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## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

#### Hello Everyone

How quick was that, Christmas is a distant past so too is 2022. Now the summer season is done. I hope those who had the opportunity to do a little R&R did so and enjoyed it. Lots have shared pictures of their adventures. Kids floating down rivers on tubes, fish that were caught on inland waters and some fabulous scenery. I have reports that the beach was good. Everyone seems to have enjoyed themselves albeit a bit different from the last season. So now we have more Rallies coming up, new places to go, new things to do and people to meet.

#### **CAMERONS BIGHT**

Heather, Ric and I met with Max Patton, Manager, WhiteCliffs to Camerons Bight Camp Ground in February. Unfortunately the Committee Chairman had to cancel. Max gave us assurances that our current arrangements will be continued for the 2023/24 season. We asked if they would consider entering into another agreement for the following seasons. Max advised us he would pass our request on to the committee of management. Max advised that bookings are opening earlier this year. People can start applying for sites from May (powered sites). Unpowered sites can be booked from the 10th July. We will keep you informed of any updates.

The application form for Camerons Bight is contained in this newsletter. Fees for the 2023/24 season were unknown. I was told to expect a 5 - 10% increase on the last season.

Many thanks to Heather and Ric, for organising time off work to attend our meeting.



#### **CARAVAN SHOW**

The Association of Caravan Clubs of Vic was provided a stand at the Super Caravan Show compliments of the Caravan Industry Association of Victoria. This gave us an opportunity to attend the show and promote our club, at the previous show we were fortunate to gain some new members. As always we need volunteers to make these things work. I am reliably informed that everyone enjoyed their day at the show. Thank you to Barbara, Anne, Kevin, Stella, David, Deb, Brent, Andrew and George for supporting our efforts to promote our club. Andrew and George signed some people up on the day, welcome to our club. Hopefully we will get this opportunity again; if we do I will be calling for volunteers.

Please please, if you have new members in your Division, take them under your arm, ensure they are included in all activities and social gatherings. We want them to stay and enjoy themselves. They are important for the future of our club.

#### **ALTERNATIVE RALLIES**

As I write this the State Rally at Horsham is a few days away, it's an alternate RACVCC Rally. Our very own Stella Breese is the activities directory, she has lots of interesting and fun things planned.

Div 5, David Breese is running a Tag a Long tour starting from Horsham arriving at the National Rally, Barmera. They are visiting great places.

The 18th National Rally, Barmera SA starts a week later. The SA Association have had a tough time getting this event to occur, COVID brought it to a halt in 2022. The planned program looks good. We have 19 members attending.

There should be some pictures and story in the next newsletter.

The next National Rally is in 2025 hosted by the NSW Association it will be held 29th Sept to 8th Oct 2025 at the Australian Rural Education Centre Mudgee . You can get more information from their website <u>www.19thnationalcaravanrally.org.au</u>. They have started taking bookings.



## **DIV 1 RALLY REPORT**

#### **COMMITTEE DETAILS**

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#### WARRAGUL

The weather was perfect for our January Rally at Warragul Gardens Caravan Park. Six vans arrived on Thursday with the rest arriving on Friday and Saturday a total of 10 vans. On Friday we had fivesies in the meeting room where we caught up with Rob and Diane Allen, which was most enjoyable. We went to the Warragul Golf Club for dinner where everyone enjoyed a delicious meal. On Saturday we had our annual Australia day breakfast which was very good, a big thank you to everyone involved. We went for a tag along tour to Mount Worth State Park, we couldn't find it so we ended up having our picnic lunch at Leongatha, then headed back to the Caravan Park. We had fivesies in the BBQ area as well as our Dinner. later we moved to the meeting room for coffee and Port with chocolate and choc biscuits, yum yum . Sunday morning 9am morning tea in the meeting room. We said our good byes to everyone and most headed for home except a couple of vans stayed on until Monday. Thank you everyone for a very enjoyable Rally.





On Saturday we had our annual Australia day breakfast which was very good, a big thank you to everyone involved.



