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President's Report

Hello everyone

We have a lot in this newsletter so I shall endeavour to be brief.

Membership Renewals

RACV Caravan Club Membership is now due for renewal, the Membership Renewal form is in this newsletter (page 31, if you have access to Facebook you will find a copy of the form on our page.

To renew your membership, deposit \$48 into our Bendigo Bank account, fill out the form and forward it to our Club Secretary either by email or to our Post Office Box. Membership year starts 1st September and ends 31st August. You have 3 months to pay, after that time your membership will lapse and you will have to apply to re-join the club. If you know of someone who has missed out on receiving a newsletter please let our Club Secretary Heather McTaggart know.

Camerons Bight

The Whitecliffs to Camerons Bight Foreshore Rangers have been in contact with us. They have continued with earth works and planting to improve the camp grounds. The Rangers advised that they hoped to have their new office in place by the end of August and the BBQ area in place shortly after. The Rangers informed us that they have renumbered the camp Sites for all the camp grounds. The new camp site maps are available on the Whitecliffs to Camerons Bight Foreshore website. We shall share a copy via email to those occupying the grounds this season.

Learmonth

Our land at Learmonth is still for sale. We have had another offer, the special conditions proposed by the purchaser were not in our best interest, on advice from our solicitors we

decided not to agree to them. We are waiting to see if we receive a revised offer.

The Learmonth Sub Committee has met again; research is now being conducted on the options proposed. If you wish to contribute to the discussion please speak with your divisional reps; Division 1 Rob Allen, Division 2 Ken Slade, Division 3 Jeff O'Brien, Division 4 Philip Mason, and Division 5 Malcom Hubble or a member of the Executive Committee.

Annual General Meeting

This year's Annual General Meeting will be held at The Basin Community House, Gate 2, 21 Liverpool Road, The Basin (grounds of The Basin Primary School). This is a new modern facility with plenty of parking in adjacent grounds (map on page 5).

Nomination forms for Divisional Committee positions are in this Newsletter. Please consider taking on a position to help your division.

We are still looking for someone to take on the role of Club Treasurer John Stone has streamlined our processes and is willing to help a new member get started. Please speak with John Stone, Heather McTaggart or myself for more information regarding the role.

Do check out our Facebook page. Share a picture or two from your rally or other caravan club event.

<https://www.facebook.com/racvcaravanclub/>

See you at The Basin for our AGM

Happy Rallying

Rob Taylor

RACV Caravan Club Membership Renewal Form

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Please deposit the funds into our Bendigo Bank Account:

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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 17th November, 2019 at The Basin Community House, Gate 2, 21 Liverpool Road, The Basin (grounds of The Basin Primary School) commencing at 10.00 am.

Agenda

Confirmation of Minutes of Annual General Meeting held 18th November 2018. (13.1.1.1)

President's report.

Adoption of Treasurer's Financial Statement. (13.1.1.2)

Election of Office Bearers. (13.1.1.3)

Election of Activities Director and Financial Review Committee. (13.1.1.3)

Election of Divisional Committees. (13.1.1.3)

Set the Entrance Fee and the Annual Subscription. (13.1.1.4)

Deal with any proposed amendments to the Constitution. (13.1.1.5)

Ratification of any changes to the By-laws. (13.1.1.6)

Other Business of which notice has been received. (13.1.1.7)

(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, 2019 (12.1.4).

Executive Nominations

Position	Nominee	Nominated by	Seconder
President	Robert Taylor	Heather McTaggart	Peter Whitehurst
Secretary	Heather McTaggart	Robert Taylor	Peter Whitehurst
Treasurer			
Activities Director	Anne Cecil	Robert Taylor	Steve Clark

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 10th November, 2019). 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

Delegates (2) to the Association of Caravan Clubs of Victoria.

Other Business 13.1.1.7

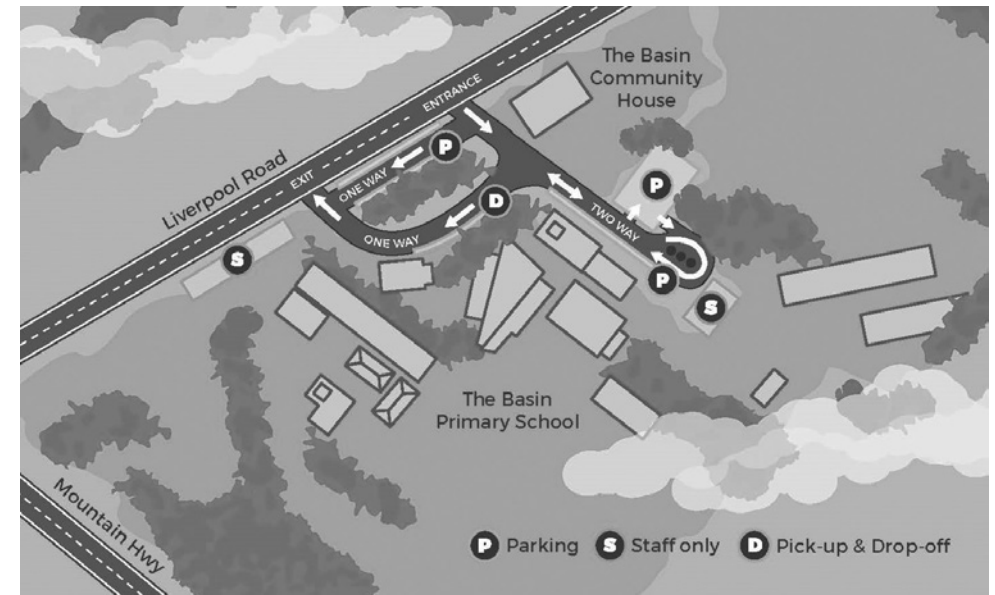
Ratification of By- Law

MOTION: By-law 4.1 to be amended allowing members to bring pets to caravan parks that are pet friendly.

