



ULYSSES MEMBERS RV GROUP



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Fom the Editors Desk.

Hello to every-one. The 4th AGM held at the Austin Holiday Park at Tamworth was a resounding success, thanks to the hard work put

in by Fay, Di, Phil and Keith and Marie (in absentia), as well as the horde of volunteers who pitched and helped out during the week.

Special thanks must go to Fay who organised the monster raffle with help from Jeanette B, and to Ruth who again donated and ran her Mary Kaye raffle. Together, both raffles raised over \$1200.00, and the members donated another \$540.00. Sticker and patch sales over the few days will allow us to replenish stock. The raffle sales and member donations, coupled with our carry over bank balance and meal payments ensured that everything was paid for and left us a healthy balance to run the club for another 12 months, without making any more calls on the members, or the need to have membership subscriptions. Thank you everyone, once again.

An attendance of 160 members, a great setting, terrific hosts from the park management and the determination of those 160 to have a great time ensured that the week was a roaring success. Members came from as far afield as South Australia, Victoria, Qld, Tasmania and NSW.

The marquee was put to a lot of use with happy hours every night, as well as for the Saturday meals and the meeting itself.

On Friday, Windup and Dave ran a double ticket surprise raffle with a number of prizes

that they had donated and put together. At the end of that raffle, the proceeds were divvied up into 3 cash prizes, and the extra tickets that everyone who bought tickets were given were drawn from a hat and the cash prizes won by members. Windup's thinking was that with the price of fuel these days, the surprise prizes gave the chance for 3 members to win their petrol money back.

At the meeting, we announced that next year's AGM will be held at Yarrawonga on the River Murray in Victoria. See the brochure further in this newsletter.

Ken and I were declared Co-coordinators again for the coming year, with Gordon Crossley volunteering to be the Qld coordinator, Tom Dudley and Phil Johnston again coordinating NSW, Marilyn and Richard Flinders and Gary and Jo Calder coordinating Victoria, and Hobbit and Hoppy putting up their hands to be the South Australian coordinators, taking over from Bev Driver who has relocated back to NSW.

I take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe, happy and prosperous New Year.

Travel safe.

Rick and Sherol.



UPCOMING EVENTS.

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

Cohuna - Victoria.

Friday to Sunday, 10th - 12th February, 2012.

Phone 1800 672 372

Address: Island Road, (on Gunbower Island),
 Cohuna. Vic. 3568.

Email: stay@cwhp.com.au

Contact Richard or Marilyn at
richard@ulyssesrv.org

See the brochure further in this newsletter.

SA RV events for 2012

RV events are open to any Ulysses member or partner. Any type of vehicle can be used to get you there, what is important is that you are there.

March 11th 2012 Burra Gorge Camp
 Ground - Burra

May 20th 2012 Rawnsley Park Sta-
 tion - Flinders Ranges

Sept 16th 2012 Black Cockatoo
 Bush Camp - Naracoorte

Oct 18th- 21st 2012 RV AGM Yar-
 rawonga Holiday Park - Yarrawonga.

Any further enquiries contact Hobbit or Hoppy
 on hoho@ulyssesrv.org

Latest News.

At the AGM the members voted to accept a new proposed logo based on our original design but with some improvements to the graphics and printing. New stickers and patches have been ordered of the new design, and there are still a few of the old design stickers and patches available in our shop. (See the new logo on the front page.)

We are currently in the process of getting quotes for the supply of our club shirts with the new logo, plus an alternative apple green shirt with black highlights for those who don't like the plain apple green shirt. Depending on price, the alternative shirt will be offered alongside the original design shirt. More info on our website or in the next newsletter as we know more.

We now have name badges available from the shop with the club logo and your name. The badges feature black lettering on a silver background with black surround, and come with a magnetic clip that avoids the problem of poking a pin through your shirt, jacket or hat. As long as I order 6 or more at a time, I can keep the prices under \$10.00 a badge.





WEBSITE ISSUES.

Visitors to our website will know that we had some major problems with the site being seriously compromised and banned by Google search engines due to some Russian hackers re-directing our traffic. I spend many hours fruitlessly trying to eradicate these problems, but I was left in the end with no alternative but to de-commission the photo albums, forum and our merchandise shop, and then delete the whole site and start rebuilding from new.

The main problems with the old site was that the programs we were using for the forum and photo albums, and to a lesser degree the merchandise shop were linked to servers other than our own server, and this allowed a doorway for the hackers to get in and compromise our site.

The new site is up and running, and I have put new security measures in place with our hosting company.

