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WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT:

I have a problem while I sit here typing these words. The thing is that the Publisher programme that I use for this journal has decided to cause problems. It won't let me close this document. It won't save what I have already done. It won't let me copy this document and finally, it won't let me print the document, so if you get this journal, completed, you know that a way was found out of this mess. Now this set me thinking about the fact that we have almost become prisoners of technology. Take travelling for example. Once, all that was required was a map or an atlas and then mark out the route you wanted to take. Now-days, you have a trusty "nav man" that does all the work for you, as long as you have programmed it correctly, and as long as you have down-loaded the most up-to-date maps. I thinks all of us have experienced dead ends, heading into a lake or having the road end in the middle of a field, etc, because we haven't updated the maps. And what about the "mobile phone" - that wonderful devise that keeps us in touch no matter when or where - as long there is coverage. And a phone is not a phone, it's a camera, a GPS, a book, a computer, a photo album or a radio/music. No one uses a phone anymore, you "tweet", SMS, or use "facebook", all in a language/code that I can't understand. I am not saying that all of this is a bad thing, although I don't think that sitting in front of a screen developing "hand/eye co-ordination" and seeking instant gratification, while growing ever larger, is better than being outside in fresh air enjoying yourself, but, as I said earlier, if something goes wrong we are at a loss as to what to do, we are so used to having technology "doing" it, we have forgotten how to do it without the technology. As I said, we are prisoners.

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ACCSA NEWS:

Well one month of 2013 has gone and it is only a couple of weeks till the Caravan & Camping Show. Check on page 2 of this Journal for the list of members that have offered to look after the Association's display.

The other big event that is looming on the horizon is the State Rally in April, at Victor Harbor. A separate notice is being sent out with this Journal. The main change at this rally, apart from the fact that we have moved the venue, is the "State Rally Dinner" to be held on site on Saturday night. It is a two course "spit roast" meal with salads and a dessert. The dinner is optional, but at a cost of $20/head we think it is very good value.

Unfortunately, we have received the resignations of both Wayne Barnett and Frank Grattan from the ACCSA Executive. Luckily Wayne is not leaving SA until June, so he is happy to help whoever takes over the job of Secretary. If YOU are willing to take on the position of Secretary you will not be "thrown in at the deep end", so please, everyone, PLEASE give some serious thought to putting your hand up.

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2013 CARAVAN & CAMPING SHOW

20TH - 24TH FEBRUARY:

The Executive would like all the club members who have offered their time to look after the Association stand at the Caravan & Camping Show. Below is a list of clubs, days and times.

Wed 20th:

10am - 2pm	Southern Nomads CC
2pm - 6pm	Family & Friends CC/Southern Nomads CC

Thurs 21th:

10am - 2pm	Elizabethan CC
2pm - 6pm	Wanderers CC

Friday 22nd:

10am - 2pm	Elizabethan CC
2pm - 6pm	Southern Cross CC

Sat 23rd:

10am - 2pm	Caravan Club of SA
2pm - 6pm	Barossa CC

Sunday 24th:

10am - 2pm	Caravan Club of SA CC/Family & Friends CC
2pm - 6pm	Family & Friends CC/Wanderers CC

ONLY 2 MONTHS TO

STATE RALLY 2013

26TH - 28TH APRIL

VICTOR HARBOR

18th NATIONAL CARAVAN CLUB RALLY: STH. AUST. 2022:

Early last year a small group of people started to meet casually to have a look as to whether Sth. Aust. would stage the 18th National Rally. After looking at various options Nuriootpa was chosen as the location. The choice was based on the fact that most of the infrastructure was already in place, thanks to the last time a National Rally was held there. There will need to be some updating and additions. At the same time the types of vans that would likely to attend would have to be taken into consideration [on board showers & toilets] so that the right infrastruction is in place.

The choice of Nuriootpa was made easy because of the very positive reaction from community organisations within the town.

The next job was to select the time to hold the rally. The committee, once again with the input of local organisations, chose March/April as the best time, because the weather is arguably the best at this time of the year [warm days/cool nights]. After consultation with the caravan park, the dates are either

March 1st - 13th

or

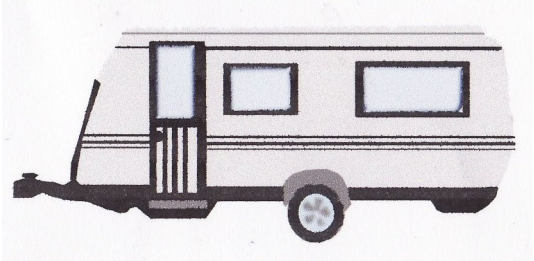
March 26th - April 10th.

