



RACV CARAVAN CLUB

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

YOUR CARAVAN CLUB MEMBERSHIP IS DUE 31ST AUGUST 2021.

The Membership Renewal form is contained in this Newsletter. To renew your membership, deposit \$48 into our Bendigo Bank account, enter your Surname and first Initial in the comments field.

Either use the link on our website to Renew Membership/Update Details (<https://racvcc.com.au/DBRenewForm.php>) or fill out the attached form and forward it to our Club Secretary, email is good, post is fine.

Our Club Membership year starts 1st September and ends 31st August. You have 3 months grace to pay, after that time your membership will lapse and you will have to apply to re-join the club.

You must be financial at the time of our AGM or Special General Meeting to have voting rights.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello everyone,

The good news, we are back to Rallying albeit 'no rally points'. The reasoning behind no rally points was to try and keep it fair for everyone in these uncertain times. If someone was concerned about the health risk and chose not to attend a rally they were not being disadvantaged. The 'State of Emergency' continues.

May 2021 was our first rally since COVID stopped us in March 2020, some managed to get away. The Queen's Birthday weekend was a disappointment, the virus was still in town, Metro Residents restricted to a 25k limit and no travel into rural areas. I am sure many were looking forward to getting away. I do know that some of our rural members did. Here is hoping that we do not get locked down again. I hope to see some Rally reports in this newsletter.

The Committee has been busy, a working group was establish and after a number of meetings a 'Strategic Plan' was produced. This will help guide us to grow and ensure the clubs longevity. It is a living document, feedback from members is always welcome.

We have developed a 'Code of Conduct' this has come about in an effort to prevent some alleged past events and behaviours recurring. We have recognised that there is an expectation from our current and future members and our sponsors that a code exists, is practised and supported. This will be added to our Constitution at the AGM.

LOGO CHANGE

How times change, in the Winter 2018 Newsletter it was announced that the club was going to continue with the existing logo using the Crown. Members had been asked if they wanted to change to match RACV's new look. At the time our RACV liaison person did not see our wish to continue using the old as a problem. During 2020 RACV went through some significant internal changes some we have talked about previously. At my last meeting with RACV this year I was asked to have the club change its logo to match the RACV's flash.

I understand that some like the current logo (crown) but we must remember. We are an independent Club, the RACV allow us to use their name and they continue to provide us with some significant financial sponsorship. The changes will take some time to fully implement, but you should start to see the new logo soon.

CAMERONS BIGHT

No news yet, we are still in negotiations with the WhiteCliffs to Camerons Bight Foreshore Reserve Committee of Management. Hopefully we will end with an agreement for another 3 years. It will look very different to what we have enjoyed in the past. DEWLP have made it clear that they are winding back long term agreements. Their objective is to provide more public access to camp grounds. They are well aware of our long term involvement with the camp ground.

Some time back an email was sent out to all with emails and others were contacted directly, seeking expressions of interest to camp at Camerons Bight.

Responses were received and collated. Once we know where we stand with our negotiations, we will be back in contact with those who responded with further advice regarding the next steps to take.

If you missed out or have reconsidered, please contact Anne Cecil.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Nomination forms for Executive Committee positions are in this Newsletter. Nominations need to be with the Club Secretary by the 10th August.

This year we are looking for a new President and Treasurer. My 3 years are up its time someone else stepped up and took the helm.

Our Club Treasurer John Stone has completed his 7th year. We need someone new to take on this role.

Please speak with John Stone, Heather McTaggart or myself for more information regarding either of the roles.

LEARMONTH FUNDS

It is planned to hold a 'Special General Meeting' after our 'Annual General Meeting' this year. At the 2018 Special General Meeting it was voted 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." We will propose 3 options:

1. Invest the money and use the income to pay for storage costs and supplement club activities
2. Seek out a suitable factory/Storage Facility for purchase and take it to a SGM for approval to proceed
3. Seek out a suitable Camp Ground for purchase/lease and take it to an SGM for approval to proceed

Our key objective is to ensure the use of the funds provides a long term benefit to our members and does not become a financial burden to us. If you wish to contribute or seek further information please contact your divisional reps; Division 1 Rob Allen, Division 2 Ken Slade, Division 3 Jeff O'Brien, Division 4/6 Philip Mason, and Division 5 Malcom Hubble or a member of the Executive Committee.

CHRISTMAS RALLY

Planning is happening for our Combined Christmas Rally at the Yarra Valley Racecourse. Providing nothing COVID pops up we should have a great Rally.