#### **CRESWICK HOLIDAY PARK**

Ordinary facilities, but a beautiful setting, right beside the Calembeen Lakes.

There were 11 vans in attendance with some arriving on Thursday and Friday, some leaving on Sunday and Monday.

Friday night dinner was enjoyed at the Farmers Arms Hotel which was walking distance from the park after which we gathered together for a night cap.

Saturday we had a free morning to explore sunny Creswick and surrounds which included a Saturday market where some purchases were made. The afternoon bought us all together to have a picnic under the trees at the lake which was a perfect spot enjoying the antics of the local kids diving from the diving board and having lots of fun in the lake which was designed for safe swimming.

A free afternoon was taken up by visiting (for some) to the Lambley Nursery & Gardens which was amazing. Some purchases made here also. A couple of members had family visiting and a couple of members went visiting their family. As the day progressed, we all arrived at the camp kitchen for happy hour and fees then progressed to have our evening meal all together. That lead to very hearty chats and a game of Celebrity Heads guessing game. What a laugh!

All together, a very enjoyable weekend rally. Thanks to all participants.



### MOE

Moe rally saw 3 vans arriving on the Friday arvo of the long weekend with Jeff and Faye arriving Saturday in their new motor home. Our new members Kerryn and Michael sadly had to stay in a motel for the weekend as their vehicle was being repaired and could not tow their caravan.

Saturday morning was a free morning to explore Moe and surrounding attractions before leaving on a tagalong after lunch to the Blue Rock dam where we enjoyed afternoon tea. Back to camp for a communal dinner with refreshments and lots of stories being told.

Sunday morning, we had more time to spend looking around town, following lunch we played many rounds of Klop with no champions finishing with a BBQ dinner in the Camp Kitchen.

Monday morning another nice day found us packing up, a quick cuppa and heading home.







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### TRARALGON

Division 2 held their February rally at Lifestyle Village Caravan Park, Traralgon. The park has more than enough powered sites and cabins available, the amenities were clean and well kept. The camp kitchen and BBQ were available and in a clean condition. Some of the sites were drive through which was very convenient.

We were a very small group of 2 members who arrived either Thursday or Friday. Ron Tormey with his son Shane and Bob Jobling and Carole O'Hagan. Carole's Brother, Alan, joined us for dinner on Friday night and Saturday.

The temperatures were very hot on Thursday, around midhigh 30 degrees, and still very warm overnight, Friday's temperature were more pleasant, around mid-20 degrees.

We had happy hour at 5:00pm before heading off for dinner at the Royal Exchange Hotel, Traralgon. The meal was enjoyed by everybody. On Saturday we visited Walhalla's Goldfields Railway. Enjoyed a coffee before the 11:00 am train departed for Thompson, ordered our lunch which was ready upon our return at midday. We then spent time looking at the towns historical buildings etc. before returning to the caravan park happy hour.

Ron and Shane left for home on Sunday morning, Bob and Carole stayed on and left for home on Monday morning.

Although our numbers were very low, it was a great weekend.



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#### **ALEXANDRA**

Four vans with 7 members attended the Alexandra rally with the promise of perfect weather - warm days and cool nights, for our long weekend. After a look around town at the hotels, the menu in the window of the Shamrock looked a good place to have our traditional Friday night meal. The hotel was Googled for a phone number which Dottie rang to make our booking. On arriving at the hotel we found locked doors. We learned from some locals that the hotel had not been operating for ages. So where had the phone booking been made? Across the street was another hotel which miraculously had our booking and we all enjoyed a lovely meal there. The town originally had 4 hotels.

Saturday morning we all made our way down to the Railway museum market. Even though we arrived separately, we all went into the market via 'the back door'. Signage needed a bit of improving. It was a small market and most of us managed to purchase some jams and other sweet treats. Lunch for some was had at the sixties diner with it's pink, black and white colour scheme. Out the front was a statue of Marilyn Monroe in her famous pose and also Betty Boop while Elvis waited inside for us. With malted milks under some belts, the rest of the afternoon was a relaxing time under the huge elm trees back at the park in the showgrounds. At fivesies time we were joined by local singer/guitarist, Dave Silverman who entertained us. He performed many songs from the 60's and 70's which included Billy Joel, Neil Diamond, Elvis Presley etc. He took requests from a list he had. Bill and Von even took to the 'dance floor' during one number. We all enjoyed our little concert.

