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President's Report

Hello everyone,

We held our first 2019 Executive meeting in February when I shared my objectives for the club with the committee, in short it's to:

- Grow the Club
- Acquire a Club Camp Ground

Work with Camerons Bight Foreshore Committee toward the next agreement.

There is lots of work involved to meet those objectives and it will take us some time.

We have started work delivering on the Special General Meeting held November 2018. Learmonth should be on the market soon, John Stone has been working with local agents to get this happening.

I want to start work on the second component of Special AGM "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".

To do this we are seeking a person from each Division to be a part of a Sub-Committee to generate 2 proposals for the long term benefit of the club. The committee will consist of the President, Secretary, Treasurer and delegates from the divisions, Jeff O'Brien Div. 3 and Malcom Hubble Div. 5 have offered their services, thank you. If you are interested in being part of this please inform your Divisional VP.

Camerons Bight Camp Ground:

Our season at Camerons Bight, Blairgowrie is over for another summer. The weather was kind to us, the company was good, most of the activities went off without a hitch thanks to Anne, Bob, Lisa, Luke and many others that stepped up when it was needed. The Australia Day Breakfast looked to be a challenge, the camp BBQs were nowhere to be seen. Fortunately Luke stepped up and bought the

Div 4 trailer to the camp ground enabling us to use our club gear. Bocce was successful. The Fishing and Sandcastle completions did not get off the ground. Perhaps next season we might allow grown-ups to participate.

We experienced some unexpected changes to some of the camp sites this season. In an effort to resolve some of our issues we arranged to meet with the Chair and Vice Chair persons for the Foreshore Committee of Management. We detailed our issues, they promised to look at them and meet with us again. The meeting was positive there appears to be opportunities for us to work together to our mutual benefit in the future. Some of our site issues are being addressed others are work in progress.

At this time the sites we currently occupy are the ones we can apply for in the 2019/20 season. If there are changes to this we shall let you know as soon as we can.

The 2019-2020 season application form is contained in this newsletter. I hope you have done some preparation work for your site selection for the next season. Make sure you select a site you

will fit on with your car and annex. A list of site sizes, supplied by the Foreshore Committee will be made available soon.

Alternate Rally Weekends:

This year we get to test the Alternate Easter and Cup Weekend Rallies. You can attend both an alternate rally with one division and the Easter Rally with another division; provided you have sought the permission of the divisional secretary of the Division you plan to visit with the minimum 28 days' notice. You will only get the one rally point, but it can give you an excuse to get out and use your caravan.

Winter is on the way. The Grey Nomads will head off to warmer parts while others remain. Some Touring Rallies are planned for northerly directions and to the west for the National Rally. They are listed further on in this newsletter. Contact the tour coordinator if you wish to join them or let the Exec know if you want to lead one.

Happy Rallying.

Rob Taylor

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Yea – January 26 - 28

Division One held their rally at the Riverside Good'ay Park. The Old Park has been revamped to include many new Cabins, Swimming Pool, New Camp/BBQ areas and two large shaded camp areas (No Power) which also includes a new camp Kitchen and an amenities block with a dump point. Over the weekend 15 vans attended. On Thursday & Friday the town including the caravan park had a series of

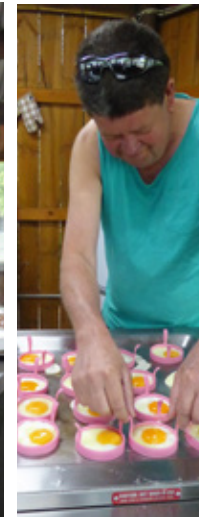


electrical Brown Outs (not called Blackouts anymore, so I'm led to believe), consequently, planned activities were cancelled for those days. However, for those interested in sightseeing in the area, places like the Steam Museum, The Cascades, Yea Wetlands and Wineries were visited over the weekend.

On Saturday morning the Committee supplied and organised our Australia Day Breakfast which was enjoyed by all in attendance. In the



evening, Park Management supplied a sausage sizzle for all their Guests at the camp kitchen under the seven beautiful old trees which surrounded the old brick bunk house which slept the Cattle Drovers herding cattle in the Day. For Sunday dinner 10 members dined at the Country Club Hotel enjoying a lovely meal. Monday, some headed for home others stay the extra night to avoid the heavy traffic. It was a great rally thanks to the Committee.





Warragul – February 16 - 17



Heathcote – March 9 - 11

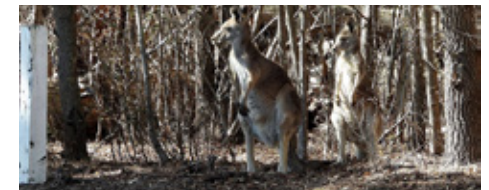
7 vans from Div 1 attended Heathcote for the March Rally, although Div 2 were also in attendance, and afternoon tea/happy hour was a combined affair.

The Queen Meadow Caravan Park was the location used for the club's Christmas rallies, over 50 years ago, when we were just one division, and the park continues to impress by putting on a Friday night sausage sizzle, a Sunday morning pancake breakfast and outdoor movie Sunday night, all inclusive.



it was okay, it wasn't as good as the previous nights meal. Sunday morning, as previously mentioned, was pancakes for breakfast and then a couple of vans headed home. Roger and Maureen along with Ken and Margaret went to Echuca for morning tea/ lunch, the others spent time around the Heathcote area, another great weekend was had by all.

