



# The Kermit Kronicle

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## From the Editor's Desk.

### Hi Everyone,

It is a balmy afternoon here in Lightning Ridge as I type this - well actually it is bloody cold with a lazy wind that goes right through you instead of going around.

We are enjoying this nomadic lifestyle immensely though, and have seen some amazing sights since we hit the road again last April.

The trip through NSW was uneventful, although the winds were not kind to us, and by the time we reached the Victorian High Country, the rains had decided to pay a visit as well. Melbourne was still in the same place, but by the time we finished our visiting there, the storms and winds had really set in, with strong westerlies impeding our progress as we headed towards South Australia and ensuring that we could pay for the overseas holidays of quite a number of oil company executives.

We had a lovely time in the

Barossa, and surprisingly, my old course mates were still recognizable after 50 years.

Late May, we started heading north and east, first with a visit to the Flinders Ranges at Warren Gorge and Rawnsley Park (Wilpena). I recommend this part of our country for it's superb scenery.

The State Coordinators have sent in reports from the various rallies and they are further in this newsletter.

Also in this tome are details of the event to be held in south western West Australia in October 2017, so that those of you who like to plan early you can pencil in the location and dates on your maps and diaries.

This year's AGM at Malacoota is drawing closer, and Ken Graham and I have been able to finalise the meals and breakfasts. Sandy Hook will again be overseeing the Pot Luck dinner on the Saturday

night, and for all those who indicate on the registration form that they want to take part, you will receive an email from Sandy closer to the date regarding the details of the meal.

Please get your registration in sooner than later, so Ken Graham can finalise numbers with providers in the area.

Ken and Doreen pick up their new caravan this month, if they haven't already, after their Crusader was written off by the insurance company due to hail damage. I'm looking forward to seeing their new Option RV out on the road soon.

Travel Safe, see you on the road.

*Rick & Sherol.*



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## VICTORIA RALLY CALENDAR



Details for the 2017 AGM can be found on pages of this newsletter.

Don't forget to get your registration in for the 2016 AGM at Mallacoota. Registration form on our website.

Nov 18-19-20 Castlemaine. For more information contact Ken at [vic-toria@ulyssesrv.org](mailto:vic-toria@ulyssesrv.org)

Don't forget the AGM is at Mallacoota Foreshore Caravan Park, Victoria from October 17 - 23rd. [More information here.](#)

### W.A RALLIES.

Wildflowers in the West, September 4th to 11th September. [Information Flyer](#) later in this newsletter and registration form available on our website.

### 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.

July 29th,30 & 31st

November 18th, 19th & 20th

Melrose Show Grounds  
Pt Julia Campground

Melrose  
Pt Julia

Any further enquiries contact Hobbit

[hobbitfjr@gmail.com](mailto:hobbitfjr@gmail.com)

## QLD RALLY CALENDAR

**JULY 29-31 Christmas in July.**

**Darlington Park, Qld.**

[More information here,](#)

**DECEMBER 02-04 Inskip Point Rainbow Beach.**

## NSW RALLY CALENDAR.

OCTOBER LONG WEEKEND Friday 30th September – Monday 3rd October  
Murrurundi Caravan Park Phone 65466288  
Powered sites \$29 / night. Cabins from \$50 / night. This is always a good weekend so why not join us. This makes a great stop off if you are heading down to Mallacoota for the AGM.

### 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. Initially, they booked the Big Valley Camping Ground, but then the proprietors did the dirty on them and cancelled our booking. Judi and Wayne have scoured the south west and come up with what they think is a better venue, and details can be found further in this newsletter.. 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.

## NEXT W.A. RALLY – SEPTEMBER 2016

We are planning a Tag-A-Long for the week of 3-10 September 2016. Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> is the 'meet' day and we will be leaving from Willowbrook Farm Caravan Park, GinGin on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> then travelling over the next 4 days to Mullewa for the 7-10<sup>th</sup> September. The theme will be "Wildflowers in the West". (Yes I know it's the week after the Mullewa Show, but accommodation is limited during that period)

Caravan Parks and the agenda are confirmed and more information is available further in the newsletter. At this stage it will be a registered event (so we know how many are coming) and you will be able to join and leave at any point of travel. Once all the information has been confirmed I will have Rick put up a registration form on the website. (Already done Judi—[http://ulyssesrv.org/wildflowers\\_registration.html](http://ulyssesrv.org/wildflowers_registration.html) )

So keep that week free and come and make our Tag-A-Long a huge success.

