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PRESIDENT'S CHATTER

18TH NATIONAL RALLY 2022

PROMOTING TOURISM IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

At this time a number of people are on their way to Western Australia to represent South Australia at the 17th National Rally at Albany.

One of the major functions for the 18th National Rally Committee members travelling to Albany is to promote our Rally at Barmera in 2022.

The Committee has worked with Ian John Johnson from Adelaide Video Screen (Yvonne's son) to produce a video to promote this event. The theme is to travel to SA during "Mad March" take advantage of all the events that occur in Adelaide during this period and then travel to the Riverland and relax at the National Rally. In addition a representative from SA Tourism will be on site at Albany to assist in the promotion. Our major sponsor Jeb Grose from Adelaide RV the agent for Nova Caravans is also planning to attend on this night. Remember, if you are thinking of upgrading your van Jeb is the man to see.

When we return we will be looking for your support to help plan the Barmera Event. We extend to you all a hearty welcome to come along to one of the Planning Meetings as a visitor. We need multi skilled people and I know being caravanners there are many of you amongst us and I am sure you will be motivated to jump in and help.

Our next meeting is **Wednesday 27th of November 2019** at 10:30am at St Michaels Church Hall, Henley Beach.

Save Travelling

Graham Brown, President ACCSA.

BE A PART OF PROMOTING SOUTH AUSTRALA

Special Invitation

to members of ACCSA affiliated clubs to attend the next 18th National Caravan Clubs meeting.
The committee will more than welcome your attendance.
Next meeting is Wednesday 27th November 2019 at 10:30am at St Michaels Church Hall, Cnr South Street & Military Road, Henley Beach.

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
4th December 2019
at
Walkerville RSL Hall
98 Walkerville Terrace
Walkerville

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

All Welcome!

FROM THE EDITOR:

Spring has commenced and clubs are out rallying each month. Some members have commenced their journey to WA for the National Rally at Albany. We wish them safe travelling and looking forward to hear from them on their return.

In this issue: Presidents Chatter from Graham Brown, reports from the National Rally Committee, Club reports of their experiences at their rallies, a very important request asking for your support for the 2022 National Rally Committee and don't forget our all important sponsors: EBS, Kui Parks, North East Isuzu and Adelaide RV. We encourage all club members to support our sponsors and it is important that when you do visit a sponsor, don't forget to let them know that you are a member of an ACCSA affiliated club.

Enjoy the Journal.

Take Care, Robert Hart

NOTE: Please submit items for the next Journal by 20th November 2019

DAVE BENSON CARAVAN CLUB

The Club does not hold rallies in Jun, Jul & Aug.

Thought we could have a segment in the magazine of unusual caravan park signage etc.

It's not cheap to keep cool!!!

Above: President Graham Brown making a presentation to Frank Gratton for all his 6 years of hard and dedicated work as ACCSA Treasurer.

JAYCO JAYBIRDS SA

http://www.jaycoclubsa.asn.au

The Jayco Jaybirds were at Point Turton in August and in September at Punnyelroo.

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

Next Rallies: October (4th to 6th) at Milang, November (1st to 2nd) at Morgan and December (6th to 7th) at Nuriootpa.

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

6th Oct 2019 Daylight Saving Time Starts

When local standard time is about to reach
Sunday, 6th October 2019, **2:00:00 am** clocks are turned **forward** 1 hour to
Sunday, 6th October 2019, **3:00:00 am** local daylight time instead.

Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour later on 6th October 2019 than the day before.

ELIZABETHAN CARAVAN CLUB INC.

July Rally: 19th to 21st at Kapunda Caravan Park. 10 vans. 1 cabin (22 Adults).

Expenses Incurred: Park fees: Nightly rate $29, total: $1,051 (with $210 cabin 2 nights). Approx. Other expenses $1,726 in total: $2,777.

