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Celebrating 42 Years of Service to Caravanning in South Australia

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PRESIDENT'S CHATTER

THE ALBANY ADVENTURE

To be part of the convoy of caravans that travelled across the Nullarbor to the Albany National Rally is best described as a one off life time adventure. To meet up with friends from various Clubs from SA (including members of my Club) at various locations through the 3,000 + kilometre journey led to the excitement of meeting up with these people at Albany the night before the Rally.

There was great expectation on how they would locate the vans on site because we were asked not to leave the various parks until 9:30 am. We left at 10 am and 15 minutes later without any delays we were on site. A remarkable fate by the Committee and a challenge for us to be as well organised as the Western Australians.

As a member of the 18th National Caravan Clubs Rally Committee it was well worth the trip to be able to record the positive and the negatives experienced personally at the Rally. There are two comments that I believe should be remembered by people attending these major events is that:

"Caravanners are people that can compromise".
"You cannot please everybody all the time"

My personal assessment was that the Rally was well organised, a good site, and was complimented by being at Albany which had a great number of attractions to enjoy. The highlight for our Committee was our presentation night when we released our promotion video; it was well received by the audience and there was a positive response at the registration desk the following day. If you wish to view the promo click on the 18th National Caravan Clubs Rally Promotion Video on:

https://vimeo.com/362846782

SA has been presented with a challenge to make the 18th National Caravan Clubs Rally at Barmera a great event and we will require the support of all the affiliated Caravan Clubs in SA to achieve this result.

CARAVAN AND CAMPING SHOW 12th -16th FEBRUARY 2020

The Association has applied for a Sponsored Site at the Caravan & Camping Show and for Clubs wishing to recruit new members this event provides a healthy environment to undertake this task. All that is required is for a representative of your Club to contact me direct by email brown.gj@bigpond.com or telephone 08 8356 2611 and I will include you on the roster.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Jacquie and I would like to wish all members of the Caravan Clubs of SA a very Merry Christmas, a Happy and Prosperous 2020 and if you are travelling over the Christmas period safe travel.

Graham Brown, President ACCSA.

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Next Delegates Meeting

Wednesday
7:30 pm
4th December 2019
at
Walkerville RSL Hall
98 Walkerville Terrace
Walkerville

7:00 pm for Coffee
This will be our end of year Christmas meeting.
Please bring a plate of supper to share.

All Welcome!

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

FROM THE EDITOR:

It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. We are nearly at the start of Summer and Christmas celebrations will be in full swing. Those members who travelled to Albany WA are home now and dusting off their vans ready for December rallies. Whatever activity you are involved with over the Christmas New Year period, please take care and travel safely.

In this issue: Presidents Chatter from Graham Brown, reports from the National Rally Committee Chairman and Secretary, some feed back some of our members that travelled to WA, a very important request asking for your support for the 2022 National Rally Committee and don't forget our all important sponsors: EBS, Adelaide RV, Kui Parks, North East Isuzu and our newest sponsor Northern Caravan Storage. We encourage all club members to support our sponsors and it is important that when you do visit a sponsor, don't forget to let them know that you are a member of an ACCSA affiliated club.

Enjoy the Journal.

Take Care, Robert Hart

NOTE: Please submit items for the next Journal by 24th January 2020

I regularly following up websites that have listings for ACCSA and/or affiliated clubs.
It is a slow process to get changes made to websites.
However, the two websites that I have had success with to date, that have made additions and/or changes to their listings are:
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

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From the Diaries of our Travellers to Albany WA:

"John and I have had a marvellous trip to Albany for the National Rally. We have learnt a lot from the WA team who were very organized and hope to equal or if not, better it when it comes our turn in 2022. I have enjoyed the company of the SA contingent at the rally and bumping into them at various places and locations. We are on the way home now and about to tackle the Nullarbor again.

Judy & John Baans (SCCC)"

"As new to Elizabethan Caravan Club and this being our first national rally we had a very good experience and found the venue and organisation very good. We appreciate sometimes there needs to be changes due to unforeseen circumstances but Pam and I were very happy with the event as a whole.

Pam & John Morris (ECCC)"

"I love going to National Rallies. Albany was my 15th National Rally and it was very enjoyable catching up with lots of friends that I have made over the years. At Albany I was joined by Ada Fawcett from the West Side Caravanners Inc. WA who was on her 5th National Rally. Yes, together with Ada, we really enjoyed ourselves, however we missed not getting a cup of coffee for morning tea. I would hope that future National Rallies would consider continuing the tradition of providing tea and coffee at morning tea time. I am looking forward to attending the 18th National Caravan Clubs Rally in 2022 at Barmera.

Yvonne Johnson (ACC)"

"Parking good, excellent well run rally, Albany people very friendly, the WA committee appreciated being supported, onsite repairer was very good, very impressed with the rally overall.

Maria & Bob Williamson (CCSA)"

"Enjoyed it very much, great trip across the country, most of the night functions good, Octoberfest night I thought poor, good set up for our vans, I will give it 8 out of 10.

