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ACCSA Delegates Meeting

Wednesday
October 5th, 2016
at **7.30pm**

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(December Meeting will be on 7th December)

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PRESIDENT'S CHATTER:

TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP

ACCSA Mission is to "promote caravan clubs to the general public".

To increase the overall membership of the Caravan Clubs, I am seeking the collective wisdom of current members. The State Rally, in May, 2017, provides an opportunity to advance this process by seeking volunteers to attend a forum to discuss strategies that ACCSA can introduce to achieve a positive outcome. If you think this has merit please advise your club delegate and we will include it in the State Rally program. If you have some ideas please register your interest to attend this activity at the State Rally.

The planning of the State Rally is progressing and we are working towards an interesting program that will encourage all Clubs to attend the event.

A call will be made to all Clubs to consider donating a basket to the value of $50.00 for the raffle to be held during the Rally.

Safe Travelling.

Graham Brown
President, ACCSA

The Association of Caravan Clubs, SA has, as it's **Mission;**
"to promote caravan clubs to the general public, represent caravan clubs at a public and industry level and assist all members to safely enjoy the caravan and camping lifestyle."

FROM THE EDITOR:

Our AGM has been held and all positions except for Secretary have been filled. If you know of some one who could be 'encouraged' to fill that role, please let one of the Committee members know.

Reports from the National Rally are filtering in, see page 5 and there is an update on planning for the State Rally for 2017 on page 3.

Also, EBS have kindly extended their Special on Servicing until the end of October. See Page 3. Please bring this to the attention of your members.

Thank you to all those Club Reporters who have provided accounts of their Clubs' rallies. The information is valuable to others who are contemplating rallies to the areas you have been to. The cold and wet weather has certainly had an impact on the number of rallies, even causing a cancellation due to flooding. But, Spring is in the air and we should all be able to get out and enjoy the great outdoors again without fires and extra blankets.

NOTE:
PLEASE SUBMIT CLUB REPORTS FOR THE DECEMBER JOURNAL BEFORE 22 NOVEMBER, 2016.

BAROSSA VALLEY CARAVAN & CAMPING CLUB

August Rally: at Stoney Creek, 12-15th August 2016	13 Vans, 2 Visitors Sites Approx $1000. Food, petrol, etc. $1200

High lights were a damper cook off judged by the owners of the camp, a trip to Wilmington on the Saturday morning to enjoy morning tea and watch as the Variety Bash went through town - colourful people outfits and cars. Apart from enjoying a number of local sights, we enjoyed a lovely meal in the restaurant at Stoney Creek.
Stoney Creek Bush Camp is owned and managed by a very friendly and welcoming young couple, Wayne and Kellie Poynter and is located 3.5 km outside the town of Wilmington in the Flinders Ranges, South Australia. The camp has 44 powered sites plus plenty unpowered, clean but basic flush toilets and hot showers. Most sites have fire pits. There's a Gas BBQ, tables & seating, two shelters, kitchen and two rustic dining rooms. Pizzas are cooked in-house and are available Friday & Saturday night. Group Dinners (Kitchen Menu) must be ordered well in advance. The camp is pet friendly. Ideal for groups and individual people, please give it a go, check it out, you will not be disappointed.
Powered Sites: $ 25.00 per couple per day / single $ 15.00 / Unpowered $ 20.00
(Contact for Stoney Creek email: kelnwayne@live.com.au Mob: 0488 156 850 or 0457 686 558)

September Rally: at Strathalbyn, 9th -12th September	14 Members Vans, 2 Visitors. Sites Approx $1800. Food, Petrol, Wine, etc., $2700 (Powered sites, $27 a night)

On Saturday via Finnis, we visited Milang and sampled their delightful bakery, followed by a visit to Newman's Horse Radish, local condiments and wines. This included an interesting talk from the owners re its history and the products they supply. We then visited the Potts family winery where we sampled wines and enjoyed their Museum. Saturday night, members went to the Robin Hood Hotel, good value for money, superb food and service.
The Caravan Park is relatively small, clean and with good amenities. The manager told us that they are upgrading the facilities and amenities of the par., The sites were all grassed. The park has a camp kitchen only although we were able to access the Netball rooms for heating our foods and a large freestanding shelter for having our meeting.

Next Rallies: October: McLaren Vale, November: Morgan

CARAVAN CLUB OF SA INC

June Rally at Riverton Caravan Park, June 11-13	

Our long anticipated wait for our first stay at Riverton was upon us. As per usual the Hirschausen's had lots of stuff going on and even though Janette couldn't go until the Saturday Gary decided to put the van on site and come home for the night to watch the footy and I took my tribe to Friday night Skating.

