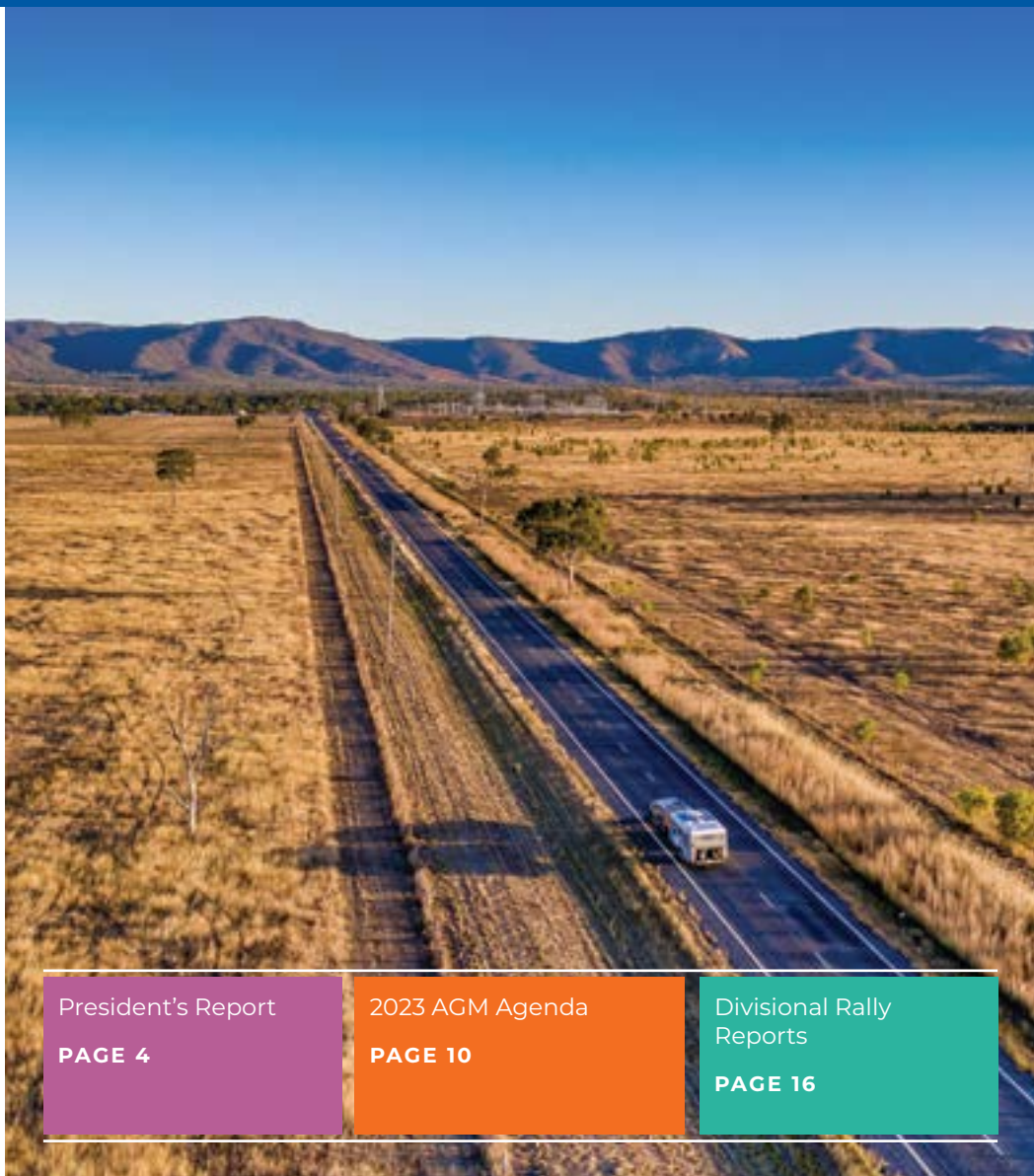




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**Please ensure all newsletter material reaches
the editor by the Thursday after the rally!**



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the R.A.C.V. Caravan Club of Victoria Inc., will be held on Sunday 19th November, 2023 at The Basin Community House, 21 Liverpool Rd, The Basin Meeting commencing at 10.00 am.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello Everyone

This time last year I said we were working toward going back to normal or how we were pre COVID. As we returned to Rallies and Rally Attendance Points, all did not go quite how we hoped. Our Rally Attendance rates are well down compared to pre COVID activities. The question is why? We are not unique; other Victorian Clubs are experiencing similar results to what we are seeing. If you have an idea on how to change this please let me know.

CAMERONS BIGHT

The inevitable happened. In July we received an email from the Whitecliffs Foreshore Reserve, Foreshore Manager, Max Patton advising us that the Committee of management had meet and decided to not revisit the MOU with us. We were aware that this was a possibility due to the change in Government policy to make all camp grounds available to all people. To end exclusive groups use.

