



ULYSSES MEMBERS RV GROUP



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## From the Editor's Desk.

Hi there everyone and Seasons Greetings. I trust that everyone who travelled to Cobar and beyond for the AGM arrived home safely, or if you are still out there enjoying life on the open road, travel safe.

Shortly after completing the tag-a-long from Cobar to Cunnamulla and back to Sunshine Coast, I had to jump on a plane and head over to the Land of the Long White Cloud to pay my last respects to my father in law who passed away after a short battle with cancer. The plus side of that is that I got to bring my lovely wife back home with me.

On the subject of tag-a-long tours, that was my first one and what an enjoyable experience. Gordon had pre-booked sites for us at every destination, the company was excellent, the roads on the whole good, if not a bit rough in places. Did I mention the company? Travelling as a group is fun and I highly recommend it to other members. Coordinators, if you need any advice on

how to organize one give Gordon a ring or send him an email at [queensland@ulyssesrv.org](mailto:queensland@ulyssesrv.org). I am sure he would be only too willing to give advice on how to get a tag-a-long set up.

Ken and Doreen are finally in their new house just in time for Christmas, and for a change this year don't have to travel to Townsville to spend the festivities with daughter, son in law and grandchildren, as they are heading down to spend Christmas in the new house with the grandparents.

A week after arriving home from NZ we hooked up the van for the big drive to Cobb and Co Nine Mile Campground south of Gympie, and within an hour and a half after leaving home we were set up with some Queensland friends, for the Xmas Rally. By the time Saturday was half over we had twelve rigs present, with daytime visitors coming each day as well. Lots of laughter, drinks and good food over the

weekend, not to mention to compulsory singalong led by Gordon, Ging and I with our guitars. Life is so good and enjoyable in the company of fellow RV'ers.

Inside this issue are reports of the various rallies in each State bar W.A. who haven't had one recently, as well as a report on the Cobar AGM.

Thanks also to Richard who took Arvie for a trip to Germany, and then lent Arvie his laptop to write a report on his travels. That story is further in the newsletter also.

Finally, on behalf of Ken and Doreen, Gordon and Judy, Blip and Di, Judi and Pete, Wayne and Hazel, Erica and Old Dave, Robyn and Con, Ken and Cherie, Marilyn and Richard, Hobbit and Vicki, Hoppy and Pat, and Max and Jacquie, Fay and Phil, we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Rick and Sherol.*



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## NSW RALLY CALENDAR. VICTORIA RALLY CALENDAR

Norah Head Tourist Park phone  
1800241342 or email [norah@cchp.com.au](mailto:norah@cchp.com.au)

Weekend of 12 – 15 February 2016.

**North Haven Birthday Bash 18 – 19 March  
2016 North Coast Holiday Parks North Haven.** Phone 02 65599193 a block booking has been made in the name of Ulysses R V group. Ian and Kate have all the details of the booking.

**Cohuna Calling—February  
12th—14th, 2016. See Flyer  
further in this newsletter.**

### SA RV Calendar for 2016

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.

February 5th, 6th, & 7th  
May 6th, 7th & 8th

Rapid Bay Campground  
Spear Creek Caravan Park

Rapid Bay  
Near Wilming-

ton

July 29th, 30 & 31st  
November 18th, 19th & 20th

Melrose Show Grounds  
Pt Julia Campground

Melrose  
Pt Julia

Any further enquiries contact Hobbit

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### QLD RALLY CALENDAR

**FEBRUARY 05-07**

**Stanthorpe**

**MARCH 18-20**

**North Haven NSW**

**MAY 06-19**

**Tag-a-long**

**JULY 29-31**

**Christmas in July**

**DECEMBER 02-04**

**Inskip Point Rainbow Beach**

W.A RALLIES.

# QUINNINUP Tourist Park

Lot 11 Wheatley Coast Road

QUINNINUP WA 6258

PHONE: **9773 1329**



It will be on the weekend of **12-14th February 2016.**

### FUTURE AGM'S

**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.

### AGM, Cobar N.S.W. October 2015.

128 members travelled from far and wide to attend our 8<sup>th</sup> AGM which was held at the Cobar Caravan Park from October 19<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>. First of all, a big thanks must go to Fay and Phil for finding this venue



Stacey, Karen and Brad from the Caravan Park.

and then organising our use of the venue with hosts Karen and John Dineen. Along with John Martin from the Information Centre, and the park staff they made our stay there one to remember.



