



RACV CARAVAN CLUB

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*Jingle bells, jingle bells,
jingle all the way...*

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Rob Taylor
PRESIDENT



Heather McTaggart
SECRETARY



John Stone
TREASURER

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

DECEMBER 2020

Hello everyone,

What a year 2020 has been. We have had no rallies, zoom meetings, AGM on zoom and the postponement of our combined Christmas rally. I hope everyone has managed to stay safe during this time of uncertainty.

This is not the December we had planned, unfortunately the directions from the Chief Health Officer did not make it possible for us to have our planned combined Christmas Rally this has been rescheduled for 2021. The State of Emergency remains in place, so still we are still unable to have rallies.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Inside my caravan was the last place I ever thought I would be chairing the Annual General Meeting. So despite the grand kids coming inside my caravan to use the toilet (they were quiet) all went well. It was a good turn up and an experience for some who have not used Zoom before. Thanks to Jenny Lowe, Secretary of ACCVic for hosting our ZOOM meeting. Hopefully the next AGM will be a face to face with our traditional BBQ to follow.

CAMERONS BIGHT

It's on, starting the 19th December, those who have booked can move in and enjoy.

There have been some administrative changes, the Foreshore Manager Greg Powell finished up on the 4th Dec. He told me he was renovating a kitchen and had chosen to go back to consulting work. The WhiteCliffs to Camerons Bight Foreshore Committee have had a change of office bearers. We are still working with the Committee on a new MOU.

Due to the latest Directions from the Chief Health Officer the club cannot run the regular Camerons Bight activities. Please be mindful of the restrictions the fines for those breaching them are hefty. Just keep in mind not everyone in the area supports our presence.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

We still have a number of members who are not financial. . The Membership Renewal form is contained in this Newsletter and can be accessed under forms on our website <https://racvcc.com.au> To renew your membership deposit \$48 into our Bendigo Bank account and complete the renewal form. Members who are not financial after the 31st December will need to re-join if they wish to continue with the club.

Barbara and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe Happy New Year.

ROB TAYLOR



COMBINED CARAVAN CLUBS RALLY

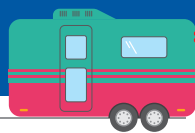
The Association of Caravan Clubs of Victoria are holding a Combined Caravan Clubs rally in Bendigo at the Gold Nugget Caravan Park, March 19-21, 2021. If you wish to attend please book direct with the park. Contact number for the park is 1800 637 176 or (03) 5448 4747, inform the park you are participating in the ACCVic Club Rally. Please advise the Secretary of ACCVic via email (admin@accvic.org.au) or phone (0459 232 136) when you have booked in so that ACCVic have an idea of how many are attending.

ACCVic intend to provide some sort of a meal depending on COVID restrictions at the time.

ACCVic have been advised that there is a large sporting event in Bendigo that weekend as well, so sites in the park will be in high demand. We have reserved at least half the park but I would advise you to book in early to ensure that you do get a site.



It is up to you to book in for the days you wish to attend, if you wish to arrive early or stay later you negotiate that with the park.



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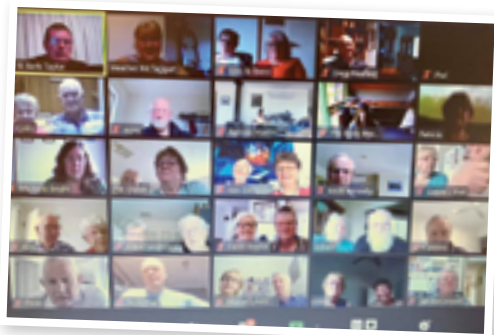
Welcome everyone. Thank you for tuning in to our Zoom Annual General Meeting.

Our 2019/2020 Club year has been an interesting journey.... I shall do a bit of a recap of the year. I am sure no one missed what was happening.

Christmas rally was good. 110 vans attended across 5 Divisions. Summer was pleasant.

