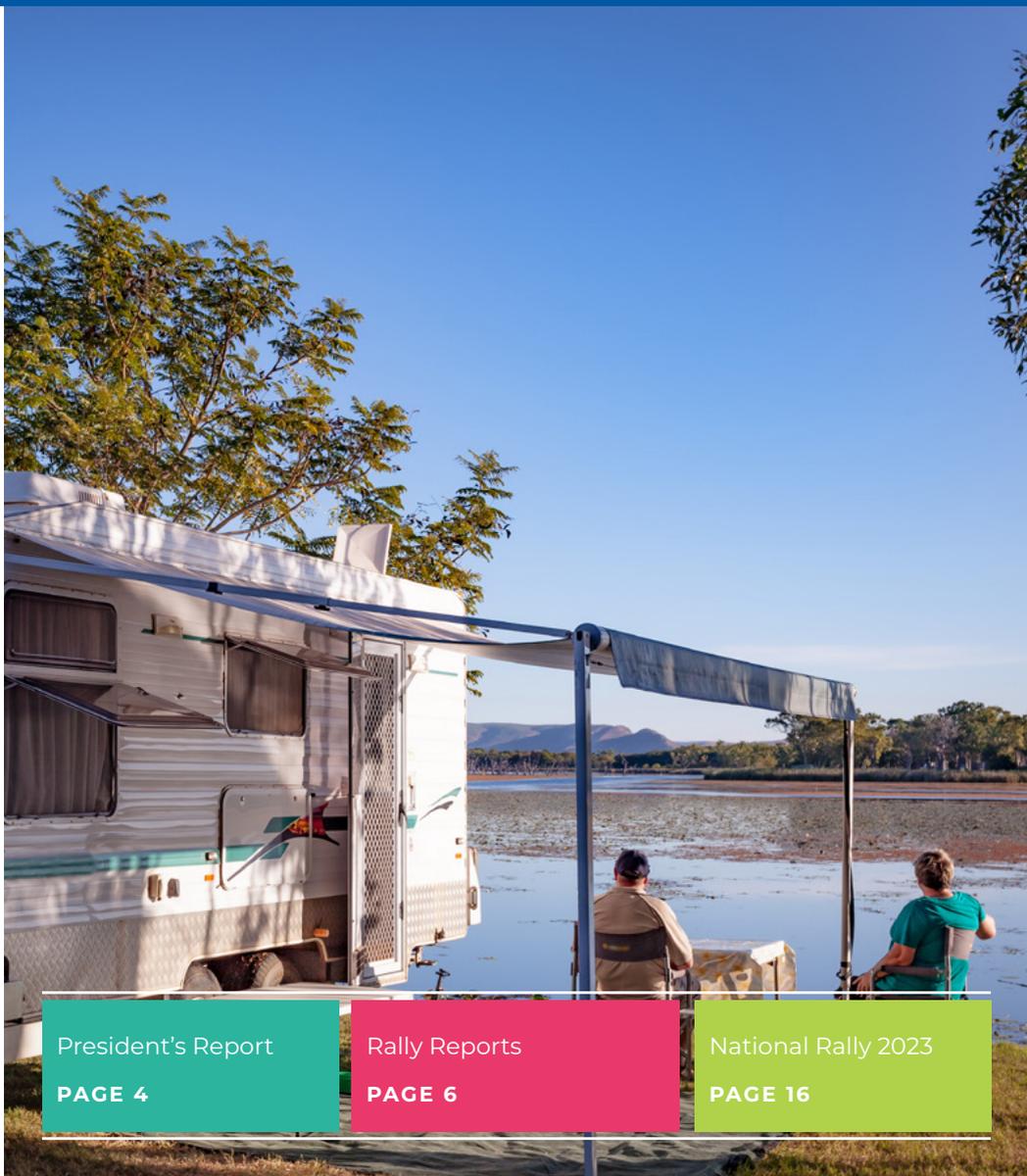




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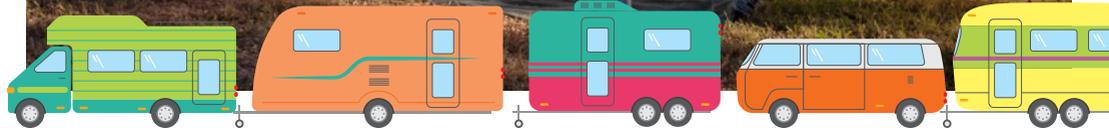
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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Your Caravan Club membership is due 31st August 2022. Membership fees remain the same \$48.00pa. Our Treasurer John Stone will send you an invoice by emailed or in the post in the near future.