STAY SAFE

ROB TAYLOR



VALE WILLIAM GEORGE (BILL) SCHOOF

It is with great sadness I report the passing of our long serving and esteem past member of RACV CC Div 1 Bill Schoof. He passed away 14th May 2021 aged 91.

He had two passions, The Masonic Lodge and the RACV Caravan Club. He contributed to both holding positions within both of these organisations.

Bill was always there when you needed some help be it to back onto a site, erect the awning, the, Marque or assist in something else. It was not unusual for Bill to see a problem with your set up. The next time you met him he would present to you an item that he had made to solve your problem. I have a few of those items in my collection, I am sure others have too.

He was well known at Blairgowrie not only by our club members but by many of the campers in Stringers Rd. Every summer he parked his caravan in the same spot. Afternoon Tea followed by Happy Hour was spent on the parrot perch looking out over the boats anchored in Sullivans Bay or on hot days under the tree beside the track.

His last rally was Easter 2015 when ill health prevented him from continuing. I believe He and Val hold the record for the longest continuous rally attendance of 43 years. Nothing stood in the way of their rally attendance.

Bill was a good friend to my family and too many others in the caravan club.

Our condolences to Val, Kerri, Gary, Lisa, Dean and families.

Rest in peace good friend.

18TH NATIONAL RALLY S.A

So far only 35 Victorians have registered. Of those, 19 RACV Caravan Club members have confirmed their attendance. We would like to see more come along. We have not as far to travel as the last rally, its only 733 km from Melbourne GPO.

There is an incentive to go \$5 per van to be paid to the club when we arrive.. \$100 fuel vouchers for singles.

There are excursions winery and gin tours. Tours of the local area. All tours can be viewed on the website:

www.18thnationalcaravanrally.org.au

Disc bowls and Golf events, Hot Wheels and Photograph competitions and entertainment every night also a dinner and other events to be advised at a later date.

We realise that there is some reluctance to commit because of COVID but with immunisation that should ease our minds. So we are encouraging our members to give some thought to coming together at this wonderful event.

Yours in caravanning

Patricia Glover
National Rally Coordinator.

**RIVERLAND
FIELD DAY SITE
AT THE BARMERA
SA NATIONAL**

**28 MARCH —
6 APRIL 2022**

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



DIV 1 RALLY REPORT

ROCHESTER

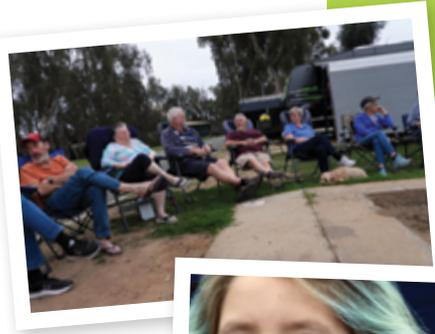
Hello to you all from the Rauch Household.

Our first Division Rally was held at Rochester. We had a good attendance of over 22 Division 1 members and also around 8 Members of Division 5.

It was lovely to catch up with all who were there, and those who weren't were badly missed. The Shamrock was packed on Friday night. And a lot did an Echuca run on Saturday. It was lovely to have someone loan us a fire pit for Saturday night, and I would be very remiss not to mention the wonderful weather we all enjoyed.

The Silo's at Rochester are lovely so if you haven't seen them, go for it. We are looking forward to Kyabram for the long weekend ahead.

Safe travels to you all.





DIV 2 RALLY REPORT

YEA

Since we have been in semi lockdown and unable to Rally as a group, some of our members have meet together still.

On 23-24th January 5 vans meet in Seymour at Highlands Caravan Park meeting for morning teas, 5 O'Clock nibbles and the Pub for tea.

On 13-14th February was Traalagan with 7 van at Park Lane Caravan Park, but that was cut short with a snap lockdown and home again the same day.

night we all go together for a shared meal of Chicken salad and sweets with a cocktail party to celebrate all being together.

On 1st-2nd May Yea was an Official Rally with 14 vans.

On 12-14 June was Cobram Oasis Caravan Park with 10 vans booked plus Michelle and Phill Bright from Div 1 plus their friends and children. But due to another lock down only our country visitors could attend. So our hamburger night was a no go or another Pub dinner.

Lets hope to be Rallying again very soon.

Pat Glover - Marshal



On 6-8th March we ventured to Heathcote Queens Meadow Caravan Park with 11 vans.