Our new RV Blog board is hosted on our server only, and also, access to post on the RV Blog is to RV Group members only. To register for the RV Blog, you will need to fill in the details on the registration form on our main website (click on the Notice Board link and then in the RV Blog Registration link.) When you hit submit, that will send me an email, and I will enter your registration details and notify you by email that your access is activated.

Our new shop is also only hosted on our own

secure website, and purchases can be made through our own secure merchant account with Pay Pal. This cuts out the use of a separate shop programme, eliminating any security issues or risks.

Tips for RV'ers.

From Bev Driver - Buy a couple of the cheap floor mats that lock together from Crazy Clarks or similar, and then stack them on top of each other until you get the right height for a door step. Once you have the right height, bind them together with some cable ties. They make a much better door step than the small folding one, are light to pack and better to step onto.

Cleaning mould of your awning.

This works fantastic. In a spray bottle of water, add 2 drops of Oil of Cloves.

The underside of the awning has been a real problem for mould. Exit Mould didnt do the job at all.

Spray this solution over the area, leave for 24 hours and wipe off with a damp cloth. Brilliant!





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Website:
<http://ulyssesrv.org>

ULYSSES MEMBERS RV GROUP- 2012 AGM - Oct 15th - 21st. YARRAWONGA HOLIDAY PARK

In order to encourage more Ulysses members across the entire land to attend our annual event we looked at the option of holding next year's AGM in a location that would attract some new and perhaps more members, especially from Victoria and South Australia, and even W.A.

During a recent trip to Adelaide Phil and Fay investigated a large number of possible Caravan Parks to: Find one big enough to hold around 150 van sites One that would allow pets.

And one that had suitable facilities.

Very few parks met our needs, however the one park that met all our criteria is the Yarrowonga Holiday Park located on the Murray River at Yarrowonga (across the river from Mulwala and adjacent to Lake Mulwala)

This park is operated by a local community group with all profits donated back into the Yarrowonga community and is in excellent condition and presentation.

This park has in excess of 150 powered sites, new camp kitchen and all catering can be done on site.

Meals

The following are quotes that we have received from the Caravan Park who will organize everything for us. All we have to do is give the numbers.

- Friday – BBQ Tea including meat and salad \$6 per head about 6.00pm

- Saturday – Morning Tea- supplied by park management (friends in common) 10.00am

Lunch- BBQ meat and Salad \$6 per head (friends in common) 12.00 noon

Dinner- Roast meat, vegetables & Desert (\$20 per head) Yarrowonga Football Club – drinks at bar prices – drinks are reasonably priced.

- Sunday – Breakfast- bacon and egg rolls \$3 per head (friends in common) 7.30am – 8.00am.

The camp kitchen is a reasonable size, however depending on total numbers the park can organize a marquee to be erected adjacent to the camp kitchen at

no cost to us which would give us ample under cover area.

The dinner would be served at the Football club which is on the grounds of the Caravan Park and only about a 150 metre walk from the van sites.

Park details are:

Yarrowonga Holiday Park
Cnr Piper Street & Burley Road, Yar-
rawonga

Ph 03 5744 3420

www.yarrowongaholidaypark.com.au

email: info@yarrowongaholidaypark.com.au

**YARRAWONGA
HOLIDAY PARK**
Cnr. Piper Street & Burley Road
YARRAWONGA VICTORIA 3730

WINNER
2002 Victoria's Most Improved Park
2005 Bronze Medal
Best Caravan Park
2008 National Excellence Award by Traveler

Phone (03) 5744 3420
Fax (03) 5744 2938
info@yarrowongaholidaypark.com.au
www.yarrowongaholidaypark.com.au
Resident Managers: Peter & Tanya Robinson



Ulysses RV Group Victorian Get Together Cohuna Calling!

Friday to Sunday 10th-12th February 2012

Xmas is gone. The Grandkids have been handed back!

Come and join us in Cohuna, Victoria for a Ulysses RV Group recovery!

Our 3rd meet at this fantastic location on the banks of the Gunbower Creek.

All Ulysses Members are welcome...Caravan, Motorhome, Camper Trailer, Cabin, Tent, Bike... Just as long as you are there!!

Cohuna is a great location with supermarket, shops, pubs, close to Echuca and an easy drive from the Murray.