Safe Travels,

Judi, Pete, Hazel and Wayne.



### ULYSSES MEMBERS RV CLUB

with

### ULYSSES CLUB INC - BUNBURY

Travelling from Gin Gin to Mullewa. Journey along the Wildflower Highway, taking in local history and beautiful regional wildflowers.

#### Contact Info

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Info and Registration\* at  
[www.ulyssesrv.org](http://www.ulyssesrv.org)

\*RV registrations

*Come journey with us!*



### 8th Birthday Rally, North Haven.

The Ulysses R V group 8th birthday was at North Haven this year. The numbers were a lot fewer than previous years but it didn't stop those who came from enjoying themselves. Most of those attending had the week away.

**Kayaking**, Terry and Jan Hill, must have enjoyed it because they found somewhere different everyday.

**Fishing**, David Harding and Ron Beverley and lots of touring around the area. David and Ron went fishing on several days and caught a few "keepers". Ron Beverley cook a couple of batches of his famous scones and were enjoyed by all, thanks Ron.



The Caravan Park put on a Pancake breakfast for us on Sunday morning very nice indeed, so Thanks Kate and Ian. Happy hour each afternoon and B B Q on Friday and Saturday nights it was good to catch up with

friends we only get to see a couple of times a year.

Erica and Old Dave



**Editors Note.**

Next year we are going back to Brooms Head, as that park is now pet friendly, and it is where we traditionally held our annual birthday rally.



towns and going 4 wheel driving on the property. At night the campfire was lit again, more indulgence in a variety of alcoholic beverages and listening to Guv reel off a joke for just about every subject that came up in conversation. ( If you haven't heard it before, ask him about the camel joke with all of his acting included).

### Spear Creek 6 - 8 May 2016

Despite the forecast for the weather deteriorating, a good number of campers arrived at Spear Creek on Thursday night and Friday. And what a lot of very surprised faces and impressed campers there were when they saw the campground with it's large gum trees and natural setting. The group consisted of caravanners, camper trailers and a couple on motorbikers who stayed in one of the cabins which were discreetly set behind shrubbery.

By Friday afternoon most were settled in and the first of the happy hours were underway. Just before sunset everyone walked up to the "sunset seat" to watch the sun setting over the hills on the opposite side of Spencer Gulf. After the sun went down, everyone returned to the camp for their dinners and then got together again around the campfire.

On Saturday groups did various things ranging from walking through the gorge, visiting Port Augusta and the Arid Lands Centre, visiting regional

When leaving on Sunday, the Managers of the campground were very lenient and left the departure time fairly open. Most campers were gone by mid-afternoon but 3 couples stayed on for another night. This was the night of the storm and as the campground is so well protected by hills and the creek banks, the might of the storm blew over the top.

It was another very relaxed weekend in a very pleasant natural environment. In fact it was so well liked that a group of the campers are returning later in the year with friends.

Happy Camping

Hobbit, Hoppy and Max



**Tarra Valley ,( Gippsland) 8-9-10-April,**

Cherie & I arrived a day early to find were to be welcomed by Biggles & Ariel plus Brian & Joan . We were joined by Peter & June friends of ours so 4pm saw our first happy hour , which went well over the hour .

Friday we welcomed Aldo & Wendy plus their granddaughter Tolise also Don & Vera . 4pm the party was well under way in the camp kitchen , some later drifted home for tea then back again to the fire & more tall stories . As the park owner's wife had recently suffered a heart attack

How time flies it,s 4pm already so to the camp kitchen we head for happy hour & a nice big fire already lit by owner , Aldo presents us with our very own fire poker, so we can now putt our fires, No it's not a spelling error—putt we did .

Sat 3pm scones jam& cream were eaten which starter happy hour & a BYO BBQ including an all in salad selection; very nice.

