Park and Surrounds: Park has access to a green parkland, courts, etc.

Would you recommend: It is small but we enjoy it.

Things our Club participated in: We had a movie night, glow in dark bowling, make your own hamburger night. Craft afternoons. Did town walk and went to Pub for tea.

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May Rally 4th to 6th
at Port Wakefield 3 Vans (6 Adults)

Expenses incurred: Park fee $30 per night Total $180, Approx. other expenses $175.
No deposit required.

Opinion on Arrival: Cold Reception friendly offering voucher for local Pub.

Park and Surrounds: clean & tidy

Would you recommend: Yes

Things our Club participated in: Things our Club participated in – Table Tennis, Darts, TV & Cards

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Next Rally: Riverton in June

COROMAL CARAVAN CLUB OF SA

April Rally 4th to 9th at Coobowie Caravan Park
12 Adults in vans

Expenses incurred: $27/night (Powered sites only), Coobowie pub average $20/meal, No deposit required.

Park & surrounds: The club has been to this park many times as it's a pleasant well maintained park with friendly and obliging managers/staff.

Things we did at this rally: Morning tea consisting of sausage rolls was generously donated by management. In the past management has also provided a Bar-B-Q and scones and cream. The pub is in easy walking distance and although the meals are simple pub fare, they are always fresh and well prepared. The town is small but, in addition to the pub, it has a shop and a 5 kilometre walking trail to Edithburgh. Other activities were exploring and fishing.

Next Rally: Nuriootpa 16th to 21st May 2018

I have been following up websites that have listings for ACCSA and /or affiliated clubs.
It is a slow process to get changes made to websites.
However, I have had success with two websites to date that have made additions and/or changes to their listings:
https://www.caravanningnews.com/linkclubs.htm
https://www.australianexplorer.com/camping/caravan_clubs.htm

Please feel free to check them out and if you see any changes that need to be made to any of the listings, do not hesitate to let me know and I will recontact the website.

Robert Hart ACCSA Editor

The ACCSA 2019 STATE RALLY
will be held at the
Riverland Field Days Site, Barmera
on 8th to 11th March, 2019
The committee for the 2022 National Rally will run the 2019 State Rally as a trial run for the National Rally
Affiliated clubs are asked to please include the State Rally in their club calendars.

CAREFREE CARAVANEERS OF SA INC.

http://carefreecaravaneers.net.au

March Rally 12th to 15th, 1st leg of Tagalong at Pine Country Park, Bay Road, Mt Gambier
13 Vans (25 Adults)

Expenses Incurred: Park Fees $31.50 per night powered Site, Total $1,335.10, Other Expenses $2,856.76. No deposit required.

On arrival: Very Warm welcome, friendly staff did everything expected of them and more.

The park and surrounds: Well grassed drive through sites, plenty of ensuite sites as well. Only one shower toilet block well maintained clean and tidy. Small camp kitchen for large groups but the veranda type attachments gave plenty of semi protected space. Three large gas BBQs at the kitchen area undercover. Two large fire pits adjacent, the park supplied wood for both our happy hours and looked after our every need. There is plenty of well manicured grassed areas with large trees for shade and for playing games.
Would definitely come back.

Things we did at this rally: This town has so much to offer the camper/traveller at very little expense. In our three days we visited (in town) the sink holes rose gardens, the Lord Nelson interpretive centre, the famous Blue Lake and all the other lakes associated with it, had a Pizza night around the fire pit and plenty of drives to nearby beaches. Far too much to do in three days.

March Rally 15th to 21st, 2nd leg of tagalong
at Gardens Caravan Park, Port Fairy (FPA Park)
14 Vans (27 Adults)

Expenses Incurred: Park Fees $39.50 per night powered site, Total $2,320.20, Other Expenses $4,093.20. There was a one off Club deposit of $200 for the group booking.

On arrival: Generally most happy with reception, it appears it depended who was manning the desk at the time of arrival, a club discount was offered, worth noting they have a single occupant rate and discounts apply to that rate.

