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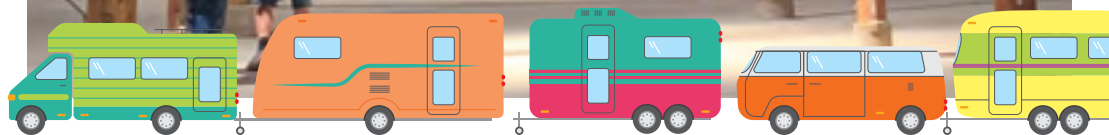
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2024 PRESIDENTS REPORT TO AGM

Now to repeat myself from last year no year is ever the same, thankfully there were no rally cancellations just a couple of changes of venues. We had a good representation at the State Rally in Kerang. The absence of some of our regulars was noted; hopefully they will be at Lakes Entrance in March. Our rally attendance rate is still down compared to pre COVID times, I would love to know why and our membership has dropped. The loss of the Camerons Bight agreement is being blamed as the cause for some leaving but I think age and health has a lot more to do with it.

We are unique in that we are the oldest caravan club in Australia. We had our own 'camp ground' unfortunately that is now gone from our control. We hold monthly rallies, run tag a long rallies and we have a large number of younger members and some with kids. Other clubs are not the same.

When I first stepped into this role, I set 3 objectives I thought were important for the future of our club.

Grow the Club, Find a Camp Ground & Renew our agreement with Camerons Bight:

GROW THE CLUB

We have raised our presence on Social Media; we still have opportunities to grow this. We stood at caravan shows stands promoting our club, until CIV changed their ways. We had success. George Haig came to the rescue organising a stand, but there was no interest to support it, yes it was on a rally weekend.

We promoted our club at every opportunity on TV and in Radio interviews.

We have had some success, picking up new members. Div 4, 5 and 6 continue to grow thanks mostly to their committee's and their member's ongoing efforts. Div 1, 2 & 3 are declining.

Member Stats

2019	
2020	189/184/5
2021	184/179/5
2022	179/163/16
2023	163/154/9
2024	154/136/18

It's important that new members and visitors are welcomed and looked after.

FIND A CAMP GROUND

We held 2 Special General Meetings to seek direction and support on how to use the funds from the sale of Learmonth. The consensus was to acquire a camp ground. We have travelled lots and lots of kilometres spoken to many real estate agents, visited a number of different potential sites. Met and conversed with various Council representatives. I believe our requirements are reasonable; our budget is limited restricting our choices. Finding a suitable property in relative close proximity to attractions proved to be challenging. It all took a lot of time and consumed plenty of diesel.

We found one located in Glenrowan that ticks the boxes and in our budget. We met with Council's Planning, EPA & Economic Development Representatives, they appear to be supportive of us using it as a camp ground. We believe council will approve us building a shed, installing septic and camping on the property. All that needs to happen is for us to put in an offer with conditions and for an Special General Meetings to approve the purchase.

This would not be our first camp ground; the last one we managed was very successful for the club and its members. This one presents some new opportunities for the club.

More on this a little later.

RENEW OUR AGREEMENT WITH CAMERONS BIGHT

Sandra warned me that this might not be possible but thanks to the support from the previous members of the Camerons Bight Committee we were successful in getting another agreement. Unfortunately that one ran its course and there was to be no more. State Govt changed their camping policies and changed the rules around caravan parks too. But we can still camp there. The foreshore committee are very happy to have us and are willing to work with our club with our activities. If we ask they will open for us during the off season.



MY EXIT

It has been a privilege and a honour to be President of this club, I am just a blink in its 87 year history we have some very passionate supporters in our club. Members who work hard to make rallies enjoyable, promote our club to grow it, all who work in the back ground. I thank you. Our club would not be what it is today without those people.

We have achieved many things since I took the chair.