John Martin organised a marquee to extend the camp kitchen area, along with tables and chairs, and John Dineen set up his PA system each night for either open air movies or for use



by us to make announcements or as an amplifier system for the entertainers.

Various tours were organised, with some to the mines and crusher plant, whilst others went to the Bureau of Meteorology to witness the weather balloon launch, to John Martins wild bird aviaries and to the Cobar Men's Shed. Each of these were well supported and I thoroughly enjoyed the mine tour, even if we couldn't get out of the bus at all the stops bar one. One tour we had organised had to be cancelled though, to the Aboriginal Art Centre, as heavy rain from storms the previous night



Rick presenting the raffle proceeds to a representative of the Men's Shed.

had made the road unpassable by the tour bus. All members on the tour were refunded their money.

Venues around the town were well supported by members, with the Museum and Information Centre patronised, and we received two write ups in the local paper, one welcoming us to town and one thanking us for our donation to the Men's Shed. Fay organised a raffle which was conducted over the Friday night and Saturday morning, with lots of donated prizes, and after costs were total of \$575.00



Men's Shed. Members gathered night, starting from right up to Sunday Marquee/Camp hosts had closed off ers. Lots of laugh-ham's jokes, plenty many good memories made. Wednesday night was the time for the pot luck dinner, this year organised by Sandy Hook and Gail Barbeler, with willing helpers (eg. Husbands) and Ken and Doreen Tacon as well ensuring that everyone there, over 120 of us all had plenty to eat. On top of that, Jan and Terry Hill (of Mudgee Wine Tour fame) donated a dozen bottles of fine wines, and the line quickly formed of members with glass in hand ready to sample the fare.



for Happy Hour each Sunday night the 18<sup>th</sup>, night the 25<sup>th</sup> at the Kitchen, which our to any other camper, lots of Ken Graf refreshments and



On Thursday night, the local Rotary Club hosted a dinner at the camp kitchen/marquee catered at \$20 a head. The fare provided was excellent, and included desserts, and from feedback I received everyone who partook enjoyed it.

Friday morning breakfast was catered by the caravan park management team, and for \$5 a head we had our fill of pancakes, strawberries and cream or syrup as well as coffee and tea.



Friday entertainment, "Simply RV".

Friday night was a BYO BBQ followed with entertainment provided by "Simply RV", an un-rehearsed put together band comprising Gordon on lead, Rick on rhythm, Brian on bass and vocalist Gloria. We couldn't have been too bad because at one stage we even had dancers on the floor.

Following the Saturday morning breakfast, once again catered by the park management, the Cobar Mayor, regaled us with some tales of her early experiences in Cobar and then declared the Annual General Meeting open. Rick and Ken were reappointed Co-coordinators, with Gordon, Judy, Blip and Di reappointed for Queensland, Con, Robyn, Erica and Dave reappointed for NSW, Marilyn, Richard, Ken and Cherie reappointed for Victoria, Hoppy, Pat, Hobbit, Vicki, Max and Jacqui reappointed for S.A. and Judi, Pete, Wayne and Hazel reappointed in W.A.

Following the short meeting, the raffle was drawn with lots of lucky prize winners.

The rest of the day was left to members to attend the activities in town for the Miner's Ghost Festival and markets, with the day finishing with a fireworks display in the night.

## Sandy's Pot Luck and Craft Report

### Pot Luck Dinner:

Thank you to all the brilliant cooks and purchasers who made our pot luck dinner so delicious. We were spoilt with choices and plenty of food to go around. This is the first time we have had a pot luck dinner on such a large scale and are very happy with the results.

### Sandy & Gail



Crafty ladies hard at it.

Knitted & Crochet rugs.

Thank you to all the ladies and groups who contributed to the making of knee rugs for the aged care facilities. A special mention must go to The Glangara Craft Meg Champion group who made a number of these blankets for Joan Lawson to distribute to us and a number of nursing homes on her way to Cobar. Well Done!



Presenting the rugs at the Nursing Home

Rick, Judy, Soren and

I visited the River Gum Lodge Aged Care Facility in Bourke to donate the rugs we have finished. We were met by a delightful Carer named Lyn Dawson who introduced us to the residents who received our donation with open arms. River Gum is a small, clean and happy residence for the aged. We were made very welcome and came away feeling very happy for our efforts. WELL DONE ALL..

