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WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi All.

On 11 March 2014 myself together with Vice President Bob Williamson will be attending the National Association of Caravan Club Directors meeting in Sydney.

We will deliver our report at the April ACCSA meeting of Club Delegates.

Looking forward to catching up at the April Meeting.

Cheers.
Reg Merritt.

From the Editor:

Hi All.

I would like to bring to your attention the Rally Reports. I have not been able to incorporate all reports and I would ask that the Club reports are limited to approximately 300 words and sent to me at colinhumps@bigpond.com. Photographs can be sent and will be used if there is sufficient space to do so. I would appreciate a report separate from the Club's newsletter.

Please feel free to send your newsletter if you wish as they are all read and if they contain any ideas pertaining to caravanning and we have space they will be used.

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Riverland CC:
Christmas Party

The Christmas get together was held at the Glossop Hall on Sunday 15th December. It was well attended and finished with 22 present for all or part of the day.

We had a fairly full program. Arrival had been set for 10.00 am but a number were early and had the setting up was complete and the various food items to take up most of the bench space. After smoko while getting ready for lunch a giant praying mantis caused an uproar until removed.

Lunch was taken, there was enough food foe a battalion and the selection was magnificent. Lunch was followed bi Bingo.

After Bingo Santa arrived with gifts for all and followed by afternoon smoko. At this time it was time to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and best Wishes fo 2013.

Barossa Valley CC.:
Christmas Rally at Kapunda.

The weather was great and the park was picturesque an abundance of bird life. The management is continuing to upgrade the park and went out of their way to accommodate us.

Ten vans attended with 3 cabins and 7 day

BVCC cont'

Visitors. Kapund hosted a street party attended by several members on the way to the Kapunda North hotel for dinner. Good meal at $18.00 p/p but very crowded. On returning to the park a beautifully gum tree with dancing sparkling red and green which was created by one of our own.

Saturday morning was spent sight seeing at Anlaby Homestead a Victorian homestead furnished in the period. After a Devonshire morning tea we returned to the park to watch the cricket, socialise or take a nap. The meeting was held in the camp kitchen followed by Happy Hour preceded the BBQ meal. Moss announced a donation of gifts and cash of $190.00 to be given to Lutheran Community Care to distribute to the less fortunate in our local community.

Sunday the park managers extended checkout time to 12.00 noon. Some headed to the Market then returned to the park to pack and hitch up to head for home.

Looking forward to the New Years lunch at Glenys & Fred Thomas' home. .

Carefree Caravaneers:
Victor Harbor CP

The Cub spent our last rally from Friday the 7th February till Sunday the 9th February 2014 at the Beachfront Caravan Park at Victor Harbour, with 16 caravans in attendance and two cabins. The rally started with happy hour at 4.30 pm followed with a shared tea with a great variety of dishes and sweats,

Saturday morning was spent with some going to Granite Island others venturing to the farmers market while others strolled down the street and enjoyed cakes and coffee. The remainder of the day was free time and a few had a poppy/nanna nap until happy hour then a dinner at the Golf Club with the vista view of the town while consuming a wonderful meal.

On Sunday 9.30 am was morning tea with goodbyes and departure for home.

Our next rally will be held at Port Rickaby from Thursday 13 March till Monday 17th March 2014

Southern Cross CC:
Coobowie CP

7 Vans. 2 Cabins. (site fee was $25.)
Most of the members arrived by Thurs (30th.) The park was in tip top condition and we were met by Chris, the ever friendly Park Manager.
Unfortunately 5 couples had cancelled due to the expected hot weather conditions. Friday was quite mild. We had the President's Meet & Greet followed by Happy Hour under some shady trees with a nice sea breeze.
Later we all walked to the local hotel where the meals were first class and the most popular meal was the Calamari Schnitzel.
Saturday morning we all walked to 'Blooms & Bakes' and partook of coffee/tea and scones.
(discounted from $8 to $6-50.) Some of our members also bought some locally made trinkets. At 2 pm the disc bowls were dusted off and even though it was 42 degrees back in Adelaide, it was only 29 degrees at Coobowie. There followed Happy Hour and then we all went to the camp kitchen in the old school building where we were treated to a sausage sizzle which was supplied and cook by the Park Managers, Chris & Harold.
They also supplied some yummy cheese cakes and a bottle of wine as a door prize. Our members produced a wonderful array of salads and desserts as well. We completed the night with some joke telling which had all in stitches. On Sunday the wind turned and we had temperatures of 44 degrees. Some members ventured out to explore the area. However, on return we all gathered in the wonderful air conditioned camp kitchen to escape the heat and then have the traditional Fish & Chip Sunday Evening meal which was bought from the local General Store and well cooked by Barry & his staff. That night the wind changed direction again and dramatically cooled the area.

SCCC Cont'

Most members returned to Adelaide on the Monday morning with a tail wind to the top of the gulf and then a side wind on the way back to Adelaide. In all, the Club had a wonderful time and our thanks go to Managers Chris & Harold. Our Club sincerely recommends Coobowie Caravan Park as a Rally destination.

Next Rally will be at Kingston S.E. Feb 28 to 2nd. March.

Coromal CC of SA Inc:

Talbot's Social Function

The January get-together was held at Bernadette & Anthony's home and were most gracious hosts, 13 families were represented. Both Lawrie & June entertained us and Anthony demonstrated his electric train room. A great Day.