- We sold Learmonth , not something I wanted.
- We investigated options and sought guidance from our members on how to use the Learmonth funds, this is still a work in progress.
- We enhanced our presence in social media. From this we gained some new members.
- We started Division 6. Division 4 became so big it could no longer fit into one Caravan Park. Some members came to us and asked if they could start a new division. Not everyone agreed to this but the alternative options had their own problems. Capping Div 4 or moving the extras to another division was not the solution.
- We survived COVID . Never did I ever dream that we would have to cancel so many rallies. Rules are rules and health is way more important.
- We zoomed AGM's SGMs and many committee meetings all from the comfort of our home or where ever. And you didn't have to wear pants.
- We introduced a code of conduct. It's sad that the world has got to a stage where it has to tell people to be respectful to others and still they don't.

Image top: David Breese and AGM attendees.

Image bottom: Rob and Heather after AGM.

- We have had several attempts at holding a combined rally and unfortunately failed due to circumstances beyond our control. Our planned 2025 combined Christmas rally will be successful.
- Combined Div 1, 2 & 3 while they sort out committees and attendances

THANK YOU

I will acknowledge some who I am aware did lots for us.

Bob Jobling, Carol O Hagan, Ken Slade ably assisted by Judith, Peter and Robyn Hillas. They represented our club at ACCVic for many years. They were actively involved in various activities including the preparation/planning and running of the Elmore National Rally in 2010/11 and more, all to benefit our club and members.

Bob was referred to as the 'gopher' he was the one to get it done, he and Carol provided the ground support to most of the ACCVic meetings for many many years. This year they resigned from ACCVic due to the meetings being on line causing them lots of challenges

Ken aided by Judith has been our delegate for over 15 years and he has been on the ACCVic Committee as President & Secretary working to benefit our club. He continues as our delegate

Peter supported by Robyn was involved with ACCVic and NACC for 20 odd years he actively promoted caravan clubs at shows for many years. Unfortunately Peter's health is such that they no longer caravan; they recently resigned from our club.

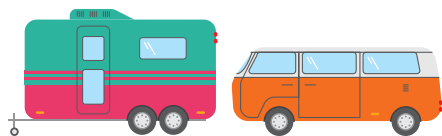
On behalf of the RACVCC, I wish to thank Bob, Carol, Ken, Judith, Peter & Robyn for their work and contribution to support our club.

I personally want to thank Barb Pyke, Alan Jennings (Ajay), Luke Tuenissen and David Breese for their ongoing support to me during my term, their commitment to the club and their divisions. They have been a great asset to me and our club over the years.

Our Treasurer, Ric ably assisted by Sharon thank you for your work, your contribution and your assistance over the last 2 years. And now the person Barbara refers to as "The Other Woman" Heather who has never been a secretary before always the chair. We first met at the 2018 AGM, we clicked from day one, she has done a marvellous job been a great ally and now a friend. She was very passionate about the club, over the years she has endured some tough times including a car accident where her & Ken were both injured, including some health issues in her family, she managed to stay on track...the phone calls will ease up now, she can get out and enjoy the many other aspects of the club her new home and retirement. Thank you very much Heather.

Thank you Barbara for the support and help you have provided me over the years.

The club needs to continue with its evolution to be attractive to new members. It must look beyond the next rally to ensure our future. The club is important to me but I am done, its time for new fresh people with a vision to the future to come along and lead us forward.



LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD



It was an absolute pleasure for our President Rob Taylor to present Life Membership to Peter Whitehurst at the 2024 AGM.

Peter, with strong support from his dear Fran have attended in excess of 500 rallies with our Club.

Peter has held Committee positions for over 20 years since he joined the Club in 1973. He was a former VP of Division 1, Convener for the Sorrento Committee, Division 1 Sorrento Representative and Divisional Treasurer for many years.

Both Peter & Fran are held in the highest regard by Club Members as they have volunteered their time to many activities supporting our Club.

Congratulations Peter on this much deserved

Image top: Peter Whitehurst after being awarded his Life Membership.

Image bottom: All surviving Life Members (Ray Spargo, Bob Anderson, Alan Jennings, Fran and Peter Whitehurst) with President, Rob.



