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7:30 pm
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at
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7:00 pm for Coffee

All Welcome!

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PRESIDENT'S CHATTER:

A part of our Mission Statement is to "represent caravan clubs at a public and industry level".
There has been recent publicity from people who have purchased new Caravans but have difficulty in getting faults repaired under warranty. The problem seems common when a defect is found and some dealers refer the purchaser to the Manufacturer.
My own experience was that when I reported the fault to the local dealer he engaged a delay tactic in having the repairs approved. When he did not respond to my problem after a reasonable time, I contacted the manufacturer direct who simply referred me to the manufacturer of the product and I had to organise the replacement.
A further matter raised was the 12 month warranty on a $50,000+ caravan which was not considered a reasonable coverage, particularly when compared to that provided by the motor vehicle industry.
The challenge for us is: "How do we generate a voice sufficient to bring these matters to the attention of the authorities on a State and National basis." Your thoughts and experiences on this matter are welcomed.

Safe Travelling.
Graham Brown,
President, ACCSA

FROM THE EDITOR:

The 2017 ACCSA AGM was held on 4th August, 2017, with all positions filled. A good turn out by all, for a good meeting. All Clubs are advised of the changes to the ACCSA Committee via the box on the left of this page.

Please note that your Club Rally reports are due with the Editor by the date shown below. To make the reports more useful for other Clubs planning on future visits to the sites, a brief summary of what your club did, the state of the park, the amenities provided and anything else of interest. As will be seen from some of the reports in this edition, the approach of the park management is also important and can help other clubs when dealing with them.

Again, all Clubs are reminded to forward any changes to their contacts to the ACCSA Secretary.

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

Where and When is the next National Caravan Clubs Rally?

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

Those who are considering attending this Rally are urged to lodge their nominations as soon as possible.

Follow this link: https://www.17thnationalcaravanrally.org.au

RALLY COSTS

The total cost for this Rally is $450.00, which includes the registration fee of $30.00.

Payments can be made in full on registration or perhaps by the preferred method of $30.00 (non-refundable) on registration and then further payments on a regular basis. Most people have opted for this option. First part Payment of $120 is due on or before 30th June 2017, the second payment of $150.00 on or before 30th June 2018 and the final payment of $150 must be paid by 30 June 2019.

More information can be found at: www.17thnationalcaravanrally.org.au

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."

CARAVAN CLUB OF SA

August Rally at Strathalbyn Caravan Park	4 Vans Approx Expenditure over all was $350+

On a cool spring day 4 vans attended the Strathalbyn rally. Norma and Gary were first to arrive followed by Gary G, then Diane and Doug (with Doug receiving some vocal directions on where to put the van). Mary and Bob arrived later in the afternoon (due to a Medical appointment).
The Park facilities are in good condition and kept clean, the new single unisex units require a key (deposit required).
Norma and Gary were adapting a new shade/wind break to their rear awning, and Bob had problems with his awning flap bars (too many supervisor/ onlookers).
Due to the elimination footy final Saturday night it was decided to hold the quiz night Friday night, fortunately the Park Caretaker allowed us to use the Tennis Club rooms.
It was mentioned prior to the quiz starting that this type of activity is good to prevent Dementia but I feel most of those present had left it too late. A good time had by all with much hilarity.
Norma and Mary both won prizes. Gary G won the free rally - "thanks" Mary.
Saturday morning dawned still cool and overcast with all members making the walk to town, returning for lunch. Following lunch, members relaxed with some playing board games whilst the new Club TV was being set up in Doug & Diane's annex to watch the Footy elimination final.
Tea was provided by the club, consisting of Soup, (Pumpkin or Vegetable) followed by Pancakes.
Sunday dawned a much warmer spring day as everyone was packing up to return home.
Thanks to Diane for arranging and providing everything (Soup, Quiz, etc.) for another successful rally.

Garry G.

Next Rallies: To be advised

SOUTH AUSTRALIA - 2022 NATIONAL RALLY

NOTE THAT THE DATE AND PLACE FOR THE 2022 RALLY ARE YET TO BE CONFIRMED

The S.A. 2022 NATIONAL RALLY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE is:

PRESIDENT:	Phil Chandler.
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ASSISTANT SECRETARY:	John Baans.
TREASURER:	Trevor Porter.
ASSISTANT TREASURER:	Graham Brown.
PUBLIC OFFICER:	Reg Merritt.

