



ULYSSES MEMBERS RV GROUP



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## 7th Birthday Rally at Brooms Head—A great success..



Ken and I are sitting on a block at the rear of his sister's house in Toronto, NSW, after travelling south on leaving Brooms Head, where we attended the 7th Birthday Rally. What a great roll up again with 50 people attending, the weather was mostly kind to us and everyone had a great time. The Pot Luck dinner on Saturday evening was well supported with plenty of dishes, and an abundance of dessert plates.

Following a discussion between the State Coordinators present, and Ken and I, we have decided to move the 8th Birthday Rally from Brooms Head, which is not a Pet Friendly park to one that is pet friendly. As a national club, although the State Coordinators run several localized rallies during the year, we run two national events each year, the AGM and the Birthday Rally, and we all felt that it was proper that those members who travel with their dog or cat, bird or goldfish should not be prevent-

ed from attending or disadvantaged due to the venue being NOT PET FRIENDLY. Accordingly, we asked Dave and Erica to investigate another venue, and they have booked the North Haven Caravan Park (where we had our AGM in 2010) for our Birthday Rally on March 18th—20th next year.

Don't forget to check out the rally calendars for each State further in this newsletter, or on the website so that you can plan to go along and have fun with other club members. Attending the various rallies is a great way to maintain those friendships formed through the Ulysses Club over the years, or to make new ones. If you are going to your local Ulysses Branch meeting, mention that the RV Group, whilst a separate club, is the RV Club for Ulysses Members and is Ulysses Member oriented, even if we are not riding our motorbikes to get to the rallies.

Remember also, you don't have to be a State Coordinator to organize a get together or rally. If you are getting away somewhere in your van for a weekend, and you would like some company, let me know by email at [admin@ulyssesrv.org](mailto:admin@ulyssesrv.org) and I will send out a group email to let other members know. Easy as that.

The 8th AGM will be held at the Cobar Caravan Park from the 19th to 25th October 2015, coinciding with the Miners Ghost Festival that same weekend. If you are planning to attend, book your site with the caravan park, as we have promised them we will fill it, and I hate breaking promises. More details inside.

Hang on, Doreen and Sherol have got the nibbles out, and I can see Ken's glass is full. Got-ta go. See you on the road..

Rick and Ken.

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*Come along  
and celebrate  
our 7th  
Birthday at the  
park where it  
all started*

## NSW RALLY CALENDAR

6 -8th June, 2015 (long week-end.) Gloucester Caravan Park, Ph. 02 6558 1720 to book your site.

Sept 12th & 13th Pilliga Bore Baths Pilliga.....

3 - 5th October, 2015.  
**MURRURUNDI TOURIST PARK**, Murrurundi, Ph. 02 6546 6288.

October 12th & 13th Nyngan Riverside Caravan Park Barrier Highway Nyngan PH 68322678

Nov 21st & 22nd Keepit Dam State Park Gunnedah..... Christmas break up weekend

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## QLD RALLY CALENDAR

<b>MAY-JUNE</b> Tag-a-long	22 – 25 26 – 31	Jondaryn Woolshed Goomeeri Showgrounds “Pumpkin Festival “
	01 – 02 June	Linville
<b>JULY</b> Tag-a-long	15 – 19 20 – 22 23 – 26	Killarney “Bonfire” Washpool Reserve Warwick Showgrounds “Jumpers and Jazz”
***JIMBOUR HOUSE OPERA: DATE STILL BEING CONFIRMED AND SCHEDULED		
<b>OCTOBER-NOVEMBER</b> Tag-a-long	19 – 26	Ulysses RV Group AGM Co-bar
	27 – 02	Trilby Station/Bourke
	03 – 08	Cunnamulla “Cunnamulla Fella Festival”
<b>DECEMBER</b>	04 – 06	Cobb and Co Nine Mile Campgrounds

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## W.A. RALLY CALENDAR

### Yealering Rally—14 to 15 August, 2015.

Yealering is about 220 kms south west of Perth, between the towns of Wickpin and Corrigan.

Ring **Peter Stirbling** at the Yealering Hotel on **08 98887014** to book your site. [More information here](#)

## VICTORIA RALLY CALENDAR

**May 1st-3rd Yarrowonga Murray River Reserve .Green Bank Park Ph 131963**  
**36 00 35 S . 145 58 38 E . Hema 64A3 . Camps no7 camp no 244 ( NO POWER ).**

**Sept 18th -20th Swan Hill Pental Island .**  
**519 Pental Rd Swan Hill Ph 03 5032 2071**  
**Powered sites \$28 .**

**Nov 27th –29th Capel Sound Foreshore .**  
**Rosebud West Ph 03 5986 4382**  
**Opposite 1591 Point Nepean Rd , Rosebud .**  
**Powered sites \$ 32 .**

**Margaret River area is full of attractions,  
 great wineries, cheese and chocolate  
 factories**

### FUTURE AGM's.

#### 2016.

In 2016 we will be returning to Victoria and having our rally at the Mallacoota. Ken Graham has been doing the groundwork there and we have tentatively booked 136 powered sites for the weekend of 17th—20th October 2016. More details will be available later in the year.