Sunday we went in various directions – some to Mansfield and some to Eildon. Mid afternoon we had some rain go through which cleared for a late fivesies, a chat and a few laughs as we prepared for our departure the next morning.



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### KORUMBURRA

Our February rally was a small rally held at Korumburra caravan park, with many members still enjoying the beautiful weather at Sorrento. We had two new members and two potential new members, Darren & Maureen and Lorraine & Gilbert. Friday night we came together for a BBQ dinner at the park and enjoyed the wonderful weather. Saturday, we woke to a beautiful day. Brad, Caroline, Ebony and George went for a drive to the local township of Meeniyan, where the Garlic festival was on, while Lorraine and Gilbert enjoyed a quite morning back at the park. Upon our return Darren and Maureen had arrived so we all went to Coal Creek, where ebony won herself a little prize for doing the quiz. Later that afternoon George's friends Dave and Norell joined us for 5ies'. That evening Brad had organised dinner at the Burra Brewery, to where Belinda and Steve Martin joined us for delicious wood fire pizzas and drinks. That brought us to a total of 12 for dinner. Once we had enjoyed a great evening out, we headed back to the park and lit a fire. Sunday morning, we woke to an amazing sunny morning. We look forward to catching up with our new friends in March. This was a small rally but loads of fun.

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#### BALLAN

The March rally commenced with beautiful sunshine on the Friday. Ray & Joy arrived on the Thursday so had the choice of a wide range of sites. Phoenix Caravan Park is huge and the new owners have big plans for the future. They already have completed a lot of structural work with a lot more planned.

Six vans arrived on Friday. We all relaxed and enjoyed the lovely sunshine during the afternoon, as well as getting to know our new members, Lorraine & Gilbert Clark, who were attending their second rally.

On one of Joy's many walks around the park, she had spotted a disused fire pit, which was great news for our veteran pyromaniac, Bob. So, after checking it out he & Laurie went off in Bob's car, to retrieve it, and bring it closer to our vans. Bob had already brought wood from home, as well as doing a lot of wood gathering once he arrived. All agreed it was good spotting by Joy who also found a few good pieces of firewood.

We all enjoyed fivesies together, then after dinner, as the fire had of course been lit, we all sat around enjoying it and a very mild evening.

Saturday morning saw the rest of our friends arriving. Keith & Helen were very early, about 8.30am, followed by another 5 vans. Including our newest/youngest/cutest member, baby Tyler John Booth, born 8 days prior. Apparently, he enjoyed his first "big" trip in the car, maybe having his big brother Asher and big sister Bella watching over him helped.

A few of us then decided we would head into the Begonia Festival in Ballarat, which also included an Art Show, Market, Stilt Walkers, plus lots of other attractions. Some were lucky and got parking spots close to the venue. Others were not so lucky and eventually decided to give up. It was wall to wall cars & people. The 16 who did get to see it, all commented on how spectacular the Begonias were, as well as the displays in the gardens. Ballarat itself looked beautiful, with superb garden beds from one end of town to the other. Of course, the perfect weather helped.

At the VP's speech, Brad welcomed our new members Lorraine and Gilbert Clark, we also had two visiting couples, Cherie & Maurice Evans and their son Logan, as well as Mauz & Darren Dunmore. Mauz was invited to draw the winning raffle ticket and guess what, she won it! A lovely Insulated Wine Decanter & 2 wine goblets & a nice blue picnic blanket.

Brad also informed us that our long-time member Rod Philpott has had a Pacemaker inserted. We hope by the time you read this Rod, you will be feeling a lot better.