RALLY ATTENDANCE TROPHIES

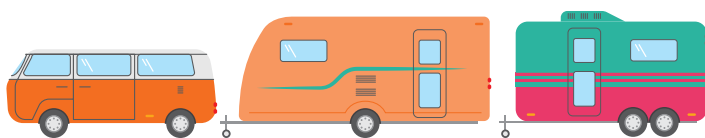
Member	Years Continuous
Div 1	
Peter & Fran Whitehurst	1
Kerryn Maxwell	1
Div 2	
Ken Slade	1
Div 4	
Keith & Helen Booth	2
Robbie & Donna Booth	5
Ray Spargo	7
Div 6	
Lindsay & Gillian Anders	2
John & Leisa Stone	17
Hayley & Greg Hatzivagiannis	23

DIVISIONAL RALLY REPORTS

DIV 1, 2 & 3 RALLY REPORT

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BEAUFORT

October





EUROA

November

Our combined alternate rally was held at the picturesque Euroa Caravan Park the weekend immediately after Cup Day. Having only recently returned from Queensland, Keryn McCluskey sought much needed down time by firmly establishing her towing prowess and debuting her brand new caravan at Euroa. Yet another womad joins the increasing number of lone women caravanners in our club. Whilst there was a brief shower or two early Friday afternoon, the warm sunshine dominated throughout the weekend. The nearby Seven Creeks Hotel was the Friday night choice of dinner venue, prompting the majority of members to enjoy a leisurely stroll across the bridge from park to pub thereby sparing the usually onerous necessity of counting and/or limiting liquid refreshments. An enjoyable meal and atmosphere, culminating in the return stroll to the caravan park certainly proved to be the most pleasurable means by which to unwind and contentedly retire for the evening.

Saturday morning began early for some with Kerryn Maxwell, second generation redcoat, upholding family tradition by arising at the crack of dawn to partake in the 5km fun run/walk around the park and surrounds, much to the shocked amazement of this writer who abhors all forms of exercise and/or physical exertion, let alone early rising! The latter part of the morning saw Anne and Steve arrive with well known visitors from Division 6, Lisa and John Stone. Having missed the previous evening's obligatory pub meal, the group caught up by enjoying a counter lunch at a hotel in Euroa, recommended to Steve.

A scavenger/treasure hunt was organized for mid to late afternoon however this erstwhile correspondent had already ventured afar to the local op shops, the Violet Town market and main street shops thus exhausting all excessive desire for any further treasure scavenging. Local pizzas were able to be ordered and delivered to the camp kitchen making dinner on Saturday providing yet another welcome respite for those who detest cooking of any kind while away for a weekend.

Sunday morning arrived all too soon for most members who departed leaving a lucky few to enjoy another day or two of magnificent weather at Euroa. We all look forward to the annual Christmas rally celebrations full of bonhomie and a shared love of caravanning, not to omit the arrival of Santa.

KYABRAM

December

A hot day and night was on offer for members who arrived Thursday and members arriving Friday found the same conditions. We had a total of 11 Vans at Kyabram with 5 cabins and 1 hotel booked for the Rally. The Kyabram Club is a favorite for Friday dinner and most of us took up the offer for the courtesy bus while a few opted to drive. The que to order our meals was large, but the meals came out really fast and were enjoyed by everyone. On our return to the park some members sat out for a chat and hoping to feel the air cool. We watched the sky as the black clouds rolled over, and finally the sky lighting up as the storm rolled in and with it the rain.

Saturday morning when we woke was a little soggy underfoot, but we all got together for morning tea in the rec room and had a chance to catchup with people we hadn't seen for a while. Some of us enjoyed a little R and R in the park while some went into Shepperton for a drive and a little shopping.

We all got together for morning tea in the rec room...





Late afternoon we all got together ready for some Christmas festivities. The Marshall received a 'phone call' from the park office to say a very special package had just been delivered from the North pole for our children as Santa had some issues getting to the park. The children were very happy and pleased that Santa had chosen the great gifts for them and went on to play a Christmas scavenger hunt for chocolate santas.

