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WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Mary and I are off at the beginning of July and we will not be back until the beginning of November. We are taking advantage of the fact that the National Rally is at Rockhampton to explore as far north as Cooktown and as far west as Carnarvon Gorge National Park, Mount Surprise and the Undara Volcanic National Park. We are leaving as early as we are to give us plenty of time to have a good look around. When we went north for 3 months in 2010 there was only three times that we stayed in one place for more than three days, and nothing for longer than 10 days, so by the time we got home we were worn out from the constant travelling. This time we are taking more time so if we find somewhere that we like we can set up camp for a couple of weeks, and if we miss anything that's a good excuse to go back. Isn't that the way it should be done? Everyone has heard the stories of trips from Adelaide to Darwin and back in under a week. I once came across a couple at the Clare Caravan Park who were on their way back to Melbourne after being up to Broome and back in 12 days. Why would you do that? How can you say that it was an enjoyable trip. So I promise that I will not think about you until we get back in November. Cheers.

ACCSA NEWS:

Included with this Journal is a questionnaire in relation to the State Rally. I would ask **ALL** clubs to fill it in and return it to me as soon as possible. It will give whoever is organising the next State Rally if and what is included. Because a number of clubs complained that they were not given sufficient notice of the date of the rally [I would have thought that 15 months was sufficient notice] the Executive has set a **tentative date of the weekend nearest to Anzac Day 2015.** You will see in the questionnaire that clubs are asked to indicate if they have a preference as to where the rally is held, so the Executive is waiting for your replies before making a decision as to the venue.

Also included with the Journal is a nomination form for Executive positions for ACCSA. You can copy off as many copies as you need and I hope that you will have to do that. Having more than one nomination for positions shows that the organisation is in a healthy position, so please fill in a nomination form for one of the positions.

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AROUND THE CLUBS:

The **Campervan Club of SA** has sent reports for their last few rallies. In March the club went to **Stansbury CC.** *"The beachfront was very clean and the park was attractive with flowering roses."* The problem with Stansbury is that the sites are very small and members were spread all aver the park, which was fully booked. A good weekend was had by all. In April the club was off to **Port Elliot CP**. It was school holidays so the park was full with kids all over the place. The park has poor lighting so it was quite dark at night, but despite all this it was a good rally. Finally, Riverton CP was chosen for the club's May rally. The park was in fine condition with everything cleen and tidy, including the amenities. There was a market in the town Saturday so that was well patronized with some bargins being snapped up. The club is off to Strathalbyn CP for its next rally.

Caravan Club of SA had their May Rally at **Strathalbyn CP.** On Friday evening, when most members had settled in, some of them went over to the local football clubrooms for an evening of Bingo. All who attended had an enjoyable time and a few came home winners. Saturday morning saw the usual cup of tea and raffle, then members went on a walk/quiz through the High Street. On Saturday evening all headed to a local café for dinner which was excellent. The night being cold all returned to their vans. On Sunday there was the usual packing up for those going home. A good rally! The club's next rally is at **Coobowie CP**

Southern Nomads CC went to **Normanville Jetty CP for their May rally.** Members "trickled" into the park all day Friday with the last arriving late in the evening. After tea members gathered in the camp kitchen for "games", keeping warm with warm mead and Irish Cream. On Saturday morning was "free time" while the Executive Committee met. In the afternoon one of the club members, who has been on the sick list for most of the year, payed a short visit with his wife. While there they were awarded their 100 rally badges. [It is with great regret to say that the member, Arthur King, passed away about 10 days later]. In the evening members gathered in the camp kitchen for a combined meal of soup and French Bread. This soup is a traditional recipe of the club, eg: Everyone supplies a can of soup [no fish soup] and they are all mixed together and heated. Despite how it sounds, it's quite delicious. As is usually the case, going home day weather was the best for the weekend. After the club meeting those going home packed up and left. *"Normanville is a great venue, with enclosed camp kitchen, clean facilities and lawned areas".* The club's next outing is to **Nuriootpa CP.**