Ebony had a little "mission". Her school are raising funds to provide new sports equipment for her school. The student who raises the most money will receive a prize. So far, she has done a great job and has raised \$75, plus contributions from

her friends in Division 4. Good luck Ebony, we hope you take out the prize, as well as enjoying your new sports equipment, when it's purchased.

We all then got ready to drive into the Great Western Hotel in Ballan, where we enjoyed a delicious meal in a room to ourselves. Of course, after that we then headed back to the Park where more fire wood had been scrounged, and some, purchased, for another lovely night sitting around the fire pit. Tahlia was very popular when she produced marshmallows to toast over the fire.

Three vans left on Sunday morning and one later in the day. Those who remained went in various groupings to a range of different outings; these included coffee in Ballan, visiting friends in the area and attending an antiques and collectables venue where they saw a Furphy Camp Oven for \$999 (well chained up). Other activities included mini golf and a visit to a wind farm.

Back at the park, Sue and David Shrubshall arrived on their Harley motorbike and spent some time chatting before going off to the pub for lunch and then returning later to enjoy fivesies with us. Sue got accidently locked in the toilet and had an anxious few minutes before being able to open the lock.

Everyone enjoyed eating their dinner around the roaring campfire (even though Bob wasn't there to ensure the extent of the "roaring"). Later, Caroline made some delicious scones with jam and cream for everyone to enjoy. Thank you, Caroline!

The remaining vans all packed up and left on Monday morning after a wonderful rally.

Again, thanks to our great committee.



### **DIV 5 RALLY REPORTS**

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#### LAKE BURRUMBEET

The Division 5 January rally was held at Lake Burrumbeet, and we stayed at the Lake Burrumbeet Caravan Park. The park had plenty of caravan sites and numerous cabins available, a suitable camp kitchen and clean amenities. Our sites had a wonderful view over the lake making our stay very pleasant. The weather was great for the weekend being warm during the day and cooling down during the night which made sleeping comfortable.

There were 4 caravans for the weekend, and everyone had arrived by mid-afternoon on Friday. The afternoon was spent relaxing before happy hour at 4:30, this was a great time catching up having nibbles and drinks and taking in the view before heading into the Ballarat Golf Club for dinner. The golf club had very nice meals and great service with all meals arriving together, after dinner Bruce had a practice with his 'Air Wood' inside the venue before we headed back to camp and retired for the evening.

Saturday morning, we woke to a thick fog over the lake which lifted quickly. We commenced the day with a quick meeting over a cup of coffee to catch up on what's happening in the club. After the meeting we headed into Ballarat to go to the farmers market, unfortunately it wasn't running so we headed off to Lake Wendouree for morning tea overlooking the lake. We then headed off to Black Hill lookout which wasn't that great as a lookout because of the tree growth blocking views, however it was interesting to find the hill being used for mountain bike racing. There was a steady parade of parents dropping off kids and teenagers to do one of the many tracks down the hill ranging from easy to difficult. The kids had no fear and quickly disappeared at great speed down the hill only to be met by parents at the base and then returned to the top to do it all over again. After spending some time here, we then headed back to camp for lunch.

After lunch Stella had arranged games on the program for the afternoon and Gay and Michael provided Clomp. The afternoon was sunny, so we found a nice shady tree to sit under while we played the game. Two matches were played on the difficult and bouncy pitch. A fierce competition to become the Clomp champion was had, Malcolm in a fine finish won the first match and David the second having raced to the lead from well behind. Michael won the prize for hitting the light pole the most times. After a tough afternoon of games, it was time for happy hour and well earnt drinks and nibbles followed by a BBQ dinner, as it wasn't too hot, we sat at the tables in the BBQ area to eat, thanks to all that either provided salads or desert for dinner.

After dinner we all gathered in the BBQ area for a game of 'Mexican Trains'. Stella explained the rules of the game and we enjoyed ourselves before retiring for the night.

It was a relaxing start to Sunday morning before heading off to Beaufort for a coffee and an explore of the town. Stella and David headed home after lunch with everyone else staying an extra night.