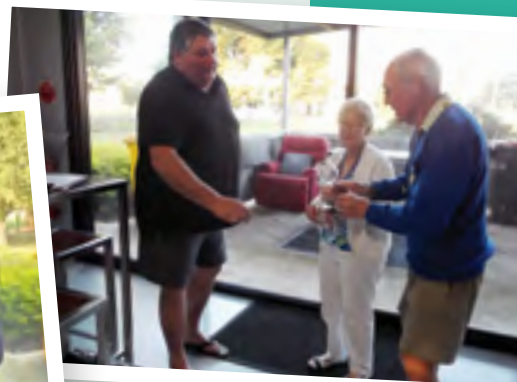


Christmas dinner of hot chocks with ham and salads of all varieties was enjoyed by all and entertainment of the corny Bon Bon jokes added a little extra fun to the evening. Dessert of Christmas Pudding custard and cream, fruit salad, Lemon Tart, and Vanilla Slice finished off our meal superbly. Thank-you to everyone for the salads and other goodies they brought along to make our dinner special.

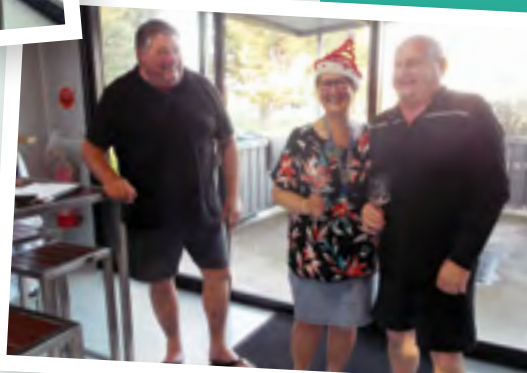
Attendance awards were handed out to Alan and Sue Colclough, 50 rally trophy. 1yr continuous award to Ken and Judith Slade, Peter and Fran Whitehurst and Kerryn and Michael. Congratulations to all. A little bird told me that it was the 55th wedding anniversary on Friday for Lyn and Bill Penney, Congratulations to you both.

Sunday comes around way to quickly and the packing up and farewells for most began. Some of the Div2 members had the pleasure to stay on another night and enjoy the lovely place a little longer.





*Merry
Christmas
to all!*



DIV 4 RALLY REPORT

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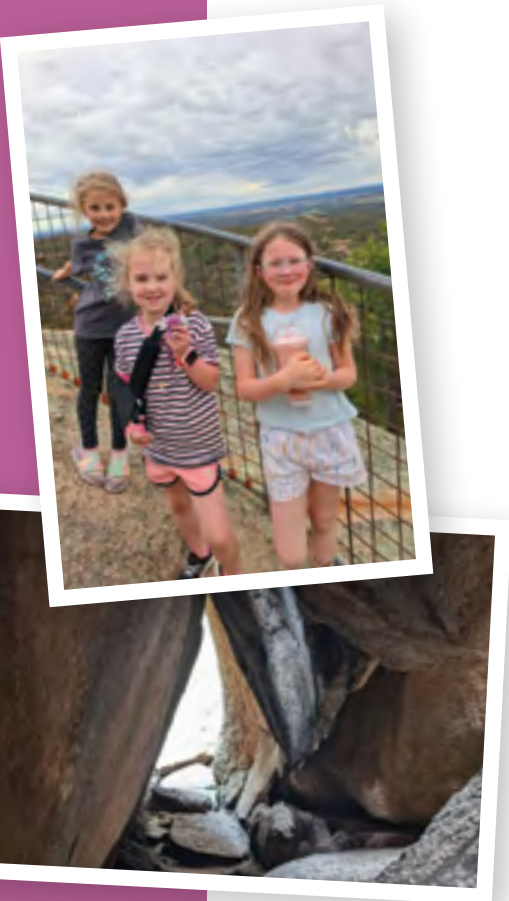
BRIDGEWATER

October

The club recently enjoyed a wonderful gathering at the Bridgewater Caravan Park from October 4th to 6th, where 25 vans came together for a fantastic weekend by the beautiful Loddon River. Seeing so many familiar faces was excellent, including those returning from their adventures up north for the winter months!

Despite a rainy and somewhat challenging drive to the caravan site, spirits were high as we arrived and set up. The weather may have been a little wet, but it certainly didn't dampen the stories of storms on the journey.