The park and surrounds: Could not fault our parking area, very large lawned sites and parked well away from the casual traveller. The toilet block area very well maintained and serviced, good use was made of the large laundry area that doubled as a gathering place when nasty weather arrived. Twin sheltered BBQ's near the toilet block, however laundry used with cookers to stay out of the wind. The only drawback no camp kitchen in the near vicinity.

Things we did At this rally: Once again another area that lends itself to casual dining, plenty of crafty type shops the typical seaside holiday environment. The harbour cruise, visit the shearwater colony with a walk around the island, Saturday Markets here and nearby towns, wine tasting. Warrnambool not far away with the historic Maritime Museum, at night the light and sound show not to be missed. Visit Koroit and the Irish Pub take a trip around Tower Hill on the way. As you can see lots to do.
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April Rally 5th to 9th
at Kapunda Tourist Park
40 year celebrations of the Carefree Caravan Club
24 Vans + 6 Cabins + 2 day visitors (60 Adults)

Expenses Incurred: Park Fees $28 per night powered site, total $1,302, Cabins per night $115 Total $1,205, Other expenses, total $2,064. No deposit required.

On arrival: We received a very warm welcome from Emma and Brad Valentine, nothing seemed to be too much trouble.

The park and surrounds: Situated at the sporting hub of the town, the park is very well maintained, there are limited grassed sites, all sites are level a very picturesque park. The toilet facilities are clean, modern and well maintained, the camp kitchen well appointed with slide down screens on the sides to protect from inclement weather, the addition of a portable fire pit with wood very well received by us all. The cabins well appointed, the newer ones overlooking the golf course and dam very nice indeed.
Would definitely come back.

Things we did at this rally:
Visited the information centre, Museums (three) as a caravan club were afforded a discounted entrance fee and a guided tour, did the Kapunda mine trail, we celebrated the Carefree 40 year anniversary at the bowling club (fortunate to have the first club president attend), meal and bar facilities (at very reasonable Rates) supplied by the bowling club. Watched a good football match at the oval, there are many things and drives to do around this area. This whole area is steeped in our early mining history.
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Next Rally: 17th to 21st May at Berri Caravan Park

ELIZABETHAN CARAVAN CLUB INC.

March Rally 16th to 18th at Port Elliott Caravan Park
11 Vans + 1 Cabin (26 Adults)

Expenses incurred: Park fees: nightly rate $32.40, total $1,652.40, Approx. other expenses $2,997.00, total: $4,649.40. No deposit required for sites, only for cabin.

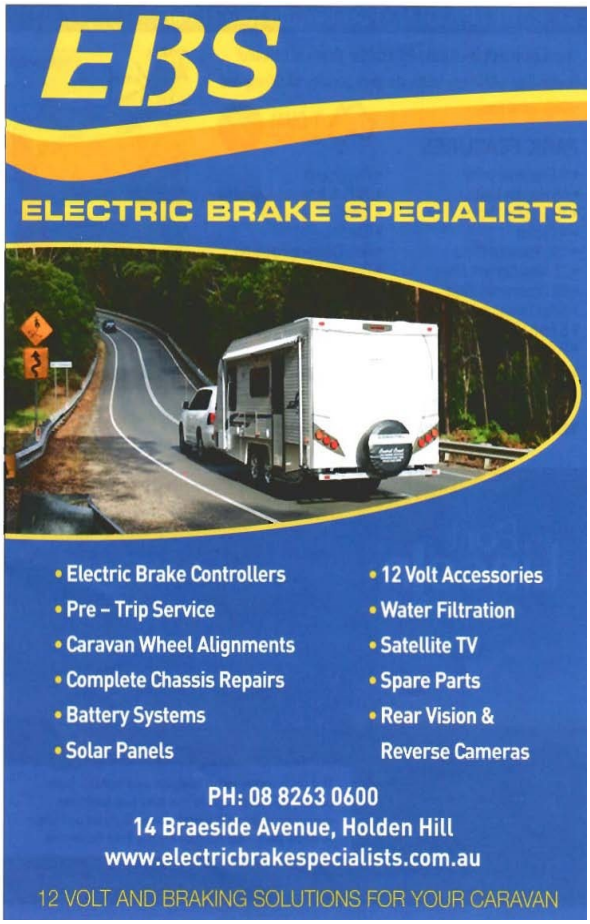
Park on Arrival: Staff pleasant, cheery and helpful.