Despite the thoughts of some, the Clubs Office Bearers have worked hard over the past many years to maintain a good relationship with the Rangers and Committee with the hope of being able to continue with agreements for our club members. Unfortunately this was not to be, we have no control over Government policies or practices.

Members are not being prevented from camping at Camerons Bight nor are we being stopped from running our activities. This season we are fine but for the 2024/25 season and on ward you will need to apply for a site through the WhiteCliffs to Camerons Bight booking system.



COMMITTEE POSITIONS

Nomination forms for Divisional Committee positions are in this Newsletter. Nominations needed to be with the Club Secretary by the 12th November 2023.

We are looking for a new President and Secretary. My tenure is up its time someone else stepped up and took the helm. Our Club Secretary Heather McTaggart has completed her 5 years. We need someone to take on this roll. It is a great way to meet other members of our club.

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

The 'Duties of Officers and Committee Persons' are recorded on page 8 of the "Constitution and Bylaws of the RACV Caravan Club of Victoria Inc." a copy is available on the RACVCC website.

STATE RALLY

The next State Rally the Association of Caravan Clubs Victoria(ACCVic) is hosting will be at the Kerang Holiday Park, 9399 Murray Valley Hwy Kerang (03) 5452 2232 15th to 18th March 2023. For all those members who book a site or cabin and register with ACCVic there will be the chance of winning one Early Bird Prize of \$120.00. To qualify you must book and register before the 21st of October 2023. The prize will be drawn at the ACCVic AGM which will be held on the 28th of October 2023.

Register your booking under ACCVic. Registration Forms Are Available on the ACCVic web site www.accvic.org.au Tab: State Rallies

This is an alternate RACV Caravan Club rally.

THE 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This year's AGM will be held at The Basin Community House, Gate 2, 21 Liverpool Road, The Basin (grounds of The Basin Primary School) commencing at 10.00 am.on Sunday the 19th November . Minutes of the last AGM are included in this newsletter.

You must be a financial member to be able to vote.



STAY SAFE

ROB TAYLOR



TRAVELLING RALLY REPORT

MOREE

7-14 AUGUST, 2023

Heather Young & Ray Spargo travelled to Moree on Monday 7th August, staying at Gwydir Carapark Thermal Pools campground for a week leaving on Monday 14 August. We only left the park once during that stay which was to replenish pantry & fridge supplies. Our usual routine for remainder of the time was doing household chores followed by morning coffee. After lunch we would go to the thermal pools located within the park, here having to decide which pool we would go for a swim in : the 39 degree , 37 degree , 35 degree or 34 degree pool. We did not consider the 28 degree pool as that temperature seemed a little cool for our liking.



VALMA JEAN LARAINÉ (VAL) SCHOOF

It is with great sadness I report the passing of our long serving and esteem past member of RACV CC Div 1 Val Schoof. She passed away 24th August 2023 aged 93. Her husband Bill passed 2 years ago.

Their last rally was Easter 2015 when ill health prevented Bill from towing. I believe Val and Bill hold the record for the longest continuous rally attendance of 43 years. Nothing stood in the way of their rally attendance, not birthdays or other major family events.

They were both well-known at Blairgowrie not only by our club members but by many of the campers in Stringers Rd. Every summer they parked their caravan in the same spot. At 3 o'clock you would see Val serving Afternoon Tea to others sitting on the parrot perch looking out over the boats anchored in Sullivans Bay or on hot days under the tree beside the track.

Val had an extraordinary memory if you couldn't remember a persons name a place or an event it was always said "Ask Val she will remember" and she did.

Val was a very good friend to my mother, family and too many others in the caravan club.

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

Rest in peace.



*"Ask Val she
will remember"*

2023 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President	Rob Taylor	rita45179@bigpond.net.au	0423 027 209	
Secretary	Heather McTaggart JP	heather.mctaggart@hotmail.com	97370207 / 0419 576169	11 Fernhill Road, Mount Evelyn 3796
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Past President	Sandra Eldridge	sandgeo2@bigpond.com	5754 1915 / 0407 250 129	PO Box 90 Mt Beauty 3699
Activities Director	Anne Cecil	bj.plastics@bigpond.com	0418 346 925	PO Box 407, Seymour 3660
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

2023 AGENDA

RACV CARAVAN CLUB

NOVEMBER 19TH 2023, 10AM

THE BASIN COMMUNITY HOUSE, 21 LIVERPOOL RD, THE BASIN

AGENDA

- Welcome by President Robert Taylor
- Confirmation of Minutes of Annual General Meeting held November 20th, 2022
- President's Report.
- Adoption of Treasurer's Financial Statement.
- Election of Office Bearers
- Election of Activities Director and Financial Review Committee.
- Election of Divisional Committees.
- Set the Entrance Fee and the Annual Subscription.
- Other Business of which notice has been received.