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.

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello Everyone

I hope you are all well and managed to get away for the long weekend. Nothing beats sitting around a campfire with friends, eating bbq sausages and listening to music, all compliments of the park at Heathcote. Well perhaps being somewhere warm like North Queensland.

Things are going on, I will share what has been happening in the background.

CAMERONS BIGHT 2022/2023

For the second time in the clubs history the application for a camp site at Camerons Bight was not included in the newsletter. This time we were waiting on two things first the fees for the 2022/23 season. Secondly Max Patton, the Foreshore Manager had submitted a proposal to the WhiteCliffs Camerons Bight Committee for our club to continue to allocate sites for the off peak season.

On the 1st of May we were advised of the fees for the upcoming season an increase of 10% our discount ceased too. We were informed the increase was to cover the Fire management services, sewer connections and increased waste collection costs.

We were advised that there would be no changes to our MOU. DEWLP have been very clear about wanting camp grounds around Port Phillip Bay to be opened up and available to all in the community. The Committee are obligated to comply with DEWLPs requirements. Since this information was provided the WhiteCliffs to Camerons Bight Foreshore committee of management has changed.

If you wish to camp at Camerons Bight during the off peak season you will need to book through the WhiteCliffs to Camerons Bight Rangers office on line system from 2nd August noon. To book online or call:

www.whitecliffs.com.au/camping

Phone 03 5981 7100 for assistance

On the 4th May we sent an email out to all our members with the application form. I suspect getting application forms out we will be delayed again next year.

LEARMONTH FUNDS

The Learmonth Sub-Committee have met. We have re branded the sub-committee to "The Campground Sub-Committee"

They are looking for a property, a minimum of 5 acres within close proximity to a largish town and as close to Melbourne as possible. Preferably with a house on the property. They have \$372,000 for the purchase of a property and payment of legal fees.

The Sub-Committee will assess any suitable property proposed which will include a site inspection and consultation with council to ascertain any restrictions on the properties use. If it is suitable it will be presented to the Executive committee to make a decision on presenting the property to a Special General Meeting.

Please if you come across a property that maybe suitable, pass the information on to us.

The Sub-Committee will be looking at options for campground management such as a host

manager, caretaker or committee to oversee the grounds, perhaps similar to the past Sorrento model and make its recommendations to the Executive in due course.

Further information can be obtained from your Divisional Representatives: Rob Allen Div 1, Ken Slade Div 2, Jeff O'Brien Div 3 John Stone Div 4 Malcolm Hubble Div 5 Phil Mason Div 6.

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 well past, it's time someone else stepped up and took the helm.

Our Club Treasurer John Stone has completed his 8th 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.

COMING UP

Our Combined Rally Cup Weekend will be a good one make sure you book. Anne has some great things planned. Further information should be in this newsletter.

RALLY ATTENDANCE CREDITS (POINTS)

Rally point recording returns, commencing at the 1st July 2022. The 9th 10th July Rally will be the first for the 2022/2023 year.

18TH NATIONAL RALLY IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

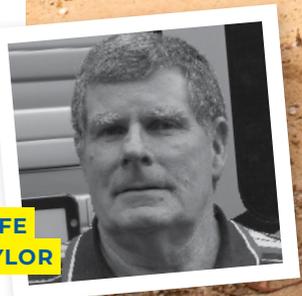
It is on, have you booked? The 18th National Caravan Clubs Rally, Riverland Events Centre, Barmera SA, 27th March 2023 to 4th April 2023 (9 nights).

www.18thnationalcaravanrally.org.au

To register:

Email: registrar@18thnationalcaravanrally.org.au

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ROB TAYLOR

DIV 1 RALLY REPORTS

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HEATHCOTE

It was a very cold winter rally however there was very little rain, the sun made an appearance just for us.

