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Next Delegates Meeting

The ACCSA Delegates meeting by video conferencing on Wednesday 1st February, at 7:30pm

An invitation to join the video with be forwarded to all delegates contact Graham Brown for any further information.

PRESIDENT'S CHATTER

18TH NATIONAL CARAVAN RALLY

SUPPORTING THE RIVERLAND

It is with pride that as the president of the Association of Caravan Clubs of S.A. I congratulate John Anderson and the 18th national caravan rally committee for what has been described as one of the best rallies orangised since they began in 1972. It was amazing that as the people were leaving the last day they made a particular point to thank us for conducting an excellent rally. One of the most interesting comments was that there was too much to do and that they could not get to every activity. The NSW team admitted that we had set the bar at a high level and they will have to work very hard to achieve a similar result. The activities that attracted the most accolades were the bands oranised by Chris Dower playing music during the day, the food vendors on site providing morning and afternoon tea along with evening meals. The professional entertainment provided each night in the entertainment marquee and the attendance of the band of the South Australia Police, a tremendous success and enjoyed by over 700 attendees

TYRO MACHINE

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

FUND RAISING

As previously mentioned ACCSA has a place with Bunning's Adelaide Airport. At this time only two Clubs has accepted the offer to run a barbecue for Club funds. An alterative idea would be for ACCSA to conduct other barbecues and seek helpers from the other Clubs. The profit made on the day can been distributed per ratio of members present. This would benefit all Clubs with minimal effort on their part.

Graham Brown, President ACCSA.

ACCSA Mission:
"*to promote caravan clubs to the general public, represent caravan clubs at a public and*

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FROM THE (TEMP) EDITOR:

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POSITION VACANT

At this time we seeking a new Editor and I ask all Clubs to consider whether any of their members have the skills and ability to produce the Journal. Younger members are better qualified in the art of operating computers and I can reassure you that anyone would be more qualified than I to put this publication together. It also increases the contribution to the ACCSA by other members.

So Please help the ASSOCIATION by nominating a member for this role.

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

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We are pleased to announce that our sponsors, EBS, Adelaide RV, Kui Parks, North East Isuzu, Northern Caravan Storage and Fund Raising with Entertainment are continuing to support ACCSA during 2023and in return we encourage members of all affiliated club to please support our sponsors.

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As a sponsor of ACCSA and the National Rally, Kui Parks recommend the following two parks to consider prior to and after the 18th National Caravan Clubs Rally 2022.

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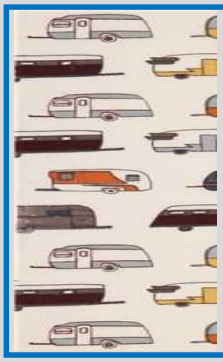

Where Clubs are Rallying in Early 2023

February 2023 Rally. (9th to 13th February.)

Goolwa Discovery Caravan Park. 16 vans & 1 cabin.

Site fees. $31-50 with discount. Deposit required.

On arrival: Quick, efficient & friendly staff made the check in pleasurable. The check in is usually 2pm but received a text message to come in at 12 noon as the office was to be closed at 4pm for some reason,

The park and surrounds: Well it has been quite a number of years since the SCCC has had a rally at this park. Wow, it certainly has changed and doubled in size. The new section has good sized sites which either were all grass or grass with concrete slabs or shade cloth. The ablutions were modern and kept clean. The park now caters well for children with a nice swimming pool and splash pool.

Apparently, Discovery has purchased the block next door with plans to install another 100 sites.

The new camp kitchen can cater for large groups. The park was very busy with many interstate vans.

The Managers put on a sausage sizzle for Saturday lunch and Sunday morning pancake breakfast for all persons in the park. It was so good to see this happening in an SA Park.

Appreciated the free site for our 6 Club gazebos.

A future ACCSA Executive could consider holding a State Rally there without any problems.

Would we come back to this park. Yes.

Things we did at this rally: Early morning walks for those willing, Happy hours of course, visited coffee shops & bakeries, Committee Meeting, Dinner at the Goolwa Hotel (enjoyed the smorgasbord.) Coorong Cruise from Goolwa Wharf to the mouth of the River Murray ($45 pp) attended the Goolwa Markets, participated in the Tizer Quiz (39/30) free time to explore the area and go to Victor Harbor Aldi to check out the caravan gear on special. In all another great rally enjoyed by all.

