ACCSA Journal

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WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

From the President

Hi all, time really passes so quickly. Our next ACCSA meeting will be on June 4th. Looking forward to catching up with all the club delegates then. Don't forget, if you wish to bring a guest from your club they are most welcome to attend the evening. Our Association Secretary Trudy Cartland will be unavailable until June 6th as Trudy is on holidays ,too cold down here, so Trudy is moving to Darwin for a few days. In Trudy's absence please do not hesitate to contact myself or Vice Presidents Bob and Ron should you have any queries. Plans are progressing to date for the State Rally Next May 2015, sites have been booked and accepted by Victor Caravan Park.

Cheers. Reg Merritt

From the Editor:

Hi All,
Closing date for the ASSA Journal is the last day of the uneven numbered month, to allow for contributions to be collated and distribute the Journal prior to the ACCSA Meeting.
Please forward all reports etc to the Editor Colin by e-mail colinhumps@bigpond.com with content of approximately 250 words outlining rally venue, number of vans attending, state of the park, availability of hall or camp kitchen, late exit and site fees etc.

Many thanks. Colin.

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CAREFREE CARAVANEERS Pt RICKABY:

Port Rickaby, 13th to 17th March 2014 with 16 caravans and one cabin arriving on Thursday and settling in and then happy hour. Friday morning we travelled to Yorktown for morning tea and onto Point Turton for lunch. Saturday was a generally a free day with a combine tea in the evening. Sunday evening was a St. Patricks day dress up with much laughter. This park is ideal for clubs with the closed in camp kitchen approximately 6x 9 metres with tables and chairs. The park managers go out of their way to assist club members, and the cost of $25.00 a night, Monday saw the journey home with a wish for the next rally at Mannum on Friday 4th til Sunday 6th April 2014.

BVCCC REPORT RENMARK MARCH:

Graham and my weekend started on Thursday afternoon, we camped at Overland Corner right on the river. It was a beautiful evening with Pelicans and other birds cruising up and down the river.
Friday morning waking up to the fog lifting and sun shining over the river, just perfect!
Got to Renmark Riverbend Caravan Park in good time to find three of our Members had made the most of setting up on the river frontage on Thursday, so we joined them. It was a very good view.
During the day a lot activity was going on as all Club Members were setting there Caravan in the right spot. We had 22 members and 6 visitors for all Club Members were setting there Caravan in the right spot. We had 22 members and 6 visitors for the rally. Sharon and Moss had a bit of water trouble, but all was sorted later.
The evening meal was Finger Food on the river bank, what a good idea Chris, so much variety, a delicious feast. Dessert was made by Chris, refreshing jelly with peaches, custard and ice cream, again a tasty meal, you are all good cooks! Evening was spend with lots of laughter and spinning of yarns.

Saturday

It could be as relaxing or as busy as you liked. I think most of us went to the Market at Berri, where we had coffee and breakfast and bought lots of goodies. During the day we had the option of visiting wineries or relaxing before the meetings at 4-00pm.With our President in charge, Meetings went, as always, well.We welcome Ian and Freda to our Club, and hope you will both enjoy the Club and Company as Graham and I do.Now it was time to get ready for the Paringa Hotel for our evening meal. We had choice of a Mini Bus, going by car or walk, very good service from the Hotel. The meal was excellent.

Sunday

After a long walk,(nice to have a few m
(Walkers in our Group,) A combined breakfast in the camp kitchen was cooked by our men.
Then it was time to get ready for home.

