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COME AND JOIN US AT THE 18TH NATIONAL CARAVAN CLUBS RALLY

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**27 MARCH — 5 APRIL 2023
(9 NIGHTS)**

WHERE

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FIELD DAY DRIVE, BARMERA,
SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

*Caravan Club members and visitors
from around Australia are welcome to
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WHAT'S ON

-  Craft workshops
-  Photography competition
-  IT workshops
-  Bush poets
-  Riverland Tours
-  Craft Beer tasting
-  Riverland Wine tasting
-  Disc Bowls competition
-  Caravan Trade Fair
-  Onsite Local market
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello everyone

The year 2022 was different, we have returned to Rallying. The return of recording Rally Points began at the beginning of the financial year. Our divisions don't seem to have large group gatherings like we had in 2019, this seems to be the trend with other clubs too, let's hope things improve in 2023.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our Annual General Meeting was a face to face meeting this time, so much better. This was followed by a Special General Meeting. The committee was granted permission to place a conditional deposit on suitable land for a camp ground. There was anticipation expecting a drop in the number of people attending but that did not occur. The traditional sausage sizzle and cakes was held after the meeting. It was nice to chat to people I had not seen for quite a while.

Thank you to our cooks and cleaners.

CAMERONS BIGHT

This is our second year of the MOU with the WhiteCliffs to Camerons Bight Foreshore Committee. We had first option to allocate sites for the peak period only. Bookings for Camping during the Off Peak period have to be through the Rangers Office.

Next season will be our last. Based on the information I received from the Committee of Management and DEWLP I am confident that we would not get another agreement. I shall talk with them during the season and keep you all posted. It will be sad to see the end of our clubs involvement in the camp ground.

This does not prevent you as individuals from booking sites in the future.

EXTRA ACTIVITIES FOR 2023

There are a few extra things on in 2023. A State Rally run by the Association of Caravan Clubs of Vic at Horsham 17th to 20th March. There is talk of a tag along tour from this Rally to Renmark or there about to get everyone close to the 18th National Rally South Australia that runs 27th March to 5th April. You can still book.

There is a group doing a tag along tour commencing after the National Rally heading to Cooper Pedy via the Oodnadatta Track. If you're interested let me know. Division 5 is doing a tag along tour later in the year we shall provide information a little later. ACCVIC has a stand at the Caravan Show at Flemington Showgrounds 22nd-26th February 2023. The show was a great success for recruiting new members for our club this year and provides us with another opportunity next year. However volunteers are required to staff the stand, if you could give a couple of hours of your time please let me know. Thank you to those that have already volunteered.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

There are still some members who are not financial. To renew your membership deposit \$48 into our Bendigo Bank account put your name in the narrative. Members who are not financial after the 31st December will need to re-join if they wish to continue with the club.

FINALLY

I want to say thank you to Peter Hillas. Peter has spent over 20 years on committee with both the Association of Caravan Clubs of Vic and the National Association of Caravan Clubs Limited. He has had involvement in the Victoria's National Rallies, promotion of caravan clubs at caravan shows and many other things that benefit us and the other caravan clubs in Victoria. He was ably assisted with this work by his wife Robyn. All the best for the future Peter and Robyn.

Thank you to John Stone for his work over the past 8 years as our Club Treasurer. Thank you to Ric Luiyf for taking on the role.

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



ROB TAYLOR

DIV 1 RALLY REPORT

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BENDIGO

Division 1 held their Christmas Rally at the Golden Nugget Tourist Park Bendigo. There were 13 Vans in attendance and the weather was very sunny and hot. Most members arrived on the Friday, and this being our (Kerryn and Michael) first Rally, the members made us feel completely welcome. Happy hour was shared in the camp kitchen next to the pool and an enjoyable catchup was had, as some members hadn't seen each other for a long while.

Saturday morning was allocated as free time, some stayed, or went into town and got supplies for the evening's activities, while others decided that "The Great Stupa" out of Marong would be an interesting outing for the Saturday morning, so 4 vehicles set off for the drive. The roads were dry and the landscape green and about half way through our journey and after a short conference on the side of the road, a course altering U turn was made so we would be heading in the right direction. Not to worry though as we all safely arrived. The sun by this time was beating down hotter and after a quick video about the origins and making of the Stupa we all walked around the garden landscape, temples, Grottos and artworks. Upon entering the Stupa, the cool air inside was very reviving and held lots of interesting artifacts to look at. The return trip back to the park for lunch was without any detours.