Those camping at Cameron's Bight were fortunate to enjoy the season. Days after we all moved out, camping on the Mornington Peninsula was brought to an end. Campers were told to pack up and leave. Corona Virus was starting to run rampant around Australia.

Monday, 12midday 16th March, a State of Emergency was declared. That day we cancelled our Easter Rallies. Listening to the information and directions from State and Federal Governments, on 23rd of March we announced the cancellation of Rallies until further notice.



RALLIES

The challenge for your committee was/is trying to work out when we could go back to rallies.

June looked positive then it wasn't.

The no rallies - State of Emergency is a 'bylaw in our constitution. The executive can override this. But, at this time it is not wise. We must comply with the directions of the Chief Health Officer.

It is not the first time the club has cancelled rallies, the longest time was during the 2nd world war. We have previously cancelled them due to fuel shortages and bush fires.

I suspect the State of Emergency could be in place well into next year/2021. We will keep a watch on the Chief Health Officers Directions and assess the situation as it changes.

Let's hope we can get back to it soon.

RALLY ATTENDANCE

FOR THE PAST 12 MONTHS

	2019-20	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16
Div 1	14	15	13	13	15
Div 2	9	11	12	15	17
Div 3	14	14	16	18	16
Div 4	34	32	28	27	23
Div 5	6	6	7	10	9
Average	77	78	76	83	80



AWARDS

Congratulations to those who will line up for awards this year.

DIVISION 1

Neil Taylor 3 years
Greg Bailey & Kerri Schoof 2 years
Barbara & I, 2 year
Anne Cecil & Steve Clark 1 year
Peter & Fran Whitehurst 1 year

DIVISION 2

Peter & Heather Birney 1 year

DIVISION 3

Ray & Denise Andrews
Max & Marion Edmunds
Brian & Kaye Longhurst,

DIVISION 4

Congratulations to Hayley & Greg on achieving 20 years of continuous rallying,

Julie & Phil Mason 15 years,
Lisa & John Stone 14 years
Helen & Keith Booth 6 years,
Gillian & Lindsay Anders 5 years,
Ray Spargo 4 years
Julie & Robert Booth 2 year and
Donna and Robbie Booth 2 year.
Bob & Dawn Anderson
Ingrid Garner 1 year
Laurie & Carol Martin 1 Year
Craig & Julie Clark
Robert & Rita Stockton 1 year
Tracey & Luke Teunissen 1 year.
Heather Young 1 year

In March 2020 the Executive Committee voted to continue with the alternate Rally weekends for Easter and the Melbourne Cup Weekend. This gives members the option to attend either or both depending on their personal circumstances.

Rally points will only be allocated for one.

OBJECTIVES

Last year I stated I had 3 Objectives for the club.

Grow the Club

Acquire a Camp Ground

Work with Cameron's Bight Foreshore Committee toward a new Agreement,

Our progress has been challenged

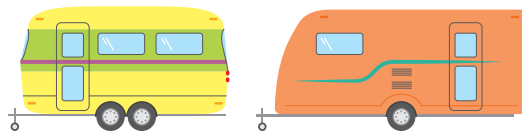
GROW THE CLUB

- we hope to leverage off ACC Vic next year to promote our club at caravan shows and any other means available to us.
- we started a working group to develop a strategic plan David Breese our Div 5 VP will provide some information on that a little later on this morning.
- We have posted more frequently on Facebook and we have picked up a greater following – 183 currently
- our website has under gone a major re vamp.
- we need to embrace new members and bring them into our fold.
- COVID has slowed us down.

ACQUIRE A CAMP GROUND

A camp ground. My vision:

This ties in with Learmonth and the Learmonth - Sub Committee Working Group and it will be the subject of a Special General Meeting in the future.