Call the park direct to book.....Please mention that you are with the Ulysses RV Group as we have pre-reserved sites down near the water! Powered sites are \$28 per night. Then call Marilyn to confirm your attendance. We need to know for catering and events

Highlights

- ◆ Waterside sites
- ◆ Bring your Tinny for some lazy boating on the creek!
- ◆ Great walking or pushbike riding on the marked tracks of the Gunbower forest!
- ◆ Great swimming pool at the park
- ◆ Pets welcome so Ladies, bring your Husbands!
- ◆ Catered Saturday Dinner (TBC)

Location Details:

Cohuna Waterfront Holiday Park is located on Gunbower Island. This is the section of land sandwiched between the Murray River and its anabranch, Gunbower Creek. 50 km long, it is reputedly Australia's largest inland island.

Phone: 1800 672 372

Address: Island Road, (On Gunbower Island) Cohuna VIC 3568

Email: stay@cwHP.com.au

Web: cwHP.com.au

GPS Location: Latitude -35.805244 Longitude 144.266193

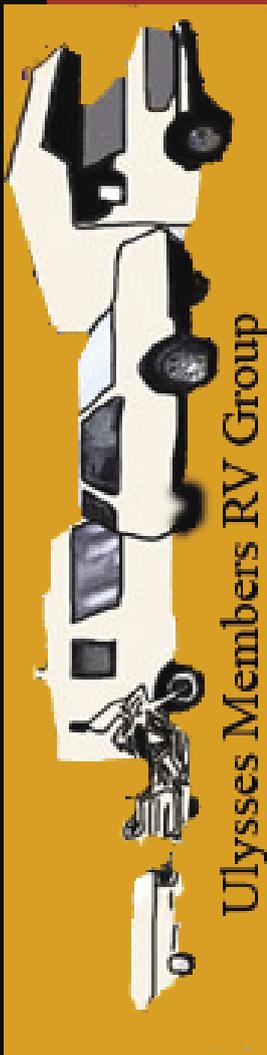


Contact: Victorian Co-ordinator, Marilyn Flinders for further details or to advise you are joining us for the weekend!

Phone: 03 9775 7153

Mobile: 0412 942 466

E-mail: mflinders@netspace.net.au



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Up the Track to the RV AGM.

We left Adelaide to attend Pt Pirie odyssey. Great time had by all who attended. Following the Odyssey we wandered through Germaine Gorge, Melrose to Wilmington and camped at Hancock's lookout for a few days. This is just west of Wilmington. Next day we continued thru Quorn and onto the Kanyaka Ruins, a very interesting place. We then booked into the Hawker Caravan Park for the obligatory laundry. Then we travelled our shortest mileage ever, 16kms in one day to camp at Hookina Creek, here we awaited the arrival of Vicki & Hobbit. They arrived on Monday and we set off on Tuesday towards Lyndhurst. When we were just south of Leigh Creek we spotted two emus by a dam. Within 60 seconds they had eyed off Max the Econovan or alias 'The Windymaygo'. One raced across the front of the madly breaking van while the other scabbled for purchase on the bitumen, finally slipping and roll-

ing down the side of the van. All okay, including the emu. We called into Leigh Creek for fuel to find a Ulyssian filling up. Had a chat to Stan who was filling up for the trip to Phillip Island.

We continued on 50km past Lyndhurst for first camp on the Strezeleki Track. Wednesday we travelled slow and easy up the track to Montegollina Bore where Jack the dog and I enjoyed a swim. On Thursday we passed Moomba lookout and onto In-namincka. The Last 25kms was the worst section of track, the Windymaygo bounced along at approx 10 km/hr. We all arrived safe and sound, no punctures or mechanical problems, to enjoy a XXXX at the pub. We camped on the town common, where there were many sites down by the dry Coopers Creek. Here we counted, 1 4WD with broken window, 1 4WD blown head gasket and 1 4WD with a shredded tyre; while the undamaged, proud, Windymaygo parked alongside. I must say Vicki and Hobbit thoroughly enjoyed their daily massage for the price



Hoppy and Pat.



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of fuel.

On Friday with the smell of smoke in the air we set off into Queensland to the Burke and Wills Dig Tree. It was Hobbit's first trip to Qld. Lightening had started fires south of Cordilla Downs and with a S.E. wind they were coming towards us. We Found a nice spot at the Dig Tree but with the wind picking up, it turned out to be a 'hot dirty day', so Vicki was seen wallowing in Coopers Creek. On Saturday we headed east to Thargomindah. On the way we passed graders trying to create fire breaks and of course the wind had changed direction. Over 1 million acres burnt by this stage and I believe it's still burning (early Nov). It is a very nice caravan park at Thargomindah.