Santa was due to arrive at two, so everyone assembled outside the camp kitchen to wait for his arrival. Santa told us he was delayed because Poor Rudolph got a stone in his hoof but it was safely removed and Santa was able to get on his way. When he arrived the 3 children waiting were very happy to see him. Santa handed out his gifts and lolly's to the children and a small gift for each family in attendance which was a lovely surprise for Michael and myself. Afternoon tea was provided by the committee with lots of yummy assortments of cakes and biscuits and a cuppa of-course. There was a Christmas hamper raffle which was won by Anne and Steve, 2nd Donna and Steve, 3rd Kerry and 4th Barbara.

Dinner was booked at the Huntly Hotel and the courtesy bus ran 3 trips to get everyone there. The pub was a busy place that night but, everyone enjoyed their meals before getting back on the bus to return to the park for dessert provide by the committee. I really enjoyed the cold Ice-cream and Pav to cool down with. There was cheesecake and a fruit platter too. Again, everyone sat around enjoying the cooler evening air but, we had to share it with the hungry mozzies.

Sunday morning, we all assembled for morning tea with loads of yummy leftovers from the previous day, before saying goodbye to everyone and heading off for home.

Thankyou to the committee and everyone for welcoming us, and for a wonderful weekend of activities. Looking forward to seeing everyone at our next Rally at Warragul.

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WARRAGUL

Our October rally was held at the Warragul Gardens Caravan Park and Retirement Cabins over the week-end 1st & 2nd. In attendance were 4 vans and 4 cabins. As usual, some were able to get there on Friday to enjoy the Div. Provided nibbles, finger food, dim-sims and little boys, the remainder arrived early on the Saturday.

The usual sorty into town on Saturday morning provided a financial boost to the coffers of the supermarket, pie and bakery shop, Opp shop and servo..... much needed.

The afternoon activity was to the "Old Gipps town" village, at nearby Moe, where the wanderers reviewed the displays and relived some old memories of days gone by. 5 o'clock saw us back at the Park in the Meeting Room indulging our taste buds with more nibbles and pre-dinner beverages.

Saturday evening saw the usual visit to a local Pub, this one being The Club Hotel where Pat had organised our meal. Very enjoyable, good variety and reasonably priced.

Sunday morning saw us gathering again in the meeting room for tea and bickies etc. . Unfortunately, some had to leave for home but not before Happy Birthday wishes were extended to Ayjay and Shirl the girl, for their 90th's, with Pat Glover and Martin Prewer also having special b'days.

It's great to go to clean, well organised parks with clean and well appointed cabins and friendly, competent staff. It was also good to be able to use their meeting room for our gatherings.

Altogether, a good weekend with friends..

*Gathering again in the
meeting room for tea and bickies.*



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BALLARAT

Our October rally was held at the Windmill Holiday Park in Ballarat.

This again was a small rally consisting of 7 caravans.

On Friday night 4 caravaners, including Ian McConnell who had recently returned from overseas, ventured to The Bunch Grapes Hotel for Friday night dinner. The decor was pleasant and the food very enjoyable. The rest of our members had a barby dinner at the park.

On Saturday the weather was fabulous for sitting out and socialising in the sun.

On Saturday night some went out to the golf club for dinner and the rest had a community dinner in the camp kitchen followed by playing a game of cards.



This is our traditional Christmas Rally and although our numbers were well down, it turned out to be probably the best rally of the year. A total of 6 vans and 1 cabin attended the rally.

A few of the members commenced on the Thursday to a park that had been devastated by recent flooding. At least 5 permanent sites were in the stages of being demolished with most of the remainder of the permanent sites earmarked for destruction in the coming months. The sites were in remarkably good condition and the weather turned out to be great. New water and power stands have been built in the park and the amenities section being given a complete overhaul.

That did not phase the new park managers who went well out of the way to make the club feel welcomed and comfortable regularly checking on our members to see if they needed anything.