Some arrived on Friday and others on Saturday with 8 vans in total attending this rally. Attendances would have been higher but some members were unable to get a site due to the high demand over the long weekend. The wine and food festival was held over the weekend making it a very busy town.

For those who arrived Friday it was a chance to catch up with members they hadn't seen for a while or a quick look around town. Friday night we all gathered in the rec room for happy hour before heading to the Union Hotel for dinner. The staff looked after us very well and the meals were good, everyone enjoyed their meal.

Saturday some walked around town tasting wine and food at the festival, I believe the bakery had good vanilla slices. Some visited local sites of interest while some went to Bendigo and Lake Eppalock. The Elvis exhibition was sold out for the day so we were unable to see it. The Lake Eppalock caravan Park was closed for redevelopment and was closed off. It will be interesting to see what they do to it.



Once again, we gathered in the rec room for happy hour before returning to our vans for dinner.

Sunday saw more enjoy the wine and food and others went site seeing, the Pink Cliffs were a popular place to visit. Some headed for warmer places and some returned home. The caravan park light a fire and supplied a sausage sizzle and entertainment for the night. Homemade jams and relish were on sale with the proceeds going to The Royal Flying Doctor Service. The entertainer was a Melbourne Police Officer he was very good and hard to book. The park manager said he is always booked out so we were very lucky.



Monday was a very special day for our youngest member Ruby , it was her 5th birthday. There was chocolate cake on Sunday night with Nan and Pop. Her presents were opened on Monday morning while trying to get ready to go home. Happy Birthday Ruby.

Well with the weekend over most packed their vans and returned home with two members choosing to stay another day to avoid the traffic.

Our President did a bit of recruiting with other guests in the caravan park before departing on Tuesday so let's hope they liked him enough to join our club.

Another great rally with friends.

KYABRAM

Five vans arrived on Friday and one on Saturday. As usual we went out for dinner at the Kyabram Club. We all thoroughly enjoyed our meal as there were no dishes.

Saturday was a free day to do as we pleased. We had afternoon tea in the Camp Kitchen.

At night we had a Casserole Night the ladies provided the casseroles and the men provided the sweets it was very enjoyable.

Sunday we said our goodbyes to two vans the rest of us went on a tag along to Tongala to see the stunning murals and then to Mooroopna to the Bakery for lunch. To Shepparton to the factory sales shop where we all spent a bit of money.

Monday we all packed up and headed for home after an enjoyable weekend.



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YARRAM

Even though the weather was windy, chilly & quite often wet we all enjoyed our stay at Yarram. We had 4 vans in attendance, one Motel unit (Ron Tormey) & Alan & Shirley in the hotel.

Saturday morning tea was in the camp kitchen & Alan was able to be with us although later in the day they returned home as Shirley was not well. That night was dinner at the Commercial Hotel enjoyed by all but not finished by all as servings were on the large side. After dinner 3 couples went to the Regent Theatre (circa 1930) to watch part of their movie marathon which was 5 movies on the day – all Australian, we saw RAMS & it was enjoyed by all.

Magnificent old theatre, renovated & lovingly cared for by volunteers, used for movies, plays, concerts, balls, etc.

Sunday was an outing to Port Albert for Fish & Chips. Unfortunately it was very windy & wet, so we ate in our cars much to the disappointment of the many sea gulls who then promptly pooped on our vehicles. Sunday night was to be a small meal but as usual Pat fed us up to pussies bow.

Monday saw us split up, some stayed others home or off to another venue.



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KORUMBURRA

Warm Autumn sunshine welcomed Division 3 caravanners to Korumburra. We were joined on this rally by some prospective members Bill Hughes & Don McPherson from down Lilydale way and Rob & Kerri Vanderzyden. We had 10 vans including Div 1 members Roger & Maureen Bailey. We also had Bev Draper's father David (who was visiting from the UK) and her sister Allison and we welcomed back Judy Wall in a cabin as well.

This is a lovely location for a caravan park surrounded by majestic trees with their Autumn foliage and short walking tracks through the adjoining Botanical Gardens. Unfortunately the condition of the infrastructure at the park left a lot to be desired. You felt like bringing your own trailer and doing a tip run for them.

