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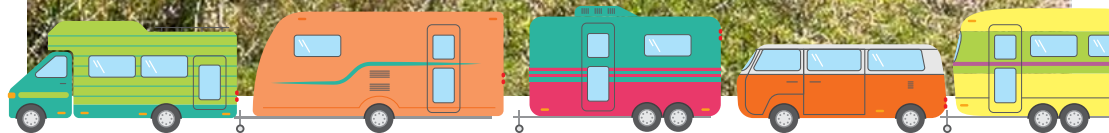
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Please ensure all newsletter material reaches the editor by the Thursday after the rally!



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the R.A.C.V. Caravan Club of Victoria Inc., will be held on 16th November 2025 at 2nd Bayswater Scout Hall, 17 Station street, Bayswater. Meeting will commence at 10.00 am.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I hope you have all managed to get away in some form over the past few cold and wet months. I must admit I've been envious of those lucky travellers who escaped north for the sunshine while the rest of us braved another miserable Melbourne winter.

AGM

It is nearly that time of year again when we come together for our Annual General Meeting. This year, the AGM will be held on Sunday, 16th November, at the 2nd Bayswater Scout Hall, 17 Station Street, Bayswater. There is ample street parking available.

By now, divisions should have discussed their divisional committee positions and identified any vacancies. A reminder that nominations for divisional committee roles must be lodged with the Club Secretary by 9th November, seven days before the AGM. Each form must be signed by the nominee, nominator, and seconder. A nomination form is included in this newsletter and is also available on the club website.

Please take a few minutes to read through the Club Constitution (Clause 12.5 onwards) for details of each divisional committee role.

Any member taking on a new divisional committee position—including moving from one role to another—will be required to attend the AGM and participate in the induction session immediately following the meeting. This ensures that all committee members understand the expectations of their roles and that our divisions work consistently across the club.

NATIONAL RALLY

As I write, 29 vans from our club are on their way to the National Rally in Mudgee—a fantastic representation! I have no doubt they will all enjoy a wonderful experience, and I look forward to hearing their stories on return.

If you're considering attending a future rally, the 20th National Caravan Clubs Rally will be held in Bendigo in April 2028. You can find details and registration information at: www.vnr.org.au

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Our annual membership renewals were due on 1st September. Thank you to all members who have already paid—your promptness is very much appreciated.

However, there are still members who have yet to finalise their renewals. Please understand that late payments create additional work for our Treasurer, who must spend considerable time monitoring the bank account and following up with unfinancial members. Timely payments make a big difference, so if you haven't yet renewed, please do so as soon as possible.

CAMPGROUND

Our ongoing search for a suitable campground continues to be a challenge. Unfortunately, the gap between our available funds and property prices is widening. The Executive Committee has been working to identify the minimum requirements and associated costs of establishing a campground, but it may be time to consider alternative options, such as leasing a DWELP property.

REMINDER

All members of both the executive and divisional committees serve in a voluntary capacity to help ensure our club runs smoothly and effectively. We kindly ask that you show them respect and appreciation for the time and effort they contribute on behalf of all members.

CHRISTMAS RALLY – ELMORE EVENTS CENTRE

This year's Christmas Rally will be a combined rally at the Elmore Events Centre.

Registration forms have been emailed to members and are also available for download from the club website.

- Site fees: \$25 per night – full payment due by 9th November
- Dinner: full payment due by 25th November

This promises to be a fantastic way to wrap up our rally calendar for the year and enjoy time together as a club.

See you all at the AGM!



LAURA MULLER

PRESIDENT

2025 AGM AGENDA

AGENDA

- Welcome by President Laura Muller
- Confirmation of Minutes of Annual General Meeting held November 24th, 2024
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.

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, 2025.

Position	Nominee	Nominated by	Seconder
President	Laura Muller	Richard Muller	Courtney Muller
Secretary			
Treasurer			

OTHER NOMINATIONS

Position	Nominee	Nominated by	Seconder
Activities Director	Anne Cecil	Richard Muller	Steve Clark
Financial Review Committee (2)			

Nominations are called for Committee positions of each of the six 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 9th November, 2025). 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.