Costs this rally:	Site Fees.	$2845.00
	Misc. costs.	$6244.35
	Total.	$9089.35

VICTOR HARBOR HOLIDAY AND CABIN PARK

Date of Rally **Monday 13th-17th February,2023**
Fees From $42 per Night Powered
No of Vans **21 plus** **Adults 39** **Children** nil

On arrival, Check in easy with very friendly staff.

The Park and surrounds. Great place to stay, well-appointed camp kitchen good for large groups, amenities oldish but cleaned regularly, to be expected the sites have had a fare hammering due to the xmas and school holidays, there is work being done to smarten the park up.

Would definitely come back

Deposit not Required to secure your site

Things we did at this rally

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Communal mixed flavoured sausage BBQ with shared salads the first night, walked across the newly built causeway across to granite Island (some hopped on the carriage), dined out at the Red Orchid restaurant, no disc bowls tooooo flammin hot 41C, train ride to Port Elliott, lunch at the Elliot hotel walk around town then train ride back to Victor H. Sing along with Allan our music man. Were introduced to a fun time at chop it a place where you can hone your axe throwing skills and other assorted games. Of course, there are plenty of drives to do in and around the area.

Approximate Spend this rally;

Accommodation	$3,612.00
Other Expenses	$6,048.00
Total Spend	**$9,660.00**

Next Rally; **Tag along on the West Coast 1st May-12th May,2023**

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WILLAIMSTOWN RALLY

DATE 31st March– 2nd April, 2023

FEES $31.50 PER NIGHT

NUMBER OF VANS 12 VANS 1 CABIN

THINGS THAT WE DID AT THE RALLY

Wednesday saw the first of our members arrive including Kaye still recovering from her recent operation, Catch ups over Tea and Coffee while the weather allowed. Thursday brought 2 more members with the absence of John and Pam as Pam was unwell. Friday saw 3 more Vans arrive with a couple going into the Cabins. Paula had work shift changes so was unable to attend the rally in her Van so she came down on the Saturday.

The Monkey Nut Cafe took a booking for early opening to cater Tea coffee and Scones, This was organised by one of our committee members Gaye. Dogs where allowed in the well kept outside area under cover.

After lunch a craft was put on to teach a few the art of Easter Bonnet making, This had it's challenges as the wind played havoc and the glue not setting fast enough they all had fun. With a parade before the club members & who all voted best and runner up with a bottle of wine going to each.

The club decide to have a BBQ put on by the club for the members (We usually do this in January) This was done for Saturday dinner a success with thanks going out to those who brought the supplies up to the rally, those who prepared salads and cooked. The left overs (cooked and uncooked meat and salads) were left for another meal Sunday, again this was enjoyed. It was such a success that some have requested for this to happen again soon. The last of the remaining members left Monday. With all looking forward to the next rally at Port Vincent Caravan Park.

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DBCC RALLY REPORT FEBRUARY 2023 {2 Weeks} VICTORIA

Robe Lakeside Caravan Park is quite dated and in need of maintenance. The tourist trail to points of interest is well worth while.

Portland NRMA C/P. The park provided a duet of singers with guitars and an abundance of nibbles. We all drove to Bridgewater and Cape Nelson, this excursion is a must. The all-day hop on hop off tram ride with the interesting points of interest is a must. The park staff are friendly and helpful.

The Warrnambool Surfside C/P is huge with not enough facilities and lack of professional staff.

Ballarat Shady Acres C/P was well below the standard of parks we use and I could not recommend it. The trip around Lake Wendouree and the Botanic Gardens is a must. The old houses and buildings are well worth a look.

Horsham Riverside C/P is the best we have had on this trip and would recommend it. We had a trip to the Stick Shed at Murtoa, it was amazing and we highly recommend other Clubs to put it on the places to see.

Our Club's last day was in Keith. The park is a council park, well maintained with many drive through sites, some of which are grass. This will be well recommended to other caravanners.

I believe one van will spend approximately $120 per day.

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THE NATIONAL CARAVAN RALLY REPORT

The following is a report on the 18th National Rally produced by Bill Edmonds President of the Wanderers Caravan Club who kindly consented to have it reproduced in the Journal. This report provides a summary of the activities enjoyed by the attendees.

Monday

Monday was registration day and our club members assisted in directing vans to their allocated sites. For the 350 vans which arrived that day even a simple task like this takes a lot of organising and most were set up by midday. Due credit goes to the organising committee which did a great job.