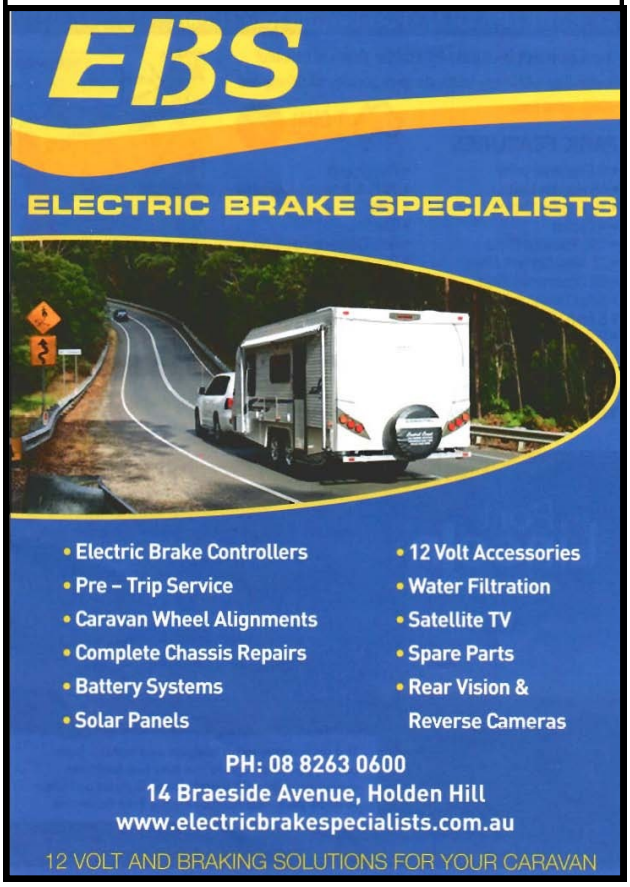
CC of SA LAKE BONNIE RALLY:

Arrived Friday and was followed in by Tammy & crew. What a sur- prise to be first. We heard later that Mary hurt her back packing and was unable to attend. Last to arrive was Les tired from a days work and then driving up. We appreciate the effort our working members give to the club by attending rallies.

Friday night Tim & Peter set up a telescope to view the moon etc, it was fascinating. The moon had these round crater like holes on its surface.

Saturday we woke to find Janes caravan tyre had blown causing her van door to not work properly so Pete had to remove it and pur- chase another, an unexpected expense to the weekend. Morning tea was taken by the Vice President

Saturday the park began to fill. They had two water trampolines out in the Lake which were very popular. Bob Carroll had a health issue that day but we were glad to see him over for the Hot Dog tea. After tea I went for a walk along the lakes edge. The trees silhouetted the bright red sky turning the lake a beautiful silver with only the Pelicans making any movement, it was so peaceful.



. The Park put on two movies that night first one for the children followed by Gravity. I went up to have a look but it did not seem to interest me the weather was good for sitting out though.

Sunday we woke to another nice sunny day. Morning tea was can- celled so all could attend the Market. The club fund raiser was again won in one family with Emily 1st and her father 2nd. It has to be my turn soon.!!! Some members went to Cobdogla Club for a Sunday roast while others stayed at the Park and had a BBQ

All up I felt the weekend went extremely well and I believe all en- joyed themselves, it was good to experience somewhere different.

JAYCO CC TANUNDA RALLY REPORT:

By the time I arrived at the Tanunda Caravan Park on the evening of Friday 02 April 2014, Happy hour was in full swing. There were 18 vans at our rally however our numbers for Happy Hours were swelled by the addition of the Jayco Jaybirds Caravan Club who were having their own rally at the Nuriootpa Caravan Park. It was lovely to meet a number of the inaugural members of this group and just observing their fellowship and friendliness it is a sure sign that they will be a successful addition to the 'Jayco banner'.

Happy hour on Saturday was another opportunity to catch up with our fellow Jayco Club members - although some were rather inappropriately dressed…

After happy hour, a number of members walked (and some of us drove) to the Tanunda Hotel for a meal. What a lovely venue this turned out to be and the meals were great - good choice Bash!

After dinner, a few hardy souls braved the cold and wrapped themselves in blankets and layers of clothing (some of which were borrowed) and enjoyed an outdoor movie at the Caravan Park which was put on by the Caravan Park managers.

Sunday morning dawned bright and sunny and the extra hour of sleep was enjoyed by all (except, I am told, for the Evans' who forgot to reset their clocks and were on their way at 8am!!!) After a leisurely breakfast and even more leisurely farewells, it was time for many of us to pack up and head back home. Although Rob & I didn't venture out and about in the Barossa, we had a wonderful weekend catching up with our fellow caravanners and we look forward to the next rally.

SOUTHERN CROSS CC GOOLWA RALLY:

Southern Cross had their rally at Goolwa Tourist Park 4th-6th of April.