The venue for **Barossa Valley CC's** last rally was the **Lake Albert CP at Meningie.** On Friday evening members crossed the road to the Cheese Factory Restaurant for an excellent meal. Saturday saw everyone heading out to visit some interesting properties in the district, thanks to a nephew of one of the members who is a property manager in the area. Saturday evening everyone gathered in the rec room for a shared meal of soup, casseroles and sweets. After a communal breakfast on Sunday 4 vans headed off for a two week "roving rally" to Halls Gap, Bendigo, Shepparton, Cobram, Echuca, Swan Hill &

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NATIONAL RALLY:

FOR ALL THOSE MEMBERS WHO ARE MAKING THE TRECK TO ROCKHAMTON FOR THE NATIONAL RALLY JUST A COUPLE OF REMINDERS:

1. **ALL POWER CORDS MUST BE "TAGGED" WITH A CURRENT TAG.**
2. **THE POWER CORD YOU USE TO CONNECT YOUR VAN TO POWER MUST BE OF ONE CONTINUIOUS LENGTH - NO JOINS.**
3. **"DO NOT OVERTAKE TURNING VEHICLE" SIGNS ARE COMPULSERY IN QUEENSLAND SO IT IS PROBERLY A GOOD IDEA TO FIT ONE ON THE BACK OF THE VAN [IF YOU HAVEN'T]**

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Mildura [ed: it sounds like a great trip] The rest packed up and headed home after another great weekend. The club's June rally and AGM is at **Roonka Scout Camp** on the Murray River.

Southern Cross CC held their May rally the **Balaklava CP**. Even though the weather on Friday was threatening the weekend had blue skies On Friday evening members had a meal at the Terminus Hotel where the meals were dice and very generous. On Saturday morning all gathered at the bakery for coffee & cake. Everyone had been given a fact sheet about Balaklava with various points of interest to visit and a questionnaire to fill in. On Saturday evening there was a combined meal at the park followed by entertainment from a "Line Dancing" group from Riverton who put on a demo and taught members a few "moves". Sunday morning the park management put on a breakfast of orange juice, pancakes, crumpets, toast, butter, jam, honey, maple syrup, cream & icecream. You could hardly move at the end. As is usual with the club, some left Sunday, some Monday, while a few stayed for the whole week. *"A lovely park, facilities & Managers, and a nice tidy town."* The club estimated that the 13 vans and 1 cabin spent about $2000 in the town over the weekend. The club's next rally is at the **Riverbend CP at Renmark.**

Wanderers CC went to **Mannum CP** for their last rally. On Friday there was the usual setting up and "chit-chat" and a few drinks before everyone walked down to the Mannum Club for an *"enjoyable and reasonable priced meal"* Saturday morning was free time so some wandered the main street and some went to have a look at the new Mannum Waters Estate development. In the afternoon members went to see a collection of stationary farm engines, used for pumps and in shearing sheds, all in working order. It was an interesting visit. The meeting usually held Sunday morning was brought forward to Saturdy because most members wanted to get away early. As usual it was a good rally. The park has had quite a lot of work done to it and even the BBQs are now free to use.. The club's next rally is at **Laura CP.**

Melrose CP was the venue for the last **Carefree CC** rally. There were many activities organized with highlights being an Mock Court Case at the old town Court House and a scone making competition for the male club members. It was a great weekend and the activities were enjoyed by all . The club is going to **Avoca Dell CC at Murray Bridge** for their next outing.