Friday evening was the usual meal out, the initial plan was to go to an 'in town' brewery that also has meals, however they were in between chefs and all they could offer were pizzas, purchased from the shop across the road, so the Commercial Hotel was chosen and proved to be a hit. Saturday morning, Fran and the 2 Peter's were driven by Liz up to the viewing rock for magnificent vistas of Heathcote and the surrounding area, they then took the walking trail down past the powder magazine and back to the park. Other members went of to Bendigo for lunch, while those remaining sought shade from the 31 degree heat. 3 families went to the other hotel in town for dinner Saturday night, and whilst



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Bridgewater – January 26 - 28

The rally was held at Bridgewater Public Caravan Park on the Australia Day long weekend. The threat of very high temperatures resulted in some cancellations. Arrivals Wednesday, Thursday and Friday provided the total of nine caravans. The weather was hot throughout with Friday very, very hot, as threatened.

Early arrivals, Pat and Adrian, suffered a dog attack and a resulting fall while cycling along the river. The fall left Pat sore and limping and with less enthusiasm for unconfined dogs and cycling exercise.



Our meeting on Saturday heard current club news and discussed 2019 Christmas catering arrangements, 2020 rally program venues, and updated us on member anniversaries and welfare.

It was the Australian Masters water ski championships on the Loddon River and we watched from the shade of the gums along the bank and from the raised outdoor balcony of the park kitchen and dining area. Great runs by the jump and slalom skiers in contests for 13 year olds through to masters. Australian lady world record holder for the longest jump made it look deceptively easy.

The balcony also provided an airy venue for the players of table games and for the Saturday evening meal. We had a byo bbq dinner with members providing salads and desserts. A great meal. Thanks to all. On Sunday night



we dined out at the Bridgewater Hotel on nice meals and in the usual good company.

On Monday morning Heather had a fall. Worried members provided umbrellas for shade and, with other ladies with nursing training, cared for her until an ambulance arrived. Other members ensured the ambulance could reach her and get out of the busy park gate without delay. Heather was admitted to Bendigo Base Hospital for complex shoulder surgery and to continuing hospital care pending transfer to Melbourne at a later date. We wish Heather well in her recovery.

Joys of caravanning. Pat and John's van had a water pipe leak. Floor awash, cupboards flooded. John off on Australia Day looking for a replacement part. They were not pleased.

Over our stay members took side trips to Inglewood, Ravenswood, Bendigo, Maldon and Dunolly. We do like to get about, and also to chat: scones?

Most members left on Wednesday before the violent wind and rain at 3pm brought down some gums onto empty sites along the river. An eventful weekend.

Marysville – February 16 - 17

What a beautiful area. Black Saturday of 10 years ago has been put aside and the town has been rejuvenated. The bush has regrown although there are still many scars visible. Coming over the Black Spur is an interesting



exercise pulling a van, but beautiful views for the passenger.

It was a perfect weekend, sun shining, chilly nights and wonderful company. Weekend started early 5 vans arriving Thursday another 5 making their way on Friday. We also had members in two cabins at the park. Three vans from Div 4 were with us also, swelling our numbers at morning tea.

We started off doing our own thing on Thurs and Fri but on the list of things to see was Steavensons Falls, Keppel Lookout, Bruno's Sculpture Garden all high on our lists. If in Marysville Bruno's is a must. Lovely setting for a Caravan Park right in town, coffee shops, bakery, opp shop, Foodworks, Info Centre and a wonderful park to walk through, all





this in walking distance of the C/Park, with Steavensons River/Creek flowing through the middle of the C/ Park. What more could you want!

Happy Hours were held under the shade of trees next to the river with the sound of the water running over the rocks was all very soothing. Excellent company and catching up with all the Divisional news – Heather Birney is out and about after her fall at Bridgewater, Shirley Jennings is about again, Ron Tormey is to have some surgery but was with us at the Rally. We were told Keith McKecknie is not well and Tony Warmington has had a foot repair. This growing old is no fun.

Other than that greetings to all Div 2 members and look forward to seeing you at a Rally soon.

Heathcote – March 9 - 11

Eight vans attended with some arriving on Wednesday to set up and enjoy the peaceful surroundings.

The remaining vans arrived on Thursday and Friday. We missed the company of several of our 'sickies' and we send our best wishes for speedy recoveries all round! .

We were joined by Division 1 and enjoyed meeting together under a beautiful shade tree with lots of exchanging of 'news and views'. The amenities at Queen Meadows C/P were excellent with the management going out of their way to be most friendly and helpful. We all enjoyed magnificent balmy weather throughout the rally, although it was sad to see the country



so dry with the absence of much-needed rain and the convenience of green grass. Heathcote is now a bustling small town boasting two hotels and another hotel along with a huge IGA Supermarket both under construction. Many local wineries who have already been established in the area now have outlets in the town as well as the usual cellar door.

On Friday night the whole park was treated by the Management to a sausage sizzle in the company of some of the local kangaroos! During the chit-chat on Saturday morning, we were paid a surprise visit by our member Dennis on his brand-new 1300cc Yamaha motor bike looking most resplendent in his all-black leathers matching his all-black bike!

On Saturday afternoon many of us joined a wine and cheese tasting at the park presented by the nearby 'Silver Spoon Estate Winery' with a variety of red and white wines on offer. Amazingly, this winery operates without irrigation or a drip system! Several members visited Bendigo which never fails to provide some interesting tourist spots, whilst others



visited nearby Lake Eppalock. It was quite a shock to see the water well-down with much green algae present.

