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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

EDITOR

While Robert Hart is recuperating, I have stepped in to try to take his place to produce the by-monthly Journal. I ask that you all remember that I am learning the art of producing the Newsletter and let me re-assure that if my attempt is not to your standard and you are able to nominate someone to take my place I will not be offended and will be pleased to receive that information.

ALL EYES ARE ON US

The current situation with the flooding of the River Murray has generated a tremendous amount of attention to the Riverland and the 18th National Caravan Rally has hit the spotlight. Recent discussion the Executive Committee has had with the State Tourism Commission, has highlighted the extent that they are encouraging such events to occur to assist the local economy. This new interest has extended to the Local Government and Businesses within the area who previous were not all that interested but are now anxious to be involved in some way or other.

IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER AND IT WOULD BE GREAT IF YOU CAN JOIN US AND BRING A FRIEND REGISTER NOW

it is an 18 year opportunity to attend a local National Rally.

Graham Brown, President ACCSA.

ANOTHER REASON TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL RALLY
A CONCERT BY THE BAND OF THE SA POLICE.

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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FROM THE (TEMP) EDITOR:

Thank you to the clubs who contributed their interesting rally reports to this edition of the ACCSA Journal. Some clubs have a website and/or a Facebook page to spread news of their clubs, so it is worth looking up other clubs websites and Facebook pages. However I ask clubs to please keep sending in your rally reports during 2023 and share your experiences. Remember that other clubs are interested in what other clubs are doing and their experiences at their rallies.

Please check out the ACCSA website for items added to the "Club Newsletters" and also to the "Notice Board".

The National Rally has taken a lot of time by many committee members who had to make the difficult decision to postpone the National Rally that was to be held this year in March/April 2022 to March/April 2023. Having made that decision we look forward to holding the 18th National Caravan Clubs Rally from Monday 27th March 2023 to Wednesday 5th April 2023 (9 nights). We encourage all affiliated clubs to put the National Rally in their 2023 calendars and ask their members to register for the 18th National Rally.

The National Rally Committee is rebooting National Rally. Please look up the National Rally website at https://www.18thnationalcaravanrally.org.au/ to check out what is going with the National Rally, and remember to

"REGISTER NOW".

We would like to see a greater presence from members of South Australian affiliated clubs attend please support the 18th National Caravan Clubs Rally in 2023.

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 2023 and in return we encourage members of all affiliated club to please support our sponsors.

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

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Where Clubs are Rallying in Early 2023

JAYCO CARAVAN CLUB	3—5 FEB	NURIOOTPA
CAREFREE CARAVAN CLUB	13—17 FEB	VICTOR HARBOR
SOUTHERN CROSS	9—13 FEB	GOOLWA

The 18th National Caravan Clubs Rally will be held at the Riverland Events Centre, Barmera SA from 27th March to 4th April 2023 (9 nights)

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

DATE OF RALLY 8TH-12TH December,2022 STRATHALBYN Caravan Park.
No of Vans 11 Vans & 1 Cabin.

On arrival: all were made to feel welcome at the checkin a quick, efficient & friendly staff member.

The park & surrounds: A small and lovely park well set out with all the lawns freshly cut for our arrival. The amenities were kept clean and tidy. There is a camp kitchen with a large wall mounted television, however too small for our large group. We were grateful to management for supplying us a free site for our Club Gazebo. It is a good park and a lovely town. **Would we come back.** Yes.

Things we did at this rally: Early morning walking group, happy hours, Lunch at the Victoria Hotel, visited by Father Christmas and his adorable Elf who supervised the handing out of Kris Kringle Presents to our members. An excellent Rally and enjoyed very much by our members.

Approximate Spend this rally:

Accommodation.	$1850
Other Spend:	$2,011
Total Spend:	**$3861**
Next Rally:	Goolwa Caravan Park. 9th to 13th Feb. 2023.

