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– what a stirrer!*

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President's Report

This really is my last News-
letter Report! I am delighted
to know that the President's
position is to be filled by a new
face, new approach, new ideas

and different style, all of which will be refreshing
for the Club!

In this edition of the Newsletter last year I wrote
of my delight and honour at having held the
position for the past almost 5 years. I can only
repeat that now and I thank all the people who
have supported me over that time. I have really
enjoyed working for the Club and of course I will
continue to be as passionate about all things
RACVCC as I have always been.

But before the real fond farewells and grand
welcoming at the AGM there are a few bits and
pieces to report.

Alan Jennings has been working hard on the
Constitution to bring as much as we can up to
date and more in line with the way we operate.
Various changes had already been made over
the years with much cutting and pasting going
on by us all. A reprint will be completed once
the changes are ratified by the membership
at the upcoming AGM. We are greatly indebted
to Alan.

Progress with being cast adrift by the RACV is
all planned in our minds and we just need to
receive all the final details and paper work from
the RACV.

The Barbeque that has been partially provided
by the RACV and partially by the Mornington
Shire and which will be a material and constant
mark of our 80 years has been purchased and is
ready for installation.

Winter rallies have been and gone and we are
experimenting next year with Divisions being
able to book the Easter and November rallies on
a set weekend prior to the gazetted weekends.

I will give much more detail on all the things
going on in the life of the RACVCC at the AGM.
You will no doubt have the date noted in your
diaries and will be there in force...if only to
welcome our new President and Secretary (who
as I write we do not yet have) and to show that
you are interested in the machinations of the
Club that gives us all so much pleasure. I said

it last year and I will say it again...there is just a
little more to us than rallies and friendship every
month...albeit they are what we are essentially
about.

Again, thank you for your support. See you at
the AGM (Details of which are in this Newsletter)

Sandra



17th National Caravan Club Rally
14th to the 22nd of October 2019

"Amazing Albany"

The Rally is being held at the showground in Albany Western Australia. This is a great
opportunity to travel to W.A. and meet up with Fridays during the Wildflower Season.

The committee is doing a wonderful job organising activities such as Golf and Bowls
days, Whale watching and much more. There is entertainment every night, Also daytime
lectures on health and road laws, towing with seminars on tablets, phone and
computers. Along with Book Clubs and craft lessons will be available.

There have been 350 registrations more from Queensland than any other state so don't
let the side down you can still register.

Helen and Brian Bizzill – regesta@17thnationalcaravanrally.org.au

Our club will have our group dinner early at the Rally and an official club photograph
(please if your do not have a RACVCC polo shirt could you please have a plain white
shirt for the occasion. All members that have registered remember the next payment
is due.



NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the R.A.C.V. Caravan Club of Victoria Inc., will be held on Sunday 18th November, 2018 in the Assembly Hall of the Bentleigh Secondary College, Vivien Street, East Bentleigh commencing at 10.00 am.

Agenda

Confirmation of Minutes of Annual General Meeting held 19th November, 2017.
President's report.

Adoption of Treasurer's Financial Statement.

Election of Office Bearers.

Election of Activities Director and Financial Review Committee.

Election of Divisional Committees.

Set the Entrance Fee and the Annual Subscription.

Deal with any proposed amendments to the Constitution.

Ratification of any changes to the By-laws.

Other Business of which notice has been received.

(Copies of the financial statement will be available at the meeting and a summary will be published in the next newsletter.)

Elections

In accordance with the rules and the Divisional organisation of the Club, nominations for the Office Bearers of the Club, namely: President, Secretary and Treasurer, closed with the Club Secretary on the 10th August, 2018.

Executive Nominations

Position	Nominee	Nominated by	Secunder
President	Robert Taylor	Barbara Pyke	Anne Nichol
Secretary			
Treasurer	John Stone	Sandra Eldridge	Anne Nichol

Other Nominations

Activities Director	Anne Cecil	Steve Clark	Anne Nichol
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Nominations are called for the positions of Financial Review Committee (2).

Nominations are called for **Committee** positions of each of the five Divisions, Namely: Vice President, Divisional Secretary, Divisional Treasurer, Divisional Marshall and Divisional Assistant Marshall.