Noah our Grandson looked very upset on Saturday when told he wasn't coming so a quick trip Op shopping saw him with caravan clothes. On our approach to the caravan park we saw the crew walking off to check out the town and as we pulled up the look on Jane's face was priceless as not one, not two, but three kids piled out. She was thinking 'how the heck are they going to fit in the 16ft Jayco?'

The Saturday gave the kids the time to get to know each other and set up the camp fire and explore the park. In the afternoon several of us headed off to Auburn to play mini golf. The usual happy hour happened when we got back and the fire was stoked to ensure that there were heaps of coals for our baked potatoes. Some decided to sit and watch the fire (mainly the boys) others decided their vans were warmer and was easier than doing pirouettes in order to warm both the front and back of their bodies.

After a cosy night in our van (5 people in 2 berth van) we stoked up the fire and soon a few of us cooked a feed of bacon, eggs, toast, etc.

During the day more campfire conversations and in the afternoon games in the club rooms. Some party ones for Luke's birthday. A shared tea was enjoyed by all.

Monday came too quick & because of the cold most of us out by 10 heading back to our busy lives. A lovely park, good company, fun & relaxation - just what we want from our Club weekends. Thank you organizers.

Next Rallies: No Rally planned for July, August or September

ACCSA 2017 STATE RALLY
AN UPDATE on the 2017 STATE RALLY,
to be held at the Loxton Caravan Park on 4th - 8th May, 2017

At the recent Initial Planning Meeting, a subcommittee was formed to plan for the State Rally in May 2017. The subcommittee is currently investigating Events and Activities for the week-end, including:

⇒ Wine tasting at Banrock Station

⇒ Lawn Bowls at the local bowling club and, if sufficient numbers are interested, staying for lunch

⇒ A Forum to plan the National Rally that will be held in SA in 2022

⇒ A Road Safety segment

⇒ A Forum to look at ways of increasing the number of people joining a club.

⇒ A Presentation by volunteers who monitor communications for people travelling in remote areas

⇒ A Presentation from the Caravan Industry on weighting of caravans

⇒ A Saturday night meal, to be subsidised by ACCSA.

Registration Forms will be available in early January, with a closing date of 31st of March. All details regarding costs and the programme will be available then.

The next meeting of the subcommittee is planned for
10:00 am on 26th October at Elizabeth Lions Club Rooms

For further information, please contact either Graham Brown, ACCSA President or Frank Gratton ACCSA Treasurer.

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RIVERLAND CARAVAN CLUB

August, September and October Rallies

(nearly) at Morgan, Lyrup and (hopefully) Eckert's Creek

Riverland Caravan Club has been very quiet in recent months. Some members are away tripping up north while, more recently, the weather has been against us.

August Rally:

We were to meet at Morgan for our monthly rally but had very few able to make the trip. As a result, we decided to have a gathering once more at Glossop Hall. We organized a meal, played bingo then broke into the regular card schools.

September Rally:

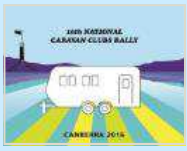
We had intended to hold this at Lyrup. However, weather intervened and we had over 30ml on the Thursday night. More rain was threatened for Friday so we decided not to attempt to rally this month. One couple did not get the message and went along. They told us that the site is particularly well drained and they had no trouble at all. Live and learn!

October Rally:

We have changed the venue for this rally and will now go to the Centofanti property at Eckert's Ck. Main reason for the change is that Gino has heard that the yabbies are on the move after all the rain. Keep your fingers crossed for us all!

October Rally: Eckert's Creek

Report from the National Caravan Clubs Rally - Canberra



The 16th National Rally will be well underway by the time you read this. We have an interim report from Bob Williamson, our ACCSA 1st VP, and National Delegate for SA. There will be a more detailed report in the next ACCSA Journal.

"EPIC is a big site and not all sites are used due to rain and the ground being soft under foot. There were long delays in parking vans. A total of 621 Vans attending - from ACT (31), NSW (133), Qld (219), SA (31), Vic (141), WA (66).

Most activities are well down on attendance, as are the every day prizes. Market day today (Saturday) is very impressive, a lot of stalls and people and the food vendors have stayed so must be doing good business. Spoke to a lot of the SA people and they seem happy they made the trip.

There is more information on the 16th National Rally, including a daily update and a photo page, at: http://www.16thnatcaravanrally.org.au

The 17th National Rally in WA is open for booking which can be done on-line. Shirts are impressive."