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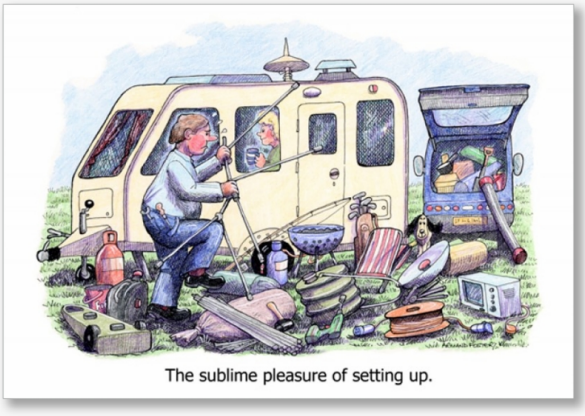
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KAPUNDA TOURIST PARK

Date of Rally **Mon 5th – Frid 8th December 2022**
Kapunda Tourist Park **Fees From** $30 per Night Powered
No of Vans **21 plus 1 cabin** **Adults 39 Children** nil

On arrival, Check in easy with very friendly staff could not do enough for us,

The Park and surrounds. Great place to stay, well-appointed camp kitchen good for large groups, amenities well maintained and clean.

Would definitely come back

Deposit not Required to secure your site

Things we did at this rally

Communal BBQ with shared salads the first night, this was our xmas rally, joined in for social bowls in the afternoon then the Bowling club catered for our xmas dinner, roast dinner 3 meats and veggies fantastic spread plus desert, music supplied by our members. Tourist drive around Kapunda, visits to nearby Barossa towns, Disc Bowls, A lunch at the Wheatsheaf Pub Allandale North for the whole club. There is so much history around Kapunda plenty of cafes brilliant bakery in the main street, a visit to the information centre museum, this town has plenty for everyone.

Approximate Spend this rally;
Accommodation $2720.00
Other Expenses $4536.00
Total Spend **$7,250.00**

We are off to the Sailmaster Tavern for lunch and get together on 12th January

Next Rally; **Victor Harbor Holiday and Cabin Park 13th -17th February 2023**

Date of Rally 2nd-5th December 2022 Discovery Park Clare
No of Vans 14 & 1 cabin

The Park & Surrounds. This is a very big park with a mixture of grass and gravel sites. The club was placed on large gravel sites close to all very good amenities.
Site rate was $35 per night however there was some confusion with deposits requested and arrival times. Standard cabins were $110 per night. An advertised Sausage Sizzle arranged by the park on Friday night was not held so following happy hour some members walked to the nearby Information Centre for wine tasting and cheese platters.

The weather continued to heat up over the weekend however members were able to follow their interests despite the weather. Saturday morning saw some visiting the op shops and bakery and strolling the main street, prior to having an enjoyable lunch at the Seven Hills Hotel. There is a shuttle from the park to the hotel.

There was a fabulous pool that several members cooled off in over the weekend.
For kids there was an undercover jumping castle and a skateboard track. There are grassed areas to exercise your dogs under tall shady trees. We had a choice of where to have Happy Hour – in the large open air covered BBQ area or on the grassed, shady area in front it or in the camp kitchen bit cramped for our crew but still large compared to some camp kitchens. Plenty of seating and shade in outside undercover area with another 2 BBQs. Great well appointed kitchen.

On Sunday morning some members enjoyed bacon and eggs provided by the park ($4.00pp) before heading off to the Christmas market in Clare. Despite the high temperature this was a great market with lots of bargains and homemade crafts plus local delicious cherries and strawberries. A trip to the Farrel Flat silo art was well worthwhile, yet another example of the beautiful work being done on silos everywhere.

APPROXIMATE SPEND

Accommodation	$1,211.00
Other spend	$2,791.21
Total spend	**$4,002.21**

JAYCO CARAVAN – DECEMBER RALLY

Date of the Rally 2nd-4th December 2022
Number of Vans 26 vans and 2 cabins.

Our members started rolling into Wallaroo on the Wednesday and we all made use of the great weather and by Friday it was a full house.

Friday evening saw us celebrate our official Happy Hour and the beginning of the Christmas celebrations. Everyone was in fine form and we managed to commandeer the Camp Kitchen for the evening (think everyone else was frightened of the deafening noise! and the 20th rendition of Happy Birthday for Brian). Brian wasn't the only one celebrating their birthday on this rally. Gillian Flynn and Lindy McCarthy also had this honour, they just celebrated a little quieter.
After a quick discussion about the program for the following day, we all got down to enjoying ourselves
The wine was good, the beer was cold and finger food was produced to sustain the pretence of "responsible alcohol consumption" (well at least some of didn't have to cook dinner that night) .The conversations got more unbelievable but it was good catching up with everyone.

