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Next ACCSADelegates Meeting

Wednesday
04 February 2015
at **7.30pm**

Walkerville RSL Hall
98 Walkerville Tce
Walkerville

All Welcome!

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From the President:

Welcome to the New Year!

As you know 2015 is the year of our bi-annual State Rally and arrangements are well under way for this year's event to be held at Victor Harbor Beachfront Holiday Park from Friday 1st to Sunday 3rd May. The registration form has been finalised and sent to Club Secretaries and is also be available on the ACCSA website (www.accsa.asn.au).
Unfortunately we were unable to secure the BankSA community marquee but local Victor Harbor business **A1 Hire** have given us a great deal on a replacement unit including all the bells & whistles! They have a massive range of equipment for hire so look them up if you are in the market for handyman equipment or party hire items.
We look forward to meeting more of our Club's members as we travel around and hearing about your rallies in future copies of the Journal.

Reg Merritt *(President)*

Club Delegates & Editors please note the following dates for meetings and Journal deadlines:

Meeting Date:	Journal publication date:	Last day for articles:
February 4th	January 28th	23rd January
April 1st	March 25th	March 20th
June 3rd	May 27th	May 22nd
August 5th (AGM)	July 29th	July 24th
October 7th	September 30th	September 25th
December 2nd	November 25th	November 20th

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Coromal Caravan Club

Social event		

Twenty-two dedicated members turned out for lunch at Kay and John's home, including two newbies Ian and Cherry from Goolwa who were made very welcome and became very quickly absorbed into the gathering. A delightful meal was served starting with Kay's very tasty pea soup and followed by chicken, ham and a variety of salads provided by those attending. An assortment of tasty desserts finished off the feast.
It was a very sociable gathering with lots of people discussing plans for their travels throughout the year, both with and without with the Club. So, another successful Club outing with a big vote of thanks to Kay and John for making their home available yet again.

Southern Cross Caravan Club

Milang Caravan Park 11th-15th December	16 vans, 2 cabins & 1 Motel Room	$25 with Club Discount Free site for Club gazebo

The weather was fine, except for Thursday when it blew a gale all day and night. There were white caps on the waves in the lake. We had our entertainment in the Gazebo on Friday Night. The theme was Australiana. There were quizzes and we sang carols with the words changed to Australian themes. Saturday afternoon, Father Christmas arrived, ably assisted by his 2 elves. This year he handed out scratchy cards where everyone had a chance of winning big money. Unfortunately, only a few people had single digit numbers.
Saturday night we had dinner at the Milang Hotel. There was a set menu of fish or turkey for mains and apple crumble or black forest cake for desserts. The serves were huge, on time and friendly staff. On Sunday afternoon we celebrated the Club's 40th anniversary in our Gazebo. 5 ex members made the trip across from Adelaide. The cake was cut by our most senior members on the day, Ray & Lorraine. All members provided finger food. There were many laughs and reminiscing.
Our next Rally will be at Pt.Rickaby 6th-8th Feb.2015

Southern Nomads Caravan Club

Avoca Dell, Murray Bridge 5th – 7th December	10 caravans, 3 cabins	

On the first weekend in December we had 10 caravans and 3 members staying in cabins for our Christmas rally at Murray Bridge. We have always enjoyed staying at Avoca Dell with its close proximity to the river.
Most members gathered on Friday with a lively Happy Hour and catch up time from our last Rally.
Saturday dawned to a lovely day and members filled in their day after morning tea by visiting the local market in Murray Bridge or just sight-seeing. At 5.45pm we all boarded the "Captain Proud" paddleboat for a cruise up-river and a meal. We had 30 people in our group which made a nice number. It was just lovely cruising as many of the houses near the river had their Christmas lights on and it was a lovely balmy night. There was a singer on board and some joined in with the songs that they knew.
Sunday morning is always busy with packing up and we have a meeting over morning tea. We all agreed it was a lovely weekend and wished one and all a happy Christmas and safe travels in 2015.

