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Next Delegates Meeting

ACCSA Delegates Meetings are only by video conferencing.
The next ACCSA meeting is on Wednesday 26th October 2022 at 7:30pm

We would like to see a delegate from every club, A Zoom Video link will be emailed to Presidents, Secretary's, Treasurers and Delegates on Sunday 23rd October 2022. Please contact Robert Hart for any further information.

PRESIDENT'S CHATTER

CARAVAN AND CAMPING SHOW

The 2023 Caravan and Camping Show is from Wednesday 15th to Sunday 19th February 2023. The questions to be answered by the Clubs is do we apply for a site. The 18th National Rally Caravan Rally will be the following month and the Rally Committee will be busy in February and if we do apply it will require additional support from other Clubs. Please discuss this with you members. The closing date is the 4th November so we will need some in indication before that date.

TYRO MACHINE

The Association has an EFPOS machine that we acquired for the benefit of the 18th National Caravan Rally. In modern times people no long carry cash and only use their cards and having access to the EFPOS has been a valued asset at the Bunning's Barbecue and the collection of rally fees over the telephone. If your Club intends to run a fun raising activity then the machine is available. It is easy to operate and makes the collection of money very easy. If you have any enquiries, please contact the undersigned.

FUND RAISING

As previously mentioned ACCSA has a place with Bunnings Adelaide Airport. On the 8th October the 18th National Rally Caravan Committee conducted the Barbecue and cleared over $1,300.00. It took 6 people to work from 9am to 4pm on two shifts. The best way to gain an appreciation of what is involved is to volunteer to work at the next barbecue allocated to the 18th National Rally. In addition I do get notice from Bunnings that an organisation has cancelled and they offer this date but it is usually at short notice and a quick decision is necessary to accept the date. This opportunity can be used by your Club. I can co-ordinate the planning for these barbecues on your behalf.

JOIN A CARAVAN CLUB

The brochure 'Join a Caravan Club' has been printed and is available for distribution. The idea is to request caravan dealerships to exhibit them in their show room and also to place one in the welcome folders normally provided to the new owners. They can also be placed in the Laundry of Caravan Parks. If you have a contact with a dealer whom you believe would be happy to undertake this task, or can take some for placement in Parks please advise your delegate.

HOT OFF THE PRESS

ANOTHER REASON TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL RALLY
A CONCERT BY THE BAND OF THE SA POLICE.

Graham Brown, President ACCSA.

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

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Members are mainly Seniors
Pet friendly

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Membership closed at present

FROM THE EDITOR:

It's been nice to have some warmer weather here in SA. We are thinking of people in the Eastern States with their floods, etc. We will be getting some of that closer to Christmas and that is only a few weeks away.

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

Please check out the ACCSA website for items added to the "Club Newsletters" and also to the "Notice board".

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

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

"REGISTER NOW".

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

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

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

Take Care, Robert Hart

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Aluminium (Screw or rivet fix) @ $15 each
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Signs available from ACCSA Treasurer at bi-monthly delegates meetings or by mail. (P & H applies)

Contact: treasurer@accsa.asn.au or **0417 821 271**

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT
2021-2022

It is with pleasure that I present my Report for the year 2021-2022. The 18th National Caravan Rally, which was postponed because of Covid, has reduced the time the Executive could focus on ACCSA business. Jeb Grose from Adelaide RV and his team have continued his support and provided valued advice on managing the sponsorship for the event.

This year has seen a change on how we hold our meetings with introduction of Zoom meetings. This has proven popular with the delegates and a decision as to whether we continue we need to be made by the new Executive Committee.

A further decision that will need to be made immediately is as to whether ACCSA holds a State Rally in 2023. The current executive is heavily involved with the National Rally and if we are to hold a State Rally a special Committee from other delegates will need to be appointed and commence planning for such an event. This will need to be a subject that I ask all delegates to raise with their Clubs and come back to the next meeting with their opinion.