We gathered around the campfires on Friday evening, where members shared delicious nibbles and drinks—a big thank you to those who helped source firewood. The stories shared about recent travels brought laughter and camaraderie to the gathering.



On Saturday, the bake sale was a fantastic success, raising over \$300! Various delicious baked goods were offered and snaveled up, and special thanks go to Mike for leading the auction. Your enthusiasm for selling each item made this event a highlight!

During our time together, Rob addressed important updates regarding members' health and well-being. It was a poignant reminder of the strength of our community, and a call to action was made for anyone interested in joining the committee to help shape our club's future.

Some members took the opportunity to participate in an educational eucalyptus tour. Although rain was a companion on this outing, many members enjoyed learning how eucalyptus is extracted, adding a unique touch to Bridgewater.

Many members joined for a delightful dinner at the Bridgewater Hotel to round off Saturday. It was a great way to unwind and share stories from the day.

Reflecting on this memorable weekend, we look forward to our next gathering in Geelong. Thank you to everyone who made this gathering a success, and we look forward to meeting for the Melbourne Cup weekend.



*Safe travels until
we meet again!*

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AVOCA

October

The Division 5 October rally was held at Avoca in the central highlands of Victoria and we stayed at the Avoca Caravan Park which was clean and tidy and also had a comfortable camp kitchen for us to gather at. We had 6 caravans and 2 couples in cabins for the weekend, Stella and David arrived on Saturday morning only having returned from holidays the day before. We were fortunate with the weather, having only a rain shower Saturday morning.

Friday afternoon most of the group had arrived and had the traditional happy hour before heading of the local hotel for dinner. This was a great time catching up over a nice meal. After dinner we headed back to camp and retired for the evening.

Saturday morning Stella and David arrived at 9:30 and were greeted by everyone at the park entrance, David our VP was pleased to see all his loyal subjects and their rapturous greeting upon his arrival. We then all gathered in the camp kitchen for a cuppa and a quick meeting to go through the weekend activities. The morning was



left free to explore the town and we met down the main street for a coffee, unfortunately it was raining for a bit and we were sitting outside but we still had a good time. Some stayed in town and had lunch, Bruce our pie connoisseur gave a glowing report on the local bakeries pie.

After lunch, Michael had organised a game of ladder golf for which he had 2 sets. Set up on the lawn area, the 2 groups began the match, a hard-fought contest was had leaving only one winner in each group to play off. This being Stella and Roger an exciting match proceeded with good throws by both players but ultimately Rogers keen eye and throwing farness won the day. Congratulations Roger.

At 4:30 we gathered for happy hour and the fire was lit in the camp kitchen providing a pleasant atmosphere and warmth to the area. The club organised a BBQ dinner with everyone providing a salad of desert. With plenty to eat no one went hungry, this was a great time with a fantastic variety of food.

After dinner we headed to Avoca's silo art featuring the endanger Bark Owl. This silo art is uniquely different to other silos due to its interactive element. The front part of the silo has a projection screen for movies, video art and the side showing the Barking Owl has glow in the dark paint to provide an interactive experience. This is a must see if at Avoca.

Sunday morning concluded the rally but most stayed an extra night. After morning tea we headed off to Gallery 127 at the old Avoca Railway Station. Built in 1876 the station is now used by the Avoca Community Arts which provides an outlet for local artists to display and sell their work. Our group spent a good hour here and enjoyed looking at the different art. All in all it was another enjoyable weekend had by all.



BEECHWORTH

November

Our November rally was held at Beechworth and we stayed at the Lake Sambell Caravan Park which had large sites and clean amenities blocks. We had good weather during the weekend and great sunsets over the lake making for pleasant evening walks. We had 8 caravans attending the weekend including visitors from Div 1. We also welcomed 3 new members to the club and our division.

Everyone had arrived by Friday, and we gathered for happy hour and a chat in the camp kitchen. This was a great time catching up with friends and getting to know the new members. We headed into town for dinner at the 'Hibernian Hotel', the room was nice, food was great as was the company. After dinner we headed back to camp and retired for the evening.