Friday night saw many of us attending at the "middle pub" for dinner. Quite a busy place but a great meal.





Despite an overnight shower Saturday turned out to be bright and sunny. We partook of our traditional hot cross bun morning and between all of the group managed to devour all of the produce. Whilst their team selections were made for the afternoon traditional bowls day. Early afternoon a number of members went to the Korumburra Bowls club for the divisions Easter bowls tournament. Organisers Dot & Graeme Penny did a magnificent job. The overall winners of the day were Bev's dad David and Graeme Rolfe.



Five's was held at the park and followed by the traditional fish & chip meal night once again organised by Dot & Graeme Penny. The evening was very mild so most of the members remained in the circle to chat and reminisce. Sunday saw most members pack and head off early.

A big thankyou to Dot & Graeme Penny who worked tirelessly to organise the rally.

Well done Dot & Graeme.



BRIDGEWATER

Well this was a fun weekend rally. A total of 8 vans and 1 RV attended although 1 other RV did arrive at the park but had to leave before Saturday. A number of members in fact arrived on the Thursday prior to the rally. The weather was a little unforgiving with periods of light showers and low temperatures. As a consequence, we hired out a fire pit from the park and spent a number of hours sitting around it and chin wagging.

Friday saw a number of members venture to Bendigo to look at the Elvis Presley exhibition. It turned out to be a very wise choice to book the first session at 10am because as the day progressed the venue began to fill up and became crowded. That afternoon and evening saw the arrival of all members with everyone venturing to the township for a great meal at the Bridgewater on Loddon hotel. It was great to see the arrival of Von Montauban in tow with her daughter and son-in-law Rachel & Aaron Hawkins. Rachel and Aaron also brought two of their children Chloe and Matthew and all joined in for the meal at the pub. It was also good to see Creina's sister-in-law Lynne Davis who also joined in at the pub.

The caravan park has undergone a number of refurbishments over the last few years and is in excellent condition. The sites are generous in size and park applied a small discount for club members. It is also within easy walking distance to the Bridgewater township which has an award winning bakery which specializes in vanilla slices and coffee. The hotel is also next to the shops.

Saturday like Thursday and Friday had some challenging weather again with off and on light showers and very cool temperatures. Whilst Rolfe & Greg went out to replenish the



firewood supplies, others chatted by the fire and planned activities for the day. Many ventured to the Loddon river walking track to observe the cascades of the river. A large number of members visited the nearby historic township of Inglewood. It was a fascinating visit to the town which has a number of plaques on various buildings in the main street, indicating what the history of each was. It was interesting to note that at one stage in the 1860's the town boasted over 11 legal hotels and many more not so legal grog shops. A number of those who went there also visited the Eucy museum just out of the town. This museum still produces Eucalyptus oil which can be purchased and has been in business constantly since around 1870. Others toured around Bendigo and Dunolly.

Upon returning to the park many participated in a fire chatting session and we were entertained by Matthew Hawkins (Von's grandson) who sang a number of his own and other songs whilst playing the guitar. He was extremely entertaining and received applause not only from our group but other groups in the park.

Saturday evening saw members participate in a communal casserole dinner which was magnificent. This was followed by an hilarious game of celebrity heads run by Peter and Judy Blake. After an exhausting day a number of members retired early whilst others continued the fireside vigil.



Sunday saw the departure of a number of vans as many had other commitments to fulfill over the long weekend break. Some of those who remained went to the Eucy museum in Inglewood whilst others remained by the fireside which was a welcome attraction due to the weather.

Overall this was a very entertaining and fun weekend and members left with a positive feeling about the town and the park.

SEYMOUR

All participants arrived on the Friday with a total of 4 vans, 2 RV Motor Homes & 2 Cabins. The Highland caravan park was a clean park with good facilities and friendly managers

Everyone had a great catch up from 3pm until 5pm although the weather was a bit overcast and sometimes tending to rain. The temperature though wasn't cold. Evening meal was held at the Prince of Wales hotel in Emily Street Seymour which was a busy venue but the food was great.