Moved: L Tuenissen Seconded: S Clark Vote: 7 For and 1 Against

General Business

Presentation to Members from the Sub Committee on the proposed sale of Learmonth property and use of funds as agreed at the Special General Meeting at the Annual General Meeting 18th November, 2018.



RACV CARAVAN CLUB OF VICTORIA INC MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018

1. AGM held on Sunday 18th November 2018 at 10.00am
2. Welcome & meeting opened at: 10.00am
3. **Present:** details attached to the official copy
Div 1 - 18 Div 2 - 19 Div 3 - 12 Div 4 - 27 Div 5 - 7 = 83 members/partners
Apologies: details attached to the official copy
Div 1 - Div 2 - 3 Div 3 - Div 4 - 5 Div 5 - 4 = 12 members/partners

AGM SUSPENDED AT 10.10AM TO HOLD SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Under Clause 13.2.2, the President and Secretary called 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 was to vote on a two-part motion. Should the first motion fail then the second would be 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.
Moved: John Stone **Seconded:** Alan Jennings **8 NO / 74 FOR – Motion Carried**
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.

This part of the motion was discussed at length and decided by the Club Members present to be too definite. The meeting voted to amend the motion to the following:

“That within two years of the sale of the land, the Executive will present a minimum of two (2) proposals for use of the funds”.

Moved: Bob Anderson **Seconded:** Pat Glover **4 ABSTENTION / 79 FOR – Motion Carried**

SGM CLOSED AT 11.00AM

AGM RESUMED AT 11.00AM

4. Tabling of the minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th November 2017:
Motion: that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 19.11.2017 be accepted.
Moved: Alan Jennings
Seconded: Peter Whitehurst **Carried Unanimously**

5. **Reports**
 - 5.1 President's Report: as attached
Presented by Sandra Eldridge to the meeting and attached to the minutes. The report will also be published in the Summer 2018 edition of the Club Newsletter.
Motion: that the President's report be accepted.
Moved: Alan Jennings
Seconded: John Stone **Carried Unanimously**
6. **Adoption of Treasurer's Financial Statement**
Presented by John Stone to the meeting and to be published in the Summer 2018 edition of the Club Newsletter. The financial statements were available at the meeting and will be attached to the minutes.
Motion: that the Treasurer's report be accepted.
Moved: John Stone
Seconded: David Mayer **Carried Unanimously**
- 7.1 Nominations were published in the Spring 2018 edition of the Club Newsletter.
President
Nominee: Robert Taylor
Nominated by: Barbara Pyke **Seconded by:** Anne Nichol
There being no other nominations, Robert Taylor was declared as the President
Secretary
Nominee: Heather McTaggart
Nominated by: Luke Teunissen **Seconded by:** Kenneth Preston
Nomination occurred post publication of Spring 2018 newsletter therefore not published.
Treasurer
Nominee: John Stone
Nominated by: Sandra Eldridge **Seconded by:** Anne Nichol
There being no other nominations, John Stone was declared as the Treasurer.
- 7.2 **Election of Activities Director**
Nominee: Anne Cecil
Nominated by: Steve Clark **Seconded by:** Anne Nichol
There being no other nominations, Anne Cecil was declared as the Activities Director
- 7.3 **Election of the Financial Review Committee**
Nominee: Lee Dudman
Nominated by: Sandra Eldridge **Seconded by:** Anne Nichol
Nominee: Jim Driscoll
Nominated by: Sandra Eldridge **Seconded by:** Anne Nichol
There being no other nominations, Lee Dudman and Jim Driscoll were declared as the Financial Review Committee.

7.4 Election of Divisional Committees

Division 1		Division 2	
• Vice President	Steve Clark	• Vice President	Alan Jennings
• Secretary	Matt Window	• Secretary	Peter Blake
• Treasurer	Peter Whitehurst	• Treasurer	Be Steegstra
• Marshal	TBA	• Marshal	Pat Glover
• Assistant Marshal		• Assistant Marshal	

Division 3		Division 4	
• Vice President	Sandra Eldridge / Peter Blake	• Vice President	Luke Teunissen
• Secretary	Graham Penny	• Secretary	Hayley Hatzivagiannis
• Treasurer	Ray Andrews	• Treasurer	Mandy Smith
• Marshal	Dorothy Penny	• Marshal	Roger Brown
• Assistant Marshal		• Assistant Marshal	Rick Liuif

Division 5			
• Vice President	David Breese	• Marshal	Sue Rapp
• Secretary	Gavan & Rhonda Murphy	• Assistant Marshal	
• Treasurer	Tony Grigg		

8. Appointments

- 8.1 Appointment of Public Officer: Heather McTaggart
- 8.2 Newsletter Editor: Julie Mason
- 8.3 Association of Caravan Clubs of Victoria: TBA
- 8.4 Membership Specialist: Veronica Montauban
- 8.5 National Rally Co-ordinator: Pat Glover

9. Entrance & Annual Fees

Motion: That Entrance Fee be \$60 until 1st September 2019, after which time it will be abolished. From 1st September 2019 Annual Subscription will be \$48.