All remaining members arrived on the Friday and were well set up in the afternoon. Members decided to make a group BBQ in the new recreation room of course with a Christmas theme. There was a hint of a "Christmas Grinch" by the name of Greg but the members soon sorted him out. Great amusement was gained from the corny Christmas jokes in the Bon Bons along with a captivating toy car that kept everyone amused for ages. It was good to catch up with Ian McConnell who announced that he will not be caravanning with the club anymore as he intends to live mostly in England and occasionally in Australia.

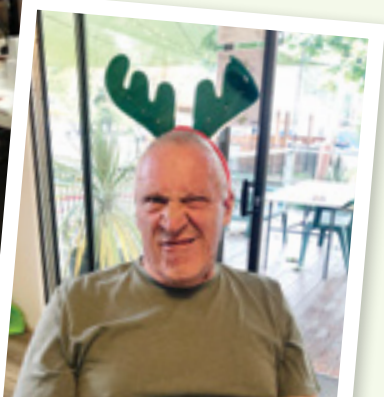
Saturday had morning tea served at 9.30am with a great mixture of jelly slices (thanks Creina) fruit cake and Rum balls (thanks Margaret) together with the traditional mince pies. After this many of us attended at the Yea Country market looking at the wide variety of country stalls. There was also a fantastic collection of Coffee and Cake shops in the main street much to the delight of everyone.

We were fortunate to arrange a visit to the Yea Winery, Cidery & Brewery in the main street of Yea thanks to Bev & Kerry. This proved to be the highlight of the whole weekend as the owner Steve offered the attending group to participate in a bottling session of a barrel of his 2020 Shiraz wine. A production line was soon established with members acting as bottle washes, filling, corking and labelling of the wine. The group managed over 200 bottles of wine in 1 and half hours which Steve said was some kind of small record. There was also the benefit for members to taste the wine as well and to purchase other products. Best of all, each person was awarded 4 bottles of wine as payment for their efforts.

The heat arrived on Saturday afternoon and a number of members went for a swim in the park pool. Fivey's and nibbles were spent under the shade of a couple of old oak trees which made for a very pleasant afternoon. Just prior to going to the hotel, we had a visit in the form of a red belly black snake who was obviously trying to get through the park to the river. Although many people in the park were curious, everyone kept their safe distance. At 6.00 pm members strolled down to the Court House Hotel in the main Street and participated in a wonderful meal. Many thanks to Dot & Graeme who decorated the tables and who arranged the booking. After the meal we all wandered back to the park for a chin wag, sit down and a relaxing drink. Much to the surprise of many, there was not a big mozzy issue which made sitting around outside even the more pleasant.

Sunday saw everyone pack up to go home but we all agreed the weekend had been superb and a whole lot of fun. Although the numbers were small it was made up by the wonderful activities that were held and the great company. We are all looking forward to Alexandra in the New Year.

Special thanks to Dot & Graeme for their organisation of the hotel decorations & nibbles, Marg & Creina for the morning tea and sweet cakes Thanks to everyone who came and were determined to make this rally one of the best of the year.



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DROUIN

The Weather Gods were looking over us for our Rally at Drouin.

10 vans made the trip to Glen Cromie at Drouin West on Friday afternoon including Kathryn Lees-Doherty from Divi 6 and her companion. The Andersons and Smiths arrived on Saturday morning and Michelle, Josh and Imogen made a brief visit for a few hours arriving late Saturday after Josh finished work. Joan Trumper joined us for the weekend and stayed in a cabin. It was lovely to see her and she really enjoyed her weekend.

The Courtesy bus from the hotel was to pick us up at 6.30 on Friday night but battery problems delayed its arrival. Once we finally arrived at the Pub we met up with other members of Belinda's family who were there to celebrate Belinda's Birthday. We all enjoyed a very nice meal and a good catch up with friends. Pauline, our bus driver picked us up after our dinner and took us back to the park. A few of the boys sat around the fire afterwards.