Division	V.P.	Secretary	Treasurer	Marshal
1				
2				
3				
4				
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APPOINTMENTS

- Public Officer –
- Newsletter Editor -
- Delegates (2) to the Association of Caravan Clubs of Victoria -
- National Rally Coordinator –

GENERAL BUSINESS

Meeting closed:

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

NOTICE OF MOTION;

MOTION 1: That references to the word “partner” be deleted from the following: Cl 4 Definitions, “Partner.” ; 5.5.2;12.1.1; 13.1.3; 13.2.2; 13.2.3.2; 14.5.; 19.2 ; 19.3

MOTION 2: In “Definitions”, delete “ multiplied by two”

MOTION 3: In Clause 10.1.3 Delete “ appropriateness” and insert word “ suitability”

MOTION 4: Delete words “ Sorrento Activities”

MOTION 5: In Clause 13.1.2 Line 3, delete words “ by mail”. In lieu of words “by letter” , insert words “ “email, Club social media or”. In Clause 13.2.4 line 3, delete “by mail” .

In Line 4, delete “letter” and insert “email, Club social media or “.

In Clause 13.2.5 delete “total eligible votes” insert “membership”

MOTION 6: Clause 14 Voting: In clause 14.1 delete “two”. Delete “ one for the Member and one for the Partner” Delete “Member or Partner attending alone may exercise two votes” and insert in lieu “a member must be in attendance at such meeting “

MOTION 7: In Clause 4.6.3, delete “three calendar months” and insert “two calendar months”

MOTION 8: In Clause 4.2.3 after word "Club ," add " the Media Consent Form(Annexure B), and The Social Media Policy; as contained in Annexure "C".

MOTION 9: In Clause 12.1, rescind clauses 12.1.2 and 12.1.3 and renumber remaining clauses.

Motions moved by Alan Jennings Seconded by Steve Clark

Motion to amend Clause 4.6.3 to insert “This will not apply to a past member who resigns in good faith with no outstanding fees or issues and recognition of past membership and rally credits will occur”

Motion moved by Mike Wheatley Seconded by Bob Anderson

MOTION TO RATIFY BYLAW CHANGES

Clause 21.3 - delete “28 days” and insert “14 days”

Clause 21.4 - rescind clause in its entirety.

Clause 26 - rescind clause and all subclauses.

Clause 27- rescind clause and all subclauses

Moved by Dorothy Penny

Seconded by Steve Clark

2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

RACV Caravan Club

NOVEMBER 24TH, 2024

10AM at The Basin Community House, 21 Liverpool Rd, The Basin

Welcome by President Robert Taylor

Meeting Commenced: 10:05 am

Present: 66 members per the sign in sheet. Div 1 -19, Div 2 -5, Div 3 – 2, Div 4 – 23, Div 5 -4 & Div 6 -19

Apologies: - Steven & Donna Hole, Ken & Judith Slade, Michelle & Phil Bright, Bob & Carol Jobling, John & Pat Glover, Julie & Robert Booth, Hayley & Greg Hatzivagiannis, Sandra & George Eldridge, Michael Mounir & Shirley Jennings

Minutes of the 2023 AGM: Published in the Spring Newsletter

Move that they be accepted as a true and correct record

Moved By: Alan Jennings **Seconded:** Stella Breese **Passed:** Unanimously

President's Report:

Motion that the President's Report be accepted as tabled

Moved: Alan Jennings **Seconded:** D Breese **Passed:** Unanimously

Treasurers Report:

Motion that the Treasurers Report be accepted as tabled.

Moved: Ric Luiyf **Seconded:** A Jennings **Passed:** Unanimously

Entrance Fees and Annual Fees & Associate Fees

Motion: That fees remain unchanged from 2024

Moved: Ric Luiyf **Seconded:** D Breese **Passed:** Unanimously

Comments to the Treasurer's Report

Robbie Booth: Suggested than an annual newsletter be printed and distributed.
9 members showed support for this.

Ric Luiyf: That in 2025 all quarterly newsletters be electronically produced to save on costs – almost all in attendance supported this option.

Division Secretaries can print hard copy for members with no digital access.

These matters will be discussed by the new Executive Committee.

Bob Anderson: Stated that he was very disappointed that the Executive ceased funding for Children's Christmas presents as this always been a club tradition and that investment of club monies need to be reviewed for higher interest returns. –
ACTION: Treasurer to take this on notice and review.

Keith Booth: Stated his disappointment at the cessation of the Children's Christmas present funding and the emotional impact this has on himself and other members.