These nominations should be in the hands of the Club Secretary at least seven days before the commencement of meeting (ie Sunday 11th November, 2018). Nomination forms must be signed by the nominee, nominator and seconder in each instance. A nomination form is printed in this newsletter. Voting for each Divisional Committee will be confined to the members of each respective Division.

Appointments

Newsletter Editor.

Two delegates to the Association of Caravan Clubs of Victoria.

Other Business 13.1.1.7

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION CHANGES

3. DEFINITIONS.

- **In the Definition** "ACT (The)", add after the words "No. 20 of 2012 " the following "and as amended from time to time"

Rationale: Any changes (amendments) to the Act would take effect at any rate, but by having these words written in it would save any problem later on. (As well as the above, it will be necessary to include the proposed words in Cl's 5.1; 11.3.9; 11.3.10 and 20.5).

- **NEW DEFINITION** "Approved Vehicle", "An approved registered towable or self-powered vehicle designed to provide accommodation and facilities for sleeping, dining and the preparation of food."

Rationale: By including this term in the Definitions area and bringing all related clauses into line it should make any future amendments easier to adopt.

4. MEMBERSHIP

- **DELETE** all of 4.1.2 and **replace** with new "4.1.2 An owner or user of an Approved vehicle, and "

Rationale: This change allows flexibility in any clauses that refer to vehicles which may need to be changed in the future.

- **DELETE** the heading 4.2, and **replace** with new 4.2 "The Club Secretary shall cause to be maintained a Register of all members which shall show, but not be limited to"

Rationale: This allows the Secretary control of membership registration requirements but for someone else to do the actual recording.

5. RIGHTS and RESPONSIBILITIES of MEMBERS

- **ADD** in Cl. 5.1 in third line after words Reform Act 2012, the words "and as amended from time to time".

8. MANAGEMENT of CLUB.

- **DELETE** Cl. 8.5.4 and **REPLACE** with new Cl, 8.5.4 "shall meet as deemed necessary by the Office Bearers in conjunction provided that no less than four ordinary meetings of the Executive are held annually"

Rationale: There are times that either due to absence of two or more Office Bearers , or even a lack of business, important in itself, but all of which could just as easily be held over and save calling every member of Exec to a meeting.

9. DIVISIONAL COMMITTEE.

- **Delete** SUB-CLAUSE 9.2.5

Rationale: The duties and function of the Marshal have materially changed over the years, plus the fact that it is often difficult to elect members of the Division to fill the offices. This deletion will make it slightly less difficult to fill Divisional committees.

10 ACTIVITIES CO-ORDINATOR.

- **DELETE** words “shall meet with” in Sub-clause Cl. 10.1.3 and **REPLACE** with new words “shall liaise with Divisional Marshals”

Rationale: This still allows the Activities Co-ordinator to obtain feed back from Marshals to determine suitability of Parks or other venues.

11. DUTIES of OFFICERS.

- **ADD** in Cl. 11.3.9 after the words Reform Act 2012, the words “and as amended from time to time”
- **ADD** In Cl. 11.3.10 after the words Reform Act 2012 , the words “and as amended from time to time”

Rationale: Brings into conformity with previous clauses.

PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES

2 RALLY ATTENDANCE CREDITS.

- **In Sub-clause 2.1.1** replace words a Caravan with “an approved vehicle”
- **In Sub-clause 2.1.2** replace the words a Caravan with “an approved vehicle”
- **In Sub-clause 2.1.3** replace the words a Caravan with “an approved vehicle”
- **In sub-clause 2.1.5** In the phrase “a caravan” replace the word Caravan with “an approved vehicle”.
- **In line two of the Sub-clause** replace the words ‘Caravan’ with the words “approved vehicle” and **add** after the words “shall be towed” the words “or driven”
- **In line four of the sub-clause** replace the word Caravan with the words “approved vehicle”
Rationale: Consistency of expression.
- **In sub-clause 2.2** replace the words “a Caravan” with the words “an approved vehicle”
Rationale: Consistency of expression.