#### 2017.

We are going to Western Australia for 2017. The proposal was put to the members at the AGM and favourably received, so we have given the go-ahead to Judi and Wayne to book the site, which is the Margaret River Big Valley Campground for the weekend 20th to 22nd October. The site is a working farm caravan park, with showers and toilets and some powered sites, with room for over 70 vans. The West Australians had their inaugural rally there and were very impressed. South western W.A., especially the Margaret River area is full of attractions, great wineries, cheese and chocolate factories and lots of scenery and attractions.



### New Product.

#### Ulysses Members RV Group Flag.

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**Price \$11.00 plus postage.**

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**Sunrise at Brooms Head**

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### 7th Birthday Rally—Brooms Head 2015.

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Many members took advantage of the warm weather and the great beach to



get in a bit of body surfing and boogie boarding, whilst cooling off in the surf was basically a must on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

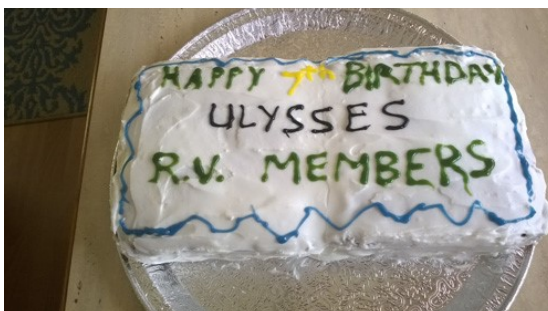
Members seemed to gather at Ken's and our vans, which conveniently were parked next to each other for

happy hour each afternoon, and for the serving of the potluck dinner on Saturday evening. The quality of dishes and variety for that dinner was exceptional, and I doubt whether anyone would have been left hungry.



Windup, as usual, had her market tables set up all weekend, selling her home made Rocky Road, Rum Balls and craft hangings.

Several members were travelling on to Wodonga straight from Brooms for the Ulysses AGM, whilst others were continuing travelling around. Next year our birthday rally will move to North Haven for the weekend of 18th to 20th March, 2016, which falls midway between the



Ulysses Club AGM in Launceston and Easter. North Haven is pet friendly,



which will allow those members who travel with pets to attend as well. We look forward to seeing you there.

# QUEENSLAND ULYSSES RV GROUP

## Chinchilla Melon Fest Rally

February 12-15/ 2015



The Melon Fest had been on our radar since one of our members suggested it some time ago, and it certainly did not disappoint. Chinchilla was a nice easy drive from Brisbane with a number of vans staying at the Bowenville Freedom Camp on the night prior to the rally. Our group of sixteen vans were booked into the Chinchilla Showgrounds through the Show and Rodeo Society. A number of huge generators provided power for the many vans on-site as well as plenty of space for those seeking unpowered sites. The JAYCO Club were also there in large numbers to enjoy the festivities.

We had all set up camp by the Thursday in readiness for the Melon Fest Friday Night Rodeo which was a short walk across the grounds. It was held in conjunction with the Melon Fest and was extremely popular so by being early we secured great seats in the grandstand. This was a wonderful night of entertainment, but not so for some of the riders who ended up the worse for wear. Not a sport for us we all agreed!

Saturday morning was the bush poets' breakfast with funds going to the Cancer Council, a very worthy cause. The grand procession was spectacular and well supported by the Chinchilla community and businesses. Spectators numbered > 10000 with bus loads from throughout SE Qld. Night time entertainment followed with the odd fireworks. Our Happy Hours are good social events where we can gather, share experiences and celebrations etc and this provided the group with an opportunity to celebrate Ken Tacon's birthday. 23 again so he suggests!



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The "crafty" ladies met on Sunday morning to discuss their sewing achievements since the last rally and display some of their wares. Not all of us had an event to remember. Twiggy had an upset stomach for most of the Rally, Doreen had a back injury that needed medical intervention and not to mention Ray, who showed us all up with his own embarrassing medivac flight from Chinchilla to the Toowoomba Hospital. Our group pulled together and packed up his "beloved" camper trailer. Jacquie and John drove it back to Brisbane while Judy and I collected Ray from Toowoomba Hospital on the Monday morning after he was discharged. All three of our ill RVers are now doing well and a big thankyou to everyone for supporting them in their hour of need. The Melon Fest is held every two years and some our members are seriously revisiting in 2017. For now though we are planning to be in Broom's Head for the March Birthday Rally.



