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Association of Caravan Clubs South Australia

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## President's Report, January 2024

Happy New Year to All. I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and a great start to 2024.

Events to lock in to your diaries for this year are:

- **CARAVAN & CAMPING SHOW** at Wayville Showgrounds from Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> February to Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

We require volunteer Club members to attend our ACCSA Stand at the Show to promote caravanning in South Australia. If your Club is looking for new members this is an opportunity to promote your Club. Please contact myself on 0418 803 551 or Graham Brown on 0419 013 251 so we can roster people to attend the Stand. We require 3-4 people each day in the morning from 9.00 am to 12.30 pm and 3-4 people in the afternoon from 12.30 pm to 4.00 pm. Show Day passes will be distributed to volunteers. We need to know names of volunteers attending by 7<sup>th</sup> February and are looking forward to hearing from you.

- **ACCSA STATE RALLY – Port Elliot Caravan Park** - Arrival Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> October and depart Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2024

**Please make this your October Club Rally.**

Caravan Sites have been booked and the deposit/first night's accommodation will be paid by ACCSA as an incentive to attend. Other night's site fees are \$36.00 per night.

There will be entertainment on the Saturday night and a free Pizza Night will be provided for all attendees. ACCSA will be hiring a Marquee for gathering and there will also be other activities including a Club Disc Bowls competition.

We are asking for a \$20.00 Rally fee for each caravan to assist covering costs to be paid to our Treasurer Barbara Stanley on arrival of the Rally.

**State Rally Registration** – Please Club Secretaries organise a list of attendee names of Club members including their email address, contact phone number, length of caravan. These details are to be supplied to Lesley Davis on email [ldavis@outlook.com.au](mailto:ldavis@outlook.com.au) as soon as possible.

Cabins are available for those who require this accommodation and must be booked directly with the Caravan Park.

I, along with our ACCSA Committee are hoping to have all Clubs attend this State Rally to support ACCSA and our State caravan community.

- **Reminder – ACCSA Delegates Zoom Meeting** will be held on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 pm. Zoom Invitations will be sent out closer to the date.

Regards

*John Anderson*

ACCSA President

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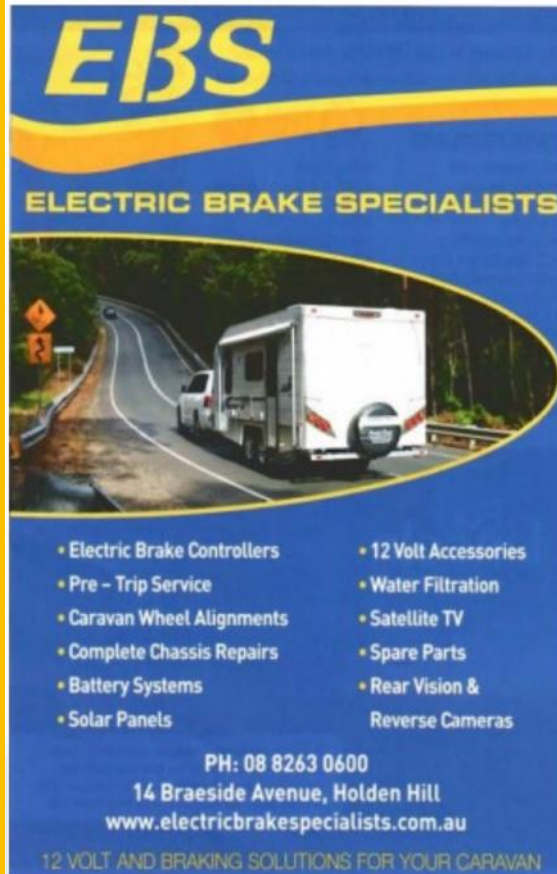
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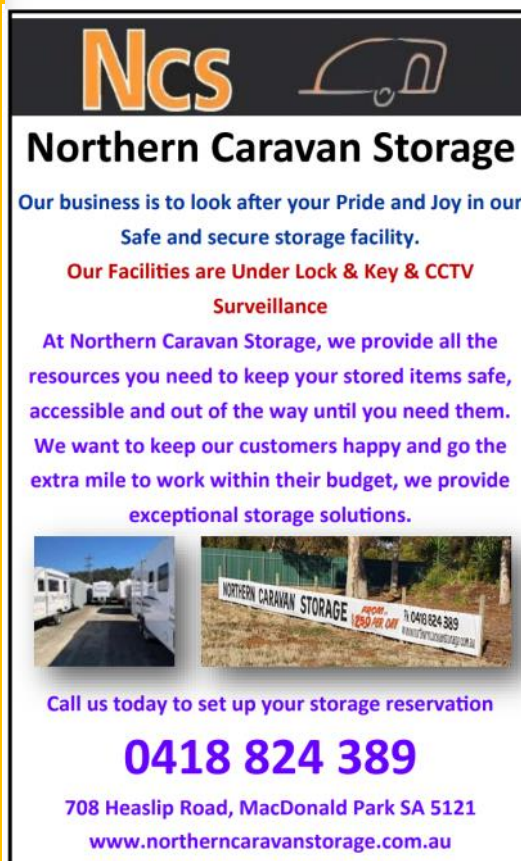