ELECTIONS

In accordance with the rules and the Divisional organisation of the Club, nominations for the Office Bearers of the Club, namely: President, Secretary and Treasurer, closed with the Club Secretary on the 10th August, 2023.

EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

Position	Nominee	Nominated by	Seconder
President			
Secretary			
Treasurer	Ric Luiyf	Robert Taylor	Ken Preston

OTHER NOMINATIONS

Position	Nominee	Nominated by	Seconders
Activities Director			
Financial Review Committee (2)			

Nominations are called for **Committee** positions of each of the six Divisions, Namely: Vice President, Divisional Secretary, Divisional Treasurer, Divisional Marshall and Divisional Assistant Marshall. These nominations should be in the hands of the Club Secretary at least seven days before the commencement of meeting (ie Sunday 12th November, 2023). Nomination forms must be signed by the nominee, nominator and seconders in each instance. A nomination form is printed in this newsletter. Voting for each Divisional Committee will be confined to the members of each respective Division.

Div.	VP	Secretary	Treasurer	Marshall
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				

APPOINTMENTS

- Public Officer –
- Newsletter Editor - Julie Mason
- Delegates (2) to the Association of Caravan Clubs of Victoria. Ken Slade, Bob Jobling
- Membership Specialist – Von Montauban & George & Voula Haig
- National Rally Coordinator – Stella Breese

GENERAL BUSINESS

2025 19th National Rally at Mudgee NSW

2024 State Rally at Kerang, Vic

MEETING CLOSED.

STATE RALLY

15-18 MARCH 2024

KERANG HOLIDAY PARK
9399 MURRAY VALLEY HWY, KERANG
(03) 5452 2232

REGISTER YOUR BOOKING UNDER ACCVIC

Early Bird Prize

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NB—As an Incorporated organization we are legally not permitted to pay club members, except to reimburse them for expenses, so the prize will be paid to the Kerang Caravan Park on the winner's behalf. So when you arrive on your powered site the three days will be paid for. If you are in a cabin the price will be reduced by \$120.00.

Registration Forms Are Available At — accvic.org.au
Tab: State Rallies | Complete the registration form and email it to registrar@accvic.org.au

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

2022 MINUTES

RACV CARAVAN CLUB OF VICTORIA INC.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022

1. **Welcome by President Robert Taylor**
2. **Meeting commenced: 10.10am**
3. **Attendance:** As per sign in sheet 64 attendees
4. **Apologies:** Linda & G Richmond, Dot & Graeme Penny & Sue & Be Steegstra, George & Sandra Eldridge, Sharon & Ric Luif, Ron Tormey, Brad & Caroline Lee, Jeff O'Brien, Ken & Judy Slade, Ron & Barbara Pike, Keith & Barbara McDonald, Robbie & Donna Booth, Debbie & Brent Mudie, Michelle & Philip Bright
5. Confirmation of Minutes of Annual General Meeting held 12th, December 2021. Amendment to Minutes due to MS Word formatting error, to paragraph numbering of the amended Constitution and By-Laws (does not affect the Constitution and By-Laws)

Motion: Minutes of the AGM 12/12/21 as amended be accepted

Moved: A Jennings **Seconded:** B Jobling **Carried:** Unanimously

6. **REPORTS:**

- 6.1 **President's Report:** Rob presented his presidents report.

Motion: Presidents Report be accepted as tabled

Moved: Alan Jennings **Seconded:** Keith Booth **Carried:** Unanimously

6.2 **Adoption of Treasurer's Financial Statement.**

Treasurer John Stone presented financials and advised we currently have 177 members.

Motion: That Treasurer's Report be accepted

Moved: John Stone **Seconded:** David Mayer **Carried:** Unanimously

6.3 **Entrance Fee & Annual Fee**

Motion: That Associate Membership for the Club is free and normal membership fee remain at \$48 per year Joining fee \$40 - Pro rata \$4m + joining fee \$40

Moved: John Stone **Seconded:** Alan Jennings **Carried:** Unanimously

7. ELECTIONS

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7.1 Executive Nominations

All positions were declared vacant. Rob did not nominate for a position, he continued as the returning officer.