Andrew (Bucky) Buckingham (SCCC)"

"As a member of the 18th National Caravan Clubs Rally Committee it was well worth the trip to be able to record the positive and the negatives experienced personally at the Rally. My personal assessment was that the Rally was well organised, a good site, and was complimented by being at Albany which had a great number of attractions to enjoy.

Jacqui & Graham Brown (Carefree)"

"While there are various things that could be improved upon, we were both impressed with the swiftness of getting all the vans into place. The checking out of town, the excellent run through town to the site with the marshals all being very helpful. Very disappointed that those with dogs were ostracized from all the other attendees.

Margaret and Graham Shilton (BVCC)"

"Great trip across the Nullarbor, surprising with careful planning and information from other travellers we were able to bypass expensive fuel stops, the highest price paid $1.95, once only. Our overnight stops were Streaky bay, Penong, Nullarbor Roadhouse, Cocklebiddy, Fraser Range Station and Norseman all in all about two weeks to get across, having left early we avoided the traffic which allowed us to have a good look around. We met up with our club members plus other club members doing the same thing, that in it self was fabulous to be able to share and celebrate across this vast land. The rally fabulous, the organisation tremendous and the entertainment top shelf, the whole experience will give our 2022 National rally committee plenty of ideas and much to work with. For those that were unable to make the trip to Albany, the 2022 National Rally should be on your bucket list.

John & Marilyn Grovermann ((Carefree)"

"We loved the entertainment available at the National Rally. Generally organisation was good Information via the daily newsletter was helpful but a few issues at the beginning. Our street captain was overstretched hence we missed out on breakfasts and pancakes other streets shared. As we had a dog we were parked 500m from anything. Hope that doesn't happen at Barmera! Looking forward to 2022

John & Chris Parry (BVCC)"

Family & Friends took their mascot at Albany

A couple of aerial views of the Albany National Rally site

Report on attendance at the 17th National Caravan Clubs Rally, Albany, WA 14th to 22nd October 2019

Approximately 400 vans attended the rally from Australian Capital Territory, New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria, Western Australia and of course the South Australia contingent which had 28 vans representing Adelaide, Barossa, Caravan Club of SA, Carefree, Elizabethan, Family & Friends, Southern Cross & 2 vans from the now deregistered Southern Nomads.

Our 18th National Rally Committee made up 8 vans from that SA contingent.

Most of our Committee were National Rally virgins, including yours truly. Personally, I am glad I made the effort to attend and cross the Nullarbor dragging the caravan behind.

I now know what to expect when it is our turn to host the National Rally in 2022 and I can now look at the Barmera Riverland Site with fresh eyes.

In our opinion, the Albany Committee and their volunteers did a magnificent job and we certainly appreciated their hard work in making the 17th Rally a success.

We have and will continue to liaise with them to ensure our rally will also be a success. We have seen what went well and what could be improved on and we now have some wonderful ideas to bring to our rally.

The SA Rally presentation was well received by the audience including the video which had been produced by Ian Johnson of Adelaide Video Screens and also a video promoting the Riverland by SA Tourism. All our committee were on stage and we proudly wore the official polo shirts which will be on sale for the 2022 rally.

We must have made a good impact with our promotion because during the following two days we took over 100 registrations and also many orders for the polo shirts at our display at the Trade Fair.

At the closing ceremony, our Chairman, John Anderson was presented with the National Rally Flag to keep safely until we can pass it on to the NSW National Rally Team for the 2025 National Rally.

It is now all systems go as we ramp it up and we really hope that our other ACCSA Clubs come on board and assist us in making SA proud in 2022.

Yours sincerely,
John Baans.
(ACCSA & National Rally Secretary.)

The 18th National Rally of the Caravan Clubs of Australia will be held at Bamera SA from 28th March to 7th April 2022 (10 nights)

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

https://www.18thnationalcaravanrally.org.au

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."

Check out the Notice Board section of the ACCSA website for notices of interest

Current items listed are:

- **Southern Tasmanian Caravan Club Quarterly Newsletter.**
- **Kui Parks Nomad News October 2019.**
- **EBS Car & Caravan Weighing Guide.**
- **Jayco Caravan Club Newsletters September & October 2019.**
- **Jayco Jaybirds Caravan Club Newsletters June, August, September/October & November 2019.**

JAYCO CARAVAN CLUB OF SA INC.

http://www.jaycoclubsa.asn.au

The Jayco Caravan Club newsletters for September, October and November can be found on the ACCSA website Notice Board page. There is lots of good reading of the great rallies that the club have enjoying.

Next Rallies: Deember (6th to 8th) at Nuriootpa.