Caravan Club of SA:

Pt Willunga Rally

A brief account of what happened at our Pt Willunga rally. We had some day visitors for morning tea on Saturday, it was nice that they made the trip up. The tour down under organisers could have done a better job with road closures, the race was fast and ran us of the road. Park go-kart buggies got a workout and camel rides were exciting, lucky the there was a pool as it was well used + the water pistols!.

Kids movie Saturday night proved a winner and the caterers estimate for the Australia Day Breakfast was spot on—yum.

Sunday nights singer was pretty good and we were bopping away in our seats, some even got up for a little and dance wiggle.

The rally was small on attendance but big on enjoyment, our group had an excellent vibe.

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Southern Nomads CC:
Tanunda Rally

After the long hot spell it was off to Tanunda Caravan Park for our February, but as it happened it was extremely wet with record rains everyone got drowned and also found leaks, unknown in most of the caravans. The ev ening was spent in the kitchen come hall playing cards and Rummikins.

Saturday morning, the rain had passed and new members were inducted. Welcome Peter & Margaret and Sue & Rob. The new members received their Southern Nomad's membership packs.

With the absence of the rain the chairs came out and the members played Klomp which kept them happy until Happy Hour. The ladies then prepared the pancake tea and judging by the lack of left overs it was a great success, Thanks ladies!!

Sunday as usual was packup time and with 12.00 noon late checkout some visited the town for the street parade along with good wine and cheese.

Riverland Caravan Club

In keeping with our long time practice, the club did not conduct actual rallies in either January or February. This was just as well as we had the hottest summer on record – even managed to reach 48 degrees on one occasion, followed by record rain in February.

In lieu of caravan trips, we met at the Renmark/Paringa Council Chambers on Sunday 12th Jan and Sunday 9th Feb. Both days were well attended as fourteen met in January and fifteen assembled in February. This roughly equates to eight vans each day.

Format was similar each day. We met at around 10.00AM, had smoko, yarned until lunch, then played cards etc after lunch. Once again our ladies excelled as the meals were excellent.

Next Rally:

Rallies for 2014 start in earnest in March and our venue for this rally is the riverfront park at Moorook. Dates are Friday 14th to Sunday 16th. This will be weather dependent so keep in touch with Kay in case the venue changes. Plan is to make camp on the Friday 14th and leave the site on Sunday 16th.

Coromal CC:
Middleton Rally Report

Our February get together was acamp at Middleton CP where once again, we were very lucky with the weather. Eight vans attended and two visitors. We enjoyed lengthy happy hours each day except Saturday, when we gathered at the home of Paul & Margaret at Victor Harbor where we enjoyed a very happy and successful night . The catering was great and the team of helpers were much appreciated. An entertaining trivia competition was run along with a sing-along

On Sunday we were joined with our visitors who lunched with us and stayed for a couple of hours and was followed by another happy pour.

Sunday saw most head for home with only three vans staying on.

Another very successful rally.

Wanderers Caravan Club:
Tanunda Rally

Friday: Arrival of vans on a coldish Feb day. Much better than our recent 40ish days. General chit chat till happy hour, then off to the Tanunda Club for our evening meal. Every member was pleased with the meals, both quantity and size.

Saturday: Free day followed by a communal BBQ and various games played on the parks oval. Disc bowls, quoits, rack ball and bocci. The usual Sunday meeting was held during Saturday happy hour. Due to the president and vice president having to leave early Sunday morning.

Sunday: Fond farewell to those leaving and for those staying a quiet day just sitting around talking and enjoying the surroundings.

Rap up: Excellent rally, nice park. 14 vans plus 2 cabins. $29 per night after club discount. The $31 deposit that had to be paid was a bit off putting though.

Caravan Club of SA:McLaren Vale Report

The early arrivals appeared on Thursday. The weather was wet sultry and time was spent shopping. The remainder arrived on Friday and all who nominated attended and happy hour was enjoyed

Saturday morning tea was taken and it was great to see some members who had not been seen for a while and one member down with the Shingles and three visitors attended. Fund raising was by way of the envelope of squares With prizes of $10.00 and $5.00.

Saturday evening we all attended the Red Gum Chinese Restaurant for our evening meal and all came suitably attired, the theme was a masked dinner and even the waitress.

What a great atmosphere was achieved and it was one of the best meals we've had.

Sunday again and it was time to packup and head homewards.

Southern Cross CC:

Southern Cross went to Kingston S.E. 28th Feb to March 2nd March, 2014. We had 10 vans make the marathon trip and also two couples in cabins. The park was in very good condition and Kevin, the park manager was very nice and obliging. Most of our members had arrived by Thursday. They settled in and we met for Happy Hour in the afternoon. Friday was the official start of the rally with the President's greeting at 4pm followed by happy hour. For dinner, all 24 members attended the Royal Mail Hotel which was able to cater for us in a large back room. The meals were very nice and large. The staff were friendly and efficient. Saturday morning we all attended the Cottage Cafe for morning tea. We secured a coffee and cake deal for only $7. It was very nice indeed and the staff did a great job. Our members then scouted the town looking for answers to a questionaire which the Rally Officers had prepared. It was all good fun and we had 6 correct entries. The Rally Officers then had a deciding question as to how many steps on the Eiffel Tower. This correspondent had the nearest guess with 1799. Later in the afternoon we celebrated our President's 70th birthday. We then had our Committee Meeting followed by Happy Hour and then we had a Community Tea in the Camp Kitchen. The Rally Officers then held a quiz and that was followed by a supper by the club. .