The ***Caravan Council of Australia*** has been operating for just over two years, and has established an excellent reputation for assisting many people in the RV industry, by providing professional, factual, and unbiased technical information.

The *CCA* is run - on an *honorary* basis - by "mature-age" professional and experienced automotive engineers, to improve the level of compliance, safety and quality of RVs on Australian roads. It also educates industry personnel on technical and compliance issues… especially the critical and troublesome item of Ratings and Masses, and Handling and Stability.

The *CCA* is completely *independent*, and does *not* have any "Members". It is *fully-impartial*, and does *not* ever name any *brands* of RVs, or discuss any *commercial* issues.

Web-site **www.caravancouncil.com.au** has some *free* informative documents available.

Wanderers Caravan Club

McLaren Vale December 2014	24 caravans + 3Cabins	Cost per night… $29.50

Friday. Meet and greet. In the evening we all enjoyed a communal BBQ, members bringing a large range of salads and sweets
Saturday. This being our Xmas rally we drove to McLaren Flat to enjoy a catered meal at the McLaren Flat community club. The meal was catered by the McLaren vale Uniting Church. The meal consisted of Cold meats and salad, followed by Christmas pudding and Cheese cake. Quite a good and enjoyable night.
Sunday. Morning tea and fond farewell to those leaving.

Overall impression. Another good rally. The Caravan Park is a vast improvement on what it used to be, level sites with good lawns.

Milang January 2015	17 caravans	$30 per night

Friday: Meet and greet, followed by happy hour. Then off to the Milang Hotel for a Meal. The costs were quite reasonable between $17 and $25. The meals were good quality and size, but very slow to be delivered, one of our members waited 1.5 hours for his to be given the wrong gravy on his schnitzel; he was given plain instead of Dianne gravy.
Saturday: Free morning followed by a visit to the Power show on the Milang oval. The entry cost was $5 per person, it was money well spent. The display of stationary engines from yesteryear, also the old cars and the tractor pull was well worth the entry fee. Usual happy hour was followed by games of disc bowls and golf chipping.
Sunday: Early morning tea, so people could leave before the deadline of 10.3am to avoid paying half a day's fees to have a late checkout.
Overall impression: Nice Park except for Get out early policy. Friendly staff nice level sites.

Barossa Valley Caravan & Camping Club

Pt Wakefield Rally Dec 5th, 6th & 7th 2014	10 Vans attended with 4 other members coming to enjoy the dinner	

After happy hour we moved into dinner in the Rec room.
There was a lovely variety of dishes and desserts provided by the members.
Saturday morning some were privileged to have a tour of Balco Hay Plant at Bowmans with Murray which was followed by a tour of Humpback Caravan workshop by Ian which was also enjoyable.
At the meeting Warren Isgar was welcomed into the club and Murray won the raffle.
Dinner at the Rising Sun Hotel was excellent as we had a private dining room, great 2 course menu for only $25-00 pp. Santa was busy with his new JEEP so sent his Elf along. It was amazing how much "he" knew about everyone.
Thanks to Murray and Bev for organising such a great weekend.

Barossa Valley Caravan and Camping Club

Christmas 2014

Pt Pirie Beach Caravan Park 14th - 17th November 2014	8 vans	

Our stay at the Pt Pirie Beach Caravan Park was very comfortable. We made good use of the BBQ areas but lack of a kitchen was a problem when it was windy.
Saturday the walk around the town was followed by a trip to Pt Germein and Wine tasting and picnic lunch at Blesings Winery. The homeward trip included an Ice cream at Laura. A most enjoyable dinner at the Sportsman Tavern was the prelude to the John Williamson Concert which we really appreciated.
Sunday we visited Shakka, SA's largest shark, at the Information Centre, had a ride on the model railway and sat in the Huey helicopter at the RSL. Here we were also provided with a BBQ lunch for $4-00.
Homeward bound on Monday after another rewarding evening of chatter and hospitality.