Saturday we all gathered at 9:30 in the camp kitchen for a quick meeting where we discussed the activities for the day and what's happening in the club. We had the morning free to explore the town and some met at the Beechworth Bakery for coffee and chat. The coffee and cakes were delicious whilst sitting on the balcony. In the afternoon we gathered for a game of 'Ladder Golf'. After everyone had a quick practice, the battle for Ladder Golf king or queen began. At the conclusion of many hard-fought rounds and frustrations of what could have been, there were two. Eying each other off, looking for weaknesses, Marilyn and Mounir played off the best of 5 rounds. Each round was a close but Marilyn in a clean sweep won the day. Well done Marilyn. We again all met for happy hour followed by a BBQ dinner of snags and burgers which was yum. Thanks everyone for bringing salads and desert to share.




Saturday night a few of us went to the Mayday Hills Lunatic Asylum Ghost Tour. After darkness fell, a guide takes you on a tour of the buildings and tells stories of the history of the site. A bit spooky!

Sunday a few headed for home, but most stayed on. We again had coffee at the bakery before doing some sightseeing of the area. We headed off to the old Powder Magazine which was built 1857 by the Victorian Government to regulate the importation, carriage and custody of black powder. We then headed of to the lookout with panoramic views of the valley toward Woolshed Falls. After taking in the views we headed to Woolshed Falls and explored the area. The falls are quite spectacular and the water crystal clear.



*The afternoon
was free to
relax before
gathering at
happy hour.*





During the weekend, a few of us did a tour of the Old Beechworth Gaol. HM Prison Beechworth was built on the site of Beechworth's first stockade. Construction began in 1857 and the prison opened in 1860, though was completed in 1864. Beechworth initially housed male and female prisoners. Between 1865 and 1881, eight executions were carried out at the prison. Ned Kelly served six months at the prison in 1870-71 for assault. He was again held there during his committal trial for murder in 1880. Well worth a visit.

Monday we all departed for home or other destinations. All in all it was a great weekend had by all.

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Beechworth Gaol...*



December

Our Christmas Rally was held at Heathcote, and we stayed at the Heathcote Queen Meadow Caravan Park. We had rain most of the day on Saturday but this did not hinder us having a great weekend. There were 9 caravans attending and Pam and Neil joining us for Christmas lunch.

Everyone had arrived by Friday and we gathered for happy hour at Gay and Michaels caravan. Being Christmas the club provided wine and nibbles, and we all had a good time relaxing and having a chat. Being a nice, warm afternoon, a few hours went by before we heading back to our respective caravans.

Saturday we all gathered at 9:00 in the camp kitchen for a quick meeting where we discussed the AMG and activities for the day. Some of us headed down to Gaffney's Bakery for morning tea where we also caught up with Pam and Neil. A great bakery will fantastic food and coffee. The main event for the day and weekend was the Christmas get together at the Commercial Hotel. Stella had organised a table and the proprietors had decorated the venue and our table which looked fantastic. There was a good variety of meals and they were able to cater all dietary requirements. When the meals arrived, they were a generous helping so no-one went hungry. We left about 3 o'clock and headed back to camp for a short rest before happy hour.

The weather was mostly raining all day but it stopped just before happy hour so we again met at Gay and Michaels. Wine and nibbles were supplied by the club, this was another enjoyable time relaxing and chatting. Thanks Gay and Michael for hosting at your place.





Sunday a few headed for home, but most stayed on. We headed off to have a look at Lake Eppalock stopping off at the boat launching ramp and then a lookout spot over part of the lake that had great views. We had lunch at the bakery before heading off to look at the Heathcote's Pick Cliffs. We wander through mini gorges and cliffs of fine pink clay. The cliffs colourful phenomenon was created by early gold-mining activities: sluicing work in the 1880s revealed the 'pink' hills. The afternoon was free to relax before gathering at happy hour. Stella announced who won the best dressed caravan, unfortunately due to the bad weather most decorations had been only up for a short time but congratulations to Anne and Ian for putting up a fine display with Gay and Michael 2nd for keeping their lights up even in the stormy weather.