No nominations were received for President. Rob was nominated

Position	Nominee	Nominated by	Seconders
President	Robert Taylor	Heather McTaggart	John Stone
Secretary	Heather McTaggart	Robert Taylor	Barbara Taylor
Treasurer	Ric Luiyf	Robert Taylor	Heather McTaggart

7.2 Other Nominations:

Activities Director	Anne Cecil	Heather McTaggart	Robert Taylor
Financial Review Committee (2)	To be confirmed		

7.3 **Nominations** are called for **Committee** positions of each of the six Divisions, Namely: Vice President, Divisional Secretary, Divisional Treasurer and Divisional Marshall Divisional. These nominations should be in the hands of the Club Secretary at least seven days before the commencement of meeting (ie Sunday 12th November, 2022). Nomination forms must be signed by the nominee, nominator and seconder in each instance. A nomination form is printed in this newsletter. Voting for each Divisional Committee will be confined to the members of each respective Division.

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2	Alan Jennings	Ron Tormey	Be Steegstra	Pat Glover
3	Graeme Penny	TBC	Ray Andrews	Dorothy Penny
4	Bradford Lee	George Haigh	Michelle Sommers	Robbie Booth
5	David Breese	Gay Blake	Tony Grigg	Stella Breese
6	Luke Teunissen	Linda Richmond	Charles Allan	Anne Nichol

8 Appointments

- Public Officer – Heather McTaggart
- Newsletter Editor - Julie Mason
- Delegates (2) to the Association of Caravan Clubs of Victoria.
Ken Slade, Bob Jobling
- Membership Specialist – Von Montauban
- National Rally Coordinator – Pat Glover

9. Proposed By- Law Changes

Proposed constitution changes (By-Laws) (Rally Attendance Rules) – Steve Clark

Clause 22.4 Addition

Motion: For the 2023/24 Sorrento season only the January rally will be given a rally attendance credit

Moved: S Clark **Seconded:** B Taylor **Carried:** For -12 Against 52

Motion: Failed

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

2023 National Rally at Barmera SA

Pat Glover - RACV CC National Rally Representative

Riverland Events Centre, Barmera SA 27th March 2023 to 4th April 2023 it is about 160km west of Mildura a bit over 700k from Melbourne. Rally get together to be confirmed on arrival.

2023 State Rally at Horsham

Stella Breese – ACCVic State Rally Coordinator

Riverside Caravan Park, 17th to 20th March 2023 – this event is 6 days prior to National Rally

If over subscribed there are additional sites at other local park. There will be a fun Biggest Fish Caught Competition.

Next Annual General Meeting:

To be held on November 19th, 2023 venue TBC.

Meeting closed: 10.42am



DIVISIONAL RALLY REPORTS

DIV 1 RALLY REPORT

COMMITTEE DETAILS

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Treasurer	Peter Whitehurst		9560 0303
Marshal	Michelle Bright Wanda Sanderson	mkbright17@gmail.com wandasanderson.ws@gmail.com	0417 738 566 0400 650 083

GELLIBRAND

August

The Div 1 August rally was held at Yea Riverside Caravan Park.

The park has a nice new concrete bridge after the old bridge was ruined in the floods. There is also lots of works going on in the park.

It was very wet underfoot after recent rains.

We had 10 vans attend. Five vans were from Div 1 and the others were Phil & Julie Mason and Richard & Laura Muller from Div 6. As well as Pat & John Glover, Bob & Carole Jobling and Martin & Lynne Prewer from Div 2.





*... the committee
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Friday night 13 members went to the Yea Chinese Restaurant for dinner. A great meal was had by all.

Saturday morning saw some members doing the Yea Wetlands Walk.

Saturday afternoon we all went for a tasting session at the Yea Winery & Cidery. The Committee supplied nibbles. A great afternoon was had by all and many purchases were made on the way out.

The park has a wood fired pizza oven so the committee supplied all the ingredients to make pizzas. None of us had used a wood fired pizza oven so at the start it was the blind leading the blind. The first couple of pizzas were a bit charred around the edges but still yummy and from then on they were cooked to perfection.

There was ham & pineapple, BBQ meatlovers, supreme and gluten free for a few. Garlic bread was also served. Everyone left with very full tummies.

Thank you to everyone who helped out with getting the oven going, putting the pizzas together, cooking, slicing, serving and cleaning up.

After dinner a few sat around the fire in the brick rotunda for a drink and a chat.

Thanks to Steve for supplying the wood and the firewood helpers. (Phil & Richard)

Sunday saw most pack up and leave. Some were staying another day and others were travelling on.

A great rally.



RACVCC RALLY CALENDAR

2024

2024 RALLY CALENDAR

R.A.C.V. CARAVAN CLUB OF VICTORIA INC.

