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**Next ACCSA**

**Delegates Meeting**

**Wednesday**

**07 October 2015**

at **7.30pm**

Coffee will be available from 7.00pm

**Walkerville RSL  
Hall**

98 Walkerville Tce  
Walkerville

All Welcome!

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## From the Editor:

Special Edition

The Association of Caravan Clubs, SA  
has as it's mission

***" to promote caravan clubs to the general public, represent caravan clubs at a public and industry level and assist all members to enjoy the caravan and camping lifestyle. "***

To fulfil this Mission the Association :

- Holds regular meetings of delegates from affiliated Clubs
- Presents guest speakers to inform delegates & members about subjects of interest
- Publishes a newsletter for circulation to **ALL** members of all affiliated clubs
- Keeps Clubs informed on changes in road rules or developments in legislation which may affect caravanners
- Has, as sponsors, a number of local business who offer savings to ACCSA members
- Sources affordable Public Liability Insurance from dependable and recognised insurers to cover all member Clubs
- Is a member organisation of the National Association of Caravan Clubs, with a director on the national board.
- Represents its membership to all levels of government on matters concerning the caravanning community
- Encourages relationships with caravan parks, their owners & managers to facilitate improved experiences for member clubs
- Conducts a State Rally every 2 years, encourages and contributes to the National Rally every 3 years and takes a leading role and hosts the National Rally in turn (next in 2022).

Please make it a priority for your Club to send a delegate to the

### **SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING**

to be held at **7.00 pm** on

**WEDNESDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2015**

WALKERVILLE RSL HALL  
98 Walkerville Tce, Walkerville

**The meeting has been called to elect an Executive Committee for ACCSA for 2015/16 as there were insufficient nominations at the recent AGM held on 05 August 2015.**

**If no committee is elected, proceedings will commence to dissolve the Association**

## JAYCO JAYBIRDS

Queen Victoria Jubilee Park, WILLIAMSTOWN  
12th—14th June 2015

Well what a wonderful weekend at Williamstown with 8 vans attending.

We were extremely lucky with the weather meaning no rain although it did get quite cold at happy hour. For tea we all retreated to the camp kitchen. It wasn't huge but we all managed to fit it. Hotpots were on the and after a sumptuous meal we all sat around chatting and laughing. After about an hour Ann H came back from her van with a treasure trove of goodies. Favourites chocolates, homemade biscuits and a mint slice. Needless to say we all pounced on them. Thanks Ann you are a real trouper. Will certainly lift my game and do more for the next rally.

Saturday morning we all had pancakes beautiful and plentiful. On Saturday night we went to the \$10 pizza night at the adjoining sports club. The club also had a player review night on. There were four acts and it was extremely funny. The MC who was dressed as a woman included the Jayco caravanners throughout the evening.

One act had two guys answering questions and if they got it wrong they had part of their chests waxed. Quite hilarious! Then our volunteer to go up for this was Peter. Well aided by Noel & Alan who thought he would be a good candidate. He went up and duly got his question wrong. Bad luck for Peter!!! He was a good sport and earned himself a drink at the bar. All good harmless fun and was an unexpected inclusion in our weekend. We then went back to the camp kitchen for coffee and two lovely crumbles supplied by Ann P.

We all gathered for various breakfasts on the Sunday morning and a last chat before leaving.

Although the park wasn't very big it was surrounded by trees and was quite scenic and the owners were very friendly. All in all it was a great weekend.

### **Jaybirds July rally cancelled.**

Burra Caravan Park  
7th—9th August 2015

Although Burra was cold 10 vans still came along. Friday night everyone enjoyed a shared combination of slow cooked meals sitting around a campfire with the Crows match on a big screen TV in the open camp kitchen.

Saturday morning after a coffee get together it was decided to venture into the town information centre to acquire a key and do the heritage trail. Normal cost is \$25 per person. However Mr Elpresidente managed to acquire a key for \$10 per

person. Good job. Some members did their own touring, the rest formed a convoy and off we went. Must say our tour guide I think needs further lessons in reading maps as there were lots of u turns (Peter, hold it up the right way!)

Coffee and Cornish pies were on the menu at the local bakery. Delish. The poor girls were just about to shut up shop when in walked the Jaybirds brigade. They were very good and service was lovely.

Saturday night everyone ventured to the local pub where meals were lovely. Unfortunately, however, the room was cold.

All in all what a fantastic weekend. Lots of food, wine, port and laughs had by all.

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## SOUTHERN CROSS CARAVAN CLUB

Westbrook Caravan Park at Taillem Bend  
July

11 vans and 3 cabins  
\$30 with Club discount and free site for our club gazebo

On Friday night we went to the Riverside Hotel for dinner. The meals were reasonably priced, big serves and the staff worked hard to feed 29 of us. Saturday Morning we attended Old Taillem Town at a discounted price of \$18 pp. The rally officers supplied tea, coffee and scones in the cafeteria.