Dave Benson CC had a week at **Avoca Dell CP** recently. Members enjoyed fellowship and visits around the district. The club now goes into recess until September when they will meet again at **Buronga CP.**

Pack C&CC headed to a private property near **Kapunda** for their May rally. It was only a small gathering, 3 vans and 1 swag with a couple of day visitors dropping in aver the weekend. Not much was done, just going for walks and sitting around the fire. There was dirt bike riding at another part of the property so some wet and had a look at that. The next rally is at **Riverton CP**

Jayco CC held their May rally at the Clare CP. The weekend coincided with the Clare Gourmet Weekend. Happy Hour under the large canopy was enjoyed with an open fire. Saturday some members visited the market in the main street, others visited the bakery for lunch or wandered the local shops and wineries. At happy hour the goodies were supplied by Australian Caravans in the form of "Ben" & his family. All members went to the Taminga Hotel for a nice meal. Breakfast on Sunday was the usual pancakes after which most packed up for home. The club's next rally is at the Coobowie CP

I am sure that everyone has photos of rallies that they have been on. If you have some that you would like me to publish here, just e-mail them to me with details and I find a spot for it.

Southern Nomads: This photo was taken at an Australia Day breakfast at McLaren Vale Caravan Park.

YOUR ASSOCIATION NEEDS YOU!

EVERYONE LEADS BUSY LIVES. EVEN THE RETIRED LIVE BUSY LIVES SO IS THAT WHY IT IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO GET PEOPLE TO TAKE POSITIONS ON COMMITTEES.

ACCSA IS NEEDING TO FILL A COUPLE OF POSITIONS ON THE EXECUTIVE.

SECRETARY

TREASURER

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

1: MAY'S ACCSA MEETING WAS THE LAST FOR OUR **SECRETARY,** WAYNE BARNETT, SO THAT POSITION MUST BE FILLED IMMEDIATELY.

2: THE EXECUTIVE HAS BEEN OPERATING WITHOUT AN **EXECUTIVE OFFICER** SINCE EARLY THIS YEAR, SO THAT POSITION ALSO NEEDS TO BE FILLED. HOWEVER THAT CAN PROBABLY WAIT UNTIL THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IN AUGUST.

3: LYN COOK, ACCSA **TREASURER** HAS ALSO INDICATED THAT SHE WILL NOT BE CONTINUING AFTER THE AGM.

THESE POSITIONS **MUST** BE FILLED FOR ACCSA TO FUNCTION EFFECTIVELY , TO FUNCTION AT ALL.

THE JOBS ARE NOT HARD AND DO NOT TAKE UP MUCH OF YOUR TIME SO PLEASE GIVE THIS MATTER URGENT CONSIDERATION. AS THE POSTER ABOVE SAYS

"YOUR ACCSA NEEDS YOU"

Just when you think a person can't get any dumber…….

This will clean out the gene pool a bit.

I know, I saw it right away too……No safety glasses or hearing protection

And I caught something else that's realy important: He has no gloves on.

I might be getting older but I'm still sharp as a tack — don't you agree?