Park On Arrival: Clean and tidy, staff polite and helpful, cabin was very clean and comfortable

The park and surrounds: neat & tidy, club sites grouped together, amenities cleaned daily, camp kitchen not enclosed but has blinds, staff very friendly, beautiful sunny days – very cold at night – brrrrr…….

Do you recommend this park for future rallies? Yes

Was a deposit required? No

Things we did at this rally: Wohlers for High T at Tanunda (Friday), coffee shop, shopping, op shop, Tea at North Hotel, Ghost tour (Sat night) sat around chatting & socialising .

Next Rallies:
Aug: 16th – 18th Avoca Dell Caravan Park
Sept: 13th – 15th Mannum Caravan Park
Oct: 18th -- 20th Edithburgh Caravan Park
Nov: 15th – 17th Laura Caravan Park
Dec: 6th – 8th Port Vincent Caravan Park (Christmas Rally)

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

Off to the West they go.

27 members of ACCSA affiliated clubs are travelling to Albany WA to attend the 17th National Caravan Clubs Rally in October. Some members have already left SA, travelling to warmer climates before eventually arriving in Albany. Others are going directly to Albany.
Members of the 18th National Caravan Clubs Rally Committee will be presenting a invitation to attend the 18th National Caravan Clubs Rally to be held in Barmera in 2022.
By all accounts the rally attendees are in for a great time. Enjoy yourselves and those not going to WA would love to hear all about the rally when you return.

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."

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

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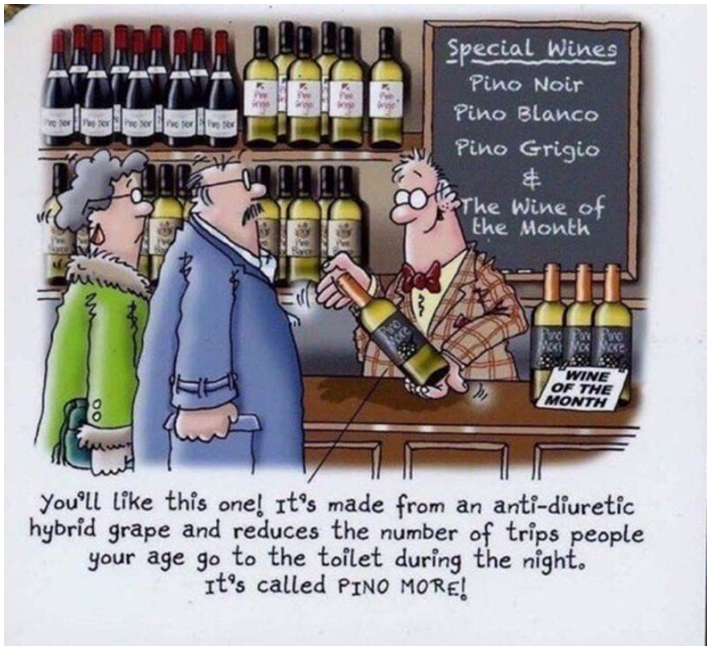
Check out the Notice Board section of the ACCSA website for notices of interest

Current items listed are:

- **Southern Tasmanian Caravan Club Quarterly Newsletter.**
- **Kui Parks Nomad News July 2019**
- **EBS Car & Caravan Weighing Guide**



Where Clubs are Rallying in October & November 2019

	October	November
Adelaide Caravan Club	Blanchetown 17-22 AGM	Normanville 8-10
Barossa Valley Caravan & Camping Club	Loxton 11-13	Coobowie 8-10
Caravan Club of South Australia	Port Broughton 4-7	Gawler 1-3
Carefree Caravanners of SA	Albany WA 14-22	Miland 14-18
Coromal Caravan Club of SA	Rolling Rally 14-20	Milang 13-18 AGM
Dave Benson Caravan Club	Hahndorf 11-18 AGM	Normanville 15-22
Elizabethan Caravan Club	Edithburgh 18-20	Laura 15-17
Family & Friends Caravan & Camping Club	Port Willunga 4-7	Bedford Park 8-10
Jayco Caravan Club of SA	Adelaide Beachfront	Normanville
Jayco Jaybirds SA	Milang 4-6	Morgan 1-2
Masonic Caravan & Travel Club of SA		
Port Augusta Caravan Club	Gladstone 21-27	Quorn 2-9
Riverland Caravan Club		
Southern Cross Caravan Club	Second Valley 17-21	Jamestown 14-18
Wanderers Caravan Club of SA	Berri 18-20	Mannum 15-17