14 vans & 2 cabins. Many members took up the offer of staying 5 nights and only having to pay for 3. The Management were great and offered us a free site for the Club Marquee. We had the President's greeting at Friday Happy Hour. On Saturday some of our members checked out the market at Pt. Elliot and others explored the area. At 4pm we had our Committee Meeting and then most members ventured to the Camp Kitchen to partake in a fund raising sausage sizzle for a little boy named Ole who had been born with no ears or ear canals. Some of his family and friends had walked from Glenelg to Goolwa. Our Saturday night activity was back in the Club Marquee where we dressed up in Loud Shirts and had a game of Blankety Blanks. (like on the old TV show but we divided the members in 4 Teams and we had 3 guest panellists. The teams got a point for every match with the guest panellists) It was a hoot, some of us haven't laughed so much in ages. On Sunday morning most of us checked out the Goolwa markets.

CAREFREE CARAVANEERS

This rally was held on Friday 4th til Sunday 6th of April at the Mannum Caravan Park, a lovely park on the banks of the Murray. Some of our members could not attend as it is not a Pet friendly park. Our rally started on Friday night with a communal tea with much chit chat on what had occurred over the last month since the last rally.

The Committee finalised the program of parks for next year, also the activities for or next rally. On Saturday we awoke with lone fully attired scot serenading us with his Bagpipes, the usual wander up the street and the mandatory coffee and cakes from the bakery.

Saturday lunch 35 members went to the Mannum club for tea, a good meal as usual. The corellas and what they left on many vans and cars became a talking point, not even the lone piper could persuade them to leave.

Club members left on Sunday with many wishes for a happy Easter,

Our next rally is 2nd to 9th May { a week long rally} at the Berri Riverside Caravan Park

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ELIZABETHAN RALLY WALLAROO:

In total we had 12 member vans plus 2 visitor vans attend this rally. Friday was very warm for our meet & greet which made it very pleasant to sit around chatting after the meeting. Our newest members Norm & Gay were presented with their welcome pack during the meeting. ***Saturday*** morning, however was wet & very windy but we all enjoyed the pancake breakfast supplied by the caravan park. The planned beach bocce competition had to be cancelled due to the weather. As a result some went shopping while others just chilled out around the vans. Our evening meal was taken at the Prince Edward Hotel, where the service was great as were the meals. Our departure meeting at 9am was held in the camp kitchen as the weather was still not good, Jim was awarded the NEARLY trophy and Gay received the LAST Trophy. It was then pack up time for those travelling home thus ending a thoroughly wonderful rally. We now look forward to our next rally which is our Grandies rally at Cobdogla in April.

WANDERERS CC 38TH BIRTHDAY RALLY:

Wanderers 38th birthday rally at Riverton Caravan park, 20 vans 2 cabins cost $25 per night.
Friday: Arrival of vans, greetings all round. Free afternoon followed by a communal BBQ
Saturday: The afternoon was filled in by a small convoy traveling to Seven hills Bakery for lunch and coffee.
Happy hour was preceded by the general meeting. This was changed from the usual Sunday time slot due to some of the caravan parks expecting vacating by 10 am. The evening was filled in by a square dance and sing along, followed by the cutting of the 38th birthday cake, much appreciation to Bev Trueman for her efforts on the cake. As usual a good time by all.
Sunday: Goodbyes to those leaving. the members who stayed on enjoyed a meal at the Riverton Hotel in the evening.

CARAVAN CLUB of SA: Mt Compass Rally

Arrived at Mt. Compass Caravan Park late morning Thursday, there were 5 vans and 2 cabins occupied by our club already. A few more vans arrived Thursday arvo.
The rest of the vans arrived at varying times during Friday includ- ing Bob and Marie who arrived about 8.30pm Friday night. There were about 15 vans and 3 cabins from our club. The park has greatly improved the camp kitchen and it looks great. Friday morning the raffle tickets went on sale and we had a morning tea meeting, in the afternoon everyone enjoyed hot cross buns sup- plied by the club committee, there was a small bonfire in the eve- ning but as it was bitterly cold a lot of people didn't go.
Saturday morning dawned overcast and cold, but most people were very cheerful. Bob and Judy Freak, Burt Rix arrived for a day visit. We had morning tea at 10.00am then some club business was attended to. At 11am our guest speaker Hon Robert Brokenshire arrived and gave us a talk on Dairy Farming and the Mt Compass area, which was a very interesting talk.Club also ran a movie pm.
At 4.00pm we all gathered in the camp kitchen for Happy Hour and the Easter Raffle, there were lots of gifts and nearly everyone got at least one prize. At 6.00pm we had a soup and hotdogs, the hotdogs were supplied by the committee, it was a great job well done.
Sunday morning was crisp and sunny, the children had a successful Easter egg hunt, and then at morning tea we all shared eggs around. At 2.00pm a horse race game was set up, there were six horses and six jockeys with six races in total: the winners of each race ran for a major prize in a final race, which was won by Norma Dunbar. It was excellent fun, all the kids at the caravan park had a ball.
Most of us were at the Mt Compass Inn for a meal, these were great meals at reasonable prices. A considerable good win was had by Lynn on the Bingo Tickets.
Monday, most ventured home except for 5 couples who left on Tuesday. Having a combined BBQ before a great finish.

