ACCSA Journal

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WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi All
The ACSA executive wishes all caravan club members a prosperous and Happy New Year.
I wish to take this opportunity to thank club members who have assisted myself and executives with suggestions and feedback in the past six months. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any concerns or suggestions.
The ACCSA website will be launched at out February meeting so come along and have a look.
Cheers
Reg Merritt
President

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Reg Merritt
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SCCC. Pt. WILLUNGA RALLY:

Southern Cross Caravan Club attended the Pt. Willunga Caravan Park for our Christmas rally, 6th-8th. December. We had 12 vans and 4 Cabins. A powered site was $33 per night with Club discount. The park was in lovely condition and the managers were very friendly and helpful. They gave us a free powered site to erect the Club's Marquee. The weather was kind to us and we had a great time. Most of the members arrived on Thurs. 5th and we were all on deck on Friday. At 4pm the President greeted us and our rally officers presented the agenda. At 6pm we had a BBQ tea and the members made lovely salads and deserts. Saturday was free to roam the district and then at 2pm we had Disc Bowls and then at 4pm Happy Hour. Dinner was at the Alma Hotel at Willunga which was a very nice meal, $22 for Mains and Dessert. On Sunday, there was more free time and then at 4pm we celebrated Rob's 70th birthday party with cake and champagne followed by fish and chips for dinner.
Our Club picnic will be at Mt. Barker on Jan the 13th and then the next rally will be at Coobowie 31st. Jan. to 2nd of February, 2014.

DAVE BENSON CC Pt TURTON RALLY REPORT :

Our last rally was held at Point Turton, 10 vans and one visitor attended. The weather was not the best, it was cool and very windy. The brave Anglers managed to catch a few fish from the jetty. We made good use of the Camp Kitchen for our Happy Hours and BBQ etc. We also had a very nice lunch at the Yorke Hotel in Yorketown. The cost of sites was $25.00 P/N. A good time was had by all and our next rally will be in February 2014 at Normanville.

WANDERERS GOOLWA RALLY:

The rally at Goolwa from 8th to 11th November 2013. We had 18 vans, 2 visitors and 3 cabins. The park is a little rundown, due to the closure in 2014. It will be the venue for a retirement village. A charge of $32.00 P/N seems a little steep, for the condition of the park. Friday nights meal was taken at the Goolwa Hotel being schnitzel night, a good meal with good service at a reasonable price.

Wanderers cont'

Saturday night was spent sight seeing in Goolws and Hindmarsh Island followed our version of the Goolwa Cup. A great deal of fun.

Sunday it was farewell to those who headed home.

BAROSSA VALLEY Mt PLEASANT RALLY REPORT:

Seven vans arrived by 2.00pm Friday with time spent talking in the sunshine. Evening was tea at the Mt Pleasant Hotel, returning to the park for coffee and a chat. Next morning most visited the Farmer's Market—Swap

Meet and Plant Sale all held in the park

After the Meeting Tom & Maureen Olthoff were introduced to us and proceeded to give a talk on safe towing practices,

Mt Pleasant Cont'

This was very informative and helpful. The shared meal was served in the hall. It was enjoyable and plentiful. Tom & Maureen joined us for the meal.

A good meal was enjoyed by all.

ELIZABETHAN CC MOANA RALLEY REPORT:

Four vans arrived Thursday with another five arriving on Friday. Unfortunately the weather was cold and windy. Dee & Andy were presented with their 25 rally badges before all moved back to our vans for meals after which we met in the hall for games night.

After breakfast on Saturday we met at Bracegirdles at McLaren Vale for coffee and chocolate fix the on to Menz Chocolate factory. Then Back to Moana for lunch.

The evening meal was taken at the Seaford Hotel, the meal was excellent but slow arriving.

At the Sunday Meeting final Christmas arrangements were relayed to members. The next rally is Riverton.

BVCCC COOBOWIE RALLY REPORT:

Most of our members arrived Thursday with only 3 came Friday a good roll up. Weather was mixed with wind, rain, sun and cold.

Friday, all had arrived by lunch. After a visit to Wool Bay it was time for coffee but got last in Coobowie looking for the Café. Evening meal at the local hotel, enjoyed all followed by an early night due to the cold.