With great company and fine weather, we all had and enjoyable time over the weekend.





### MOE

The Division 5 February rally was held at Moe, and we stayed at the Moe Gardens Caravan Park. The park had plenty of caravan sites which were flat and grassy, numerous cabins available, a suitable camp kitchen and clean amenities. The weather was great for the weekend being warm during the day and cooling down during the night making sleeping comfortable. We had 16 people for the weekend which was great, 3 caravans and 4 cabins being used.

Everyone had arrived and set up by Friday afternoon, at 4:30 we had happy hour which was held in the Albert's and Witteveen's cabin, it was fantastic to catch up over a drink and nibbles before heading off to dinner at the Moe Racing Club. The club had a good choice of meals that were delicious and reasonably priced, this venue is well worth a visit if staying in Moe or passing through. After dinner we headed back to camp and retired for the evening.

Saturday was another fine sunny day. We had a quick meeting and David updated on happenings within the club and Stella went through the rally program for the weekend. The morning was free time to explore Moe. Before heading into town we all decided to go back to the Racing Club for morning tea and a chat, everyone ordered their tea or coffee and the club provided complementary biscuits for the group which was most appreciated.

After lunch Stella had organised games of 'Disk Bowls' and 'Bocce'. The crowds gathered for the big event at 2pm with the first toss of the disk bowl taking place not long after. Fierce battles took place over the next hour until there were two teams left to play off in the final. Hubble's Vs Albert's. The best of 5 games would determine the winner, tensions were high as players took to the pitch. Both teams played well with excellent placement of the disks but ultimately the Hubble's were too strong on the day and were victorious over the Albert's. Malcolm and Robyn had their victory photo's taken whilst Pam and Neil consoled each other on the sidelines.



The next event was Bocce and was played with equal vigour by all. A hard playing surface made for difficult and challenging playing conditions under the searing sun. The contest went on until there were two, Peter Vs David in the final. In the shade of the caravan, the crowd sat anxiously while the game progressed. Malcolm adjudicated over close decisions but after a good contest David was the winner.

Following the 'Games', spectators and competitors gather for celebratory drinks and snacks, pondered over their play and how they could improve for next time. We had a pizza dinner with salads and desserts provided by members, the meal was very tasty, and everyone had a good time.

Sunday some headed off home, those remaining went to 'Old Gippstown Heritage Park'. This historic park has a collection of authentic buildings dating back from the 1840s through to the 1930s. The site covers 8 acres and features several National Trust classified buildings and displays some of the best collections of horse-drawn

vehicles and farm equipment in Australia. The park also has a nice picnic area, so we collected our lunches from the cars and had our lunch in the park grounds before heading back to camp. We had the traditional happy hour at 4:30 followed by dinner back at the Moe Racing Club, another very nice meal was had before retiring back to camp. Monday we all departed for home having had a great weekend away.

#### HORSHAM

The Division 5 March Rally was held at Horsham and we had 6 caravans attend the weekend. The rally formed part of the Association of Caravan Clubs Victoria (ACCVic) state rally for which there was 11 clubs represented from across the state. As there was over 40 caravans for the weekend the caravan park kindly erected a large marque for our use and a central place to gather.

Everyone had arrived by Friday and registered that afternoon before all the clubs gathered for happy hour and a chat. This was a great time to get together and meet people from other clubs and other RACVCC divisional members. During happy hour Rob Taylor introduced the new ACCVic President and Secretary and he stepped down from the Presidents role. Stella who was Marshall, also went through the program of activities for the weekend.

Saturday we all gathered at the marque as the local newspaper was doing an article on the rally and required pictures. The various clubs put up their club flags as did the RACVCC and photos were taken by the photographer. Following this was morning tea and then free time to explore Horsham until 2 o'clock when games were organised. Most people joined in a game of Bochy or Clomp which filled in the afternoon. Again, we had happy hour before a BBQ dinner that was provided by ACCVic, everyone enjoyed hamburgers, sausages and salad which was cooked by the RACVCC, thanks to all that helped cook and serve the food. Guess who dropped a hamburger, Bruce or Bruce?