WORK WITH CAMERON'S BIGHT FORESHORE COMMITTEE TOWARD A NEW AGREEMENT

- In March 2020 we meet with Whitecliff's to Cameron's Bight Foreshore Committee members and discussed our approach to renewing our MOU. They indicated that they were keen to negotiate a renewal.
- We have written to the Whitecliff's to Cameron's Bight Foreshore Committee, expressing a desire to negotiate a new M.O.U. and hopefully to continue access to the camp ground for our current and future members.
- We have had recent communication with the Committee. This has not progressed, they are focused on working within the directions from DEWLP and the Chief Health Officer to be able to open the camp ground for summer 2020.
- We will keep you advised as this progresses.

LEARMONTH

It all happened in March. The Sale of Learmonth went through, over \$300,000 was deposited into our account. I will refer you to our financial reports.

At the Special General Meeting in November 2018, 2 motions were put up.

The meeting voted to amend the 2nd part of the motion to the following:

1. "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. This motion was carried.



To progress the amended 2nd motion we-

- established a Sub Committee in 2018 made up of Reps from all the Divisions
- We have meet, lots of discussion has occurred, some consultation with members and lots of research.
- Key Criteria - It must deliver a benefit to the club and not become a financial burden.

3 options are being investigated

- 1) Do nothing - invest the money and use the income to support club activities
- 2) Acquire a Factory/Storage Facility Lease or Purchase to store our Equipment and archives
- 3) Purchase Camp Ground - Low cost camping for members - Store the trailer, Club Equipment and Archives,

It was hoped that we could hold further discussions at the Rallies this year, to discuss these options and get some feedback, but thanks to COVID this was not possible.

We will hold a Special General Meeting in the future to make a decision.

In the meantime Rob Allen Div.1 will provide a run down a little later on today.

SUMMER AT CAMERON'S BIGHT

Those that camped at Cameron's Bight had a good time. The grounds looked terrific. Many, many sites were levelled and there was lots of green grass around the place. Well it was green up to the hot days they experienced just before we rolled up. The new BBQ and structure looked the goods. It was well used. A couple of parties took place under the roof.

WhiteCliffs Committee in conjunction with Marine Mammal Foundation and "Roberto" tried twice to run a Nurdle Hunt, Sand Sculpture Movie night and BBQ, each time it was a wash out.

We were asked to assist with the catering, club members put their hands up to assist. The organisers were rather disappointed.

On the Rally weekends we were fed by Anne and her volunteers. Thank you Anne and all the others that make these events a success. In January, Karen & Wes Chandler... put their other hat on and ran a fishing comp. By all reports it was an outstanding success. The winning prizes were very impressive and very much appreciated. My thanks you goes to Karen Wes, for organising it Luke Tuenissen for his involvement and the others who helped.

Bob Anderson, with his willing helpers conducted the bocce competition. Thanks Bob and to your assistants.

The Rangers assisted a couple of members with their 12volt issues by giving them access to 240v power.

We held a pseudo opening of the BBQ area. 9th March by Sandra Eldridge. Pictures were posted on Facebook. A plaque is still to be fixed to the structure.

We were very fortunate as the weekend after we left, camp grounds on the Mornington Peninsula were closed and all campers had to vacate.

Cameron's Bight Camp Ground is scheduled to open on the 19th December 2020. I am not sure of the start time yet.



DIVISION 6

Last year the Executive received an email request for Div 4 to be able to occupy 2 caravan parks at Rally weekends. I said we would look at this and come back with a solution.

We looked at the logistics of splitting the division across two caravan parks, the difficulty of finding towns with 2 neighbouring parks. We concluded we would be forcing the division to split .

We talked about having members transfer to other divisions. The thought was this could transfer the problem and members need to be prepared to transfer. Options were discussed with the Division.

The Executive received a request from a number of members for permission to commence a new division. The members had identified people prepared to occupy divisional committee positions. The Executive voted and Division 6 came into being. We subsequently received requests from 22 members to transfer to the new division. The requests were approved.