Several other non-executive committee positions were also nominated and elected.

The next meeting of the 2022 National Rally Planning Committee will be at Walkerville RSL Hall on 27th September 2017.

All interested ACCSA Affiliated Club members are invited to attend.

BAROSSA VALLEY CARAVAN CLUB

August Rally
at Waikerie Holiday Park, 4th – 6th August, 2017

10 Vans, 1 Cabin

Winter is still with us but despite the inclement weather four vans had arrived by Thursday with the remaining six vans plus JP, who stayed in a cabin, arriving on Friday.
The park, which relocated early in the year, is very open with 81 van and camp sites, new facilities and 19 cabins. The camp kitchen provided a meeting place plus stoves, microwave, toaster and jug however it is very open and cold in the wintery weather. The early arrivals on Thursday moved to the recreation room, a short distance away, for happy hour –Michael and Bill provided heaters to warm up the room. Two sets of electric barbeques are conveniently located in the park, as is a laundry and dump site. Powered site fee $30.60 per night which included 10% discount for the group.
Friday brought mostly fine weather however with evening came more showers. Happy hour and tea were enjoyed in the recreation room complimented once again with much appreciated heaters.
The atmosphere warmed up with some of the group staying to watch the AFL match between Sydney and Geelong. Some supporters allegiance swung during the match ??? and others helped the umpires with their decisions???
Saturday morning we woke to fine weather!

Highlights included:
- Lunch at View Point Café – fabulous view but too cold and windy to sit outside
- Visit to Illalangi two doors up to sample delicious jams, chutneys, olives, etc., and to purchase some delicious Australian made foods
- Visit to Waikerie Glider Club where members enjoyed an informative afternoon and watched a glider in action. No one took up the option of a flight – maybe next time!!
- Dinner at Waikerie Hotel and Motel – 2 course meal $32.50 per head – choice of 2 soups and 3 mains.

Sunday saw 3 vans leave including Kevin and I.
Highlights for Sunday included:
- Visit to Caudo Vineyard 25 km from Waikerie on the Waikerie to Cadell Rd. Kevin and I took the opportunity to visit this vineyard on Saturday for coffee and wine tasting. This is a picturesque hidden gem of the Riverland located on the banks of the river, a perfect spot in fine weather. Hopefully the weather was kind to those visiting on Sunday for pizza lunch.
- Watching Showdown and shared tea.

ank you to Marilynn and Tim Lewis for organising the rally.
Elaine D, Waikerie Reporter

September (Extended) Rally
from Stony Creek Bush Camp
to Farina and back.

16 vans attended the excellent Stony Creek Bush Camp. Dinner in the camp kitchen was tasty pie floaters, followed by trifle.

Saturday morning was fine for a small group of walkers, and later it was all aboard into town. The op-shop was as popular as ever, and then some went next door for coffee, valiantly provided by a solitary barista. Back at camp the fire ring was as usual the gathering place, along with Michael's lovingly tended "pig".

Saturday's main event was the Mad Hatters' High Tea and, amid much hilarity and clicking of cameras, everyone partook of the amazing array of party food. Many thanks go to those who

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prepared the food. Jeff G and Marilyn R were adjudged to be the maddest hat-wearers, and each received a suitable prize to put in their china cabinets.

As if we had not eaten enough for the day, our hosts Kelli and Wayne, for $25 p.p., provided a sumptuous three-course dinner. Park fee was $25-00 per night. That was the end of happiness for our Port Power supporters.

On Sunday morning the walkers enjoyed their usual chatty stroll and later our President, Fred, chaired the club meeting. Then it was back to serious business – food – namely the Damper Camp Oven Cook-off. The judges, Wayne and Kelli, were hard-pressed to select a winner from among the many worthy entries, but eventually 'Entry Number 5', created by Margaret S, took the prize. Then the eleven dampers were demolished by the 30 "unofficial judges".

Bright and early on Monday a convoy of 9 vans headed north. We paused at Hawker and Quorn for the usual reasons, and then unexpectedly at Dingley Dell while John P and Graham W went to the aid of a motorist with tyre trouble. Unfortunately this resulted in us missing our planned visit to Blinman. Never mind, those legendary pasties should still be there next time.