Elections:

Rob Taylor performed the role of returning officer and declared all positions vacant.

Election of Office Bearers

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Executive Nominations

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President	Laura Muller		
	Robert Taylor	Heather McTaggart	
Secretary	Cherie Evans	Heather McTaggart	Robert Taylor
Treasurer	Ric Luiyf	Robert Taylor	Ken Preston

Other Nominations

Activities Director	Anne Cecil	Steve Clark	
Financial Review Committee (2)			
TBC			

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A nomination form was in the last newsletter. If required - Voting for each Divisional Committee will be confined to the members of each respective Division.

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VP's President	Steve Clark	Alan Jennings	Dot Penny
Secretary	Kevin Kennelly	Bill Penney	
Treasurer		Ken Slade	
Marshal	Kerryn Maxwell	Pat Glover	

	Division 4	Division 5	Division 6
VP's President	Robbie Booth	David Breese	Lindsay Anders
Secretary		Gay Blake	Mandy Smith
Treasurer	Lauren Clarke	Mounir Michael	John Stone
Marshal	Ben George	Stella Breese	Anne Nichol

Appointments

- Public Officer – Cherie Evans
- Newsletter Editor - Julie Mason
- Delegates (2) to the Association of Caravan Clubs of Victoria. David Breese, Ken Slade,
- Membership Specialist – Von Montauban & George & Voula Haig
- National Rally Coordinator – Stella Breese

Attendance & Acknowledgment Trophies

Life Member: Awarded to Peter Whitehurst Division 1

President announced rally attendance awards

General Business

No proposed amendments to the Constitution. - No Amendments to the Constitution

No ratification of any changes to the By-laws. - No Changes to the By-Laws

Other Business of which notice has been received. None

From the floor: Alan Jenning discussed that Divisions 1, 2 & 3 to finalise the combined arrangements and some history background to the Members.

Bob Anderson commended the Division 4 Committee for their work and growing the club with young families and new members.

Presentations were made to retiring President Rob Taylor & Secretary Heather McTaggart

Campground Progress




















David Breese gave a comprehensive briefing to members on the proposed campground in Glenrowan.

Members had the opportunity to ask questions and give feedback.

Meeting closed: 11.24am

2026 RALLY CALENDAR

R.A.C.V. CARAVAN CLUB OF VICTORIA INC.

	DIVISION 1, 2 & 3	DIVISION 4	DIVISION 5	DIVISION 6
JANUARY 24-26	SALE 216  Sale Showgrounds 0435 853 333	HEATHCOTE 119  Queen Meadow Caravan Park 5433 2304	Rally With Any Division	Rally With Any Division
FEBRUARY 14-15	KOTUPNA 238 Wakiti Creek Resort 5867 3237	WARBURTON 76  Warburton Holiday Park 5966 2277	WARBURTON 76 Warburton Holiday Park 5966 2277	ANGLESEA 103  Anglesea Family C/P 5295 1990
MARCH 7-9 LABOUR DAY*	CAMPERDOWN 190  Lakes & Craters Holiday Park 5593 1253	AVOCA 184  Avoca Caravan Park 5465 3073	Rally With Any Division	
MARCH 20-23 STATE RALLY	MYRTLEFORD			
MARCH 28-29 Alternate Weekend	FOSTER 172 Prom Central Caravan Park 5639 4646			
APRIL 3-6 EASTER		MANSFIELD 191 Mansfield Lakeside H/P 5775 2735		HEALESVILLE 64  Big 4 Park Lane H/P 5962 4328
MAY 2-3	COHUNA 267 Cohuna Waterfront 5456 2562	ERICA 166  Erica Caravan Park 5165 3315	ARARAT 204 Acacia Caravan Park 5352 2994	DONCASTER EAST 27  Crystal Brook Tourist Park 9844 3637
JUNE 6-8 KING'S BIRTHDAY	WERRIBEE 40 Werribee South Caravan Park 9742 1755	KYABRAM 209  Western Gums Tourist Park 5852 2885	SHEPPARTON 191 Victoria Lake Holiday Park 5821 5431	SALE 216  Sale Showgrounds 5144 6432
JULY 11-12	ECHUCA 172 Echuca NRMA Holiday Park 1800 555 640	MARONG 154  Big 4 Marong Holiday Park 5435 2329	Rally With Any Division	FRANKSTON SOUTH 49 Big 4 Mornington Peninsula H/P 5971 2333
AUGUST 8-9	HEATHCOTE 119 Queen Meadow Caravan Park 5433 2304	YARRAM 222  Yarram Holiday Park 5182 5063	Rally With Any Division	INVERLOCH 145 RACV Inverloch Resort 5674 0000
SEPTEMBER 12-13	LAKE FYANS 104 Lake Fyans Holiday Park 5356 6230	BLACKWOOD 91  Blackwood Mineral Springs C/P 5368 6539	OCEAN GROVE 96 Riverview Family C/P 5256 1600	DROUIN WEST 99  Glen Cromie Reserve 5626 8508
OCTOBER 3-4	STRAITFORD 228 Stratford on the River 0400 068 783	TRARALGON 158  Big 4 Park Lane H/P 5174 6749	YANAKIE 202 Big 4 Wilsons Prom H/P 5687 1295	BRAYBROOK 11 Braybrook Holiday & C/P 9318 6866
NOVEMBER 7-8	BLACKWOOD 91 Blackwood Mineral Springs C/P 5368 6539	DROUIN WEST 99  Glen Cromie Reserve 5626 8508	POINT LEO 91 Point Leo Beach Reserve 5989 8333	TOOBORAC 102 Tooborac Recreation Reserve
NOVEMBER 15	AGM @ Bayswater Scout Hall			
DECEMBER 5-6 XMAS rally	BENDIGO 124 Golden Nugget Caravan Park 5448 4747	EUROA 161  Euroa Caravan Park 5795 2160	BRIDGEWATER 180 Bridgewater Caravan Park 5437 3086	KILCUNDA 123  Kilcunda Oceanview H/R 5678 7260

