

ACCSA JOURNAL

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WORDS FROM THE EDITOR:

Hi Let me introduce myself as the Acting Editor for the Journal for the next four months while Phil Sayner is travelling up north and attending the National Rally in Rockhampton. It will look different possibly and not as large but, beare with me, it is some years since I filled this position. Please continue to send your rally reports to the ACCSA meeting or e-mail them to the above address.

If at any time you either think up some gadget that you find useful or something that you make up to help with your caravanning why not let me know via e-mail and it may help another Caravanner.

ACCSA NEWS:

The Annual General Meeting of the Association of Caravan Clubs of SA will take place on August 7th 2013 at 7.30 pm and all positions are open to nominations. So far only we have nominations for 1st Vice/President and Secretary. There is still vacancies for President, 2nd Vice –President, Treasurer, Editor and Executive Officer. As the nomination form has been e.mailed to all clubs it is the wish of the ACCSA committee that they be returned filled out with a nomination for a position to assist in running the association as soon as possible please.

The AGM is open to all Caravan Club members and if an election is necessary we need you to vote.

President:

Phil Sayner
(Southern Nomads)

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Reg Merritt
(Elizabethan)

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(Caravan Club of SA)

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Club Rally reports:**Carefree Caravan Club:****Avoca Dell CP**

A few of us arrived on Thursday and setup in a real holiday mood, torrential rain on Thursday night for about half an hour kept us awake in our vans. Friday saw the remaining members arrive. Saturday morning many went to the farmer's market in Murray Bridge, in the afternoon the old favourite disc bowls, and Saturday night a pizza night and home on Sunday.

Our next rally is Tanunda CP—Friday 2nd to 4th August 2013.

Barossa Valley Caravan & Camping Club:**Our rally was held at Roonka Scout Camp, Blanchtown**

Nine vans were in attendance with two couples joining on the Saturday. Although the weather was cold it was fine and to be able to gather in the warm kitchen was a bonus. The ladies had home made soups, crusty bread and sausage rolls.

In the afternoon the Committee held a meeting followed by the general meeting then the all important AGM.

Roonka is a very convenient spot and with good amenities.

Our next rally will be held at Windsor Gardens.

Elizabethan Caravan Club:**Loxton Rally June 7th to 10th**

The park Fees were \$30.00 p/n with 10% Club discount or top Tourist discount.

14 vans and 1 Cabin and 1 visitors van.

Friday afternoon was our meet and greet which due to the typical Riverland weather was enjoyed sitting on the outside on the lawn. Saturday morning communal breakfast, some went geocaching looking for hidden treasure, golf on the very rough par three course and seeing around the lively town of Loxton. Saturday evening we were of to the Loxton Hotel for dinner.

A big thank you to Kim Lang the Corporate manager at the hotel who arranged a private room for our club and a table and plates for our birthday cake, as this was our Birthday Rally.

Sunday our club provided a BBQ lunch for the members on a sunny day. The Kookaburras were very friendly one even sat on a lap. A visit to the Loxton Pioneer Village and was enjoyed by all. Monday after a quick meeting members departed but were not pressured to be out by 10.00 am

Next Rally Morgan CP.

Wanderers Caravan Club:**July Rally Laura CP**

14 vans and 2 visitors attended. It's a nice park and still improving, getting better each visit. Alex, our congenial host, was the highlight of the day, making a nice warm fire each evening and using it to make the best damper while sharing his knowledge of the process. The first item on Friday night was to enjoy the hospitality of the North Laura Hotel, and meet a few of the colourful local characters. An enjoyable walk was the order of the day on Saturday morning viewing the town and talking to the locals and looking at the antiques and bric-a-brac and, in the afternoon, a round of sampling the locally made Golden North Ice Cream (Yum!).

Sunday morning ushered in with a-3 degree frost. The general meeting followed with Little John once again taking the helm at the chair ably assisted by the new committee.

The Wanderers CC August Rally is at Cobdogla Station CP.

Campervan Club:**Strathalbyn Caravan CP Rally**

3 vans attended. The weather was shocking and with small a number most time was spent indoors trying to keep dry and warm.

Our next rally is at Riverton.

