



ULYSSES MEMBERS RV GROUP



The Kermit Kronicle

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George at the Ballina Lakeside park back in June. Only the 4 of them there, perhaps everyone else thought it was too cold. Anyway, they thoroughly enjoyed it, although George got crook on the way home.

The numbers are slowly picking up for the AGM in October, and we are looking at having a great event again. I am looking forward to catching up with everyone. Unfortunately, Sherol can't get the time off from work this year, so she won't be there to announce that lunch will be at "lunchtime" and dinner will be at "dinnertime", so you will all just have to guess when to come for the meals. If there is a plus side, I am riding the bike down there from Qld, so I am looking forward to the long ride.

Welcome to our latest newsletter. It's been a little while since the last one as we have been moving house. I must say right now, that I am completely over moving house, unless it involves hitching up the van to the fourbie and heading on to our next stop. It will happen one of these days, just have to get finished with this "work" thing.

We have had a few weekenders since our last newsletter, and the reports are later in this edition.

I caught up with Fay and Phil and Wendy and

We will be running a couple of raffles again this year, thanks to Fay and our organising committee, and also to Windup and Dave. The raffles are our only real source of income, and the money raised is used to run the club and pay expenses like our website hosting, domain name, stationary, postal costs and any other sundry items that need paying, like the marquee for last year.



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There are no joining fees or member subscriptions to join or be a member of the RV Group, and as we are not affiliated with the Ulysses Club Inc, we have no financial connections with that club, nor receive any financial assistance. It is quite heartening though, to see the generosity of RV Group members when it comes to putting money into the hat or buying raffle tickets, not only for the chance to win a great prize, but also to ensure that this wonderful club and the fellowship derived from it survives another year.

Phil and Fay have been busy (on top of their quite important roles with the Ulysses AGM Host Committee for 2013) in looking around and coming up with a couple of NSW weekenders for the near future and also next year.

March 2013 will be the 5th anniversary of this club's inaugural get-together at Brooms Head in northern NSW, where 34 interested Ulysses members gathered and formulated the ethos of the club. It was decided then, right from the start to keep it simple, to remain separate from the Ulysses Club and all it's rules, and we approved our original logo. The club management, ie. Ken and I, and the State coordinators have stuck to the original concept, and we have seen the club grow and grow and continue to grow, and we believe will continue to do so.

Thats all for now, travel safe and enjoy life.

Rick and Ken.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

HO! HO! HO! Weekender.

7th - 9th December, 2012.

**Atkinson Dam Waterfront Park,
545 Atkinson Dam Road,
COOMINYA. QLD.**

**Ph. 07 5426 41451. Email
sales@gypsyncabins.com.au**

Hosts: Sam and James. Registrations and park bookings close on Monday 26th November. Powered site \$19.50, Spa Cabin \$140.00 night (other cabin styles and prices, ring the park for info.)

Open fires permitted. Wood on sale in park. Canoes for hire, \$20/half day (great lake site.)

Saturday 9 - 12 noon - Stitch and chatter session, bring your crafts, sewing quilting if interested.

Saturday night dinner \$17.50. Sunday morning breakfast BYO.

Christmas spirit, bring along and set up your RV with decorations.

Park not to be confused with Atkinson Dam Cabin Village and Shoreline Camping, which is nearby.

See UlyssesRV website for registration form, or snail mail to Ulysses Members RV Group, P.O. Box 4626, Eight Mile Plains, Qld. 4113.

OUR LOGO

The club logo is based on an original design by Wayne McAliece, and presented to the inaugural meeting at Brooms Head in 2008.

The orange colour is for our sunburnt land, with the blue oceans all around. The yellow rim represents our plentiful beaches, whilst the three vehicles show the broad range of RV's that the club encompasses. The full name of the club is the *Ulysses Members RV Group*. The logo was tweaked from the original in 2011, and the web-site address was added to it.



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.

Sept 8th 2012 Black Cockatoo Bush Camp – Naracoorte

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

January 26th – 28th Kalganyi Holiday Park – Mt Gambier

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

NSW RV EVENTS.