We woke to another glorious day on Saturday and went to the Jindivick Market with a few going for coffee across the road afterwards. They had to wait ages for their coffees. The convoy then went to the Neerim South Bakery to get some pies etc. for our picnic lunch. Others had made rolls. We then drove a very short distance to the Wetlands where there were tables and BBQ's. After our picnic lunch we had a stroll around the track at the Wetlands then back to the Jindivick Cafe for afternoon tea where we enjoyed Scones with jam and cream, passion fruit sponge or other slices. On our return to the park there was great enthusiasm to get the fires stoked. Bob's fire Brazier was non-compliant, but we had two roaring fires which were stoked and tended by Steve Martin and others. Steve provided a lot of timber which he cut with his chainsaw and the park also provided a large supply of wood for the fires. A few of us did the small river walk near the park before fivesies. Fivesies enjoyed sitting around the roaring fires followed by a community tea of casseroles served in shelter 1 under the light from torches as the light in the shelter was not working. We all enjoyed sitting around the cosy fires catching up with one another. As Daylight Savings started the next morning most packed up and headed to their caravans to catch some sleep, losing one hour of sleep that night.

Rob, Donna and Bella left at 7.00am on Sunday as Donna had a horse competition at Bunyip at 9.00.

It was another glorious morning and the countryside looked just gorgeous with the lush green rolling hills. It is such beautiful countryside around this area and Jindivick. Most packed up and left by 11.00 for the drive home after another lovely rally together.

We all enjoyed this park although facilities are not flash. They are very old and basic. We had to take our own drinking water as the water there is not suitable for drinking but there is plenty to see and do around the area.

CAPEL SOUND

The weather was perfect for our Christmas Rally at Capel Sound. Two vans arrived on Thursday, George and Joe and Lyn, with the rest arriving on Friday and Saturday, totalling 22 vans. Josh and Michelle towed the trailer as we were to erect the marquis on Saturday morning but decided against this. Friday afternoon was spent chatting and catching up, finding shade and avoiding the many mozzies. Some had made casseroles for dinner, some had fish and chips and some went to dinner at the Vietnamese restaurant across the road.

Saturday morning saw the collection of fees and sale of raffle tickets. George was doing his best handing out the tickets but some people ended up with 2 tickets with the same number as the butt had not ended up in the container to be drawn. All sorted eventually ha ha. After that we gathered for Carols and morning tea; thanks to all those who provided the music and songbooks, the yummy shortbread and the Christmas Cake.

After lunch, there were games (in the shade of course) for the many children and also the young at heart adults. Some of these games involved water and no-one complained about getting wet when buckets were tipped over heads. There were some pretty impressive anchor men on the tug-of-war ropes. A big thank you to Michelle and Josh and other helpers for organising the games. Also a big thank you to Darren for providing and setting up the wading pool. The water at the beach was a no go zone so this was a great idea. There were many comments on how good it was to see so many children at this Rally.

Santa arrived in his beautifully decorated chariot (courtesy of the ranger) to much cheering and clapping from the children. A fan was supplied to keep Santa cool as he presented some lovely gifts to all the little ones. They also got to sit on his knee and baby Luther impressively didn't cry with his first visit to Santa. Well done to the jolly man in the red suit. Ho Ho Ho.





The committee then supplied sherry, champagne, wine and some lovely platters for fivesies before we all dressed up and headed off to the Rosebud RSL via courtesy buses for our Christmas Dinner. The tables had been beautifully decorated by some of the elves and we had our own function room at the RSL so it didn't matter about the noise or the volume of the music. Everyone popped the bon bons, there was lots of dancing and the Nut Bush song got the old and the young and those in between up and dancing.

The raffle was drawn and Bob and Dawn were the winners of a massive Christmas Hamper with Marion being the lucky second prize winner of a smaller hamper. Then there were lots of other smaller prizes handed out as well. Community buses then took us back to the campground where most headed off to bed.

Sunday morning was a group breakfast for some, packing up time and morning tea for others as we had a late check out at 12 noon.

Well done and a huge thank you to the committee for organizing such an enjoyable Christmas Rally.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy 2023.

*See you at
the beach!!!*

DIV 5 RALLY REPORTS

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MYRTLEFORD

The Division-5 October rally was held at Myrtleford with 4 caravans attending. We stayed at the Myrtleford Holiday Park that had good sized sites with power water and sullage, large camp kitchen with BBQ's and modern amenities block.