SA Delegate, Bob Williamson, on the far right, with other State Delegates at the NACC Directors Meeting and AGM, during the 16th National Caravan Clubs Rally.

JAYCO JAYBIRDS SA

August Rally
at Waikerie Caravan Park, 5 -7, August, 2016

We arrived at Waikerie and were met by lovely weather and a friendly reception from other members who had arrived earlier.
The park was nice and the staff were friendly. The park is actually moving across the road closer to the river by next year. The old park is being turned into a retirement village.
Friday night we had our shared meal of soup and casseroles, topped off with a beautiful dessert from Ja. I would like to add it was great to see Jan and Allen back after their absence. Saturday we woke up to another beautiful day. Some went for a drive whilst others relaxed. We went to the Overland Corner Hotel, the other side of Cobdogla. What a gem in the middle of nowhere, the hotel manager was great and told Phil all the great places to free camp along the river and at the back of the hotel. Dogs are allowed on a leash.
Saturday night we had another shared tea and of course lots of laughter, a few drinks and cappuccinos supplied by Emma and Karen. It was show and tell with Karen and Emma as we all checked out their new caravan. Woke up Sunday morning realising we had to go home. Short weekend but loved every moment of it.

September Rally
Stony Creek, near Wilmington, 2 - 4 Sept, 2016

Welcome to the "Wilmington White Wabbit Wport". (Title by John).
By the heading you can tell we had an absolutely awesome time at Stony Creek. I came all prepared to go tadpole-ing, but unfortunately, there were none ... I think you were very lucky last year Judy. Everyone commented on how green everything was, the green paddocks, the green hills, the Green Ginger Wine, very nice around the camp fire.
The Caravan Park was very full this year with our nine vans and all these little A Vans, which just kept multiplying every morning. It seemed there were more there than the night before.
Friday morning at "half past" we decided to all mount up and go four wheel driving. What a great time, we went along a track called the "Bridle Track" and the views from the top of the hills were spectacular. Over the hills and on to Port Germain for a look at the longest jetty. I say a look because it was blowing a gale, so we took what shelter there was and enjoyed some very nice hot chips and even better hot Do-Nuts, then off back to Stony Creek.
It wasn't too much longer when our newest members, Sid and Lesley arrived. They fitted in like long time members. Saturday saw some of us heading to Alligator Gorge to do some bush walking. Once again, there were incredible views of the hills and the Gorge.
We arrived back to find the girls who had stayed back had made up a table in one of the camp kitchens for our shared roast dinner, with a beautiful center piece made up of wattle, black boys, wood and lights. It looked fantastic, thanks girls for putting in such an effort to make the table look so good. Our shared roast was magnificent, with Pauline insisting we all be assembled with our food for 6:30pm "or else". We were certainly all there, the food was lovely and hot, and everyone enjoyed it immensely. Karen and Emma were awesome with the dessert again; you two girls make amazing desserts.
John entertained us with his Magic Show, performing different tricks to last time. You are very talented John, none of us can work out how you do them.
The rest of the night was again spent around the campfire, with lots of stories and lots of laughs. Unfortunately, Noel and I had to head off on Sunday morning, along with Sid and Lesley, while all the others stayed on for at least an extra night. Because I am writing this, I won't mention the White Rabbit Dance. Once again, thank you for such a great trip, sooo looking forward to the next one.

October Rally: Mount Compass, **November Rally:** Berri Riverside, **December Rally:** Wirrina:

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JAYCO CARAVAN CLUB OF SA INC

September Rally
at Rawnsley Park, Flinders Ranges

Total spend was approx. $5000 in park fees plus food and drinks for those who ventured out to the various towns and attractions in the area.

The Jayco caravan club had an excellent roll up of 24 Vans to the Rawnsley Park Caravan park where the fees were $41 per night per powered sites, several members arrived earlier than their booking in date and were advised that the powered sites were all taken and so had to spend some time on an unpowered site. Unfortunately there was a power outage on Saturday for about 8 hours but as we were all pre warned there was no hardship.

The Jayco vans started pulling into the Rawnsley Park Caravan Park from Tuesday and Wednesday and when Murray arrived with two tonne of firewood, we knew that we were going to have a great time. The sun was shining for most of the time and people couldn't believe how green and lush the area looked. Rawnsley Bluff looked down on us and at all times demanded a supreme presence and was a great landmark. Some members went for drives, some for walks and generally there was so much to do, that we were spoilt for choice.