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# Club Rally Reports



## Location: MILANG

**Date of Rally:** 9-14 November **No of Vans:** 15 (**Adults** 28)

### Expenses Incurred:

Park Fees	\$27 per night (no deposit)
Total site fees:	\$1600
Other Expenses:	\$800
Total spend at rally:	\$ 2400

**On arrival:** The manager gave each person a map, showed them the rough area set aside for the Club and left everyone to themselves. Then we had to turn off the sprinklers and wait for the flooded sites to dry out a bit before setting up.

**The park and surrounds:** Green grass, shade but a bit “shabby” looking—too many semi-derelict permanents.

**Things we did at this rally:** Had a great meal at the hotel. New manager was extra friendly, food was good and served very quickly from pre-taken orders. Afternoon tea in the railway carriage, a visit to the bakery, walking tour of the town, visit to Finniss for lunch and to the Langhorne Creek Hotel for lunch were highlights.

**Recommended as a destination although the park itself is rather disappointing in cleanliness, tidiness and presentation.**

## Location: PORT WILLUNGA

**Date of Rally:** Dec 7-11 **No of Vans:** 15 **Cabins:** 1 (**Adults** 32)

### Expenses Incurred:

Park Fees	\$40 per night	(1 night deposit required)
Total site fees:	\$2800	
Other Expenses:	\$700	
Total spend at rally:	\$ 3500	

**On arrival:** No issues. All sites ready for us. Most only on wood chips/mulch.

**The park and surrounds:** Neat, well kept but still bush camping near the city. Amenities kept clean. Nice pool but needs a heater!

**Things we did at this rally:** This was our Christmas rally so we had planned dinner under the gazebos, but the weather did a full 360 and from 40 degree heat on Thursday, we had torrential rain on the Saturday and gale force winds on the Sunday. Many trees came down in the park on Sunday but fortunately our members had moved from one of them before a massive branch fell. We still successfully celebrated with a lovely meal on Saturday night in the camp kitchen and a cake for the 50th birthday of the Club on the Sunday.

**Recommended as a destination.**

## Dave Benson Caravan Club

### MIDDLETON CARAVAN PARK

**Date of rally:** 20<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2023

Three caravans with six members

Fees \$30.00 per night

**Total site fees:** \$630

**On arrival:** The sites were very nice and well grassed.

**This park and surrounds:** I cannot stress how strongly I can say “Do not use this Park”. The Manageress is not friendly and extremely rude and is rarely on site. She will not answer the phone and will not accept credit card payments, telling customers she does not have the facilities. We later found out from a customer that happened to arrive off the street on one of the few times she was in the office, that they paid on their card. Customers including us were not informed renovations were in progress and both sexes had to use the one facility as the mens was closed. Most of the time we were booked in there was one shower open for up to 12 vans. The cabin situation is as bad as we learned from people in them.

**Things we did at the rally:** There are plenty of things to do and places to see around the area.

### Coobowie Caravan Park

**Date of rally:** 10<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023

8 caravans and 2 cabins. 18 adults and 2 visitors.

### Expenses incurred:

Park powered sites \$28 per day.