Sun saw Aldo, Wendy & Tolise leave us so it was suggested that a lunch at Port Albert's historic hotel would be the go, but on arriving we



he was on his own, so Peter & I went to Yarram to pick up supplies for him .

We all went for drives to Yarram or Port Albert ,or the Ridge Rd to look at the magnificent Giant Ferns, Tall Gums, Ancient Beech trees and water falls also the swing bridge . Some walked 1.2 klm to view it then had to walk 1.2klm back to drive to the next car park to pick up the lazy ones who only had a 400 mtr walk.

discovered the hotel burnt down last year. Instead, pies & coffee at Yarram bakery it was. Our last happy hour saw us feasting on coal fire cooked potatoes; well some only partly cooked but a good time was had by all. It was voted to return again next year. Thanks to all for a very enjoyable weekend.

Ken , Cherie



## ULYSSES RV GROUP QUEENSLAND RALLY ADVICE

**DARLINGTON PARK CHRISTMAS IN JULY RALLY**

**29-31 July 2016**

Darlington Park is a camp area 24km south of Beaudesert via Kerry Road beside the Albert River

**HOSTS:** Kathy and Neil 07 5544 8120

email:- wildwoodpark@bigpond.com

**Registrations Close: Thursday 21 July 2016**

- There is no need to book with the park
- This closing date for registrations with Ulysses RV Group is **IMPORTANT**
- Holding 8-15sites

**Powered Sites: (nil) Unpowered ONLY: \$8.00 per adult (CASH ONLY)**

**Toilets/No Showers/ Albert River adjacent/Dump Point available/River Water only**

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

**CANTEEN:** Milk, Bread, Ice, Ice Creams etc ( **CASH ONLY**)

**Fire Policy:** Fire Drums provided/ \$10 barrow load of wood/ Welcome to provide own  
(with ash protection)

**Albert River:** Swimming, canoeing, etc

**Attractions:** (Albert River: 4x4 Duck Creek Road to O'Reillys /Lamington

National Park: Wilderness Walk at The Lost World 10km sealed road: Cricket Oval "Test Match")

**Friday Evening: Sing a long-** bring banjo, guitar, voice, join in spirit/s etc

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

**Saturday Night: POT LUCK MEAL** please bring/share/laugh-a-lot ( 6 for 6.30pm)

**Raffles:** If you would like to donate items for the raffle this will be very much appreciated

### PLEASE REMEMBER

- a) [Register through Ulysses RV Group website](#)
- b) *If you have difficulty registering online please book with Gordon/Judy*
- c) *No need to Book RV site through the park (8-15 RV's anticipated)*

### LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR COMPANY

Gordon and Judy (H: 07 32877616/ M :0423864492/email gordonjudith@bigpond.com); Blip and Di

### 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.

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



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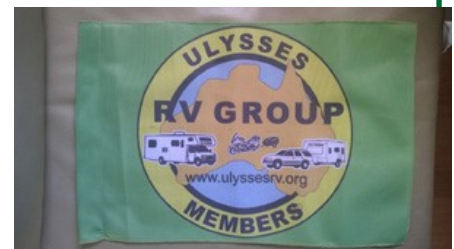
Price \$35.00 plus postage. (Shirt will be ordered after payment.)

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



Small RV Group Flag, screen printed on one side and with sewn pole slot on left hand side.

\$15.00 each plus postage.



100 mm sticker - new logo. \$2.00 each plus \$1.00 postage. Order more than one and combine postage.

### Name badge with magnetic clasp. \$15.00

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.



### 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.

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.