When: 8th -9th September 2012

Where: North Beach Caravan Park, Beach Parade, Mylestrom NSW (South of Coffs harbour)

Contact Info: Phone 02 6655 4250 or email northbeach@nchp.com.au

Booking: Please advise when booking that you are with the Ulysses RV Group so that you get the discount if 10 vans or more book in.

Rates: Powered sites \$30 with 10% discount if more than 10 vans booked in. If you stay for a week, rate will be \$189

Features: 10km of beach adjacent to park, 4WD on beach permitted, River and Beach fishing said to be good, short walk to Bowling Club.

Saturday night Dinner: Members to decide on Saturday, we could either go to Bowling Club or have a BBQ at the Park.

WOOLGOOLGA

When: Friday-1st to Sunday 3rd Feb 2013

Location: Lakeside Caravan Park at Woolgoolga

Contact: 0266 541210

Fees: \$30 per night

Dog Friendly: Yes

Clubs: are all about 15 minutes walk or 3 minutes in the car

Park is located right on the beach

Members please advise park staff there is a group booking for the Ulysses RV group and they will put us together.

Fay & I have already booked a site.

BROOMS HEAD

Planning a weekender back at "The Broom" to celebrate the anniversary of the inaugural meeting to form the RV Group

When: Friday 15th to Sunday 17th March 2013

Location: Brooms Head Caravan Park

Contact: 0266 467144

Fees: \$20 per night

Dog Friendly: Sorry this is not a dog friendly venue but we are wanting to go back to where it all began

Club: The Bowling club is only a few minutes walk

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Merchandise Shop

Gear shop goodies.

All of our gear shop items are available to order via our online regalia shop.

Club shirts for \$35.00 plus postage.

Club shirt with embroidered name for \$39.50, plus postage.

New logo patches for \$5.00 plus postage

New logo 200mm stickers for \$12.00 plus postage

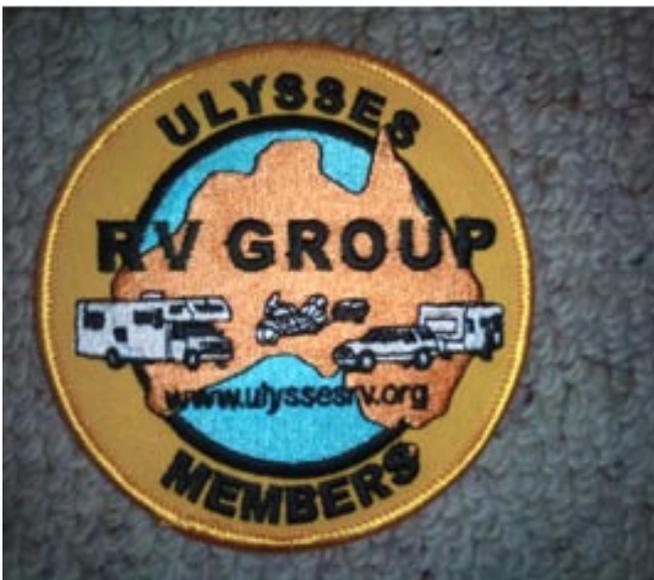
Old logo 200mm stickers for \$8.00 plus postage

New logo 100 mm stickers for \$1.00 plus postage



Old logo 100mm stickers for \$0.75 plus postage.

Name badges with magnetic clasp for \$9.80 plus postage.





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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
2009 Victorian Most Improved Park
2008 Bronze Medal
2008 National Award
2008 National Excellence
Award by Tourism

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



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South Australian Roundup.

Melrose; an unforgettable weekend.

The Gods looked down and saw a gathering of UlyssesRV folk at Melrose and were pleased. To this end, sunshine was granted all day and millions of star lights were lit at night.



Conditions could not have been better. Over 20 members arrived on Friday. We set in the bush camping section and had the camp kitchen to ourselves. After setting up camp, the fire was lit and we settled in for a night of fun and laughter. We celebrated Hoppy's 69th birthday with a song and just a few drinks. With thousands of stars above, gum trees all around, laughter filling the air all was well in the world. Eventually we headed for bed and peace descended upon the camp.