The Association attended the Caravan and Camping Shows at the Wayville Show Grounds held in July this year and I appreciate the support from the Clubs that participated in staffing the site. I acknowledge the support we receive from the Caravan and Camping Industry Association and continue to be awarded a Sponsorship Site and the admission tickets at no cost to ACCSA.

The Caravan Friendly Park Award was initiated this year and we have issued a total of 10 awards to Parks nominated by the Clubs. We are dependent upon the Clubs to provide the nominations and we plan to continue this initiative until then end of 2022. There have been some Clubs that have not provided a nomination and I would ask you as the delegate to encourage your Club to be part of the process. In addition, we have been working on a brochure to encourage new owners of caravans to join a Club and we plan to distribute these brochures at the dealerships and other locations. This is ready to be forwarded to the printer to but I require the approval to progress this publication and I will seek such approval at the AGM.

The major challenge for 2021-2022 remains the same and that is to generate the interest by all Clubs to become involved with the planning and organising the 18th National Rally. SA has a reputation of organising some of the best National Rallies and if we are to maintain this status will need total support from all Clubs.

A further issue that we will be required to address during the oncoming year is the future of ACCSA. The current Executives have occupied the positions for a number of years and we all agree that there is a need to make change to regenerate new ideas on the future role of the Association.

I would like to personally thank all the delegates that have regularly attended our meetings and special thanks for the Executive Committee that has provided me with support and assistance during my period as President. A special note of thanks for our Vice President John Anderson, Secretary John Baans, Treasure Barbara Stanley **and a very Special Thankyou to Robert Hart our Editor and although Robert has experienced major health issues, he has continued to play a significant role in the management of the Association and production of the Journal.**
Graham Brown
President

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

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Where Clubs are Rallying in Nov & Dec 2022

	November 2022	December 2022
Adelaide Caravan Club	Keith/Mt Gambier/Kingston (2-9)	McLaren Vale (8-12)
Barossa Valley Caravan & Camping Club	Mt Barker (11-12)	Clare (2-423)
Carefree Caravanners of SA	Moana Beach (14-18)	Kapunda (5-9)
Dave Benson Caravan Club	Port Willunga (18-25)	No Rally
Elizabethan Caravan Club	Port Pirie (11-13)	Coobowie (9-11)
Family & Friends Caravan & Camping Club	Moana Beach (11-13)	Tanunda (9-11)
Jayco Caravan Club of SA	Normanville (4-6)	Wallaroo (2-4)
Jayco Jaybirds SA	Port Elliott	Nuriootpa
Port Augusta Caravan Club	?	?
Southern Cross Caravan Club	Williamstown (17-21)	Strathalbyn (8-12)
Wanderers Caravan Club of SA	Cobdogla (18-20)	Clayton Bay (9-11)

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

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

Southern Cross Caravan Club Rally Report August 25th to the 29th 2022 at Laura Community Caravan Park.
12 vans & 2 Cabins. Site Fees $30 per night with club discount, deposit not required.

A misty, weepy morning as we headed off from home. Struck numerous roadworks and side traffic lights on the main road between Tarlee and Clare resulting in a filthy dirty car and caravan. Weather cleared up for our stay at Laura but rained on the way home this time travelled home via Blyth, Balaclava & Two Wells. 15 kms longer then going up but no roadworks.