The prize for the "greatest physical achievement" for the weekend went to John and Kaye M who climbed Rawnsley Bluff and got to the very top but had to finally scramble back down to safety. The walk was classified as "Difficult" and was 12.6 kms and 5 hour return walk. Well done John and Kaye!

Other people took the easier walking options to Kangaroo Gap, Alison Saddle and Clem Corner. A favourite of John C's was the Ferntree Falls Walk, 5.2 kms and classified as "Moderate".

We were all very impressed to see a thick layer of mud on Robert and Lorraine's brand new car - apparently it performed very well through the Gorges and along the stony, dirt roads and in a few places, the road was actually a fast running creek.

There were so many highlights that we have listed the following comments from some of the members as they sat around the camp fire. Hope you enjoy the comments of their highlights.

Dennis B. Spectacular gorges and having to drive up creeks with fast running water. The extra highlight was having a big fire each night. It was also great to see many Club members attend a rally when it was the furtherest distance away.

Ileane and Peter P. Fantastic weekend, really enjoyed the whole time in the Flinders. Lovely walks in both Rawnsley and Wilpena Pound and we loved the climb to the Wangara Lookout in Wilpena Pound.

A special experience will be a flight from Rawnsley to Lake Eyre…….however, due to inclement weather, this flight was cancelled. Bad luck, perhaps a good chance to try on your next visit.

John and Kaye M. Climbing to the top of Rawnsley Bluff and seeing the very special panorama views from the top. It was a very steep climb down also and at times we had to slide down on our bottoms.

Gillian and Peter F. We loved the climb to Clem's Hill and the views in the Park. Another highlight was the huge pies and delicious pasties at Blinman Bakery. We loved the great weather during the weekend and the fires each night and also having other people in the park joining us at the fire.

We also heard that Gail N and Peter F were the "Canasta Champions" on the Thursday afternoon cards session.

Robert and Lorraine S. It was exciting trying out our new Colorado through the Bunyeroo and Brachina Gorges, travelling down the creek beds and doing a "mud slide" at one stage. It was a great work out for the car! We also loved seeing the Flinders so lush and green. It was a wonderful, relaxing weekend.

Dawn B. I loved Murray's fires and the companionship of the club members. There is something about fires which is so warming and convivial.

Reg B. I was very impressed with the Wilpena Panorama painting at Hawker painted by Jeff Morgan.

Trish and Gary P. We loved the Parachilna Gorge and also Glass Gorge. We had lunch at the Parachilna Pub and had the "Ferel Mixed Grill"—Kangaroo Fillet, Emu Fillet and Camel Sausage plus a Quandong Pie. All unusual but delicious.

Chris and John C. We loved the Waterfall Walk at Rawnsley where the water cascaded over a massive red rock. It was a two hour walk but well worth it. We also loved the Quondong Pies at Blinman and the camp fires at Rawnsley Park. We were amused to see two kangaroos having a "boxing round" on the flat area near the caravan park. We were also amazed to see a huge four foot long Goanna over at Wilmington which we visited before the rally.

Flo and Dennis W. We loved the Quondong Pies at the Blinman Café. We also loved Huck's Lookout, Glass Gorge and the walk at Alison's Saddle. Another highlight was seeing the Art display at the Old Wilpena Station Woolshed and talking to the artists.

Trudy and Bert G. Highlights were driving through the Gorges on the Cloy Guided Tours. We loved the creek beds flowing with rushing water and how green and lush the scenery was. Our flight over Wilpena Pound and the Gorges was amazing. We totally loved the whole area and scenery as we hadn't been to the Flinders before.

A memorable rally for sure.

Next Rally: November: To be advised

CAREFREE CARAVANEERS OF SA Inc

August Rally - Tagalong, at Laura, Peterborough and Burra Caravan Parks	Estimated all up (Park fees, Tourist Attractions, Eating out and housekeeping) costs for 1 week rally for the 13 members is $8000

We don't hold a rally in July, that is the only month of the year we don't, but in August we held our Tagalong, as the following account records.

Laura Caravan Park First Leg
13 members attended for 2 days, the weather was fabulous and the Park looked a picture, the reception we received on arrival was very warming both Alex and Barbara bent over backwards to guarantee a fabulous stay. The amenities, camp kitchen, and facilities are well serviced clean and tidy. The following day we watched the Bash vehicles roll into town and after they left we were lucky enough to have had organised a tour of Golden North factory (got to sample some ice-cream). We are amongst one of the last groups to do this tour as they are being wound down due to Occupational Health and Safety concerns (bummer). A trip to the cafe for coffee and chocolate for afternoon tea added inches to the girth, tonight we experienced Alex and Barbara's camp oven cooking expertise of damper finishing off a great day, after dinner we had a sing along then just sat back and enjoyed the frivolities around the campfire.