Coobowie cont'

Sunday morning was, after a brisk walk we were ferried by boat to Troubridge Island just off Edithburgh. Chris & Judy Johnson gave an interesting talk on the Island. We walked half the island. Chris & Judy have planted much coastal scrub to stabilise the sand, by the time we returned to the house the second group had just arrived, had lunch with our hosts and climbed the light house. The meeting and afternoon tea with scones, jam & cream and tea at the Hotel. It was a great day.

Sunday after a combined breakfast it was time for some to head for home

SOUTHERN NOMADS CC: WELLINGTON RALLY

On arrival on Saturday morning we found a good roll up of members for the Christmas Bash. A pleasant morning was spent chatting and catching up since the previous rally. With the hall opposite the park booked we enjoyed the Christmas afternoon tea the Park Manager was kind enough to distribute the club's Christmas Gifts to the members present. The evening took the form of dinner at the Wellington Hotel, All attended with Associate member Gavin and his Grand children. The meal was good and prompt. Sunday morning tea was taken and packup.

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ELIZABETHAN CC RIVERTON RALLY:

Ian & Marg were the first to arrive on Wednesday, still on their way home from Rockhampton, with a further six vans arriving on Thursday. During the course of Friday a further seven vans plus Barb and Laura followed at regular intervals, making a total of 32 people on site.

Much of Friday was spent in decorating and preparing the recreation room for our Christmas lunch to be held on Saturday 14th.

Our newest members Trent & Kristy along with children Kaelan & Xavier were presented with their welcome pack & badges at our Meet & Greet. Visitors Norman & Gay, Allan & Denise were also welcomed at this time. Finally we celebrated George's 85th birthday with cake for all.

Saturday morning it was all systems go as the meal was being prepared and cooked in the wonderful kitchen, ready for a one o'clock sit down. During the morning Craig & Pauline along with Ian & Linda plus Alan arrived making our number 37.

Following a welcome by our President to members and our five visitors, we all ate a brilliant lunch. Father Christmas arrived shortly after to distribute the Kris Kringle gifts to all present which went very well. Finally the draw for the three gift baskets supplied by the Club took place with the winners being Deb, George & Harry.

The remainder of the afternoon was spent relaxing around the vans until 6pm when most went back for the evening meal in the recreation room, followed by Karaoke until around 9.30pm when we packed up and went back to the vans.

At our departure meeting on Sunday morning Jim & Jan were presented with their 25 rally badges.

Elizabethan cont'

Sue was awarded the NEARLY trophy.

It was then pack up time for those travelling home thus ending a thoroughly wonderful Christmas rally.

We now look forward to our next rally at Mt Compass in January.

WANDERERS CC NORMANVILLE RALLY REPORT:

The rally report for Wanderers CC Christmas rally at Normanville December 6th to the 8th. Attending 20 vans, 3 Cabins. Cost $30.00 No discount. Except OZ parks members.

Friday: Arrival of vans greeting fellow members , followed by free afternoon. A communal BBQ was held in lue of usual Friday night at a Hotel.

Saturday: A lot of catching up and sightseeing around Normanville and the local district. Some stayed in the park and decorated there vans in a Xmas theme. Saturday evening was our annual Xmas dinner it was held at the Over 50s community hall in Yankalilla. A 3 course meal was enjoyed by all. We rounded the evening off with a Kris Kringle, which was quite a lot of fun. We allowed each person to swap there gift only once, if they spotted something better than they had picked. The last person called up had the choice of all the gifts, so for once it was good to come last.

Sunday: Our usual general meeting and departure of those that were leaving. Quite a number of vans stayed on and enjoyed just vegging out chatting. Overall impression another great rally, good park.

Only downer, was the new managers not getting all the bookings as they should be.

Still they will learn with time.

Port Lincoln Caravan Show:

Caravanners travelling Eyre Peninsula during April
Are invited to visit the Port Lincoln Caravan Show on
Friday 4th April 2014—9,30 to 4.30
Or
Saturday 5th April 2014-9.30 to 3.30
Being held at our premises at
7 Blackman Place
PORT LINCOLN

ACCSA 2014

MEMBERS
THE FIRST ACCSA MEETING FOR 2014
WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5TH FEBRUARY
AT THE RSL HALL, WALKERVILLE TERRACE. WALKERVILLE
AT 7.30 PM. COFFEE AVAILABLE FRON 7.00 PM.
THE NEW ACCSA WEBSITE WILL BE LAUNCHED & EX-PLAINED
ALL CLUB MEMBERS WELCOME

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