7. SORRENTO SITE ALLOCATION.

Re-number clause as 6 and subsequent sub-clauses appropriately.

- **In Sub-clause 7.3.1.2 (6.3.1.2)** replace the word Caravan with the words “an approved vehicle”

Rationale: Consistency of expression.

8. FILM SOCIETY.

Re-number all of Clause 8 and sub-clauses Film Society with 7 and sub-clauses appropriately.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Under Clause 13.2.2, the President and Secretary call a Special General Meeting of the Club to be held at the Annual General Meeting on Sunday 18th November 2018.

The purpose of the Special General Meeting is to vote on the following two-part motion. Should the first motion fail then the second is withdrawn.

1. That the land at Learmonth owned by the RACV Caravan Club of Vic Inc be sold for the purpose of part 2 of this two-part motion.
2. That the proceeds from the sale be used to purchase a Club facility for a meeting place and storage of Club equipment and records.

Moved: John Stone

Seconded: Alan Jennings



IMPORTANT DATES:

Sorrento Balance – Final payments for Sorrento bookings are due by 12th October 2018. Please ensure you make your final payment by this date and email Anne Cecil with confirmation of payment. Details are on your site confirmation letter.

Christmas Rally Deposit – Please ensure deposits are paid to your divisional treasurers by the Cup Weekend rally or by the 2nd November, 2018 if you are not attending the rally. A copy of the form is contained within this newsletter or on our website under ‘club forms’ at www.racvcc.com.au

Annual General Meeting – The AGM is being held on the 18th November, 2018 at 10.00 am at Bentleigh Secondary College

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Maryborough – July 14 - 15

A very small rally for Division 1 this month with only 5 vans in all. The park was very nice with good clean amenities and a very nice kitchen/rec room. Had a lovely dinner Friday night with all attending at the Maryborough golf club. (Apart from one couples meals being forgotten) they made up with giving extra on the plate when it did come. We were all picked up and driven back by the clubs bus. One member went to golf early Saturday morning (you know who) only to come back as he didn't take his ice skates. It was -3 degrees. Haha he did play later on in the morning when the course had melted.



We all did our own thing on Saturday with most visiting the beautiful old Maryborough station. Six of us went out for tea on Saturday night to the Park Hotel, which was again excellent value for money with the meals being very large. On the whole the weather was good apart from being cold especially in the mornings.

Queenscliff – August 18 - 19

While a select few of our number basked in the Northern sunshine, the more hardy of Division One braved the elements to attend our August rally at Queenscliff, or "Queenscliffe", as some discerning locals apparently prefer. The Queenscliff/e Tourist Park is situated in a delightful setting, encapsulating the view across the rip to Point Nepean and also the



questionable benefits of a cooling sea breeze in August. Typo here, read "gale".

Friday night campers attended the local Bowling Club for dinner, said venue being unsure as to who we were and whether we had in fact arrived. Nevertheless, a lovely meal was enjoyed by all except for the diner patiently awaiting their belated chicken risotto. It is probably best to make no further comment in relation to the Chicken Risotto.

Following a rather quiet Friday night, the wild and windy Saturday morning saw everyone amusing themselves as they saw fit, with the renowned walkers, resplendent in red jackets with backpacks attached, heading off at breakneck speed without a hope in hell of anyone catching them. We are led to believe Neil Taylor will be posing a challenge to the intrepid duo's speed record upon his return from up North where he has been training in secret.



Another member, who cannot be trusted and has a new boy toy (not toy boy), and is catering to it's every need, eagerly awoke at the break of day to make it to Aldi at Geelong. Meanwhile, his poor beloved spent the weekend shivering, having not been provided with adequate feather covering. We understand the new boy toy (not toy boy), does, however, have proper covering and it's caring owner continues to lavish all manner of accessories upon it, in spite of the climatic sufferings endured by the long suffering wife.

Saturday evening was spent in the warm refuge of the camp kitchen where the local fish and chips were consumed with relish, particularly by those who do not aspire to qualify for MKR. A surprise guest appearance by Odin the champion bull dog gave several members an opportunity to ponder the theory which suggests remarkable physical similarities may exist between dogs and their owners. This particular, and very proud, owner and dog have won many competitions which judge the oft uncanny likeness of dog and owner.