Sunday morning the whole Park was again treated by the Management to a pancake breakfast, complete with maple syrup, homemade plum jam and strawberry jam! Sunday night saw us all visit the Commercial Hotel enjoying a most generous and delightful meal. Some members stayed on until Monday or Tuesday which completed a very happy and restful rally.



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Stony Point – March 9 - 11

Imagine!

Crib Point Friday Night! 20 Division 3 RACVCC seniors descending upon what must be one of the quaintest RSLs in Victoria at Crib Point. We had been advised of menu possibilities and the numbers of certain dishes available during the afternoon and we had made our choices accordingly. It was quite a novel arrangement! We managed to outnumber the lively locals, but they were happy to see us and gave us a hearty cheer.

Imagine!

Saturday! 20 Senior Card wielding Division 3 members striding onto Stony Point Jetty eagerly anticipating their cruise to Cowes via French Island.

We had a great day 'over the water on the Island' in stuck in the 80s Cowes (but hey! the 80s was our era!) Shopping. Marketing. Coffeing. Lunching and Ice Creaming before we cruised back to Port Stony Point. All in glorious weather which continued into the evening for our fiveses.

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RACVCC MEMBER BOOKINGS 2019 -2020 CAMERONS BIGHT CAMPING GROUND

Time to prepare for Summer.

Cameron's Bight Caravan Park is on the beach front and we have sites available to us for bookings of various lengths.

Bookings commence from 21 December 2019 and conclude for the Club on Saturday 14 March 2019.

Christmas Peak period is 21/12/2019 to 01/02/2020

The first 3 weeks of the Peak Season must be taken as a block. Thereafter bookings are all made in blocks of one week from 2.00pm Saturday to 10.00am the following Saturday

Off Peak Period is 01/02/2020 to 14/03/2020

This period may be booked as a package if you held a package during season 2017/18. No new packages are available, and non-package holders who wish to book during this period should do so by calculating on a nightly basis.

Bookings for only the Labour day weekend and all bookings beyond 14/03/2020 including Easter weekend must be made direct with the COM Phone 5985 3288.

The Park is divided into Premium and Standard sites and they are clearly marked on the enclosed map.

UNAVAILABLE sites are also clearly marked and listed. All the sites are non-powered, and fees are in line with DELWP approved rates for Coastal Foreshore Camping.

PLEASE NOTE: THE CHANGE OF BANK.

All Applications MUST be mailed or emailed to

RACV CARAVAN CLUB of VIC INC
c/- ANNE CECIL
PO BOX 407
SEYMOUR 3660
bj.plastics@bigpond.com

**To arrive no later than
Friday 31st May 2019**

Rally Dates for 2020

January 25 – 27 January
February 15 – 16 February
March 7 – 9 March
Easter 10 – 13 April

Members wishing to gain attendance credits at Sorrento for January, February, and March Rallies must be in attendance on the rally weekend as per Club By Laws and sign the Attendance Book for each rally.

PLEASE NOTE .

- **Your van/RV must fit your selected site. This includes slide outs, A frame, annex and car.**
- **Allocations are planned for the weekend of June 15/16. Please monitor your contact phone**

CAMPING RULES & CONDITIONS CAMERONS BIGHT FORSHORE CAMP GROUND

To ensure a safe and enjoyable stay on the Foreshore Reserves, campers must ensure that they are familiar with the Camping Rules & Conditions and must sign agreement to these Camping Rules & Conditions.

The applicant shall be held responsible for any breach of these Camping Rules & Conditions whether caused by the applicant, occupants, or visitors to the site.

These rules and conditions constitute the terms by which a person is permitted to occupy a camp site.

The Foreshore Manager has the authority to terminate the booking of an occupant upon any breach of these rules and conditions, to relocate or cancel any booking at his/her discretion, and to decline application.

1. CAMPING APPLICATION

- a) Payment is to be made in full before occupying a site.
- b) Early departure shall not be refundable.
- c) Rates may change and surcharges may be introduced without notice.
- d) Peak Season cancellations notified 30 days before the occupancy date shall be refundable less \$50.00 Booking Fee.
- e) Shoulder & Off Peak Season cancellations notified 14 days before occupancy date shall be refundable less \$30.00 Booking Fee.
- f) Late cancellations are non-refundable.
- g) Campsite fees cover a maximum of two adults and three children under sixteen years of age per site at any time.
- h) Maximum number of persons on a campsite must not exceed 6
- i) Extra persons shall incur an additional charge of \$10.00 per night and must be notified to staff prior to occupancy.
- j) Campsites are not transferrable
- k) Site or caravan shall not be sub-let or loaned.
- l) Pensioner discount does not apply if persons other than pensioners are in occupancy.
- m) No liability is accepted for loss or damage to property whilst camping on the foreshore reserves.

2. CHECK IN /CHECK OUT TIMES

- a) Sites must be vacated by 10am on day of departure. Incoming vans may be set up after 2pm. These times must be strictly adhered to unless arranged beforehand with the office. Charges may apply.
- b) Campers may stay on site to a maximum of 59 consecutive nights.

3. NOISE/BEHAVIOUR

- a) Noise must be kept to a minimum after 10pm, Disruptive, anti-social, illegal behaviour or abuse of employees, contractors or Committee Members will not be tolerated.
- b) Safety helmets must be worn when riding bicycles within the foreshore reserve.
- c) Playground equipment shall be used only by children under the age of 12 years.

4. ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION

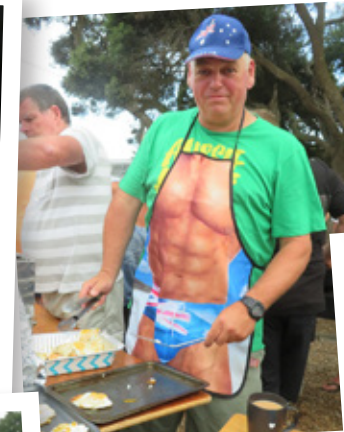
- a) Local laws prohibit the consumption of alcohol in public places (e.g. roads, carparks, amenities & beaches).

5. ANIMALS/PETS

- a) The keeping of animals of any kind is strictly prohibited

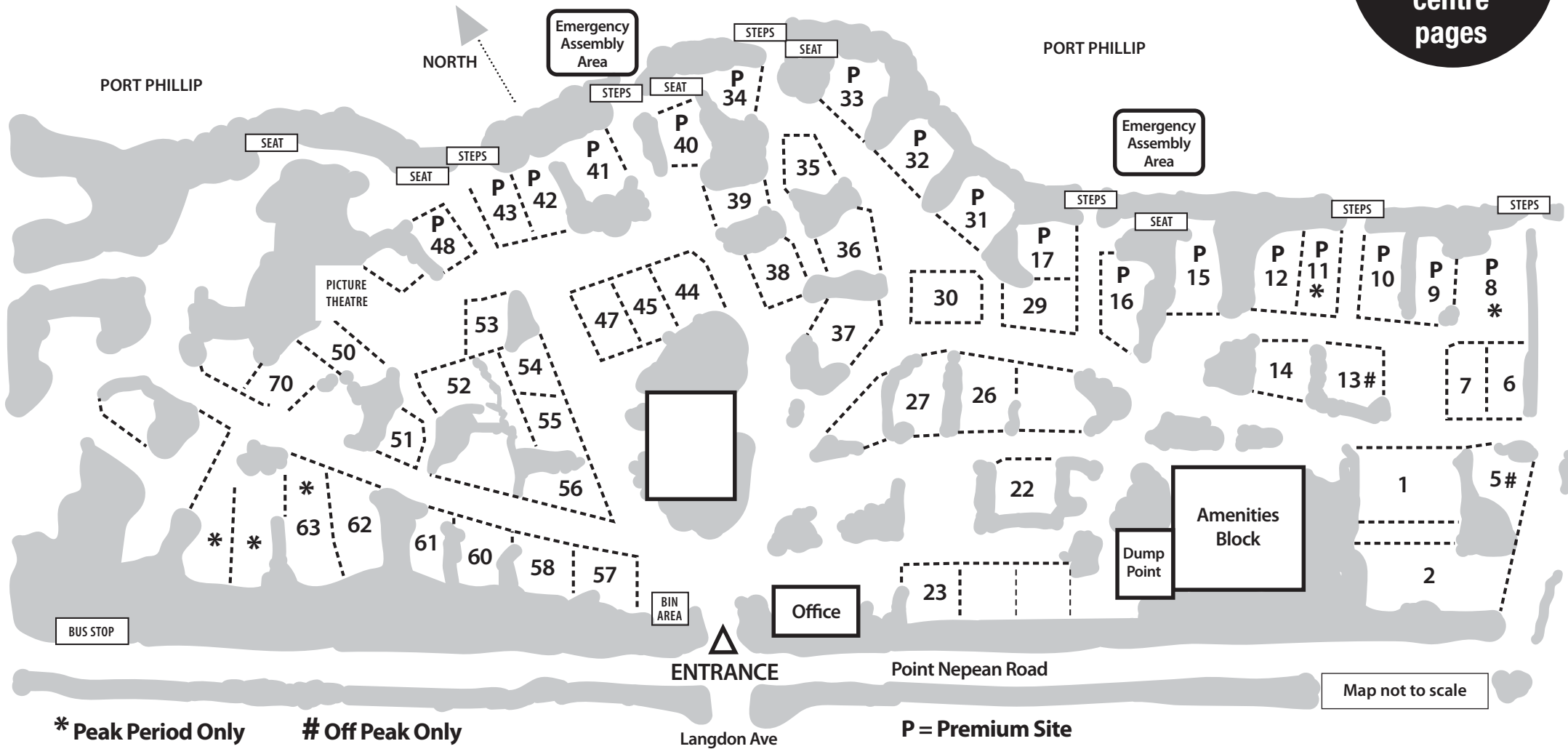
6. CAMP SET-UP

- a) Camp sites vary in size. There is no guarantee that tents, vans or vehicles will fit onto any site. It is your responsibility to ensure selection of a site which will fully accommodate all of your camping requirements.
- b) Maximum setup per campsite subject to size of campsite: 1 family tent & 1 x two person tent plus 1 car, or 3 x two person tents plus one car, or 1 caravan and annexe plus one small tent and one car.
- c) Screens around sites are prohibited. A small 'infant play pen (approx. 2m wide x 2m long x 0.5m high) may be erected when infants are present but must be removed when campsite is unoccupied overnight.
- d) Ground cover must be a breathable material used to cover, by direct contact, a small portion of the ground of a site external to a caravan, annexe or tent, and does not include carpet.
- e) Caravan, tents and all camping accessories must be contained within the site markers, including watercraft and bicycles.
- f) Hoses for pressurised water systems shall not be attached to park taps.