The park and surrounds: The park was clean & tidy, amenities clean & in good order, staff pleasant and easy to talk to.

Do you recommend this park for future rallies? Yes, obliging with letting club members into the park with a daily pass that were not staying with them. Very impressed.

Things we did at this rally: Tea at the local hotel, coffee at Horseshoe bay, op shopping, beach play, craft, relaxation, St Patricks Day dress up & dinner at Middleton Tavern.

Next Rally: April – Waikerie Caravan Park 6th – 8th



REPORT FROM NACC:

The following letter was received by ACCSA from NACC:

Hello Directors/Alt Directors and State Secretaries,

I am delighted to advise that today all State Associations have now agreed to participate in the proposed National Insurance Scheme.

Tomorrow I will advise The Markey Group that we will be accepting their proposed insurance offer which will take effect from July 1 2018.

In due course The Markey Group will need to contact the existing insurers to begin the transition process. I will let you know what steps will be involved and the approximate timing.

I wish to thank all those who have worked to bring this initiative to this point. I trust that the transition will be a smooth process and bring benefits to all our affiliated club members.

Regards,

Rin Klasen

Director/Company Secretary/Public Officer

National Association of Caravan Clubs Limited ABN 40 141 272 844

Other items for members information: Bob Williamson, 2nd Vice President ACCSA

Buyers of faulty caravans 'obstructed'

Jayco to face first Federal Court hearing this month

COURT proceedings against Australia's biggest manufacturer of recreational vehicles will get underway this month. Jayco has been accused by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission of breaching Australian consumer laws by its conduct towards four buyers of allegedly defective caravans. A first case management hearing has been scheduled in the Federal Court for April 27. Its aim will be to identify issues before the main hearing gets underway, most likely within about five weeks. The ACCC alleges that between 2013 and 2015 Jayco acted "unconscionably" towards four customers by obstructing them from obtaining redress, such as a refund or replacement for their defective caravans. It claims the Victorian-based manufacturer did this despite knowing the caravans were defective and not functioning properly even after repeated and unsuccessful repairs. The ACCC also alleges Jayco made false or misleading representations to the customers about their rights to obtain a refund or replacements for their defective caravans. Jayco will be represented by M&K Lawyers Group.

THE Civil and Administrative Tribunal NSW has ordered Jayco to replace a customer's two-year-old fault-riddled $70,000 caravan. The tribunal heard that Junette Nicholson bought the Silverline brand new from Watson's Caravans Coffs Harbour in 2016 and it had since undergone warranty repairs on about 10 occasions and that over 90 items had been reported. In his written decision published yesterday, tribunal General Member Mark Gilson said: "I have identified that numerous defects still exist in the caravan. I conclude that a reasonable consumer being fully acquainted with these circumstances would not have acquired the caravan."

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 them, there is lots of information to read.

DAVE BENSON CARAVAN CLUB

March Rally 16th to 23rd at Nuriootpa Caravan Park
12 Vans

Expenses incurred: Accommodation $2,376, approx. other spend $2,900. Deposit not required.

On arrival: Most got in fairly early. Was booked when it was Top Tourist park now BIG4. Top Tourist discount was honoured when we got there. Didn't ask all our members at booking in on the day if they had BIG4 membership. Was sorted out ok later and refund given. Staff were friendly on arrival.

The park and surrounds: Lots of drive through sites, which our club had. Some grass some gravel, we had the latter. Well laid out park. Very clean amenities, good BBQ's, plenty around the park. Nice big clean meeting room, which we used a few times. Pool for those that need it. Could do with another camp kitchen up by the vans as well as the one by the campers. All in all a very good park, would go back.

Things we did at this rally: Being in the Barossa Valley, of course some winery's, Maggie Beers farm shop. Tag along drive around the district. Bakery visit. Lunch at Tanunda Valley Hotel, good value. Some walking and sitting around talking.