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- Police arrested two kids yesterday. One was drinking battery acid, the other was eating fireworks. They charged one and let the other off.
- Two peanuts walked into a bar. One was a salted.
- Two cannibals are eating a clown. One says to the other "Does this taste funny to you?"
- A man waked into the doctors, he said, "I've hurt my arm in several places". The doctor said "Well don't go there any more."
- A guy walks into the psychiatrist wearing only clingfilm for shorts. The shrink says "Well I can see you're nuts."
- A jumper lead walked into a bar. The barman said "I'll serve you, but don't start anything".

Are you a dab hand with barbeque tools?
Do you have a gentle touch with tongs?

Then we have the job for you!

ACCSA will be cooking up a storm at the State Rally and lunch time on Saturday is where it will all be happening.
We've got the snags, onions & bread all sorted but we just need a few operators to make it fly.

If you can help please contact any of the ACCSA Executive

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To help with the success of the State Rally 2015, we need a Club (or a group of individuals) to help with the complimentary tea/coffee service.

On Saturday ACCSA will provide morning & afternoon tea & a hot drink at supper and on Sunday morning tea will be available. This is a great time for socialising with others and an enjoyable part of the Rally program.

If you can put a teabag in a cup and pour hot water – ***WE NEED YOU!***

Please contact an ACCSA Exec member if you can help

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STATE RALLY 2015

1st – 3rd May 2015

Victor Harbor Beachfront Holiday Park

Come and be part of a gathering of caravanners from all over South Australia for a weekend of fun and sharing.

A variety of activities have been planned so there's sure to be something to interest you:

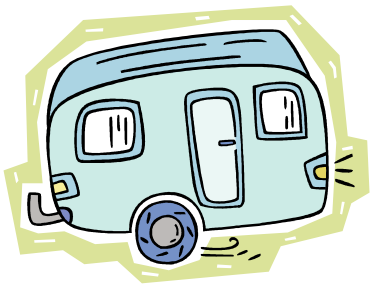
Club market stalls on Saturday morning – get a group of members together and organise a stall to raise money for your club – try craft, produce, chocolate wheel, bric-a-brac, plants etc.

Disc Bowls – even if you're a novice, this is an easy-to-learn & entertaining pastime.

Entertainment on Saturday evening – dinner catered by Texas Bull Machine
Roast Meats, Veges, Salads, Dessert and Tea & Coffee

Jumbo Raffle – lots of prizes cheap tickets – everyone's got a chance!

.....and there's much, much more



*Registrations close 28th March - contact your Club Secretary **or** complete the form on the last page of this Journal **or** fill out the form on the website*

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State Rally 2015

Friday 1 May– Sunday 3 May

Victor Harbor Beachfront Holiday Park

114 Victoria St, Victor Harbor

Registrations close 28 March 2015
Rally Fee: $15per person over 16 years
Saturday evening Dinner and Entertainment $25 per person

Friday 01 May 2015 ~ 4.00-6.00pm ~ Happy Hour & Registration

Registration Form

Name/s: ----------

Address: ----------

Phone: ---------- Mobile: ----------

Email address: ----------

Name of Club: ----------

Caravan Length: ---------- (in feet)

Number of Adults		Number of Children	
Date of arrival	...../...../.....	Date of departure	...../...../.....
Will you be bringing a pet?		Yes/No	Dog, Cat, Other
Will you require a disabled site? (Subject to availability at the park)		Yes/No	Only available to those with a disabled permit
Will you be attending the Dinner?		Yes/No	No of people .....

Payment required in full (Rally fee + Dinner cost) prior to attendance.

Payments may be made by cheque or money order made payable to the
'Association of Caravan Clubs South Australia Inc'

Posted with this form to:
ACCSA 2015 State Rally
Locked Bag 1, RSD
Smithfield SA 5114

By Bank Transfer to:
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and email receipt to treasurer@accsa.asn.au

This Form is available on the ACCSA website www.accsa.asn.au

PLEASE NOTE: All Caravan Park fees are to be paid directly to the Park on arrival
Cost: $30 per night/caravan (a discount of 10% has been included - no other discounts or offers apply)