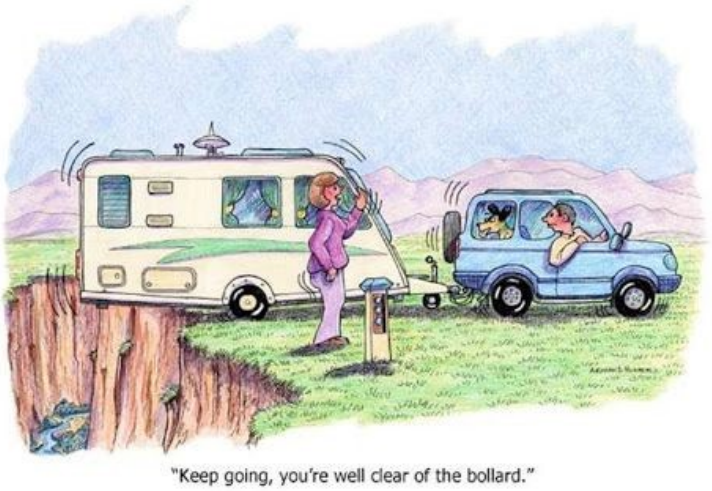
On arrival: A friendly greeting by the Manager as we checked in. Efficient and a pleasant experience. Management welcome caravan clubs and enjoy their company. Moved onto our site right next to the Ablutions. Several other members were on their sites, including John & Sandra and Peter & Sandy who had arrived the day before on their way home from their QLD/NSW holiday.

The Park & Surrounds: A very nice little park. Some sites are gravel and others grassed. This park has good clean and tidy amenities which remained so during our entire stay. There are even complimentary bathmats supplied and a can of room spray. The camp kitchen is small but well provisioned and has a pizza oven as well. There is a fireplace next to the Camp Kitchen in the shape of a caravan which was well used by us at night. Management provided the wood at a donation. **Would we come back?** Oh yes, every year if we could. Especially when a new niche brewery opens in the old Baptist Church near the front entrance of the park. (PS. The church was sold and congregation are moving into a vacant shop in the main street.)

Things we did at this Rally: Lunch at the Laura Hotel, Coffees & cake in a main street café, scones & jam and cream on Saturday morning supplied by the caravan park management for free and pancakes and toppings supplied by the caravan park management on Sunday morning (for a gold coin donation), pizza bases and tomato spread supplied by the Club via the rally officers and members brought out their own toppings and then pizzas were baked three at a time in the camp kitchen pizza oven topped off with Golden North ice cream in cones for dessert. Visited the Joan McDonald artist & sculptor studio (1 Henry Street), checked out the new Laura lookout and were amazed at the beautiful countryside with golden and green paddocks, attended Coco Laura in the main street where David Medlow of Medlow chocolates gave us a talk on the production of his famous chocolates and jellies and of course we tasted and then bought a swag of his goodies and finally attended the old Laura Court House where the towns paintings are displayed and we were given a talk by the Museum President. In all a fantastic rally with plenty to do in the 4 days we were in town. Some members also managed a trip to Wirrabara, Stone Hut & Gladstone.

Approx. spend this rally: Accommodation. $1560. Other spend. $4,104. TOTAL: $5,664.

Next Rally: A rolling rally 19th to 29th September in following order, Ardrossan, Marion Bay, Edithburgh & Pt. Rickaby.



"Keep going, you're well clear of the bollard."

SOUTHERN CROSS CARAVAN CLUB September 2022 Rolling Rally Report.

Ardrossan Caravan Park. 19th to 21st Sep. 1 cabin & 11 Vans.

On arrival: Quick & friendly check in. The park is separated by a gully. Permanents are on the check in side and tourists on the other side which meant having to execute a U-turn.

The Park and surrounds: Mainly gravel, camp kitchen was basic and small and open on one side which made it uncomfortable in the cold weather. The ablutions were regularly cleaned and modern with some individual toilets and some were ensuites. **Would we come back. Yes**.

Things we did: Checked out the Motor Museum, Stum Jump Plough in Foreshore Park, BHPO Lookout, Coffee shops, the Bakery & shops lunch at the Ardrossan Hotel.

Approx. Spend at Ardrossan: Accommodation $1,066. Misc. Spend $2,474.

Marion Bay Caravan Park. 22nd to 25th Sep. 11 vans.

On arrival: Friendly and efficient check in.