From around the clubs:

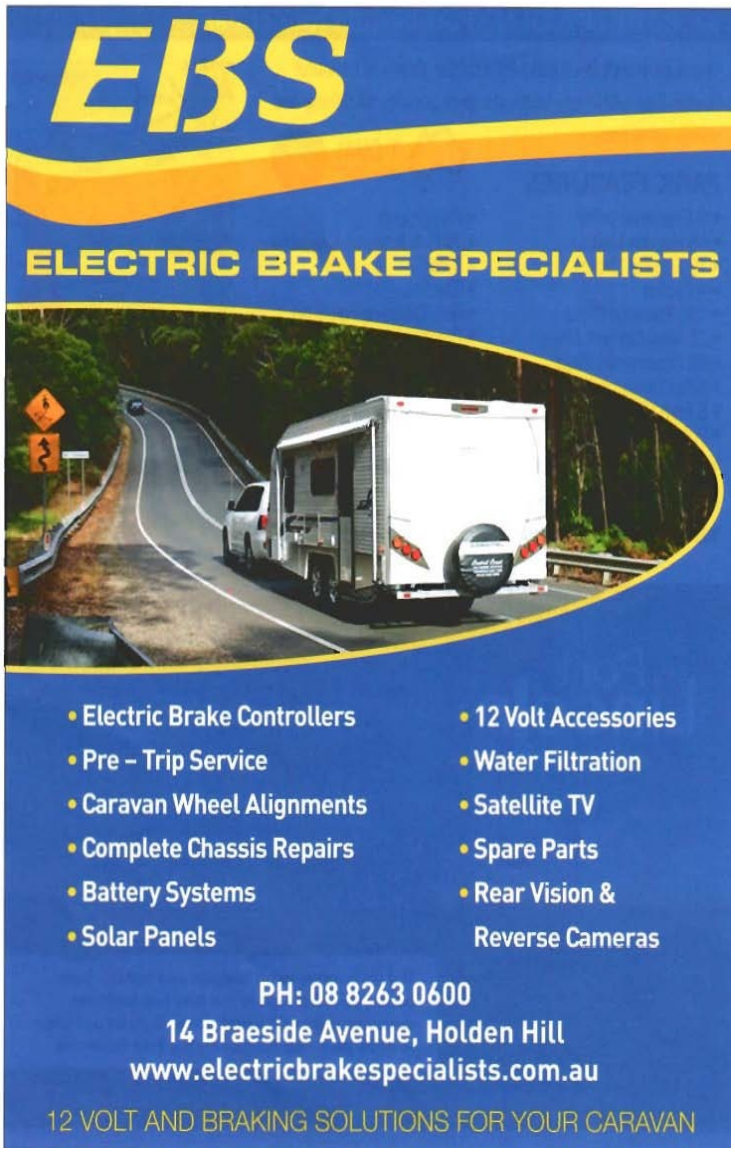
The Dave Benson Caravan Club held their AGM at their October rally at Avoca Dell. There were no changes to their Executive or committee.

Two new members were welcomed into the Southern Cross Caravan Club at their November rally at Jamestown.

The Coromal Caravan Club will have their Christmas get together and AGM on the 14th December.

The Adelaide Caravan Club had a great turn up at their October rally at Mannum They inducted a new couple and held their AGM.

Reading the Jayco Jaybirds rally reports, they have had new member and prospective members attend and enjoy their rallies.



CONTRIBUTE TO SOUTH AUSTRALIA THROUGH THE NATIONAL RALLY

The 18th National Caravan Clubs Rally 2022 provides an opportunity for us as members of Caravan Clubs to make a major contribution to South Australia. The more caravans we can encourage to attend the Rally in this State in 2022 the greater will be the economic benefits to our communities particularly the Riverland.

To achieve this objective, we need the support of all the Caravan Clubs affiliated with ACCSA. Please encourage your Club to be represented on the Committee and be part of this exciting venture.

We invite a club representative to attend the next meeting of the 18th National Caravan Clubs Rally Committee on Wednesday 27th November at 10am at St Michaels Church Hall, corner South Street and Military Road, Henley Beach.

If you require any further information, contact me on 0419 013 251
Graham Brown
President ACCSA

Got something to sell? List it in the classified section on the ACCSA website.
Contact Robert Hart, ACCSA Editor at editor@accsa.asn.au

Where Clubs are Rallying in December 2019 & January 2020

	December 2019	January 2020
Adelaide Caravan Club	Port Willunga 5-8	Victor Harbor 30-2
Barossa Valley Caravan & Camping Club	Port Wakefield 6-8	Luncheon
Caravan Club of South Australia	Tanunda 13-15	
Carefree Caravanners of SA	Riverton 5-9	Luncheon 10th
Coromal Caravan Club of SA	Christmas get together & AGM 14th	
Dave Benson Caravan Club	No Rally	No Rally
Elizabethan Caravan Club	Port Vincent 6-8	
Family & Friends Caravan & Camping Club	Port Wakefield 13-15	Lake Bonney 24-27
Jayco Caravan Club of SA	Nuriootpa 6-8	
Jayco Jaybirds SA	Nuriootpa Nov 29-30	Luncheon 12th
Masonic Caravan & Travel Club of SA	AGM	
Port Augusta Caravan Club	AGM	
Riverland Caravan Club		
Southern Cross Caravan Club	Port Elliott 5-9	Luncheon 7th
Wanderers Caravan Club of SA	McLaren Vale 6-8	Meningie 17-19

This is correspondence forwarded by the Secretary (Anne Carragher) of the NSW Association of Caravan Clubs in regards to the reclassification of caravans for Sydney toll roads which may be of interest to SA caravanners travelling in Sydney.