Footnote: Upon leaving one of our members noticed his torsion bars had been stolen. Was reported to the office and they said it was the first time in 8 years that they had worked there that anything had been stolen. This is no reflection on the park as it is normally very safe. Just a heads up for all caravaners to be mindful of their possessions.

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April Rally 13th to 20th at Naracoorte Caravan Park
7 Vans and 1 prospective new member

Expenses incurred: Site fees $31.50 per night with discount Total $1,764, other spend $2,800. No deposit required.

On arrival: Good reception on arrival. Luci was most pleasant and helpful. Informed we could park anywhere in the park that suited us. Given park map and also shown on the map best way to town.

The park and surrounds: Well laid out park, with large grassed sites. Some well used sites, the grass was a bit bare. Amenities clean with plenty of room in the showers. Even had a gas heater going for those cold mornings. The camp kitchen is large and enclosed with BBQs inside. The park is situated right next to the concrete free public swimming lake. Unfortunately had been emptied for the end of summer. Would love to go back when full.

Things we did at this rally: The weather was cold wet and windy for the first 3 days. As the weather got better, trips around the district. Black Sheep Museum, Mini Jumbuck showroom and factory, Red Gum wood working gallery and of course The Naracoorte Caves. Morning tea of scones and cream supplied for the club by our hosts Luci and Simon Fogerty. Mini golf. Also a 50th wedding anniversary at happy hour for a couple of our members. Lunch at The Naracoorte Hotel in the Billy Mac's dining room. Really good meals at great prices.

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Next Rally: Waikerie May 18th to 25th

MASONIC CARAVAN & TRAVEL CLUB OF SA INC.

March Rally 9th to 11th at Normanville Jetty Caravan Park

April Rally 13th to 15th at Mannum

May Rally 25th to 27th at Strathalbyn Caravan Park

SOUTH AUSTRALIA - 2022 NATIONAL RALLY

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

The SA 2022 NATIONAL RALLY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE is:

CHAIRMAN:	John Anderson
VICE CHAIRMAN:	Reg Merritt
SECRETARY:	Margaret Shilton
ASSISTANT SECRETARY:	John Baans
TREASURER:	Trevor Porter
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	John & Marilyn Groverman
	Roy & Annette Turner
	Tony Langley
	Frank Gratton
	Peter & Michelle Justice
	Phil Chandler
	Robert Hart (ACCSA Editor)
	Kay Parrota

Others may be interested to join the committee at another time

The next meeting of the SA 2022 National Rally Planning Committee will be at the Riverlands Field Days site at Barmera 2:00pm on 20th June 2018.

All interested ACCSA Affiliated Club members are invited to attend.

Our Mission Statement:

TO ORGANISE THE 18TH NATIONAL RALLY OF CARAVAN CLUBS AND TO PROMOTE SOUTH AUSTRALIA AS A TOURISM VENUE FOR CARAVANNERS.

PORT AUGUSTA CARAVAN CLUB INC.

The Port Augusta Caravan Club had a rally at Streaky Bay in March and at Nuriootpa in May. They did not hold a rally in April and will not have a rally in June. They are still to decide on the location for their July rally.

RIVERLAND CARAVAN CLUB

January & February Activity: Members gathered at Renmark for meetings, social interaction, playing cards, etc. Riverland Caravan Club had their March Rally at Eckerts Creek.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS CARAVAN & CAMPING CLUB

https://ffccc.com.au/

March Rally 9th - 12th
at Milang Lakeside Caravan Park
10 Vans (27 Adults & 9 Children)

Expenses incurred: Park fees: Nightly rate: $30per night per powered site, total $300. Approx. other expenses in total: Meal at Local venue $15 per person, Soft drinks and Ice creams: total $300. No deposit required.

On Arrival: The Park is tidy and reception is easy to find. Betty at the reception is very friendly and very helpful, with lots of local knowledge.

The park and surrounds: The Park is tidy and clean sites. The amenities are very basic with one toilet block being public and across the road, but very handy in the middle of the night.

Do you recommend this park for future rallies?: We recommend this park and will be going back again.

