



ULYSSES MEMBERS RV GROUP



The Kermit Kronicle



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Fom the Editors Desk.

The AGM in Tamworth is fast approaching, and from the registration response it looks like being a great event. Fay, Phil, Keith and Di have done a fabulous job in getting organised for the event, and deposits have been paid for the marquee and the Saturday night spit roast.

As of mid August, 70 bookings have been made at the caravan park for the event, and the proprietors are rapt with the response. If you haven't booked as yet and intend on attending the event, given the caravan park a ring and make your booking.

Christmas in July at Nymboida has been and gone again, with twice as many people and rigs attending as last year, making for an excellent weekend. Mary and Sherol have submitted reports later in this edition of the weekend festivities.

The forum has been a little slow of late, everyone must be out travelling. If you can think of ways to make the forum more entertaining or useful to our members, please let me know. It is there for us to use and make use of.

Haven't heard much from the Victorians of late, though I know that Richard and Marilyn were O.S., and then picked up their new van when they arrived back in Oz, so they are probably out there enjoying it at the moment. If you want to organise a get together in your particular are, don't just wait for the state co-ordinators to do it, pick a weekend, pick a destination and then let people know on the forum. It's that easy.

I sent off an email to "The Hobbit", down in South Australia, regarding any events they may be organising down there, and got this response.

"The Wombat rally is on this coming weekend so will probably be over before your publication . We are getting a good response from members with a few ideas in the pipeline. It would be great to be a part of the national newsletter. Hopefully more events to release soon. "

That's good news, so there may be some weekenders for the South Australian members to head off to in the near future.

Janet Littlemore is looking to organise a Christmas weekender at Kilkivan in S.E. Qld in early December, and we will have a date for that in the near future, once she has got a booking in place.

I look forward to catching up with lots of old friends in Tamworth at the AGM and also make lots of new friends.

Travel Safe and Enjoy the Road,

Rick.



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UPCOMING EVENTS.

Mildura Country Music Festival

Dianne & Colin Barrett are booked into the Mildura Country Music Festival, **30th Sept to 9th October**. They would love to have company and can be contacted on 08 8384 1645 or 0419 032 938 for any further details.

MUDGEE

9-11th September

Riverside Caravan Park

Short Street Mudgee.

02 6372 2531

Contact Fay for this one 0266446105 or 0438215325

Camp Fire permitted at this Park as it will be cold at night.

Pets are allowed.

NUNDLE

Sept 30-3rd Oct

Fossickers Tourist Park

Jenkins Street Nundle

02 6769 3355

Contact Jeanette on 02 4389344

Pets are allowed

FORSTER

25-27th November

Lakeside Resort

13 Tea Tree Road

Forster

02 6555 5511

Contact Fay for this one 0266446105 or 0438215325.

Sorry no pets allowed

4th AGM - Tamworth, NSW. October 20th to 23rd, 2011

at the Austen Tourist Park, contact details as follows.

581 Armidale Road, Tamworth NSW 2340

For Bookings: 1800 826 967

Telephone: (02) 6766 2380

Resident Managers:

Frank and Christine Edwards

Email: bookings@austintouristpark.com.au

It is an extremely well kept park.

They can provide 100 powered sites and they will book out the entire park for the Ulysses RV group.

We have decided that we should run with a Marquee on site and a local caterer providing a roast dinner and sweets. Meal would be 3 different roasts with steamed veggies, jacket potato with sour cream, or salad, which ever we choose. The sweets would be mud cake and pavlova. WE will have tea and coffee as well, provided by the Park owners. Cost will be \$20 per head.

Marquee cost will be approximately \$1000.00 which includes lighting and will be erected on the Wednesday and taken down on the Monday.

Thanks to the generosity of members at the North Haven AGM this year, the club is in a position to meet a good deal of the cost of the Marquee, and we will require only a donation of about \$3.00 a head from members attending to make up the rest of the cost, that way leaving a little bit of money in the bank to continue running the website and gear shop.

If you haven't registered as yet, you can do so online by going to <http://ulyssesrv.org/agm4form.html> or you can print out the form at the back of this newsletter and send it to the address on the form.



