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Celebrating 42 Years of Service to Caravanning in South Australia

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PRESIDENT'S CHATTER

CARAVAN PARK PROTOCULS

As reported in the July Journal the Association is still interested in the development of protocols that provide clear policy on the expectations of Caravan Clubs when making a booking at a Caravan Park. Two Clubs have made a submission at this time and I would encourage other Clubs to provide a response to provide a broader prospective of Clubs requirements.
At recent ACCSA meetings several Clubs raised issues towards the booking process at the Nuriootpa and Tanunda Caravan Parks. It was resolved that I write to the Barossa Council seeking their assistance to address these matters. However, I have not received any response from this letter. In comparison there are other Parks that have provided excellent service and are very keen to have Clubs use their venue, so let's make sure we patronise these people.

STATE RALLY- HELP US SUPPORT THE RIVERLAND

The Registrations to attend the Rally will be available from January and we encourage all Clubs to make it a Club Rally. The program is progressing but if any Club members have ideas that they believe will improve the event and make it a more enjoyable please let me know so that we can discuss it at the next meeting. A Technical Officer from the RAA has agreed to attend and provide a presentation on Caravan Safety. If there is any issues you would like to be discussed please advise me and I will pass it onto the speaker.

SPONSORHSIP

I am pleased to report that we have two more Sponsors and we ask that where possible you support these companies and make sure that you advise them that you are a member of ACCSA. Remember we are always on the lookout for additional Sponsors.

CARAVAN AND CAMPING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION S.A.

At the July 2018 Caravan and Camping Show, I met the President of the Caravan and Camping Industry Association and it was agreed that we arrange a meeting with the Association to discuss how we can together promote caravan and camping in S.A. I see this as a positive measure in gaining recognition of ACCSA. I will keep you informed on the results.

Safe Travel

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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Next Delegates Meeting

Wednesday
7:30 pm
3rd October 2018
at
Walkerville RSL Hall
98 Walkerville Terrace
Walkerville

7:00 pm for Coffee
All Welcome!

FROM THE EDITOR:

The years still flying by, September is nearly over.

In this issue Clubs report of their experiences at their rallies, where clubs are rallying in October & November, State and National rally updates and don't forget our sponsors: EBS, North East Isuzu, Savvy Level and Pedders - Salisbury & Prospect.

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

Take Care, Robert Hart

NOTE: Please submit items for the next Journal before 21st November 2018

VALE

It was with deep sadness that we received information that Allan Golding passed away on Sunday 19th August 2018. Allan Golding was the current President of the Jayco Jaybirds Caravan Club at the time of his passing. Allan had a passion for his caravan and the Jayco Jaybirds Caravan Club. He suffered from a short but painful episode of cancer and leaves behind his wife of 20 years, Judy and a number of children, step-children and many Grand Children. He was a very popular and dedicated member of the Club and will be sadly missed. On behalf of ACCSA and the entire caravanning community, our sincere condolences to Allan's family.

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It was with deep sadness that the Barossa Caravan Club learnt of May Jamieson's death during their recent rally. May was on the committee of BVCCC for several years. Our sympathy and thoughts are with Jeff and his Family. It is hoped that May's husband will continue to come to rallies. The BVCCC thank all their members who were able to attend her funeral service.

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

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

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

On Sunday 7th October 2018 Daylight Saving Time Starts

When local standard time is about to reach
Sunday, 7th October 2018, **2:00:00 am** clocks are turned **forward** 1 hour to
Sunday, 7th October 2018, **3:00:00 am** local daylight time instead.
Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour later on 7th October 2018 than the day before.
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From around the clubs:

On the 14th September, George Wild from the Elizabethans celebrated his 90th birthday. Congratulations George. The photo of George on the right was taken at their Burra Rally.

In July & August the Caravan Club of SA recessed and in September rallied to Mt Barker. Their AGM will be held in October.

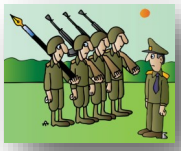
The Dave Benson Caravan Club recessed in August, however were back rallying at Avoca Dell, Murray Bridge in September.

The Southern Cross Caravan Club held there AGM on September 17. Congratulations are in order to the new executive. The club appointed John Baans as a Life Member - Congratulations John.

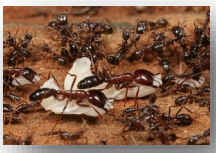
Congratulations to Lorna & Kevin Bretag members of the Adelaide Caravan Club who received their 100th rally badges at their September rally.
The photo on the left is President Lesley presenting Lorna & Kevin with their badges.

Collective Nouns

An Army of Soldiers



An Army of Ants



An Album of Photographs

JAYCO JAYBIRDS SA

http://www.jaycoclubsa.asn.au

The Jayco Jaybirds SA had lunch at the Jungle Bistro (Kent Town Hotel) on July 7th. In August (3rd to 5th) they rallied at Berri followed by their September (7th to 9th) rally at Stony Creek. Rally reports can be found by reading their newsletters on their website.