Moved: John Stone **Seconded:** Tony Warmington

Carried Unanimously

10. Attendance trophies and presentations:

A full list of trophy winners will be published in the Summer 2019 edition of the Newsletter.

11. Other Business

11.1 Proposed Constitution Changes

11.1.1 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.

11.1.2 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.

11.1.3 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”.

11.1.4 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.

11.1.5 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.

11.1.6 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.

11.1.7 **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.

Voting to encompass all the above modifications from 11.1.1 to 11.1.7

Moved: Alan Jennings **Seconded:** Tony Warmington

Carried Unanimously

11.2 **Proposed By-Law Changes**

11.2.1 **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.

11.2.2 **Sorrento Site Allocation**

Renumber 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.

11.2.3 **Film Society**

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

Voting to encompass all the above modifications from 11.2.1 to 11.2.3

Moved: Alan Jennings **Seconded:** Tony Warmington

Carried Unanimously

11.3 **Presentation**

The incoming President, Robert Taylor, made a presentation of Honorary Life Membership to Alan Jennings, in recognition of his meritorious service to the Club.

11.4 **National Rally 2019**

Pat Glover advised there were currently 499 registrations for the National Rally at Albany in 2019.

Meeting Closed at approximately 12.05pm

Next Annual General Meeting:

Date: Sunday 17 November 2019 at 10.00 am

Location: TBA

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Signature of President Date

Attachments:

1. President’s Report
2. Treasurer’s Financial Statement



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.

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TREASURER:	Peter & Fran Whitehurst		9560 0303
MARSHAL:	Peter Rauch		

Braybrook – July 13 - 14

We had 2 vans at this very cold & wet rally. Kevin & Anne Kennelly arrived on Friday and Steve & Anne Clark arrived on Saturday.

Which Anne was it that sat on the toilet in the heated amenities block reading her book while her other half set the van up?

On Saturday the Kennelly's went to Science-works and the Clarks took a drive to Williams-town.

All four met in the enclosed camp kitchen for fivesies. The camp kitchen has heating, cooling, TV, ovens, fridges, microwave and a pizza oven.

Saturday night we all went to the Ashley Hotel for dinner. A delicious meal was had by all.

A great rally with great people.

This park is like a diamond in the rough. There is a small shopping centre next door with a Woolworths store. The pub is walking distance. All sites have a concrete pad. For warmer weather there is a pool. Lots of things to do & see nearby.

Marong – August 10 - 11

Thursday August 8th Headed towards Bendigo into strong winds and freezing cold rain and sleet until we passed the Macedon ranges, the wind died a little and rain turned to showers



with blue sky's in between. that's how it was for the whole weekend at Marong, The Big 4 Caravan Park has been renovated and looks good, A smiling face in a warm office started the weekend and the park management did all they could do to make our stay comfortable

As there is no formal meal booked on a Thursday a couple of us headed off to the Marong Family Hotel for dinner, we thought we would try it out for the real club meal on Friday, we were very happy and would recommend the hotel for a meal anytime you are passing that way.



More vans arrived on Friday and it was a pleasure to catch up those who had braved the weather forecast to make the trip. Friday was the day Lis and I had a trip into Bendigo to get a new TV. You know the story, you don't find out its busted until you try to use it, so the Navman took us to an empty paddock in Eaglehawk, we eventually found the shop and now have Brand new TV.

Friday evening with a table booked for 20 and we had 20, it's been a long time since we weren't the loudest table in the pub but one table half the size of ours outdid us so that we had to lip read across the table. Country people know how to party.

Saturday, 10am those of us that wanted to see The Great Stupa drove in convoy the 5 km from Marong to the car park outside the small shop and café.



A stupa (also known as a pagoda) is the most sacred building in Buddhism.

The Great Stupa of Universal Compassion, being built near Bendigo Australia, is 50 metres square at its base and nearly 50 metres high. This makes it the biggest stupa in the Western World. We are also home to the world's largest Jade Buddha statue – weighing in at four tonnes.

All are welcome to see and learn about this impressive structure. We had a guided tour, where I was pleased to learn about this peaceful, calming place.

Saturday 6pm in the Rec Room, hot dogs supplied by the committee and nibbles supplied by the members, a hot wood burning stove where anyone wearing glasses fogged up on entering and a few drinks made for a very nice evening.





Sunday, on the way home Lis spent a happy time photographing snow through the Macedon ranges, what a way to spend a weekend.

Frankston – September 7 - 8

The rally commenced on a wet Friday at the Frankston Big 4 park. Two vans arrived and we stayed inside our van in the warmth. Four people went to Frankston RSL for an enjoyable meal and the service was very quick.

On Saturday we went to Frankston Shopping Centre and checked the shop out in the warmth. By late Saturday afternoon two vans from Division 3 as well as four vans from Division 4 were in camp. Neil T was in a cabin as his van was rear ended on his way home from the Gold Coast and is a right-off, but he was not hurt – except for his pride.

We all enjoyed Saturday afternoon and evening in the parks great recreation room with a heater and TV to watch the football finals and fives.

We left early Sunday morning to beat the rain home. An enjoyable small rally with good company.