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At last count over 130 members have registered as attending the event. By registering, the AGM committee can ensure that catering and amenities are in place for us all. Also, if you are attending, be sure to book your site or cabin at the Austen Tourist Park

- details opposite page.

MERCHANDISE SHOP.

Our merchandise can be found in our shop online at <http://ulyssesrv.org> and click on the merchandise shop link.

We have stickers, and patches available to be sent out immediately, and you can order and pay for an RV shirt in your size, with or without having your name embroidered on the shirt.

If you prefer not to use PayPal or online credit card payment, or even bank transfer, feel free to contact me by letter to Ulysses Members RV Group, P.O. Box 4626, Eight Mile Plains, Qld. 4113,

or you can ring me on 0402 453 380 to work out a different manner of purchase.

If you have any other ideas for merchandise, drop me an email and we will look into finding suppliers and pricing same.

The Benefits of Walking

Walking can add minutes to your life. This enables you at 85 years old to spend an additional 5 months in a nursing home at \$4,000 per month.



My grandpa started walking five miles a day when he was 60. Now he's 97 years old and we have no idea where he is.

I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me.

The only reason I would take up walking is so that I could hear heavy breathing again.

I have to walk early in the morning, before my brain figures out what I'm doing...

The advantage of exercising every day is so when you die, they'll say, 'Well, he looks good doesn't he.'

We all get heavier as we get older, because there's a lot more information in our heads. That's my story and I'm sticking to it.

Every time I start thinking too much about how I look, I just find a pub with a Happy Hour and by the time I leave, I look just fine



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Christmas in July 2011.

Gordon and Judy could really sing,
Along with Lance and the melodious Ging,
Co-ordinator Ken, a man amongst
men??????????



Owner Ken's dogs loved to run and to romp,
But not with Jeff and Julie's beautiful pair
Of collies who came to share
In the PLANKING and PLONKING
Of all who were there.

Bob came to the rescue to remove Ken's
wheel,



Di knitted with Linda while Mary crocheted,
Marg quilted, Judy stitched, all was okayed
By Rick who made speeches, gave a shirt to
Ken,
Where would we be girls, without our
men??????????????

Thought he was Elvis, but then.....
Wife Doreen knows him best
And who could have guessed
He could cook scones so divine
They were gone in no time.
John, Diane and Mal from the Gold Coast
came
And Ron and Louise of Mudgee fame.



Leon and Linda were there in top form,
Ian, also, but he's hardly the norm.....
HE HAD HIS BIKE and his satellite T.V.,
Smoked his cigars and so friendly,
He partnered Ruth in the disc bowls comp,

Neil injured his heel while helping with a
van
Nurse Sherol gave him a helping hand.
Fay, Lionel and Carl in his wig, enjoyed the
warm fire,
But was Ron and Ken mainly who added



logs to the Pyre.

IT WAS A GREAT , RELAXED WEEK-END. BRING ON MORE OF THE SAME AND WE'LL BE THERE ,

Mary and Lionel

NIMBOIDA WEEKEND – Thursday 14th – Sunday 17th JULY

What a great weekend away everyone had. Rick and I headed off to Nimboida at 9.05am on Thursday , and arrived approx. 2.pm. Ken and Doreen, John and Di, Mal, Faye and Niel, Ian, Leon and Linda, Ron and Louise were already there, and Ruth arrived shortly after us. Some had arrived the Wednesday night, making it a long weekend.



The fire was well lit, and had been going from the night before. Come dusk, it was quite chilly, and everyone merged around the fire with tales to be told, and catching up with old friends.

On the Friday, a few of us ventured off down the road to the Museum, next to Russell Crowes pub, to look at the memorabilia of movie costumes/bikes of Russell's, not to mention the Cobb & Co stage coaches, cricket greats, Elvis and Johnny Cash . We learnt that the museum and Russell's pub, are up

for sale, so this would be the last time to see his costumes etc.