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ACCSA PRESIDENT'S REPORT
2018-2019

It is with pleasure that I present my Report for the year 2018-2019. The major project was to progress with the early planning for the 18th National Caravan Clubs Rally. There have been regular Committee Meetings and the major task have been identified and Committees established to work on these matters. Adelaide RV along with Nova Caravans have agreed to be the major sponsors for the Rally.

The Association has attended two Caravan and Camping Shows at the Wayville Show Grounds. One of the major task is to encourage Clubs that are looking for new members to increase their attendance at the Show. Unfortunately this has not been successful and it is left to a few clubs to staff the event. I still believe that it is important that we maintain our link to the Caravan and Camping Industry Association and for this reason I recommend that we continue to attend this event. I have renewed my acquaintance with the CEO Stuart Livingstone and this has been beneficial because we were not charged for the addition tickets and were not required to pay the bond money for the site.

The State Rally at Barmera was held on the 8th - 11th March, 2019. Although there was an increase in the number of vans that attended I was still disappointed that not all the Clubs supported this event. It was pleasing to see the Adelaide Club in attendance.

I have continued with the Protocols Project for making Club bookings into the Caravan Parks and plan to present the documents to a number of Parks as a test run as to their acceptance of the protocols.

It was disappointing to learn that the Southern Nomad Caravan Club had decided to dissolve their Club due to the inability to find members to accept the executive roles.

The major challenge for 2019-2020 remains the same and that is to generate interest by all Clubs to become involved with the planning and organising the 18th National Caravan Clubs Rally. South Australia has a reputation of organising some of the best National Rallies and if we are to maintain this status will need total support from all Clubs.

I would like to personally thank all the delegates that have regularly attended our meetings and special thanks to the Executive Committee that has provided me with support and assistance during my period as President. A special note of thanks to our Secretary John Baans, Treasurer Frank Granton and Editor Robert Hart who have all contributed a great deal to support the Association. Frank has advised that he is not standing for the position of Treasurer and we sincerely thank him for the years that he has contributed to ACCSA
Graham Brown
President

WANDERERS CARAVAN CLUB OF SA INC.
http://www.wccsa.org.au

The Wanderers Caravan Club rally in August was at Laura (16th to 18th) and in September at Port Vincent (13th to 15th).

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

Next Rallies: October (18th to 20th) at Berri and November (15th to 17th) at Mannum.

You think you have computer problems…

August Rally: 1st to 5th at Mt Pleasant Caravan Park. 10 vans.

Expenses Incurred: Site fees were $20 per night, no deposit required,
Approx. spend: Accommodation: $800, Other Spend: $2,220, total $3,020.

On arrival: The manager was madly mowing the grassed area for us. He was very friendly and obliging and let us all settle in with fees to be collected later in our stay.

The Park & Surrounds: Sites are not marked and there are only 3 power boxes (all have 6 power points). Long leads for some were necessary. Also only a few taps which required splitters but we all managed to get water to our vans. There is a new combined toilet & shower block and also the ablutions in the football club. All were clean and tidy for our stay. We would definitely come back.

Things we did at this rally: We visited both hotels in town for meals and found them to be quite good for price and quality and service. We checked out the Mt. Pleasant Farmers Market on the Saturday morning and also ventured to Mannum for the market there. On Saturday night, the rally officers put on a "construct your own hamburger" dinner. We found ourselves huddled around the camp fire on all but the last night. Management provided wood for free.