The Park & surrounds: It was a great park with concrete slabs and artificial turf. The ablutions were modern and cleaned regularly. The Camp Kitchen was large and had an outside area attached with a giant television which we made use of to watch the AFL Grand Final. The Club was very impressed. **We would definitely come back.**

Things we did: Walked the beach & jetty, happy hours, did the "Tiser Quiz", enjoyed the campfire, which was lit each night by management, attended the Marion Bay Tavern for lunch, enjoyed mini pies & sausage rolls whilst watching the Grand Final, one couple had to leave for a medical issue but re joined the club at Edithburgh.

Approx. Spend at Marion Bay: Accommodation $1,039. Misc. Spend. $1,924.

Edithburgh Caravan Park: 11 vans. 25th t0 28th Sep.

On arrival: Easy, efficient, and friendly.

The Park and surrounds: A large sprawling park with lawned & gravel sites. There were several permanent dwellings, but they looked neat. The camp kitchen is modern but a tad small for large groups. The ablutions were kept neat and clean. The management were fantastic, and the park deserves to be classified as an ACCSA Friendly Park. **Would we come back? Yes definitely.**

Things we did: Walks around the town and the jetty, visited Yorketown for shopping and coffee & cake, lunch at the Troubridge Hotel, enjoyed happy hours in camp kitchen and attended the local RSL and joined in with Bingo. Enjoyed hot fresh scones made by a couple in our club.

Approx. spend @ Edithburgh. Accommodation $1,031. Misc. Spend $2,610.

Pt. Rickaby Caravan Park: 28th to 30th Sep. 11 Vans.

On Arrival: Friendly, efficient check in.

The Park & surrounds: A nice small park right on the foreshore with lawned sites and clean ablutions. There is a kiosk on site with a good selection of groceries and meals are also served. There is a large shed which is the camp kitchen. **Would we come back? Yes.**

Things we did: Some members fished on the nearby jetty, enjoyed Happy Hours in the Camp Kitchen, had a mock wedding for a couple who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Some ordered a meal from the camp Kiosk. One member had an unfortunate blow out on a tyre & rim on his van whilst enroute to Pt. Rickaby.

Approx. Spend @ Pt. Rickaby: Accommodation $860. Misc. spend $1,599.

A great Rolling Rally enjoyed by all.

Total Spend on the Yorke Peninsula. $12,603. Well done SCCC.

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.

CAREFREE CARAVANEERS OF SA INC.

http://carefreecaravaneers.net.au

Carefree Caravaneers Club Rally Mon 12th to Fri 16th September 2022 at Lakeside Albert Caravan Park Meningie.

Expenses Incurred: Fees from $34 per night powered Site for lakeside sites: Total $2,034, Other Expenses $2,109, total spend $4,143. No of Vans 13, Adults 24, Children nil

On arrival: Great check in procedure, by booking and paying before arrival you get your instructions on a clipboard, enter the park and set up, no front counter contact necessary, brilliant idea. Once settled you are constantly reminded by SMS of activities around the area and town highlighting places to eat and congregate. Congratulations to park manager/ owners.

The Park and surrounds: The park is well situated on Lake Albert, there is a fabulous camp kitchen undercover and outdoor area to accommodate large groups, if so inclined a stage for performing. The fire pits supplied around the park are very welcomed, the toilet facilities are spotless and regularly cleaned. The best dump point in Australia, impressed with attention to detail with all the décor and little things to see.

Would come back

Deposit Required to secure your site

Things we did at this rally: There are many things to do here, as a club we observed a minute's silence in respect for Queen ELIZABETH II passing. The Club provided a meal of hot dogs, potato's in their Jackets with toppings of grated cheese, coleslaw and chilli Con carne, desert of bread-and-butter pudding with cream. Although a little chilly the fire afforded comfort for those who stayed a little longer. To be able to eat in or out undercover with mood lighting outstanding. A trip along the Coorong for morning tea at long point then on to Narrung free camp for lunch. The ladies had a high tea afternoon while the men enjoyed a sip and supper at Freshies café. Walks in the Lion's parks to check out the wild flowers, trip to the look out, followed by coffee in the many cafes along the main street, communal BBQ's, yes plenty to do and see at Lake Albert Caravan Park Meningie.