The Night Was Dark and Stormy... an understatement ! Thunder, hail, rain, wind and lightning disturbed the sleep of the majority of campers but did not defeat their devotion to caravanning life. A hasty exit home was certainly warranted in the circumstances. Nevertheless, one die hard caravanning couple were intent on seeking better weather in Maryborough for the rest of the week and duly set off upon their hopeful journey. We can only admire their persistent optimism.

We further extend a warm welcome to Peter Rauch who attended his first rally on the weekend. Having braved the inclement weather and surviving the two dining extravaganzas, we remain positive Peter will continue to enjoy the bonhomie of Division One and the wonderful camaraderie of the RACV Caravan Club overall.

A number of observations were made on the weekend, as follows:

Jessie doesn't know how to play Pictionary but is proficient at scrabble; Jamie Clarke loves a beer, M & M's, can kick a footy on her own but cannot be left home alone and does not like fish (She is also an excellent dog wrangler); If you order chicken risotto, expect it to arrive up to 20 minutes after everyone else and only when it has spent a number of minutes with an emergency warming in the microwave; Ann Clarke is very cold and no doubt continues pleading for a feather jacket; You can wear tracksuit pants and uggs to dinner if you are a true bogan; Peter's beanie was not knitted by Fran but by his mother many years ago. He subsequently does not wear any beanies, from the thousands knitted by Fran; Saveloys in batter are an acceptable alternative to fish despite Jamie's opinion; Steve Clarke shops at Aldi and cannot be trusted; Our newest member, Peter Rauch, is fast on track to become our official Division One photographer, with an amazing camera and photographic ability to boot; "the other guys" do not eat fish and chips; You can eat closed mussels if you want; A large bag of M & M's is more preferable than wasting the same money on a tattslotto ticket; It is a good idea to make sure the jockey wheel is properly in place, especially on uneven sites; A decent jack can help in a bad situation and there are very kind people who have such equipment; Ken has lots of pieces of good

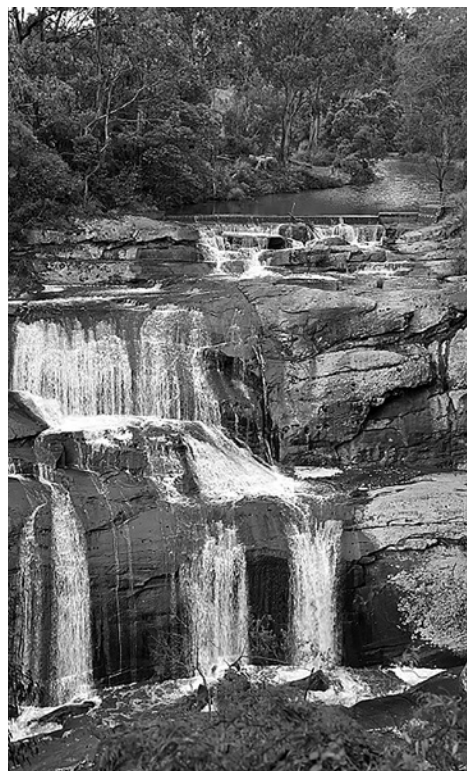


wood which he has found in caravan parks; The chains on the front of the A frame should be attached to the towbar on the car but rest assured it will still work without the attachment in place; The power box has a switch you flick to "on" if you want to use the electricity.

The next rally at Foster should witness the return of the Northern Immigrants which will also, no doubt, provide us with further opportunity to observe a greater number of authentic caravaners in their natural environment and habitat.