September Rally: The first leg of our rolling rally was 17th to 19th (3 nights) at Hummocks Station where we had 16 vans attend. From the 20th to 23rd (4 nights) we went to Stony Creek Bush Camp, Wilmington with 10 vans. The last leg of our rolling rally was 24th to 26th (3 nights) at Port Augusta with 7 vans.

Expenses Incurred:	Hummocks Station	site fees were $30 per night—total $1,440.
		Approx other spend $2,400 Total $3,840
	Stony Creek Bush Camp	site fees were $30 per night—total $1,200
		Approx other spend $$2,106 Total $3,306
	Port Augusta	site fees were $$35.10 per night—total $737.10
		Approx other spend $1,501 Total $2,238.10
	Approx total spend $9,384.10	

On arrival: All who attended were greeted by excellent sites to select from. Some sites were grassed others were gravel.

The Park & Surrounds: All sites were well marked with power & water to every site.

Things we did at this rally: Snowtown was visited by all, some checked out the windfarm, a evening meal was had at the Snowtown Hotel, as the Thursday was a very hot windy and dusty day Jemma opened the conference room for us to get out of the elements. Some drove to various places in the area. On the way to Stony Creek Bush Camp a stop was made at the Stone Hut Bakery for morning tea and purchase some pies. Further along the way we checked our the solo art at Wirrabara. After we setup at Stony Creek Bush Camp happy hour was in the camp kitchen followed by a meal in Kelly's restaurant.. There is plenty to see and do in the area. After our 4 nights some went home whilst others went on to Port Augusta. It was much warmer in Port Augusta. Again there is plenty to see and do in and around Port Augusta. We went to the Port Augusta Hotel on our last night and then back to camp for refreshments. The Rolling Rally was very successful and we are sure everybody enjoyed themselves.

Next Rallies: Some are going to Albany WA for the National Rally, whilst others will attend Second Valley Caravan Park 17th to 21st October. The following rally will be 14th to 18th November at Jamestown and then our Christmas Rally will be at Port Elliot 5th to 9th December.

REMEMBER

When you visit any of our sponsors,

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

EBS NORTH EAST ISUZU UTE Kui Parks AdelaideRV

CONTRIBUTE TO SOUTH AUSTRALIA THROUGH THE NATIONAL RALLY

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

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

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

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

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.

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A String of Pearls

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

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

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

Reminder for the next ACCSA Delegates meeting 4th December, 2019

Hello folks,

Just a reminder that the ACCSA Delegates Meeting scheduled for the 2nd of October has been cancelled due to a majority of us going across to the west to the Albany National Rally.

We will listen and learn how they will run their rally and then we will attempt to better it in 2022.

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

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

I would appreciate a RSVP.

P.S. Please forward your Club's thoughts re compliance & support to have a delegate or representative to attend ACCSA Delegate Meetings. (only 1 club has obliged at this stage.)

Also please forward your Clubs Renewal of Registration Form. (only 5 out of 15 clubs has obliged at this stage.)

Yours sincerely,

John Baans
Secretary
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Confusing road signs:

Affiliated Clubs with open memberships

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Masonic Caravan & Travel Club of SA	email: jefferyb444@gmail.com
Port Augusta Caravan Club	email: Malgran01@bigpond.com
Riverland Caravan Club	email: bacskai@tpg.com.au
Southern Cross Caravan Club -	email: secretary@scccsa.asn.au Website: www.scccsa.asn.au

Email to the Editor.

9/8/19
Dear Robert

Subject: WARNING to Diesel users - AdBlue

It would appreciated if you could put the below information into your next ACCSA Journal, advising people to be aware of this product.

AdBlue is an additive and mainly used in trucks and buses and some European cars. It helps to improve the exhaust from these vehicles. It is **NOT** a diesel, but an additive.