**Please check the site sizes you're applying for,
your caravan, annex and car must fit within your site boundaries**

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Camerons Bight Campground Blairgowrie, Victoria

6. CAMP SET-UP *continued*

- g) The use of generators is strictly prohibited.
- h) No caravan or tent is permitted to be connected to any 240 volt supply whilst on site.
- i) No electrical items may be charged in the laundry.

7. VEHICLES BOATS & TRAILERS-PARKING

- a) All vans must be currently registered.
- b) One (1) car per site is permitted. Visitor's cars must be parked outside park boundaries.
- c) Sleeping in cars is not permitted.
- d) Boats and trailers are not to be parked in the campgrounds. There is no provision for boat/trailer parking in the campgrounds.
- e) Where additional parking is required, an application for an additional site will need to be made when making a booking.
- f) The speed limit within the foreshore reserve is 5km p/h.
- g) Launching of boats from the foreshore is prohibited.
- h) The washing of boats, caravans & vehicles in the campgrounds is prohibited.

8. FIRE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- a) No fires permitted at any time on the foreshore, including campgrounds and beaches.
- b) Solid fuel barbecues are not permitted. All barbecues which use solid fuel, such as charcoal, briquettes or wood are not allowed.
- c) All camps must have at least one (1) suitable, currently serviced and approved fire extinguisher, a fire blanket and working smoke detector.
- d) It is recommended that campers have the 'Fire Ready' app on mobiles
- e) All campers should be familiar with the Whitecliffs to Camerons Bight Foreshore Emergency & Evacuation Plan as displayed.
- f) Campers must comply with all conditions of any fire ban or restriction declared for the area in which the campground is located.

9. VEGETATION (Flora/Fauna)

- a) No person shall interfere in any way with the flora and fauna on the reserve.
- b) The attachment of any materials to trees or vegetation within the foreshore reserves is strictly prohibited.

10. RUBBISH

- a) General campsite waste only is to be placed in the bins provided. Any larger waste items (e.g. white goods, carpet remnants, large boxes etc.) must be removed from the campsite area.
- b) Bins must not be moved from their positions.
- c) Recyclable items must be placed in the recycling bins that are provided.
- d) It is a requirement at the conclusion of your stay that you must remove all of your property from the site and leave the site in a clean and tidy condition.

11. LP GAS

- a) Gas cylinders must have all surrounding ignition sources removed; be secured; on a stable base; vented away from the structure/dwelling and in location away from vents, windows and doors to meet Energy Safe Victoria guidelines.
- b) Gas supply must be shut off at the bottle when the site is unoccupied overnight.

12. ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE

- a) Campers are to respect the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in the campgrounds and not disturb the soil other than for surface trenches no deeper than 100mm (4") for water run off or for the driving of tent pegs.

13. AMENITIES

- a) Children under the age of ten (10) years shall not use the toilets and/or showers unless supervised by an adult at all times.
- b) No child over the age of 3 years shall be bathed in the children's bath in the laundry.
- c) The washing of dishes and cleaning of fish in amenities is prohibited.
- d) Amenity blocks are closed when cleaning in progress.



Cameron's Bight Happenings

Once again the season at Sorrento didn't disappoint. A few surprises with site changes to previous years but who cared, club members were together celebrating friendship and summer days on the beach with champagne.

Top of the highlights list were our traditional Aussie day breakfast and didn't the hard working committee cook up a delicious feast for us all. Many members were in attendance, socialising and ready for the formalities of the morning with singing voices ready.

Anne Cecil saved the day for many of us organising Pie nights including tasty vanilla slices, chicken n' chips and a hot dog night. Thanks Anne, these events are always appreciated, lots of fun and unite the club. Finally who could forget the yearly Bouchee competition officiated by the one & only Bob Anderson. Talk about competition with some very skilled (or lucky) players. On one occasions 5zees was even held on the lawn and attracted a large crowd with nibbles & a beverage in hand.

Who could really describe any of this to our non-RACV caravan friends? You really need to be a club member celebrating Sorrento or Rally's to really appreciate how lucky we are.

During the 2018/19 summer season the RACVCC Sorrento Committee (President, Secretary and Treasurer) met several times with Executive members of the White Cliffs To Camerons Bight Foreshore Committee of Management, Marc Yanuli, Graham Goudie and Ranger Greg Powell.

We worked together to resolve issues identified from the site changes which they implemented to meet CFA obligations and DWELP policies.

We have created a more transparent relationship and reporting process with the foreshore committee and from this, plans and updates of improvements will be emailed to Members when they become available or through our quarterly newsletters.

The following is the first update from the White Cliffs To Camerons Bight Foreshore Committee of Management.

Rob Taylor



Foreshore Managers Report

Works have now been completed on the reconfiguration of all three camp grounds in order to achieve the following;

- Regulatory 2m separation between camp sites
- Protection of vegetation under the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act by way of establishing exclusion zone (mulched areas) The areas will be planted throughout the winter with local indigenous species.

All permits have been obtained for the new administration building and will be completed in May – June 2019. The building will include individual office space, meeting space, staff amenities and a customer service area.

Works will commence in May 2019 on the renovation of a number of areas throughout the camp grounds in order to make sites more usable. Works will include levelling and resurfacing in readiness for the 2019/20 Camping Season.