Next Rally; **Tagalong to THE BEND Tailem Bend and Strathalbyn 17th – 24th October**

BAROSSA VALLEY CARAVAN & CAMPING CLUB

Barossa Valley Caravan & Camping Club rally at Stony Creek Rally 9th – 12th Sept. 2022.

5 member vans, 1 prospective member, 2 visitor vans and 2 cabins were used at this rally.

Powered site was $35-00 with the double ensuite cabin $75-00 per night.

We made full use of the facilities with pizza tea Friday followed by a film night in the camp kitchen. Members came dressed in bad taste op-shop. Saturday Kelli & Wayne served a roast chicken and veg dinner with pie and ice cream dessert in the restaurant for $25. This was followed by another film in the camp kitchen with a lovely fire to keep us warm. In the sunshine Sunday some drove to Hancock's lookout was damper time with a roaring fire.

Visits for Coffee and cake/pie to RUSTIKATES and Jewellery shopping at WYLDEDOG were very popular.

Expenses were high due to the fuel costs of approx. $200 per vehicle return. Total $4,690.

Next Rally Port Rickaby Oct 21st -23rd.

Barossa Valley Caravan & Camping Club rally at Clayton Bay August 2022.

The August rally was cancelled a week before due to challenging weather conditions i.e. strong winds and medical issues of several members. A deposit of one night was requested by the caravan park hosts but was not enforced. Those members who did pay a deposit for powered site were initially denied a credit or refund however after negotiations with park management a credit was offered to van sites. One elderly couple booked a cabin and due to medical issues were not able to attend and notified the park. The one-night deposit they paid was not refunded or a credit offered.

The club was advised by park management to thoroughly familiarize members of the terms and conditions associated with bookings and cancellations as all parks are different.

Elaine Dempsey

Jayco Caravan Club Rally 9th to 13th June 2022 at Riverton.

The misty rain surrounded the caravans in the Riverton Caravan Park but as we set up the awnings for shelter, we all decided that we would try to claim the Camp Kitchen for 'Happy Hours', if possible. Pat Walker and Doris Shepard were already in Riverton so they kindly sourced out the best place to have Dinner on the Saturday night and also which coffee places were available. They thought they had the local mobile Coffee Caravan secured for a "Caravan Park" visit on Saturday morning, only to be informed later that the local Council would not give the person a permit to operate on weekends. The local coffee shop was also closed due to renovations, so all in all, we had to make our own coffee!

Friday night Happy Hour was eventful with the Badge draw and birthday cards being given out. We must mention that a special birthday was being celebrated on the weekend with an afternoon tea being planned for Sunday. *Happy (80th) Birthday Barry.*

We were also happy to welcome Carol Uellendahl to the Club for her second event. Carol had been at the Jayco CC May luncheon at the Bartley Tavern. We also welcomed Darlene and Selwyn Voss for their second rally.

On Saturday two adventurous members walked a small section of the "Rattler Trail" while the rest of us had coffee and cake plus visited the shops in the main street.

At 2 pm Pat Walker kindly gave us a class on how to "Paint on Glass". Pat supplied all of the paint and we bought along a glass to practice on. I must say that it was not easy to master but eventually, we all painted 'flowers', a 'flying pig' *(guess who this was!)* or 'dots' on our glassware and felt very proud of ourselves. One of the ladies suggested that it was a shame that we didn't have any wine in our glasses, so that was quickly rectified when one of the husbands arrived with a bottle of white wine. This was followed by two other bottles and after that the brush stokes really improved, or so we thought. A huge thank you to Pat Walker for allowing us to use her paints and have the experience.

We certainly have some very talented people in the Jayco Club and a lot of the members have seen the beautiful knitting projects that Judy Harris has completed over the years. She had just finished crocheting a new rug but she also had two albums of all the wonderful animals and dolls that she had completed over many years. Well done to you Judy.