That evening we listened to very talented SA country singer Amber Poulton who sang many favourites from famous singers such as Loretta Lynn, Patsy Cline, Tammy Wynette and Dolly Parton.

She kept us entertained for over 3 hours.

Tuesday

Tuesday morning we had a doggy obedience demonstration from the local dog club followed by our dog owners participating on a similar course. There were many laughs with various dog/human antics on display. Pebbles came away with a first prize ribbon (along with many others).

Tuesday evening we listened to a very funny and risqué elderly female comedian from Hawaii who had us in stitches describing what happens to various parts of the human anatomy as we age. She was very funny.

Wednesday

Wednesday afternoon we listened to **Derrick McManus** who was the Star Force officer shot by a fugitive in that siege in Nuriootpa some 30 years ago. He described his near death experience and how he coped with his recovery. He kept the audience captivated for over an hour. His story was so inspirational.

Then we listened to a young girl from **KESAB** explain what should and should not go in the green and yellow bins and she also gave us an insight to the current problems with fruit fly in the Riverland. It seems they have a real battle on their hands at the moment.

Ine evening we listened to very funny and talented singing husband and wife team from Geelong called the **Hoffman Duo** who had us laughing and dancing in the aisles to our favourite songs.

ACCREDITED PARKS

The Executive Committee have approved the following Caravan Parks: Kapunda, Clayton Bay, Peterborough, Laura, Kingston SE, Wallaroo, Jamestown, Keith, and Melrose. Accreditation Certificates have been posted to the listed Parks.

Please advise a member of the Executive Committee if your Club would like to nominate a Park that has demonstrated that it is worthy of this accreditation.

THE NATIONAL CARAVAN RALLY REPORT (cont)

Thursday

On Thursday morning we had a long table breakfast down the centre of our street (6th Avenue). Over 300 participated in glorious Riverland weather. (*see picture on next page*)

The rest of the morning was the rally "limpix" where we tried our skills at a variety of events such as horseshoe tossing, hulla hoop, golf, jigsaw and many others. It was all a bit of fun and a great credit to the organisers.

Lunch time we listened to the fabulous **SA Police Band** and their very talented lead singer. This band is an icon of SA and their music was very entertaining. It made us proud to be South Australians

That evening we listened to another Adelaide local **Greg Hart** and his group who sang a number of songs from artists such as Tom Jones, Roy Orbison, Neil Diamond and Elvis Pres-ley. Once again very entertaining (judging by the number of people on the dance floor).

Friday

Friday morning we went to a **trade fare** set up on site by Adelaide RV and other major spon-sors. In the evening we listened to another country and western singing group and also celebrated **Steve and Gloria's 50th wedding anniversary** (on 31st March). Congratulations Steve and Gloria.

Saturday

Saturday, after morning scones prepared by Jenny, we played bingo. That evening some listened to more country music from a group called **Steppin' Back** while others watched the Crows bring down Port (in their black prison bars).

Sunday

Sunday we spent some time at the local market then went to the **Overland Corner Hotel** for a very enjoyable lunch. That evening we listened to a very funny local Aussie group called **Me and me Mates.** They sang all the old time favourites with their own local slant on the wording. Very funny and very entertaining.

Monday

Monday was the ***state heats*** for disc bowls and we're proud to announce that:

Steve and Graham for the Wanderers won the state championship.

That evening we listened to another local singer from Victor Harbor name **Linda McCarthy** who once again sang with gusto many good old time favourites with her own twist on them.

Very entertaining and she was also very good at interacting with the crowd - just ask John Edginton.

Tuesday

Tuesday was our last day and we watched Graham and Steve compete in the **disc bowls championship.** Their first game was against WA. They did very well but unfortunately were beaten on the very last throw from the WA team.

Bad luck Steve and Graham but you did us proud!

Tuesday evening we had a farewell dinner and then sat down to listen to the very talented Adelaide group called **Chunky Custard**. Once again they wowed us with all the old time favourites and capped off what was a very enjoyable 9 days. We met a lot of new friends from different clubs local and interstate and all vowed to meet again at the next national rally in Mudge NSW in September 2025.

We would also like to pay a ***special tribute to Steve and Gloria Jesser*** as our ACCSA members for all their hard work in preparation and throughout the rally to ensure that all went smoothly. A job well done. You did us proud. **Thanks Steve and Gloria**

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