Foster-September 15 - 16

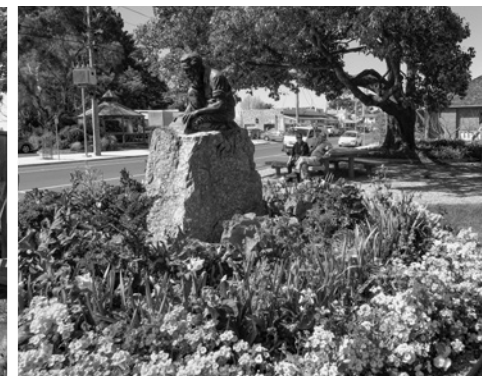
Our September rally was at the Prom Central Caravan Park. We had a total of 19 vans 4 arrived on Thursday the rest arrived on Friday. We had 3 people from Division 4 and 2 people from Division 2. The people that arrived Thursday



walked up the street on Friday and what a lovely display of flowers they have in this town. Friday afternoon 3 car loads went to Fish Creek where we went to a couple of galleries. At afternoon tea our Marshall Rob Allen presented club flags to new members Peter & Lis Rauch, Kerri Schoof, Alan & Sue Colclough also Nigel & Janeen Nation following on Friday evening 34 went to the Exchange Hotel for dinner it was very nice.



The best place to be on Saturday was in the warmth of your caravan it was very wet and cold outside. Some ventured out of their vans for fivies, but they soon scurried back as it was pretty cold. Sunday arrived cold and a bit showery most people packed up and headed for home. Three vans braved the weather and stayed until Monday.



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Foster – July 14 - 15

The lush green hills of South Gippsland greeted us, for a winter rally of 8 vans and 1 cabin at Foster. The cold temperatures were bearable, helped by some sunny weather, a great little fire to cluster around for happy hour each afternoon, and wonderful starry skies at night. Everyone enjoyed the ease of walking around this well cared-for town. Some checked out the Op Shops, admiring the footpath garden beds thriving with edible leafy vegies.

On Saturday we explored the extensive and beautifully maintained Foster & District Historical Society Museum, acknowledging all



aspects of the area’s development in forestry, agriculture, gold mining, fishing and tourism. Some members met local legend Reg Williams, maker of models of the town, its mines and other landmarks. Dinner followed at the historic Exchange Hotel.

Sunday included a walk through the town’s nature reserves. For those staying Sunday night, we rugged-up to eat jaffles and toasties by the campfire. Another great weekend catching up with our rally friends, in a beautiful place.



Lima South – August 18 - 19

10 vans attended, arriving Wednesday to Saturday. The Saturday arrival had a malfunction with fuel on the trip to the rally. The lovely park owners supplied meals during the period of the rally

Saturday afternoon several members visited Stringy Bark Creek, site of Ned Kelly’s confrontation with the law. The weather cleared while they were there. Some others went to Swanpool for the Arts Festival featuring items made from



waste. Fabulous was the comments with a suggestion that others might like to visit on Sunday.

Saturday night dinner was roast Lamb and Chicken with an assortment of vegies in the ample rec room with a lovely wood fire.

Although the weekend was wet and cold (no snow) members were leaving for home and other venues Sunday and Monday, an enjoy-able rally.

Ballarat – September 15 - 16

Div 2 had 15 vans & 3 cabins & we all enjoyed a very pleasant long weekend, beginning with a sunny & warm Friday that allowed us to take our baguette & tarte au citron from a lovely French cafe in Sturt Street to the Botanic Gardens. Delicious! After eating, we strolled along the Prime Minister’s Avenue to be reacquainted with the busts of Prime Ministers from Federation to almost present time with Malcolm Turnbull yet to make an appearance.



We caught up with our friends at Happy Hour, after which we headed to the Park Hotel for a lovely meal, before returning to our vans to watch the football.

On Saturday, after a pancake brekky provided by the CP & clad in warm, wet-weather gear Peter & I headed off to lunch at another great French cafe in Creswick, with an excellent

selection of patisserie, with very tempting macarons. We then headed off to the Creswick Woollen Mill, where we found discounted garments of beautifully-made shirts & jumpers. On the return trip we paused at the RACV resort at Creswick which was interesting to see.

For dinner, we all bought our own meat to barbecue & a contribution of a choice of either salad or desert – a very pleasant evening. Those who are going to the State Rally at Wodonga discussed the details of the dinner there & the ladies’ suggested dress code of a decorated petticoat. Back to the van to cheer my team, Collingwood to an eventual win against GWS in an exciting game.