We proceeded with care along the Parachilna road, and camped for two nights at the Heysen Trailhead. It was a pleasant setting with tables and benches. It was a great place for stargazing, and it gave some of us the opportunity to say we have walked (on) the Heysen Trail. The wild goats also added interest.

Beltana Station was our eagerly anticipated next stop for two nights. On the first night we enjoyed an unexpected and delicious two-course meal provided by the station in the old shearing shed for $25 p.p.

We strolled back through time in the historic township of Beltana, picked some ripe quandongs for the camp oven dinner with pork fillets and drove slowly out to see the ruinous Sliding Rock mine site and township. It gave us further reason to be awed by the endurance and resourcefulness of the early settlers. A picnic lunch by the creek was very pleasant.

Next day 8 vans left Beltana on the last northbound leg of our trip. We paused at Parachilna, and then had a longer refuelling stop for humans, dogs and vehicles at Copley.

Farina was the same peaceful, relaxing place, with its cemetery and war memorial, and some additional restoration work done on various buildings. The parent emus with their chicks created interest, as did the big screen outdoor movies, 3 Stooges and "Last Cab to Darwin" and the community camp oven meals and dampers.

Four vans stayed on for an extra night at Farina, a free camp among the beautiful gums at Willochra Creek near Melrose, then a night at picturesque Bowman Park near Crystal Brook.

An unwelcome "feature" of this trip was the number of tyre problems – four among our group. We were lucky to have John on hand with his tyre -repairing skills and equipment! Another memorable thing about this trip was that we enjoyed a campfire every night (and still had some wood left over at the end!).

Fees at Stony Creek and Beltana with power were $25-00 per night. Farina $10-00 per night for 2. Had we stayed in the National Park for 1 night it would have been $23-00 per van and book on line!!!

Next Rallies: To be advised

ELIZABETHAN CARAVAN CLUB

July Rally 14th – 16th
at Wallaroo Caravan Park

Vans: 7
Costs: $2,480

Friday – A cold windy day ahead, Phil & Marie headed to Pt Hugh's for most of the day, Dee & Andy went into Kadina to the Service SA centre and had a look around the town.

Steve & Deb, Ian & Pen arrived during the afternoon and set up camp on the ensuite sites. Lyn & James arrived late afternoon. We headed over to the camp kitchen for meet n greet and went thru some of the things that we could do over the weekend. Barry, Su, Phil, Marie, Kaye & Jim went to the pub for tea while the others cooked and ate in the camp kitchen and stayed around for a while chatting.

Saturday, we awoke to another cold windy day still no rain which was a good thing. Around 11am we headed into Wallaroo township for a coffee at the Treasure & Treats Café. Wow!! What a place, full of nic nacs, old wares, books, bric a brac just to name a few things. The café was also gluten free & diabetic friendly which was great for those effected. Once we were all finished we took a drive to the beach to see the house that gets drowned when the tide comes right up. We all got out and went for a closer look, apparently it gets rented out. Couldn't believe that anyone would want to stay in it after being flooded so many times, I'm sure the inside wouldn't be too great. After a walk around the rocks and collecting some shells we headed back to the cars.

6pm we were booked into the Prince Edward Hotel for tea. Garlic bread was first thing out to the

