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PRESIDENT'S CHATTER:

As the newly appointed President of ACCSA allow me to introduce myself!

I am Graham Brown and my charming wife Jacquie and I have been members of the Carefree Caravanners for the past 27 years. We have held a number of positions within the Club and were members of the 12th National Rally Committee who organised the Lucindale Rally in 2004-2005.

The major reason I accepted the position of President was because I believe ACCSA has an important role to play in the promotion of recreational caravanning within South Australia. The Association will be more effective if we can increase our membership and maintain your support as members of the Caravan Clubs in S.A. It is important that we collectively demonstrate to the Communities we visit the benefits Caravan Clubs bring to tourism and local businesses within our own State.

As an effective Association we can continue to be a strong influence within the recreational industry and provide an opportunity to increase the benefits to club members.

At this time I would like to thank Reg and the previous Committee for their efforts during the last 12 months (including the State Rally) and also the new Committee members for accepting their roles with the Executive.

I look forward to building a strong association with all the current Caravan Clubs in S.A.

FROM THE EDITOR:

A recent email from the Secretary of the National Association of Caravan Clubs (NACC) highlights the need for all State Associations to work with the NACC to further the interests of Caravanning at a local and national level.

The NACC has undertaken several initiatives to that end, the first of which is a Benefits card Scheme. The arrangement with Ken Tame Insurance is the first of the benefits and more are planned.

The NACC has requested a nominal levy from each Association, based on membership numbers, to assist in meeting the travel costs of Association delegates to the NACC Directors Meetings, held twice per year. NACC regards these face-to-face meetings as central to the effective functioning of the NACC and the formulation of national policies.

Another initiative, the National Online Database of caravan club members serves several purposes, including being a simple tool for clubs to manage their club member records but primarily it provides the State Associations and the NACC with accurate information that can be used when negotiating with various government bodies, tourism groups and potential benefit providers.

The NACC asks that affiliated Associations, Clubs and Club Members work together with the NACC to support the initiatives which have been created and those that will be provided in the future.

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ACCSA Delegates Next Meeting

Wednesday
07 October 2015
at **7.30pm**
Coffee will be available from 7.00pm
Walkerville RSL Hall
98 Walkerville Tce
Walkerville
All Welcome

Note that the Time and Place of the December ACCSA Delegates meeting may be changed. Any changes will be forwarded when details are known.

CARAVAN CLUB OF SA

September Rally
at Riverton Caravan Park

Arrived at Riverton on the Friday afternoon and I just could not go to sleep that night it was so cold - even when the nights were zero in Alice springs it did not feel as bad as that first night in Riverton. I guess I had not re-acclimatised.

Saturday the men went out to Golf while some of the ladies went up the street to look around and have a coffee. It was very busy as the oval was having its football and netball finals which resulted in us not being able to use the club rooms as first thought. The park was very helpful seeing we had already organized our functions and gave us the use of one of the cabins so we could be out of the weather.

In the Saturday afternoon members enjoyed a game of bingo.

Saturday evening a few went to the local Hotel while others had a combined BBQ for tea. After the meal Doug set up the projector and we sat in the warm of the room and watched a movie.

Sunday farewells were had all round and homeward bound we all went.

Everyone found something to enjoy at this rally.

October Rally: Pt Broughton Caravan Park

COROMAL CARAVAN CLUB OF SA

September Rally
at Crystal Brook Caravan Park

The caravan park is in a beautiful creek setting and we even had water flowing through when water was released after weekend rain. The manager, Peter was very friendly and obliging and his friend Martin took over the reins when Peter went to Darwin. There is a very good camp kitchen, electric BBQs and a fire pit. For the train buffs there are plenty of trains passing through including The Ghan.

The football oval is next door and the rescue helicopter landed there twice late on Saturday night. On Thursday we all explored the town, which is very neat and friendly with some beautiful old homes, excellent historical photo boards in the Main Street and historical markers of Edward John Eyre and the centenary of Crystal Brook in 1974. There is a cafe, bakery, butcher, Foodland, butcher, chemist and two hotels. The shops were decorated with red and white balloons and streamers supporting the Crystal Brook football, netball and hockey teams in The Grand Final on Saturday in Melrose. Some travelled to Pt Broughton, Pt Pirie and Pt Germein, returning via Appila Lutheran Church.

October Rally: Mannum Caravan Park

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JAYCO JAYBIRDS SA

September Rally
at Stony Creek Caravan Park

A sausage sizzle for tea on Thursday night and one or two beverages were consumed sitting around a fire pit.