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Crib Point – July 13 - 14



Crib Point: 8 degrees; Real Feel 3 degrees said the weather app, which pretty much sums up the weather for Division 2's entire weekend at the Stony Point Caravan Park. Five vans arrived on Thursday to strong winds and rain and several power outages. The remaining 6 vans and the cabin occupant journeyed through the

driving rain on Friday to reach Stony Point, although the weather cleared miraculously on Friday afternoon for a few hours of sunshine.

Happy Hour and Morning Tea were held in the camp kitchen which had one solid wall, two walls of plastic café-style curtains and one wall open to the elements – not the most weather proof venue. Fortunately the caravan park managers had supplied a large outdoor heater which provided some welcome warmth. Club members rugged up and plenty of laughs also helped to ward off the cold.



The proposed ferry trip to Cowes on Saturday was cancelled with some members electing to visit the small but charming Crib Point Community Market on Saturday morning. Beautiful crafts were on display and the Devonshire Teas were delicious. In the afternoon some members explored the surrounding areas, visiting Flinders, Hastings and Bittern. Others relaxed in their caravans while one member undertook the vagaries of the Metro train system and its winter construction blitz to travel up to the CBD for the afternoon.

The Westernport Hotel in Hastings was a great venue for lunch on Sunday. The menu was extensive, the meals were particularly good and all who attended enjoyed lunching together.



Thanks once again to Marshall Pat Glover who ensured that all who attended this rather chilly rally had a happy time despite the weather.

Ararat – August 10 - 11

Some of the vans came early to the rally on Thursday. Others arrived on Friday. It was cold and wet. We had rain, hail, sunshine and some had snow on the way up to Ararat.

We all enjoyed our morning teas and happy hours in the cosy camp kitchen. On Saturday morning Kaylene and Matt (the park managers) provided an abundant cooked breakfast for the



club. We enjoyed bacon, eggs, sausages, baked beans, juices, coffee, tea, yoghurt and fruit.

For Saturday afternoon our Marshal arranged a tour of Seppelt Great Western Winery. We were gobsmacked by the extensive tunnelling but were unable to convince the tour guide Craig to let us try one of the 100 year old bottles of wine stored there. We weren't worried about the mould, dust and cobwebs. The tour was followed by an extensive wine tasting of sparkling wines. Craig enlightened us with details of the history of the site including its



various owners up to Seppelts. Currently no wine is created on site as the grapes are sent to South Australia for processing. The tours are run by a company made up of local volunteers and paid staff.

On Saturday night we had finger food for tea, provided by the members, consisting of party pies, Asian bites, saveloys, meat balls and bread rounds with egg, mayo and chives. This was followed by extravagant slices of apple pie with custard and cream. Nobody refused! Prior to the dessert we exercised our brains with trivia questions compiled by Marshal Pat. Bé won the chocolate which was shared and enjoyed by everybody.

Sunday morning some felt the effects of their previous night's indulgence, however, every

one pulled up well after a while. Certainly morning tea was enjoyed.

Sunday lunch was at the Ararat Golf Club. The menu was limited but the food was excellent and a number of us enjoyed the steak and kidney pie whilst others enjoyed the roast of the day – chicken.

For Sunday tea many of us made do with the extravagance of the pavlova not eaten on Saturday night. Some chose to pair this with red wine, others with beer and others with tea or coffee.

Despite the weather we enjoyed our stay at Ararat with excellent hosts Kaylene and Matt. If you have the chance, do enjoy their park.



Anglesea – September 7 - 8



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Blairgowrie – July 13 - 14

July at Stringers....cancel that, Dromana

Friday, 12th July 2019

Well it was meant to be Stringers, along with 80 or so scouts. The scouts cancelled. The Foreshore Committee then cancelled us! Luckily we were a small group of 8 vans. Peter went into action and secured a booking at Kangarong in Dromana so we were 8 vans and 'a box without wheels'.

Unlike last rally, it was a very select group but our numbers were bolstered on Friday by some day visitors – Kate Wall, Debbie and Paul Anderson and Ian McConnell. Some of us travelled a very short distance, Ian on the other hand left home in Frankston bright and early drove to Echuca on an errand, then to Dromana and finally back home to Frankston. A 600km trip in a day! However, his feat was equalled by Dot and Graeme who flew back into Melbourne at 7.00am on Thursday morning, hooked up the van and arrived at Kangerong mid-afternoon on Friday.

As we all booked in, Steve the manager, was very keen to let us know that the pool was heated to 29 deg. Given that the forecast was for 3 days of rain and temperatures about 12 deg, we all declined. He suggested to Laurie that he may like to play on the digger in the sand-pit. Bit like coals to Newcastle for Laurie who also declined the kind offer. However, some hardy souls, including some young children in nearby vans did go swimming. They looked even colder when they returned in their now wet bathers and with wet hair. Brrrr!

The camp kitchen was a most welcome and warm spot for us to circle up for afternoon tea,



55'es and then dinner. Dinner was fish'n'chips in paper rather than a visit to the pub. As usual Peter's organisation was thorough but not so at the fish'n'chip shop. Our orders were muddled but after a few swaps we all ended up with fish, chips, a potato cake and some even had a dim sim. The quality of the food was excellent, such large thick fillets and a generous serve of chips cooked to perfection!