Monday concluded our last rally for the year, thanks to the committee for everything you did to make it a success.

It was a great weekend, and everyone enjoyed catching up for Christmas.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



DIV 6 RALLY REPORTS

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RIDDLES CREEK

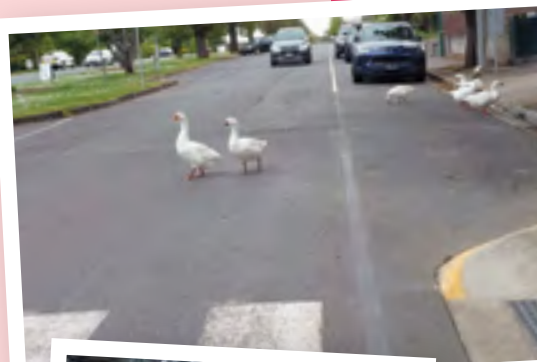
October

A total of 4 vans attended the October rally at Treetops Activity Centre, Riddells Creek. 2 of the vans were new, and inspections and comparisons made.

Friday afternoon, two couples drove into Riddells Creek town for a look around. A feature of town is the local wandering flock of geese, who seem to own the town and the road. After coffee and cake it was back to camp for a fire in the little pig, drinks and dinner. The little pig fire repelled the rain and the sky cleared to reveal a few stars.

Saturday morning Chris and Anne walked into town for more coffee and cake. Back at the park and after lunchtime, the little pig was lit once more. Deemed too small for the job of warming seven people, a larger fire was lit in the drum that was provided by Treetops. We sat around the fire with our drinks and dinners, now and then retreating to the shelter shed during short rain spells.

Sunday came too soon. We packed up and went home via Gisborne and visited the rather large market there.



GREAT WESTERN

November

Four vans met up at Great Western for the November rally. The weekend was spent at the Great Western Racecourse. The caretaker at the racecourse was very friendly and helpful on arrival and was always up for a chat.

On the Saturday, we all enjoyed sitting down and chatting as we enjoyed fivesies. Rita and Robert shared some of their adventures. They had been travelling for 5 months and were on their way home. In the evening we had an awesome fire, something of a tradition in Div 6.

On Sunday morning we were fascinated to see some Clydesdales harnessed up for some exercise on the racecourse in a practice area.

Great Western is a small town in the Wimmera region. The region is renowned for its wines, so on the Sunday Julie and Craig and Lindsay and I visited two of the wineries in the area. Our first stop was Grampian's Estate. We met Quintir when we arrived and he showed us their local wines and some that are produced for their estate but are sourced from Rutherglen. He shared the notes and flavours of each wine.

He also gave us an analysis of the flavours found in their coffee and sticky chai latte. Julie and I both enjoyed these beverages.

We then drove to Best's, Craig reminiscing about his childhood memories of visiting Best's with his family and his dad buying many dollars' worth of wine on their visits.

At Best's we took a self-guided tour of their working cellars that were hand dug in the 1870's, it was fascinating to wander through. A little more wine was sampled before heading back to the racecourse to Rita and Robert and Kevin who stayed back at the campsite to chat.



Kevin, Julie and Craig and Lindsay and I said goodbye to Rita and Robert on Sunday afternoon as we headed further afield, exploring more of Victoria, making the most of the Melbourne Cup public holiday.

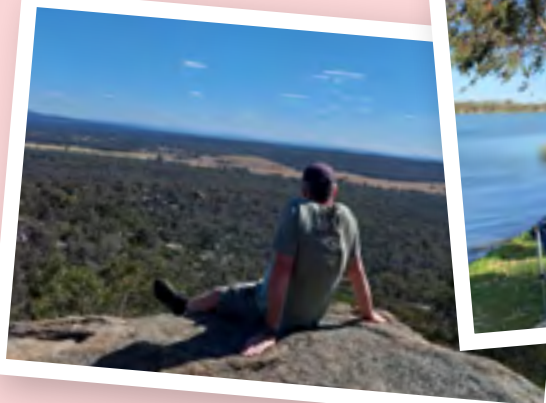
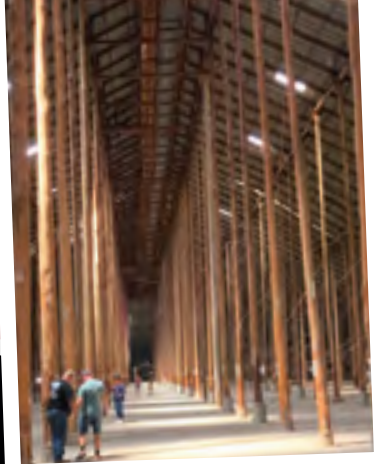
Rita and Robert were staying at Great Western racecourse for another night and then heading to Wodonga before going home.