Keep on enjoying your RV experiences,

**Gordon and Judy / Blip and Di**  
**Queensland Coordinators - Ulysses RV Group**

## Mannering Park Weekender

On the Weekend off the 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> February the New South Wales members had a weekend at Mannering Park on the shores of Lake



Macquarie. We had 10 vans and 21 people. Lots of relaxing, fishing by some and some fish caught. Happy hours and lots of chat and catching up with friends. We had great weather and a lovely breeze off the water. Over the weekend we had several visitors from local Ulysses branches

which were good to see, another excuse for another cup of Coffee or a glass of wine. Thanks to everyone who came and we hope to see you all again at Gloucester. Erica & David Harding.





The 2nd Birthday celebrations for the W.A. members was held at Ayr Saelian Bow Bridge on the weekend of 13th - 15th February. 9 vans (20 people) made the journey down to Wallpole for the weekend. We even had a couple of visitors from England join us for the weekend in the form of relations to Gary & Margaret Phillips.

The bushfires that ravished the National Parks near Northcliffe and Windy Harbour stopped several people from coming down, along with the distance from Perth. At one stage the fires got very close to Walpole.

The South Western Highway was closed to all traffic and will remain so for at least 3 weeks. The only route available was down through Muir Highway to Denmark then back up to Walpole.

This gave the chance for those travelling to see a different part of the country that they would not have normally seen. A few people that came for the weekend took advantage of the special deal of book for 4 nights and get the 5th free.

The weekend started with a pre-get together at the Millers for those that were there on the Thursday night.



The "Meet & Greet" on Friday 13th (ooh) was at Chooky & Rosalie's, which of course lasted longer than the standard 1 hour.

Pot Luck dinner was held in the Camp Kitchen, which we managed to take over for awhile, until other park guests came to use the facilities. Wayne Miller took the opportunity to give chocolate flowers and kisses to all the ladies (along with some of the men - Mal & Pete. We have the photos.....)

Prizes were won by

: Gerda Norris - for walking around with a paper towel stuffed into the back of her shorts  
(Compliments of Terry Healy)

: Lesley Healy - for going into the Gents Toilets (in

error!!!) and checking out Pete's plumbing.

: Terry Healy - for finding uses for paper towel other than for serviettes.





Someone would suggest a place to visit and then everyone followed. We got to have coffee at Wallpole ( and talk with the volunteer Bush Fire Fighters), and Denmark, lunch of locally caught snapper & chips at Peaceful Bay, along with small visits to Albany. The scenery along the WA Coastline is spectacular, and the quaint little towns a joy to explore. The old growth forest with their extremely tall trees is always refreshing to the heart and soul. The bushfires came close to taking a huge chunk out of them.

Another great weekend was had by all and to catch with fiends and enjoy something that we all love to do.

## Next Rally:

At this stage the next rally will be held a Yealering Caravan Park, approximately 220km south-east of Perth between the towns of Wickiepin and Corrigin.

Gary & Margaret Phillips have agreed to organise the weekend for us. At this stage it will be on the weekend of 15 & 16th August. A BYO B-B-Q pack and a salad to share for the Saturday night Dinner.

SEE YOU ALL THERE.

Judi, Pete, Wayne and Hazel.



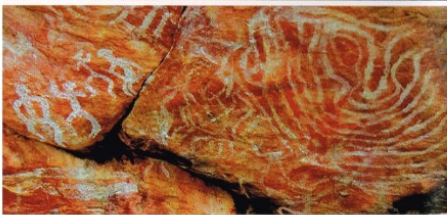


**ULYSSES 2015 RV GROUP AGM-  
CARAVAN PARK COBAR NSW  
19-25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2015  
INCORPORATING THE MINERS GHOST  
FESTIVAL**



**What is there to see  
in Cobar?**

- Greater Cobar Heritage Museum
- Fort Bourke Lookout (open cut Copper mine 2km south of Cobar)
- Weather Station (Tours available - booking advised)
- Newey Reservoir - Recreational swimming, water sports & BBQ facilities
- Old Reservoir - Fishing and recreational swimming
- Cobar bush walking Track
- Day Trips
- Mount Grenfell – Aboriginal Rock Art (70km west of Cobar)
- Mount Drysdale – Tour a bygone era in this once thriving township -bookings essential ph.0268363462 (34km south of Cobar)
- Fred Hollows Grave (Bourke)
- Paddle Steamer ride down the Darling River (Bourke)
- White Cliffs – Buy a white opal keepsake in this quirky underground town (350km west of Cobar)



**Cobar Caravan Park**



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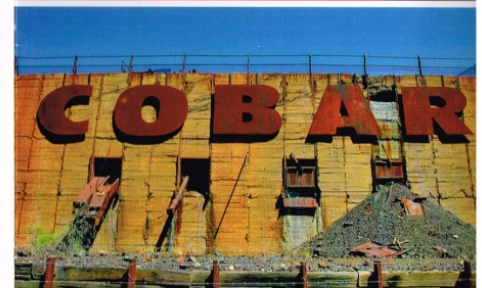
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**Planned Activities**

I haven't received a report from the Victorian Coordinators regarding their last rally at Portland in February, but they must have had a good roll up as they had a raffle and Marilyn has deposited \$146.00 in the club account. Well done guys, and thank you. We trust you all had a great time.