Saturday was still overcast with slight showers at times so the morning bike ride was cancelled. Members did their own thing on Saturday morning with some taking the opportunity to visit the many attractions of the town. The Vietnam Veterans Commemorative Walk proved the most popular. This walk is a display of every service men and women who contributed to the war effort in Vietnam. It has in excess of 60,000 names listed on plaques (including one of our members John Symons) which are interposed with photographs of various personnel and actions during the period. Also popular was the Railway station, the shopping precinct, the Light Horse Commemorative park and Kings park to name a few. Unfortunately the tank museum was closed due to relocation.

Members all gathered Saturday afternoon for a game of disc bowls which in the end produced some magnificent and close contests. The final winners virtually on the last throw of the day to produce a come from behind win were Allan



Johnstone and Ray Andrews. In a hard fort contest with Pam Symons and Don McPherson Ray produced the shot of the match to land on Don's disc and slide over to the kitty.

The caravan park managers provided a lovely camp kitchen fire at five's with some members watching the AFL match between Geelong & St Kilda whilst we all chatted. (Bad luck to the cats). It was great to see the return of Ray and Denise Andrews in tow with a foster child named Bodhi. A great little hamburger place across the road from the park proved very popular amongst members for the evening meal.

On an unfortunate note, we learnt that Ron & Maureen Gardner's son was tragically killed in a motor accident in Western Australia. Our sincere condolences go out to both Maureen and Ron and their family.

Sunday was pack up day and all members headed off. Many thanks to the bowls widow Dot Penny who came without Graeme due to bowls commitments and for supplying the disc bowls. Next rally will be at Bridgewater.



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COBRAM

Our June rally was at RACV resort Cobram we had 15 vans, one cabin and one motel room, also we would like to welcome new members Josh, Michelle and Imogen Somers as well Beverley and Kerrie from division 3 . Due to the minimum 3 night stay for the long weekend everyone arrived Friday night with some of the early ones heading off to Sorties (Barooga sports club) for dinner.

Saturday morning everyone awoke to a cold and frosty morning bright and early to head off to the Tocumwal Market along the banks of the Murray, after the market we all headed off to the big strawberry for a coffee or to sample lots of delicious strawberry flavoured foods, from there a large group headed off to the cactus farm for a look around and others headed off to Monochino winery which was close by. Some spent the afternoon relaxing in the heated pool and spa or just chatting. Fivzies was in the large camp kitchen then after dinner everyone headed to the large rec room for a Bingo night which was won by Mike Wheatley, Julie Booth, Pat Mayer, Kerrie (Div 3), David Maher and Carol Martin.



Sunday morning saw us all up early for fees, followed by delicious homemade scones with jam and cream for morning tea. Caroline lee did an amazing job making and baking fresh scones for everyone. RACV Cobram kindly donated a 5 night stay at the resort which was won by Keith and Helen Booth 2nd prize was won by new members.

Michelle and Josh who chose the Arnotts hamper, 3rd prize was won again by them but they kindly donated it back for another draw which was then won by David Maher, this was a \$30 dinner voucher. After all the morning festivities most braved the cold and visited the botanical gardens for a picnic lunch, while a few of us opted for the warmth of the Cobram Barooga Golf club and had lots of fun playing the game simulator. Everyone gathered again for fivzies in the camp kitchen which was followed by celebrity heads.

Thanks again to the committee for all the hard work that went in to organising another fun rally.



HEATHCOTE

"The Easter Rally had 16 vans, with 32 in attendance, including 4 visitors – Chelsea, Rian, Terry and Dianne.

We welcomed our newest divvy 4 members to their first official rally – Jordan and Tai.

On Good Friday many enjoyed a walk-through town to one of many bakeries or a great place for coffee. Hot cross buns were served with lashings of butter at 3pm. A great time to catchup with our caravan friends. At 5pm we moved over to join other park visitors for happy hour put on by the caravan park. What a treat!

Saturday all hands were on deck to cook up a storm - scrambled eggs, bacon, tomatoes, and mushrooms. Delicious! The day bought about some travel and relaxing for the group under sunshine and beautiful blue sunny skies. There are many wineries in the Heathcote region worth a visit or another trip to the famous Heathcote bakery was also popular.

Sunday was a little more of a relaxing start. The park spoiled us with a pancake breakfast including many toppings - butter, lemon, sugar, and vast array of jams that were locally made.