**Sandy**

Now we can look forward to plenty of rallies next year as the State coordinators get their calendars organised, as well as our 9<sup>th</sup> AGM at Mallacoota Foreshore Caravan Park from October 17<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> 2015. Information on next years AGM can be found further in this newsletter.



Looking down into the New Cobar pit.



Headquarters set up for the week



They came in all shapes and sizes.



Presenting the rugs at the Nursing Home.

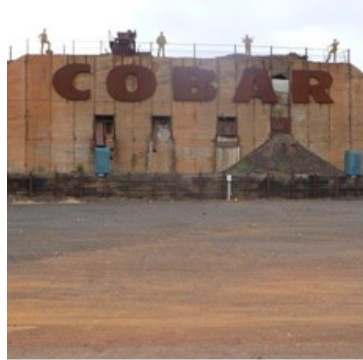
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QUEENSLAND  
TAG-A-LONG RALLY REPORT**  
of  
**NSW and QLD following on from Cobar  
AGM 2015**



**PART A: 19-26 Oct -  
Cobar Ulysses RV  
AGM 2015**

With the caravan park taking on and meeting every challenge of the Cobar AGM, all participants had a wonderful time at the Miners' Ghost Festival. Most of us participated in a

range of activities, including a Mine Tour, Festivities in the Park, which included a fireworks spectacular, the Visitors' Centre which included a very interesting Museum detailing the historical copper mining industry. The highlight of the Weather Station tour was seeing the weather balloon released. A pleasant surprise was a visit from



Redlanders, Robyn and Glen Head, on their adventure bikes. Some of the female members had an inspirational afternoon at the local Quilt Shop



while the Men's Shed had the male members more than satisfied with what the venue had to offer.

Congratulations must go to the AGM planning committee with

the concept of "Let's Go West". Our main meal together being "pot-luck" style was a great success due to the organisation of a couple of keen volunteers. The sing-a-long which followed was enjoyed by all participants!

**PART B: 27-30 October - Trilby Station**



**Stay**

From a very positive report from Darryl and Joy whose visit to Trilby was most memorable, 3 RVer vans ventured onto the dirt from Cobar to Louth and on to Trilby while the remainder of the tag-a-long group went their various ways with the

goal to reassemble in Bourke. Not all vehicles are designed to tackle the western dirt roads and corrugations but those who headed to Trilby were not to be disappointed.

The vastness and resourcefulness of the early pastoralists and our hosts, Liz and Gary, gave meaning to living "Back of Bourke" on the banks of the Darling River with wildlife of emus, kangaroos, goats as well as the station



sheep. Sheep numbers were well down as the station managed stock numbers in such a dry period. Campfires were enjoyed each night and a number of mud-maps had us venturing out on a property of over 380 000 acres, just a small part of the original Dunlop Station of over a million acres. One fenced paddock we explored was 10 000 acres. The shearing shed and amenities (not to forget the pool) at

the homestead were second to none and the occasional aeroplane arriving and departing made for a once in a life time experience. Flies, prickles and the heat were all a part of the experience. Put



Trilby on your bucket list.

**PART C: 31 October – 03 November  
Mitchell Caravan Park, Bourke**

The full tag-a-long team was back together sharing what they had been doing, their experiences and comforted having everyone safely back together. The weather was rapidly changing with Bourke to have the most rain they had experience for months.



This was very well received from those who had



just arrived in from Trilby because the couple of hundred kms of dirt would be impassable. Stephanie and Daniel had just taken on this caravan park as owners and managers and what a delight it

was for us to stay in their park, benefit from their generosity and kindness, youthful vibrance, even receiving from our hosts bags of goodies and muffins on our departure, A crocheted square blanket was kindly presented to Steph and Dan in appreciation of their efforts. The Information Centre “Back



of Bourke” was informative and an indigenous walking tour of the river bank, a nearby community, the town weir and the Indigenous Radio Station added a cultural perspective to a town with a very high per-

centage of traditional owners. The Melbourne Cup, also stopped Bourke, and our group enjoyed high tea provided by Daniel (the cook) and Stephanie. Our focus was on the sweep and which horses were going to “bring home the bacon”.