Sunday, after morning tea & more chit-chat 6 members visited the Ballarat zoo which they

really enjoyed. At Happy Hour we farewelled our friends, after a very pleasant, although chilly & windy weekend.



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Wye River – July 14 - 15

As most of our members are holidaying elsewhere only 3 van headed down The Great Ocean road to Wye River for the August rally.

We 3 arrived at the park Friday afternoon. Friday night dinner was at The Wye River Hotel which is situated right next to the park.

Steady rain hit the park Friday night and continued all day Saturday making for a wet and dismal day...

Bev and Kerry Draper returned to Geelong for the love of watching Geelong play Fremantle at the Cattery.

The rest of us travelled to Apollo Bay and enjoyed the wonderful scenery that The Great Ocean Road provides. Despite the weather on arrival in Apollo Bay we were greeted by a lot of tourist coaches and there passengers filling up most of the cafes for lunch.

We were able to find a small café that served great home-made food – yum!



As it continued to rain for the rest of the day fees/fivies were held in The Penny’s van. As we were such a small group everyone returned to The Penny’s van to watch the Saturday night footy.

Lima South – August 18 - 19

Where the heck is Lima South you ask. Well, 6 vans and 10 hardy souls found their way there for our rally weekend (It is between Maindample and Benalla on the Midland Highway, near Lake Nilliahcootie – any the wiser?).



RACV CARAVAN CLUB OF VICTORIA DIVISIONAL COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM

Nomination for the position of: _____

Nominee: _____
(Name in Block Letters Please)

Signature: _____

Nominator: _____ Seconder: _____

Signature: _____ Signature: _____

When completed, this nomination form must reach the Secretary, RACV Caravan Club, PO Box 165, Ashburton, VIC 3147, at least 7 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.



The caravan park owners provided the evening meal for us on the Friday night in the well-appointed common room. AFL was on and cheers and groans could be heard across the park, depending on who we supported.

The Saturday brought good weather and people ventured further afield to see painted silos at



Devenish, wineries around Rutherglen, or the lake at Yarrowonga. A roaring fire and AFL in the common room finished off the evening.

Some left vans at the park on Sunday to pick up for the next rally at Bonnie Doon rather than tow them home.

Travelling Rally Report

July – Townsville

Ray from Division 4 and Jeff and Jeanette from Division 3 spent the July rally at Riverview Convention Centre, Townsville. They went to dinner to celebrate Jeanette's birthday on the Friday night and then for a walk along the path adjacent to Ross River with magnificent facilities and abundant birdlife.

Riverview Convention Centre Campground is the Seventh Day Adventist camping facility. When allocating sites they leave an empty site alongside every van and stagger them in each row. Site fees are \$30 per night with a pay for 6 and get 7 deal.



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Frankston – July 14 - 15

The sun was shining brightly Saturday morning at the Big 4 Mornington Peninsula Holiday Park. Whilst it was crisp, everyone was in good spirits with the great weather.

We welcomed back European travellers Chris & Anne Nichol and John & Leisa Stone. Many of us were fortunate to follow their amazing trips on Facebook.

Good luck to Charles Allan who is recovering from a recent operation and well done to Roz & daughter Kristy, who attended the rally, set up and packed up in his absence.

It was a very social afternoon for members as we inspected several new caravans. Congratulations to Lindsay & Jill (?), Denise & Roger Brown and Ken & Tina Richmond. We wish you many years of fun and safe travelling in your new vans.

Special thanks to the lovely smiling Hayley Hatzivagiannis for sharing delicious pizza and fruit to the campers throughout the afternoon.

The rest of the afternoon/evening is a complete blur as I am an idiot!

BOGANS R US



San Remo Rally – August 18 - 19

The August rally at San Remo was well attended by 16 vans over the weekend despite the knowledge of the impending cold and windy weather forecast. Seven vans arrived from lunch time Friday, Haley and Greg were first to set up and had already gone to watch the feeding of the pelicans.



Division 4 member Belinda visited the park and invited all back to her home on the Island for a cuppa and a tour of the new home. A beautiful home and fantastic view over the bridge. Due to my dodgy knee Robert and I tested out her lift to the upstairs.