**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.**

**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.

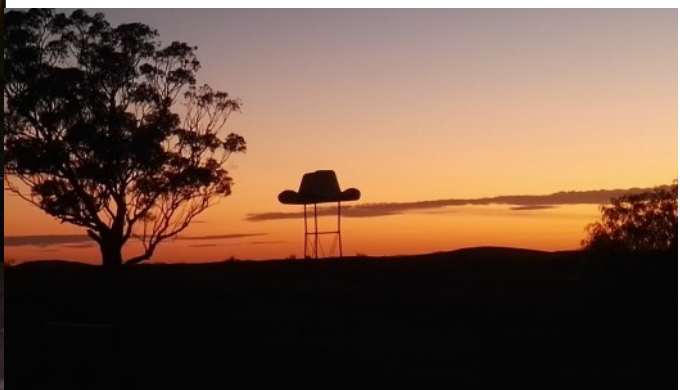
**Gypsy Point. Captain John Gerard's Wilderness Tours. 0418 279 997**  
Riverways Photo's and Videos, 16 people. 2 ½ hours, Afternoon Tea, \$40.00 ea.

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

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

**A registration form IS AVAILABLE 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.**

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	Catered 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	Pot Luck Dinner 6.30pm
Sun 23	7 – 9.00 am. Pancake Breakfast	Farewell and Thank you	Safe Travels.



IF YOU HAVE NOT REGISTERED YET, AND YOU INTEND TO COME TO MALLACOOTA FOR THE AGM, **PLEASE REGISTER** SOON. REGISTRATIONS CLOSE ON 5TH OCTOBER, TO ENABLE US TO ADVISE THE CATERERS OF NUMBERS. ALSO, DON'T FORGET TO BOOK YOUR SITE AT THE CARAVAN PARK SEPARATELY.



## “Wildflowers in the West”

### Tag-a-long

**4-11<sup>th</sup> September 2016**



### Itinerary for RV Group

Travel with us on a journey to discover our local wildflowers and history from Gingin to Mullewa. For sites that take bookings, please mention that your with the Ulysses Members RV Group so they put us all together.

- **Meeting at Willowbrook Farm Caravan Park in Gingin on Sunday 4th September** (depart Mon 5/9) **83km from Perth, 253km from Bunbury** (Come on Friday or Saturday and have the weekend there, enjoy free homemade scones & jams on Sunday morning) \$33 powered site/\$25 unpowered. PHONE LIL 9575 7566
- **Travel to New Norcia for Monday 5 September** (depart Tue 6/9)(91km). **Beware the ABBEY ALE.** Why not visit the Monastrey, Bakery, Museum and Hotel and collect some local products for the Happy Hour. \$20 Powered (only 4 sites – 1<sup>st</sup> in applies) \$15 unpowered, Fully self Contained RV parking opposite \$10–**NO BOOKINGS** Behind Roadhouse 96548034
- **Travel to Coorow for Tuesday 6 September** (depart Wed 7/9) (148km –direct) or (go via Dalwallinu 211km). Visit the new WW1 Horse Memorial in Dalwallinu on your journey to Coorow. Staying at Coorow Caravan Park Shire to advise further details.
- **Travel to Mingenew for Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September** (depart 8/9)(103km) Take in Carnamah and Three Springs. Mingenew Springs Caravan Park 992810189 \$27 powered/\$18 unpowered. **Limited sites – book early**
- **Ending at Mullewa for Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> until Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September** (depart 11/9) Visit the many walks and displays of Wildflowers, the Batterabby Gravesites and various sites in and around Mullewa. \$26 powered/\$17 unpowered **NO BOOKINGS**
- **POT LUCK DINER** Saturday Night in the Camp Kitchen unless the MC Club holds a BBQ for the Geraldton Ulysses Club. Details to be confirmed at a later date.
- Make you own way home from Mullewa at the end of the week or join another member and take in Geraldton, Dongara, Leeman, Jurien Bay, Cervantes and Lancelin on your way back down the coast.



**GENERAL CONDITIONS:**

- Pets are welcome at all sites, however they must be kept on leash at all times.
- Maintain a safe distance between each caravan/motorhome to allow other road users safe passage whilst travelling in a group.
- On free camp sites, don't park too close to other campers (unless invited).
- Sites to be left clean and tidy. No dumping of grey water unless sites authorize. Follow all site rules at public free camps and public Caravan Parks
- Generators are permitted at most sites, however please turn off at a reasonable time (7pm) so they don't disturb other campers.
- Happy Hour every evening in either the camp kitchen or someone's annex to ensure everyone makes our destinations.
- You may join and depart the tag-a-long at any time during the week.
- **Registration forms to be completed from the website.**
- Most importantly, join in and have a great time.