With our rigs recharged and only a short drive to Cunnamulla it was sad to say farewell to Mitchell Caravan Park and Bourke as the struggle with a declining population and the effects of drought.

**PART D: 04 November – 08 November  
Cunnamulla Tourist Park, CUNNAMULLA**

The attraction of this Western Queensland Town was the Cunnamulla Fella Festival. We were keen to hear good music, looking into the history



of the town and attend the two evenings of rodeo and music. Again here was a city declining in population and severely affected by drought. How proud these townships are of their history and a willingness to find an event to put their town on the western map to attract the surrounding population and the large number of grey nomads travelling our western black tarmacs. Here again was an



Information Centre that was of the highest standard, a museum and information on the opal industry and an annual event proudly supported by the whole community. For our tag-a-long



group it was the rodeo that would be the main attraction. With broncos and bulls on the Friday night and the Professional Bull Riders event on the Saturday night.

They were the very best at their game, and none of

us were keen to try our hand in riding these wild beasts. This was the end of our main event but many of us stayed together, staying on the banks at Wallam Creek freedom camp, Bollon, enjoying a final



pub meal with Peter and Josie from Victoria who headed south from St George for their long trek back to the outskirts of Melbourne.

**A wonderful time was had by all on a tag-a-long that provided such a wide range of experiences. Hard to beat. Gordon and Judy (0423 864 492)**



## NSW Roundup.

Long Weekend in October the R V group had a weekend at Murrurundi Caravan Park. We had 9 vans and one cabin dweller. We couldn't have asked for better weather. Warm to hot days and cool nights. A little bit of sunshine was spread around



Murrurundi, and lots of talking and happy hour drinks. Some went for drives but most of us stayed in the camping ground and caught up with friends we hadn't seen for a while. This is a great little caravan park and Carol and Doug are very friendly

hosts, so if you are ever in the area looking for a place to stay either in a cabin or camping why not call in and say hello.



**We have finally made a decision when and where our first weekender will be. Norah Head Tourist Park phone 1800241342 or email [norah@cchp.com.au](mailto:norah@cchp.com.au)**

We have made a block booking in the name of New South Wales Ulysses R V group, (this is because central coast riders and Woy Woy Peninsular branches also go there) for the weekend of 12 – 15 February 2016.

Cost is \$37 / night 2 people powered site. If you are a Top Tourist member you will get a discount. For those who aren't familiar with Norah Head it is a beach side suburb about half way between Sydney and Newcastle with plenty to keep you occupied over the weekend. The park has a resort style pool. Soldiers Point Beach is a 300 meter walk. Beach and rock fishing for all the fisher folk. Historic Norah Head lighthouse is worth a visit and for those keen on markets they are on Sunday morning in the Coles car park at Toukley. Norah Head tourist park is pet friendly.

**Date for North Haven Birthday Bash 18 – 19 March 2016 North Coast Holiday Parks North Haven. Phone 02 65599193 a block booking has been made in the name of Ulysses R V group. Ian and Kate have all the details of the booking.**

Erica and Old Dave.

**Victorian Rally Report.**

Wow what a weekend at Capel Sound ( Rosebud). Arrived to find Biggles & Ariel on site, and later we were joined by Peter & Diane . Social drinks & bulldust stories were well under way before dinner & continued into the night.

Saturday saw the arrival of Aldo & Wendy, Andy & Sue , Don & Vera , and so many drinks & nibbles along with stories filled in our day . Sadly Andy & Sue had to leave , then the gang all went to La Porchetta for dinner. I think we would have won the rowdy table award. After dinner it was back to camp for coffee etc , a good time had by all.

Sunday another lovely day filled in with would you believe more socialising, and during the after noon we all enjoyed pancakes cooked by Cherie with berries ,cream ,maple syrup & ice-cream that was supplied by Peter & Diane. That night Cherie & myself had to go to another engagement only to arrive back to find our van covered with signs of Welcome Home & Just Married ,of course those responsible were all around for the great arrival . A drink or too including coffee saw us all to bed.

Monday it was time to say good by to a fabulous weekend . Thank you all for coming & Merry Xmas to all .

Ken & Cherie .

**S.A. ROUNDUP.**

Christmas Weekend at Yacka.