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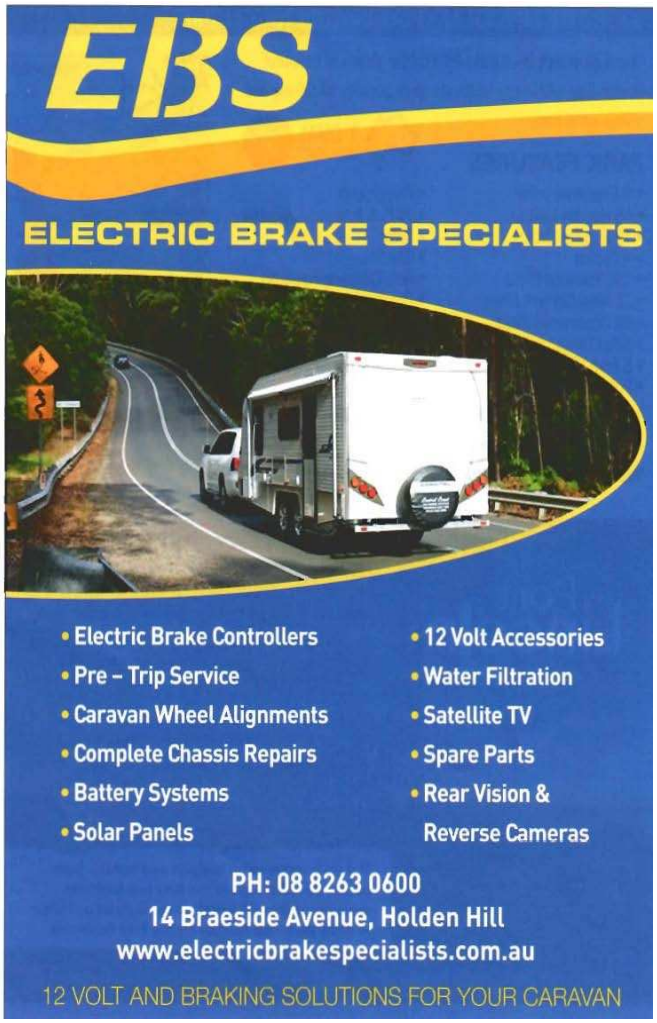
table to those that ordered it. The meals were not too far behind being brought out. Barry convinced he was going to be last as he had ordered blue steak, surprisingly he was not last for once. All meals at the hotel were gluten free. Most enjoyed their meals and left with full bellies. On arriving back at the park, we all said goodnight and headed to our vans.

Sunday, we woke to another windy, cold day with rain on the horizon. We all left around 9.30am & headed to a café at Pt Hugh's for breaky. Some had the big breaky which contained, (2 fried or scrambled eggs, mushrooms, bacon, tomato, sausage & baked beans with toast) and brought out to you in a big pan & easily fed 2. Some had the small big breaky (as above just a smaller serve & pan) fed 1. Breaky burger and any of the above on its own. Very enjoyable. It started to drizzle as we headed back to the park and by the time we arrived back the rain had settled in and stayed for the remainder of the day. It was a quiet afternoon with everyone staying in their vans where it was warm and dry. Farewell/ goodbye was held at 5pm in the camp kitchen. Despite the cold & windy weekend with a wet Sunday we still had fun and enjoyed the rally.

Andy getting the last trophy, Lyn & James getting the nearly trophy. Most went back to their vans for tea, Dee & Andy cooked in the camp kitchen and all the others returned with drinks & nibbles to share. What a great night we had chatting and sharing stories with each other. We left the kitchen around 10pm said goodnight and headed to our vans.

Monday, we woke up to cold, windy & wet conditions. Everyone trying to pack up with the wind blowing and in between the showers. We all got packed without too much trouble. Steve had a slight altercation with a camper's dog who was off its lead & trying to have a piece of his ankle, luckily the dog didn't succeed. Kaye & Jim were the only ones not packing up as they were staying till Friday with their grandies.

Next Rallies: To be advised



JAYCO CARAVAN CLUB OF SA INC

August Rally at Milang, 18th to 20th Aug	8 Vans

We arrived Thursday afternoon at our site with the sun actually shining, but this only lasted for 50 seconds and the wind and rain set in. Two brave souls from the club had already set up their site and were out touring. Happy Hour past us by - the flimsy open air timber BBQ area looked less than inviting! We might give this a try at a later date.

After lunch we decided to check out Finnis, as we could not remember whether we had been there before! As we entered the "wee village" we were bemused by a sign which boasted that the café had "The Best Burgers on the Fleurieu ". What a pity we had already eaten.

Memories, Memories….Last time we were here at Milang with Jayco, it was February, and we were in the grip of a drought. The water level was at a considerable distance from the shore. Some of us walked out through the dry dead reed bed to inspect a boat sitting on terra firma with no water in sight. It is reassuring to see the lake so full today - even if it is raining.

We enjoyed our Goolwa visit. Lovely art and photographic exhibitions, as usual, by some of our best South Australian artists. We were lucky to get into Signal Point for a sneak preview of Lindy Downing's Photographic display of her Fleurieu Flora and Fauna exhibition titled "The Journey". Stunning Work. We highly recommend a visit before it closes on November 3rd. On our return to Milang we were greeted by Flo and Dennis – our full quota so far for the weekend- 7 vans, 7couples and Viva. Friday night tea at the Bowling Club

Happy hour was held in a public shelter across the road from the park where three wise men, Bob, John and Peter, came to the aid of a switched off unknown Jayco novice, a non-member, with a perplexing problem. He had lights but no power to his stove and hair dryer.