Mrs Anne Carragher
Secretary of NSW Association of Caravan Clubs

Dear Mrs Carragher

Thank you for your correspondence to the Minister for Transport and Roads about the reclassification of caravans for Sydney toll roads. As you may appreciate, the Minister receives thousands of items of correspondence each year. Transport for NSW is therefore responding to you directly.

I note your concerns and thank you for taking the time to write. You may be interested to know, in NSW, the contractual arrangements with all private motorways classify vehicles for tolling as:

- *Class A: vehicles that are less than 12.5 metres in length and less than 2.8 metres high; and,*
- *Class B: vehicles which exceed the dimensions of a Class A vehicle.*

On most toll roads in Sydney, the operators are entitled to charge a greater toll for vehicles which exceed 2.8 metres in height. The higher toll is designed to offset the additional wear and tear caused by heavy vehicles on the road way. There are currently no plans to change these classifications.

I am advised that motorway operators in the past treated some vehicles, including caravans, as a Class A vehicle thus incurring a lower toll. I appreciate your suggestion regarding the toll charges for caravans during non-peak hours. The toll and vehicle classification are established at the time the toll road concession agreement is made between the private motorway and the NSW Government.

I am advised that several motorway operators have adjusted their roadside vehicle classification equipment to provide greater consistency across all toll roads. This action is not related to the recent reduction in caravan registration costs.

Free alternative routes remain available for motorists who do not wish to use toll roads. An online toll calculator is available at www.rms.nsw.gov.au to assist customers in managing tolls or planning trips on untolled roads.

Thank you for taking the time to write to the Minister.

Yours sincerely
21/10/2019
Terry McSweeney
Principal Manager
Ministerial Correspondence

The 18th National Caravan Clubs Rally will be held at the
Riverland Events Centre, Barmera, South Australia on 28th March to 7th April 2022 (10 nights)

FAMILY AND FRIENDS CARAVAN & CAMPING CLUB

https://ffccc.com.au/

The Family and Friends Caravan & Camping Club held rallies in August at Mannum, September at Hahndorf, October at Port Willunga and November at Marion.

Rally reports can be found by reading their newsletters on their website.

Next Rallies: Deember (13th to 15th) at Port Wakefield and January (24th to 27th) at Lake Bonney.

WANDERERS CARAVAN CLUB OF SA INC.

http://www.wccsa.org.au

The Wanderers Caravan Club rally in October was at Berri (18th to 20th) and in November at Mannum (15th to 17th).

Rally reports and other information can be found by reading the newsletters on their website.

Next Rallies: December (6th to 8th) at McLaren Vale and January (17th to 19th) at Meningie.

CAREFREE CARAVANEERS OF SA INC.

http://www.carefreecaravaneers.org.au/layout.php?p=1

October: 24th to 28th Lake Albert, Meningie. 14 Vans (27 adults & 2 pets)

Expenses Incurred: Park Fees $30 per night powered site $1,712 plus other expenses $2,124 — total $3,836.

On arrival: Management quite curse, office not always attended, which is quite normal before 11 as they are cleaning rooms and grounds. Your information for your site was pegged to the office wire door. Do not expect entry before 1 pm. Do not dare leave after designated departure time or you will be charged another days fees.

The park and surrounds: The park was well watered, was neat and tidy, the amenities were very clean as was the camp kitchen. There were also plenty of chairs and tables in the extended camp kitchen.

Would definitely come back: I think we may have just struck management at a busy time; he has 100 vans coming in next weekend for a vintage caravan rally. I believe the club would come back as the members I spoke to were enjoying the camp and what the town itself had to offer.

Things we did At this rally: We had dinner at the golf club Friday night, a shared dinner in the camp kitchen on Saturday night, a group of the members prepared the shared dinner which was very well received. On Sunday we had lunch we had at the Meningie Hotel attended by all which was very good with good service. The weather was dreadful on Friday and Saturday, so not many people ventured out of their vans to relax, as usual, some caught up with their reading or went walking or for a drive

Next Rally: Milang 14th to 18th November.

CARAVAN AND CAMPING SHOW
12th -16th FEBRUARY 2020

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DAVE BENSON CARAVAN CLUB

September: 6th to 20th Dimboola, Hamilton and Penola

Only a small contingent went on this rally, first there were 3, then there were 4 and then last stop we were 5. Good trip, first stop was Dimboola where we visited an old church with an amazing pipe organ, did the silo murals trail and saw where Sir Robert Menzies was born and where his ashes are laid. On to Hamilton, lovely park and friendly managers, just did some exploring around the district. Next stop was Penola, where we visited some very old cottages and followed the Mary McKillop trail.

Spent approximately $2,500 on park fees & sundries.

October: 11th to 18th Avoca Dell

This rally was our AGM which was over rather quickly as no changes were made to our Executive & committee members. Great park, friendly welcome lots of spring sunshine which we enjoyed immensely. No deposit was required, park gave us a discount and all up we would estimate we spent about $3,000 in the district.

Things we did: Out to lunch, visited the Round House, Art Gallery and went to The Bend raceway, which was free.