What a wonderful time of the year it was to get away. The weather was beautiful and the countryside abundant. The drive to Yacka was lovely whether you came through the Clare Valley or through Blyth, Brinkworth roads. I didn't arrive until later on Friday night. The troops were well into the Christmas spirit when we arrived and despite a de-



termined effort, I could not match it. Peace and goodwill descended upon the park complete with flashing Christmas lights.

Saturday 's sunrise was magnificent with the fluffy clouds and birds singing the dawn.

Don and Steve found a bird stuck in the fence so Steve did the human thing and managed to rescue it. Not before it gave him a good nip on the hand requiring a trip to the local medical establishment for a tetanus shot. I am sure the bird appreciated the effort.



Music was ringing out over the park with much singing and laughing. It was a great atmosphere.

As the sun was setting the lights and decorations were appearing and the whole place was looking very festive. It was time for the judges to award the Trophy for the best decorated camp site. It was tough but Steve & Lyn Nash took out the award for their great efforts on their van and their



costumes. It was a fun night with lots of laughs and stories.

With a good sense of cheers we all slowly headed for bed.

As Sunday was going to be a hot one we were all up and into it fairly early. Breakfast was had and the packing began. It had been another fabulous weekend with the great Ulysses spirit. Thanks to all who came and made it such a fun time.

A very Merry Christmas and Happy New year to everyone and look forward to doing it all again next year.

Hoppy, Max & Hobbit

**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.



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

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".



**REAR WHEEL COVER STICKER**

High quality RV (or 4WD) spare wheel cover sticker, featuring the RV Group logo. Sticker can be made to fit spare wheel cover from 13" up to 16". Of high quality vinyl with an anti graffiti covering applied. Cost of sticker only supplied, plus postage \$60.00.

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.



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.

## Arvies Adventures in Berlin

Hi all, this story started with “Uncle Richard” (shortened to Richard hereafter), mentioning to someone that he was off to Berlin in a couple of weeks whilst at the AGM in Cobar.

I overheard this and immediately asked if I could come along as well. Never been there ..... Yet. Richard, knowing his place, agreed with Dad (shortened to Rick hereafter), that I could go and the adventure began!

Didn't start well with Richard forgetting me one night and leaving me to freeze in the camp kitchen, luckily some kind souls rescued me and took me home to Rick. Richard suitably chastened the next day promised Rick he would look after me properly on the trip.

So the adventure began with a ride in Richards caravan back to Victoria, didn't see much as Richard decided to do Cobar to Langwarrin in one day, I was sure tired from the long drive. However Richards's house was nice and I met a new best friend, Molly. Marilyn, the Boss of the house let me spend it on the bed every day, but I did have to share it with Molly, she is a longhair cat and very fluffy, reminded me of home with Rick in the van.

Richard had a couple of other trips first, to Adelaide and Wellington in NZ. He asked me if I wanted to go but I have been to them more than him and



the bed is very comfy.....

The day to depart came close and Richard decided that I could have my own comfy bed for the journey to Berlin, which was going to take 30 hours! He made me comfy in the case and I slept the whole way, poor Richard had to sit upstairs in a seat for the whole trip, (he complained that because no one is buying the things his employer makes, he

had to sit up for the whole trip instead of one of the really neat reclining seats at the front of what he called ‘The Bus’.

Anyway I was comfy and we were soon in Berlin. We caught a taxi from the airport to a hotel in town. He joked about Mercedes being called ‘German Taxis’ ...didn't seem to be a joke to me, they all were!



It was late so we both settled down and went to sleep straight away. It was nice and cosy in the hotel room and it reminded me of Rick's caravan, about the same size inside. Apparently people in Germany don't need big rooms.....

Next morning we were both refreshed and ready to go sightseeing. But it was raining, horizontal rain! And cold Brrrr..... We didn't want to spend all day in the shoe box, sorry, room..... So we ventured out to Alexanderplatz, just up the road. There were setting up for the Xmas fair with lots of old fashioned Xmas stalls, beer tents, kid's amusements and really yummy looking chocolate. Richard and I were really disappointed; it opened the day we left! I was tucked up in Richards's bag but really wanted to have a look around so Richard let me out only briefly to see the trams go past and have a quick look.