Over night sleep was disturbed by rain, hail and thunder. The 'wind' as some of us thought was the waves being whipped into the beach. For Peter and Judy, annoying environmental noises



were made by people shouting near their van at 1.00am.

Saturday, 13th July 2019

Our group became even smaller. Peter, believe it or not, went on the Dromana Park Run. Even he thought he was crazy running today. Even crazier were the runners, no not Peter, wearing shirts t-shirts and shorts. The pre-run briefing urged the participants to take care on the boardwalk and the puddles. What was omitted from the briefing was a warning about the depth of the puddles!

Pat asked the question of the rally: 'Peter, what possessed you to go running today?'

Dot and Graeme went shopping to refill the pantry at home while Pat and Laurie went to the spa. They are booked into tomorrow and they wanted to know about van parking area before arriving with the van. They were stunned at the number of cars there given the weather. Meanwhile Ray went home for the afternoon to attend a family celebration.

After lunch we went to the Collins Settlement Information Centre where we were met by Judy Walsh. Her talk was so interesting. Most of us had been the Collins Settlement while staying at Blairgowrie, some of us many times. We would wander around and of course walk



to the graves but had fairly scant knowledge of the actual history. For most of us our knowledge was limited to knowing that it was the 1st European settlement site in Victoria, that convict William Buckley had escaped the settlement made his way around Port Phillip and lived with an aboriginal tribe for 32 years and the settlement was short lived as the conditions were such that it failed to thrive. One settler described it as 'barbarous country and changeable climate – having been under canvas is equally disagreeable in the extremes of cold and heat, both of which we experience here....perhaps there is no other part of the world so variable or the weather so little to be depended upon'.

We thought he got it in one really!

The Information Centre is open on the last Sunday of the month and is well worth a visit, even if you've been going to Blairgowrie for many years.

An interesting snippet: we were a group of 8 (including our guide) and 3 of us were named Judith Anne or Ann but all called Judy. Yes, the Judys were all of a similar vintage. It was a popular name back then.

Back to the Kangerong via a brief drive through 'our' caravan park. There has been quite a lot

of work going on, with several formerly hilly sites now levelled and quite a bit of landscaping with plants indigenous to the area. At present there are some restricted areas due to the landscaping works. A bit sad to see the screen has been removed.

Back to circle up in the camp kitchen for 55'es. After dinner entertainment was a pub quiz

organized by Peter. Two teams, chaps and ladies. The chaps, Ray, Graeme and Laurie were the gracious victors. Peter advised that there were some controversies with his decisions but nevertheless the ladies, Dottie, Judy and Pat were also gracious runners-up.

Sunday, 14th June 2019

Given the weather, we all made a quick get-away to our warm homes...except for Pat and Laurie who luxuriated at the Peninsula Spa.

Thank you to: our paparazzi for their photos; Dot and Peter for their teamwork organising the weekend when a quick change was required; Peter for organising our 'pub' quiz on Saturday night; and Sandra, in absentia, and Peter for co-ordinating the trip the Collins Settlement.

Frankston – August 10 - 11

Even significant dampness and strong winds failed to diminish our enjoyment of this month's rally to the Big 4 Mornington Peninsula Caravan Park Frankston. With many of our members



enjoying the winter in warmer and sunnier locations only nine vans were in attendance by fee paying time on the Saturday night.

Friday arrivals experienced an extremely windy drive as Frankston was one of the places very badly affected by strong winds (part of the Frankston Pier was destroyed during the day). Fortunately no mishaps

happened to any of our members.

As is the usual practice Max Edmonds organised the usual Friday night dinner, this time at the Baxter Tavern. Members were very impressed with the quantity and quality of the meals, especially the mixed grill that 'found out' even some of our more enthusiastic eaters.

By Saturday morning the wind had subsided and even though the odd shower swept through the weather was reasonably clement. This didn't last and by early afternoon the weather became less than pleasant causing the planned excursion to the Cranbourne Botanic Gardens to be cancelled. Afternoon tea in the park conference room was a much cosier place to be and with rain falling outside we had our tea and coffee, accompanied with a Boston bun, complete with the only candle Ray Andrews had in his van (a number 4) to wish Graeme Penny a very happy birthday (sorry for the incredibly long sentence).

At fee time Peter reminded members of the need to pay their membership fees before 1st September and to complete the form that appeared in the 2019 winter edition of the RACVCC Newsletter.

After dinner Peter conducted a Pub Quiz which was narrowly won by the men. This contained some very obscure questions that would make Tom Gleeson (Hard Quiz) very envious.

As this venue was very close to where most attendees live it was a very short and pleasant return journey home on Sunday morning.

Nagambie – September 7 - 8

Friday, 6th September 2019

We were 16 vans and 1 'box without wheels' for this rally. Travellers from the north, Jeff and Jeanette, Reenie and Rolfe and our visitors, Maureen and Roger Bayley from Div 1 joined us. Anne, also from Div 1, arrived to set up for Steve's arrival tomorrow.

We circled up in the Games Room for 55'es. Luckily, we didn't want to use the air con because a \$50 deposit was needed to get a remote control from the office. Fruity 'cordial' and water were being supped as there was no alcohol permitted in the Games Room. (Let's hope the security camera in the corner was not operational though.) We also discovered that camping, especially extended camping, involved considerable maths and expertise with excel spreadsheets. Roger and Maureen won the number of parks visited in 3 months, closely followed by Rolfe and Reenie.