BAROSSAVALLEY C C.C:

We arrived at Avoca Dell Caravan Park on Thursday (The coldest day in Adeaide since 1983) Friday dawned cold & wet.. It was good to have the shelter of the lovely rec. room to get together for Happy Hour followed by a sumptuous meal of a variety of hot casseroles & delicious desserts. During the meal a lovely cake was produced to celebrate Michael & Jean's 60th Wedding Anniversary.

Saturday 2nd. A small group set off for the 8am walk, Market at the Sturt Reserve was cold and windy, a number of members braved the morning air while some, inspected the new Woollies complex in town. Some girls went op shopping. Some boys went on a "blokes" look around. Next item on the agenda was a visit to Old Tailem Town arranged for 11am. Cost $36/ couple,. No change, no record of us coming, no complementary tea and coffee as promised and the microwave was not working to heat food, made us wonder, what is going on? It was sad to see that the museum has deteriorated. During the afternoon Rummykub was enjoyed by the ladies. Later in the afternoon the club meeting was held. 6.30 saw us heading for the Murray Bridge Hotel for our evening meal. We were given exclusive use of the Conference Room, which was upstairs. Drinks, salads and ordering of meals was down stairs. Our meals generally were good and brought to our tables.

Sunday 3rd. Dawned finer than the previous two mornings. Nine members enjoyed a walk along the track between river and the lagoon, where lots of water birds could be seen. Ian had the barbecue hot for us to cook our bacon and eggs, in the shelter. The park manager had given a poem, 'Caravanning Bliss', which Sharon read to us, it is hilarious. 11.00 am fifteen of us were at The 'Round House' for Devonshire tea and a very interesting talk by Peter and a look through the house. This was an interesting look back at history of the state and the building of the bridge.

Rally Report Melrose 11-14th April

What a great weekend, we arrived just after lunch on Friday, welcomed by members of the club who had arrived earlier that day or earlier in the week, they had been checking out the sites of the town in the morning.

It was great to see Beryl and Bill Skinner again, just like old times.

By mid afternoon the remainder of the members had arrived, happy hour was set up with members sitting in one big circle in the mid afternoon sunshineAddel a great time for socializing.

The evening meal was cook your own after which time we met in the park recreation room across the then dry creek, some game members like Chris explored the walking path across the creek by torch light, dodging bushes and rocks with most of us driving around.

The evening activity was reading your favorite poem; all poems were read with enthusiasm and conviction bringing tears of emotions and laughter, it was a great evening bringing members closer together.

Saturday morning was free time to explore or just laze around, members filled the new open café/bed and breakfast previously bank, sampling their goodies while enjoying a good beverage, the pies were great but the pasties, as we were told by others were a little less desired.

After morning tea we headed for Booleroo Centre and had lunch in the park with the sheep and the dog, followed by a visit to the Steam & Traction Museum, what a great place to hear the history of the area, view machinery from yesteryear.

We moved back to the park and to the recreation room where our general meeting was held followed by happy hour. Two new members were inducted, welcome Marilyn and Ron Rogers.

The evening meal was at the Mount Remarkable Hotel, we had to wait as there were two sittings and it was the start of the school holidays, but the meals were delicious and well priced, only surpassed by the company we shared!

On the Sunday we all enjoyed a nice breakfast of eggs and bacon or whatever in the sunshine, cooked out side many of the vans.

The morning was free with some members going home, others playing rummikin, lazing around, visiting friends or checking out the town.