We went back to the room and dried out but Richard didn't want to sit there all day, but I did! It was warm and cosy, so he left me there to head around the corner to a cool museum called ‘The Museum of East German Motorcycles’ said he had been there before but it is really cool. He came back laughing though, one of the signs was about a brand called IFA and a model they called the RT. On the board it said... IFA-RT. I didn't get the joke; to me they were just smelly 2 strokes! On Monday the weather cleared and I thought we could go exploring but Richard said goodbye to me at 8am and didn't come home till 10pm. I called him a stop-out; he got annoyed and did the same

for the next three days! On Friday he finally relented and said he would try and get home early so we could go out. I didn't believe him but was glad when he came in at about 3pm, quickly made me a comfy warm nest in his backpack. Yippee finally getting out! We had to be quick; it was already starting to get darker.



I asked where we were going but he wouldn't say, just that it was a treat. So off we trotted to that Alexanderplatz again. I was about to look at the stalls, now about complete and he diverted down some steps and underground. He told me it was call the U-Bahn and I was to stay in the bag and hide as I didn't have a ticket. I

did peek out and saw funny little trains and lots of people. I couldn't pronounce the station names and after a few stops we alighted, this name was even harder! Let's just call it Station!

We went up the steps and came out in the middle of the road! There was traffic going both ways and no pedestrian lights, we just had to dodge the cars... strange way to do it, but apparently when they built it you just dodged horse & carts.

Come 'on he said and let me look out as we walked down the street for about 10 minutes; the buildings were familiar but different. We eventually stopped at a funny place, still in the main street. It was the special place, called Checkpoint Arvie! (It looked like Charlie to me but Richard as-



sured me that this was the German spelling of Arvie, I felt honoured).

There was wooden hut in the middle of the road and some people dressed in strange military uniforms. There main purpose seemed to be letting tourists

take selfies with them. I asked Richard to explain and he told me....

A long time ago a boy in the playground got upset and tried to take it all for himself. His three ex friends decided to gang up to stop him and they spent ages before he finally realised that they were stronger than him and he was losing. It was apparently a very sad time. I asked if they all became friends again but no, it was not a happy time still. One of the boys liked the idea of having his own space so he drew a big wiggly chalk line through the playground and told the other two not to cross it! They didn't want to fight anymore so agreed providing he didn't try to take anymore space. Before long they decided that sometimes they needed to go to each other's playground so agreed to a spot on the chalk line where they could cross if all agreed. They called that Checkpoint Arvie, after me!!

The men in the funny hats apparently had to agree you could cross and I don't think they let you take selfies then. Eventually all the solitary man's other friends get fed-up with his games and told him to rub out the chalk line, he did and now only little bits remain to remind everyone not build it again. Everyone is a lot happier. (Richard told me to remember how nasty people could be and he would take me to an even sadder place if I didn't, where all the solitary man's secret police had their big office and nasty machines).

Anyway it was starting to drizzle and was very cold. Richard wanted to take my photo with the men in funny hats but they were busy with lots of other people so we had to go. I didn't think the place was scary anymore as it had Rick's favourite Scottish restaurant right near the wooden shed!

It was getting dark and very cold so Richard said we must go and took me down another set of stairs in the middle of the road. I had to hide again but we caught one of those funny trains to a place called Hackesher Markt. We got off and went up the stairs to a beautiful area with old buildings and lots of restaurants. I wanted to stay but Richard said he had been there the previous night and wanted a change. There was one of those trams there that went right past the hotel but Richard

dragged me up some stairs despite my protest. We went to catch another train called an S-Bahn. I think he likes trains but he insisted it was much quicker on the train.

When we came down the steps at the next station I

recognised Alexanderplatz again. I wanted to get a local delicacy from a man who was wearing a stove! It is called a Currywurst, apparently a hotdog sausage, grilled, cut up and smothered in Heinz tomato sauce and finally sprinkled with curry powder. Richard was too tight to buy me on, they were only EU\$1.50, he said that was \$50 but I know it was only \$2 really.