Sunday ACCVic put on a pancake breakfast which was delicious, strawberry jam, maple syrup and cream. Yum. At 10am we headed of to the Murtoa Stick Shed. The Stick Shed is a grain storage facility known as Murtoa No. 1 Grain Store. It was built over four months between September 1941 and January 1942 because of the impact of World War II on Australia's ability to trade and export overseas. The shed was filled with grain within six months of construction. It was the first emergency bulk wheat storage shed built in Victoria and is the only remaining shed of this type in Australia. After the stick shed, we headed off to Rupanyup and the Wood's Farming and Heritage Museum and lunch. The museum has an amazing collection of wedding dresses and ball gowns, household and farming memorabilia, stationary engines, tractors, farm machinery & tools. The lunch provided by the museum volunteers was very tasty and they also provided tea, coffee and biscuits. After this it was free time before happy hour at 4:30. During happy hour, unused food was actioned off by Anthony and David. Packs of sausages, Bread, Packs of biscuits were sold to the highest bidder. That evening Stella had organised Celebrity Heads which was great fun and enjoyed by all.

The rally concluded Monday morning with all leaving by 10 am. The rally was well organised and a great success. We all enjoyed ourselves, particularly the opportunity to meet caravaners from other clubs. Departing the rally, 7 caravans from our club headed off on a tagalong rally over the next 7 days as we head to the National Rally.



### **DIV 6 RALLY REPORTS**

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### **LIMA SOUTH**

Lima South is on the Midland Highway, about half way between Mansfield and Benalla. Lake Nillachootie and Mt Samaria State Park are nearby.

One van arrived Thursday with a further six, including one visitor from Div 4, on Friday. Four vans grouped together on powered sites and the other three on unpowered sites in the open paddocks near the park entrance. The weather was very kind to us with sunshine and high temperatures for most of the weekend.

The park provides complimentary fire drums and naturally we took the opportunity to have a welcome get together fire after dinner on Friday night.

Many different activities took place on Saturday. Teunisson and Robinson families spent hours at the Mansfield Zoo where the main drawcards are two white lions and handfeeding some of the animals (but not the lions!)

Masons went for a bush bash in the car and bush walk into the Mt Samaria State Park followed by lunch at Tatong Tavern.

Nichols visited the sheepdog trials at the Mansfield showgrounds, where kelpies were involved in timed trials with both sheep and cattle.

Anders spent the afternoon kayaking on Lake Nillachootie and dinner at Tatong Tavern.

Hartshorns & Richmonds went out for breakfast and then drove the silo trail. All this followed by, you guessed it, another lovely fire after dinner.

Our last full day, Sunday, started out very sunny and very early. Hartshorns & Richmonds visited the nearby Swanpool Motor Show with mostly vintage cars on display, and a tractor. The outing was concluded with a Devonshire tea at the local antique centre, only open on Sundays and renowned for their giant scones.

Five other vehicles departed at 8.30am & travelled to Mt Sterling and 4WDing to visit Craigs Hut.

Very kindly, Luke made sure everyone was kitted out with a CB, lending his equipment to those without. Vehicles were designated an order 1 to 5. Michelle was Tour Leader with Dan driving Car 1, followed by Blake and Lachie in Car 2, Anders Car 3, Masons & Nichols in Car 4, and Luke & Kane in Rear Guard Car 5. Before proceeding up the graded mountain road, some air was let out of the tyres.

The road up the mountain is 2WD capable, but the last section to Craigs Hut is 4WD only. It was reasonably quick going up to the hut because of Luke's wisdom in starting early. However, the descent was difficult and seemed to take forever as the narrow track was extremely congested with vehicles ascending. Our Tour Leader Michelle was a great communicator; extremely proficient with directions, advising how many & type of vehicles were approaching, and keeping the group together. We made it down to the graded road and most did their first crossing on a little creek to the flat area where we had a picnic lunch, and mozzies had lunch on us all!

