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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.

President's Report, June 2024

Only 138 days to go to the ACCSA State Rally being held at Pt Elliot Caravan Park from 16 to 22 October 2024.

Planning of the State Rally is coming along and we should be able to release a draft Programme by June 30 2024. I must thank the State Rally Sub-Committee for all their input and assistance.

As at writing we have 100+ caravans registered for the event with sites deposit, which covers the 1st night, paid by ACCSA. Could all Clubs attending please put together a Basket Raffle Prize to the value of $50.00 to be drawn on Sunday 20 October.

If Club Members have not yet registered please contact our Registrar Lesley Davis (ldavis@outlook.com.au) with your details as soon as possible and remember your $20.00 Administration fee to be paid to your **Club Treasurer** by 30 June.

ACCSA has been offered an Exhibit Stand at the next SA Caravan & Camping Show to be held at the Adelaide Showgrounds from 25 to 28 July 2024. Could Clubs please contact me if they are willing to volunteer being at the Stand during this period. If I do not receive enough offers by June 30, I will advise the SACC that we will forego this offer, remembering it is our way of attracting new members to our Clubs.

REMINDER – Club Delegates Zoom Meeting is on 12 June 2024 at 7.30 pm. Invitations will be sent out by Monday 10 June, hope to see as many as possible online.

Yours in Caravanning

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State Rally Update

Port Elliott Caravan Park, 16-22 October 2024

We now have 104 registrations for the state rally, including 98 vans, 4 cabins and 2 people staying off site. While you are not required to pay for any nights yet (unless you wish to extend your stay at either the beginning or end of the rally), the **registration fee of $20 per site** is payable to your *Club treasurer* now and all club payments are due in to ACCSA by the **31st August**. (Club treasurers please send a list of all paid registrants to both the ACCSA treasurer barbarastanley2014@gmail.com with your payment and to the Registrar at ldavis@outlook.com.au.)

If you wish to extend your stay, please contact the park to pay for the extra nights. Full payment of the remainder of your site fees will be payable directly to the caravan park about one month before the rally. Date to be confirmed.

Any questions, please do not hesitate to phone me on 0417 862 367.

Lesley Davis

Registrar

Proposed Activities for the State Rally

- **Lawn Bowls Thursday, 18th October 6-9 pm**
  At Port Elliott Bowling Club—please send an email to Lesley Davis if you are interested in this activity. Meal + bowls (or meal only) costs $25. Loan bowls available for those who don't have any.
- Bingo - session times to be confirmed.
- RAA Road Safety for caravanners—Thursday, 18th October 10.30—12 noon
- Photobook making—Thursday, 18th October 1—2 pm
- **Disk Bowls—Friday, 19th October**
  Each club will need to let Roy Turner know the number of teams to be entered from each club. Those clubs will also need to supply one umpire/ scorer for each team entered.
- Ukelele entertainment Sunday 4 pm
- Walking group mornings—times and days to be confirmed
- Trivia session—day and time to be confirmed

External tours such as Coorong boat trips, cockle train, Clydesdales at Victor and others will be publicised in the next Journal.

More activities are in the planning stages. A full program will be made available before the rally.

Club Rally Reports

Location: CLAYTON BAY

Date of Rally: 2-5 May **No of Vans:** 15 (**Adults** 27)
Expenses Incurred:
Park Fees $34 per night (deposit required)
Total site fees: $2040
Other Expenses: $1100
Total spend at rally: $ 3140
On arrival: Very friendly and helpful.

The park and surrounds: Park is very well kept. Lots of grassed sites and everything was neat and tidy.

Things we did at this rally: Visited the Finniss General Store for coffee and cake, had lunch at the Milang Hotel, played cards in the cosy camp kitchen, walked around the wetlands and the bay, sat around the campfire and generally had a great time.

Recommended.