**Itinerary for Ulysses Club Inc - Bunbury**

Itinerary to be set by Brian "Sarg" Collect. 0429 900 353

Accommodation is available at each of the below. Individuals will need to book & pay for their own choice of accommodation. Evening meals are available at each venue or join the RV members for an evening meal in camp kitchen. Happy Hours every evening. Venues to be confirmed.  
Please advise contacts that you are with the Ulysses Club.

DATE	DAY	ACCOMADATION	CONTACT NO
4/9/16	Sunday	GinGin Hotel	9575 2214
5/9/16	Monday	New Norcia Hotel	9654 8034
6/9/16	Tuesday	Coorow Hotel	9952 1023
7/9/16	Wednesday	Mingenew Hotel	9928 1002
8-10/9/16	Thursday - Saturday	Mullewa Hotel	9961 1050

Saturday Night BBQ with the Ulysses club Inc – Geraldton Branch or join the RV club for Pot Luck Dinner/BBQ at the Mullewa Caravan Park (pending sufficient MC riders)

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

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admin@ulyssesrv.org  
ken@ulyssesrv.org



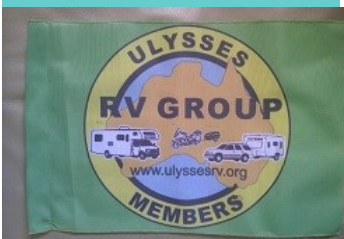
**Our webpage**  
<http://ulyssesrv.org>

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

Screen printed cloth  
flag with seam for  
inserting pole on left  
side.

Price \$15.00 plus post-  
age.

Available in RV store  
or by contacting Gor-  
don at  
[sales@ulyssesrv.org](mailto:sales@ulyssesrv.org)



## THE FINAL WORD.

Are you a Facebook user. Have you joined our FaceBook page? (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/455166954682060/>) This Facebook page is for RV Group members only, and is there so that members can keep in touch, or let fellow members know where you are or what you are doing. If you are a user of FaceBook and haven't joined our page yet, just click on the link above and ask to join. Simple as that.

**Don't forget, you need to book your site at the Murrumbidgee Caravan Park for the AGM in October. See the information on Page 9 of this newsletter.**

Sherol and I are loving this beautiful country, and enjoying the magnificent places and scenery that we are blessed with. Lightning Ridge is an amazing town with some unique attractions, so if you are planning a trip through the NSW outback put this little place on your must do list.

I have had a request from Gordon regarding members wanting name badges. It seems that each time the management of our badge supplier has a bad day they change the rules, and put their prices up. In order to enable us to keep providing badges to our members at a good price (now \$15.00, - I know, it used to be \$9.80) we will only be ordering badges twice a year so that at least we can get our minimum of six for a bulk order to keep the price down. Orders will be placed in April (after the birthday rally to include any orders taken at that rally) and in November (after the AGM for the same reason.) Not to say though, that if a group of you decide that you want name badges and there is six or more of you, an order can still be placed with Gordon at the shop on other dates apart from April or November.

Stay safe, and we will see you on the road.

Rick.



## **ULYSSES RV GROUP QUEENSLAND RALLY REPORT**

### **2016 TAG-A-LONG of BURNETT HIGHWAY QUEENSLAND**

#### **PART A:13- 15May - Goomeri Caravan and Bush Camp**

This was to be the starting point for our most adventurous trip to date. We had stayed in the area previously at Kilkivan Bush Camp for the Goomeri Festival but with Neil and Faye in



**Steep walk with great views.**

“research mode” this was to be one of the stop overs suggested by them. Most of the RVs were settled in by the Friday on an expansive grassed area with new amenities. The managers were kind enough to provide wood for the evening campfires. Pot Luck was a great success, and with a sing-a-long, the

main social night went well. A

glorious sunset could be seen from a ridge adjacent to the park. Steep walk but good for the heart. Twig and Dale had their new van out on its maiden voyage and



**Fudge in charge**

they were very excited. Grub and Cuddles were in their new motorhome and Jiminy 4x4. We were just out of Goomeri and nearby Boat Mountain Conservation Park so there were adventures to be had. Goomeri was also the nearest dump and water point which we took advantage of after leaving our first staging point.