We had put a cap on Div 4 until a solution was found. The cap has been removed.

Members are always welcome to visit other divisions and transfer between divisions if they wish. Provided the protocols are followed.

RACV - CHANGES

Our RACV liaison person Daryl Meeks Motoring Interests Manager finished up on the 30th October after 7 years in the role During the lock down RACV have been producing and delivering meals to the needy in regional and metropolitan Melbourne. They are also involved in a "Lunches for Kids Program" where they provide lunch to school children that are in need. They are also involved in a mental health program for young people.

We are in the process of putting together a submission to the RACV for the continuation of the their financial support (sponsorship)

GOING FORWARD

Cameron's Bight activities. The club can only run social activities that comply with the Chief Health Officers Directions. Under the current Directions we cannot run any events. We would exceed the number permitted to gather in a group.

Future Rallies are dependent on the Directions of the Chief Health Officer. And the status of the State of Emergency. We will look at ways we can get back together in some form.

Thank you.

Finally I wish to say Thank you to those that work to support the club.

- Heather McTaggart
- John Stone
- Anne Cecil
- All the members of the Executive the Divisional VP's and the committees and helpers in the divisions.
- The Learmonth Sub Committee members.
- Thank you to our New Member Officer - Von Montauban
- Thank you to Our Newsletter Editor - Julie Mason.
- Thank you to National Rally Representative Pat Glover
- Our representatives on ACC Vic - Ken Slade, Bob Jobling and Carol O'Hagan, thank you for representing our club and working for the betterment of all caravanners.
- There are many others I have not named who contribute to the club, I thank you for making our activities enjoyable.
- Thank you to Barbara!!!

RACVCC STRATEGIC PLAN 2020

The Executive discussed at its meeting in February 2020 that the club should have a Strategic Plan to ensure the long-term viability of the club, to that end it established a subcommittee to produce a document to bring back to the Executive for consideration. The subcommittee is made up of 4 members from the Executive and has met only once this year because of the Covid-19 restrictions.

The initial meeting was quite constructive with a significant amount of work being undertaken on:

THE CLUBS PURPOSE/MISSION

OUR AIMS

KEY PRIORITIES

These major items form the backbone of a detailed 5 year Strategy or plan that looks at each Aim, the priorities that sit behind it and provides actions and measures to achieve the aim. For example:

Aim	Priority	Action	Measure
Promote use of RV's	Increase membership by 20 pa securing long term viability of club	Actively invite prospective members to club. Promote club on Web, Facebook	Follow-up prospective members within a week. Review website annually for relevance.

The Strategy will aim to provide direction for the club particularly around sustaining membership and look at issues that not only affect our club, but caravan and RV use in general. It is hoped that the subcommittee will be able to meet again early in the new year to review work already undertaken and complete the task by mid-year for presentation to the Executive.

DAVID BREESE

DIV 5

REPORT TO RACVCC

AGM ON ACCVIC

Rob has asked me to give a short talk on ACCVic.

ACCVic was incorporated in Nov 1981. The AGM held 1988 mentions RACVCC as being a member, when our Club joined I do not know. At that meeting the elected Treasurer was J Woodford of the RACVCC.

The reason for formation was to protect the interest of caravan clubs within Victoria & to promote caravan clubs to the general community, to represent affiliated caravan clubs at public, industry & government forums & to assist all members to safely enjoy a caravanning & camping lifestyle.

The aims of the Assoc are:-

- **To encourage the pastime of caravanning**
- **To guard the interests of member clubs & their members.**
- **To act with similar bodies & State Assoc.**
- **To promote the friendship of caravanning**
- **To encourage all members to act in a environmentally & socially responsible manner.**
- **To promote safe towing practices**
- **To promote caravanning at caravanning industry forums.**



All members of Caravan Clubs are members of ACCVic & in turn ACCVic is a members of the National Association of Caravan Clubs. NACC is in turn a member of RV Australia, which includes such members as CMCA & Australian Caravan Club. RV Australia gives us as members a strong voice to approach councils & government on matters concerning the interests of caravanners nationally.