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BAROSSA VALLEY C&C CLUB

Rolling Rally Report: Keith, Naracoorte, Cockatoo Lake Recreation Reserve

Date of Rally: 4-13 April **No of Vans:** 12
Expenses Incurred:
Total spend at rally: $ 8837

We started at the **Keith Caravan Park** on 4th April. It is a community owned park with excellent facilities, big sites and some shady areas. We paid $38-00 per night. Location is great as it is walking distance to the Hotel where we had a excellent meal. There is also an undercover dining area that is dog friendly. A guided tour of Keith started with a trip to the 1800 William Davis Cottage, the site of the international Jet Boat Circuit, an explanation of the "Circle Work" fountain and irrigation of their Lucerne. Land invested acquisition by returned soldiers has been used to fund many civic projects over the years. Lastly we visited the Limestone Coast Seeds where we toured the seed processing. Saturday after coffee at the Bakery some of us climbed My Monster for a view of the district.

Sunday we travelled to **Naracoorte Caravan Park**. A very welcoming reception, large grassed sites again within walking distance from the town centre. $38-00 per night.

We all spent the afternoon eating our pre-ordered lunch at the Cave Cafe and exploring the various caves and trails. Happy Hour was in the beautiful, large, Camp Kitchen at the park each night. Monday morning we toured the Minijumbuk factory and shop, then the Sheep's Back Museum.

Tuesday some went to Penola's Petticoat Lane Heritage Site, Op shops and the bakery. In the afternoon we met our guide John Stafford at Straun House for a tour of this beautiful 40 roomed house.. It is now owner by SA Govt, and occupied by PIRSA.

Wednesday we headed north to the **Cockatoo Lake Recreation Reserve** where there is a toilet, shelter shed, boat ramp and lovely quiet walks. Donation fee.

Km travelled 700. Happy Camping

Right: Members of the Barossa Valley Club at Straun House.

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Club Rally Reports

Location of Rally: Goolwa (G'Day Park)

Date of Rally 8-12 April 2024
No of Vans 13 **Adults** 23
Children Nil
Expenses Incurred:
Park Fees $41 per night (deposit required)
Total site fees: $2143
Other Expenses: $2963
Total spend at rally: $ 5106
On arrival: All good, park managers very helpful and friendly.
The park and surrounds: The sites are good size with artificial grass, the amenities block is new well maintained and cleaned regularly. The camp kitchen suitable for large groups but found with no BBQ close by a little off putting for a communal BBQ dinner, however there are sheltered BBQ areas available around the park, the old camp kitchen is still very usable and also a great place to gather with a pizza oven.

Things we did at this rally: Using our own BBQ we had BYO BBQ with shared salads. Visited a member's home on the waterway for a scrumptious breakfast, some also conned a boat ride on the Murray. Had a planned dinner at the Lakes Golf Club and for lunch we all went out to the mouth of the Murray on Hindmarsh Island to eat at the café there. Toured the area and sampled the bakeries at Goolwa, Port Elliott and Victor harbour.
Recommended: Would definitely come back

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Location of Rally: Tag-a-long: Burra, Jamestown, Orroroo

Date of Rally 14-24 May 2024
No of Vans 9 **Adults** 14 **Children** Nil
Expenses Incurred:
Park Fees $30-35 per night (deposit required at some)
Total site fees: $2513
Other Expenses: $5234
Total spend at rally: $ 7747
On arrival: All parks good, park managers very helpful and friendly.
The park and surrounds: All parks and towns worth the visit, amenities regardless well maintained kept clean and serviced regularly

Things we did at this rally:

Camp fires a plenty! Members enjoyed the sights and then had pizzas for dinner around the wood fire. we enjoyed a lavish spread of cakes and cheeses and great coffee. Members toured the sights of Jamestown including the Big Battery at Horndale. Those members remaining had a morning of games. we had the inaugural game for the CCCCC (Carefree Caravaneers Club CROQUET Competition). Members played disc bowls, Ladder Golf was an exciting game, happy hour and listening to the music of our members, we had dinner at the local Hotels. The food was exceptional.