Back at the camp for more tales, drink and conversations. As we headed back down, we could see more people had arrived. Blip and Di later arrived in the dark, and did well to find the place, considering the country roads. Margaret and Boris had brought along their friends, Lance and Ging, (sorry if i spelt that wrong Ging), who later set up her karaoke machine...yes it was plugged into the generator, so a few people showed us what they were made of, and enjoyed a 'sing-song'.



I was tempted to have a go, but not when a few men were standing around, yelling out what the karaoke machine had 'scored' you after you sang. By the way...Rick got a score of 93, and sang 'Unchained Melody'.

Gordon also sang beautifully, along with Judy at times, and earlier, him and Rick and also Ging, were strumming and singing on the guitars.



Whilst Marg and Boris were settling in with their van, Neil was giving them a hand, and heard a 'snap' or 'pop', and announced he thought he had broken a bone in his heel. Some first aid was applied, and the next day, he was hobbling around with a block of wood strapped to his foot to keep off his heel, and using a hockey stick to get around. I think that was the only mishap that happened while we were there anyway.



Come Saturday, I had organised a couple of games for everyone to participate, and with 'silly' prizes, so we had a girls competition race, walking as fast as you could, with a balloon between your knees. Louise was

DISQUALIFIED FOR CHEATING, as Ron had taped the balloon to her legs, so she was out to start with.....see...just goes to prove... cheats never prosper!



The boys were next, with Jeff winning by a leg. I later tied her and Ron to the chairs, so they couldn't escape!!! We had a game of DISC BOWLS, which Lionel and Mary provided, and had a 'play off' for the winner. It came down to 3 couples...Ruth & Richo (Ian), Ron & Louise, (she didn't cheat this time), and Leon & Linda, all winning a prize.



Rick and I judged the best decorated van for our Christmas In July theme, and the winner was Neil and Faye, who had gone all out with Christmas decorations, followed by



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Ron and Louise with all the lights, and third was Ging and Lance, who had quickly put their decorations out just that morning. We decided on a fourth prize, (as we had a few), which went to Gordon and Judy for their effort. Thank you everyone for the effort they put in...it was a lot of fun. I must add, that I only grabbed a bag of decorations as we were heading out the door to leave. I had worked the night before, and just finished at 6am that morning.



Thank you to Wendy, (Wind-up) and Dave for providing most of the prizes. They couldn't be with us, as they had just taken possession of a new (old retro) caravan, and needed to catch up on some work. We may see them in Tamworth with their van.



Marie and Jurgen had planned on coming also, but Marie came down with the flu, so

hope you are feeling better quickly Marie.



Whilst we were at camp, Ruth found a new form of entertainment, and honed her skills on 'PLANKING', and later, continuing her skills in the pub on Saturday night, when we all headed there for our Christmas in July meal. She got up onto the BAR, much to the astonishment and laughter of the barman and even persuaded the singer of the night, and Ken Tacon into doing some "vertical" plank-ing.....all the while, everyone getting into some 'plonking'!!! (he,he,he)



Apart from a few showers off and on, which we had the Saturday afternoon and evening, it was a most enjoyable getaway. Even then, it didn't seem to bother anyone, who sat around the fire still, with umbrellas over them.

Oh, i forgot to mention that Ken made two batches of scones in the camp oven over the coals, and though i didn't get to taste his handy cooking skills, i believe he was on a winner with these. All voted to come back to the same place next year.

kind hospitality, and use of his property, and to everyone who attended. See you all there next year, and before that, in Tamworth.

Sherol.



I would like to thank Ken the owner for his



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4th Annual General Meeting - Tamworth NSW. October 20th - 23rd 2011

Registration Form

Name(s) * _____

Number of persons attending event * _____

Contact telephone number * _____

Date of Arrival * _____

Departure Date _____

Attending AG meeting * Yes No

Number of persons attending meeting * _____

Attending Saturday luncheon. * Yes No

Number of persons attending lunch * _____

Attending Saturday dinner. * Yes No

Number of persons attending dinner * _____

Please post your completed form to

**Ulysses Members RV Group,
AGM Coordinator,
8 Tolga Place,
Junction Hill,
Grafton NSW 2460**

Please do not use this form if you have already sent in an electronic registration via the UlyssesRV website.