Next Rallies: October (5th to 6th) at Coobowie and November (2nd to 3rd) at Victor Harbor.

CARAVAN CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC.

The club did not hold rallies in July & August.

September: 7th to 9th at Mt Barker Caravan Park, 5 Vans & 1 Cabin (13 Adults & 4 Children)

Expenses incurred: Park fee $35 per night Total $175, Other expenses approx. $580. A deposit was required.

Opinion on Arrival: Ok, sites & cabin were vacant ready to occupy immediately upon arrival. Facilities were clean. Camp kitchen very nice including a heater.

Park and Surrounds: Surrounds were grassed with access to an oval but sites were gravel.

Would you recommend: Yes, access to shops & movies were easy to get to.

Things our Club participated in: Some went shopping, all went to a movie dinner deal at Wallis theatre.

Next Rally: Port Broughton in October.

REMEMBER

When you visit any of our sponsors,

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

The 18th National Caravan Clubs Rally will be held at the
Riverland Field Days Site, Barmera, South Australia on 28th March to 6th April 2022

Where Clubs are Rallying in October & November

	October	November
Adelaide Caravan Club	Nuriootpa 19-21	Port Vincent 9-11
Barossa Valley Caravan & Camping Club	Milang 5-7	Port Turton 9-11
Caravan Club of South Australia	Port Broughton	Semaphore
Carefree Caravanners of SA	Barmera 18-22)	Mt Compass 15-19
Coromal Caravan Club of SA	Crystal Brook 18-22	TBA 15-19 & AGM
Dave Benson Caravan Club	McLaren Vale 12-19	Goolwa 16-23
Elizabethan Caravan Club	Wellington 19-21	Moonta 16-18
Family & Friends Caravan & Camping Club	Hindmarsh Island 29-1	Belair 2-4
Jayco Caravan Club of SA	Naracoorte	Normanville
Jayco Jaybirds SA	Coobowie 5-6	Victor Harbor 2-3
Masonic Caravan & Travel Club of SA	Gladstone 19-21	Nuriootpa 16-18
Port Augusta Caravan Club		
Riverland Caravan Club		
Southern Cross Caravan Club	Gladstone 18-21	Clare 15-18
Southern Nomads Caravan Club SA	Rawnsley Park 19-26	No Rally
Wanderers Caravan Club of SA	Renmark	Mannum

COROMAL CARAVAN CLUB OF SA

The Corrimal Caravan Club rallied at Orroroo in August (15th to 20th) followed by their September (18th to 17th) rally at Loxton.

Next Rallies: October (18th to 22nd) at Crystal Brooke and November (15th to 19th) TBA and AGM in November..

PORT AUGUSTA CARAVAN CLUB INC.

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

Yes, we are looking for sponsors

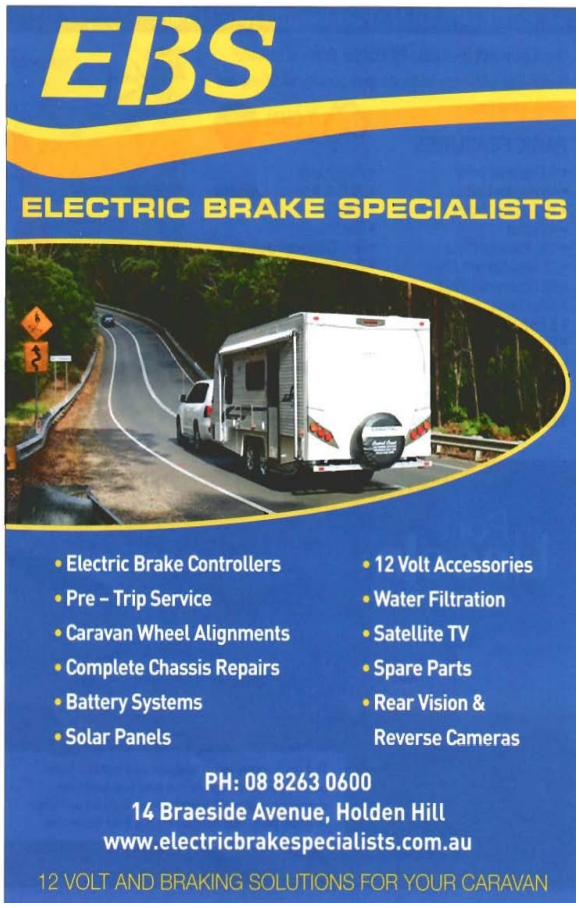
AFFILIATED CLUBS OF ACCSA HAVE AROUND 300+ MEMBERS.

WE ARE ASKING MEMBERS OF AFFILIATED CLUB MEMBERS TO FOLLOW UP THEIR CONTACTS TO FIND SOME MORE SPONSORS FOR ACCSA.

ACCSA HAVING SPONSORS IS A BENEFIT TO ALL AFFILIATED CLUBS.