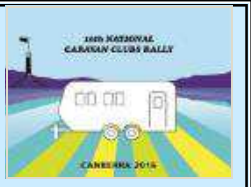
A Safety Rule: When attempting to fan smoke from smoke alarm, make sure you locate smoke alarm, not antenna winder!

Friday we attempted to go to Alligator Gorge but that didn't happen due to poor conditions of walking tracks. We attempted to get something to eat in Wilmington but the bakery was closed and up for sale, café was closed and the pub didn't have a cook on hand, so we went back to the park. We decided to explore the park and check out the facilities which were pretty good. Some of the kids from the club went tad-poling in the creek. Dinner Friday night was roast lamb and roast pork in the Weber Q with roast vegies which was magic. Hats off to all the cooks. With small pavlovas and brandy snaps for dessert, we decided our meal was just as good as the hotel. Saturday we went to Quorn to see what they had to offer and we were not disappointed. We checked out the railways, the town and found a drapery shop that was also a bakery. We were taken back in time as the shop had not changed its décor and they still had flying foxes which they used to use for giving back change. Back to the park for a game or two of bocce followed by a shared bbq dinner.

We all loved the park and would go back again. The caretakers were great. They told us that they would be putting some meals on in the near future and also obtaining a liquor licence for the people in the park, Happy hour etc.

October Rally: Stockport Caravan & Tourist Park

Where is the next National Caravan Clubs Rally?



The 16th National Rally of the Caravan Clubs of Australia, will be held at the Exhibition Park in Canberra (EPIC), situated on Flemington Road Mitchell, in the Australian Capital Territory, from Monday 19 to Wednesday 28 September 2016.

EPIC is just a short distance from the main Canberra city centre. This is a modern complex with large comfortable buildings at visitors disposal.

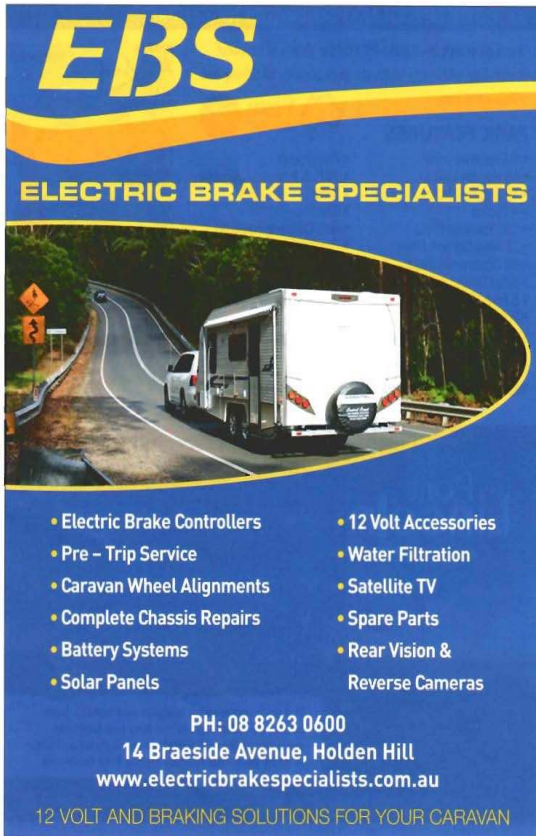
All evening activities at the rally will be held in a large air-conditioned building. This building may be familiar to visitors as it was the National Tally Room in the recent federal election.

RALLY COSTS

The total cost for this Rally is $400.00 including the registration fee of $30.00.

Payments can be made in full on registration or perhaps by the preferred method of $30.00 (non-refundable) on registration and then further payments on a regular basis. Most people have opted for this option with only one payment now remaining to be paid. The final payment must be paid by 30 June 2016. Everyone who has paid in full at that time will go in a draw to win a $100.00 fuel voucher or one of five KUI park memberships.

Everything you need will be on site. There is even a service station and a McDonalds attached to the site. More information can be found at http://www.16thnatcaravanrally.org.au.



ELIZABETHAN CARAVAN CLUB

September Rally at Lake Albert Caravan Park, Meningie	

Rally time again and this time saw the club at Lake Albert Caravan Park in Meningie in the beautiful area of the Coorong. As luck would have it all attendees were there by Thursday so even though the rally didn't start officially till Friday it was time to party. After setting up people were curious to see Marg and Ian's new home so they came in one by one to peruse the new acquisition. Sunny afternoon bought all the chairs out and we sat around chatting and introducing our visitors to everyone.