The ad hoc committee thinks that it is now time to formalise the organising committee and bring in people who have some expertise in the various areas of running a National Rally. [OHS; Infrastructure; entertainment; tours; catering; etc.]. The committee would like to approach club members who have worked on National Rally committees in the past to see if they would be prepared to be mentors for any people who are prepared to put their hand up.

Vern Strudwick, President of the committee that organised the last SA rally at Lucindale has offered the new committee all the minutes for that rally and Eva Warwick has made available all the financial details.

The new organising committee will be lucky in the fact that there is a substantial sum of money invested that is a available to them to help getting thing started.

So it is now over to you, the members of the caravan clubs of Sth Aust. It will only work if you are willing to make the commitment - and off course, the more hands, the better



Around the Clubs:

A number of clubs gave reports for their Christmas rallies in December. The **Wanderers CC** went to Normanville Jetty CP for their rally. It was a good turnout, 24 vans & 5 cabins. Friday evening's meal was a combined BBQ. The Christmas dinner was held at the Yankalilla Senior Citizens Hall and catered by them. It was a most enjoyable and was finished with "Kris Kringle". Sunday saw the usual club meeting followed by most members packing up and heading for home. The club's January rally is at **Nuriootpa CP**

There was no report for the club's January Rally at Nuriootpa CP at the time of February's ACCSA meeting.

Southern Nomad CC gathered at the **McLaren Vale CP** for the Australia Day long weekend. By the end of Friday almost all of the 13 vans attending had arrived and settled in. Saturday morning saw members heading off in different directions, some to watch the "Tour Down Under" bike race, some to the shops, particularly the chocolate shop, and some visited wineries in the area. One member, actually two, spent the day replacing two broken springs on his van that he found when he arrived on Friday. On Saturday evening members gathered for a combined meal. On Sunday morning the members enjoyed a cooked breakfast supplied by the club. Once again members were off again in all directions. In the afternoon some members went up the hill to the Maze and everyone returned, which was a good thing. Monday the club's meeting was interrupted by showers of rain, but everyone moved to the camp kitchen to finish their business. Most then packed up and headed for home leaving a lucky few to enjoy a few more days. The next rally is at **Kapunda CP**.

The Southern Cross CC headed to **Milang CP** for their Christmas rally. There were 12 vans & 2 cabins. Friday night members enjoyed a combined BBQ with members suppling salads & sweets.. Saturday morning saw a lot of members visiting Strathalbyn. In the afternoon Father Christmas visited and in the evening members enjoyed a lovely meal at the local pub. Sunday afternoon all headed to the Railway Station to have Devonshire tea. The club does not have a rally in January but gather for a picnic, this year at Mount Barker. The club's next rally is in February at **Coobowie CP**.

Carefree CC held their January rally at the **Beachfront CP, Victor Harbor**. There were 16 vans in attendance plus a couple spent the Saturday with the club. The weather was not good – rain and wind all weekend. Friday evening's meal was at the golf club. It was an excellent meal with a lovely view over the city. The club's next rally is at **Port Rickaby CP**.

Dave Benson CC does not rally in January and the next rally is a week at **Kingston SE** so it will be interesting to hear the report at the next meeting.

The **Campervan Club** does not have a rally in January.

The **Coromal CC** held their Christmas Rally at **Douglas Scrub** in the McLaren Vales. It was a fairly "laid back" rally with the obligatory visit from Santa. There is no rally for the club in January and in February the rally is at **Middleton CP.**

Dave Benson CC is another club that doesn't rally in January and the February rally is at **Kingston SE** for a week.

United CC headed to **Avoca Dell, Murray Bridge** for their Christmas rally. It seemed as if the whole weekend was taken up with eating. Friday evening's meal was roast turkey & pork with all the trimmings. Saturday morning started with breakfast with "champers" and Saturday evening's meal was ham with salads. The members probably went home "full". In February the club is off to **Pt. Willunga.**

24 vans from **Family & Friends CC** went to **Pt. Broughton CP** in January. It was a "laid back" rally. Some members wandered around the shops, some took to the water in kayaks and some relaxed around camp. Sunday morning the park management cooked up a pancake breakfast. The next rally is to be held at **Second Valley CP**.