Next rally is at Normanville 15th-22nd of November

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http://www.scccsa.asn.au

Southern Cross Caravan Club November 2019 Rally.

Jamestown Caravan Park 14th - 18th November. 15 vans. Powered site fee was $30.

On arrival: The check in process was a breeze and low key. The lady manager booked us in and then directed us to her husband who told us to find a site that suited. They were very friendly and welcome any of our Clubs to hold rallies at their park and patronize the town.

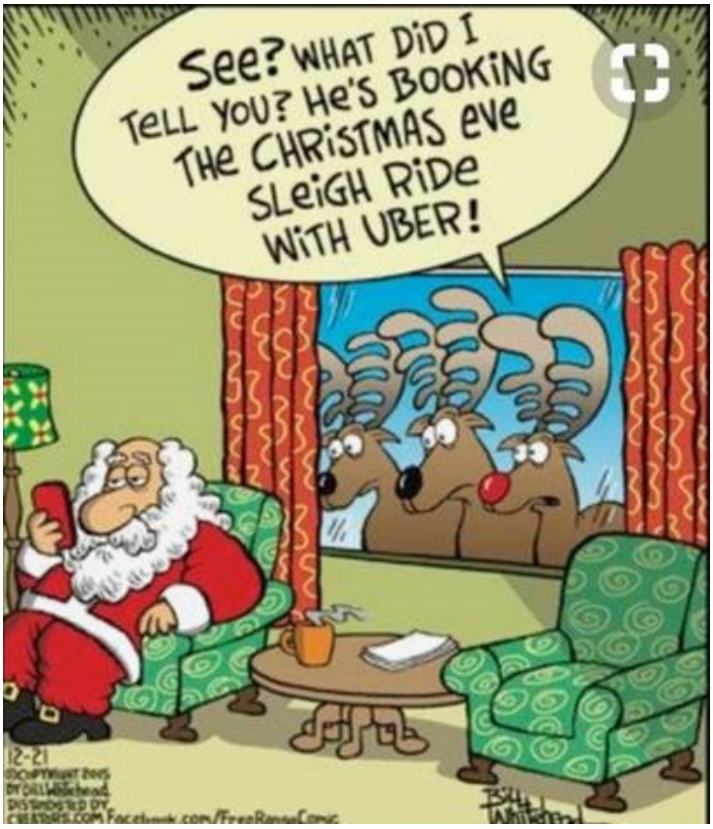
The Park and surrounds: The park is pretty as a picture with many large shady trees next to the bank of the spring fed Belalie Creek within walking distance to the town's pretty main street. There is a lawned area in the centre which was good for playing disc bowls. The amenities in the park are modern, clean & tidy. The camp kitchen is smallish for a large group and we therefore brought along our Gazebo which was given a free site.

Would we come back? YES certainly.

Things we did at this rally: Had an evening meal at the Commercial Hotel, coffee and cake at the nearby bakery, walked the town answering a questionnaire which our rally officers had prepared to help us understand the town's history, visited the op shops, explored the region with drives to see the World's largest battery, Wirrabara Town Market, Peterborough, etc.

Approx. Spend this rally: Accommodation: $1,710, Other Spend: $2,112.

Next Rally: Port Elliot



Yes, we are looking for sponsors

Affiliated clubs of ACCSA have around 300+ members.

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Sponsorship is by way of advertising in the ACCSA Journal and a website link to the advertisers website.

We are able to offer eighth page $150 per year), quarter page ($250 per year) and half page ($600 per year) advertising.

ACCSA having sponsors is a benefit to all affiliated clubs.

Please introduce prospective sponsors to our

President, Graham Brown 0419 013 251

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Editor, Robert Hart 0419 334 861

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

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

Congratulations to Jeb Grose
on the
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from the
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Reminder for the next ACCSA Delegates meeting 4th December, 2019

Hello folks,

The next ACCSA meeting will be at 7:30 pm Wednesday 4th December 2019 at the Walkerville RSL Hall.

Secretaries, please attempt to send at least one member from your club for representation.

If not please send me an apology.

This will be our end of year Christmas meeting. Please bring a plate of supper to share.

I would appreciate a RSVP.

Yours sincerely,

John Baans
Secretary
ACCSA & 18th National Caravan Clubs Rally 2022
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CARAVAN CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC.

The Caravan Club of South Australia did not have rallies in July and August

September rally was at Mannum
7 vans attended and 1 cabin
Lovely park and very nice park managers
$35 per night, average spend in town $450

October Rally was at Port Broughton for a 3 day weekend
6 vans attended and 1 cabin
Lovely park and very nice park managers
Average spend in town and surrounds $850

Next Rally is Gawler November 1st to 3rd, followed by Tanunda December 13th to 15th.