Friday morning a group set of into town to do the rounds of the op shop, craft shop and any shopping that needed to be done and later met at the local cafe. Friday afternoon teams were formed to play a round of bocce with the eventual winners being our Visitors. Sitting in the sunshine the rally was officially opened by Barry. Jim and Kaye received their welcome package and our Visitors were officially welcomed and weekend activities discussed and decided upon. As the sun went in the cool air was upon us with some brave souls sitting around chatting, others ventured off into the warmth of their vans and Lyn and Frank went to the bowls club for dinner which was extremely good value 2 courses for $15.

Saturday dawned bright and sunny and after organising the car pool the majority of the members headed off to Raukkan (church on the $50 note), Narrung and along the Coorong. During the journey two romantic cruises (Ferry) were enjoyed and, while driving, Harry narrowly missed running over a snake! Our adventure culminated with a picnic lunch in the Coorong National Park, looking out at the beautiful view of water and pelicans. Late afternoon some members headed off to the Cheese Factory Museum to view the cultural history of the area while others sat around reading and chatting.

Communal dinner was at the Meningie Hotel (new management). Prices and service was reasonable. Food was excellent and plentiful in fact several people ended up taking doggy bags home. Last trophy went to Su who ordered the simplest meal roast of the day. After dinner we headed back to our vans, some intent on watching the football others intent on being in the warm.

Sunday dawned bright and again sunny. After the meeting 2 of our members Harry & Phyllis and Jim & Kaye were farewelled and wished safe travels. The remainder who stayed enjoyed late breakfasts and just relaxing some more. Hard Life !!The afternoon saw some of the ladies enjoying a craft afternoon in the beautiful sunshine. All agreed the Rally had been a particularly enjoyable one, helped along by the wonderfully warm weather.

Monday saw nearly everyone busily packing up and as Marg and Ian bid farewell to all. Thoughts were already turning to the next time we will all meet in Cobdogla. Safe travels until we meet again.

October Rally: Cobdogla

RIVERLAND CARAVAN CLUB

August Rally at Loxton Caravan Park	4 Vans + Visitors

This was a three-day rally. We had four vans attending but numbers were swelled by day trippers. There was a lot to see around Loxton. We saw the finish of the Variety Bash then did a stroll around town inspecting playgrounds, shops and so on. We finished up at Ray & Barb's place for dinner.

September Rally at Eckerts Creek	5 Vans + Visitors

We had five vans this rally and numbers were again swelled by day trippers. This time we went into Katarapko National Park where we saw the new regulator before going on to the old stone weir where a few blokes were busy fishing. This is a very peaceful part of the world. The privately owned park offers a camp kitchen and power.

October Rally: We will not be holding an actual rally in October but instead, will be celebrating the club's 40th *birthday at Gino & Kay Parrotta's home in Garrett Road, Glossop on October 17th. This will be attended by some former members as well as our current members. This should be a very enjoyable occasion.*

WANDERERS CARAVAN CLUB

October Rally at Pt Hughes Caravan Park	16 Vans, 1 Cabin, 3 Visitors

What a fantastic weekend it turned out to be. The weather was fantastic and the turn up was extremely good. Everybody got along well and there were laughs a plenty all day every day. Quite a few of the ladies enjoyed their stroll through the main street and I am sure the patrons appreciated their donations for goods purchased, whilst most of the men enjoyed a drink or two at camp.

Friday night we all went to the Hotel for tea and the meals were very good. The only fault being the serving of the meals had its ups and downs with some meals going back to the kitchen unclaimed. One had to feel for a couple of men that placed their orders early in the night but were last to be served. A couple of the men decided to go fishing one morning and returned ''successfully'' with four very small fish. I am sure they had a great time.

On Saturday night a games night was organised at a local church hall, playing an assortment of games including Snap, Snakes and Ladders, Dominos, etc. and the place was buzzing with laughter and lots of fun. So much so that John D decided to create his own game " fall of the chair" which drew the attention of everyone in the room. It was a great night—well done Cathy.

Sunday Morning it was time to pack up but not before enjoying the sausage sizzle. Thanks to all those that contributed to making the breakfast a success.

November Rally: Renmark (for the Rose Festival)

YOUR CLUB's RALLY REPORT?

If the Rally Report for your Club was not in this issue of the Journal, then maybe the editor didn't receive it in time, or at all.

Please get your reports in as soon as possible after your rally, but at least 2 weeks before the next ACCSA General Meeting, as published on the front page of the Journal.

Your report will keep the other Clubs up-to-date with your Clubs happenings and can provide helpful information for planning future rallys, so please have your Clubs ACCSA Reps or Editor send off an email with a few lines containing a brief outline of your latest rally– 5 lines should suffice. Add any relevant information about the parks, such as cost per van, discounts received, facilities, recent upgrades/downgrades, etc., and the number of Club vans and visitors attending.

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