Recently we had the misfortune to put AdBlue into our diesel car. This was from a fuel pump on the side of the road, not from a service station. They were self serve. Trucks and buses are probably the biggest users of these fuel pumps.

The sign as we drove in said DIESEL, underneath, Hi Flow and underneath that AdBlue.

We unknowingly put 2.14 litres of AdBlue into a tank that holds 150 litres Diesel.

Because the AdBlue additive was very slowly going into the tank, the hose was removed and the car moved to another fuel pump where we filled the tank with diesel.

We then managed to drive about 1km before all the bells and whistles in the car alarmed and we had to stop. RAA were called out and it was pointed out that we had put AdBlue into the tank and we could not drive the car. It is highly corrosive and started corroding the fuel system in our car within 20 hours.

The vehicle was towed to a dealer and there it sat for nine weeks awaiting parts from overseas and interstate to enable the car to be repaired. This cost many thousands of dollars.

There was no warning on the AdBlue fuel pump advising that this product is specific for vehicles that need/use it and that it was NOT Diesel.

The sign appeared to say Diesel in the heading and the types below.

In the period of time we were without our car we spoke to many people about this product, only six had ever heard of it and four actually knew what it was used for. None appeared to know what damage it can do to a vehicle that shouldn't use it. We also learned that many other people had also put it into their vehicles and were stranded as we were.

Hopefully this will spread the word and save people many $$$$'s in repairs.

Regards
Jan Smith

Photos showing sign and the pumps. No warning on the AdBlue one

My husband, Peter & I have been members of the Dave Benson CC since its inception.

We go to most Rallies with the Group & we drive a diesel car.

Google "AdBlue" it is interesting. It is used to make the exhaust from trucks & buses & some European cars comply with the exhaust emissions control. It is not a fuel, but an additive, but it is in a fuel pump!

I believe the RAA SA Motor will be publishing an article on AdBlue in their next magazine.

We had no idea what it was or used for and have found that most people don't know either.

I can be contacted on 0401 677 386 if you require further information. The RAA Road Service section actually sent a letter to us explaining in detail what it was. If you require that information, I can forward it to you.

Hope this is sufficient info for you to enable a warning to go out to caravanners.

Letter from Secretary ACCSA to Secretary NACC

To Secretary of the NACC,
Mr. Rin KLASEN.

SUBJECT: **Progressive Report of the 18th National Caravan Clubs Rally 2022 Committee.**

This Rally is to be held at the Riverland Events Centre (previously known as the Riverland Field Days Site), Barmera, SA 28th March to the 6th of April, 2022.

Plans for this rally are progressing well. Our Major Sponsor will be ADELAIDE RV and Nova Caravans and we have also secured sponsorship from KUI Parks and Officeworks for starters.

We have secured the services of the Sea Link Travel Group to operate and conduct all tours.

A Promotional video for the SA Rally is due for completion and has been created by Ian Johnson of Adelaide Video Screens in conjunction with SA Tourism, Riverland Events Centre, Destination Riverland, Sea Link Travel Group and our Committee.

This video will be shown by our Committee Members at the scheduled time of 7:30 pm on Thursday 17th of October 2019 at the Albany National Rally. We will be assisted by a member of SA Tourism and a member & partner from the Riverland Events Centre.

We now have an official Letter Head and Logo. Metal badges have been produced and Polo Shirts (which will be modelled by our promotion team at the Albany promotion night) will be available for sale in the new year. KUI parks has sponsored the cost of lanyards for the gift bags.

A Web site with registration form will be up and running after our promotion night at the Albany Rally and soon after a Facebook Page.

The Contract for the Riverland Site has been finalised and includes the removal of rubbish, cleaning, provision of electricity and water supply, back up Diesel Generators, a 24 hour on site representative.

We have set up Sub Committees to deal with Site Management, Entertainment, Finance & Sponsorship, Catering, Communication & Promotion. An event Coordinator and a Registrar has been appointed.