A timely warning was issued, hot water had not been available in the nearby ablutions block for couple of days. Wet ones are wonderful things. The box without wheels had hot water so Judy was expecting some early morning 'visitors' on Saturday morning.

Friday night dinner was at the Rowing Club, no-one went home hungry! The meals were typical country pub price and size, so few plates were

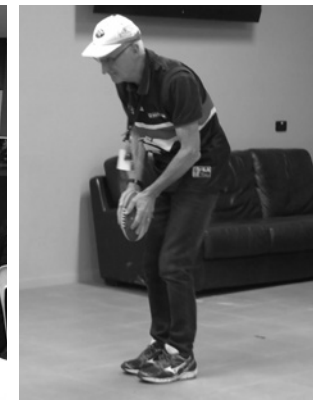
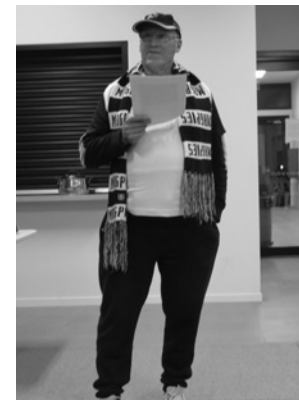


empty when returned to the kitchen. The beef and burgundy pie warranted a photo. Not only a mega-sized pie but it had real meat, very tasty indeed.

Saturday, 7th September 2019

While the hot water was best described as luke-warm, several hardy souls managed to use the ablution block while most used their van en-suites or the trusty Wet Ones.

Our day alternated between sunshine and rain, but the cold wind persisted. However, this didn't stop activities. Peter and Rolfe went to the Park Run in Euroa. The profits of the Nagambie marketeers increased as did some shops in the main street. The wineries were popular attractions for sampling and buying. Walks were taken around the lake and along the Goulburn River and the numerous associated waterways including Hume Weir. Some just slept in then followed up with lazy



mornings. Don't think anyone visited the Chocolate Apple Factory though.

More Div 3'ers arrived during the morning. Greg's smile was beaming after last night's victory by his beloved Pies. On the other hand, Bev was not so happy that her Cats lost. More visiting arrivals with Steve arriving to join Ann and George, Voula and Talia from Div 4 also joined us.

Dinner was in the Conference Room at the park, a lovely venue. There was a little consternation when Marion failed to arrive. Steve Clark had offered her a lift, duly picked her up and... apparently they got carried away chatting. Max was very relieved. The Committee organised our footy theme dinner of hot dogs with ice cream in a cone for dessert. Low fuss and low washing-up dinner. Well done chefs Dot and Graeme ably supported by Reenie, Jeanette and Judy B.

Then, the ever-smiling Greg took the floor for the Football Quiz. Craftily, Greg appointed the team captains this year to spread the footy knowledge around equally. Much laughter, the odd dispute, lots of cheering, but never boo-ing ensued.

Just in, breaking news from our cub reporter on the spot...the quiz resulted in a runaway and 'popular' win to the team of Peter, Judy and Ian. Even the ploy of placing a 30 point premium on an extra question failed to prevent the inevitable. Greg however, did have an identity



issue during the quiz as he often asked 'who am I?'. Hopefully he will have recovered after a sound sleep.

Sunday, 8th September 2019

Yes, he did fortunately!

With the forecast for rain and maximum of 13 deg many made early departures, some such as Russell and his daughter Ruth left super early to get to a family event. The travellers hitched up for their journeys home after 3 months in the sun. Back to reality for them!

Thank you to: our paparazzi for their photos; Max, Marion and Alan for organising our Friday night pub dinner; Dot and Peter for their teamwork organising the weekend; Dot and Graeme for our Saturday evening's dinner; Greg for organising our footy quiz on Saturday night; Our cub reporter; and Every-one else for another fun, laughter-filled weekend together.

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Frankston – July 13 - 14

It was a wet, cold weekend but still managed to have a great time. While some braved the cold wet conditions checking in on Friday and many others arriving on Saturday. A total of 32 van present, this including one visitor from division 1, Kerry and Greg.

Some people took advantage of the short journey whilst Robbie Donna, Paul and Mandy made the long trip from the Sunshine Coast to attend the rally. Many of our members found warmth in members vans. Whilst others had a winters meal close by.

Thank you to George, Voula & Talia for the wonderful, amazing dinner you prepared us all, and also a big thank you to the committee once again for the help you gave, and the very very popular gelato in a cone.



A fun filled event followed "family feud" many many laughs as we watched teams battle there way through some often tricky questions. Waking up to a very wet Sunday we said goodbye to Frankston for another year. Wishing the lucky members heading north a safe and enjoyable trip. We look forward to seeing you all at Inverloch.

Inverloch – August 10 - 11

Early Friday morning a lot of members hooked on their vans and headed to Pakenham to farewell Max King, a memorable member from division 4. Our condolences go out to the King/Luify family. Max will be greatly missed.





A stunning beautiful park with lots to do for the kids including a flying fox, playground and indoor pool. Gorgeous wild life and walking tracks, pity the weather wasn't too good.

Friday night was very wet, windy and cold, so most of us spent a lot of time and money at the bar in the club house for happy hour watching the footy and drinking cocktails by the fire.



On Saturday half of us spent the day in the indoor pool spa & sauna while others were at the bar or having happy hour in the camp kitchen as the weather was again not kind to us. It was hard to drag the kids out of the pool at the end of the day, everyone had a ball!