Club representation consists of two delegates from each club to meet 4 times a year with the AGM held in Oct each year. A newsletter is published after each meeting which is distributed to each club to keep all Club members informed of Assoc matters.

The Assoc is also responsible for organising a National Rally in rotation with the other States, the next Victorian National Rally is to be held in 2028 & already arrangements are being set & am pleased to say your club is already involved.

At present ACCVic represents 26 Clubs within Victoria & Tasmania. & at the recent AGM your own Robert Taylor was elected President of ACCVic with another RACVCC member Peter Hillas Div 5 on the Committee.

KEN SLADE

DIV 2

18TH NATIONAL RALLY

The 18th National Caravan Clubs Rally, is being held at the Riverland Events Centre, Barmera SA from 28th March 2022 to 7th April 2022 (10 nights)

Anyone that may be interested in attending the 18th National Rally can book by contacting the Registrar Lesley Davis at

Email: registrar@18thnationalcaravanrally.org.au

Phone: 0417 862 367

Website: www.18thnationalcaravanrally.org.au

Facebook: www.facebook.com/18th-National-Caravan-Clubs-Rally-115139413196737



*A festival of caravanning,
sightseeing, relaxation,
and entertainment*



LEARMONTH SUB COMMITTEE STATUS REPORT

BACKGROUND

At the Special General Meeting it was agreed to:

1. Sell the land at Learmonth.
2. "that within 2 years of the sale of the land, the Executive will present a minimum of two (2) proposals for use of the funds.

STATUS

1. Learmonth land has been sold and settled for the sum of \$332,060 on 26th May 2020.
2. Options for the use of these funds is under investigation by the subcommittee.

OPTIONS

1. Purchase a facility for a meeting place and storage of club equipment and records.
2. Investigate the need and support for a Club camping ground.
3. Invest the funds.

PROGRESS

OPTION 1

- a. Warehouse/ office spaces with an area of approx.. 150 sqm have been investigated.
- b. Annual Body Corporate fee would be approx.. \$2000.
- c. The option to lease premises would not be viable financially as the costs would use up the funds quickly.
- d. Maybe some potential to rent out office space.
- e. RACVCC historical records could be digitized to avoid the need to store them.

OPTION 2

- a. Campground for use of club members has been studied and suitable properties could be purchased within the available funds.
- b. The size of property would be 5 to 10 acres to allow for camp sites, buildings and common areas.
- c. Zoning and site restrictions need to be investigated when specific properties are identified.
- d. The focus would be on bush camping (no power) with provision for a small number of powered sites.
- e. Pros and cons have been identified and need to be addressed.
- f. A Campground Proposal document has been drafted for committee review.
- g. Following review the proposal will be distributed to members for agreement.

OPTION 3

- a. Invest the capital and use the returns to fund Club activities.
- b. Investment return of 1.7%pa would generate \$5,700.
- c. Investment needs to be secure.
ie. bonds, debentures, etc.

NEXT ACTIONS

- a. Subcommittee to review draft options and amend as necessary.
- b. Subcommittee to advise Members of proposals and seeking agreement to proceed.

RACV CARAVAN CLUB

THIS FORM CAN BE
COMPLETED ONLINE!

(visit racvcc.com.au)

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Date: _____

Name in full: _____

Partner/Spouse Name: _____

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

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 or
complete the online form (visit
racvcc.com.au)



RACV CARAVAN CLUB

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

THIS FORM CAN BE
COMPLETED ONLINE!

Go to racvcc.com.au

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)

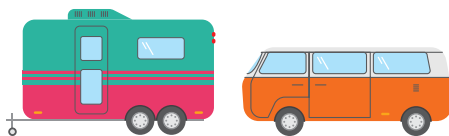
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