PLEASE INTRODUCE PROSPECTIVE SPONSORS TO OUR
PRESIDENT, GRAHAM BROWN 0419 013 251
SECRETARY, JOHN BAANS 0414 273 142 OR
TREASURER. FRANK GRATTON, 0413 596 852.

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



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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 **0413 596 852**

Check out the ACCSA website classified section for Items that are for sale

SOUTH AUSTRALIA - 2022 NATIONAL RALLY

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

The SA 2022 NATIONAL RALLY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE is:

CHAIRMAN:	John Anderson
VICE CHAIRMAN:	Reg Merritt
SECRETARY:	John Baans
ASSISTANT SECRETARY:	John Grovermann
TREASURER:	Trevor Porter
ASSISTANT TREASURER:	Graham Brown
NACC LIAISON OFFICER:	Bob Williamson

GENERAL COMMITTEE:
Sandra Anderson, Margaret & Graham Shilton, Peter Kitto & Sandy Lee
John & Marilyn Groverman, Roy & Annette Turner, Tony Langley
Frank Gratton, Peter & Michelle Justice, Phil Chandler
Robert Hart (ACCSA Editor), Kay Parrota

Others may be interested to join the committee at another time

The next meeting of the SA 2022 National Rally Planning Committee will be at 10:00am on Wednesday 31st October 2018 at St. Michaels Church Hall, Corner of South Street & Military Road, Henley Beach. All interested ACCSA Affiliated Club members are invited to attend.

18th National Caravan Clubs Rally

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

Plans are well underway for this rally with the committee meeting bi-monthly at this stage.

On the 20th June 2018, we had a Combined Committee Meeting at the Riverland Field Days site with the Executive Manager of that site and two of his members and also a representative of the Berri Barmera Local Council. We had quite a number of our members travel up from Adelaide and 15 vans stayed on site.

Many items were discussed, including sponsorship, grants, extra toilets & showers, security, power supply, rubbish removal, free Wi/fi, mobile phone transmitter, on site ATM, food vans, entertainment, need for onsite paramedic/s & CFS fire truck, involvement of local & district clubs such as the Lions Club, liquor licence, application of grants (Federal/State/Local), need for portable diesel generator at a designated section of the site for persons with disabilities and reliant on power supply, rubbish removal, cleaning of toilets & showers, security on site especially after 8 pm, laundry services, extra dump point, sponsorship both State & Local, catering, hire of vans & golf buggies, etc.

Garry Fitzgerald from My expression also gave us a brief overview on the setting up of a Web Site & Sub domain for our State Rally.

We were very impressed with the New Pavilion Building with all its electronics, new toilets and large modern kitchen.

Some of our members had earlier this year visited the Field Days site whilst it was being used by the Ulysses Motor Cycle Club for their annual conference and were very impressed how the officials ran the event, especially the security aspect with bar coding and scanners. It was reported that the site coped very well with approximately 2000 people over a period of one week. We spoke to the officials there and they reported that the site was the best venue that they had seen or hired.

There was a giant marque/circus tent on site which could sit up to 2000 people for meals. We were most impressed and will highly consider it for our rally.

We will be returning to the Field Days Site on the 17th October for a planning day with the site management in regards to water & electricity supply.

A bank account has been established and funds have been transferred from ACCSA.

We have decided on a logo for the rally which is currently with a professional designer.

Plans are well under way for the ACCSA State Rally which is to be held on the site 7th to 11th March, 2019 and which will be a good test for the National Rally.

We have contacted a local business and have received quotes for the hire of more toilets and shower facilities as we estimate there will be 600 vans attending the National Rally.

Negotiations are underway with S.A. Tourism, Riverland Exhibition Centre to assist with video audio script & merchandising in a professional manner to promote the rally.

The combined committees of the 18th National Caravans Rally and the Riverland Field Days remain strong, enthusiastic and focused on the job to make the 18th National Rally a success and memorable experience.

John Baans Secretary

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

SOUTHERN NOMADS CARAVAN CLUB SA INC.

http://www.southernnomadscaravanclubsa.asn.au

July Rally: 27th to 29th at Riverton. 3 vans (6 adults)

Expenses Incurred: Park Fees $28 per night powered site, Total $168, Other approx. expenses $450. No deposit required.

On arrival: The mangers, who were in Adelaide for the caravan show, we contacted by phone, advised to make ourselves at home and fix them up in the morning. The three vans parked together in the park.

The park and surrounds: The park is small and clean.

Would definitely come back: Yes

Things we did at this rally: A trip to Clare for one couple to get a flat tyre attended too, walk the town, visit antique shops, happy hours and lots of chatting, had Saturday meal at the hotel which was very busy, however the meals most enjoyable.

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August Rally: 24th to 26th at Tanunda and AGM. 3 vans (6 Adults) and 6 day visitors.

Expenses Incurred: Park Fees $37 per night powered site, Total $222, Other approx. expenses $450. No deposit required.