Dinner at the local Riverton Hotel was well organised and quite delicious. We were very happy to have a visit in the afternoon from Trevor Luders and his friend Michelle. People caught up with his news, the ages of his children etc. They came along to dinner with us all.

Sunday morning, Kaye and Barry organised Pancakes which was well received by the members. Once again, we were lucky to get the Camp Kitchen and it was not raining so that was a bonus.

It was organised with the local volunteers to visit the Scholz Park Museum so we walked through the Pioneer Garden Walkway by the Church to arrive at the Scholz Park. The Cottage was so well organised and it looked like the previous Scholz family had only just left the home back in 1865. We watched an interesting video and then the volunteers took us through the Blacksmith Shop and the Wheelwright Shop. All tools, machinery and several forges with their huge bellows, were there just as they were left. It is a "living history" display.

As their brochure read – "In the early days, things had to be done by personal effort, but pride in workmanship shone in every article made".

3pm and it was back to the camp kitchen for a delicious afternoon tea of small cakes for Barry Roger's 80th Birthday. Of course, this flowed into Happy Hour and eventually the cold weather made most people leave the fire and retired to their warm caravans.

Everyone had a fun time and enjoyed the Riverton area and the company of their fellow campers.

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Jayco Caravan Club rally to Mannum Fri 07/10 to 09/10

We arrived early Thursday morning only to be met by prospective members Alan and Christine Titterton. Over the rest of the day seven vans turned up. The only incident was Brian Goudie showing the rest of us how to dismount the caravan from the car. Happy hour commenced and for some of us it continued into the evening.

FRIDAY: As usual a few went off to the coffee shop and shock horror a couple of members drank Robert and Lorraine's coffee. I didn't think this type of thing occurred within our group. What do you think Claire? We left some of the girls in the main street to do the usual shopping. Back to the park to watch members arrive and do the usual back in with a few of us offering some sound advice and it didn't matter if they weren't members.

Happy hour again took place and what a rabble. The main activity was the drawing of the money card and guess who won (ME) with Colin taking out the minor prize and Pete wining the other price. Colin also won the badge draw. The happy hour food was exceptional and when I retired for the night a few members were still kicking on. It was pleasing to see Eddi at the rally after his scare in Perth and we all wish him the best in his recovery. Leeann also came along and again it was pleasing to see her smiling and her having such a positive attitude. It is also great to see Pete and Sue arrive. Pat and John arrived in the dark and poor John had to employ neighbours to assist with setting up. Pat was found in the camp kitchen in deep conversation with other female members of the club.

SATURDAY: First notable problem was at Mark and Julies caravan where the new coffee machine made its entrance. According to my source it appears Julie put the machine in reverse instead of forward. It also appears that water milk and coffee went everywhere. Now I know why the rest of us went to the coffee shop.

Happy hour again took place as usual, and it was a little longer than normal due to our booking at the hotel. Nothing strange took place so not much to talk about. We all headed for the hotel where we were given a room on our own and after the numbers were sorted out everyone appeared to enjoy the night. We must congratulate Shane for his ability to use my oyster shell as a spoon for his desert.

SUNDAY: Started off with bacon and eggs at the Presidents van and that went on for some time. Unfortunately, Treasurer Barry took a tumble and is feeling a little sore at the moment. After breakfast some decided to go to Bow Hill. One male member was definite with his decision and told his wife NO. The only other fright we all had was two legs sticking out from Cols van I thought he had hurt himself. We all jumped up but we then saw he was checking some electrical problem under his van.

Heading into evening the paella bake off took place. One of the contestants was up and running however the other contestant was in shock. All the ingredients were still in the van fridge which was locked and his wife had the keys and was down at the shops. However he managed to get on top of the situation and all ended up well. We all agreed that it was a draw which means they need to have another bake off. Well done to both of you and of course your helpers. Another change as per Warren is to have a word of the rally and this one was SVELTE. This relates to all male members of the group.