DIVISION 1, 2 & 3		DIVISION 4	DIVISION 5		DIVISION 6
January 26 - 28	WARRAGUL 106 Warragul Gardens H/P 5623 2707	Visit Any Division	BAIRNSDALE 283 NRMBA Bairnsdale Riverside H/P 5152 4654	Visit Any Division	
February 17 - 18	DONCASTER EAST 27 Crystal Brook Tourist Park 9844 3637	GLEN MAGGIE 210 ** Paradise Valley 5148 0291	BONNIE DOON 171 Bonnie Doon Lakeside Leisure Resort 5778 7252	YARRA JUNCTION 66 Doon Reserve C/P 5967 1674	
March 9 - 11 (Labour Day)	MARONG 157 Big 4 Marong Holiday Park 5435 2329	KOTUPNA 240 ** Wakitt Creek Resort 5867 3237		GOUGHS BAY 208 Goughs Bay C/P 5777 3572	
March 29 - April 1 (Easter)		BALNARRING 85 ** Balnarring Foreshore 5983 5582	STATE RALLY 15-17th MARCH KERANG 277 Kerang Holiday Park 5452 2232	COBRAM 259 Oasis Caravan Park 5871 2010	
April 6 - 7 Alternate	FORREST 160 Forrest Holiday Park 8727 8906		ARARAT 204 Acacia Caravan Park 5352 2994		
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July 13 - 14	BARWON HEADS 112 Riverview Family C/P 5256 1600	YARRAM 223 Yarram Holiday Park 5182 5063	LEONGATHA 136 Leongatha Apex C/P 5662 2753	DAYLESFORD 112 Daylesford H/P 5348 3821	
August 10 - 11	HEATHCOTE 122 Heathcote Queen Meadow C/P 5433 2304	BELLARINE 95 Bellarine Big 4 5251 5744	WONTHAGGI 138 Wonthaggi Park Lane H/P 5672 1798	FRANKSTON 49 Big 4 Mornington Peninsula H/P 5971 2333	
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November 2 - 3 (Melbourne Cup)		RIDDELLS CREEK 61 Tree Tops Scout Camp 0484 097 947		GREAT WESTERN 222 Great Western Racing & Rec Reserve 0438 532 567	
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RACVCC RALLY CALENDAR

2024

DIV 2 RALLY REPORT

COMMITTEE DETAILS

Vice President	Alan Jennings	ayjay357@bigpond.com	0458 219 279
Secretary	Ronald Tormey		0421 332 933
Treasurer	Be Steegstra	sasteegstra@bigpond.com	9889 7244 / 0488 777 086
Marshal	Pat Glover	jpaglover@hotmail.com	9733 4827 / 0428 610 124

BENALLA

By Thursday afternoon 2 vans had braved the elements to be in attendance at the Park. This was John Glover's first rally with van since his knee replacement. Well done John. Bob & Carol had their plans interrupted when Carol spent a night in hospital. They arrived Friday & were very pleased to be gifted an on-suite site due to the mud.

Martin & Lyn joined our little group Friday making up the 4 vans from Div 2. On Saturday we were very pleased to have Steve & Anne join us from Div 1. This made up the 5 vans for the weekend. Alan & Shirley were to join us but could not make the trip, we believe Norm Bunn has had his operation & is recovering.

Visits to "Northo" Hotel, Violet Town Market, Winton Wetlands, all the Murals around Benalla plus Saturday Night dinner at the Benalla Bowls Club, saw us enjoy the local attractions in the misty conditions.

Park was wet underfoot but new amenities were great, the camp kitchen is big & the heater worked well. Plenty of tables, chairs & room.

All together a good weekend & plenty of discussion on the future of Div 1 & 2. More about that later.



GEELONG

September

We Arrived at the Barwon River Holiday resort on Thursday making a total of 4 Caravans and 4 Cabins.

Thursday was a busy day setting up the Caravans for the weekend and was followed by 5'oclock nibbles in the very nice camp kitchen and catching up with old friends.

We woke on Friday to the news of strong winds and a storm but it was all OK as we were in a small pocket in the Park and it went straight passed us.

Friday some of the group visited a Geelong Orphanage Museum.

We went to the Geelong RSL for Dinner and it was enjoyed by all.

Saturday was a Free day so most of the group did some sightseeing around Portarlington to St. Leonards. We returned and after 5'oclock nibbles followed by a SOUP NIGHT with soups provided by the Ladies and the famous Lemon Tart & cream baked by Lyn Penney also there was some Christmas Pudding.

Sunday as a lazy day with a few of the group played Cards as the others did more Sightseeing checking out the new Spirit of Tasmania Terminal which boasts of ample free parking and ease of boarding.

All the vans stayed till Monday.

Yours sincerely,
Bill Penney

*...5'oclock nibbles in
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DIV 3 RALLY REPORT

COMMITTEE DETAILS

Vice President	Graeme Penny	pennyspack@gmail.com	9789 1570 / 0402 065 759
Secretary	Dorothy Penny	pennyspack@gmail.com	0411 899 935
Treasurer	Ray Andrews		9781 1148 / 0431 208 981
Marshal	Dorothy Penny	pennyspack@gmail.com	0411 899 935

MARONG

This weekend has been very different from the past. We had 1 van and 2 cabins.