Draft Plans have been received for the new Picnic/BBQ shelter which is to be located within the Camerons Bight reserve. The area will include a twin hotplate BBQ, seating and sinks and food preparation benches. Once all permits have been obtained construction will commence. Estimated completion October - November 2019.

New picnic seating will be installed in the North- West corner of the reserve (formally site 49). This will provide all visitors to the reserve an enjoyable place to relax and take in the excellent views of Port Phillip Bay.

Greg Powell
Foreshore Manager

TAX INVOICE ABN 83 836 581 725

Date

Name in full (Block Letters Please)

RACV Membership Number

Address

Email Address

Phone..... Mobile

I desire to apply for Site No. or alternatively one of the following:

From 2.00pm To 10 am.....

Simple	Standard	or	Premium	Booking
Peak i.e.6 weeks (21/12/2019 to 01/02/2020)	\$1430.00		\$1704.00	\$.....
6 weeks Off Peak Package (01/02/2020 to 14/03/20)	\$ 536.00		\$ 662.00	\$.....
			Total	\$.....

Flexible	Standard	or	Premium	Booking
21 December to 11 January Peak x 3	\$715.00		\$852.00	\$.....
11 January to 18 January Peak	\$239.00		\$284.00	\$.....
18 January to 25 January Peak	\$239.00		\$284.00	\$.....
25 January to 01 February Peak	\$239.00		\$284.00	\$.....
6 Weeks Off Peak Package (01/02/2019 to 14/03/2019)	\$536.00		\$662.00	\$.....

Off Peak Packages are available only to those who already held one during season 2017/2018

Or Nightly

01 February to 14 March Off Peak	\$24.00	\$29	\$.....
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For nightly/non package bookings that include Labour Day Weekend, the minimum 3 night holiday weekend stay nights will be charged at Premium \$37 and Standard \$34 each.

Bookings for **Labour Day weekend only** must be made direct through Committee of Management.

BOOKING FEE \$10.00
TOTAL \$

My van/RV including annex is M long x M wide

Please note that your van/RV Annex must fit your selected site. This includes the A Frame and increased width if you have a slide out. You must be able to park your car within your site.

In the event of all above sites being unavailable:

(A) I WILL accept such other site as allowed (B) I WILL NOT accept any other site

Note: If (a) or (b) is not deleted, (a) automatically applies.

I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL RULES SET OUT HEREIN **Signature**.....

Deposit of \$600 required or payment in full if less than \$600 for full booking.

I enclose Full Payment / Deposit \$.....

Please Note the change of bank.

EFT RACV Caravan Club of Victoria Inc (Bendigo Bank) BSB 633-000 a/c 162 218 671
USE MEMBERSHIP NUMBER AS REFERENCE WHEN USING EFT OR BANK DEPOSIT
Your Caravan, Annex Car and any other structure must fit within your site boundaries.

RACVCC MEMBER CAMERONS BIGHT CAMPING GROUND SITE APPLICATION FORM

Division 3 – News & Notes

TAX INVOICE ABN 83 836 581 725

READ EVERYTHING BEFORE YOU SELECT YOUR SITE AND COMPLETE THIS FORM

For any queries please contact Anne Cecil by phone 0418 346 925
or email bj.plastics@bigpond.com

Name (Block Letters)

Complete details on reverse side and MAIL with your cheque / bank cheque
OR Email to bj.plastics@bigpond.com to arrive no later than **Friday 31st May 2019**

RACV Caravan Club of Victoria Inc
C/- Anne Cecil
PO BOX 407
SEYMOUR 3660

OFFICE USE ONLY

Site Allocated from 2pm

To 10am

.....	Weeks peak	@ \$	=	\$
.....	Weeks off peak	@ \$	=	\$
.....	Days off peak	@ \$	=	\$ 10
.....	Booking Fee	@ \$10	=	\$

TOTAL \$

AMOUNT RECEIVED \$

Amount Owing (if any) \$

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Small rallies always bring out the best and the worst in us when we are gathered and after much frivolity and laughter, we braced ourselves for an evening of Crazy Whist around the vans. It is a March Rally tradition for Division 3. ALANna and RONette were newcomers to the game and horribly confused by their new names. Playing as ladies was all too much for them and they had to resort to being men in a couple of games. Somehow the evening concluded but not without much more laughter, scurrying between vans, back tracking, correcting scores and general confusion. Laurie and Pat and Ronette and Maxy (who by the way also managed to play as a lady and a man) were winners or losers. Oh, Uncle Ken! You would not have been proud of us, but the tradition continues.... sort of!

On Sunday the opportunity to visit Mornington Market was not taken by many or even any... everyone was psyching themselves for the afternoon's inaugural Annual Division 3 Klop Championship. It had to be easier than round the vans Crazy Whist? The Championships were contested by all (without their Seniors Cards) and Dot Penny was the winner. Well done Dotti!

And to prove her supreme ability she then won the all comers friendly game afterwards.

Pop-up Afternoon Tea kept us altogether until fiveses during which Jeffrey regaled us with his movie/slide show of the rally weekend. It was a ripper and gave us all the chance to see his, Jeannette's and Judy's much talked about free ride in a helicopter over the Island courtesy of a heli pilot friend.

We concluded with more banter chatter and laughter and most of us left Monday morning. Some earlier than others (yawn). Who could imagine that you could have such fun at Stony Point?

Next Stop Moe where we will do it all over again.