Things we did at this rally: We held our AGM with 12 members present, the bakery in the main street was visited, after the AGM the 6 day visitors travel back home, on Saturday night the remaining members dined at "The Clubhouse" restaurant for their evening meal

Would definitely come back: We would recommend this venue for any future rally.

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Next Rally: September 21st to 23rd at Mt Compass, October 19th to 26th at Rawnsley Park.

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

Check on them, there is lots of information to read.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS CARAVAN & CAMPING CLUB

https://ffccc.com.au/

The Family and Friends Caravan & Camping Club activities since May have been a rally at Peterborough (June), Luncheon & AGM (July), rallies at Mt Compass (August) and Avoca Dell (September). Rally reports can be found by reading their newsletters on their website.

Next Rallies: October (Sep 28th to Oct 1st) at Hindmarsh Island and November (2nd to 4th) at Belair.

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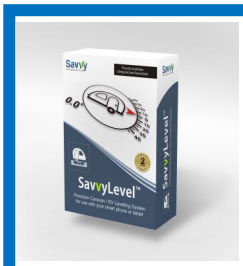

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WANDERERS CARAVAN CLUB OF SA INC.

http://www.wccsa.org.au

The Wanderers Caravan Club activities since June have been rallies to Qourn (July), Loxton (August) and Wirrina Cove (September).

Next Rallies: October at Renmark and November at Mannum.

Stating the obvious!!!

JAYCO CARAVAN CLUB OF SA INC.

http://www.jaycoclubsa.asn.au

August Rally: Kapunda – 3rd to 5th August.

September Rally: 7th to 9th at Rawnsley Park Caravan Park. 19 vans (36 Adults)

Expenses Incurred: Park Fees: $40 per night. Other expense approx. $150 per couple plus fuel. A deposit was required to be paid.

Things we did at this rally: A lot of people who came to the Rawnsley Rally were on the end of their winter holidays, some from Western Australia, Northern Territory and Queensland. We arrived Wednesday and had so much to talk about and most of us were looking relaxed and happy to be back again with our Jayco "mates". The forecast for the duration of the rally was for sunny days and cool nights so with that in mind we all made plans for many of the lovely scenic walks and amazing drives through the stunning gorges. Rawnsley Park is well equipped with designated fire pits and on Thursday night we had the "mother of all" camp fires, people had brought with them plenty of timber so all of the pyromaniacs in our club were let loose. Friday, being another beautiful day, 26 of us decided on a lovely drive through the Parachilna Gorge and then onto the Prairie Pub for an Aussie lunch. As usual the food was good and well worth the drive. That night another great camp fire was enjoyed with plenty of laughter and enjoyable company. Saturday was another day of interesting walks and drives through out the Flinders, there are so many designated tourist drives and the 'shutter bugs' in our club were clicking happily. Our wonderful, hard working committee put on a barbeque for us on Saturday night and everyone was asked to do a salad or dessert and we were spoilt for choice with the food on the table. Sunday was another sunny beautiful day and most people continued their exploring this special place but made sure they were back for afternoon tea, which was scones and damper provided by some of our members.

Do you recommend this park for future rallies? Yes

Next Rally: Naracoorte 28th September to 1st October

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

*** Attention ***

Important information for members of all affiliated clubs of ACCSA
Please read this Letter & Insurance Summary on the next page

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Hello Directors/Alt Directors and State Secretaries,

Please find attached a summary document provided by David Young (Markey Group) addressing the questions which he has frequently been asked about aspects of the National Insurance Policy.

I strongly encourage all to read this document to gain a better understanding of what is included and not covered under the policy. This may help you to answer questions which club delegates or club members ask from time to time.

Please note that in cases where Councils or other bodies require more than what is contained in the Certificate of Currency, this may need to be referred to me in the first instance so I can seek clarification from David as required. Councils or other bodies CANNOT be named as insured parties. They can however, be named as interested parties to the policy but only if there is no other alternative. For example ACCVic participate at several Caravan Shows and the organisers specifically require that they be named as Interested Parties on the insurance policy otherwise ACCVic cannot attend the shows. In this specific case David Young issued a revised Certificate of Currency for ACCVic to meet this requirement.

Obviously we do not want to create numerous Certificates of Currency to meet every possible interested party request so it is worthwhile advising Councils and other bodies that we do hold appropriate insurances. Hopefully this will satisfy the majority of instances where a generic form is used but the information sought can be satisfied with our existing Certificates of Currency.

Please let me know if you have any concerns. By the time we are due to renew in July 2019, the majority of questions will have been well and truly answered!

Regards,

Rin Klasen

Director/Company Secretary/Public Officer
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National Association of Caravan Clubs (NACC) – Insurance Summary – As at 30 June 2018

The following is a brief summary of cover & main uninsured risks.
This is general information for Associations & their members & does not override Policy Schedule & Policy Wording & Exclusions contained therein.

Insured Entities/Persons (brief)
NACC & all affiliated Associations, Caravan Clubs & its members

Business Activity – not for Profit Caravan Clubs & associations.