All of these country towns have plenty to keep you occupied for several days

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DAVE BENSON CARAVAN CLUB

Location of Rally: Kapunda Caravan Park

Date of rally: 5-12 April 2024
No of Vans: 7 caravans and 1 cabin

Expenses incurred:
Cost $228.00 for the week per caravan.
Total site fees: $1596

On arrival: This is a nice park with good management and very helpful.

The park and surrounds: This park has great surrounds with sporting facilities.

What we did at this rally: We had meals at two hotels (very good) Greenock Hotel, John Franklin Hotel Kapunda.

The Information Centre was very helpful and has great displays of Sir Sidney Kidman. It is easy to spend a couple of hours there.

Lots to see around the area.

Recommended: We would recommend this park.
Our next rally is to Laura 17th – 24th May

Location of Rally: Laura Community Caravan Park

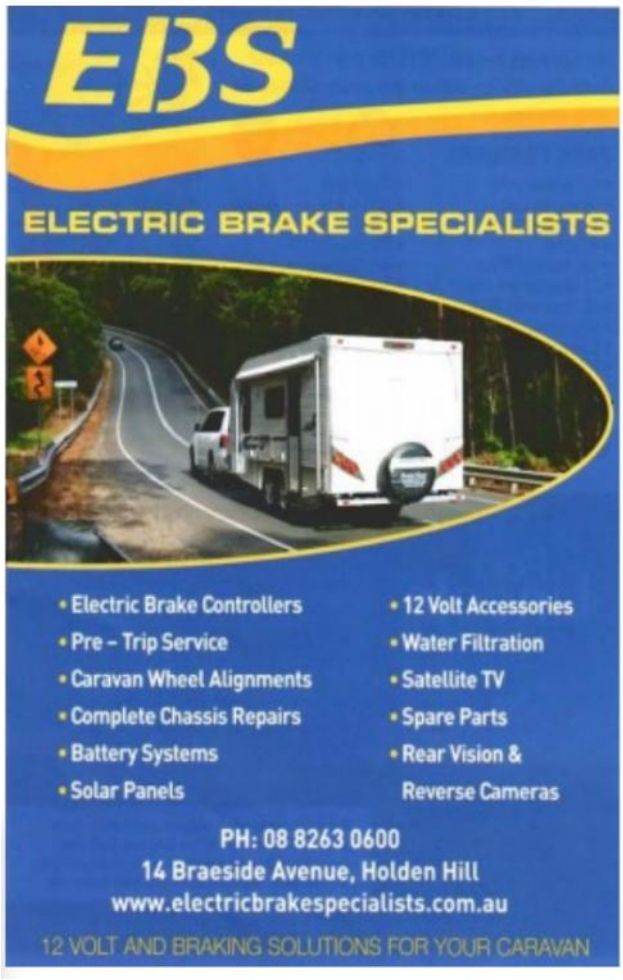
Date of Rally 17-24 May 2024
No of Vans 8 **Adults** 13 **Visitors (cabin)** 2
Expenses Incurred:
Park Fees $32 per night (pay for 6, get 7)
Total site fees: $1536

On arrival:
The park and surrounds: This is a very nice park with good facilities. The Camp Kitchen is basic but serviceable with an indoor fire that we used to its full potential.
There is an outdoor fire ring and firewood is provided for both at no charge.
There is a gas fired pizza oven for all to use.

Things we did at this rally: We all looked at the many points of interest. Visited a chocolate factory for demonstration and purchasing. Visit to a brewery to sample their wares; went back on Sunday where they had spuds and more wagon serving and ate inside the Brew House with the fire going {inside an old church}.
Drove to Warnertown for a magnificent lunch at the local hotel. Great service and very cheap prices. Went to the Laura Hotel for our final night's dinner.

Recommended: We would recommend this park and area to other caravanners.