The Treasurer & Assistant Treasurer has submitted an 18th National Rally Budget to the Committee.

Plans are well underway to secure catering and the hire of a large Pavilion Marquee.

The ACCSA State Rally was held at the National Rally site in March this year and proved very successful with the attendance of 61 vans with no issues or problems. This site has also been booked for the next ACCSA State Rally to be held 5th to 8th of March, 2021 which will be a further good and final test for the 18th National Caravan Clubs Rally.

Our Committee remains strong and focussed on the job and meet Bi-monthly at this stage and no doubt will be ramped up as we approach the rally date.

We have a large contingent of members travelling to the Albany Rally where we intend to liaise and learn from their Committee.

This report is forwarded for your information.

Kind Regards,
John BAANS.
ACCSA & 18th National Caravan Clubs Rally 2022 Secretary.

CAREFREE CARAVANEERS OF SA INC.

August Rally: 15th to 19th Kingston on Muarry. 17 Vans (32 adults)

Expenses Incurred: Park Fees $35 per night powered site with discount for caravan clubs.
Park fees $2,237 plus other expenses $4,099 — total $6,336.

On arrival: This Park has new Proprietors, we were welcomed and felt that we would become part of a family, very refreshing.

The park and surrounds: Well maintained, neat and tidy and serviced regularly. The camp kitchen area large enough for our group, fire wood was supplied free of charge and plenty of it.

Would definitely come back

Deposit Required: However would like to see a refund policy as we had one of our members suffered a major accident Van Write Off, when the club asked for his deposit to be refunded to him it was denied. (Not their policy to refund).

Things we did At this rally: One morning traditional Aussie breakfast supplied by the club, another morning full Pancake breakfast supplied by one of our members, Lunch BBQ members supplied salads to share; one couple supplied soup, sausages in bread finishing off with sticky date pudding cream and Ice-cream for desert, Trip to Overland Corner hotel for Lunch with a very informative talk on the history of the hotel, with its ghost along with a visit to its museum. Sunday night dinner at the Cobby Club; The usual disc bowls and due to weather an afternoon in the camp kitchen playing cards, board games and quizzes, at night entertained by the Carefree Caravaneers music men and the three Roofs choir.

September: 12th to 16th Wallaroo Holiday Park. 14 Vans (28 adults)

Expenses Incurred: Park Fees $35 per night powered site, $42 with 10% Discount for Caravan clubs
Park fees $1,782 plus other expenses $2,880 — total $4,662.

On arrival: Very friendly welcome by all counter staff, manager Michael Byrnes was very helpful before and during our stay.

The park and surrounds: Well maintained, neat and tidy and serviced regularly. The camp kitchen area large enough for our group, fire wood was supplied free of charge and plenty of it.

Would definitely come back.

No Deposit Required.

Things we did At this rally: Because of the facilities on offer we had the opportunity to do a lot of club catering, fish and chip dinner, scone afternoon, hamburger night, dinner at the ale house, sunset cruise around the marina for the ladies, and fishing trip for the men. Wallaroo offers a lot for the caravan club.

Next Rally: National Rally at Albany WA from the 14th to 23rd October and for those not at Albany, Meningie from the 17th – 21st October.

BAROSSA VALLEY CARAVAN & CAMPING CLUB

August Rally: 9h to 11th at Stony Creek Bush Camp. 13 vans. 2 Prospective members 29 Adults.

Expenses Incurred: Site costs $30 per night. Accommodation: $1,500 Other expenses: $3,759.

On Arrival: We selected our preferred sites and visited Kelly to book in.

Friday night, we enjoyed a Black and White evening with members dressing in black and white. Saturday, we visited Rusty Kates feed lot, for scrumptious morning tea, come lunch in Wilmington. In the afternoon we held a Committee and General meeting. In the evening, a generous 2 course roast dinner $25 per head cooked by Kelly and served in their restaurant.