PS. *Imagine!*

Paul Edmonds and Julian Knipe coming to a rally! The Heafield Hordes joining us! Ian McConnell visiting each day with his degang-lionated finger! Judy Wall joining us for Saturday and Debbie (daughter of Ron and Maureen) welcoming us to her backyard. And then know how delighted we were to see them all. Come again!



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Stony Point – January 26 - 28

Eight intrepid travellers in four vans drove all the way to Stony Point. We arrived on the Friday for the first rally of 2019.

The caravan park is a small rural park with clean but basic facilities. What it lacked in class it more than made up in warmth and fellowship. Australia day started with pancakes for breakfast, finishing with hamburgers and sausages for dinner. All provided by the Park Managers.

Saturday was a day of rest. We watched the fishermen cleaning their fish with the attendant pelicans, seagulls and stingrays waiting for their share. There were three stingrays hovering about, one of which was huge.

On the Sunday, six of us went on the ferry to French Island to do a 2.5 hour eco tour in a 10 seater 4WD bus. Jim and I had a 70th birthday party to attend in Mornington.



French Island is twice as large as Phillip Island, has no water, no electricity and no fuel. The roads are mostly bush tracks, no police and cars are mostly unregistered. People need to take their jerry cans to the mainland by the ferry, to get their fuel. 118 people live on the island permanently and there are 6 children who go to Perseverance Primary School.

Our six travellers enjoyed their eco tour. The guide was knowledgeable and had lots of local stories to tell. They thoroughly recommended the tour but said the tracks were rough.

It was a great little rally. One of the benefits being we could all sit around the one table.

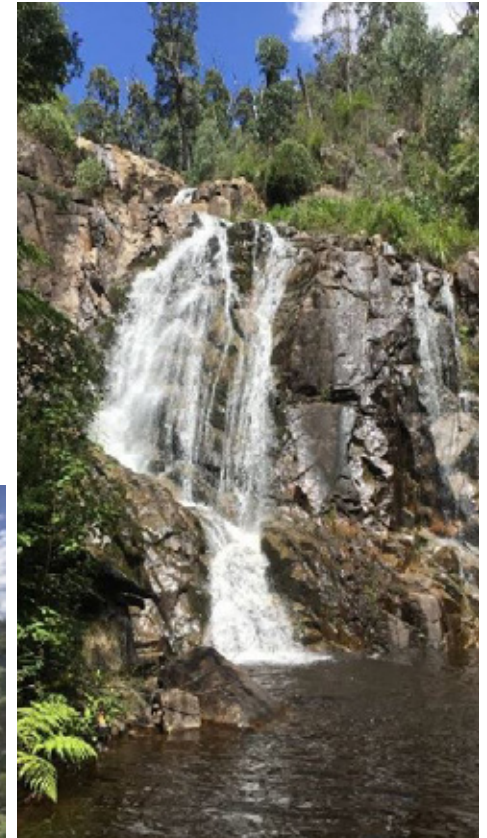
- Barb & Ron Pike
- Julie & Rob Booth
- Ruth & Clive Roberts
- Jan (scribe) & Jim Hall

Marysville – February 16 - 17

The park has a beautiful little creek running through it.

We arrived on Saturday morning, the Anders & Lynch's were already setup. Division 2 were also setup in the park.

After a wander around town & some tasties from the Bakery, we headed off for a walk around Stephenson's falls. There wasn't a whole lot of water coming through the falls. However, the weather was beautiful. The walk to the top of the falls is a steady climb, those of greater fitness strode to the top in no-time. The view from the top is spectacular, but the water was very cold, even for the middle of summer



Macedon – March 9 - 11

Macedon was a small affair with two caravans attending. Three had officially booked, but only the Lynch and Shrubshall families attended.

Weather was pleaseant, with a little rain on Sunday morning, clearing by mid-morning.

Shrubshalls arrived saturday morning and were surprised they were the only attendees.

The lynch’s arrived early in the afternoon.

Saturday saw the Shrubshalls pay a visit to the local gardens of Tieve Tara, Mt. Macedon.

There, they had a lovely picnic, surrounded by beautiful bird life, rolling lawns, and magnificent trees and colorful shrubs and flowers.

Fivesies were had at the Lynch’s caravan and it was great to meet new members. Later that night, the Lynch’s went out for dinner locally, and the Shrubshalls had a bbq.

Sunday was the Shrubshalls 17 year anniversary, and was celebrated by going to the local cafe Mr, then onto to Hanging Rock Winery where they were entertained by a singer/musician, and some sampling of the local wines (burp...).

Sunday evening the couples got together at the nearby camp kitchen, and were ‘loosely’ entertained by David and his ukulele extraordinaire performance.

Monday morning saw the Shrubshalls leave to go home, with the Lynch’s staying on for a few days before heading up to Echuca.

Wanted

Members to form a committee for the 2028 Victorian National Rally

This may sound along way off but the taking of bookings and deposits will commence in 2025.

To achieve this, a venue needs to be found, activities organised and sponsors sought. This needs to be in place by 2025. Positions to be filled include; President, Secretary, Treasurer and 3 committee positions

If you are interested in contributing by being part of the committee to initially find a venue please contact:-

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Lakes Entrance – January 26 - 28

The Australia Day long weekend rally at Woodbine Caravan Park commenced on a very hot Friday. Some were lucky enough to have arrived a couple of days earlier and avoided driving in the extreme heat while the reminder struggled through and set up there vans in mid 40 degree temperatures.