Friday at 5pm we had the traditional happy hour and sat under Stella and David's awning for a chat and nibbles. We had booked into the Buffalo Hotel for dinner. The hotel had a good variety of food and catered for people with dietary requirements. Everyone had a good time and enjoyed their meals and then headed back to camp and retired for the night.

Saturday morning was left free for people to either relax or explore Myrtleford, we all decided to walk into town to explore the shops and have a coffee. We ended up at Café Fez, besides having the coffee shop it also sold antique Japanese building materials, tools and goods and filled in the morning looking around.

After lunch we all did our own thing, Stella and David headed across to Glewrowan to catch up with their daughter who was heading home to Melbourne, Rick and Linda head off to the Eldorado Dredge, the dredge was basically a floating factory that mined for gold but ceased operation back in 1968, at the time it was the 3rd largest consumer of electric power in the state. It was great to welcome our new members Anne and Ian to the division, thanks Gay for meeting them on their arrival. We all gathered for happy hour and had an enjoyable time getting to know one another before heading off to a local Thai restaurant for dinner. After dinner we headed back to camp and retired for the night ready for the Tag-a-Long rally that started the next day.

Rick and Linda stayed on another day at Myrtleford before heading home on Monday.

The weather for the weekend was good with mild days and coolish nights. All who attended had a relaxing and enjoyable time.

BROKEN HILL

The Division-5 October rally was held at Myrtleford followed by a Tag-a-Long trip to Broken Hill via Cobar. 3 caravans headed off on Sunday morning.

DAY 1

Sunday our designation was Jerilderie NSW, we left Myrtleford and headed via Wangaratta to Tungamah for our first stop. We visited the painted silo which depicted local bird life then walked down the main street taking in wall murals and the town war memorial. We left Tungamah and headed to Katamatite for lunch around midday. After a nice break we and stopped at Tocumwal to look at the Murray River, which was running high on the banks. We arrived at Jerilderie about 3pm and stayed at the Jerilderie Motel and Caravan Park, we were on drive though sites and quickly set up for the afternoon. The weather was warm, some went into town for supplies before happy hour at 4:30.

We all gather and sat around for a couple hours before making diner and retiring for the evening.

DAY 2

Monday our destination was a free camping spot on the Laughlin River 30 klms north of Hillston. We left Jerilderie and headed on the Kidman Way to our first stop at Coleambilly, a town established in 1968. Located in the local park is a "Bucyrus Erie Class 111 Dragline" which was used to excavate the main channels in the Murray Valley and Coleambilly area. The machine was one of four imported from the USA in 1935 and operated up until 1978 when it was placed in the park. The dragline is still in full working order. We then headed off to Griffith and visited the look out and Hermits Cave. After exploring the area we headed back into town for lunch and a walk around town. We continued toward Hillston and our camping spot at Lachlan River Campground, Wallanthey. The Lachlan River was running very high and fast so we parked back from the river. We had happy hour and diner together before retiring for the evening.



DAY 3

Tuesday we woke to find that the Laughlin River had slowly risen overnight and although we were quite safe water was gathering under Gay and Michaels caravan, we continued along the Kidman Way to our destination at Cobar. We arrived at Cobar about 12:30 and headed to our accommodation at Cobar Caravan Park. After lunch we headed off to take in the sights around town, we visited the Information Centre, Miners Memorial, Devil Rock and Fort Bourke Lookout with views of the open cut mine then headed back to camp for dinner and card games. Gay taught us a new card game called "PIG" which was great fun.

DAY 4 & 5

(Wed & Th) During our time at Cobar we visited the "The Great Cobar Museum" which detailed the history of Cobar and its mining, "Devils Rock" which the aboriginals believe to be an evil place and Fort Bourke Lookout that overlooked the open cut mine and provided great views over Cobar.

DAY 6

Friday we headed off to Topar Service Station for our overnight stop travelling on the Barrier Hwy. We broke camp and the weather started to turn bad with rain for a few hours of driving. We free camped at the service station in a dirt area, Michael luckily didn't get bogged in a damp spot and was able to back out. We headed over to the pub attached to the servo for an enjoyable afternoon having a chat over some drinks and dinner.