✖ Indicates no power 🌙 Indicates night min. stay 🐾 Indicates pet friendly

DIVISIONAL RALLY REPORTS

DIV 1, 2 & 3 RALLY REPORT

COMMITTEE DETAILS

Vice President	Div 1	Steve Clark	bj.plastics@bigpond.com	0419 369 728
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	Div 3			
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	Div 3			
Marshal	Div 1	Kerryn Maxwell	kerrynmaxwell9@hotmail.com	
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	Div 3			



ARARAT

July

Caravans started to arrive on Thursday to a mostly sunny day. The rest of our group arrived on Friday afternoon but the rain started later that day, with intermittent rain during the rest of the weekend. I am sure the local farmers were very happy as we had 29mm of rain over our weekend.

Friday afternoon we assembled at the recreation room for drinks and nibbles, before moving on to the Ararat Hotel where we had a lovely meal while enjoying wonderful company.

First up on Saturday morning we meet for morning tea, some of our group decided to go to the Seppelt Great Western Winery for their underground tunnel tour, taking them through the history starting in 1865 by Joseph Best and the 3km of the tunnel which still stores very old wines. The tunnel is also used for exclusive dinning experiences, they has a wine tasting at the end.

Saturday night after drinks and nibbles we had pizza delivered from Pro-Fresh-Nals, 6 different amazing pizza, garlic bread and soft drink. The pizza was delicious and everyone raved about the great meal.

Sunday Morning most set off for home leaving a couple of vas who decided to go to the RSL for lunch to fill in the day out of the rain and have another great meal.

We thank Kayleen and Matt for a great stay and the way they made our group feel very welcomed. They made out stay incredibly enjoyable by all the little extras they did for us. It did not go unnoticed.



WEDDERBURN

August

Ken & Jude arrived Thursday only to be beaten by Div 5 visitors Brent & Debbie Mundy. Same day Glovers & Joblings, with Kevin & Ann Kennelly, Lyn & Martin Prewer, Bill & Lyn Penny & last but not least Keryn & Mike. Off to the pub for Friday Dinner, here we were joined by a long serving Div 2 member Peter Birney. Peter has family living in the area.

Saturday saw us go our separate ways – Mike & Keryn off to Ballarat, Debbie & Brent to Maryborough to seek a replacement part for his metal detector, Kevin under his van mending a water leak after that checking leads prior to Mudgee, Brent gave a demo with his metal detector & explained the art of gold seeking – most interesting, the rest making the best of a lovely sunny day & gathering wood for the fire as Jaffles were on the menu for dinner. During the afternoon a game of Disc Bowls for those wanting the practice for the National Rally. After Jaffles Keryn spoiled us all with Apple Turnovers for dessert – all yum.