Affiliated Clubs with open memberships

Adelaide Caravan Club	email: Lda53871@bigpond.net.au Website: www.adelaidecaravanclub.com
Barossa Valley Caravan & Camping Club	email: jeffgaskin@gmail.com
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Port Augusta Caravan Club	email: Malgran01@bigpond.com
Riverland Caravan Club	email: bacskai@tpg.com.au
Southern Cross Caravan Club -	email: secretary@scccsa.asn.au Website: www.scccsa.asn.au

Mannum Rally 31st May – 2nd June 2019.
Well the weather was very kind to us considering we just ticked over to winter. Apart from one or two spots of rain we had lovely blue skies for the whole weekend. Eight vans and one cabin occupation (Bev & Dean) found us on this very pleasant site. We had lovely views across the Mighty Murray and the birdlife kept us amused with their antics, why would an Ibis want to carry a coke can around all day? Friday night found us at the Pretoria Hotel for dinner, and very nice it was too. Saturday brunch was provided by Dean and Greg, well done guys it was yummy. Following a food coma we reconvened in the indoor camp kitchen at 6pm where a smorgasbord of wonderful food; various curries, apricot chicken, party pies etc., was produced and soundly consumed by the grateful masses. Mix all that with a little libation, and the conversation flowed all evening. Thanks to Lin for 'persuading' the park owners to supply us with firewood making a cosy atmosphere for the entire evening. A sunny Sunday morning was just right to wander around the little market right next to the caravan park. Several purchases and quite a few hot, fresh doughnuts munched it was time for some of us to depart and return to 'normality'. This will be Lin & Phil Chandlers last 'official' rally as Jayco owners. Their Silverline is going to live in Tasmania with its new owners. I am sure it will not be the last we see of this pair, or we hope not anyway.

Point Turton Rally 2nd to 3rd August 2019.
Some members arrived at Point Turton on Thursday and the rest on Friday the park was very nice and the managers of the park supplied wood for the fire pit all weekend. Good camp kitchen and clean amenities blocks. Some members went for drives and others chilled out. A shared meal on Friday night and the tavern on Saturday night, which was good as the tavern was within walking distance. We had a couple of new members and 2 prospective new members on the first of their 2 rallies. They all appeared to enjoy themselves. Saturday morning it was brunch time, so Greg and his mate Bob decided that they would cook the BBQ and didn't require any help. Barrie wanted to help so Greg gave him the job of green light watcher and was given strict instruction not to let it go out. "He failed" this simple task, and was given the Toast making job. According to Alan he passed this task but isn't yet up to Master Chef standard. We would like to go back to Point Turton at some stage as the managers said they could plan some activities for the club.

Punyelroo 6th to 7th September 2019.
Some arrive on Wednesday, others elected to take the tourist route and arrived a day later. Punyelroo believed to be derived from aboriginal meaning drinking spot and so we did with each day having it's happy hour. On Friday we lunched at the Swan Reach Hotel with magnificent views from the elevated outside dining area overlooking the mighty Murray River. Meals were fantastic except for one overdone Skippy. Each night we sat around a forever glowing campfire with a few tales told and a couple of merry people breaking into song, you could hear the kookaburras still laughing at them the next morning. Peter and Pauline did a magnificent job when they organised and cranked up the barbie for our now traditional brunch with eggs, bacon and toast. Even though we had only four members present and visitors it was only a small gathering a good time was had by all and it was great to catch up with old friends.

Milang 4th to 7th October 2019.
A long weekend, nestled along the shores of Lake Alexandrina with fabulous weather for the first few days and slightly damp for the last. These weekends just get better and better with a wonderful fun group as the Jaybirds. 18 dedicated caravaners in the pursuit of company and friendship. What could be better? Two first time rally attendees come along to make sure we are safe, honest and reliable group of adults that they could associate with, before they are formally accepted into our club. Robert & Julie shared the weekend with us and became friends almost straight away. I think we as a club passed, as they were going to Morgan to be with us again. Andrew & Julie were nearby so just dropped in to visit for an hour or so, brought their chairs and fitted into our very unruly circle. They too have been bluffed and are booking into our next rally at Morgan. Brunch; what a fabulous disaster, the camp kitchen became unavailable , but we must remember it was a crowded weekend. However it was easily organised to cook between hot plates and electric frypans, fed the multitude of 36 eggs, 2 kilo of bacon and lots of baked beans. It is really positive to see the group get on so well.