The group checked all the circuits. But still no power. Switching the power on at the parks outlet restored everything to normal. The next day Peter's services were required again to fix his water problem. Dinner that night at the Bowling Club was a friendly, warm family affair with great home cooked meals enjoyed by all. A generous nine tickets for $5 raffle was held. No Luck in the draw for the "Jaycos" until the last prize which Flo won. A bag of lemons and rather curious ten dollar voucher. Perhaps a bag of "Chaff"?

It's Saturday morning and everybody is off in different directions. It's also Market day and most are at the local Institute looking for a bargain to snap-up. The nearby bakery is doing great business. It's a very popular meeting spot for morning coffee and lunch with lots of yummy offerings to select. Bob and Gail made two visits.

Garry enjoyed snapping the hungry pelicans when the fisherman returned. Dennis was engrossed at the Railway museum, while Flo rested from an active stroll. Peter and Ileane drove through some lovely grazing country from Milang to Clayton finally ending at Point Sturt. Last but not least, Sandra and John Tarrant arrived mid-afternoon. Now our group totals sixteen plus Viva.

The hotel dinner went down very well. Our ample size servings were eagerly consumed in a comfortable, warm and private dining room. Many thanks to John who admirably stepped up to the helm and organized the meal plus shared some good information about Milang and surrounding places of interest. All in all a pleasant relaxing and intimate gathering with great company and gradually improving weather. We departed on Sunday with a forecast of 20 degrees followed by 23 degrees. Amazing. Once again, Spring is in the air and arriving soon at a place near YOU. Bring it on.

Next Rally: September – Clare Caravan Park

ALWAYS AVAILABLE

Aluminium (Screw or rivet fix)	@ $15 ea
Self-adhesive vinyl	@ $12 ea

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Contact: treasurer@accsa.asn.au or **0413 596 852**

FRIENDS AND FAMILY CARAVAN AND CAMPING CLUB

August Rally at Mt Pleasant Caravan Park, 18th to 20th Aug	11 Vans (21 Adults and 10 Children)

The weekend started as usual with arrivals staggered throughout the afternoon, some members were able to come up earlier due to pupil free days at certain schools. A majority of people managed to make it to the local pub for dinner. Everybody agreed the food was good as was the company. Later that evening everybody gathered around the fire where the kids all roasted marshmallows and the adults caught up on the events since the last rally.

We were lucky enough to be in walking distance from the Mount Pleasant Farmer's Markets which are a popular weekly event. Most people wandered over for a look first thing Saturday morning. There were stalls with the usual suspects like fruit and veg, bread, small goods etc but also a few more interesting such as vegan meals. The market is also quite well known for their breakfasts which ranged from bacon and egg rolls to full farmer's breakfasts, all of which looked and tasted delicious.

After the markets it was time for morning cuppa where Grant highlighted a few attractions which were nearby while Steve thought he was Eminem and danced/sung in the background.

As Mount Pleasant was only an hour or so drive from the city we were joined by a number of families for the day. Most people stayed at the park for the rest of the day, going for walks to the main street or back to the markets for another look.

The club game and happy hour brought everybody back together mid-afternoon. Michaela managed to defeat new comer Charlise in the kids final while Sue Roberts defeated the Potts in the adults final.

There was a small gathering around the fire on Saturday night. Mark set up his home made game which kept the boys entertained for quite a while.

Sunday morning was quite entertaining for everybody apart from Steve and Sally. We all packed up, had morning cuppa, said our good-byes etc then stood around watching a rather large tow truck pull into the park. It manoeuvred the Benke's Navara onto the flat bed and their caravan was hitched up behind. They drove off with Sally waving from the backseat like the queen hoping the driver could stop for coffee somewhere on the way home. After the main event we all finished packing up and headed home after a lovely weekend.