The local fire siren went off Saturday morning with a family home being destroyed in the main street, a big loss for a local family – no-one in the family of 7 was hurt, but all was lost.

Sunday was exit day for 3 vans, the remainder made the most of the sun to tour around the town with walks, coffees & enjoying the area.

The weather was very kind to us – cold nights & lovely sunny days, with 8 vans in attendance it was overall an enjoyable weekend. Park was good & owners most hospitable.



*Off to the pub for
Friday Dinner...*



DIV 4 RALLY REPORT

COMMITTEE DETAILS

Vice President	Brad Lee	bradlee0077@gmail.com	0412 672 222
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Treasurer	Bob Anderson		
Marshal	Ben George		

INVERLOCH

July

With 18 vans in attendance—including 4 trialling—we had an amazing rally weekend at Inverloch!

Thanks to the school holidays, several vans arrived early to settle in and ease into holiday mode. By Friday night, a cheerful group had gathered outside, rugged up like Antarctic explorers, catching up and enjoying the company—proving that no amount of chilly air can stop a good catch-up.

We kicked things off with birthday celebrations on Friday—cake, candles, and a chorus of happy voices set the tone for a weekend of fun.

Saturday morning brought in some serious wind—strong enough to make you hold onto your hat (and small dogs). Thankfully, the warm camp kitchen became the perfect place for everyone to gather for morning tea and stay out of the breeze.

While some members visited the Wonthaggi Coal Mine for a fascinating tour, many others



headed to Stony Creek Go Karts to test their racing skills and see who really had the need for speed.

Meanwhile, Christina, Brett and their children took a more peaceful route, heading out for a fishing trip—and came back smiling with fresh salmon in hand. A great catch and a great way to spend the day!

Back at the track, the go-karting got competitive with two fast-paced 10-minute races:

Race 1 Podium Finishers:

- 🏆 Asher Sanders – quick and focused
- 🥈 David Lynch – smooth and strategic
- 🥉 Morris Evens – proving consistency pays off

Race 2 Podium Finishers:

- 🏆 Robbie Booth – proud winner (and happy to remind everyone)
- 🥈 Morris Evens – back again, proving it wasn't luck
- 🥉 Asher Sanders – still cheerful despite Dad's win

Robbie's win over his son Asher has been officially recorded—and unofficially celebrated by Robbie at every possible opportunity since.

Saturday night, everyone gathered in the camp kitchen for a fantastic communal meal. The food was plentiful, the laughter loud, and the atmosphere relaxed and cheerful.

The kids had a terrific time in the water park and swimming pool—seemingly immune to cold and full of energy from start to finish.

And just when we thought the weekend couldn't get any better, we were granted a lucky late 5 pm checkout on Sunday—giving us time for one last swim, and few extra laughs, and a much more relaxed pack-up.

All in all, it was a weekend full of fun, great company, and memorable moments. Thanks to everyone who made it special—we're already looking forward to the next rally at Healesville!



HEALESVILLE

July

The weekend brought together great company, delicious food, and perfect weather for our latest Division Four rally in Healesville.

Friday Night Arrivals & Special Guests

We welcomed 13 caravans on Friday evening, with Brett and Krystyna joining us Saturday to enjoy the comfort of a very luxurious Geo Dome. It was lovely to see Debbie trialling another rally, this time with her friend Margaret, and to welcome back Chantelle, Mark, and their daughter Ella.

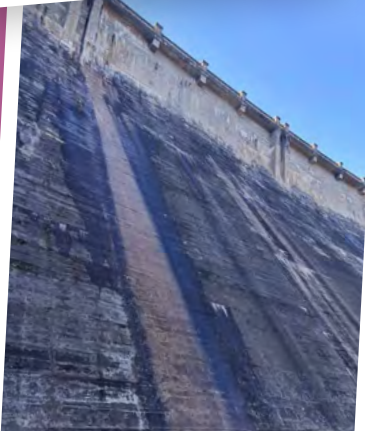
Saturday Morning – Fog & Sunshine

Saturday began with a misty, fog-covered morning, but by mid-morning the sun shone brightly, setting the tone for a wonderful day. Members gathered at 10am for a delightful morning tea at the famous Beechworth Bakery in Healesville. Afterward, some of the children enjoyed the playground conveniently located next to the bakery, while others took a stroll along the beautiful Main Street for a little retail therapy.