DAY 7

Saturday we had a late start relaxing and having a coffee at the servo before departing Topar for Broken Hill, a short drive of 80k. Arriving about 12:30 we set up camp, had lunch and went out to do some sight-seeing. Anne had been given a list of must-see attractions by a friend; on the list was the "The Big Picture" so this became our first stop. The creator of the Big Picture is Peter Anderson and it took him 2 years to paint the 360 degree canvas of landmarks from around Broken Hill which was amazing and well worth the visit. We then headed back to camp for happy hour and enjoyed a chat before retiring for the night.

DAY 8

Sunday was a big day, we went for a trip to Menindee Lakes. With the recent rains the Darling River was running very high, and the lakes were completely full. We had a quick look around town before going to lunch at Maidens Hotel. We then drove out to the lakes and visited the "Menindee Lakes Dam Wall" to view waters feeding the lake. Following this we headed back to Broken Hill and went to "Bells Milk Bar", apparently the oldest running milk bar in Australia, they make great milk shakes and have a small museum that reflected 50 to 60's era kitchen. After our refreshments we headed off to "Junction Mine". The mine closed in 1972 but its structure is predominately intact and provided an insight to the workings of the mine, it also had a good view over the town. From here we headed to the lookout in town, looked at the "Line of Lode Miners Memorial", the "Big Bench" and took in the view over Broken Hill. As it was happy hour time we headed off to the "Palace Hotel" for a drink and take in where part of Pricilla Queen of the Desert was filmed. As it was clear sky's we headed out to the "Broken Hill Sculptures" and watched the sunset and changing colours on the rock sculpture's. Absolutely amazing and worth the visit. We then headed back to camp for dinner and a rest.

DAY 9

Monday we headed out to Silverton about 30kms from Broken Hill. We had a drive around town, stopped at an art gallery, had lunch at the Silverton Hotel, visited the Goal museum which had a lot of local history and details on the workings of the goal. Lastly, we visited the cemetery which has over 40 thousand graves of which most are unmarked. Because of the number of graves Silverton is still considered a city.



DAY 10

Tuesday we left Broken Hill for Wentworth and spent most of the day travelling in rain. After happy hour we retired for the night.



DAY 11

Wed we went for a drive to the junction of the Darling and Murray rivers and then onto Lock 10 at Wentworth. The Murray River was in flood with waters flowing over lock walls providing an amazing sight. We then went for a walk around shops in Wentworth and had lunch at the bakery. After lunch we travelled into Mildura and a walk around the city and the marina. We again had happy hour in Gay and Michaels caravan as the weather turned cool and started to rain which continued all night.



DAY 12

Thursday we packed up in rain with our destination being Marong. We stopped for lunch at Sea Lake and started getting reports of flooding on the Calder Highway which altered our destination to St Arnaud. Raining since leaving Wentworth roads were starting to flood and therefore travel was slow having to navigate water over roads. We arrived at St Arnaud late afternoon and set up in rain.



DAY 13

Friday. We decided to stay an extra day at St Arnaud to let flood waters reside, the rain had stopped overnight, and the day was fine so we walked into town and went to the local Police Station to find out road conditions.

We had lunch at the bakery and headed back to camp for a rest. After dinner we headed to the local cinema, which was at the town hall, to watch "Ticket to Paradise" followed by supper put on by locals. The sponge cakes were magnificent.

DAY 14

Saturday based on advice from Police we headed off on the Sunraysia Hwy towards Ballarat. We had a short stop at Avoca then headed of toward Melbourne and home. All in all we had a wonderful time, saw many interesting things and sights.

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GEELONG

This report sounds like all we did is eat, have a few drinks and have a great time, well it Christmas! Ya. I checked the naughty and nice list and you've all been good.

The Division 5 December Christmas rally was held at Geelong, and we stayed at the Barwon River Holiday Park. The park had plenty of caravan sites and numerous cabins available, a suitable camp kitchen and clean amenities. The weather was great for the weekend being warm during the day and cooling down during the evening and night which made sleeping comfortable.

After COVID it was great to see a large turn out for the Christmas Rally with 14 caravans in attendance and 2 cabins used for the weekend. 4 caravans arrived on Thursday with the remainder of members arriving on Friday.