Overall, it was a relaxing weekend.

Jayco Caravan Club rally to Rawnsley Park Fri 9/9 to Sun 11/9

A small (10 Vans) but adventurous rally.

Half of our members rolled in on the Wednesday afternoon to blue skies & sunshine however, by Happy Hour the rain arrived with thunder & lighting & then the hail came! We tried to wait it out hoping it would stop. But no amount of the "good stuff" helped so we had an early night.

We woke up to a cloudy Thursday but no rain – Yet! Heard that a couple of our members were stuck in Hawker as there was deep water over the road.

Went for coffee at Wilpena before we went exploring. Found the gorges were closed due to the rain so plan B was a drive up to Pugilist Hill Lookout (lovely views) and then a drive up Martins Well Road. All was going well until our fearless leader (Barry G) forgot to put his car into 4WD and got bogged … to the rescue came Dannie in a pair of lovely pink gumboots (he tells us they were Jennifer's…really!). After much hilarity, and Barry finding where 4WD was, Barry was on the road again.

On arrival back at camp we were happy to see that Michael & Karen Rusby and the Landorfs had gotten through. Happy Hour was held in the small BBQ area after much too-ing & fro-ing between different sites (it had started raining again) … this included the shifting of the now alight firepit! We also welcomed some prospective members who were attending their first rally (Hope we didn't scare them off!) Kerry & David Durrant. Clarke & Debbie Timmins (Debbie couldn't attend as she was ill unfortunately) & Vicki & John Carter. Dannie & Mark entertained us by doing a good impression of singing (well sitting) in the rain and Barry showed us his culinary skills with his Damper.

On Friday we started the day off with another trip to Wilpena for coffee and hopeful of some of the gorges being open … no such luck! So we spent the afternoon getting ready for our official happy hour.

Late afternoon we commandeered the Camp Kitchen and the men, armed with their tools of war (their tongs & spatulas), got to work and cooked up a storm. Our prospective new members were welcomed and introduced to the members. We were on our best behaviour and I think they liked us. A good night was had by all.

Saturday morning, we woke to blue skies and no rain! Hooray. Just maybe we will get to see something today. Packed picnic lunches and headed off to Pugilist Hill Look Out and then onto Stokes Look Out – took all the obligatory photos before heading off to Blinman for coffee, café, etc. Glass Gorge was open … woohoo … so off we went on a very scenic drive, stopping for lunch in a lovely shaded creek bed before heading off to Angorichina Village for Ice Cream and for some, Gin. We got back in time for a quick Happy Hour and then some of us went to the Woolshed for dinner.

Sunday morning came around and we got up early and said goodbye to those who had to leave. Made plans for the day which of course started with Coffee again. Picnic lunches packed and we were on the way again. This time we went through the scenic drive/Razorback Range and onto the Bunyeroo gorge with a side trip to the Appealinna Ruins. It was a fabulous day well worth the drive. The Flinders Ranges are so stunning and hide so many interesting sights,. the Ruins being among them.

Sunday evening saw us sitting around a fire, toasting marshmallows (thanks Julie) relaxing and then the madness started! Mullet man made an appearance! And this was before the red wine. There's nothing like a good fire and the company of a bunch of crazies!

Monday morning saw the rest of the team leave except for the Cloys & the Davies. We decided to have a nice relaxing day by doing a self drive 4WD tour. All I can say about this is ... there was nothing relaxing about it but it sure was fun!
In summary … another great Rally.

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DAVE BENSON CARAVAN CLUB

DAVE BENSON CARAVAN CLUB CRYSTAL BROOK RALLY: 16TH-23RD SEPTEMBER 2022

Sites stay for 7 nights pay for 6 at $30 night = $180. 6 vans and 2 in cabins.
Approx spend for the week: Sites $1,660. Lunch and drinks $400. Other $700.

Gravel sites clean park, modern amenities block, small camp kitchen but adequate, very clean BBQ's. Very nice park. Worth another visit.