Things we did at this rally: The Lake is just across the road from the campsite, which is ideal for kayaking. There is a boat ramp next to the campsite and ideal to launching from. There is the train museum to visit with lots of local memorabilia. The centenary park is great to walk around and site in the shade eating an ice cream or drink a coffee from the local bakery. Several geocaching sites around the town to get you walking and seeing sites you probably wouldn't have seen otherwise.

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April Rally Mar 29th to Apr 2nd
at Eudunda Area School
15 Vans (35 Adults, 16 Children)

Expenses incurred: Park fees: Flat rate of $1000 for the weekend. No deposit required. Approx. other expenses: Meal at Local venue $20 per person, Drinks at Pub, Easter Eggs, Hot Cross Buns: total $800.

On Arrival: As this is a school, one of the members meets the Caretaker to get the keys and instructions. School and Caretaker are very helpful.

The park and surrounds: The school has wonderful grounds, but you are limited to how many people can have power. We have use of the Sports hall, the Home Education centre and the staff toilets.

Do you recommend this park for future rallies? Our club love visiting the School and it's a private arrangement that we have made to use at Easter.

Things we did at this rally: We had a packed fun weekend, with Hot Cross buns and Good Friday, an Easter egg hunt for the children, Easter Bunny came to visit and gave everyone a Chocolate Easter Bunny. We had a competition organised by our Vice President and Safety Officer called "Survivor Eudunda", which ran the whole long weekend. Some people went for a drive to Burra Gorge, some went for a drive around Eudunda Geocaching. The Children tried to see if they could get rid of all their energy in the Sports hall by the end of the day.

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May Rally 11th - 13th
at Ryelands Farm Stay, Tarlee
12 Vans (22 Adults & 11 Children)

Expenses incurred: Park fees: Nightly rate $25 powered site, $15 unpowered site, Total $570. No deposit required. Approx. Other expenses in total: Meal at Local venue $30 per person: total $525.

On Arrival: The owners (Peter and Sue Dunn) meets you if possible, it's a working farm so not always possible. They show you where the power is and let you organise yourselves.

The park and surrounds: The Farm area is a sloping field that has been graded and has a power box with several outlets. The views around from all the sites are stunning. There is a large shearing shed that has an area at one end for indoor games and next to that a kitchen area with a lovely wood burner. There is an area off the kitchen with one toilet and one shower.

Do you recommend this park for future rallies? We would love to return to the Farm, but would limit the numbers next time as with 12 families it was a bit closed in. Peter and Sue are lovely hosts and make you feel very welcome.

Things we did at this rally: We had a very relaxing weekend with walks around the Farm, up the rolling hillside and a talk from the farm about sheep farming over the ages. There is a big fire circle that we could get most people around on seats, so there was a lot of keeping warm and chatting over the weekend. Those that found the outside too cold congregated around the wood burner in the shearing shed.

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Next Rally: 8th - 11th June,
Peterborough Caravan Park.
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JAYCO CARAVAN CLUB OF SA INC.

http://www.jaycoclubsa.asn.au

March Rally 9th to 12th at Berri Riverside Caravan Park
24 Vans and 1 Cabin, Park fees $44 per night less club discount, a deposit was required other expenses approx. $2,500.

The park and surrounds: A warm weekend but a lot of members made use of the two pools on the premises. The vans were set up on lawn with lots of shady trees. A great area for "Happy Hours" and the Club also hired the Entertainment area for a "Silent Auction". It was a long weekend and the Park provided entertainment on the Saturday evening where there was also "Dominic Wines" and a Pizza company selling pizzas. There was also a vintage caravan which sold coffee and cakes to people.

Do you recommend this park for future rallies?
Definitely.

Things we did at this rally: Attended the market in the township, visited the shopping area, fishing, and had an excursion to Renmark and Wilkadene Woolshed Brewery, near Paringa.

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April Rally 6th to 9th at Victor Harbour
17 Vans (34 Adults)

Expenses incurred: Park fees and **a**pprox. Other expenses in total $100 Per couple ($1,700), a deposit of one night's site fees was required.