The Camp Kitchen was the venue for our Black and White Theme Evening. Attire, Music, casseroles and sweets, cooked by members, after music, culminating in dancing. Trips to Warren Gorge, Emily's Bakery and Bistro at Quorn, Op Shop, land rover and Toy Museum, Puppet Museum, Wilmington, Hancock's Lookout and Alligator Gorge.

Two members visited the local silversmith WILDEDOG Jewellery in Wilmington and bought several items. "Definitely worth a visit."

The weekend was cold and wet and our "Normal Damper Bake Off" by the camp fire was abandoned and Wayne and Kelly the owners made sure the Camp Kitchens wood heater was roaring making the room warm and toastie.

We didn't miss out! One of the men & one of the ladies made delicious damper; while other ladies made scrumptious scones.

Wayne and Kelly couldn't do enough for us to make sure the rain didn't hamper our rally.

We have booked in for 2020, Christmas in June. No deposit required.

September Rally: 13h to 15th at Lake Albert Caravan Park. 11 vans. 21 Adults.

Expenses Incurred: Site costs $29.70 per night. Accommodation: $1,129 Other expenses: $2.297.

A deposit was required and full payment required before arrival as the manager said, to make it easy for booking in, as another club was also there that weekend.

The Park is all grassed, excellent toilet/ laundry amenities, camp kitchen is enclosed, divided into two areas small for dining, and cooking area, large outside area with table and chairs, beautiful Lakeside view. Five hundred metre walk to town, well worth the deposit and final payment as it was a great venue, not too far from the Barossa and ideal for our extended rally.

Friday evening happy hour followed by bring your own dinner in the covered area.

Saturday morning many checked out the op shops and the local arts and craft in the main street. For lunch we all walked to the restaurant Coorong Brewing Co. at the old lakeside cheese factory next to the caravan park and enjoyed a beautiful meal of Coorong Mullet, schnitzels with chips and salad for $15 per head (Great Value) they are also licenced and make delicious coffees and sweets. Next door is a museum great value a gold coin donation. In the afternoon we had a discussion followed by happy hour, then supply your own tea.

Sunday we all met on the lawns at Meningie facing the lake with our chairs and enjoyed a delicious lunch from the Bakery or Fish and chip shop. After lunch we went for a ride on the Meningie, Narrung Coorong drive, heading further west to Raukkan an Australian Aboriginal Community then back to the Narrung ferry camp ground where the view of the Lake is superb and where you can see from a distance the Point Malcolm Light house. Evening was dinner in the outside dining of the caravan park with great social banter.

Monday: Farewells and the start of the extended rally.

Extended Rally: 15th to 21st September at Sea Vu Caravan Park, Robe. 5 Vans 9 Adults

Expenses Incurred: Site Fees Normally $38 (4 for the price of 3), we paid $28 per night. Total Site Fees $570m, Total Other Expenses: $2545.

A great park, grassed area, overlooking the sea and Robe, ten minute walk to Robe along the beach, five minutes by car. Friendly staff, excellent toilet and laundry, fish cleaning and dump facilities, enormous camp kitchen and cooking facilities area all under cover.

As a group we visited, Sky Seafoods where we had a tour of the crayfish factory for a gold coin donation and experienced all sizes of crays, there history, how there kept in tanks and exported, then to the Manufacturers of Mahalia Coffee and had a coffee in there exquisite and most interesting shop. After we visited the transmutation recyclers that takes plastic waste and recycles into quality products. Experience shouldn't be missed.

We visited Robe dairy and had a well-informed cheese tasting by the proprietor, we had a midday meal at the Caledonian Inn Robe, were Licenced in 1858, an old Irish/English style Pub with affordable and very delicious meals.
Robe has more attraction too many to mention, with wonderful coffee shops and homemade ice cream. The Sea Vu Caravan Park is definitely a must on places to stay.

Next Rally: Mt Compass Caravan park 11th to 13th October 2019

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

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

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