Friday night dinner was at the Marong Hotel, nice and cosy.

Saturday morning Allan Johnstone and his son set off to drown some worms in the Loddon River.

We were very hopeful of a big catch. Sadly they did not catch anything so dinner for them was from the local fish and chip shop.

The Gardner,s and Penny,s car pooled to go into Bendigo for the The Womans Weekly 90th Anniversary Exhibition at the Bendigo Art Gallery. The men were very tolerant of we girls wandering around the exhibits. Seats were well used by the men.

Saturday night we all went into Allan's cabin to socialise and watch The Matilda's world cup soccer game. A very exciting game which was enjoyed by all.

Sunday morning was the usual pack-up and travel home.



DIV 4 RALLY REPORT

COMMITTEE DETAILS

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Treasurer	George Haig	georgeh@a1.com.au	0419 367 208
Marshal	Robbie Booth	robbiebooth@hotmail.com	0413 222 203

TOORA

July

Toora Tourist Park was Div 4's destination for the July Rally. 5 vans arrived at various times on the Friday with the Lee family joining on Saturday.

Nestled amongst farming, fishing & wind farm country the park offered a spacious recreation room with cooking facilities plus an adjoining kitchen & seating area with BBQ outside. A games room, heated pool and spa were popular with the kids.

During both nights the strong winds huffed and puffed but didn't succeed in blowing our vans down. On Saturday members Rod Philpot, Michelle, Josh & Imogen, Booth family of 5, Cherie, Morris & Logan Evans and Andy & Tan set out for a drive. First stop was the Port Welshpool General Store where all enjoyed the best ever fish n chips while seated together out of the wind in the park's rotunda. The understated little corner store served up a super impressive seafood feast, which the magpies also enjoyed. The chips were huge and so was Josh's hamburger, which the birthday boy managed to finish as it fell apart.



Next stop was the Port Welshpool Long Jetty. Robbie, Donna, Bella, Asha, Andy & Tan all braved the wind to walk along the 870-meter restored pier. The strong railing kept us safe from being swept away and into Bass Strait. The long walk was refreshing and gave us all the chance for a catch-up chat.

During our drive to Agnes Falls Rod narrated away, sharing all his knowledge of the local area. Driving around the hills Michelle was the clear leader, often losing sight of the 3 cars following and let's say the peddle was to the metal.

Agnes falls was impressive and so was Michelle at 30 weeks pregnant with twins onboard. We made sure she remained safe while walking on the uneven ground and fortunately we made it back & into the car just as rain began. This tourist spot was well worth the visit being Victoria's highest single-span waterfall at 59 meters high.

Opposite the caravan park was the main st and local shops where a few of us stopped in for more supplies. On the way-out Rod followed Tania to a white car where she proceeded to say how Andy disliked dirty cars. Upon opening the car door, we soon realised this wasn't our white car, closed the door, jumping into the right white car. Andy sat back, watching this all unfold and just laughed.

5zzz time brought the group together again in the rec room and more time to cuddle baby Tyler. We room soon warmed with the ovens cranked up, ready for casserole night. Yum, all the food was delicious and a favourite night for many of us. The committee, thanks Caroline, provided dessert of sticky date puddings, caramel sauce and ice-cream which was enjoyed by us all. The nights entertainment was several games of Celebrity Heads with kids Ebony, Imogen and Logan enjoying too. With the footy on in the background, we all laughed and chatted about the day, thoroughly enjoying the evening.

A late checkout of 11am meant time for another swim before hitching up for the trip home. Thanks team div 4 and although missing the other members who couldn't make this rally, it's safe to say we all had a wonderful time.

Cheers, Tan.



August

Bonnie Doon, what a fun rally this was.

Welcome to our visitors

- Luke, Marion and children.
- Rickey, Priscilla and children
- Lisa

It was so lovely to have you as visitors and hopefully down the track you will also become members.

We had 14 vans attend and 1 tent. We welcomed Beverly and Kerry attending from division 3.

Despite the drizzly weather on Saturday morning, we still managed to get out and have some fun. Tania, Meg and Lisa set off to embrace the shops in Mansfield. The rest of us enjoyed morning tea/lunch at a local Café.

After lots of laughs and yummy food some members set off to the Strathbogie State Park, while others visited a local winery or did their own thing.

Fivezzz was very popular, followed by dinner at the local pub.

A very big CONGRATULATIONS to Rod for winning two nights' accommodation, kindly donated by management for our raffle.

Now the highlight.....

Bring out the big guns, not one but two fires. Robbie and family entertained us with a couple of very well received games, we laughed and laughed, it was such a fun night.