Morgan 1st to 2nd November 2019.
At least 15 (I lost count as we were split over a large area) vans and 3 members in a cabin saw the Jaybirds enjoy a great weekend at Morgan Riverside Caravan Park. Welcome to new prospective members Andrew and Julie, and Mark and Julie – have you completed those forms yet?? Visitor Bob fitted right in with the club, nice to meet you all for the first time. If you haven't visited Morgan recently, I am sure we would all agree that the park is worth the stay. The owners are great, came over several times to check we had all we needed, and even came for a happy hour beer. Located right on the river and is an easy walk into to the town centre, although the bakery did need some customer service skills updated after we were told off for not specifically asking for sugar in our coffee!.....and don't mention soy milk! Friday night was the usual happy hour and a walk to The Commercial, one of Morgans 2 pubs. As we left a thunder storm and lightning display was happening over the river, which was amazing to watch, but lasted 6 hours which challenged the sleep of a few of the club. That's what nana naps are for eh Bev and Dean? Saturday morning was a little damp, but the sun came out and we enjoyed a full cardiac breakfast cooked and by the gentlemen's club. Great work boys. Later, 3 cars of us took the ferry across to Cadell to check out the Caudo winery (well, someone had to do it). Caudo is simply beautiful. Set on a bend in the river, pull up your speed boat, houseboat or for the landlubbers drive into a stunning, peaceful setting. Tables are carved into the hillside (why did I think Teletubbies), where you can pull an awning over to keep out the sun, and barbecues are brought to your table to cook your own meat, or order a platter or pizza. It was quite busy, so we sat under the vines at the top of the hill. We sampled Sangria, wines, craft beers, pizza and stunning views, not to mention great company. A comment of 20 out 10 for the place was made. Saturdays happy hour was held in the camp kitchen, and it was the largest happy hour I have seen! A shared tea was enjoyed by all, and lots of chatter. I believe we contributed nicely to the parks recycling and 10c refund collection! Several members had to leave on Sunday, and after the usual conga line of hugs and goodbyes, those who stayed enjoyed an International games afternoon. Team Greece (L'Ouzo and Tom) narrowly beat Team Holland (Emma and Karen), strongly contested by team Australia (Pauline and Peter) and Team UK (Sherrill and Kevin who need much more practice) at Bocce, followed by cards and Jenga. The Christmas meet up at Nurioopta isn't far away, we look forward to seeing you all then. Stay well until then, Sherrill and Kevin Wright

The Jayco Jaybirds newsletters for June, August, September/October and November can be found on the ACCSA website Notice Board page. They have some very enjoyable rallies so there is lots to read about.

Next Rallies: November 29th to 30th Christmas Rally at Nuriootpa.

COROMAL CARAVAN CLUB OF SA

Rally Reports for August, September and October, 2019.

In mid-August The Coromal Club ventured into Victoria, visiting Mildura and staying at the Seasons Holiday Park with some very noisy party revellers (not us). We had the usual club dinner, visited the Trentham Estate Winery on the NSW border and had a lovely breakfast at the Dockside Cafe. It was an enjoyable week but unfortunately two of our members received huge fines when crossing back into South Australia, all because of two tomatoes and a handful of strawberries.

In September we returned to Coobowie, a favourite spot for many. It was great value for the special price of $20 a night for powered sites. Although a quiet place, the pub is always a popular place for a good meal. The scallop surprise was certainly outstanding! Sadly, the oyster season and Craft shop open in late September, so next year we'll change the date.

In October the Coromal Club had its annual Rolling Rally. Sadly earlier this year we lost one of the Club's loved member Merv Thompson, husband of Shirley. Most of our members met at Mannum to attend a moving ceremony to celebrate Merv's life and share memories with Shirley, her family and friends. We shared a wonderful afternoon tea on the banks of the Murray at their much loved shack. We went on to Wellington, a quiet but beautiful setting by the Murray and a stones throw away from the iconic pub, where we enjoyed two excellent dinners and the company of the local regulars. The weather wasn't the best as we proceeded to Beachport, staying at the lovely Southern Ocean Caravan Park. We visited Millicent and saw some beautiful artwork and interesting entries for the Gumboot Decoration competition. Our last stop was Mount Gambier where we stayed at Pine Country Caravan Club, on the outskirts of the town, near the Blue Lake. Although cold and raining, we did enjoy each other's company at happy hour, visited the sites, went plant shopping at the local nursery next to the Caravan Park and enjoyed an enormous ice cream at the ice creamery nearby.

Our next rally will be at Milang November 13th to 18th, followed by a Christmas get together and AGM on the 14th December.

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August 8th-11th Laura Caravan Park

19 brave souls faced wind, dust, rain, sleet, fog and hail to get to Laura where the weather really didn't turn it on for the rally. However, we all highly recommend Laura as a destination. The managers were extremely helpful and even turned on scones, jam and cream for the whole group. The facilities at the park are clean and we made the most of the camp kitchen which had a pot belly stove and heaps of wood delivered by the manager, barbecue, pizza oven and plenty of space for us all. Communal meals, coffee in the town and the odd scenic drive in the rain and wind filled in the time and everyone thought they'd had a much better weekend than they would have if they'd stayed at home.
Rally Costs: Site costs: $1000, Other expenditure: $500

September 12th-15th Milang Lakeside Caravan Park
20 members and 6 visitors attended and enjoyed the hospitality of the park and the local bowling club where we had a meal on Friday night. The manager let us choose our own sites within the allocated area and we all seemed happy with the result. It is a beautiful setting and we enjoyed walks along the lakefront, to the café and the bakery and up to the museum which was opened especially for us. The local hotel also catered a delicious roast on Sunday lunch which was good value.
Rally Costs: Site fees: $1730, Other: $1500

October 17th-20th Mannum Caravan Park
We had a great turn up for this rally with 28 members and four visitors attending. We inducted a new couple and held our AGM at the Mannum Community Club on the Saturday night after a lovely meal in the Club. The caravan park was clean and neat and as usual, the riverfront was attractive and we saw a couple of spectacular sunrises. Water birds abound there and we enjoyed watching their antics which included taking food from our hands. We made use of the camp kitchen which has both outdoor and indoor seating, for our happy hours and to celebrate Ruth's 80th birthday. We inducted two new members, Elaine and Bill. A convoy of vehicles went on a tour of the district under the guidance of our President who is a Mannum legend. It was interesting to hear his stories and to see Shell Hill. We all made good use of the bakery and coffee shops and some pottered in the op shops on Saturday. It is one of this Club's favorite spots and we all enjoyed the weekend.
Rally costs: Site fees: $3512, Other $1866, Total spent: $5378.