Monday we travelled through Cunnamulla and turned south towards Bourke. We stopped at a little place called Barrington 1km south of Qld, NSW border where the town consists of 1 hotel, run by a 90 year old lady named Mary. She is a lovely old soul, who only goes south to town (Bourke) every

two months for a rest. After spending a few hours chatting to Mary, we camped the night across the road.

On Tuesday we travelled on to Bourke where you can see the results of the cotton money, it has made huge changes for the better. The place was neat & tidy with a huge tourist information centre that has been recently built. We continued on to to spend the night at Four Mile Creek, Brewarrina, which was well sign posted from town. This is a stunning spot with toilets, cold showers, boat ramp and plenty of camping by the Barwon River.

Wednesday saw us travelling east past Walgert and the hot spring at Burren Junction to Narrabri where we stayed overnight just south at a friend's farm. We parked by the shed and had a BBQ and a sing song, which our country friends thoroughly enjoyed. Hoppy and Hobbit salivated over all the old open crank engines which Don has restored. Vicki and I drooled over his old B.S.A. 650.



Rick

Hobbit and Vicki

Gordon

Brian



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The Next day we headed to Tamworth where approx 160 people had gathered for the Ulysses R.V. Section AGM. We had a wonderful time meeting new people, catching up with old friends and spending time with Herman & Glenda who had also travelled across.

Our camp site was the nightly jam session where Rick, Gordon, Vicki & Hobbit entertained us all as we sang along. After the AGM we travelled

home via Coonabarabran, Gilgandra, Warren and Broken Hill. New roads travelled, stayed at new free camps and had a great time. We can't wait for the next RV AGM at Yarrowonga next year, and to discover new ways to get there.

Enjoy Life

Pat & Hoppy

Kilvivan - by Marie Von Ahn

Yes, it was rather warm, or some of the group said HOT but we still managed to enjoy our weekend at the Bush Camping Grounds just east of Kilkivan that Janet Latimore had chosen. By Friday most had arrived and by the time happy hour came we were definitely ready to relax and enjoy ourselves.

Saturday began with "all you can eat" hot fluffy pancakes – compliments of those who run the camping grounds. Needless to say there was a very good turn out! This was followed by a scenic trip to the Kombi Falls which still had water going over although not with any great force. By the time we had investigated various tracks, spoke with some who were caravanning at the free site and taken a photo it was time to return for lunch.

Some of the group decided to go and look at a pri-



vate collection of birds – feathered variety – whilst the rest remained and enjoyed some grass sport. Those that went to see the birds were surprised at the number of Australian birds the guy kept. Among them were some which are almost extinct and some which are rarely seen by most Aussies so the trip was certainly interesting. There were rows and rows of aviaries, and when he was busy answering questions elsewhere, we found that Jerry.....also has an extensive knowledge! A great afternoon!

After Saturday happy hour it was off to see an 'adult magician' – who, with the help of Janet on occasions, kept us entertained until our camp oven dinner was ready! Delicious is how it was described! A few from the group took advantage of Sunday breakfast at the Kilkivan markets and although it was not a speedy service it did make one appreciate the food when it arrived. Boris was certain he could go home to Brisbane for a shower whilst waiting, but was assured that food really was on the way!!

Our happy hour on Sunday was again enjoyable although a few had left for home. Monday saw all pack up and head for various destinations with some happy memories of a very relaxed and enjoyable weekend.



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UHF Channels

1 to 8 - These channels, which are established by law, can be used when sending a signal to a repeater which will help increase the communication distance

5 - This channel, which is established by law, can be used by anyone but only in an emergency situation

9 - Used for conversations

10 - Used by 4WD enthusiasts, clubs, convoys and in national parks

11 - Calling channel. This channel, which is established by law, is used to call or locate another station. Parties will then switch to another channel to continue with their conversation

12 to 17 - Used for conversations

18 - Holiday maker's communication channel (e.g. when in a convoy)

19 to 21 - Used for conversations

22 and 23 - These two channels are used for data transmissions and is established by law. Voice transmissions are not allowed on these two channels

24 to 30 - Used for conversations

29 - Pacific Highway Communications which is mainly used by truck drivers and other highway users

31 to 38 - These channels, which are established by law, are received by a repeater and re-transmitted on channels 1 to 8 to help increase the communication distance

35 - Can be used in case of Emergencies also

39 - Used for conversations

40 - Highway Communications which are mainly used by truck drivers and other highway users



Ken and Rick running the meeting.



Outgoing S.A. Coordinators Bev and Ken Driver at the meeting.