### Stuff you can buy in our gear shop.

Club shirt. Apple green with black highlights, with club logo embroidered on left chest, and your name on the right chest. Available in both men's sizes XS - 5XL, and ladies sizes 8 - 26.



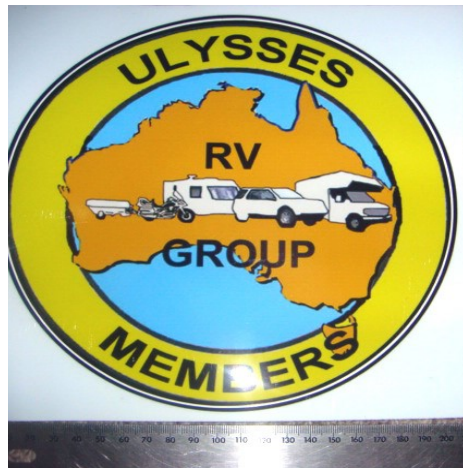
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Price \$35.00 plus postage. (Shirt will be ordered after payment.)

Price \$39.50 plus postage. (Shirt will be ordered after payment.)

Stubby Cooler with club logo. Stitched and glued seams. Only \$4.00 each.

200mm sticker - new logo. \$10.00 plus \$1.30 postage. Order more than one and combine postage.



90 mm sticker - new logo. \$1.00 each plus \$0.70 postage. Order more than one and combine postage.

100 mm sticker - new logo. \$1.50 each plus \$0.70 postage. Order more than one and combine postage.

#### Name badge with magnetic clasp. \$9.80.

Don't forget to put the name you want on the badge in the field before clicking "Add to Cart".



WARNING. Members with a heart pacemaker SHOULD NOT order the badge with the magnetic clasp, as it may interfere with the pacemaker. Please specify in the comments part of the order confirmation that you require a pin clasp if that is the case.



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If you would like the manufacturer to apply the sticker to your cover, cost will be \$65.00 plus return postage of \$9.95. You will need to purchase a postage tube and send the cover to the address supplied in the checkout process.

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## THE FINAL WORD.

Ken and I have been talking, as we tend to do at happy hour when our glasses are filled regularly and the contents consumed. Anyway, one of the things we have been talking about is the Forum on our website. It seems that very few, read that as hardly any, use the forum on a regular basis. Although the forum software is included in our website costs, it does use up space on our server, which seeing as how it is rarely used, we have decided to decommission it.

In the place of the forum, I have installed software (again free, provided with our website) for a members blog. The blog will enable members to publish stories and photos of their travels for other members to read, and will be available for all members to use. I use the same software for Sherol and my personal blogs on our own website, and it is very user friendly. It also comes with anti spam software to prevent the spammers jamming our site with crap.

I will send out a separate email to the newsletter group with a generic user name and password when I have formatted the blog and have it ready to go.

Since Brooms Head, Ken and Doreen and Sherol and I have been travelling together as we head south, making use of the free camping areas down the coast, firstly at Coffs Harbour, then Urunga, Cooperook State Forest, Ken's sister's place at Toronto and now at the Richmond Club at Richmond, on the western outskirts of Sydney. Travelling with friends, short hops each time then staying for a few days is part of what this club is about. Happy hour each day, meeting other free campers and joining them for social chat, kicking back and just having a good time; life doesn't get much better than this. And to make it better, RV Group Co-founder Chris Thornthwaite and his lovely wife Sandy have just joined us at Richmond for a catch up as they head back north to Queensland after visiting family.

I love this club and the way it has developed ever since we first proposed it way back in 2007. Our first rally at Brooms Head in March 2008 set the ground rules for the RV Group, namely no rules, just a desire to have a good time and enjoy each others company has seen us grow from that initial 34 members to close to a thousand at last count. We must be doing something right, and the mood and laughter at the birthday party at Brooms Head a couple of weeks ago just confirms that for me. I look forward to another seven years doing this, and then seven more after that.

Don't forget, check the website (<http://ulyssesrv.org>) to see where the rallies are happening and go along and join in. You won't regret it.

Cheers,

Rick and Ken.