#### **PART B:16-18 May - Wuruma Dam**

The group travelled north from Goomeri to **Wuruma Dam**, an expansive water course north-west of Eidsvoll. Must not forget to mention the mandarins and oranges purchased on route at Gayndah YUMMMMM! Wuruma was basic toilets but a water playground must have heard about. It was time for kayak in the water and John and Di to in the hunt for blue-claw. This was the these few days. Lazy days spent beside our nightly fires and Happy Hours A couple of the vans had stayed back meet up with us again at Cania Gorge. stage their first point of contact with were very few spare sites around the some campers staying for months at a time.



**John with the Red Claw**

a freedom camp with which every grey nomad Blip and Di to get the put in the tinnie and pots main entertainment for and on the water. Again were great social times. at Goomeri and were to Neil and Faye made this the group. Again, there shores of the dam with

### **PART C: 19-21 May Cania Gorge Retreat Top Park**

Leaving Wuruma Dam, our first stop was in Monto to re-join civilisation, SHOPS and second-hand stores and then up to **Cania Gorge**.

We had decided to use the first caravan park as you enter the gorge due to its proximity to the walks. We re-joined the vans we left at Goomeri and SURPRISE!!

Leon and Linda were there in their Coromal with Cania the only aspect of our tag-a-long where they could join us. This is what is so enjoyable about the concept. RV'ers in

RV'ers out. Not everyone can afford to take this amount of time out of their busy schedules. As you would imagine it was the many walks of Cania Gorge National Park and the peaceful waters of Lake Cania which made this area so attractive. Many of us enjoyed the shorter walks closer to the caravan park as well as another Pot Luck dinner and sing-a-long. The ladies enjoyed a craft morning with conversations centring round RV adventures and "family affairs of the heart".



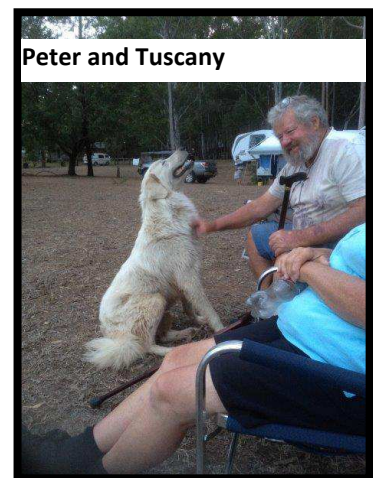
The crew ready for Raffles and Pot Luck Dinner

### **PART D: 22-25 May Kroombit Park on Lochenbar Station**

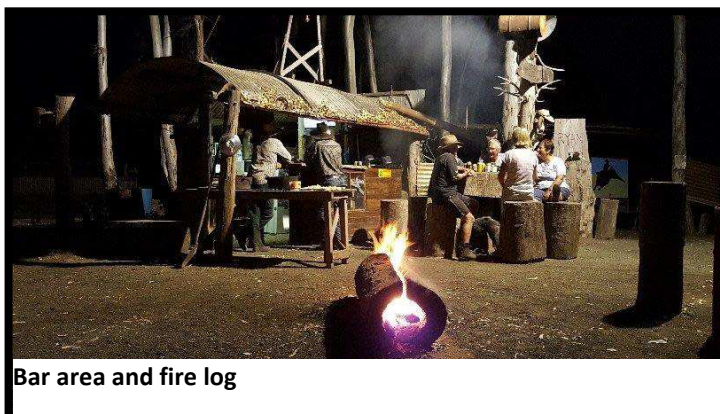
The intrepid travellers packed up from the comforts of the Retreat Caravan Park and headed to