Southern Nomads CC:**June Rally Nuriootpa CP**

14 Caravans attended and 2 day visitors. Testing and tagging was carried out in readiness out for those attending the National Rally. Saturday Lunch was taken at the Tanunda Hotel the meal was average. We shared the park with a Commercial Vehicle Club (Trucks, Semi's & Utes). The Weather— nights were cold & days pleasant and cool.

Next Rally—Avoca Dell, Murray Bridge 12th to 14th July. Clubs AGM.

Jayco Caravan Club:**Coobowie CP**

Our may rally was held on the June long weekend at the seaside caravan park at Coobowie, Yorke Peninsula.

On Friday night after happy hour a few people went to the Coobowie Hotel to try the "Schnitzels" recently reported in the

Paper to be the second best in SA. From the reports next day they were up to their reputation. On Saturday the park managers Chris & Harold ran a morning tea as a fund raiser for Prostate Cancer followed by Postie Fashions and Enjo products. The ladies enjoyed the fashions. Saturday night we went back to the school and the park owners cooked a sausage sizzle. Various outing were enjoyed the Point Turton Tavern where the hamburgers were huge and so were the other meals. The tavern had great views of Hardwick Bay and Flaherty's Beach. A highlight of the weekend was a visit to Bublacowie Military Museum. A great collection of militaria. When describing Coobowie the brochures say Enjoy Coobowie for a relaxed holiday and slow pace. It was an enjoyable stay.

Next rally will be held at Melrose.

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Southern Cross Caravan Club:**River Bend CP Renmark**

14 vans & 1 cabin attended, Site fees \$31.50 Cabin \$105 p/n. Managers were very helpful ,provided one site free of charge for marquee and helped erect it. Also provided 2 large gas heaters which were appreciated as the weather was bad. Friday happy hour was followed by evening meal at the Paringa Hotel, reasonably priced but a slice of fried fritz was a poor substitute for steak in a mixed grill.

Saturday morning we gathered for the Advertiser Quiz, the score 47 out of 50 pretty good. The fishing competition one Carp caught, a lot of bait drowned. A prize for the winner but all were rewarded for participation. 4.00pm was Committee meeting followed by happy hour and reconvened at 6.00 pm for communal Tea followed by telling your best joke.

Sunday the Rally Officers baked scones for morning tea. Some members took advantage of staying 7 nights paying for 6. It is estimated the club pumped about \$4,500 into the local economy'

Next Rally Mannum CP 19th to 21st July

Caravan Club of SA:**Coobowie Rally**

The Laughton's arrived in time for happy hour and we all gathered for a chat and met prospective members, Mary & Bob Lloyd, nice people, hope to see more of them.

Saturday; The park hosted a Biggest Morning Tea, then it was off to compete in the fishing competition. Tammy's Peter won. There was 3D biscuit decorating with Diane and some other ladies making some nice animals, the biscuits looked good when finished. Saturday evening we had a bon fire and beer damper. Thanks to Peter & Jane, it was very nice. Sunday It was morning tea and club raffle/squares then off to the Coobowie Pub for lunch. Back to the van for Tea, a sausage sizzle supplied by the Caravan Park followed by Bingo.

Monday; All in all another great rally, hope everyone had a safe trip home.

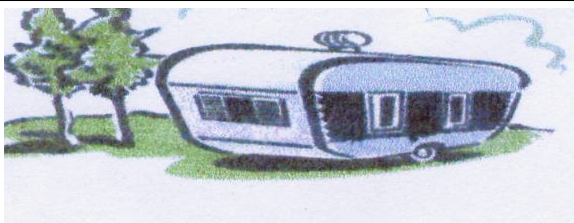
Next rally July 5th to 7th 2013 at Kapunda

Pack Caravan & Camping Club:**Riverton C P June 8th to 10th**

2 vans and 1 cabin attended Riverton Site costs at \$25.00 p/n. Very relaxed. Each day was spent touring the districts adjacent. Saturday evening dinner at Saddleworth Hotel, very small and only locals eating but later found bigger hotel further up in the town.

Spent the evenings in the cabin socialising
Next event; Mid-Year Lunch at the OG Hotel July 14th 2013.

August 6th 2013 Annual General Meeting.
October 6th to 13th 2013 Beechworth Vic. Extended Camp.

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