Peterborough Caravan Park Second Leg
Today we arrived at the park, the facilities and amenities are all very good, unfortunately TV hard to get if at all, but there are plenty of things to do in this town and we as a group did lots of them. The Railway museum is a must, the information centre a must also along with the displays in the town hall. We attended a murder Mystery at Saint Cecelia's - what a blast. We dressed up, had happy hour before the mystery dinner then proceeded to try and work out the murderer. After a few sherbets no one cared but it was a great deal of fun.

Burra Caravan Park Last leg
Set up and relaxed after a quick trip into the town to shop. Tomorrow breakfast is on the club - eggs, sausage and toast, what a feast.
Time for a change, weather that is, whilst it was a warm day of about 22 degrees the accompanying wind was savage with gusts of above 90 kph. It didn't stop the intrepid travellers from venturing out to World's End, which is Burra Gorge. Some superb camping areas were found there and all free. The day was rounded off with a meal at the "Black Sheep", which is the local Italian Pizza house.

SEPTEMBER RALLY at Tanunda Caravan Park	11 VANS Expenditure $700.00

The Tanunda Caravan Park was busy and, as such, there was a great demand for the Camp Kitchen. We shared facilities with the Elizabethan Club, the first night we all sat at separate tables for happy hour. After a challenge to Ten Pin Bowling at the local Bowling Alley on the Sunday the two groups mingled and socialised. It was a close encounter but Carefree were the winners by a small number. The Elizabethan's provided scones for the Happy Hour which was well received by the Carefree Caravaneers. A great experience, sharing the weekend with another Club.

Next Rally:

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COROMAL CARAVAN CLUB OF SA

July Rally
at Tanunda Caravan Park

(By Kay & John) (from Coromal Club Newsletter)
Thursday lunch time saw Kay and I arrive at Tanunda to find Judy and the Talbots already there but just setting up. Not long after Ken arrived and mid-afternoon the Snowballs graced us with their presence. Happy hour was spent under the Talbots awning with everybody wrapped up against the cold and electric and gas fires to make the whole thing more pleasant. As usual "happy hour" became several hours but the cold eventually beat us and we all headed in to the warmth of our vans.
Friday dawned to a beautiful morning so the Snowballs, Grays and Talbots decided to walk into town to do some shopping and to have a look around, after stopping off at Wohlers for coffee. But as it was Friday which as we all know is Brian's sugar hit day so his was a strawberry cake followed by a strawberry milk shake. Good on you Brian hope you enjoyed it!!! Soon after we got back to camp, Merv and Shirley arrived.
Kay and I had to visit our daughter that evening but I was assured that happy hour was again a success (when have they ever not been?) but instead of braving the cold everyone met in the camp kitchen.
Saturday was cooler and more overcast with everyone doing their own thing for the most part but later in the day we were joined by Shirley Nichols and her two miniature poodles. She settled in nicely but was unable to come with us to the Tanunda Club for tea because the dogs wouldn't settle. The Club was a good choice; although the meals were a little dearer they were well cooked and of a reasonable size and the dining area was good too, with plenty of room to move and a good atmosphere.
Unfortunately, on Sunday we had to say goodbye to Merv and Shirley and Brian and Barbara but, in the morning, Shirley Nichols brother-in-law popped in to say Hi and mentioned he had a motor home and was thinking of joining the club. We all had a chat with him and agreed he'd make a good member. That evening we agreed to pool our resources and have a Bar-B-Q / happy hour in the camp kitchen with everyone joining in. In the end we had enough food to feed the whole of Tanunda but we decided to limit it to couple of German tourists instead. Unfortunately, Shirley needed to watch the Crows Game and was unable to come.
As all things must, Shirley Nichols, the Talbots and the Grays headed home on Monday morning, leaving Ken and Judy to enjoy their last day in peace. We all had a great time, as usual.

Next Rallies:
September 11th – 26th, Rolling Rally - Kapunda (2), Melrose (2), Rawnsley (3) Orroroo (2), Jamestown (2), Eudunda (2), Nuriootpa (3)
October 12th – 17th, Mannum
November 10th – 14th, Nuriootpa

ELIZABETHAN CARAVAN CLUB Inc

No report for August and September Rallies.