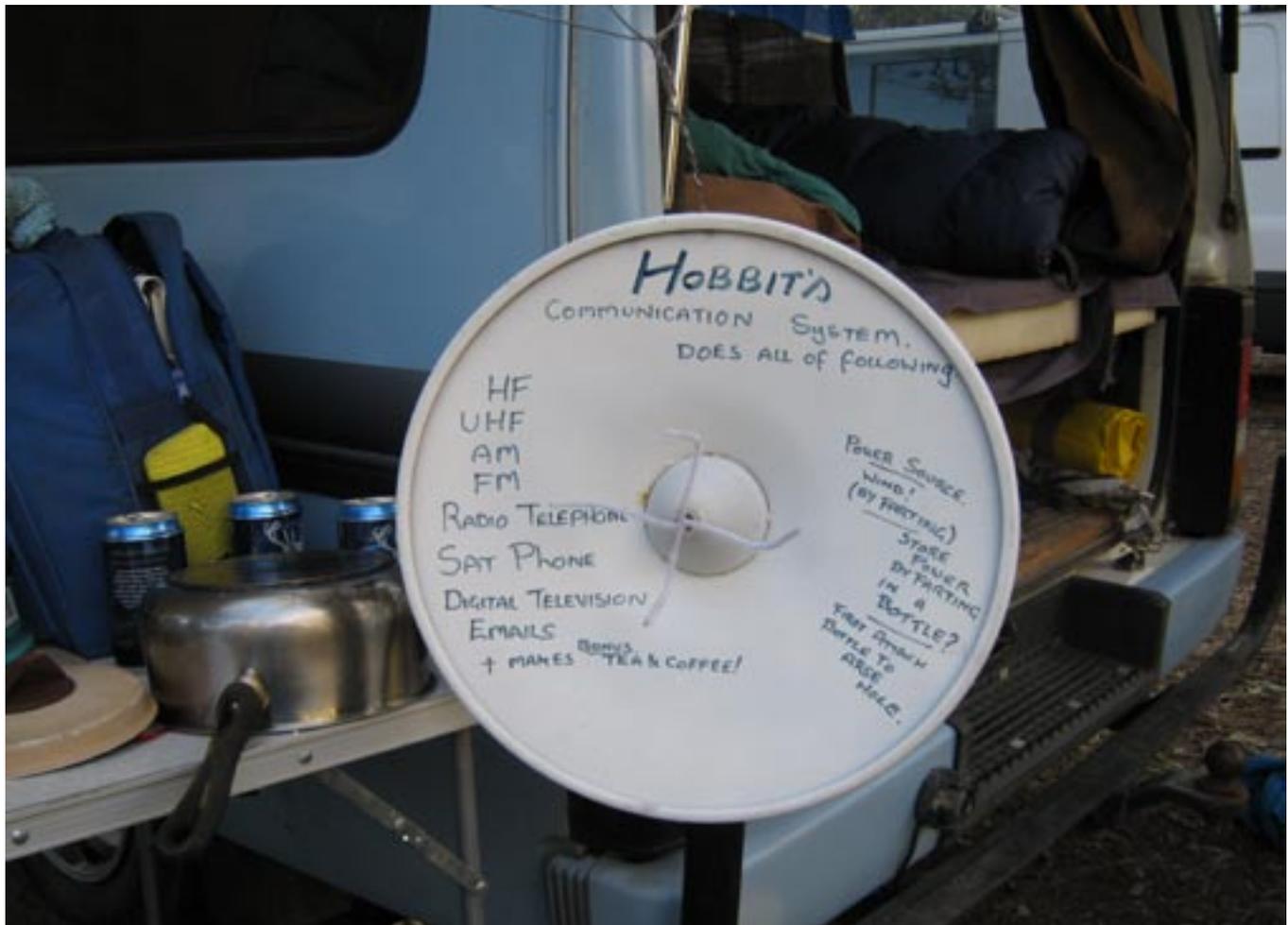
Kookaburras, possums and other wildlife greeted us the next morning. With the sun shining, birds singing and the smell of bacon and eggs in the air, it was time to get going. Some folk cruised the local town while others went further afield. It is a lovely location with much to offer the tourist.