Some interesting flavours too, including tomato passionfruit and pineapple berry. Another day of adventures in the local area were had. Some travelled to Bendigo to the weekly market at the Showgrounds and Bendigo Easter Festival while others headed to a winery or two or local bakery for more sweet treats and coffee.

Each night we were fortunate to gather around "Bob's" campfire.

great weekend of fun had by all. Super grateful to be back on the road and travelling with our caravanning friends!"



PHILLIP ISLAND

A new venue for a rally was Anchor Belle Caravan Park at Cowes, Phillip Island. 2 vans arrived Thursday. One of them, George having to go home on Friday to pick up Voula and Tahlia, another 12 Vans arriving Friday and 3 more on Saturday morning.

Nice to see a long-standing member back for his first official rally in a while, welcome Rod Phillpot, hope to see you at many more.

Welcome to Maureen & Roger Bailey joining us FOR Div 1 with Wes, Kas, Brad & Bree from Div 6, also daily visitors Belinda & Steve.

Out for the obligatory Rally Friday night dinner, this time at the RSL Cowes. A group of 16 senior club members for the early sitting followed by the younger generation at a later sitting. Robbie, Donna, Bella & Asher were running a little behind schedule so priorities took place and the van was parked at the RSL for them to have dinner before booking in at the park.

Saturday morning weather was not very kind quite a stiff breeze with occasional showers. Some taking the 2.5km hike to the main street of Cowes for a look at the shops and cafés, whilst others drove in only to find the café that was recommended to us was closed due to a recent fire. Frank used his organisational skills to set us up at the bakery for a pleasant morning tea.

The highlight of the rally was the go-cart racing on a track which is a copy of the full size adjacent famous Phillip Island circuit. All up around 16 participants took to the track, apparently it was suggested, by some, that those not carrying as much of a weight handicap



had an unfair advantage, after a few minor spin outs bragging rights for the 2 races belong to Brad Chandler and Asher Booth.

The Park supplied 3 bottles of wine, a nice start for fivesies. The raffle was drawn 1st Robert & Julie Booth. 2nd Laurie & Carole Martin. The night ended with a shared community dinner enjoyed by all.

Desert supplied by the committee. Prizes for the raffle supplied by Jayco Bayswater. Tea, coffee and milk supplied by Kennards. Thanks to the committee for a most enjoyable rally, see you all at Cobram.





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DROUIN

The division 5 rally was held at Glen Crombie Reserve at Drouin with 4 caravans in attendance. The reserve had a lot of powered sites with water and were of a good size. The amenities block wasn't cleaned during the weekend which was disappointing but otherwise the park was good. The weather was sunny for the weekend and mild during the nights.



All caravans arrived on Friday and set up under sunny skies. Linda and Rick took a trip up to Mount Baw Baw to see the painted buildings. Everyone attended happy hour at 4:30 for drinks and a chat before heading off to the Drouin Family Hotel for dinner which was enjoyed by all.

On Saturday, 6 additional members joined the rally for the day which was great. We all gathered for morning tea and a chat with Peter Phillips providing delicious cheese and crackers to eat. Following morning tea we headed off to the Rokeby Market, this was a great market with food, music, and a mixture of stalls to look at and browse. The area also had a good playground for kids. We all met at 12:30 at the Jindi Caf and Restaurant at Jindivick. The cafe was in the hills and had a fantastic view south back towards Drouin.





The café has a good choice of food including gluten free. The Jindi Burger was huge as were all the meals and very tasty, definitely worth the visit. We all had a pleasant lunch and afternoon before heading back to camp for happy hour followed by a BBQ dinner that was enjoyed by all. Thanks Bruce and Dawn for organising, very tasty and the ice-creams were delicious. The visitors departed after dinner having had a great day.



Sunday was another sunny day and the rally concluded after morning tea. Some members stayed on and relaxed or did some touring in the district. All in all and very good weekend was had by all.



FOSTER

The Division-5 May rally was held at Foster with 23 people in attendance, 7 caravans and 5 cabins being used. We stayed at the Prom Central Caravan Park that had good sized sites with power water and sullage, large camp kitchen with BBQ's and an older style amenities block. The park was well located being able to walk into town. The weather for the weekend was mixed but on the coolish side. 4 caravans arrived earlier in week having been touring Gippsland after leaving the Association of Caravan Club state rally at Sale, the remainder of those attending arrived by Friday.