Next Rally: September – Clare Caravan Park

SOUTHERN CROSS CARAVAN CLUB OF SA INC

July Rally at Goolwa	8 Vans

Hi Everyone,

We, that is Valerie, Kimbo and I arrived on Friday lunchtime, the last to arrive, shortly after our guests for the weekend Faye and Bob. Thank goodness we weren't any later as after we set up we went shopping for supplies for Saturday night's community meal. We were in the local supermarket when the heavens opened up, torrential downpour the noise in the shopping centre was incredible, it was gone in few minutes but boy it left a mess, car park was flooded gutters were awash, etc, On return to caravan park there was water lying about everywhere, the gazeboes had a good wash and proved water tight. Now about the gazebos when putting up gazebos two of the sides could not be found, all and sundry present were scratching their collective heads as to where they could be. El' President John A eventually located missing sides as a result of a phone call to supplier/manufacturer revealing they were there awaiting repair after being damaged in Hahndorf Rally storm. Secretary John B then made an executive decision to go to "EL Cheapo" shop to purchase blue tarpaulins to cover the gaps, thank goodness he did, it would have been extremely cold otherwise.

Friday nights venue for dinner was "JACK'S PLACE" restaurant at Goolwa Motel mixed reviews on the meals as some were excellent while others were disappointing including one which was returned uneaten for a refund. I had the roast which was excellent as was the LAMB SHANK PIE (wasn't sure how you put a lamb shank in a pie, shank was wrapped in pastry rested on gravy etc) they were devoured with gusto.

Saturday we awoke to a lovely sunny morning, didn't last though several rainy periods during day. After a very average score 28/50 for the Advertiser Quiz most ventured out to various venues which included Farmers markets Salvage yards and other like venues. Saturday evening meal in the gazebos was a community affair with half of our number supplying soups and casseroles and the other half sweets etc. WOW what a feast, as usual for our mob heaps of food plenty left over, and Aunty Jean nowhere in sight. This was followed by bush poetry and Australiana Stories.

Sunday another glorious morning which did last most of the day, but it turned cold very quickly once the sun got low in the western sky. Sunday breakfast was marred by the cold weather - only three or four souls braved the conditions. Most

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spent the day visiting local attractions while quite a few braved the cold winds for whale watching at Basham Beach, if you could find a park. We ventured to Port Elliot just west of Horseshoe Bay and spotted about six whales straight out from the end of the Main Street. Sunday night was the usual fare of F and C's enormous pieces of fish which were fabulous.
Overall a great weekend considering the time of year. Our visitors Faye and Bob fitting in very well for their first rally, hopefully we will see them again in the near future possibly Mt Compass.
John B had his weekend spoilt by our four legged friend, whilst walking Sunday morning to get paper "THE DOG" decided to lose some weight on some autumn leaves, on completion he covered his mess in leaves John with plastic bag in hand stepped forward to locate the offending material when his foot gave way thereby locating the waste. Rest of morning cleaning shoes.
Stay Warm TC
From the Editor: Prospective new members, Mark & Margie Spence, of Hindmarsh Island, joined us for Happy Hour and stayed on for the shared tea. We look forward to them joining us on future rallies.

Next Rallies: To be advised

SOUTHERN NOMADS CARAVAN CLUB OF SA INC

August Rally
at Normanville Jetty Caravan Park, 11th - 13 Aug

7 Vans, 1 Cabin. Total Spend $796
Park fees $568, Meals $191, Incidentals $37,

The Park rates at the Normanville Jetty Caravan Park was $33.25 per night and the cabin was $102.00 per night.
We had seven members vans and one member in a cabin attend our Normanville AGM rally and we had two members and their wife/partners visit us for our AGM that was held on Saturday August 12.
The Normanville Jetty Caravan Park had changed management since we were at the park two years ago and they currently have a program to refresh and upgrade the amenities throughout the park. The stairs from the lower level are dangerous in the present condition and it is understood that they will be attended to soon. We drew the management's attention to the lack of lighting on the stairs to which they did get an electrician to come at attend to the problem. It is understood that the amenities on the upper level will be closed in early December to allow for them to be upgraded. We found the management to be very cooperative in regard to our requirements over the weekend. The Festival Wanderers Motorhome Club were also booked into the park for the weekend and cooperation in respect of use the camp kitchen area for our AGM was exemplary. We also shared with the motorhome club for our Saturday night dinner.
Members made their own arrangements for dinner on Friday night: some had dinner in their vans, whilst others had fish & chips or went to the Asian restaurant in town for dinner. We had our AGM Saturday afternoon followed by happy hour and a soup night for dinner. We had a bit of rain on the Friday, Saturday was sunny at times and Sunday was a perfect sunny day but sadly, Sunday came around too quickly. Everybody packed up, had morning tea together and went off home. Every one enjoyed themselves after a good relaxing weekend.