As I wrap up the newsletter, I'd like to thank each and everyone of you for such an enjoyable rally and to the committee for making it possible.

Kind regards Belinda and Steve Martin.

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DIV 5 RALLY REPORTS

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KYABRAM

August

Congratulations to our Marshall Sue for a great rally and probably a world record!! Never before have we had all attendees join together for Happy Hour and stay on for tea and watch the football (round type) match.

On Friday night we all went to the Kyabram Club for a most enjoyable meal.

Saturday it was off to the Kyabram Fauna Park (part of Zoos Victoria) for lunch and a tour of the park. Before returning to our very comfortable Park for the Happy Hour and Matilda's football game. Thanks to Peter Phillips for the beautiful sausage rolls followed by the meal organised by Sue and the ladies. The room provided by the park was very well presented with the furniture and TV for our use.

A few members stayed over on Sunday night while the others returned home.



SEYMOUR

September



September's Rally saw Division 5 rolling into the Highlands Caravan Park in Seymour. The park was a bit tricky for some to find, as the signage was not very clear and the entrance looked like it was a house driveway. Nevertheless, although the drive to Seymour on Friday was wet and windy, everyone arrived safely and in good spirits.



Due to the camp kitchen being very open and chilly we decided to separate for Happy Hour at 4.30pm on Friday. The women gathered together in the Blake's van and the men in the Layton's van.

As the weather was not suitable for walking into town, we drove to the Prince of Wales Hotel for our Dinner at 6pm. The meals were nice and a good time was had by all.



We woke the next morning to the beautiful sunshine and gathered together in the camp kitchen for a quick meeting. Most of us headed off for a pleasant walk along the Goulburn River going through the Vietnam Veterans Commemorative Walk. It took us about an hour to look around it. It was a very informative walk. We then met in town at the corner cafe for lunch with Mark and Shirley joining us.



In the afternoon we played 3 fun games of Klop. Lots of laughter and banter was had. Although the rules are that you have to throw underarm, Peter thought it was more fun to throw it like a tomahawk... haha... The winners were Dawn, Mounir and Bruce.

We met for happy hour around the camp fire provided by the park. The wind had dropped and the fire was warm and coz. It was delightful! We stayed there for dinner enjoying Peter's homemade sausage rolls, salads, hot chips, followed by cheesecake and tiramisu for dessert.

A great discussion was later had about 'trying to fix the world's problems' whilst sitting around the warm fire. Such a shame Gay forgot the marshmallows... haha...

On Sunday three couples left to return home and two couples stayed on for a further night. Thank you for organizing the weekend Gay, it was very much appreciated.

Once again it was a very enjoyable rally. A fun time had by all!



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...Best mullet won by Ric... Thong throwing won by Declan...



MORNINGTON

July

The Melbourne July weather was kind to us caravanners this weekend. The wind was cold but the rain held off. This did not stop the fun and games.

Many members visited Hayley and Greg's home on Friday night for the customary Pizza night before heading off on the long trip to the Big 4 Mornington (Frankston) caravan park.

A huge thank you to Roz and Charlie for organised Saturday night's dinner. A pie night held in the warm recreation room. Followed by a grouse event, Bogan Bingo, kindly organised by Hayley and Greg. Some of the activities and winners included: come dressed as your best Bogan, winner EVERYONE! Best mullet won by Ric. Best dance moves won by Lindsay, doing Thriller. Thong throwing won by Declan. Tina won the Bingo game whilst Ken was waiting and wondering what happened to some of his number. All numbers were called. Ken received a prize of car aerial, or a coat hunger. There was many prizes throughout the evening all were all greatly appreciated, from blow up air guitars, to packets of smokes (Lollie smokes). There were many winners on the night and lots of laughter.

Luke kept the evening moving and was entertaining as the host with the most. As always Tracey being the silent sideline support.

Unfortunately, there was not laughter all weekend. Heather that was feeling very poorly and stayed in her warm caravan. Hope you are feeling better. And a shout out to Roz that wanted to stay connected to her caravan. Roz got her finger jammed in the caravan door and was unable to open the door herself. She was able to reach her phone and phoned a friend to come and open the door and release her. Thanks to Tina's quick response. Hope your finger is Ok Roz.

TOORA

August

We had a total of five vans in Toora for the weekend, five vans, 2 furry friends and 10 people. It was a little chilly and not the best weather but we were lucky to have a nice area under-cover.

Lisa & John, Hayley & Greg and Ric & Sharon arrived Friday night where they met for drinks, and Saturday morning head off to Port Welshpool for 'the best' Fish and Chips and a drive along Sandy Point beach.





Fivesies with the crew...

The Toora Caravan Park is a beautiful spot, super friendly Management and great facilities, heated pool, spa, games room, under cover BBQ and Kitchen.