The rest of us headed to Murtoa to explore the Stick Shed. The shed was built for wheat storage during the war.

Our destination on Sunday was Lake Lascelles in Hopetoun. There is both powered and free unpowered sites. During the evening we sat by the water, enjoying another beautiful campfire.

On the Monday we set off to Melville Caves where we explored the national park and spent one night of free camping. That night we enjoyed some drinks and scones by the fire.

In a blink of an eye the weekend (long weekend for some) was over and we were all heading home.



STONY POINT

December

Oh the places we go, the people we see!

The Div 6 Christmas Rally at Stony Point we soon will be.

Arriving there Friday, only a bit to be done,

There was chatter and innuendo, the fun had begun!

There were 13 vans, a great effort for us,

There was lots to do and a real buzz.

On Saturday afternoon we were in full swing.

There was eating and drinking and many laughs and jokes,

We welcomed other caravaners and a down to earth bloke!

The presents, the presents everyone chortled with glee,

But bad Santa came round and said those presents are for me, me, me!

After lots of eating and holiday cheer,

We sat around a fire drinking, some had a beer.

We recited our poems about our dear caravan club, friendship and Christmas,
it was lovely to share,

It is heartening to have some much kindness and care!

We sat in our circle and reflected on the night,

The company, the food and the poetry were out of sight!

We raised our glasses to friendship so dear,

Merry Christmas to all we said with a tear!

From Div 6 we wish our fellow caravaners the Merriest of Christmas'.

TIS THE DIVI 6 CHRISTMAS

Ho ho ho, here we go....here we go....here we go....

Another rally year has passed, its the end of 2024 as we know.

As I ponder our fine club and reminisce of good times,
I'll put it in on paper as we have been asked to write a piece that rhymes.

There's one common bond that brings us together to play,
Our special homes on wheels, taking us places far and away.

Cold winter nights huddled together star gazing,
Always a proud moment watching the flames a blazing.

Hot still summer nights, balmy with the bugs biting,
We tough it out, we're caravaners, friends uniting.

No matter what the weather throws at us, we bare it all,
Hail, thunder, wind, storms, heat, we can all recall.

Special friendship and moments we cherish and hold dear to our heart,
Making memories and bonds each rally we set off and depart.

Experiences and adventures we've had along the way,
Bocce, Finska, a cheeky game of polka we play.

But clearly the most memorable part of our club is by far,
Is our all mighty 5'zies, the ultimate open bar.

No matter what the weather, rain, hail or shine,
5'zies happens every day, food and beverages we combine.

Amazing grazing platters of cheese, meats, nuts and chips,
A wide selection of biscuits, sliced veggies and dips.

The most anticipated part of the day we all know,
Would not be the same without Dave Smiths briefcase in tow.

Great concoction's of flavours, layering and generosity so great,
One of the clubs colourful characters, we're so lucky to call our mate.

One thing on my mind at this festive time of year,
Is the friends that have moved to the north of our sphere.

Richmonds and both Browns, of course the little ones,
Your fun, kindness and presence are genuinely missed tonnes and tonnes.

Each division has their unique style and way,
It's clear to say Divi 6 has a very laid back approach to each day.

Without further a due there are some people we must shout a big hip hip hooray,
Our hard working committee devoted to getting us on the road away.

To a new year ahead full of adventures and fun,
Here's cheers to a group that come together as one.

A big Merry Christmas to our caravan mates,
With love from Hayley and Greg, a new year awaits.



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