Saturday morning rolled around and it was another beautiful day. While some members explored the area, the committee got to work organising for the evenings event. We had lots of help from members who helped us set up . This was greatly appreciated.

6:00pm rolled around and the Jayco Caravan Club Hawaiian Christmas got under way
Beer, wine and Cocktails by Reiner (both Alcoholic & non Alcoholic) were provided on arrival. Reiner's Blue Lagoon definitely got my tick of approval.
People certainly got into the spirit of things with "grass" skirts and loud shirts in abundance.
7:00pm and dinner was served and it was delicious. Full compliments to our caterer.
After the main course our Auction got underway and there was some serious bidding going on especially from Jennifer much to Barrys horror!. Once again Jayco Adelaide donated some wonderful items for our auction – 2 camp chairs, a camp cupboard, a side

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(Cont) shade for the car and a trolley. Bob Walker also donated one of his popular tables . It didn't take long for all items to go. A big thank you **to Jayco** Adelaide and Bob Walker for their donations and thank you to all the successful bidders.

Father Christmas and his elves arrived around 8:30 and as they made their way around to everybody they discovered that there were a lot of "naughty" people in our lot (but that didn't surprise anyone did it?) Kris Kringle was very generous and had a gift for everyone.

After all this excitement we got to calm down and enjoy the great sound of Colin and his guitar. Thank you Colin, just what we needed. After Colin wrapped up it was time for the raffle.

Sunday morning saw Pete & Sue Halsall and their band of helpers busy in the kitchen providing waffles & fruit & yoghurt and cooking bacon and eggs, for the masses. What a fabullous way to start a Sunday. A great big thank you to Pete & Sue for providing us with such a yummy breakfast.

I cant say it often enough … we have wonderful members who give of their time & money generously without wanting fuss and fanfare. Thank you, thank you, thank you. It is people like this that make our club the club it is.

We have a wonderful club because we have great members who are always up for a laugh. Who always pitch in and like to enjoy themselves…Keep up the good work.

Monday saw the mass migration to reality for a large number of our members.

Next Rally Nuriootpa – 3rd-5th Feb 2023

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.

WANDERERS CARAVAN CLUB– DECEMBER RALLY

Date of the Rally 9th-12th December 2022
Number of Vans 13 vans and 1 cabins.

ON ARRIVAL we were greeted by the very friendly manager, paid our dues and set up on our site just in time to see several other Wanderers arriving one after the other.

Things we did at the Rally

The rest of the day was spent familiarising ourselves with the park and catching up with those we haven't seen for a while. Friday morning saw a leisurely drive to Goolwa to do the obligatory shop for all the things we have plenty of at home but didn't bring from home, even though we said I think we have everything now before we left. We went for a drive around the metropolis of Clayton Bay on the way back and noted that nothing was open so back to the caravan, have some lunch and then off for a walk. Meanwhile, Jacqui read her book and had a little nana nap.

Dinner Friday night was at the Milang pub, which on the whole was excellent. We had all pre ordered our meals by email so all we had to do was get some drinks and find a seat in the dining room

Saturday started with the walkers off once again for the miracle mile or two followed by a BYO coffee to the free cake and biscuit morning tea. Later in the evening we had a communal dinner followed by an interesting presentation by Bob Houston on his participation in the Tiny Oz program. It was great to learn how the modellers managed to create some of the affects in the diorama. Sunday morning started with rain and blustery winds to go home

GAS BAYONETS

The following advice was received from the Caravan and Camping Industry Association;

The key thing to ensure when using gas bayonets on a recreational vehicle is that any appliance that is attached through this connection becomes part of the gas installation. As such, it is required to have the same safety features of any installed appliance. Key among these is a flame safeguard feature on each burner – a control that extinguishes the burner in the event of flame failure. Some portable external appliances (such as some portable BBQs) do not have this feature, so are not suitable for use with a gas bayonet.

Recreational Vehicle manufacturers and dealers are encouraged to check with their equipment suppliers to ensure that any appliances supplied as vehicle options meet these requirements.

Consumers are, likewise, encouraged to check that any appliances that they intend to connect to the gas bayonet have the required safety features. Note: a portable appliance without this feature may still be used but should be connected directly to a gas cylinder with a hose and regulator fitting, not through the gas bayonet.

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