The park and surrounds: Great location with Swimming Pool, Water features and a skate board circuit. Large pine trees gave lovely shade but also dropped a "gum" substance over our vehicles and vans, however, this came off when washing vans, cars, etc. Walking distance to the main street, hotels, etc and to Granite Island.

Do you recommend this park for future rallies?
Yes

Things we did at this rally: Walking on the beach/ street, dinner at the local Crown Hotel but a lot of people were disappointed with their meal, drives to nearby towns.

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Next Rally: Clare Valley May 18th to 20th.
Activities: Clare Gourmet Festival -wine tasting, music, etc

SOUTHERN NOMADS CARAVAN CLUB SA INC.

http://www.southernnomadscaravanclubsa.asn.au

March/April Rally 29th March to 1st April at Strathalbyn Caravan Park
7 vans and 1 Cabin (16 Adults + 2 day visitors)

Expenses incurred: Park fees $609 ($29 per night, no deposit was required), other expenses approx. $750.

On Arrival: Everyone was checked in without any difficulties.

The Park Surrounds: Sites were all clean. New unisex toilets & showers have been installed.

Things we did: Happy hours, hot cross buns on Good Friday, went to the Terminus Hotel for Saturday lunch, played games, Easter Bunny came on Sunday with lots of Easter Eggs. Strathalbyn again was a great place to visit, however there are places to see and do which we did not get to do. A very enjoyable and relaxing weekend.

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May Rally 4th to 6th at Avoca Dell Caravan Park, Murray Bridge
5 vans (10 Adults & 2 day visitors).

Expenses incurred: Park fees $324 ($32.40 per night, no deposit was required), other expenses approx. $250.

On Arrival: The new owners were very friendly and efficiently booked everyone in.

The Park Surrounds: Sites were all clean along with the amenities and the camp kitchen. The park was the busiest that we have seen over the past visits to the park.

Things we did: We all gathered in the camp kitchen for happy hour. Waking up Saturday morning to a mist over the river but once the sun came out it was a pleasant day with us having morning tea outside enjoying the warmth. Two members went to Murray Bridge to look at some of the historical buildings while the rest of stayed in the park relaxing and enjoying the sun shine.
We had 2 day visitors arrive for afternoon tea and stayed for the Hot pot meal and then drove back home afterwards. We thanked the cooks for an enjoyable meal. On Sunday we woke to a heavy fog over the river but once the sun came out it was a perfect morning to pack up. An enjoyable weekend was had by all.

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Next Rally: Gladstone Caravan Park 8th to 11th June

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Progressive report re the 18th National Caravan Clubs Rally to be held at Riverland Field Days site at Barmera, South Australia 28th of March to 6th of April, 2022 and the 41st ACCSA State Rally to be held at Riverland Field Days site at Barmera, South Australia 8th to 10th of March 2018

18th NATIONAL CARAVANS COMMITTEE RALLY REPORT.

The Committee has 22 members and have been meeting bi-monthly with plans well underway.
Our inaugural Chairman, Phil Chandler, has stood aside due to commitments and we have elected John Anderson as the new Chairman who will be ably assisted by Reg Merritt as his Vice Chairman.
A Bank Account has been opened with the State Bank and ACCSA has granted a loan of $1,000.
We are still working on a motif design for badges, t-shirts, stationery, etc. and have had three quotes from designer companies. We want the motif to contain the "IChoose" State brand in the design and have gained permission to use it.
The Contract Agreement for the hire of the Riverland Field Days site at Barmera has been forwarded for approval.
We are working on sponsorship, preparing a budget spread sheet, a risk management plan and a video presentation to promote our rally at the 17th Albany National Rally in October 2019.
We are pleased that the NACC has signed off on an insurance policy that will cover all ACCSA Events including the National Rally.
Recently members of the Executive visited the Riverland Field Days Site which was hired by a large group of about 1,000 people for their annual convention to inspect how the site coped and were pleased to report that all went well.
Our next Committee Meeting will be held at the Riverland Field Days Site, Barmera at 2:00pm on Wednesday the 20th of June, 2018. There will be members present from the Riverland Field Days Committee, Berri/Barmera Council, Riverland Tourism & Gary Fitzgerald from My Expression Pty Ltd (ACCSA Domain Site).
As we near the S.A. 2022 National Rally, no doubt things will ramp up and we will be asking for assistance, not only from our Clubs but outside agencies.
This is a mighty big project and we expect over 500 vans to attend and we want to do our State and ACCSA proud.