**Total site fees: \$1568**

**On arrival:** This is a nice park with good clean facilities and dump point.

**The park and surrounds:** The Camp Kitchen is well stocked with good appliances and three BBQ's inside. All very good for inclement weather. All sites are clean and well grassed and maintained. The Staff are very efficient and friendly.

**Things we did at this rally:** We travelled extensively on the Peninsula sight seeing and had great morning tea and cakes every place tried by our members. All went to the Coobowie Hotel for lunch on Tuesday and not a complaint about the food or service. The fishing from the Edithburgh jetty was not as good this time as in the past.

**We would recommend this park to all Clubs or travelers.**

Next rally Wallaroo Holiday Park 9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024



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# Club Rally Reports



## Padthaway Caravan Park

Date of Rally Mon 11th – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

No of Vans 17 Adults 33  
Expenses Incurred Fees From  
\$30 per Night Powered Site, Total  
\$2369.60 Other Expenses \$ 5425;00

**Total spend** \$ 7794.60

**No Deposit Required to secure your site**

**On arrival,** Yvonne and Stewart made check in very easy, minimum of fuss.

**The Park and surrounds.** What a fabulous rustic bush setting park, with well-maintained gardens, large fire pit, large camp kitchen with a gazebo type outdoor BBQ area. There is the opportunity to just sit in and around the gardens on seats and benches strategically placed, watching the many different type of birds. The menagerie of animals next to the golf course lends itself to being a long way from nowhere. The management bent over backwards to make our stay as stress free as possible. The amenities are old, serviced twice daily and very clean.

17 vans are about all it is able to handle at any one time due mainly to the size of vans.

**Would definitely come back**

**Things we did at this rally**

Shared curries and casseroles first night, happy hour spent sitting around the large camp fire, Club supplied an egg and bacon breakfast, plenty of free time to check out the Coonawarra area. We played Mini golf one morning, followed in the afternoon by games in a botanical garden type setting. Trip to Naracoorte about 45 klm away, club lunch at the Farmers Leap Winery a must to visit sample and enjoy. The club supplied a pizza dinner, music by our music man Chris and piano by Denn.

## NURIOOTPA BIG 4 TOURIST PARK

Date of Rally: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Oct -Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Oct 2023

No of Vans 12 Vans plus 3 Visitors Adults 27  
Expenses Incurred Park Fees \$45 per night (Dep Required)  
Total site fees \$2340  
Other Expenses \$3000 **Total spend** \$5340

**On arrival,** Well , booked in and registered by friendly and



welcoming staff.

**The park and surrounds,**

Well maintained neat and tidy, the ground staff very helpful when needed and all of the facilities cleaned regularly and well maintained.

**Things we did at this rally**

The usual shared BBQ meal and salads, Scones for morning tea, Hamburger meal, lunch at Saltrams Winery well worth the visit and tasting. Visited the Kegel club in Tanunda for games, the usual games for indoors and out.

**Would definitely come back**

## Kapunda Tourist Park

Date of Rally 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023

No of Vans 23 + 2 Cabins Adults 46  
Expenses Incurred Park Fees from \$35 P/N Total= \$3820  
Other Expenses = \$5042 **Total spend** = \$8862  
No deposit required.

**On arrival,** Brad and Emma made our check in easy both could not do enough for us.

**The park and surrounds,** . Great place to stay, well-appointed camp kitchen good for large groups, amenities have been upgraded and are well maintained and clean. There are works going on with additional cabins added and some powered sites upgraded.

**Things we did at this rally**

Communal BBQ with shared salads the first night, this was our xmas rally, joined in for social bowls in the afternoon then the Bowling club catered for our xmas dinner, 3 courses starting with seafood cocktail, roast dinner 3 meats and veggies fantastic spread plus desert, music supplied by our members. Many of our members attended the Bingo at the Bowls club Wednesday morning with great success even took out the meat raffle. Tourist drive around Kapunda, visits to nearby Barossa towns, of course we found time to squeeze in a games afternoon. There is plenty to do and see, much history around Kapunda, the bakery in the main street took a bit of a hiding, a visit to the information centre museum, this town has plenty for everyone.

**Would definitely come back**

Next Rally; Club lunch at West Beach Surf Life Saving Club 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024

Coobowie Caravan Park 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024

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