Attending the morning Market, and then the same day everyone went to the night market with food stalls and live music. It was lovely to be out and about and supporting the local community and handmade items and fresh produce. One Sunday night it was off to the Pub for a lovely meal with great people.

On 27-28 March we were off again and this time it was the Kyabram Western Gums Caravan Park with 14 vans attending and on the Saturday



DIV 3 RALLY REPORT

BALLARAT

Our rally at the Windmill caravan park in Ballarat was very small. It consisted of 4 caravans and a cabin.

Two vans arrived Thursday. Von Montauban, Greg & Margaret Heafield and Pat & Laurie Burke visited Kerry & Bev Draper, George & Sandra Eldridge on Thursday afternoon for a chat and catchup. The group finished the day by dining out at a local restaurant.

The Blakes arrived on Friday with their caravan and The Penny's took up residence in a cabin.

Nothing specific was planned for the day so that people did their own thing.

Fivies were held in the Penny's cabin as the beautiful day turned quite cool when the sun went down. Friday night dinner was at The Ballarat Golf Club.

As usual Peter Blake did the park run early on Saturday morning. We all congratulated him for coming in near the head of the field.

Some of the group had a drive to Clunes others had a drive to Smythesdale.

Bev and Sandra used the park facilities by having a game of tennis and finishing with a dip in the heated pool/spa.

Fivies were again held in The Penny's cabin.

We ate our barby dinner in the camp kitchen and watched the football.

Even though it was a small group we all commented on having a wonderful weekend away with our caravan friends.



DIV 5 RALLY REPORT

ROCHESTER

The May rally was held in Rochester at the Rochester Riverside Holiday Park on the banks of the Campaspe River, the park has modern clean facilities and Peter the park manager was very helpful and friendly. Division 1 also had their rally at the same location, so we combined many activities during the weekend and were fortunate to have great weather during our stay.

4 caravans from division 5 attended the rally, Gay & Michael, Linda & Rick, David & Stella and visitors Leanne & Ian. Everyone had arrived by Friday and the weekend activities started by going to the Shamrock Hotel for dinner followed by an evening walk around town where we visited the painted silo which was very impressive looking lite up of a night.

Saturday morning was free for members to do their own thing, but we all choose to walk around town looking at various attractions such as the 'Bullring' which is a building erected in 1912 for selling of horses and cattle, Iddles Lane Mural dedicated to legendary homicide detective and former resident Ron Iddles who solved over 300 murders , Painted Silo and followed by lunch at the bakery where pies and other treats were enjoyed.

In the afternoon, Gay and Michael organised a game of 'Clomp' on the lawns overlooking the river. Members from Division 1 also joined in and a great time has had by all, deadly David took out the first round in record time and crashed big time in the second round which was won by Anne from Division 1. Thanks Gay and Michael for organising. After 'Clomp' both divisions had happy hour sitting around the camp fire enjoying

a chat, nibbles and drinks. We then headed to our vans for dinner and a relaxing evening.

Sunday morning we all headed to Moama and visited the market near the Murray bridge which had a great variety of goods for sale and music playing in the music bowl, we enjoyed listening to an artist that sang songs of the 50's and 60's. We then headed into Echuca and visited the newly renovated wharf precinct, followed by a walk down the main street. The afternoon was free time to do what you wanted, with happy hour at the usual time.

Monday morning everyone left the caravan park and went their separate ways, all in all a great weekend.



RACV CARAVAN CLUB

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM

Nomination for the position of: _____

Nominee: _____

Signature: _____

Nominator: _____ Seconder: _____

Signature: _____ Signature: _____

When completed, this nomination form must reach the Secretary, RACV Caravan Club, PO Box 165, Ashburton, VIC 3147, by the tenth day of August each year for publication in the next newsletter, prior to the Annual General Election. Candidates may attach a short supporting statement and passport style photo for publication.

If an election is required, candidates will be introduced at the beginning of the AGM and will have the opportunity to address the AGM for 3 minutes (maximum). Ballot papers will be issued AFTER this has occurred.

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THIS FORM CAN BE
COMPLETED ONLINE!

Go to [https://forms.gle/
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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
<https://forms.gle/WkcJF7GjkfsN65Fq8>)



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

THIS FORM CAN BE
COMPLETED ONLINE!

Go to <https://forms.gle/fxYh23Y1ci9NcXNr5>

Date: _____

Name in full: _____

Address: _____

_____ Postcode: _____

RACV Membership Number: _____ Div _____

Phone No: _____ Mobile No: _____

Email: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name: _____

Phone No: _____ Mobile No: _____

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