November 7-10 Normanville Jetty Caravan Park
Another wild weekend! The weather turned on high winds, rain and an Antarctic chill. However, on Sunday we did get a spectacular day – sunny, calm and with a superb sunset over the sea. Oh well, we can't order the weather so we just decided to enjoy what we got. We spent more time in the camp kitchen than we normally would have and had to share with two other large groups, so there were some timing issues. However, we still had great happy hours, a sausage sizzle and communal pizzas/BBQ in the nice warm space. Facilities were always spotless and the kitchen had everything we needed. Some of us visited the Forktree Brewery and had a lovely lunch there while sampling the local brew, need to book if going on weekends. It is only a few minutes up the Carrackalinga Road towards Myponga and has spectacular views, is dog friendly and reasonably priced. We also enjoyed a good value meal at the Yankalilla Hotel which had a nice feel to it and was spotlessly clean, had friendly staff and a good selection of mains on the menu from flathead to schnitzel, roast beef to Thai salad, Caesar salad wraps to pork belly.
Rally costs: Site fees: $2100, Other expenses: $1700

Next Rally: Port Willunga December 5th to 8th

BAROSSA VALLEY CARAVAN & CAMPING CLUB

11th to 13th October 2019 at Mount Compass Caravan Park

Site fees: Powered $32, Ensuite $37 per night, Total site Fees: $1087. Total other Expenses: $2085

No of Vans: 8 members 1 Prospective members 18 adults

On Arrival: Members Started arriving on Thursday with two of our members enjoying a Rieke Massage in Mt Compass with all our members arriving by happy hour on Friday, followed by dinner in the well set up kitchen of the camp kitchen.

Saturday morning members travelled to Victor Harbor to visit the local market followed by lunch of fish and chips on the foreshore. On the way back to the park a number of members called into the Alexandrina Cheese Factory for a delicious cheese tasting and afternoon tea. Saturday dinner was at the Mt Compass Golf Club, what a scrumptious meal at a reasonable price, with outstanding views of the course and surrounding areas, with service being first class.

On Sunday we visited Fleurieu Harvest, most recognise it as the Strawberry Farm just outside Mount Compass, where we had a light but delicious lunch and checked out and bought their locally made produce, while watching families out in the field picking strawberries.

The caravan park is a lovely well-kept park with lush grassed areas to park the van, the ensuites are well appointed and the camp kitchen is immaculate and well set up. The park is very quiet with mainly Grey Nomads and well off the main road, television reception is aided by receiving an antenna cable when you book in. The Management very friendly and couldn't do enough for us, we wouldn't hesitate to go their again.

8th to 10th November 2019 at Coobowie Caravan Park

Site fees: $27.00 per night, Total site Fees: $ 867. Total other Expenses: $ 1960

No of Vans: 10 members 19 adults

No Deposit required for weekend.

The Park is all grassed, excellent toilet/laundry facilities, camp kitchen fully enclosed and equipped, seating for at least 24 to 30 people, the Park Management bent over backwards to ensure our week end was a success. Friday evening happy hour with Ron our Rally Organiser running through the program, followed by bring your own dinner in the camp kitchen.

Saturday morning many checked out the Corner Shop in Coobowie, a great array of crafts locally and overseas, others bought oysters $10 a dozen from a local, after we returned to the camp kitchen for a game of Maisie? throw the wheat bags in the hole. The afternoon was a talk by Alan Russel a local, who had dived on the "Clan Ranald" and other wrecks and experienced by his talk and photographs the devastation seafarers endured in the early 1900's and Alan's experiences as divers exploring these wrecks. The evening meal was at the Coobowie Hotel in walking distance from the park a very nice tea with pricing ranging from $20-$30, with excellent country service.

Sunday a majority went to the local market, held in the Edithburgh Institute, followed by a trip to the Edithburgh Museum, $3 entry fee included a guided tour, the guides knowledge of the area was extremely interesting with all going away with a sound understanding of the history of the local area. After lunch we had a racing afternoon with our Rally Organisers, in his racing disguise as Head Steward/Bookie Honest Ron, who took us through a fun packed afternoon of Fun, Fellowship, Raucous Laughter, Accusations of Cheating, to finally presenting the Coobowie Cup to the winners. That evening some members had tea in the camp kitchen followed by the girls enjoying a game of Rummikub and others retiring to their vans. A park well worth experiencing.

Monday: Farewells with some members visiting one of the local RSL for the Memorial Service.

Next Rally: Port Wakefield Caravan Park 6th to 8th December 2019 followed an outing not a Rally at Watermark Glenelg January 2020.

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

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