At 4:30 on Friday we all gathered in the camp kitchen for happy hour which was most enjoyable. Everyone was keen to chat and catch up after such a long break because of COVID. We had booked into the Foster Exchange Hotel for dinner. The hotel had a good variety of food and catered for people with dietary requirements. The local footy club held a raffle and Sue was lucky enough to win one of the prizes. Everyone had a good time and enjoyed their meals, afterwards we headed back to camp and retired for the night.



Saturday commenced with a quick meeting to go through the weekend activities and what's happening within the club. Saturday morning was free time with most people doing their own thing. Some wandered into town to look around the shops and get a coffee at the local bakery, others headed of to Fish Creek to attend the Tea Cosy festival. The festival is held every second year and has a large display of handmade Tea Cosy's that can be viewed in the hall. This year the Fish Creek community was attempting to get their name into the



Guinness World Book of Records with the world's largest tea cosy. Standing at 5.1 meters high and a diameter of 6.2 meter it was a sight to see. We believe that it is now a world record but to be ratified by the Guinness. Members also visited Agnes Falls, Toora lookout with views over the Corner Inlet, Toora wind farm and local galleries.

We were all going to gather at 2pm for an afternoon of games but unfortunately the weather turned unpleasant, and everyone was content to relax in the warm or catch up for a chat. 4:30 was happy hour followed by hamburgers provided by the club. The burgers were delicious and thanks to all who helped prepare or cook the food. Everyone had a great evening then retired to their caravans or cabin.

The rally concluded Sunday morning with most heading home, 4 caravans stayed on for some extra time. Sunday was spent exploring the local area, visiting Wilsons Prop, Port Welshpool, and other areas. Sunday night we all headed back to dinner at the local pub which again provide nice meal, thanks Mark for organising. All in all, another great weekend was had by everyone. It was great to see everyone catching up and enjoying themselves.



WODONGA

The Division-5 June rally was held at Wodonga with 4 caravans attending. We stayed at the Wodonga Caravan & Cabin Park that had good sized sites with power water and sullage, small open camp kitchen with BBQ's and an older style amenities block. Unfortunately, there was no recreation room or enclosed shelter that could be used as a meeting place which was disappointing as the weather over the weekend was mixed but on the coolish side.

Friday at 5pm we had the traditional happy hour, as it was too cold outside to meet, we broke up into 2 groups with the blokes going to the Hubble's caravan and the ladies going to the Layton's for a chat and nibbles. We had booked into the Elgin's Hotel Wodonga for dinner. The hotel had a good variety of food and catered for people with dietary requirements. We had a quick meeting to inform on what's happening within the club rather than Saturday morning allowing people to have a lazy Saturday morning. 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 Wodonga. After lunch we head off to the Bandiana Army Museum. Bandiana is a Army logistics base in Wodonga, after being signed in at security we headed to the museum. The museum has the largest military collection in Australia and was very

interesting. The Museum was established in 1976 as the Royal Australian Army Ordnance



Corps (RAAOC) General Museum. The Museum building is itself unique, in that it is a WW2 era timber framed warehouse, with corrugated iron sheeting. It was constructed in 1940 and very few of these once prolific structures remain. The museum holds collections from groups such as Transport, Medical, Ordnance, Electrical & Mechanical Engineers and Catering Corps to name a few. The collection included items from the Boar War through to more recent times. There was a huge range of vehicles, canons, rifles, uniforms, medical and even a Russian T34 tank from WW2. Well worth the visit and filled in the afternoon. On the way back to the caravan park the Breese's and Burn's went to Huon Hill Lookout with a fantastic view out to the mountains.

Sunday after morning tea we headed off to the Hume Wier. The construction began in 1919 and continued during the Great Depression until the project was finished in 1936. At its peak, over 1000 tradesmen and labourers used steam engines, horse-drawn carts and manual labour to build the massive dam. When finished in 1936, Hume Dam was the biggest in the southern hemisphere and one of the largest in the world.