Friday was the commencement of festivities with happy hour followed by a BBQ and drinks provided by the division. We all gathered at the BBQ area which had plenty of tables and chairs, everyone enjoyed happy hour and catching up for a chat. It was great to have along some of our newer members Anne & Ian, Mounir & Mary, Susan & Shane and Nigel & Cath who were able to meet the majority of the division for the first time, hope you had a fantastic time.

Tony and Bruce quickly took up the challenge of cooking up the snags and onions at the BBQ which were cooked to perfection and thanks to Dawn and Heather for preparing the salads. Over the next 2 hours we all had an enjoyable time chatting and having our meal and drinks, thanks to all that helped.





Saturday commenced with a quick club meeting over a coffee at the BBQ area, this was followed by free time. Our divisions Christmas lunch was organised at the local RSL that was located close by. We gathered at 12:30 for our 2 course lunch which was Lamb, Turkey and veg followed by Plum Pudding or Pavlova. The venue and food were marvellous, and it was great to see Dawn & Kevin and Joan & Brain who drove down for the day to be with us, it was also great to see everyone dress up in Christmas themes. After lunch was free time until happy hour at 4:30.

Happy hour was again a very enjoyable time with everyone turning up for a chat with the club providing drinks and finger food. We also had the divisions traditional "Port and Fruitcake" which was very nice. After happy hour some members stayed on to play Yahtzee with a German couple, well done Sue for winning with others heading into town to Geelong's 'Carols by Candlelight' followed by fireworks. Ian and Anne went in and said it was really good.

Santa's on his way so the rally concluded Sunday morning after we all caught up for morning tea. The naughty and nice list has been checked a second time, Bruce you're in the clear.

From the Division 5 committee, we hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

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STATE RALLY – HORSHAM

All members of clubs affiliated with the Association of the Caravan Clubs of Victoria and Their Members Inc are welcome to attend.



WHEN

17 – 20 MARCH 2023

WHERE

**HORSHAM RIVERSIDE
CARAVAN PARK
188 FIREBRACE ST**

The full program will be in ACCVic's November newsletter.

This is a social event, where we will meet and be encouraged to mix with other clubs and their members. Its never too late to learn new ways of doing things or great places to rally.

There will be organised games, a meal, and other activities to participate in, along with other clubs, members of the Association.

Members may book from now onwards and will be required to book and pay for your own site for the number of nights you wish to stay, directly with the park.

Sneak Peek (Group activities)

We will be visiting The Stick Shed at Murtoa. The Stick Shed (previously known as the Murtoa No. 1 Grain Store) is the only remaining emergency grain store built during World War II.



IMPORTANT:

Book directly with the park and then advise the secretary of ACCVic: admin@accvic.org.au.

Please note: There are a limited number of sites and cabins

DIV 6 RALLY REPORTS

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RIDDLES CREEK

We had a great weekend at Treetops Scout camp with our small group of 7 vans including John and Leisa Stone visiting from Div 4. The Scout camp was a pretty setting with heaps of wildlife, trees and lush green grass for enjoying walks, rustic bush golf and for navigating the scout ropes course. Lindsay was kept amused with his battery chainsaw and the endless wood available.

A short scooter ride into town saw some chowing down on bakery fare whilst others took a trip to check out 'The Block' houses and two lucky members sourced, and purchased new used cars, both Toyotas. Oh what a feeling!

On Saturday night we were treated to delicious huge meals at the local pub whilst a couple stayed back and kept the camp fires burning.

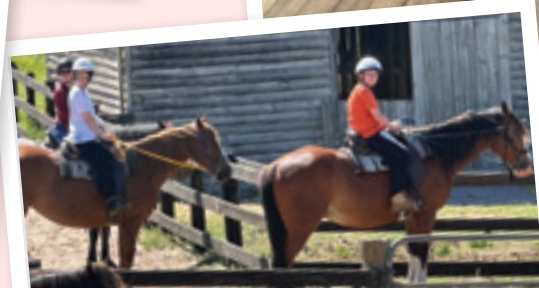
We enjoyed another beautiful sunny morning on Sunday for our trip home whilst Gregg and Linda stayed on and attended the Gisbourne Market.

It was great to be back rallying again. Thanks all for a great weekend.

Kathryn and Rick Hartshorn



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