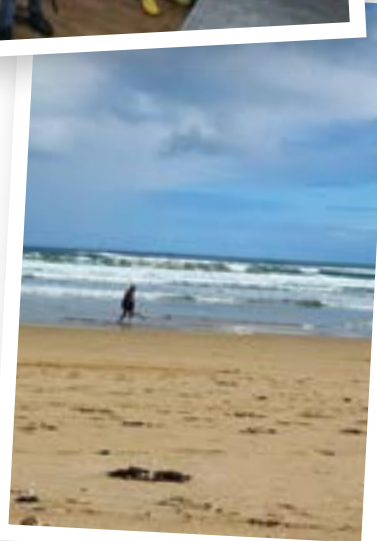
Fiona & I arrived together with David & Mandy on Saturday. We meet all together at The Toora Pub for a friendly game of pool and catch up together. Back to the park for Fivesies, Finska and a selection of David's new concoctions.



Cheering on the Matildas...

There was lots of fun & laughter and some excitement cheering on the Matildas in an exciting semi-final that evening.

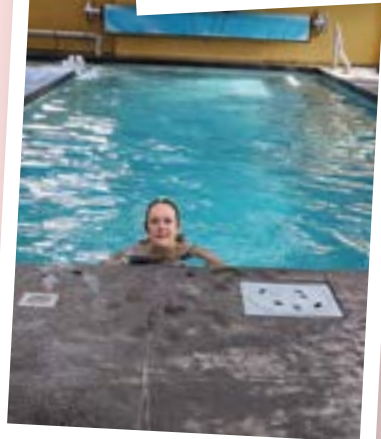
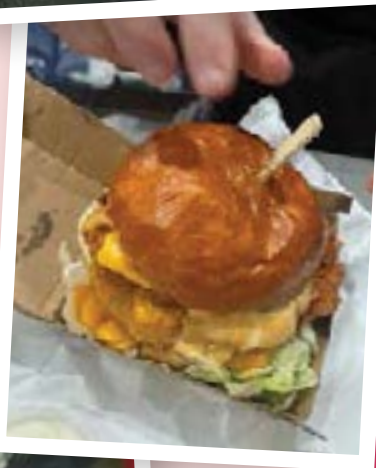
We were able to stay an extra night so it gave Fiona and I a chance to explore the surrounding country.



Warratah Hills Winery tasting...

We had a beautiful walk in Venus Bay beach where Fiona tried to find the all elusive Pippis, then off to lunch at Warratah Hills winery (thoroughly recommend) and a visit to Port Welshpool and the General Store where we had to try the Talk-of-the-Town BEST HAMBURGER.

Well – It didn't disappoint. It's a must if in the area.



We finished up the extended weekend with a swim and spa in the heated pool at the caravan park.

Fabulous fun and a great weekend, thanks to Committee for organising. We look forward to catching up with all at the September rally at Crystal Brook Tourist Park.

Report from Kevin Arendse

DONCASTER EAST

September

Friday

The cold and rain did no dampen the spirits of the campers of Division 6. Friday night five's continued through the night with great conversation, laughs, tears and alcohol with dinner being missed by most leaving Ric and Lindsay looking for something more substantial come 9pm.

Lindsay had a Billy Brownless moment when he tried to say "optimus of fitness" but could only manage "Appitamous of fitness" the word of the weekend.

It was great to see Dorothy and Graham from Division 3 and Joy and Ray from Division 4. Kath dropped in for a quick visit in her sporty vintage Celica.

A big welcome to Big Kev to Division 6.



Saturday

We woke up to warm sunshine on the Saturday. Greg and Hayley enjoying a breakfast across the road at Beasleys Nursery and Sharon and Ric wearing out their beautiful dog Kaylee on a long walk. Sharon and myself enjoyed a quick walk along the Warrandyte shopping strip. Fiona and Kevin arrived with their new tiny fur baby and needing to pry pup from Hayleys warm embrace for cuddles. The Park's resident cat was very friendly and enjoyed the attention and watching us all from the bonnet of Hayley's car.

Drinks and more conversation went on throughout the afternoon until it was time to get ready for Dinner at the Warrandyte Pub to farewell Tina and Ken. Spirits were high with good food and drinks enjoyed by all including the one worn by me (sorry Ric) 😊 We wish Tina and Ken the very best in their new adventure in Queensland.

Sunday

Everyone packed up and made their way home after another enjoyable rally.

Condolences

Our hearts go out to Gill and her family with the very sad news of her mums sudden and dire illness with her passing away on Saturday morning.

Our thoughts are also with Julie who recently lost her mum.

Sending our love and deepest sympathy to you both at this very sad and difficult time.

Meg Cincotta 8-10th September 2023.





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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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