Basic Scope of Cover (Australia Wide)
The policy is for protection of Insured entities, affiliated Clubs & members in performance of officially organised events, meetings, rallies in connection with The Insureds activity.

Summary of Cover / Indemnity Limits
$ 20,000,000 – General Public & Product Liability
$ 5,000,000 – Professional Indemnity (PI)
$ 5,000,000 – Directors & Officers Liability
$ 1,000,000 – Management & Organisation Liability

Main Sub Limits
$ 1,000,000 – Statutory Liability/Fines & Penalties
$ 250,000 – Employment Practices (EPL)
$ 50,000 – Fidelity/Employee Crime
$ 20,000 - Tax Audit

Personal Accident - Voluntary Workers / Committee / Office Bearers
$ 100,000 – Capital Benefits, eg Death & Disablement
$ 1,000 – Loss of Weekly Income (52 weeks)

Main Uninsured Risks (if applicable) – there is NO cover for the following

- Office/mobile equipment
- Travel insurance (interstate or O/S)
- Cancellation of events/functions, ie expenses incurred in event of cancellation.
- Cyber Liability (CL)
- Members Personal Liability/Property including (but not limited to) Motor Vehicles, Caravans & Contents, Home Contents. Members are advised to maintain their own Insurance.
- Sexual Abuse/Discrimination/Harassment
- Criminal activity
- Any loss/damage/liability NOT connected to officially organised/sanctioned events/activity

Contact / Queries
Any inquiries/changes/claims should be directed via the National Body.

July: No rally held in July.

August Rally 9th to 13th at Strahalbyn Caravan Park
12 Vans & 1 Cabin (23 Adults)

Expenses Incurred: Park Fees $29 per night powered Site, Total $1,664, Other Expenses $1950. No deposit required.

On arrival: Both Caretakers were very friendly and helpful, they showed us to our sites it is always good to know exactly where you are supposed to be situated within the park.

The park and surrounds: The park is situated within the Strathalbyn sporting precinct, the amenities are clean and adequate, there are 5 unisex cubicles a $20 deposit for a key is required (refundable on return of key), the sites are of good size, grassed although on the odd side there are bare patches, the camp kitchen is small and open to the elements, but there is a hall situated within the precinct that is available for hire, our club utilized a small area of it for happy hours, (for a fee of course)

Would definitely come back: Yes

Things we did at this rally: Walks into town, there is a lot of history here that members enjoyed. A trip to Macclesfield for lunch at the local (mixed reviews re the lunch), Lunch at the corner bakery, Very well patronised and enjoyed, Local Football match at the oval, Winery visit with lunch at Langhorne creek recommended, and of course disc bowls with hailstones.

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July Rally: 20th to 22nd at Port Pirie Beach Caravan Park, 8 Vans (16 Adults & 2 Children)

Expenses Incurred: Park Fees $33.25 per night Total $1,067, Other expenses approx. $1,720. Total $2,787. No deposit required.

Park on Arrival: Polite and helpful. Pointed out how to get to our site & places on the local map of things around the town to see & do. Had a joke with us about footy, etc., made us feel very welcome.

The park and surrounds: Clean & tidy, signs around so you know where you are going, bins & bottle cage in front of every site, garbage picked up regularly, amenities cleaned daily, dump point easily accessible. No communal undercover area or camp kitchen.

Do you recommend this park for future rallies? Yes.

Things we did at this rally: Visited train museum, information park, shark display, local shopping, dinning out at local sports club, International Hotel (great food), drove to Port Germein.

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August Rally: 17th to 19th at Burra Caravan Park, 7 Vans & 1 Cabin

Expenses Incurred: Park Fees $30 per night Total $960, Other expenses approx. $1,432. Total $2,392. No deposit required.

Park on Arrival: Wayne (manager) was very pleasant on arrival & helpful with questions.

The park and surrounds: Clean and well maintained, children playing happily behind park in playground at school. Ducks came for a look around our site, very friendly, wondering around the park. Walking distance to main street. Lovely views all around.

Do you recommend this park for future rallies? Yes.

Things we did at this rally: Coffee at bakery, local shopping, Commercial hotel for Saturday dinner (very nice & large serves), Drive to look for fire wood, great fire in drum. Sunday afternoon/ evening, scones for afternoon tea, cooked snags on the fire and wrapped spuds & cooked in the coals.

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September Rally: 14th to 16th at Port Willunga Caravan Park, 10 Vans (20 adults)

Expenses incurred: Park fees: Nightly rate - Varied Total: $1,154.20. Approx. Other expenses $2,330.09 in total: $3,484.29. Four couples had a travel auction for this rally: Cost was $440 in total. ($110 per couple for 5 days). No deposit required.

Park On Arrival: Staff pleasant and helpful, happy to use Travel Auctions for 4 couples, clean & tidy park. Not many other vans around.