Next Rally Spear Creek 16th – 13th September
Lunch 25th July Broadway Hotel Glenelg



Club Rally Reports

Southern Cross Caravan Club

Date of Rally: 16th – 24th April 2024

Location of Rally: Padthaway, Halls Gap, Keith

No of Vans: 14 **No. of Adults** 26

Expenses Incurred:

Park fees per night:$30, $45.50, $30
Total site fees: $3450.00
Other expenses (food, entertainment, fuel, etc)$11,844.00
Total spend:$15,294:00

On arrival: Meet by friendly management at all parks and allocated sites.

The park and surrounds: Padthaway Caravan Park had park to ourselves and a family of Blue Wrens, nice bush camp. Halls Gap Breeze Caravan Park located in centre of town easy access to everything. Park sites need refurbishing, park in great setting. Keith Caravan Park well run country park all sites drive through.

Things we did at this rally:

Padthaway—Tuesday arrived and set up and had happy hour in small but warm Camp Kitchen. Wednesday explored local area in morning and all had lunch at Farmers Leap Winery great wine and Pizzas, Happy Hour in camp kitchen. Thursday packed up and drove onto Halls Gap most took scenic drive off the main highway.

Halls Gap— on arrival setup and happy hour in small camp cold kitchen. Friday another cold morning most discovered and enjoyed the local area and waterfalls, scenic lookout walks. Happy hour together and dinner back in vans out of the cold. Saturday morning tea sitting in the sun then off to the Kookaburra Hotel for lunch, well organised for our group and the meals were of a very high standard would recommend. Happy hour later in afternoon and retired to vans out of the cold. Sunday morning long table breakfast in the sun followed by traditional Tizer quiz, free time to visit nearby attractions, afternoon happy hour and get together to exchange experiences. Monday all packed up some going on to Melbourne and Ballarat, few going straight home and the rest move on to Keith for 2 nights.

Keith—Set up and gathered for happy hour, in the evening went to Keith Hotel for an enjoyable meal. Tuesday morning walk with coffee stop, the ladies checked out the local dress shops, strong winds in afternoon so sheltered by cabins for the last happy hour then retired to vans. Wednesday all packed up and headed home. Another Great Rally and company as usual.

Recommended or not: Yes to all parks.

Date of Rally: 23rd – 27th May

Location of Rally: Burra Caravan Park

No of Vans: 12

No of Cabins 3 **No. of Adults** 22

Expenses Incurred: Park fees per night: $30.00

Total site fees: $1,680:00

Cabin fees: $1,800:00

Other expenses (food, entertainment, fuel, etc) $5,520:00

Total spend: $9,000:00

On arrival: Meet by friendly Park management and allocated sites.

The park and surrounds: Long narrow park with amenities in the centre of park, good grassed area to set up Gazebo's. Park short walk across bridge to main street. Cold mornings but lovely warm days.

Things we did at this rally: **Thursday** arrived and set up gazebos in time for happy hour, 3 gas heaters kept us all warm. Some of us had dinner in Gazebos others retired to vans. **Friday** morning tea at St Just Café & Store and explore the beautiful historic town, some of us did the Burra Heritage Passport self-drive tour, well worth the money and time. Happy hour in the Gazebos with heaters again and BYO dinner and chatter. **Saturday** morning tea get together in Gazebos and then on to lunch at the Burra Hotel, good meal and time had by all. After lunch all went separate ways exploring the surrounding area, happy hour with heaters going again in Gazebos then soup for dinner and off to the warmth of the vans. **Sunday** traditional cooked breakfast followed by morning tea supplied by club and Tizer Quiz. At 11:00am members gathered for the Mary Hospice Walk for Love with club and members raising $300. After walk an Anzac sausage sizzle (vegemite, cheese and Lamb) arranged by new members Brian and Dawn. Soon after Gazebos were packed and we had happy hour in camp kitchen and watched the Crows win, then off to vans. **Monday** pack up and leave for home. Another Great Rally and company as usual well done SCCC.

Recommended or not: Yes

Next rally location & date: Merna Mora Station Stay 20Th June-24th June 2024

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Have you registered for the 19th National Rally yet?

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