The 41st ACCSA State Rally Report.

This Rally will be held at the Riverland Field Days Site, Barmera during the Adelaide Cup Long Weekend 8th-10th of March 2018 as a precursor test for the National Rally.
The National Rally Committee has taken up the task to plan & conduct this Rally on behalf of ACCSA.
The Hire Agreement of the site has been forwarded.
A new 300 seat Pavilion has been built and recently inspected by members of the Committee which will greatly suit our needs and alleviate the need to hire a marque.
A programme is being drafted and we are currently seeking entertainers and caterers.
We hope to include a Karaoke Session and Bingo Session, Disc Bowl Comp & Market morning.
One of our sponsors (EBS) will kindly donate a raffle prize of a free service for a caravan.
Our Clubs will be asked to provide Gift Baskets to the value of $50 for that same raffle.
The programme will be conducted along the lines of the successful Loxton Rally held in 2017.

John Baans ACCSA Secretary

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

The Southern Cross Caravan Club Rolling Rally Report to Crystal Brook, Quorn and Laura.
April 4th to 11th Total expenditure $6,627

April Rally (part 1) 4th & 5th at Crystal Brook Caravan Park. 11 Vans

Expenses incurred: Park fees: $27 nightly rate Total: $594 (deposit not required) Approx. other expenses total $974.

On Arrival: The managers were a nice young couple with a new baby. They were very welcoming and looked after us. No complaints.

The park & surrounds: Next to a creek surrounded by majestic gum trees. The caravan park has a gravel surface and the sites were quite reasonable in size. The amenities block is old but clean and tidy. A new amenities block is currently being built. There is a camp kitchen on the other side of the creek which we did not use. The park was quite busy with transient nomads. We recommend this park for future rallies.

Things we did at Crystal Brook: Limited shopping, some went to Port Pirie. A very nice bakery. 5 couples had dinner at the Royal Hotel taking advantage of vouchers given out by the park for a free entrée or dessert.

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April Rally (part 2) 6th to 9th at Quorn Caravan Park 12 Vans

Expenses incurred: Park Fees: $31.50 nightly rate Total $1,440 (deposit not required) Approx. other expenses total $2,983.

On arrival: The Manager was welcoming and efficient. No complaints.

The Park & Surrounds: An echo bush camp, tidy with plenty of shady trees. The amenities were modern and clean. The camp kitchen was open to the elements on 2 sides. The Camp was very busy with overnight stays. We recommend this park for future rallies.

Things we did at Quorn: Dinner at the Transcontinental Hotel, lunch at Emily's Bistro. Tour of the Railway Work Shops. Saw 2 steam trains come into town. The Afghan Express from Port Augusta was being filmed by the crew of the Great British Railway Journeys, so look out for it next year. Some of our members ventured as far as Hawker. Many photographs taken for our photograph competition.

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April Rally (part 3) 10th & 11th at Laura Caravan Park. 7 Vans

Expenses incurred: Park Fees. $28 nightly rate Total $336 (deposit not required) Approx. other expenses $300.

On arrival: The Manager made us feel welcome. Very friendly. No complaints.

The Park & Surrounds: A small park but neat and tidy. The angled sites around the amenities block was confusing and vehicles had to moved to get on site. The amenities were clean and tidy.

Things we did at Laura: Minimal shopping. Some members once again ventured to Port Pirie. Bought pizzas at the local IGA and made them more interesting with extra toppings. Cooked them in the Camp Kitchen pizza oven. We recommend this park for future rallies.