The park and surrounds: Concrete pad for vans, bark chips all around sites. Easy to find/see site numbers, decent sized sites. Good camp kitchen, gas cook tops, BBQ's, fridge, etc., tables & chairs and separate rec room with pool table, large chess, table tennis, etc. Amenities: women's clean & tidy, men's getting work done and not available on arrival but able to use ensuite's till workmen finished which was by Saturday. Lawned area outside camp kitchen.

Do you recommend this park for future rallies? Yes

Things we did at this rally: Local café, shopping at Aldi, McLaren Vale winery to get "Grey Nomad's" wine bottles, Farmers Market at Pt Willunga, "Star of Greece" for coffee & view, Op Shop's, Coffee & cake at C/P, Dinner at Aldinga Hotel Sat night, touring around area. Great food at the hotel sat night, meals took a little while to be brought out only because they waited until all orders were ready and then the meals all came out together very quickly. Everyone was very happy with their food. Sunday - Myponga markets.

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Next Rallies / Activities - Location and dates:

Oct – Wellington C/P 19th – 21st
Nov – Moonta Bay C/P 16th – 18th
Dec – Riverton C/P 14th – 16th (Christmas rally)
Jan – Club BBQ Robert Bowey Reserve.

Collective Nouns

A audience of listeners

A cloud of insects

A band of musicians

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DAVE BENSON CARAVAN CLUB

June Rally: 15th June to 2nd July Long trip to Lighting Ridge— 7 vans outward journey, 5 vans homeward journey & 2 dogs.

Rally Log:

Broken Hill: $36.90 night, deposit. $41 without top discount.
Made to feel welcome. Thick bark chip sites, very good. Trips to Silverton, Living Desert Sculptures, Diorama and Bell's 1950's milk bar for milk shakes. Amenity block requires update.
Fuel at Wilcannia 20c litre dearer at service station compared to fuel depot in side street.

Cobar: $35.20 night, full payment required by February. $38 without discount.
Made to feel welcome. Lots of good sites in the park but we were put down the back on worn bare grassed sites. No room for awnings narrow sites. No Wi-Fi, muddy. New management apologised.
Tagalong to info centre and museum, open cut gold mine lookout. Shops. Bakery.

Bourke: Mitchell caravan park $31 night, deposit.
Made to feel very welcome here. Dirt sites around a large grassed area at the camp kitchen. $8 for meals every night, cooked by park owners. Great feed around camp fire. Outback Show $20 at back of info centre, good. Fred Hollows grave at the local cemetery.

Lightning Ridge: Opal Caravan Park $32 night, deposit. $38 without Top discount.
Reception good on arrival, very helpful. All gravel sites very good. One of the best amenities blocks around. Tagalong on the 4 car door tours around town. Tour gives more local info. Amigos Castle, Black Hand opal mine, town hot bore spring just down the road FREE. Sunday market, Shops and jewellery stores, John Murray gallery in town. Bush poets Mel and Susie at the park pavilion each afternoon. Great entertainment. Then a trip, just out of town to their place for morning tea and a look at where they live.

Gulargambone: $25 night, $20 singles. Only discount for singles on the trip. No deposit.
Made very welcome here. Lovely grassed sites at a small park. Town murals and life size bullock team and wagon made from steel rods and wire. So good. Camp oven roast $12.50 around the camp fire from the owners. Excellent.

Dubbo: $30 night. Deposit. $41 without discount BBQ areas not clean, shower luke warm.
Good welcome. Nice concrete drive through sites. Look around town, just the one night stop. RFDS at airport $4

West Wyalong: $29 night. No deposit.
Good welcome. Very basic park, ok for overnight stop. Lovely old buildings around town and Chinese meal at the RSL, courtesy bus.

Altered planned route home as mileage was too much, added an extra day.
Balranald: $30 night. No deposit.
Good welcome. Small park all nice grassed sites on the banks of the Murrumbidgee River.

Berri: $37 night. No deposit as we often visit this park. Fabulous camp kitchen, new to us.
Good welcome. Grassed sites but with a slope, we remained hitched and had to park over two sites, to keep vans level, ok when park is not busy.

A very good 2 weeks away and good times had by all. Much to see and do. Found a lot of good bakeries.

Expenditure for approx. for this rally: Accommodation $2900, Expenses $8000.

Next Rally: Avoca Dell, Murray Bridge 14th to 21st September 2018. There were no rallies for July and August.

MASONIC CARAVAN & TRAVEL CLUB OF SA INC.

The Masonic Caravan & Travel Club activities since June have been a luncheon in July, no rally in August and a rally in September at Port Wakefield.

Next Rallies: October (19th to 21st) at Gladstone and November (16th to 18th) at Nuriootpa.

BAROSSA VALLEY CARAVAN & CAMPING CLUB

July: No rally held in July.

August Rally: 10th - 13th at Crystal Brook Caravan Park. 12 Vans for a total of 39 nights.

Expenses Incurred: $27-00 per night for a powered site. Total spent over the 3 days $1395.00 No deposit was required.

On Arrival: The temporary manager was very helpful and informative. Park is community owned and is great, protected from the wind with a camp kitchen and fire pit and sheltered BBQ area. The completion of the new amenity will be greatly appreciated.