Afternoon Fun – Sausage Sizzle & Exploring

The committee decided to treat all members to a sausage sizzle at the scenic Maroondah Dam. Children enjoyed playing in the sunshine while others explored the impressive dam wall. Some members even made a detour to the nearby Badger Creek Blueberry Winery before returning to the park.

We also enjoyed catching up with Divvy 6 for 5, who coincidentally had their rally at the same park.



Saturday Night – Good Food, Sweet Treats & a Cozy Fire

On Saturday night, many members enjoyed a hearty meal in the fully equipped camp kitchen, followed by ice creams kindly supplied by the committee. As the evening cooled, everyone gathered around a cozy campfire. Caroline baked delicious scones, much to the delight of Division Four members (and our Division Six friends, who happily joined in the taste-testing).

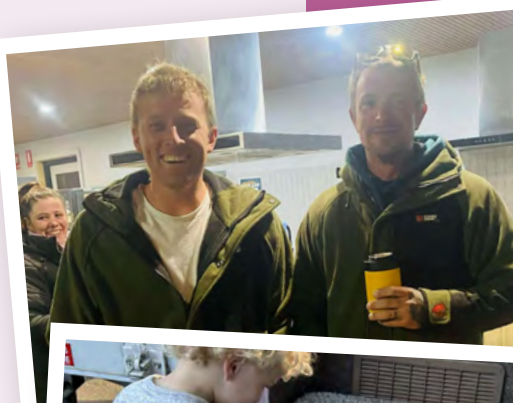
Wildlife Encounters

Rosellas and cockatoos were regular visitors, and the children had a wonderful time feeding them throughout the weekend.

Sunday Farewell

With a late 12 o'clock checkout, members made the most of the glorious Sunday weather before heading home, relaxed and recharged.

It was another memorable rally filled with friendship, fun, and fresh country air. We look forward to seeing everyone at our themed BONGAN BINGO IN BALLARAT for our September rally. So get those flanny shirts and stubby short mullet hairdo's. Prizes for the prize for the best dressed...



Rosellas and cockatoos were regular visitors...

BALLARAT

August

With 12 vans lined up like a shiny little convoy, our rally weekend kicked off in style on Friday night. Most of us headed straight to the League Club in Ballarat for a lovely meal (because cooking on a Friday night is overrated). Bellies full, we returned to the campsite where the fire in the cozy lounge was roaring, the footy was on TV, and relaxation was the name of the game. Oh – and it just happened to be Caroline's birthday! Jo Lynch went full MasterChef and produced a baked cheesecake so good it deserves its own round of applause.

Saturday morning greeted us with a drizzle. Several members ventured off to Kryal Castle for the national jousting competition (because nothing says "Saturday" like knights in armour trying to knock each other off horses). Word on the street is it was a cracking day out! Meanwhile, a group of our "senior" members chose the more refined route: morning tea at Piper's on Lake Wendouree. Rumour has it the scones were so big they required their own postcodes – and yes, they were as delicious as they looked. From there, they wandered through the farmers market, strolled the beautiful Ballarat Botanical Gardens, and cruised around the lake admiring magnificent century-old homes.

On Saturday afternoon we had an unexpected treat — a surprise visit from Anita and John, who had driven up to Ballarat just for that afternoon.

Saturday evening we reconvened for a community dinner in the beautifully presented conference room, kindly provided by management at no extra cost (we like that word – "free"). Ben and Amanda then transformed the night into pure hilarity with "Bogan Bingo" – complete with laughs and even a bit of air-guitar. A massive thanks to Ben for going over and above with the entertainment!



The committee handed out prizes for best dressed: first place went to Mike Wheatley and Amanda George, who proudly took home a giant block of Toblerone (which may or may not survive the trip home). Bingo also had its champions: Helen Booth, Keith Booth and Eric Clark all walked away with prizes and big smiles.

And of course, in true holiday tradition, Sunday morning brought glorious sunshine just as it was time to pack up.

With several members heading off to the national rally, we wish them safe travels, happy roads, and plenty of stories to share when they return.



DIV 6 RALLY REPORTS

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TAGGERTY

July

Our July rally in Taggerty was a lovely winter escape. While the temperature dipped, we were fortunate that the rain held off, with only a couple of brief, light showers. The crisp air was perfect for gathering around Lindsay's smoke-free designer fire pit—a thoughtful touch that kept us warm and cozy throughout the weekend.