Happy birthday to Hayley Hatzivagannis, everyone celebrated her birthday going to the local pub for dinner and cake. Followed by lots more laughter and drinks in the camp kitchen for those that were still standing! HAHA.

It was super wet however it didn't stop us all from having fun!

There was a total of 28 vans and one of those making its maiden voyage to its first rally. Congratulations Brad and Caroline on your gorgeous new van! I'd also like to mention a very special guest that attended the rally Lord Marc. Thanks a million for your presence.

Yarra Junction – September 7 - 8

A few of us arrived on Friday afternoon in inclement conditions. An absolute deluge of rain in the area since Thursday meant that members were asked to setup in non designated caravan sites to avoid getting bogged.

It was a little wet underfoot... Nine of us went to the Yarra Junction RSL for dinner on Friday night and enjoyed a very nice dinner together. We even managed to light a fire on our return to the park and shared a drink until the rain began again around 10:45pm. Time for bed.



It rained on and off all Saturday. During the day some visited Yarra Junction township, some Warburton, while others went to Redwood forest. There were reports of strange creatures lurking in large nests.

The Powelltown Pub was also visited during Saturday Afternoon. Some people can't hold their drink, can they Brad? Clean up in aisle 1 please. A couple of Kookaburras often visit the pub for a snack. We were lucky to experience a visit from them. They were fed by hand with some raw meat by the resident Publican, Mick.

Fires were lit in preparation for a camp oven cookout. Some fires took a little more effort to start than others. Dry wood often helps to start a fire. Due to the weather some decided to cook



indoors instead a camp oven. After fee collection at 4:00pm we huddled under any shelter that was available near the BBQ area next to fire drums and enjoyed nibbles, drinks and a short speech from our VP. 21 caravans attended this weekend. The bbq shelter was steaming (literally) from the heat of the fire we placed under it.



After dinner the weather improved, and by that I mean it did not rain as much. David slipped over flat on his back while not spilling a drop of his drink. Such a talent. Robert Booth attempted skating in the mud. Later, some watched Richmond win over Brisbane Lions in the AFL, while others retreated to the warmth of their caravan. Who said you can't go to bed before 8:00pm?

Sunday morning saw a little sunshine which was welcome. The ground was so soft and boggy in the morning that we had to winch out cars and vans from their sites. First time for everything. Everyone who had not ventured into town for morning tea pitched in to help.

On the way home, just for something different, it rained some more.

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Seymour – August 10 - 11

With many members enjoying the sun up north and others on their way to the national rally in WA only 4 vans travelled to the Seymour Highlands caravan park for the August rally. In addition 3 cabins were booked by other members.

Friday afternoon everyone enjoyed happy hour in Sue and Fay’s cabin after which we walked to the Royal Hotel for an enjoyable meal and entertainment about the history of the hotel from the owner and his wife.

On Saturday morning we met for morning tea and afterwards went to the Vietnam Veterans Walk along the wall. Everyone who served in Vietnam has their name on the wall. Then we had lunch in town.

In the afternoon we discovered by chance that the Seymour Railway Heritage Centre was hosting a Royal train ride from Seymour to Murchison East and return. The train had recently restored Royal carriages including the dining carriage. There was only one toilet and everyone shared! Barbie and Sue were waiting in line and Barbie asked a man as he came out if he was going to wash his hands. He said NO ! Everyone enjoyed the train ride – even more so as we didn’t get charged, so it was free. This was despite informing the staff on several occasions that we hadn’t yet paid. People had come from far and wide and had paid in advance weeks before so they didn’t seem concerned about collecting any money from us.

On Saturday night all enjoyed pizza for dinner followed by Joan’s Trivia and Bingo. A great time was had by all.

Toora Rally – September 7 - 8

5 vans and 1 cabin were booked for the rally to Toora in South Gippsland. Despite the 70 – 120kmh wind gusts and torrential rain for most of the weekend a pleasant time was had by all. Moo’s restaurant at Meeniya was the ideal stopover for a coffee or something more substantial on the trip down the highway.

Some of us travelled down to Port Weshpool on Friday afternoon and in the blustery conditions walked the 900 metres out to the end of the Long Jetty. It was constructed in the 1930’s and was closed following fire damage in 2003. The new jetty was opened to the public in 2018 and has been built to enable disabled access and is fitted with a handrail on both sides and numerous fishing stations. On the far end of the jetty Bruce befriended a fisherman who had just pulled in a puffer fish and discovered that it was a miracle he managed to catch anything with the way he had set up his line. Naturally Bruce proceeded to give him a lesson on how it is done.

The camp kitchen was very small so fortunately we had exclusive use of the function room for the weekend which was beautifully appointed with comfortable tables and chairs, reverse cycle heating and a kitchen. The room also had a large television so the sporting tragics could indulge themselves in the AFL finals or the Ashes test cricket at Old Trafford.

No-one ventured into the indoor heated pool at the park which is surprising since Pam encouraged everyone to bring along our bathers for a swim! You have to lead by example Pam!

On Friday night dinner was at The Royal Stand-ard Hotel in Toora. The meals were excellent



and very large. You could order a half serve which for some was sufficient. The local footy club went around to the tables selling raffle tickets and Julie and Rick won first prize which was a meat tray. Fay and Suzie then claimed the chops from the meat tray for the BBQ planned for Saturday night. Then it was back to the warmth of the function room where most watched the Pies and Cats final at the MCG.