Next Rally: Sept, Tanunda and National Rally, Canberra

PACK CAMPING CLUB Inc

August & September Meetings

There were no rallies or meetings in August or September.
Next rally is an extended one at Pt Fairy, Vic in early October

Next Rally: October: Pt Fairy, Victoria

DAVE BENSON CARAVAN CLUB

September Rally at Buronga Caravan Park, NSW	COST p/n: 28.75 for 7 night stay, VANS: 9 (+ 2 + 1 Motor Home shorter stay)

Most of our sites had cement slabs, which made it a lot easier to keep tidy. Very nice park and Clinton the manager had a good supply of red gum logs for the fire. A nice park and a reasonable tariff when staying 7 nights.
Some members arrived before the rally start as they had travelled down from up north and were heading home via Buronga. Very good turnout for the week. Friday was catch up day for members, as some had been chasing the sun for winter, then happy hour with scones, jam and cream, around the camp fire. Saturday was an easy day for everybody. Happy hour around the fire, followed by BBQ tea in the camp kitchen. Then we all settled in with a big bowl of popcorn to watch the Crows thrash the Kangaroos 141 to 79. We did make a bit of noise cheering the Crows on. Sunday was brunch in the camp kitchen followed by our club meeting. Happy hour around the fire which was stoked up well to get plenty of hot coals. Then it was toast, baked potatoes, with cheese, ham, sour cream, chives and coleslaw for tea. This was followed by popcorn again. What a good feed we all had. Sunday and Monday were nice sunny warm days and some of us went swimming at the Mildura indoor pool on Monday. Tuesday and Wednesday cold, wet and windy, Thursday just cold wind. A drive out to Woodies Gem Shop in Mildura on Wednesday saw a few items bought. This was followed by lunch at the Coomealla club for the $5 special. A big feed for the money. Then of course into the pokies but nobody had a win. Thursday afternoon a drive to Trentham winery in Gol Gol , they also do a nice coffee and hot chocolate.
A good rally with great company, just unfortunate with cold wet weather on some of the days. I would recommend the well grassed and laid out park.

Next Rally: To be advised

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SOUTHERN CROSS CARAVAN CLUB INC

August Rally at Moonta Bay Caravan Park	VANS: 10, CABINS: 1 Estimated spend $3000.

No report.

September Rally at Strathalbyn Caravan Park	COST p/n: $27:00, VANS: 6 + 1 Motel + 1 Cabin + 2 Visitors Estimated spend $2900

All arrived on the Thursday after the previous days deluge of rain. Remarkably the park was in good condition. We mostly had good weather after that with a bit of drizzle at night. The countryside was an absolute picture with lots of green grass and all the creeks and streams flowing. Thursday night it was decided to go to the Robin Hood Hotel for dinner. We were glad we did because the meals were fantastic and huge to boot. Everyone was very happy and full.
On Friday we had the President's meet and greet with our visitors joining us for Happy Hour and later dinner at the Victoria Hotel. We were impressed with the meals there as well, the Victoria's excellent smorgasbord was voted the difference.
Saturday was mostly free time or for those who wished to participate, a discovery walk and Antique Shops questionnaire had been devised by the Rally Officers. We all met up again later for happy hour and then a communal dinner with sweets supplied. Members were then encouraged to share their interests and/or hobbies
On Sunday we brought out the disc bowls as the sun was shining. Happy Hour in the afternoon and then the traditional Fish and chips for dinner.
Our thanks go to the managers of the Strathalbyn Caravan Park who looked after us very well and made our stay enjoyable.

Next Rallies: Rolling Rally for October. Padthaway, Naracoorte and finishing up at Meningie.

SOUTHERN NOMADS CARAVAN CLUB

August Rally
at Port Wakefield Caravan Park

After braving the gale we arrived at Port Wakefield just before lunch on Thursday to find Phil and Mary already there having just arrived from Port Pirie. We could not do much because of the wind other than have a pleasant chat in the kitchen.
The first to arrive on Friday was Jack and Leslie with everybody else drifting in during the morning with Richard and Chris last mid-afternoon, then it was Happy hour with everybody congregating in the kitchen, the use of which was doubly welcome with the chill factor of the still strong winds.
Saturday after the meeting some of us went for a walk to the local café and had a light lunch which tuned out to be not too light after all, very delicious though.
At happy hour Richard returned from his and Christine's egg run with free or very cheap eggs courtesy of their daughter, thank you Richard, included in the eggs was one, which he presented to Phil, which must have been an emu egg judging by its size.
Saturday evening was barbeque night ably and well catered by Jack H and Mary with several willing assistants. Thanks to all with more than enough food and delicious desserts though Jack W was a bit too eager with his dessert and punched holes in the base of two bowls.
Next on the menu was quiz night, with the first round close at 22-24 and the second round a draw 24-24 a good and hilarious time was had by all.
At the meeting on Sunday Jack W was awarded the frog for his afore mentioned bowl digging but it was then decided to make it a joint award as Margarete had tried to pour hot water into the same bowls with the water ending up on the floor. Ed was awarded the button for loudly informing the opposing team the answers to quiz questions.
Thelma & Norm

We do not have a rally report for September 2016.