It was quickly decided to commence happy hour early (now renamed happy two hours) and adjourn to the bowling club located across the road. After happy hour all returned to their vans and catered for themselves.



A much cooler Saturday greeted everybody and the meeting was conducted in the well presented camp kitchen. After the meeting some went up to town to browse through the shops and later in the morning we all meet at the cafe across the foot bridge. A short view of the surf beach and then the afternoon was left to ourselves with some taking short drives while others relaxed at the park.





Saturday evening everyone walked across the road to the Bowls Club for dinner. At 9pm there was a fireworks display which was able to be seen from the park with some wandering down to the waterfront to gain a better view.

Sunday morning was a convoy to Lake Tyre. A short stroll to the surf beach where Brent and David unveiled their Drones taking some pictures of the group and the scenery. Although still morning we all retired to the local pub where a morning coffee was shared. As far as I am aware there was no Irish coffee consumed.

In the afternoon most of the group went on a boat cruise through the lakes which was



enjoyed by all. After the cruise a sausage sizzle was had with Bruce cooking up a storm with many supervisors. It does appear though that we need to conduct BBQ cleaning classes as whilst we were eating tea one of the other park visitors came to us and advised that others wanted to use the BBQ and it would be good to have it cleaned. This was taken straight to the top with our VP inspecting the BBQ and ascertaining that it had been cleaned and met the appropriate standard. It was also heard that one of the members indicated to the visitor that “we have finished with the BBQ and they were free to use it”. Sweets was then shared by all and a game to fill in the evening.

On Monday most packed and made their way home with a couple of us staying on for a few extra days.



Kyabram – February 16 - 17

Division 5 February Rally was at the Western Gums Caravan Park, Kyabram. The park reopened around 3 years ago after being bought by the Kyabram Club and the facilities are excellent.

After happy hour on Friday, we went to Hurley’s Hotel, Kyabram and had a lovely meal. As the weather was hot we all went back to our air-conditioned vans and entertained ourselves.

Saturday we all went for a morning tour at the Camel Milk Co in Kyabram. The tour was conducted by Megan who owns the farm with husband Chris. They both met in 2008 whilst

working in the NT on Andaloo Station, where they often saw camels running wild. They were both fascinated by the camels and started to dream about owning their own camel milking farm.

Megan was brought up working on a dairy farm in Kyabram, and in 2014 they established the Camel Milk Victoria business with just 3 camels on a 107 acre block. These 3 camels not only taught Megan and Chris about the boundaries of a camel - the dos and the don’ts and the stubbornness; but it also taught them about the love of these magnificent animals.

With this knowledge they designed and built Victoria’s first ever Camel Dairy. By early 2015 Megan and Chris had truly pioneered the way – sustainably farming the land and milking their camels alongside their babies. They were officially the first licensed Camel Dairy in Victoria.

As the demand for camel milk grew so did the farm. At the end of 2016 they sold their 107 acre block and purchased the 480 acre dairy farm that Megan grew up on to house their 150 camels. The camel milk is sold around the country and exported overseas to some Asian countries as well as their new range of camel milk beauty products

After the camel farm tour most of us went for a very nice lunch at Kyabram Fauna Park before returning to the caravan park to play Klop and



Quoits before happy hour. After happy hour we had dinner in our vans and then went to the recreation room where we played games before retiring for the night.

On Sunday, the park gave us a late check-out, a couple left early, while others were staying an extra night.

Many thanks to Robyn and Malcolm Hubble (Marshals) for arranging a fantastic weekend, especially for suggesting the tour of the Camel Milk Co.

Halls Gap – March 9 - 11

In all seven vans arrived in Halls gap for the Labour Day Weekend Rally (two from Div. 4).

The Lakeside holiday Park was close to empty when we arrived at midday on Friday, but after returning from dinner at the Halls Gap Hotel we could see the park filling quickly and was almost full by 10:00 pm

On Saturday morning most of the group paid a visit to the Pomonal Glass Blowing Studio and Gallery of glass artist James McMurtrie. Although glass blowing demonstrations were not on the agenda, we were given a comprehensive insight into the preparation of the glass from raw materials and subsequent artistry by Christina.



The gallery has many special and unique glass sculptures on display (most available for sale).

From the gallery, the workshop is in full view, and many of us were fascinated by the intriguing array of custom built furnaces and equipment.

After some purchases were made we called into the Red Rock Olives farm gate Cafe for coffee. Here we were introduced to the many styles of olives and olive oil tastes along with the now in vogue olive oil medications and cosmetics.

During the afternoon in a quiet shady spot in the park, the annual Division 5 Disc Bowls



Championship was held, with Dawn and Kevin declared winners.

Happy Hour was followed by a sausage sizzle dinner where we enjoyed the company of the Div. 4 members.

The forecast inclement weather curbed many from venturing on the tag-a-long trip around the Grampians, however the threatened rain petered out, but the trip was marred by the long weekend crowds filling up Walk Car Parks and sides of adjacent roads.

(A good example of why not to have rallies on long weekends).



Alternate Rally

Ray Spargo is currently putting together an itinerary for a trip up through the centre & across to the west.

It is proposed that the trip will leave Melbourne late May, and have the June rally weekend in Darwin, July rally weekend in Broome, August rally in Geraldton, and September rally somewhere near Perth. Planning is in the early stages at present so these rally venues may alter depending on consensus of the members attending.

If you would like to join this tour, please contact Ray on 0408522282 preferably by text and he will get back to you.



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