The dam is named after Hamilton Hume, the first European to explore the river upstream of Albury in 1824. Hume Dam holds a maximum of 3,005,156 megalitres, about six times the volume of Sydney Harbour. After walking across the dam wall, we decided to have lunch at the Boat Shed Lake Hume Resort, the room had a view over the lake and meals that were tasty.



After lunch we headed to the Bonegilla Migrant Experience. Bonegilla Migrant Reception and Training Centre was once made up of 24 blocks, each block holding about 300 people. It had its own churches, banks, sporting fields, cinema, hospital, police station and railway platform. Today, Block 19 is all that remains of the original site. The Bonegilla story began in the years following World War II, when millions of people seeking a new start and peace, departed for Australia. An army camp at Bonegilla was transformed into a migrant reception and training centre where new arrivals lived while they were processed



and allocated jobs. Bonegilla became the largest and longest operating reception centre in the post-war era.



More than 300,000 migrants passed through its doors between 1947 and 1971.

After walking around the camp we headed back to the caravan park and happy hour at 5pm.

Monday was another great day as we headed out for a drive to Rutherglen. We had a walk around town and the compulsory visit to the bakery for some tasty food. Bruce, raved about his Sweet Chilli Chicken and Prawn Pie which look delicious. After lunch

we headed to Pfeiffer's Winery, just a short drive from Rutherglen for some wine tasting. The winery has a large range of wines and a great venue to relax and have a chat. Following this we headed back to town for coffees then back to the caravan park. Some went via Albury and visited Monument Hill Parkland which had panoramic views and war memorial. Happy hour was back at the caravan park at 5pm which was enjoyable before retiring for the night.

The next morning, we all packed up and headed for home. Although the weather was a bit cool over the weekend the rain held off, all in all a great weekend.



RACVCC COMBINED RALLY 2022

**WHEN: THURSDAY, 27 OCTOBER
— TUESDAY, 2 NOVEMBER**

WHERE: ELMORE EVENTS CENTRE

Cost per night is \$20 per van

Friday night supper, Saturday morning tea & Saturday night entertainment are being supplied by the club. Also Saturday night dinner is being subsidised.

The cost of Saturday night's dinner (which is a 2 course roast meat buffet) is \$10 per head including children 13 and over.

Children 12 and under will have party pies, sausage rolls etc at no cost.

Please fill out form below and either email it to Anne Cecil at bj.plastics@bigpond.com or mail it to PO Box 407, Seymour, 3660 by October 14th.

Name: _____ Div: _____

Which nights are you staying (please tick)

Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday Monday

Number of adults requiring dinner on Saturday night: _____

Number of children 12 and under for party food: _____

Indicate if vegetarian: _____ or Gluten free: _____

Also pay a deposit of your site fees to RACVCC Caravan Club of Victoria Inc by October 14th:

RACV Caravan Club

BSB: 633 000

Account Number: 162 218 671

(Please use your surname as a reference)

DIV 6 RALLY REPORT

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Marshal			

SEASPRAY

Division 6 rally at Seaspray was a cold, windy and sometimes wet, weekend for the 5 vans in attendance. The long drive to Gippsland was quite fuel economic with a strong tail wind, but unfortunately, the reverse on the way home.

Friday's intermittent rain meant fivesies in the large camp kitchen and recreation room which was utilised for the entire evening.

Everyone went for morning tea in the local store, where a coonara fire, hot jam donuts and coffee warmed us up. This was followed up with a walk around the surf club and estuary. During the afternoon some drove to Sale for sightseeing. The art gallery was another lovely warm retreat, and the artworks were beautiful. The Port of Sale looked nice but way to cold to stay for long. There was a quick viewing of the Swing Bridge then back to Seaspray where two lovely fires had been started.



A game of Finska on the lush buffalo grass kept some of us entertained. Hayley won the title of Div 6 Finska Champion. Fivesies was again held in the camp kitchen and the rain held off to enjoy the fires for most of the night.

Most of the crew went into Sale on Sunday for a pub meal and pool. A great weekend and such a treat to be able to finally get together with our mates.

Did I mention that it was very cold?



RACV CARAVAN CLUB

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM

Nomination for the position of: _____

Nominee: _____

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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.

RACV CARAVAN CLUB

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: _____

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)

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
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