**Biloela** to restock and prepare to take the vans into Kroombit Park.

Nothing could have prepared our group for the sights at **Lochenbar Station** which was completely ruined from recent floods and with no intention to rebuild. The owners explained that they are focussing their energies on the cattle properties and leaving tourism out of the equation for the long-term. Toilets and showers were on a donation basis but our group had had raffles at Cania Gorge with the intention of giving the profits of that evening to Lochenbar owners. Very well received. Well it was like life on a station property. Dogs, goats, dust, prickles, a licenced bar with



Peter and Tuscany



Bar area and fire log

damper

and goat stew for nibbles. Bob and Denise had van issues with leaf springs so the "Men's Shed" went to work with the skills of Blip and Darryl and advice from all and sundry plus some new parts Bob had sourced from Gladstone. **Kroombit National Park** and the wreck of **Beautiful Betsy** were calling. Darryl and Joy

were disappointed they could not come into the National Park due to their travelling friend

“Fudge”. The 4x4 path up the razorback, described by Lochenbar’s owners as being “VERY ORDINARY”, was in fact moderate. Some of our delegates preferred not to put their vehicles through the ordeal; but for those who went, the views and vegetation were stunning, the memorial wreck of Betsy quite soulful, causing moments of contemplation; and most importantly all vehicles that took on the adventure were returned intact. The whole experience was one not to be missed. Just ask John – oh how he missed his Di!

### **PART E: 26-28 May Kandanga RV Park**

Off on the last stopover of our adventure. Leaving Lochenbar, RVs went in all directions as we now had a spare sleeve, leaving ahead of schedule.

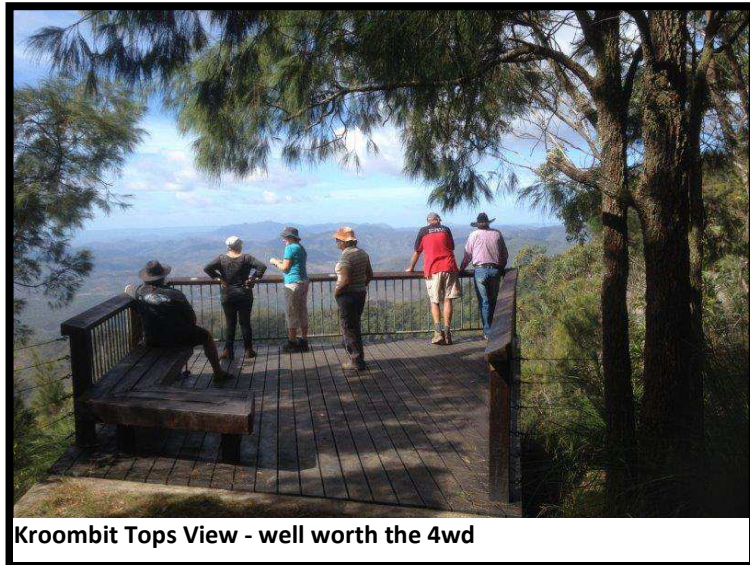
included- back through Bundaberg and its beaches, with final stopover point at the **Mary Valley** and little daylight



**Bowling Green Alley**

day up our Lochenbar Directions Rockhampton, Goomeri, surrounds and destinations to The RV **Kandanga** in was very full for those of us

depending on solar, so we opted for the **Bowls Club** which provided powered and unpowered sites for minimal charge as well as putting us right on the spot for our send-off dinner. Neil provided bocce bowls for a group activity and Kandanga provided a sleepy township to explore. The Friday night meal was well received and our group took out two prizes in the raffles. Successful night all-round. With a number having prior commitments the majority of our group left on Saturday, but what great weather and company we enjoyed for the whole trip.



**Kroombit Tops View - well worth the 4wd**

**Keep well, enjoy every day and safe travels**

**Gordon and Judy (0423 864 492)**

**Blip and Di**



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Let them know you are with the Ulysses RV Members Club so they will put us altogether. Each member to book direct with the Park and is responsible for payment of their own site.

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Registration form will be available after the Mallacoota AGM in 2016. Dinner on



Saturday Night will be a Pot-Luck Dinner. 3 Oceans Winery is within walking distance for a great evening get-together on another night. Program of events to follow the Mallacoota AGM.

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We look forward to helping you enjoy your stay in the south-west. Rob & Julie Saunders

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