The **Elizabethan CC's** January rally was at **Goolwa**. It was a relaxing weekend with some members off to the shops, some touring around the district and some took their 4X4s to the Murray Mouth. The rally was made better by some lovely weather. The next rally is at **Moonta CP.**

The Caravan Club of SA went to **Tanunda CP** in December for their Christmas rally. Friday evening members went into town to watch the Christmas Parade. Saturday was a free morning and in the afternoon it was time to set up for the evening meal and the visit from Santa. After the meal the club held it's AGM. In January the club went to the **Nuriootpa CP**. Saturday morning started with a cooked breakfast of bacon & eggs. In the evening members watched films. Sunday was an easy day of water slides, Disc Bowls, Bowls & Bocce. A relaxing weekend. The club's next rally is at **Long Island CP at Murray Bridge.**

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"Hello, Bob? It's your father again. I have another question about my new computer. Can I tape a movie from cable TV then fax it from my VCR to my CD-ROM then E-mail it to my brother's cellular phone so he can make a copy on his neighbor's camcorder?"

There has been a campaign in Victoria, waged by a small number of drivers, who are advocating that all drivers over the age of 75 should hand in their driver's licence. This has not received a good response, even from drivers in their fifties or sixties.

Below is a letter that appeared in Melbourne's "Herald Sun" under the heading "Older Drivers"

"It's about time the authorities did something about older drivers on the roads.

For far too long older drivers have caused havoc as they hog the left lane, stick to the speed limits [even the road works limits] and stop at stop signs, causing great inconvenience and often preventing others from doing whatever they like.

Another major concern is that by avoiding fines and demerit points, they are not doing their bit for the revenue of our State, and are therefore placing a further burden on younger drivers.

Until older drivers can prove that they are proficient at weaving in and out of traffic, driving while texting, tailgating, using drugs or doing burnouts, they must be banned from holding a licence."

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I'M NOT MAKING THIS UP:

-The human thigh bone is stronger than concrete.

-The average person falls asleep in seven minutes

-It was once thought malaria could be cured by eating live spiders.

-Novak Djokovic once bounced the ball 26 times before serving in a Davis Cup match.

-Some lions mate more than 50 times a day.

-An albatross can fly over 1000 km a day without ever flapping its wings.

-There are about five million red blood cells in a single drop of blood.

-The average computer user bilks seven times a minute.

-It is impossible to faint while lying down.

-Cats cannot survive on a vegetarian diet.

-More men than woman are left-handed.

- Ataraxia is complete freedom from stress and anxiety.

FOBruary

Bowel Cancer Australia has written to ACCSA seeking our support for their February 2013 campaign in raising awareness of BOWEL CANCER.

"Bowel Cancer is one of the most preventable and treatable cancers, yet it kills over 75 Australians every week", a spokesman said.

"The FOBruary campaign hopes to change that by encouraging all Australians over the age of 50 [an age group which forms 90% of cases] to take a FAECAL OCCULT BLOOD [FOB] Test *during the month of February to screen for bowl cancer".*

It is a simple, clean and effective test, so don't put

LET'S EAT

I have chosen a "yummy", easy to make slice for this month.

CHOCOLATE RAISIN SLICE.

-Line a bar tin with baking paper.

-Break 2 blocks of milk chocolate into pieces.

-Put the chocolate pieces in a heat-proof bowl and stand the bowl over hot water until the melted chocolate is smooth.

-Break 6 digestive biscuits into pieces and add to the melted chocolate together with 1/2 cup of large plump raisins.

-Stir mixture gently until all is just combined.

-Spoon into the prepared tin.

-Refrigerate the slice for 1 hour or until set.

-Remove tin from refrigerator and then remove slice from tin and cut or break into pieces.

MAKE 'EM LAUGH!

THE DROVER:

A drover, who just moved to Queensland from Victoria, walks into a bar and orders three glasses of XXXX. He sits in the back of the room, drinking a sip out of each one in turn. When he finishes them, he goes back to the bar and orders three more. The bartender approaches and tells the drover, "you know, a glass flat after I draw it. It would taste better if you bought one at a time."

The cattleman replies, "Well, you see, I have two brothers, one's in 'Tassie', the other one's a 'sandgroper.' When we all left our home in Echuca we promised that we'd drink this way to remember the days when we drank together. So I'm drinking one beer for each of my brothers and one for myself."

The bartender admits that this is a nice custom, and leaves it there.

The drover becomes a regular in the bar, and always drinks the same way. He orders the three mugs and drinks them in turn. One day, he comes in and only orders two mugs. All the regulars take notice and fall silent. When he comes back to the bar for the second round the bartender says, "I don't want to intrude on your grief, but I want to offer my condolences on your loss."

The drover looks quite puzzled for a moment, then a light dawns in his eyes and he laughs. "Oh, no, everybody's just fine," he explained, "It's just that my wife and I joined the Salvation Army, and I had to quit drinking."

"Hasn't affected my brothers though."

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