Weather was a bit up and down for the week but did manage to make the most of the sunny days.
Trip to Bowmans Park Saturday afternoon a short drive from the caravan park. Had a look around the grounds but not in the building. This was set up for a wedding at 2:30pm so we left as the guests were starting to arrive. On Monday a 160km tagalong drive. First to Werona Island just north of Port Pirie. Lovely little island with a few houses on it. A few photos taken from the boat ramp. Then on to Wirrabara via Germain Gorge Road. Twisty turny undulating road very scenic through the forest. Lunch at the bakery in town, good food at reasonable prices. We then moved on to the silo art, all of 750mts out of town. Looking for the scull hidden in the artwork. Found out about it by reading the poster in the public toilet in town, it's wonderful what you can find out from reading toilet walls. 22km drive on unsealed road to The Bluff Lookout. At 724mts above sea level this overlooks the gulf. On the drive back to camp some stopped in Laura at the Golden North shop for ice cream. These were the 2 main trips for the week, with some doing their own thing other days. Shopping at Port Pirie, walking some of The Heysen Trail.

Wednesday lunch was at The Royal Hotel in Crystal Brook. We were the only ones in at lunch time. A good menu at reasonable prices. Think they were running on a skeleton staff as it took close to an hour for the meals to arrive, but the wait was worthwhile. No complaints about the meals at all. Three of us managed to win a little back on the pokies to help pay for lunch.

Happy hours were in the sun or the camp kitchen BBQ, depending on the weather. A good week just a shame the weather was wet a windy some days. Next rally Mount Compass in October.

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Wanderers Caravan Club Rally Report for Waikerie 16th to 18th September 2022.

17 Vans attended.
How different, we actually left home on a sunny Thursday. Our early bird group met around the 'unlit' fire pit for happy hour, we scattered when threatened by a shower of rain. Friday was Melbourne weather, 4 seasons in a day. Bronwen's first requirement for the day was a retail fix, of course a patchwork shop. We then drove via Barmera to the Overland Corner Hotel bumping into a carload of sightseeing Wanderers. As it was too cold outside we took the opportunity of sitting right in front of a cosy fire to partake of some lunchtime refreshment. Back to Waikerie via the ferry completing the loop. We gathered in the rec room for happy hour creating our usual chaotic noise. Dinner was at the Waikerie Hotel, where the meals took a while to start coming out but then finally rolled on out. Fabulous that they actually took names so that meals could quickly find their correct home!

Saturday again was Melbourne weather. Our intrepid walking group set off in blustery conditions with the usual aim to end the walk at a bakery. Note from Editor: The organizer of the walk, one Neil Sayers, assured me that it was a nice easy walk and certainly not up hill! I wonder how he will explain the pictures? Surprise, surprise the majority decided to walk back from the bakery, or should we say straggle back, like a mob of Browns' cows. Many thanks to the Committee members who provided the yummy sausage sizzle lunch. The Members meeting was followed by happy hour in the rec room with a number of members interested in watching the AFL match. I can't exaggerate enough, our walk was very steep!! We returned to the rec room after tea for a competitive quiz night. Firstly Kathy handed out some lollypop 'suckers' to members for misdemeanours which had been observed. The quiz took part in 3 sections, 1st 3 pages of logos which needed to be identified, 2nd a slide show where 25 sites/locations within Australia had to be identified, 3rd 2 sheets divided into 6 categories of questions to be answered. Thanks to Bill for putting the quiz together and to Kathy for running the evening. Oops! We can't give you the name of the winning team as we forgot we were doing the rally report. Finally, there was a BYO supper and the icing on the cake was Gloria providing cream/jam filled sponges to celebrate Steve's 80th birthday. Congrats and happy birthday Steve, from all. Thank you fellow members for your company on another well organised much enjoyed rally.

Neil & Bronwen.
A foretaste of the next Rally at Kapunda on 21st October.

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