The wind continued so we gathered behind cars and extra blankets for drinks at five on Friday.

Next day saw more members arrive, as others settled into the park some took advantage of calmer weather to go for a walk and check out the shops. Discussions about the worsening weather, fees were collected on the veranda



of an onsite cabin, a quick process with some member staying for a drink. It was decided that rally activities would now be at the local pub with many deciding to have a meal. The formalities were dealt with in quick time and we all engaged in a game of nominating an item to an individual, we all discovered interesting information about others. It seemed Leisa and Phil knew more than the rest and was declared the winners. A final celebration was a cake to celebrate a 12th happy birthday for Mitch. Sunday morning club members battled rain and wind to hitch up to head to the warmth of home, a good time had by all despite the weather.



Ballarat – September 15 - 16

After a long climb up the Pentlands and a battle with strong winds 4 vans arrived in warm and sunny conditions on Friday. The McDonalds were already there having come on their way back from Adelaide. We were all greeted by members of Division 2. The afternoon was spent sitting in the sun catching up on the Anderson's and Mayer's recent travels to South Africa and the Booth's, Martin's and McDonald's trips to Queensland.

Fivesies was enjoyed sitting around in the sun before a group of 10 went to Zagames for dinner. The Division 2 group went to the Park Hotel. Everyone returned to the park after dinner to enjoy watching Melbourne and Hawthorn fight it out for a place in the preliminary finals. 2 more vans arrived Friday night.



Saturday the weather changed dramatically and the predicted bleak conditions lasted all day. The Park Management provided pancakes with Strawberry Jam, Lemon and Sugar or Maple Syrup for breakfast in the Great Room for everyone in the Park. After breaky a group of 12 went for a coffee at Pipers on the shores of Lake Wendourie with several trying to get a walk around the lake in before the rain set in, while others walked over to the Botanic Gardens. Unfortunately their walks were cut short by rain and hail. The squalls throughout the afternoon forced most people to stay in their vans or in the Rec room but a few braved the cold and wet conditions to inspect the Display Village opposite. The Anders travelled



to the Creswick Woollen Mills. The Masons and Nicholls travelled from the Grampians to the Park on return from their holidays.

By late Saturday there were a total of 18 vans from Divi. 4, 13 vans and 3 cabins from Divi. 2.

Combined fivesies and dinner were spent in the Great Room with many dressed in their footy gear. We all enjoyed our own BBQ meats with salads and sweets provided by the members. Luke updated us all with news from the Executive Meeting. They are still looking for an Executive President and Secretary. He mentioned the changes happening at Sorrento, including the demolition of the old Rec Room, laundry and shower block, BBQ's and playground. They are hoping to have a new





Sunday morning we woke to blue skies. Div. 2 had morning tea in the Great Room joined by several of our members. Several members left early while others made the most of the 11.00 o'clock check out, packing up their vans and driving to the Botanic Gardens so as they could walk through them in the better weather. A group of

8 of us enjoyed a coffee with scones, jam and cream at Pipers before we said farewell and headed for home...A few lucky ones stayed on till Monday.

It was a great Rally. Thanks to Div. 2 for initiating the combined dinner giving us an opportunity to renew acquaintances with other members.

Looking forward to seeing you all at Yea for our October Rally.

BBQ area where the existing park office is. No boat trailers will be accommodated in the park. Luke reminded us all that we do not renew our CC Membership with the RACV. We have separated our financial administration from them and will now be collecting our annual fees on a yearly basis.

After dinner many returned to the warmth of their caravans to watch the football game between Collingwood and West Coast while others watched it in the Rec. Room.

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Macedon – September 15 - 16

Division 5's September Rally was held at Macedon Caravan Park in the beautiful Macedon Ranges. Most of us arrived on Friday with 7 caravans and 2 cabins being booked. The weather was fine but overcast which was good for those setting up caravans.

Friday activities commenced with Happy Hour at 4:30 which was a great time to catch up with friends on what's been happening since we last met. A quick meeting was also held at this time to update members on club matters and what was on for the weekend. Thanks to Win and Tony for being Marshalls. After Happy Hour we all enjoyed a nice meal at the Macedon Railway Hotel.