Eight vans joined the rally, including Katherine from Division 4 and her friend Paul, adding to the lively mix of familiar faces and new friends.

My own start to the weekend had its challenges—old van, old problems—the morning stress melted away once I arrived and enjoyed great company, laughter and yes a gin or two which made it easy to relax and enjoy the surroundings. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank John for all his help updating my van. I am very grateful for all you have done.

Lindsay was a bit disappointed that the local wineries were closed over the weekend, as he always enjoys sampling the local wines. Hopefully, next time we'll have better luck.



Hayley and Greg arrived in their impressive “Strap On” setup—a fantastic display of caravan cleverness. A friendly reminder: when Hayley says “duck,” it’s not because of the ducks in the park! A quick duck would have saved me from a bump on the head.

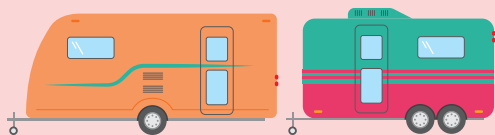
Saturday night featured a delightful Curry Night around the fire pit. An assortment of curries, accompanied by rice and papadums, was followed by sticky date pudding and Vienetta ice cream. A big thank you to everyone for contributing to the delicious spread. It was a very relaxing evening, boosted by Dave sharing some of his dangerously enjoyable homemade alcohol. Thanks always, Dave!

Sunday morning greeted us with the cheerful chorus of kookaburras and a frosty, crisp morning. Another wonderful weekend away, filled with laughter, good food, and great company.

Thank you, Division 6, for making this rally memorable.



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HEALESVILLE

August

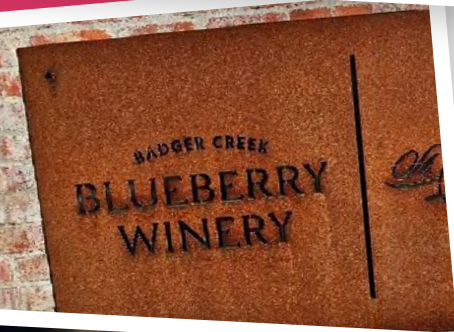
Arriving Friday were the Irvings, Anders and several members from Div 4 as we shared the same park for this rally. The office staff were very friendly, providing all the information we required & with the sun shining we set up, mingled with friends and looked around the picturesque park. Five o'clock soon came around and with a drink in hand the cold night wasn't a problem with Lindsay's home-made fire pit. We were warm, happy and very grateful.

With Saturday mornings low of 0° at 7am the parks bathroom heated floors were heaven. In fact, the rooms constant temperature was around 33°, hence a little hot during the day.

The morning began with the 4 of us walking along Badgers Creek. It was refreshing to walk on the dewy ground while the sun tried to shine through the tall trees and ferns. Bird life was heard and seen which inspired Tan to give her impersonation of a kookaburra. LOL

On return to the park, it was good to see John, Leisa, Ric & Sharon all set up. A pub lunch was booked at Launching Place Home Hotel where we met up with David & Mandy and enjoyed a meal in the beer garden. This was one of those pubs that you had driven by several times but never ventured in. Glad we did!