More folk kept coming and by Saturday night there were 30 members at the bonfire. Tea time is always fascinating! Some just used a stove or barbeque for cooking while others had Webbers, a converted gas bottle, camp ovens and wooden box, and some went to the pub. What a spread of methods and meals!

Gradually we all gravitated back to the fire, ah the wonderful warmth of a fire. Just when you thought it couldn't get any better Golden Syrup dumplings were produced and everyone pigged out. What a delightful feast! Ukuleles were produced and a sing song ensued. Talking, laughing and one or two drinks were had well into the night.

The next morning the coals of the fire still hot so we soon had a good cooking fire going. Bacon and eggs were the preferred start to the day.





Sadly it was time to go. Hugs all round and it was agreed that it had indeed been a weekend to remember. With the sun still shining it was a lovely day to be travelling. Thanks to all that attended, will be looking forward to catching up at the next UlyssesRV event.

Check out the upcoming events and if you would like to come just drop us a line or give us a call.

Remember: Alcohol is a very necessary article ... It makes life bearable to millions of people who could not endure their existence if they were quite sober. It enables Parliament to do things at eleven at night that no sane person would do at eleven in the morning.

PS.
After the devastating loss of their van to fire

Hoppy and Pat are back out there again in what Hobbit calls the "Hoppy Poppy".

Upcoming events.

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January 26th – 28th Kalganyi Holiday Park – Mt Gambier

We would love to catch up with interstate members, so come along to Mt Gambier to celebrate Australia Day with us.

If you would like to come along to any event, just send us an email on hoho@ulyssesrv.org

or phone

Hoppy on 0428 567 811

or Hobbit on 0404 478741



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Christmas in July at Spydy's

What a great lead up to the weekend. It rained approximately 3 foot in 2 days before the weekend. Now that is what I call a good flush out. There was this bloke with a great big boat with all these animals on board, don't know where he was going, but he looked worried.

On the way down to Spydy's place the rain continued. Despite the lakes and flood that had appeared, we found our way there. Upon arrival the sun broke out and a great big rainbow appeared. Clouds rolled on and blue skies were the order of the day for the rest of the weekend.

We set up camp then wandered over to the bonfire. Nothing quite like a good fire, comfortable chair and a drink in hand. I could feel the Christmas spirit starting to work its magic. Snacks and nibbles appeared from nowhere and so there was little else to do but eat, drink and be merry all the way to tea time.

In keeping with the Christmas spirit turkey sausages and salads were the order of the day. Absolutely fabulous tucker. After eats and a few more drinks the Ukulele's were produced and a sing song ensued. Talking and laughing continued well into the night with some members well into the spirit of the occasion. Eventually peace descended upon the camp and all went to bed.

On the morning we were greeted by blue skies, birds singing and a lovely sun warming the entire area. Some went for a walk thru the scrub area next to our camp site. Sadly I couldn't go as I am on a strict exercise resume and I didn't want to get too fit.

Before we knew it the smell of bacon and

eggs came wafting across the camp and we all went to help. It was tough work but we managed to eat it all and settle back for a nice cuppa. Very relaxing morning but soon the time came to pack up. Hugs all-round and then we set off to go home.

It has been another great weekend catching up with fellow Ulysses members. A big thanks to Paul and Deb for all the organising and the work they did through the weekend. Look forward to catching up with you all at the Black Cockatoo weekend.

Remember
Life is short, live it.
Love is rare, give it.
Anger is bad, release it.
Fear is awful, face it.
Silence is golden. Sit quietly every day & breathe...



Pat Rice and Super Dog.



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BALLINA WEEKEND, JUNE 2012.

The weekender at Ballina was great, with good warm weather. A bit of cool wind came up on Saturday afternoon, but otherwise a great weekend.

We were joined by George & Wendy Schmidt and Rick rode his bike down from Brisbane on Saturday to spend a few hours with us. Thanks for doing this Rick. It was good to see you.

George, Wendy, Fay & I went to the pub at Shaws Bay for dinner on Saturday night, where we had a lovely Seafood dinner. George & Wendy left on Sunday morning while we slept in, however George was sick by the time he got Woolgoolga. Hope it was not the Seafood.