Saturday morning a group of us headed to the Mount Macedon Cross and 'Top of the Range Tea Rooms' for morning tea. The tearooms were a fantastic venue with great views across to Gisborne. Earlier two members set off for Kynton but ended up in Lancefield Op Shop, they then joined up with the group at the tearooms.





Heather and John Whiteman visited us, it was great to catch up with them over a cuppa and cake. As the weather had closed in, it actually snowed and most members didn't venture up to the cross. After morning tea we headed off to do their own thing.

After lunch Win and Tony had organized Croquet which was being enjoyed by members but was unfortunately rained out, so most of us played board games in the recreation room, which was lots of "B-----Y" fun and laughter.

The traditional happy hour was had followed by dinner, all of the girls had made casseroles or sweets which was "B-----Y" beautiful. This was an enjoyable time had by all.

After dinner some member went back to their caravans to watch the footy with others meeting in the rec room to watch a great movie, "Hidden Figures" with wine and chocolates kindly provided by the caravan park.

Sunday morning we rose to pleasant weather, which was good for packing up. After morning tea everyone said their farewells and headed home or on to other destinations. All in all it was a great weekend had by all.

Travelling Rally Reports

August – Gracemere

Ray from Division 4 and Jeff and Jeanette from Division 3 travelled from Cape Palmerston to the rally venue at Gracemere where they set up in 31 degree temperatures and then enjoyed a community lunch. They purchased a kilo of large banana prawns from a vendor in the park and enjoyed red Thai curry prawns for dinner. Sunday was spent at the shopping centre as they had not seen a shop for over a week and supplies were running low.

Park facilities were good, however due to the drought conditions the park was not as good as it was last year.

September – Landsborough

Members from Division 3 & 4 spent a travelling rally at Landsborough where they attended the ginger factory at Yandina. They crossed the road and went to the Nut House where they purchased different varieties of macadamia nuts. They travelled on to Maroochydore to the Surf Life Saving Club where they bumped into Neil and Chryell. They then headed onto Mooloolaba.

Landsborough Pine Caravan Park is in a picturesque setting approximately 5 kilometres from Australia Zoo. They were fortunate to have 4 adjacent sites in the best area of the park.



CHRISTMAS RALLIES

The Children's Christmas Party will be held during the weekend of the 1 & 2 December 2018 at the locations shown in the Rally calendar.

As each Division is arranging its own program (and these will differ) it is not possible to detail arrangements in this notice. Full information will be available at your October and November rallies. Don't forget to note the details.

The deposit for the Christmas Rally will be \$15.00 per person of 13 years and over.

Members are requested to fill in the booking form below and, together with the appropriate payment, hand in at a rally preceding the Christmas Rally. If you will not be at a rally please **MAIL** your booking form and payment to your **Divisional Secretary** to arrive by 2 November 2018.

BOOKING FORM – CHRISTMAS RALLY

The following will be present at the 2018 Christmas Rally:

Number of Adults	@ \$15.00 =	\$
Number of children 13 years and over	@ \$15.00 =	\$
Number of grandchildren 12 * years and under	@ \$25.00 =	\$

(For Christmas Presents – Refer below) TOTAL \$

Names of members children (grandchildren) 12* years and under for presents from Santa.

Full Name (block letters) Son / Daughter / Grandchild / Age

1 3
 2 4

Members Name.....

Address

..... Postcode.....

Payment for total \$ is attached.

*** All children 12 years of age and under who attend the Christmas rally not accompanied by the member/ partner parent will be regarded as a grandchild and the appropriate fee is payable.**

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF RAVCC

(Applicants must have a current RACV membership)

Date:

Name in Full:
(Block Letters Please)

Address:
.....
..... Postcode:

Phone No.: Email:

RACV Membership No.: Preferred Division if known:

FEES: Entrance	\$60.00
Annual Subscription	\$40.00
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TOTAL COST	\$100.00 including GST

Please make cheque payable to RACVCC
or EFT(BSB 013-141 A/C No.851386757) Use your surname as reference
Membership Application to: RACV Caravan Club
The Secretary
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