Anyway he took me home to the hotel as we had to leave really early the next day. It was getting really cold and he said that the next day it would be snowing! Have I seen that before, I can't re-



member, perhaps Rick can tell me? I was really comfy on the flight out so I asked if I could go back the same way. Before I knew it we were back in Australia. What a great adventure! Richard is off again and asked me if I wanted to go to Brisbane, but I said no, been there more than him! I did want to go riding a motorcycle in Thailand but he won't take me with him, but I think we will all go to a lovely little place called Cohuna in northern Victoria for the New Year. Been there before and really enjoyed it. In February lots of my friends are going there and I hope to catch up again with them. Maybe one of them can offer me a bigger adventure than Berlin? Anyway I had a great time in Berlin, just a pity the weather was so bad but at least I have been there! Thanks Uncle Richard for taking me and Auntie Marilyn for letting him go. Not a lot of photos but a few more for the album.

Cheers,

*Annie.*

## Ulysses Members RV Group – 9<sup>th</sup> AGM, Mallacoota Foreshore Caravan Park, Mallacoota, Victoria. 17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2016.

To book your site contact the Caravan Park on 03 5158 0300 or Fax 03 5158 0189 or email [mallacootacp@wideband.net.au](mailto:mallacootacp@wideband.net.au)  
**Proposed Program.**

Mon 17	Local Tours Presentations	Happy Hour 4.00pm	
Tues 18	Tours, Members own booking	Happy Hour 4.00pm	
Wed 19		Local Band 4 - 5.00pm	Catered BBQ Tea.
Thurs 20		Local Choir 4 – 5.00pm	Pot Luck Dinner 6.00pm
Fri 21	8.00am Breakfast	9.30 am. Annual General Meeting	Happy Hour 4.00pm
Sat 22	Markets in town	Happy Hour 4.00 pm	Catered Dinner 6.30pm
Sun 23	7 – 9.00 am. Pancake Breakfast	Farewell and Thank you	Safe Travels.

**2016 AGM – 17 – 23 October. - Local Tour operators.** Wilderness Coast Charters. 03 5158 0701 – Water taxi to Gabo Island.

**Mallacoota Fishing and Tours – Jason 0419223101.** Fishing 4 hours, \$550.00 for 5 persons. All equipment supplied. Gabo Island Tours \$550.00 for 5 persons, 5 hours plus.

**Gypsy Point. Captain John Gerard's Wilderness Tours. 0418 279 997** Riverways Photo's and Videos, 16 people. 2 ½ hours, Afternoon Tea, \$40.00 ea.

**Loch Ard – 03 51480764. Ferry Boat, Scenery, Birdlife and History.**

**Porky Bess, Authentic Wooden Boat Cruises, Water Taxi services for walkers.**

**A registration form will be placed up on the website in the new year. In the meantime, if you decide to book your site before that, please mention that you are with the Ulysses RV Group.**

**ULYSSES RV GROUP  
QUEENSLAND RALLY ADVICE**

**STANTHORPE AND GRANITE BELT RALLY  
05-07 FEBRUARY 2016**

Stanthorpe is the centre of the Granite Belt's Wine Area and a short drive to Girraween National Park

**HOSTS:** Top of the Town Tourist Park: 10 High Street, STANTHORPE Q 4380  
Peter TIER Phone:- 07 46814888 email:- topofthetown@gmail.com  
"The park is currently undergoing a change in ownership so some info may change"

**Registrations and Park Numbers close: Friday 16 JANUARY 2016**

- This closing date is **IMPORTANT**

Holding 12 powered sites (Please mention Ulysses RV Group when booking with Park)

**Powered Sites and Unpowered sites:** \$32 ( 5% group booking discount / 10% Top Tourist or CMCA Members)

**Toilets/Showers/Dump Point available:** " The Homestead Lounge" is Group Booked for our gatherings:

**Pets:** Owners responsible to keep pets on lead and clean up for the benefit of other campers

**Fire Policy:** Off ground / contained fires allowed unless a total fire ban: A fire pit is also available

**Generators:** N/A

**Attractions: STANTHORPE GRANITE BELT INFORMATION CENTRE: 28 Leslie Parade: STANTHORPE 07) 46810411**

(National Parks nearby and Granite Belt Wine and Food Venues)

**Friday Night: Sing-a-long: Please bring along any instruments/song charts and enjoy making music together**

**Saturday 9-12 noon - "Stitch and Chatter Session":** Bring crafts, sewing, quilting etc

**Saturday Night: STANTHORPE RSL (Courtesy Bus Available)**

**Raffles Saturday Afternoon Happy Hour:** Your donation of prizes very much appreciated

**PLEASE REMEMBER**

*Register through Ulysses RV Group website  
Register with the Top of the Town Tourist Park  
REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: Friday 16 January, 2016*

**LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR COMPANY**

Gordon and Judy: 0423 864492 – email [queensland@ulyssesrv.org](mailto:queensland@ulyssesrv.org)

Blip and Di (Co-ordinators)



# QUINNINUP Tourist Park

Lot 11 Wheatley Coast Road  
QUINNINUP WA 6258

PHONE: **9773 1329**

[QUINCARAVANPARK@BIGPOND.COM.AU](mailto:QUINCARAVANPARK@BIGPOND.COM.AU)

**IT'S OUR 3<sup>RD</sup> BIRTHDAY.**  
**February 12-14<sup>TH</sup> 2016**



Only 322kms from Perth, 30kms south of Manjimup.

Quinninup Tourist and Caravan Park is set amongst the tall trees of the South West of Western Australia. It has large drive through grassed caravan and campsites, nine metre roads (no backing up), five star toilet block with disabled and baby facilities. We are pet friendly and welcome large groups and also large Rigs. We have great drinking water and a dump site. There is a great camp kitchen, now with a pizza oven!

We have 51 large powered sites which have access to free gas bbqs. TV reception, drive through bays. The park is surrounded by farmland, national parks and state forest. It has birds, Kangaroos and Emus visiting. We feed the wild Kangaroos each evening that are quite friendly including the orphaned Joeys that rely on us for food.

There is a tavern close by, post office and internet access. Old school buildings that house a library with photo display of the times gone by and a small museum. Take a stroll through the forrest on already laid out tracks or plan your own long or short walks through the forrest to see wildflowers in spring. Catch a marron in the lake on our door step, a perch or a trout to put on the barbie. Canoe in the lake or paddle down the local rivers. A short drive takes you to wineries, craft shops, town of Pemberton and the beach.

Visit Quinninup Gnome Village.  
Bring a gnome and get a discount.

\$25 per powered site per double/night.

Book direct with Pam and let her know that you are with the Ulysses Members RV Group.

As this is a ECO Park and a sanctuary for wildlife, the owners have requested **PETS**

**MUST BE ON LEAD AT ALL TIMES AND NEVER LEFT ALONE**



**THE RV CLUB FOR MEMBERS OF THE ULYSSES CLUB INC.**

Phone: Rick: 0402453380  
 Ken: 0417630750  
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 ken@ulyssesrv.org



**Our webpage**  
<http://ulyssesrv.org>

**New Product. Ulysses Members RV Group Flag.**

Screen printed cloth flag with sewn edges and seam for inserting pole on left side. Price \$11.00 plus postage. Available in RV store or by contacting Gordon at [sales@ulyssesrv.org](mailto:sales@ulyssesrv.org)



**THE FINAL WORD.**

Well, that is another RV Group year done and dusted. I thoroughly enjoyed the AGM experience again, although this time as a temporary bachelor. Still, there was plenty of good company there to take my mind off being by myself. Travelling with mate Gerry ("The Gerrycan" driver) was great fun and just goes to show (well, me anyway) that no matter what life serves you up it is just a matter of putting your mind to enjoying yourself and those other things pale into insignificance. Thanks Gerry, for your company and all the laughs. As Gerry says when describing himself, he is not disabled, he's just a useless bastard. I think that description is a bit harsh old mate, you inspired me.

And then there was co-coordinator Ken Tacon. He and Doreen rushed home to collect the keys to their newly built home, and moved in. This with less than a week of occupation, Ken was using a circular saw up in the shed and cut half of his left thumb off. A few days in hospital and a couple of operations later he says he will be fine, although he can only hold up nine and a half fingers now.

**Mallacoota** is the venue for our next AGM.

See the information on Page 12 of this newsletter.

*Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous  
 Happy New Year to all.*





# Ulysses RV Group

## Victoria Rally

# Back to Cohuna !

**Friday to Sunday 12th-14th February 2016**

By popular demand we are heading back to Cohuna this year!

The park has new Managers and has been upgraded.

Great central location in northern Victoria, (could be hot!)

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 \$30 per night. Pets Welcome

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
- ◆ Southern 80 Ski Race in Echuca
- ◆ Quiet location but close to Murray River events

### 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



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

Phone: 03 9775 7153

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E-mail: mflinders@netspace.net.au



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