Would come back: A very pleasant park which we will revisit.

Things we did at this rally: We attended the annual Crystal Brook Show, visited the many Antique shops & Museums, took advantage of the walking trail around the town, loved Coffee and cake at "The Vault" and a great Friday night meal at the RSL for $17.00 for choice 2 course menu. Visit Bowman Park to "free" camp.

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September Rally: Our September Rally was again to Stony Creek. 11 vans arrived from various directions. Total spend for the weekend was $2830-00

On Arrival: We selected our preferred sites and visited Kelly to book in. For $90 we got a beautiful, generous 2 course roast dinner and 3 nights accommodation in this award winning park. We have booked in for 2019 too. No deposit required.

Things we did at this rally: The Camp Kitchen was the venue for our 70's Theme Evening. Attire, Music, Hors d'oeuvres, Main Course and Dessert all with a 70's twist. Trips to Quorn and Wilmington for refreshments and retail therapy followed and track walk by 3 hardy souls. Damper Bake Off was the challenge for the afternoon and John Parry set up his "movie theatre" for us to view "Buddies" in the evening. Kelly baked Pizza for us for Dinner.

Following on from the Stony Creek Rally: 6 vans headed for the Eyre Peninsula for our Extended Rally around Eyre Peninsula until 16th September. Coffee and cake at Port Augusta, Arid Lands Botanical Gardens, was followed by lunch at Kimba where we admired the Silo Art. Two nights at Wudinna enabled us to explore Mt Wudinna and Pildappa Rock. Three nights at the immaculate Smoky Bay Park was the start of the seafood trail with dozens of local oysters being consumed. Shopping and sightseeing at Ceduna and dinner at the Smoky Bay Community Club preceded our short drive to Streaky Bay. The 5 star Island Caravan Park is a must. Day trip to Point Labatt to see the sea lions, picnic lunch at Sceale Bay and a walk around Murphy's Haystacks completed the area. The drive to Elliston via Venus Bay revealed great coastal scenery. The amazing cliff walks at Elliston, murals, gallery, op shop and Bakery make this a very desirable destination. For those with a desire for fire we had 5 Happy Hours and Dinners around a camp fire at various locations. Three days in Coffin Bay with coastal walks, drives around the area and more seafood meals, were very relaxing. Port Lincoln Tourist Park (the only one requiring a deposit) for three nights enabled us to participate in one of the highlights of the trip, a tour of "the fresh FISH place" ($25-00 pp) this included demonstrations, samples and access to a very knowledgeable guide. We hit the op shops (5), visited Koppio Museum, walked the coastal path and watched the ships and pelicans drift by from the park. Home via Tumby Bay (Silo Art), Cowell and Whyalla. This revealed the extent of the drought and erosion in this part of Eyre Peninsula.
Total distance travelled – 2200 km.
Distance Walked (optional) - 50 km
Total expenditure of $6180 for the Extended Rally equates to $110 per van, per day, contributed to the various communities.

Next Rally: Milang Caravan Park 5th – 7th October.

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July Rally: 26th to 30th July at Coobowie Caravan Park. 5 Vans & 1 Cabin. (3 persons)

Expenses Incurred: Approx. spend at this Rally: Accommodation $880, other spend $1,500.

On arrival: The new managers were eager to please our members and supplied yummy sausage rolls for Saturday morning tea.

The Park & Surrounds: The Camp Kitchen had improved, was comfortable but without heating. The grounds were neat and tidy and the ablutions clean and tidy. We would definitely come back.

Things we did at this rally: Enjoyed the sunshine where possible, happy hours in the camp kitchen. A meal at the Coobowie Hotel also under new management with new menu but prices have increased but justified by the quality of the food. The Saturday entertainment commenced at tea time using Animal Themes, e.g. Hot Dogs, kangaroo droppings (Fruchocs i.e.). Some members dressed up as animals. There was also a quiz on Animal Antics. Fun times for all. On Sunday the members ventured to Edithburgh for another pub lunch.

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August Rally: 23rd to 26th at Waikerie Caravan Park. 14 Vans & 1 Cabins

Expenses incurred: Park fees nightly rate $20.60 (inc 10% discount) Approx. spend this rally: Accommodation $2,102, other spend $2,874, Total $4,976. A deposit was required.

On arrival: The staff were very welcoming, but there were a few hiccups with bookings and deposits being lost, but it was cheerfully worked out. It was due to another Club with a similar name being in the park at the same time. Would you believe, the Southern Cross Overlander Club.

The park & surrounds: The Park is reasonably new having been re-established on the old site right next to the river. It is well laid out with grassed and fine gravel sites with green matting for the awnings. The camp kitchen, modern recreation room and ablutions are excellent and were kept clean and tidy.