Later we made 6 more crossings back and forth across the King River. Some were steep entry and exits, others were rocky, and slippery, but at each crossing Michelle was out of the lead car standing on the river bank & in the drizzle giving each driver exacting details on wheel placement, speed and direction, making it so much easier and without mishaps.

After the last crossing all vehicles headed back down the mountain to the service station to refill the tyres. It was a great intro to 4Wding for the writer. Most cars arrived back to camp around 4.30pm.

Drinks were held in the large camp kitchen as rain was threatening.

Monday morning we said our goodbyes and headed home, with the exception of Masons who were heading north into NSW.







# RACV CARAVAN CLUB

# MEMBER APPLICATION FOR SITE AT CAMERONS BIGHT CAMPING GROUND

Name in full:	
	Div
	Postcode:
Mobile No:	
or alternatively one of the	e following:
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From 2pm	to 10am

Simple		Standard	Premium	Booking
Peak – 6 weeks (16	6/12/23 to 27/01/24)	\$	\$	\$
Total		\$		

Flexible		Standard	Premium	Booking
16 December to 6 January	Peak x 3	\$	\$	\$
6 January to 13 January	Peak	\$	\$	\$
13 January to 20 January	Peak	\$	\$	\$
20 January to 27 January	Peak	\$	\$	\$
Total	\$			

2023-2024 Site Fees were not known at the time of this form being published. We were advised to expect a 5 to 10% increase on the previous season.

Off Peak bookings must be made on line through the Whitecliffs Foreshore Reserve. From 10th July for 21 days or more. 11th July for stays 20 days or less. To book either follow the link below or go to www.whitecliffs.com.au. Camping — Whitecliffs Foreshore Reserve. Phone (03) 5981 7100.

I intend to make a booking for the off peak Yes No

My van/RV including annex is \_\_\_\_\_M long x \_\_\_\_\_M wide.

Please note that your van/RV Annex must fit your selected site. This includes the A Frame and increased width if you have a slide out. You must be able to park your car within your site.

In the event of all above sites being unavailable:

□ I WILL accept such other site as allowed □ I WILL NOT accept any other site Note: If you do not select an option above, the first option automatically applies.

I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL RULES SET OUT HEREIN

Signature \_

Deposit of \$600 required or payment in full if less than \$600 for full booking.

I enclose Full Payment / Deposit \$\_

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- · Use membership number as reference when using EFT or bank deposit
- · Your caravan, annex car and any other structure must fit within your site boundries
- · Read everything before you select your site and complete this form

For any queries please contact Anne Cecil by phone 0418 346 925 or email bj.plastics@bigpond.com.

#### COMPLETED FORMS TO

RACV Caravan Club of Victoria Inc C/- Anne Cecil PO BOX 407 SEYMOUR 3660 or emailed to bj.plastics@bigpond.com

Complete details on reverse side and MAIL OR EMAIL to bj.plastics@bigpond.com to arrive no later than Wednesday 14th June 2023.

#### OFFICE USE ONLY

Site Allocated from 2pm

to 10am \_

weeks peak	at \$	= \$
Total		\$
Amount received		\$
Amount owing (if any)		\$
Amount refunded (if any)		\$

# RACV CARAVAN CLUB

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Date:		
Name in full:		
Address:		
	Postcode:	
RACV Membership Number:	Div	
Phone No:	_ Mobile No:	
Email:		
EMERGENCY CONTACT		
Name:		
Phone No:	Mobile No:	
Membership Fee Due 1st September each year: \$48.00 (New members Fees are Pro Rata at \$4.00 per month until the next 1st September, plus \$40 Joining Fee)		

#### PAYMENT DETAILS

#### Cheque or EFT

RACV Caravan Club BSB: 633 000 Account Number: 162 218 671 (Please use your name as a reference when using EFT)

#### COMPLETED FORMS TO

PO Box 165, Ashburton, VIC 3147 or Email: heather.mctaggart@hotmail.com









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