Planning another weekender at North Beach Caravan Park at Mylestrom (South of Coffs Harbour) on the weekend of 8th & 9th of September. It will be much warmer then. See website for details.

Phil

JULY 13- 15: CHRISTMAS IN JULY: CECIL PLAINS QUEENSLAND:

With the promise of improving weather, 31 participants ventured to Cecil Plains for the Christmas in July Weekender which in actual fact was a postponed event from earlier in 2012 due to inclement weather. A range of 19 RVs, a much greater number than we anticipated, parked on the beautifully presented historic site of the Cecil Plains Homestead bordered on one side by the Condamine River. Our hostess, Glennis, was excellent in ensuring our extended family of happy campers took home plenty of wonderful memories of her small country community. Allowing us access to her Bed and Breakfast restroom facilities added to our comfort and for \$10 per

site per night everyone was suitably impressed.

Blip and Di brought along their kayak and ventured on the watercourse and another couple of keen red-claw hunters, Jim and Soren, had their pots in, to no avail. On the river side was an open fire place and under the covered area sat an old crown stove so those of us with fire-bug tendencies were kept well occupied. Glennis had arranged for a huge pile of cypress from the local sawmill and by the time we left it was difficult to see any change in the mound,



but this was a wonderful community gesture. This section of south-east Queensland is a very important cotton growing area and on the Friday of our stay, Annette from the cotton gin office, gave us an





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informative tour of their facility on the outskirts of Cecil Plains. Six machines work constantly only needing three female workers to take samples and label the bales as they came from the three automated presses.

On Saturday morning a local iconic property owner, Ned, from a property titled, "Ned's Corner" called in to teach us how to make damper in the camp oven, tell amusing country anecdotes, recite poetry, sing his own compositions as well as selling his own Country CD. He certainly kept us amused for hours and was an excellent ambassador for Cecil Plains and the bush lifestyle his family experienced. We took up a collection for this old-timer, and together with his CD sales reckons he'd never seen so much money in all his life. Sitting around our morning campfire, though quite smoky at times, and listening to Ned will be one of those precious memories we all took away with us.

of us brought alive the Christmas in July Theme with hats and accessories. It was again Glennis, from The Homestead, who made sure our dining area reflected the Christmas Theme. Her energy and desire to make our stay memorable never wavered. The theme was also reflected in a number of our RVs with respective owners putting up decorations and christmas lights. Faye and Neil have this decorating procedure down to a fine art but it would have taken a mammoth effort to beat the enthusiasm of Jacquie and John who decked out the horse section of their new fifth wheeler without a fleck of horse manure in sight only decorations. Soren and Sandy created an annex of flashing colour in their Avan down on the riverbank. One wonders what it did to the fish population! The judging panel was so blown away by this hardcore of keen Christmas party animals that the competition was declared an amazing success. Everyone was a winner and shared in the chocolate prizes. These were consumed while being entertained by Ned.



Yes! There were some showers but nothing to dampen our spirits or deter our willing band of campers with everyone enjoying great company and taking home with them precious memories of our Cecil Plains - Christmas in July 2012.

Gordon "and Judy"
Queensland Coordinator - Ulysses Membership Number - 45081

The local drinking hole, The Victory Hotel, and new manager Allan and his willing helpers, prepared a delicious evening meal on the Saturday night. Some



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RICHARD'S TIPS.

Spare Wheel Bearings

Just a simple tip this time....Do you know what wheel bearings and seals your van has fitted? Even if you are not a 'handy' person and get the dealer to service your van, cheap insurance for one of those unexpected moments can be had for around \$40.

Just carry a spare set of bearings, caps and seal with you and if you do have the misfortune to have a wheel issue you can be back on the road much quicker!

Find out what bearing and seal No's you have and then head down to your local cara-

van shop where you can pick up a pack from Alko or others for around \$40 containing a wheel bearing and seal. While you are there get a spare cap and a couple of split pins and put the whole lot in a plastic bag and stow in your boot.

Now if you have an issue on the road, you can get any local mechanic to fit them and not have to wait for supplies to be sent from a major town.

If you are unsure about even this then ask your service dept. to put the kit together for you.