September Rally
at Kapunda Caravan Park ,15th - 17 Sept

We had eight members vans and one visitor van attend our Kapunda rally. The management at the Kapunda Caravan Park were very friendly and accommodating. All our members arrived around or just after lunch on the Friday and we had happy hour in the camp kitchen. Saturday was a sunny day and as a result we had our morning meeting outside in the sun. The club made no particular plans to organize members for this weekend. There is a lot of things to do and see in and around Kapunda and members made their own arrangements as to what they wanted to do. Some wandered the town and main street, others went sightseeing, others went to the aircraft museum at Greenock and then on to Nuriootpa for lunch, others stayed and relaxed around the caravan park. The weather on Sunday was a repeat of Saturday. Members packed up, had morning tea together and then headed home.
A relaxing weekend was enjoyed by all.

Next Rallies: October rally at Bridgewater on Loddon, Victoria (Oct 13th – 21st week long).

WANDERERS CARAVAN CLUB OF SA INC

August Rally at Pt Willunga	11 Vans, 2 Visitors Total Spend for the weekend: $3245

We left home on Friday morning about 9.15 for the long haul to Aldinga, a drive of some 60km. When we arrived about one hour or so later the park was full with Wanderers vans but not a soul in sight, so we set up and even though the weather was cold it had stopped raining, but the wind was still a bit fresh. After an hour or so, people started to return to the park, of course, they had been to the Bakery in Aldinga and even though it was only a short drive, one lucky person got lost, I won't mention names but this same person the day before decided he wasn't quite right on his site so decided to go round and try again and in doing so, cleaned up the side of his van and broke the window on a very large steel rubbish container that jumped out and caught him on the way past, Pam was not impressed. The rest of the afternoon was spent chatting to people over coffee and hearing how bad the weather was on Thursday night with strong wind and rain. I'm glad we had commitments in town and didn't arrive till Friday. The committee meeting was held about 2 o'clock then straight into Happy Hour. We also welcomed our visitors for the weekend; Chris and Malcolm Feder on their 3rd visit and Jennifer and Peter Drury on their first visit. I'm sure we will see them again soon.

Friday night the Park put on Dinner for us in the office/restaurant with a choice of Fish, Calamari, or Schnitzel all with chips and salad for $12.50 per head, it was very nice the only complaint was they forgot to serve one meal - to John (El Pres), but when it did arrive I got an extra helping of chips.

Saturday morning saw the weather improve with sunshine and no wind so coffee for most members was had in the office/ restaurant again, then a couple of the 'smaller' members of the club had a challenge race on the 2 peddle carts and I'm pleased to say even though young Swany tried to cheat by taking a short cut, he came to grief in the fence which let the Pres take the honours, good boy. After lunch we went for a drive to the Myponga Dam. I heard on the radio the day before, because of so much rain, the reservoir was up to 95% full, and as a precaution the flood gates were open so up to the lookout for photos, then continue on to the Myponga Markets for coffee and a look around, back to the park for general meeting and Happy Hour then Pizza Night, Some cooked their own as was the intention and shared the recipe, but alas, others used the oven in the local Pizza Bar with home delivery (mine was very nice).

I heard that after tea a sweet young lady decided it was too cold to stay in the Camp Kitchen so went back to the van to warm up, but trying to get into the van with her hands full, slipped from the step and fell backwards onto the ground, not wanting to break the bottle or the crystal wine glass, lay there with legs in the air for several minutes trying to get up, in some ways thankful no one saw her, just remember dear, I have more wine and spare wine glasses. Following on with the Italian Theme, Bill conducted an Italian Quiz with congratulations going to Barry H for winning, a special prize went to Jenifer T for spotting a question not related to Italy, though how I don't know, she seemed to be talking most of the time, well done Jenifer.
A big thank you to Bill and Kathy for organising the quiz.

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Sunday morning dawned and another reasonable day weather wise although cold with rain forecast for the afternoon, morning coffee with goodbyes to those going home, then for us staying, took the opportunity to roll up the awnings while still dry,	The rain arrived around 3 o'clock and stayed on and off all night. Apart from cold and wet, another good rally with the Wanderers was had by all.

Next Rallies: Sept - Peterborough; Oct - Pt Turton