We had a number of our members heading off to the National Rally in Canberra and only two members listed to go to Cudlee Creek for our September rally.
Unfortunately due to the weather affecting the closure of roads and flooding in the area it was regrettable that our members had to cancel attending Cudlee Creek.

Next Rallies: October- We are looking forward to going to Paringa for a week-long rally.

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WANDERERS CARAVAN CLUB of SA Inc

August Rally at Riverton	17 Vans, $28 per night Approx spend in the area: $2200

Twelve vans arrived early on Thursday amidst extremely windy weather conditions ahead of the forecast overnight rain. The park manager allowed us to pick our own sites and most headed for the high ground. Unfortunately Drew and Chris H found the lowest point in the park and woke up to a small lake around their van.
A further 6 vans arrived on Friday, which was extremely cold with a maximum temperature of 11°. Prior to happy hour Chris H (and her assistant Drew) gave a very professional demonstration on the use of the defibrillator which the club now possesses. It was clear to all that Chris was most competent in its use and it is very comforting to know that we have someone like Chris in our club should the unfortunate occasion arise that we need to use it. The demonstration was held in the newly constructed camp kitchen which was then the venue for happy hour. The lousy weather continued so everyone was rugged up another cold night. Friday evening was to be a communal BBQ at the camp kitchen but because of the lousy weather it was decided to move it to the local community hall.
This had been originally hired for the Saturday games night but after a few phone calls and rearranging the programme by our ever thinking committee it was decided to have a combined BBQ and games night on the Friday at this hall.
The "games" were meant to be horse racing using the club's wooden horses. However, when unpacked, the horses were seen to have succumbed to old age. So with further thinking on the run by the committee it was decided to change the "games" to cards (May I?, Frustration and Rummikins). As it turned out with all the hiccups a great time was had by all. The hall was very comfortable, there was plenty of room and the facilities were first rate. Worth considering for the future.
After another night of rain we all woke up to a very wet and soggy caravan park. One of the first noises heard was water cascading from John and Lynn R's "duck pond" on their awning. Time for some arch bars for your awning John.
On Saturday morning most of us ventured to the produce market in the centre of town. The scones and muffins were to die for. We Wanderers certainly know how to home in on these gastronomic delights.
Saturday afternoon after arrangements made by President John we took a short ride out of town to the farm of Kent and Ann Hallett who are well known local identities and are true horse people, a fact that appealed to many in the club.
They also host an annual event for the Salisbury Hunt Club. This is a beautiful little mixed farm and Kent and Ann are in the process of setting up a small art gallery (with a horse theme of course) in an old restored cottage which we visited on the farm. There was also a lovely old lady there showing off her amazing wood carvings-made more amazing by the fact that she was 87 years old.
The countryside around here is delightful, especially this time of year when the creeks are flowing and the crops are green. Fortunately on the day we visited the farm the weather was improving and the rain stayed away so we could appreciate its beauty. We returned to the caravan park to be greeted by a thronging crowd of football fans watching the local football match on the oval next door. The match was between Riverton/Saddleworth and Manoora/Mintaro. They were a noisy mob and continued on to the wee hours of the morning-much to the annoyance of some. For the record Riverton won quite convincingly, however I think the true heroes of the day will be the mothers/wives who will have to clean some very muddy football shorts.
After another entertaining day it was happy hour time in the camp kitchen and President John had the important task of inducting 2 new members in Gerry and Liz P. Gerry and Liz, who are originally from Wales (note the numberplate on his car), were attracted to the club after noting the good time we had while staying at Nuriootpa Caravan Park one weekend. Saturday night was a free night and most stayed in to watch the Crows beat Port in Showdown 42.
Sunday we woke to a much better day and farewelled all those leaving that day over a cup of coffee in the camp kitchen.
The remainder then travelled to Rhynie for a very enjoyable meal in the very rustic Rhynie Hotel and to celebrate the many birthdays which happen to occur in our club in August.