Saturday Night we celebrated Xmas in July. We had 5 Webber BBQ's going for the roast lamb and pork and vegetables, followed by Xmas pudding. The entertainment was a hoot. The rally officers divided us in groups of 3. One of the group had to wear panty hose on their head and the others had to fill up the legs by blowing up small balloons to form antlers. Later each person had to place a paper plate on their heads and then draw items such as a xmas tree, etc. without looking or removing the plate from their heads.

The weather was not to kind to us, it was cold, windy and rainy but hey, it's was the middle of winter We had a great time. The park manager was very obliging and the park was in good condition.

Waikerie Caravan Park  
7th to 9th August

9 vans  
\$30.20 with Club discount and free site for our club gazebo

The weather was reasonably kind to us.

The rally officers arranged the Friday night meal at the Waikerie Hotel. We had our committee meeting on Saturday afternoon and then had our evening meal in the Club Marquee which consisted of Soup, Pasty Slice and sweets. Members were asked to dress in something green or orange. Activities followed. Sunday was free to explore the area, some ventured up the road to the Tractor Pull event. Sunday night's dinner was back in the Club Marquee to finish off all the left overs from the night before.



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### Where is the next National Caravan Clubs Rally?



**The 16th National Rally** of the Caravan Clubs of Australia, will be held at the Exhibition Park in Canberra (EPIC), situated on Flemington Road Mitchell, in the Australian Capital Territory, from Monday 19 to Wednesday 28 September 2016.

EPIC is just a short distance from the main Canberra city centre. This is a modern complex with large comfortable buildings at visitors disposal.

All evening activities at the rally will be held in a large air-conditioned building. This building may be familiar to visitors as it was the National Tally Room in the recent federal election.

Everything you need will be on site. There is even a service station and a McDonalds attached to the site. More information can be found at <http://www.16thnatcaravanrally.org.au>.

## WANDERERS CARAVAN CLUB

Pt Pirie Beach Caravan Park  
19th—23rd June 2015

16 vans  
\$35 per night less 10%

**Friday:** Arrival of members for a new idea of an extended rally, this was from Friday till Tuesday. This proved to be popular and a good turnout for a winter Rally. After the usual meet and greet, the afternoon was spent exploring the town and getting supplies also refueling their vehicles. We all went to the Sportsmen's Hotel for an evening meal. **The food was reasonable in cost, but very plentiful and delicious.**

**Saturday:** Free day to do your own thing. Then in the evening we went to a hall we had hired, where the ladies of our club supplied various casseroles, this went down rather well as it was a very cold night. After the meal we were entertained with home movies of a cruise around Asia

**Sunday:** A Sunday drive up into the Flinders Ranges, picnic lunch and a four wheel drive return to camp via the Bridle trail. The evening was topped off with a communal bbq and salads.

**Monday:** Another organized drive into and around the Flinders Ranges, followed by a quiet evening.

**Tuesday:** Fond farewell to those leaving and for those staying on, a return visit to the hotel, for another excellent meal.

**Overall impression:** Great weekend spoilt only by the attitude of the management which was very abrupt and non friendly. The park could do with a bit of a tart up as it is looking a bit tired. Also a camp kitchen would be a great asset.

## JAYCO CARAVAN CLUB

Waikerie

14th—16th August 2015

The Waikerie Caravan Park is still within the grounds of the Life Style Village but the great plans to shift across the road and be adjacent to the River front is still in vogue but a few problems have occurred with planning approval from the Council.

By the end of Friday we had 21 vans in attendance plus one couple sneaking in at some unearthly hour Friday evening. Happy hour was held in the camp kitchen where all members seemed to be partaking in the consumption of litres of red, white wine and many other concoctions. This was followed by numerous couples staying in the camp kitchen and barbecuing what-ever for tea.

Saturday morning was cool but many degrees warmer than our previous Rally at Riverton. Many walked into town for a hot chocolate at Havenhand and tours of the Galleries where the Paul White Photo Gallery had a superb collection of river scenes. The Variety Bash that left Adelaide a week ago was having an overnigher at Loxton and a contingent of Members headed to Loxton to join the locals and other visitors welcoming the arrival of the Bash.

Dinner was at the newly revamped Waikerie pub - the previous Pub being burnt down about 18 months ago and in the rebuild they have created a top class hotel. The new Pub appeared to have million televisions to broadcast the Rugby and Football that was on that night and has a large dining room and many function rooms. The Pub was reasonably crowded - the Jayco Club had two long tables and dinner orders where eventually place by all. About ½ -3/4 hour later out came the dinners - absolutely magnificent tucker covering a variety of courses.

Sunday we all woke up to a damp foggy day - tables and seats under the van awnings finished up very damp.

Many vans left Sunday Morning but not to be outdone, the "Sunday stayers" ventured down to The Overland Corner Pub and enjoyed a feed of wedges, drinks and were entertained by a one person band in beautiful sunshine. A great week-end and we all went home 5 kilos heavier.

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