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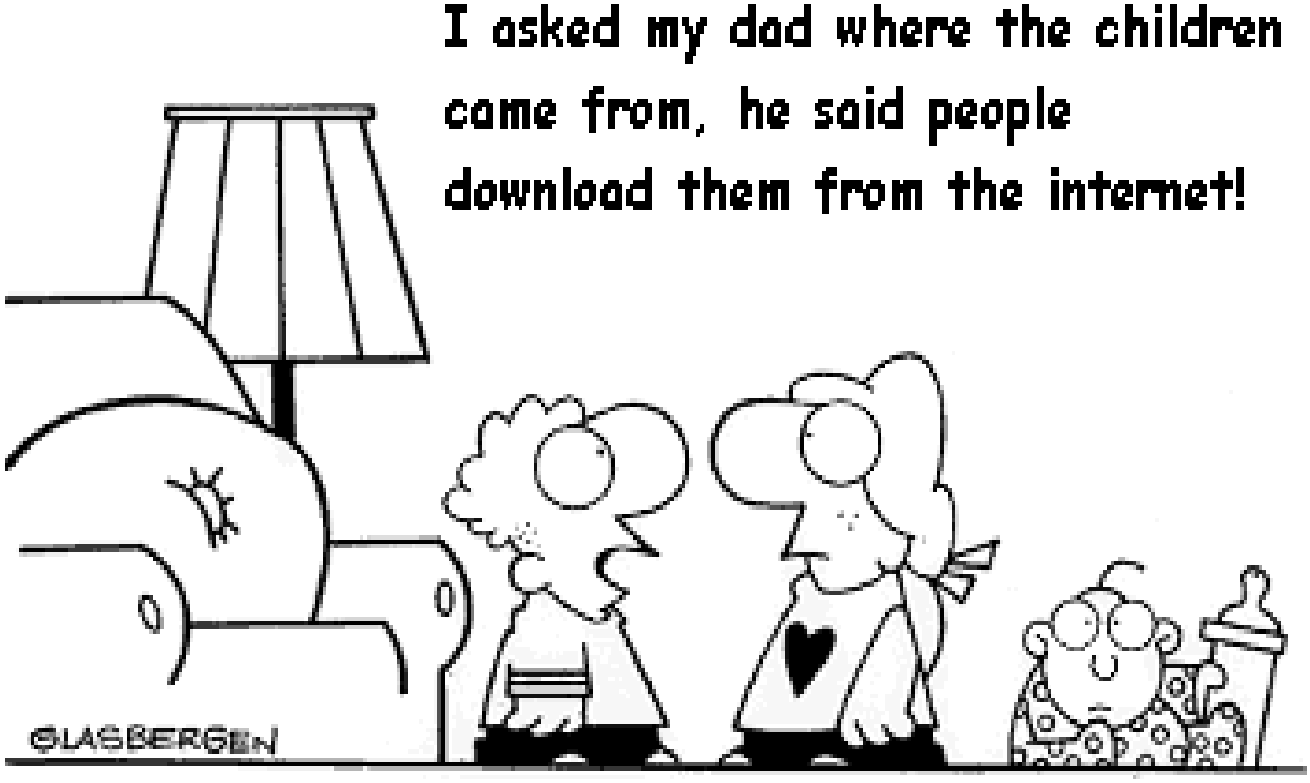

FOOD FOOD FOOD

After the nice warm spell at the beginning of May the weather has changed into the late Autumn pattern that brings the cold, rain and cold winds. With this we start thinking about nice warm "comfort food" This month I have chosen a recipe that "fits the bill".

CHIPOLATA HOTPOT:

500gm lean beef chipolatas

3 small zucchini, sliced

2 cloves garlic, crushed

800gm can diced tomatoes

1½ tsp dried oregano leaves

1/3 cup pitted Kalamata olives

Heat a little oil in frying pan over moderate to high heat. Add chipolatas, turning until browned. Add zucchini and garlic and stir for 3 minutes. Add tomatoes and oregano. Bring to boil. Reduce heat to moderate. Add olives and simmer for two minutes or until heated.

A young woman sitting alone in a bar was approached by a man who offered to buy her a drink.

"What? You want me to go to a motel" she responded loudly.

"No, you misunderstood me," the man explained. "I'm just offering to buy you a drink."

"Your asking me to go to a motel with you?" the woman repeated even louder.

Bewildered and embarrassed, the man retreated to a table in the far corner. Followed by stares from the others in the bar. After a few minutes the woman joined him and explained apologetically, "I'm terribly sorry to have caused that scene, but I'm a student doing a thesis on human behaviour in various unexpected situations."

"What?" shouted the man, "You want $200 to go!"

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While making his rounds, a doctor points to a group of interns. "As you can see," he says, "the patient is limping because his left fibula and tibia are radically arched." He pointed to one of the interns and asked, "Michael, what would you do in a case like this?"

"Well," said the intern, "I suppose I'd limp too."

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Overheard in a doctor's waiting room;

"My uncle had a cough just like yours, and he died."

The person with the cough looked very worried.

"Of course, he was hiding under his neighbour's bed at the time."