September Rally at Cobdogla Station Caravan Park	Vans: 15. Sites were $32.00 per night. Approx spend in the area: $4420

Cobdogla Station Caravan Park is a pleasant, quiet spot on the banks of the Murray River, near Berri, with plenty of space and many grassy sites. Amenities are good, but not modern. Park management had provided a marquee for us to erect and a 6-burner BBQ for our Sunday breakfast. Park fees were $32 per night, including Club Discount.
Highlights of the Rally were cruises on the Murray River and through the Loch Luna Game Reserve from nearby Kingston-on-Murray, the Riverland Field Day at Berri and Banrock Station with its food, wine, wetlands and walks. Not far away, and worth a visit, is the great old Overland Corner Hotel.

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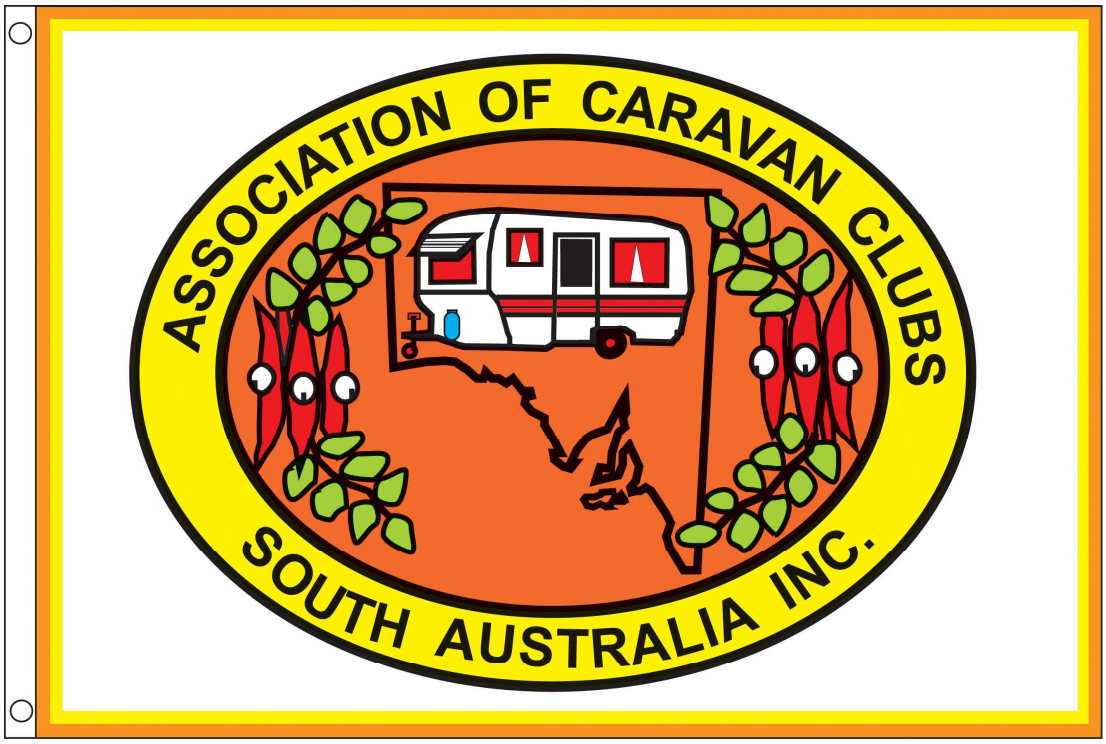
September Rally (Continued from P 12**)**
at Cobdogla Station Caravan Park

The Cobdogla Club always provides a good value meal and plenty of raffles - we won five of the 20 odd meat-tray prizes -one member scoring three of them!
On Saturday, many members spread throughout the district sight-seeing, with some choosing to stay put and socialise. A wonderful shared Saturday night tea of casseroles, curries and side dishes was followed by a celebration for the 46'ers, a big year for the 9 or so members born in that great year. The cakes/desserts went down a treat.
Thanks to the Sunday brekkie BBQ chefs for providing the mob with sausages, eggs and bacon, immediately followed by coffees, biscuits and cake to farewell those members departing. Does anyone ever go home hungry from a rally?
Final farewells Monday morning and safe travels to all especially the Linga Longa'ers.

Next Rally: October Linga-Longa (Eyre Peninsular):
October, Wallaroo North Beach T.P.; November, Mannum C.P.



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Latest "Camping Sites" webpage

The "Go See OZ" team, part of QORF (Qld Outdoor Recreation Federation) bring your attention to the latest & most comprehensive resource webpage, that assists travellers, both local & overseas visitors, the attached webpage, "Camping Sites". Several links have had their parent website upgraded, enhanced, updated & the modern facilities of video, photo galleries, & not only camping sites but extensions to "Places of Interest" etc. included. http://4x4earth.com/campsites/

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