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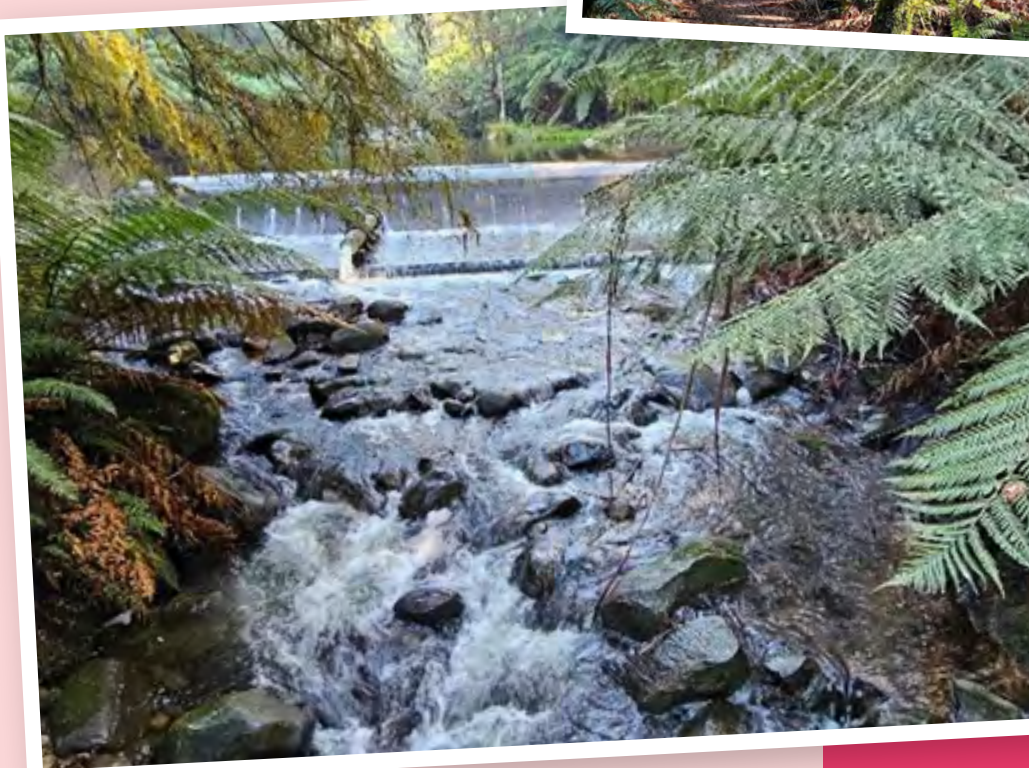


It's not a rally unless you visit a winery so off we went to Bager Creek Blueberry Wines. Some of the Div 4 gang were too enjoying the tastings and the glorious winters day.

5zies was fun around Div 4's open fires, such a nice large park for future combined rallies.

5 vans were our division's representation and Saturday night consisted of dinner around the Anders' fire, phone trivia hosted by Ric, VP speech by Lindsay, shots by David and more. Others came and went during the evening and Caroline even made us scones, cream & jam.

It was a great weekend away, thank you for organising Mandy!



GLENMAGGIE

September

6 Vans and 1 Trialling visitor Stuart & Karen Thompson arrived Friday after noonish.

It was a pleasant evening sitting around a campfire and everyone chatting with someone (probably because No Internet he he).

Saturday morning, we work up to blue skies and loads of Sheep with baby lambs everywhere it was such a graceful experience.

Kevin Taylor was back which was great to see him particularly after his Heart scare a while ago.

John S went home Saturday due to a previous commitment and was soon replaced by the Anders, so we stayed at the 6 vans and 1 Visitor total.

Saturday was mainly spent around the Valley and some tried some fishing others wanted to contact their Mum but couldn't be bothered climbing a large hill, So Ric & Sharon volunteered to climb up and make the call this was to no Avail as Mum didn't answer anyways and Haley decided to go up herself but by a Vehicle "Job Done".

A few played Haki sack / rice bag tossing / Bag throwing / get the bag in the hole duvy thingy game.

Anne & Chris arrived back from there long trip up North and chatted about the adventures including placing a coconut in her washing machine which to Meg & Hayleys amazement they had no idea coconuts had mould on them and even better that a washing machine could clear the Mould... "No" said Anne! for traveling purposes. "Laughter was had by everyone after that you could say "



The entertainment after that was that actual Coconut with the challenge of actually breaking it open with out a Drill and Drill bit. Numerous tools were used and finally broke it open, Meg was the only one seeming to enjoying drinking it but Hayley was again mesmerised that even when smashed open 'It actually looks like a real coconut'. Hayley it is a real Coconut" ! And the laughter was had again.

Saturday night we sat around the trusty Lindsay Fire drum and had many laughs and chatter all round.

Sunday woke up to another gorgeous blue-sky day and a great rally had by all.

See you all at the October Rally.

PS: don't forget to pay your membership or let the exec Treasurer know if you do not want to renew, Christmas will be here before we know it.

Take care all and save travels.

Ric & Sharon Luiyf



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Nomination for the position of: _____

Nominee: _____

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Nominee: _____ Seconder: _____

Signature: _____ Signature: _____

When completed, this nomination form must reach the Secretary, RACV Caravan Club, PO Box 165, Ashburton, VIC 3147, or via email to cherie.evans@outlook.com.au, 7 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

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