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May Rally 17th to 20th at Lake Albert Caravan Park, Meningie. 13 Vans & 2 Cabins (29 Adults)

Expenses incurred: Site Fees for were $28. (3 vans arrived on the 16th & 3 vans stayed an extra night on the 21st) 2 cabins were also hired for 3 nights @ $110 per night. Total $2,184. Approx. other expenses in total was $2,300. Deposits were not required.

On arrival: The office and staff were warm and friendly and booked us in without any problems.

The park & surrounds: Were in pristine condition with beautiful green grass everywhere. The amenities were good and clean. The undercover camp kitchen was a bit small for our group so we were given permission to erect our 4 Club Gazebos, free of charge. Our Club, like so many other Clubs, love this place and would definitely come back.

Things we did at this rally: Our rally officers relaxed us all with neck & shoulder massages and also hand massages for the ladies & jewellery cleaning. There was a book and magazine exchange, garage sale (all left overs donated to the local OP Shop), Dinner at the Golf Club, coffees at the bakery and the Cheese Factory Museum, Fish & Chips for all, Champagne breakfast, the Tizer Quiz (40 out of 50, we were so clever) and to top it all, a Formal Dress Up for High Tea and then we watched the Royal Wedding on TV.
Read the full rally report which will be on our Club website using this link sccc@asn.au

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Next Rally: 18th to 19th May at Strathalbyn Caravan Park

March Rally 16th to 18th
at Coobowie Caravan Park
20 Vans + 1 Cabin (42 Adults & 1 Child)

Expenses Incurred: Park fees $27.00 per night, Total $1,819. Other expenses $3,138.00. No deposit required.

On arrival: Staff were welcoming and friendly.

The park and surrounds: Sheltered parks from strong westerly winds, clean and tidy amenities.

Recommendations for future rallies: Good caravan park, especially the handmade sausage rolls provided by the hosts on Sunday morning

Things we did at this rally: The Soar's military museum at Bublacowie was excellent. The owner, Chris Soar provided a very interesting guided tour through his museum and supplied tea, coffee and cakes during the tour. The Coobowie Hotel just a short walk from the park has excellent seafood meals which everyone enjoyed.

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April Rally 6th to 8th
at Christies Beach Caravan Park
10 Vans + 1 Cabin (22 Adults)

Expenses Incurred: Park fees $32.40 per night, Total $1,341.20. Other expenses $1,345.00. No deposit required.

On arrival: Staff were welcoming and friendly, however expressed their disappointment that the number of van bookings confirmed was only half that originally planned.

The park and surrounds: Near the beach behind the sailing club with direct access to the beach. Gates locked in the evening. Some noise from cars speeding over speed bumps on street which perimeters the park. Clean and tidy amenities with good sheltered camp kitchen.

Recommendations for future rallies: Small caravan park but can cater for a relatively large club if booking early. Premium rates apply for school holidays. Sites are a good size and well grassed.

Things we did: The Christies Hotel serves an excellent meal and is about 1km from the park. There are also a number of coffee shops/bakeries just a short walk from the park. Fish and Chips from the Champion Take Away on Beach Road are exceptional, but book early if a large order.

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May Rally 18th to 20th at
Strathalbyn Caravan Park
18 Vans

Expenses Incurred: Park fees $29 per night, Total $1,798.10. Other expenses $2,890.00. No deposit required.

On arrival: Staff were welcoming and friendly and we were all escorted to our van site.

The park and surrounds: The park adjoins the football oval and netball courts. We happened to be there on a weekend when football and netball matches were being played. Because of this we were only able to book 18 powered sites. Suggest check with the park manager when booking. There was no problems in getting in or out of the park. The amenities were small but clean and tidy. Some new unisex toilets have just been installed. The camp kitchen is small but adequate.

Recommendations for future rallies: Small caravan park but can cater for a larger group if not on football weekends. Sites are a good size and mostly well grassed.

Things we did: The Victoria Hotel serves an excellent meal and is walking distance from the park. The Strath Bakery at the end of Dawson Street is a great place for a coffee. High Street with all its antique shops is a great attraction and the self-guided town walk is very interesting.

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Next Rally: June 15th to 17th at Kingston on Murray Caravan Park.

Yes, we are looking for sponsors

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