Saturday morning found us at the very popular Latte Dah Café across the road from the park. Then it was on to Gurneys Cidery, a family operated farm in the picturesque hills of South Gippsland, overlooking the beautiful mountains and beaches of Wilsons Promontory. The lunch menu was a selection of cheese boards and

samples of the various ciders produced from apples pressed, fermented, aged and bottled on the farm.

On the way back to the park we called into Port Franklin and finally Agnes Falls which provided a spectacular display from the all the recent rainfall cascading over the rocks to the valley below. There are 12 wind turbines in the hills above the park with each turbine able to power 6.600 homes.

Saturday night we had a BBQ dinner in the function room and on Sunday morning everyone packed up early and headed home before the strong winds and hail set in again later in the day.

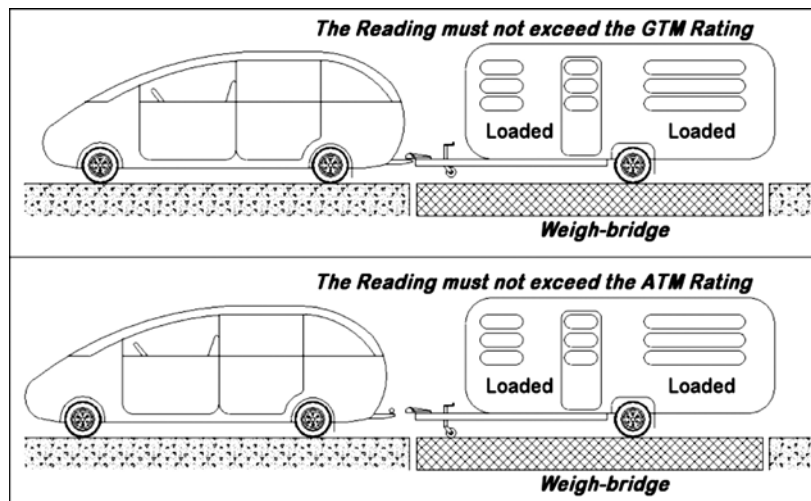


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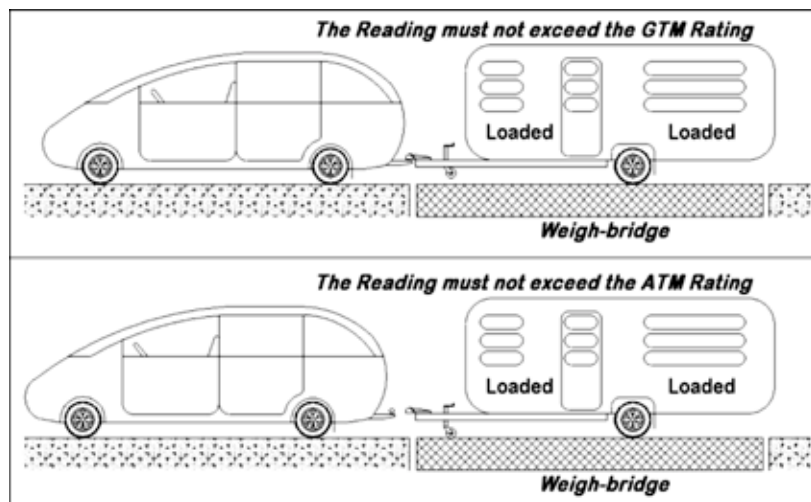
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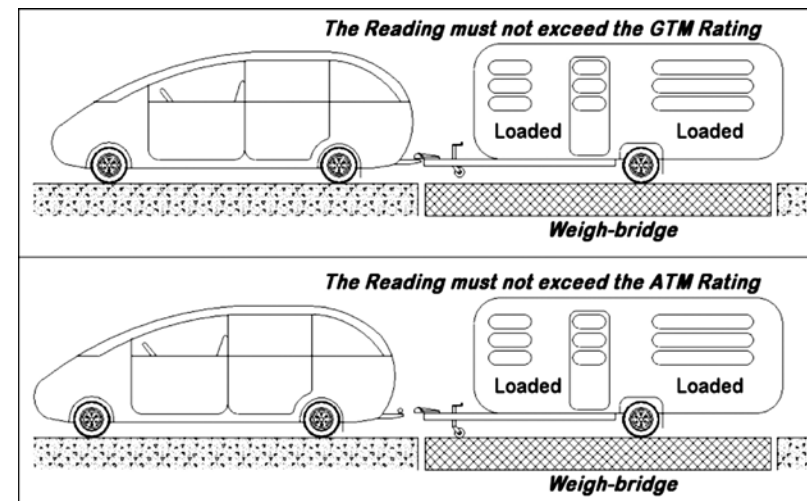


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Drawing 2 shows measuring the “All-Up Mass” Must not exceed the **ATM** Rating



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CHRISTMAS RALLIES

The Children's Christmas Party will be held during the weekend of Saturday 30th November to Sunday 1st December 2019 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 set by each division respectively.

Please contact your Divisional Secretary to obtain details

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 1st November 2019.

BOOKING FORM – CHRISTMAS RALLY

The following will be present at the 2019 Christmas Rally:

Number of Adults \$
Number of children 13 years and over \$
Number of grandchildren 12 * years and under \$

(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**

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Members Name.....

Address

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Payment for total \$ is attached.



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