Things we did at this rally: Checked out the coffee shops and bakeries and op shops. Rally officers arranged a cruise on the Murray which turned out to be a walk to the local ferry on which we crossed the river and back. We had dinner at the Waikerie Club which was very nice but turned into a marathon because they lost 11 orders somewhere between the front counter and the kitchen, apparently it was blamed on a computer glitch but they came good with a free drink or free dessert. We had a BBQ using the camps facilities where members brought their own meat but shared salads. The Club provided the desserts. Later we played Bingo and finished with an Aussie Quiz. The disc bowls where brought out and dusted off and used on the lovely thick green lawn of the park. The weather was kind to us with lovely warm days but crisp dewy mornings. We all had a great time and thoroughly recommend this park to any of affiliated Clubs in ACCSA.

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September Rally: 20th to 23rdth September at Milang Caravan Park. 8 Vans & 1 Cabin. (3 persons)

On arrival: The booking in process was quick and easy and the Manager was quite helpful. She provided us with a free site for the Club Gazebo. The site fees were very reasonable ($27 with discount, no deposit required) and there was no pressure to vacate the park by 10am.

The Park & Surrounds: It has been 4 years since the Club last attended this park. There have been no improvements but the park remained neat and tidy and the ablutions were clean and tidy and the rubbish was removed daily.

Things we did at this rally: Friday afternoon we had the President's meet and greet followed by Happy Hour. For dinner, we walked to the Milang Pier Hotel. We understand that the pub had only just reopened for meals. Well, they were wonderful and huge and reasonably priced and the service was good. On Saturday a large group of us walked to the Bakery for coffee and cakes. The Saturday night dinner was a shared dinner with members producing a tasty array of casserole dishes and desserts. There followed the entertainment of show and tell. Sunday morning saw us make our way to The Oasis (Farm property near Langhorne Creek) for morning coffee & scones then to the Newman's Horse Radish Farm where many purchases were made. Sunday dinner was our traditional Fish & Chip night. All up, the weather was reasonable and we had a great time. We thoroughly recommend this Caravan Park to our fellow Clubs.

Approx. Expenses incurred: Accommodation $1,089, Other Spend $1,576.

Next Rally: Gladstone Caravan Park 18th to 21st October 2018.

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July: 39 members, prospective members and past members attended a lunch at the Birkenhead Tavern in lieu of a July rally. This activity was very well supported and enjoyed by all. The setting of the outdoor veranda room gave a spectacular view over the Port River and the food was excellent.

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August Rally: 3rd to 5th at Berri. 17 members and 2 prospective members attended in 11 vans and 2 members were in a cabin.

Expenses Incurred: Park fees: $1,321, Other expenses: $1,655, Total spend: $2,976.

The park & surrounds: The Berri Caravan Park is well laid out with excellent amenities and a lovely location, close to the town centre shops and hotel. The management were cooperative and went out of their way to help one of our single women travellers set up and even repaired their van. The weather was not kind however, with a very gusty northerly wind welcoming us on the Thursday and cold winds following for the rest of the weekend. There was a camp kitchen which we booked for a couple of our happy hours and further over in the park, was another one with kitchen and barbecue facilities. The pools looked lovely and would be a great feature in warmer weather. They were especially uninviting for us as the interstate hocky tournament players required them at 13 degrees C for their recovery sessions that weekend!

Things we did at this rally: The group had a lovely meal at the Berri Hotel on the Friday night. The bistro was warm and inviting, the meals were good and it was within walking distance of the park. All in all, a great spot for a rally.

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September Rally: 6th to 12th at Stony Creek / Wilpena Pound. 19 members and 5 prospective members attended in 14 vans at Stony Creek. 15 members and 4 prospective members travelled on in 10 vans on to Wilpena Pound Caravan Park for the second half of the rally.

Expenses Incurred: Park fees: $1,200.

Rally Report: This rally was a resounding success. The Stony Creek Bush Camp was so relaxing and while amenities were a little basic, they were clean and functional and the beautiful weather, picturesque setting and delicious meals cooked by proprietors Kellie and Wayne were first class. We had a roast dinner cooked for us on the Saturday night which was held in the dining room which was a warm and relaxing space. Pizzas were consumed on the Sunday night and again were delicious. The park is set in attractive bush/creek setting and the Apostle birds and kangaroos hopping by in the morning were a delightful sight. We had roaring campfires and many a tale was told around them in the evenings. There is nothing much in Wilmington itself (the pub and café have closed) but the drive to Alligator Gorge and Hancocks Lookout were worth the effort. Spectacular scenery! At our general meeting here, we inducted two new members and congratulated Kevin and Lorna Bretag on attending their 100th rally. The group that moved on to Wilpena enjoyed their walks into the Pound, drives through the gorges and the visiting wildlife. The Pound did not site all our vans together however and some members mentioned that shower facilities at the camp site were quite small and cramped. Some members enjoyed happy hour and singing in the Resort Bistro while others sat around a fire pit brought by one of our members. Many members visited the Wilpena Woolshed where there was an excellent art exhibition by local artists of the Flinders Ranges.

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Next Activity & Rally: AGM in October, next rally 19th to 21st October at Nuriootpa.

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