



The Kermit Kronicle

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From the Editor's Desk.

Hi Everyone,

There is a cold breeze blowing through the annex as I sit here at the Moree Showgrounds and put this newsletter together. We are on our way to Mallacoota on the tagalong from Queensland, five rigs so far. The planned route has changed because of the current weather events happening in this big wide country.

My travelling companions, (the blokes) have gone to the hot pools here at Moree, whilst the ladies have gone shopping (where else?).

By the time you get this, registrations for Mallacoota will have closed, as we have to give the caterers plenty of time to organize their supplies for our dinner and breakfasts. As well, if anyone needs to cancel after the 5th, we will not be able to issue a refund of the meal fees paid, as the numbers will have been given to the Lions Club, and we will have to pay for the meals

supplied. We can refund the registration levee though if desired by the cancelling member.

We have reports from S.A., W.A., Qld and NSW on the various rallies that they have conducted over the past few months. I would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to all of our State Coordinators for the time and effort that they put in to organize rallies for the benefit of their fellow club members, as well as getting things organized when the AGM comes a calling in their state. Actually, Wayne Miller was getting a bit worried about next year, as Judi was heading off for 12 months and is on the road as I type this, and he thought he would have to be doing everything himself, until I reminded him that Sherol and I are heading west straight after Mallacoota and will be resident over there for about 18 months, and can give him a hand.

The registration form for the

2017 AGM will be up and running later this year, once Judi has supplied me with the final details at Mallacoota, so you will be able to register and plan early for your trip to the West if from the eastern or central states.

Where is Arvie? I know that he is out there travelling with some members, but I don't remember with whom. If you have him, can you please try and ensure that he makes it to the AGM at Mallacoota.

Well that is about it for now. 140 of us are going to have a great time in Mallacoota, and we are looking forward to catching up with a whole bunch of old friends.

Travel Safe, see you on the road.

Rick & Sherol, Ken & Doreen.



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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.

VICTORIA RALLY CALENDAR

Nov 18-19-20 Castlemaine. For more information contact Ken at vic-toria@ulyssesrv.org

Don't forget the **AGM** is at Mallacoota Foreshore Caravan Park, Victoria from October 17 - 23rd.

[More information here.](#)

Southcombe Caravan Park Port Fairy. Dates are Feb 10 to Feb 13 2017

Phone Number is (03) 5568 2677

Address James Street Port Fairy

They are not open until until 1st

December but can be phoned on Tuesday of each week.

QLD RALLY CALENDAR

DECEMBER 02-04 Inskip Point Rainbow Beach. (see more information later in this issue)

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.

**November 18th, 19th & 20th
Pt Julia**

Pt Julia Campground

Any further enquiries contact Hobbit

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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.

2018

We will have information regarding the 2018 AGM in Queensland after Mallacoota.



ULYSSES RV GROUP QUEENSLAND RALLY Queensland Members



PLANNER PROPOSALS 2017

FEBRUARY 03-05 Gordon Country via Allora

MARCH 17-19 Brooms Head NSW
(Annual Ulysses RV Group Inception Celebration)

MAY 01-14 “Over the Border” Tag-a-long Tenterfield
Glen Innes Showgrounds
“25th Anniversary Celtic Festival”
(03-08 May)
Bingara
Moree

MAY 22-28- ULYSSES MOTORCYCLE CLUB AGM EVENT- Pt Macquarie /Wauchope, NSW

JULY 21-24 *22 July Opera at Jimbour House
Christmas in July
Bowenville Reserve

AUGUST 28 - SEPTEMBER 11 Tag-a-long Kenilworth Showgrounds
Callide Dam
Paradise Dam
Blackbutt Showgrounds “Bloomin’ Festival” (07-11 Sept)

OCTOBER 20-22 Ulysses RV Group AGM Margaret River, WA

DECEMBER 01-03 Boonah Showgrounds

**This is a guide ONLY to be utilised as a forward planner for 2017*

Gordon and Judy (0423 864 492)
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.



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.)

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".



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.

Ulysses Members RV Group – 9th AGM, Mallacoota Foreshore Caravan Park, Mallacoota, Victoria. 17th – 23rd 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
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.

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| 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.

Gloucester Long Weekend June.

It was a smaller crowd than usual for our weekend this year but none the less enjoyable. Lots of good company and food and a few new faces.

This weekend the caravan park is always crowded but everyone seems to enjoy themselves and for the 3rd year in a row fine weather. We all had tea together in the "camp kitchen" each night and a visit to the markets on Saturday is a necessity. This year the size of the markets had at least doubled from last year. Some people have already booked for next year already so if you missed out on a site this year get in early for next year phone 02 6551720. Gloucester Caravan park allows campfires which always add to the enjoyment of the weekend. Nothing like sitting around a campfire with a drink of your favourite tipple.

Our next camp will be Murrurundi on long weekend October Friday 30th September – Monday 3rd October. If you haven't already booked powered sites are \$29 per night. Give Doug or Carol a ring on 02 65466288. Sunday night we will be having a pot luck dinner in the camp kitchen.



Ulysses Members RV- WA

Wildflowers of the West Tag-A-Long

4-11 September 2016



The latest WA Rally was held as the “Wildflowers of the West” Tag-a-long, starting on Sunday 4th September 2016 at Willowbrook Farm Caravan Park, Gingin and ending at Mullewa on Sunday 11th September.

We had 13 vans register but unfortunately 2 couldn't make it due to illness. We hope all get better soon.

We got 2 members from Qld come over to join us Dale & John (Twiggy) Branch. They hired a little motorhome and travelled along with us. It was a great surprise that someone from over east decided to join us and we made sure that they fitted it perfectly.



Google Maps

“Wildflower” Rally started in Gingin WA and ended at Mullewa.

Our first stop over at Gingin had everyone indulging in the free morning tea of homemade scones & jam at Willowbrook Farm, while we were waiting on the tail end charlies to get there. We all set off on Monday morning for our first port of call at New Norcia. The team got split up due to the layout of the caravan park. There were only 4 sites with power and the remaining vans went across the road to the RV/self contained area.

Fire side drinks at New Norcia



Peter & Yvonne Coffey promptly set about collecting wood and started a fire after we all tried the Abbey Ale at the New Norcia Hotel.

Next morning saw fairly thick fog whilst everyone was packing up and getting ready for the next spot over at Coorow. We all had dinner at the Coorow Hotel (21 people), unfortunately Ian didn't make it as we managed to get our wires crossed. Coorow Hotel is owned and run by the town people, which also run a community farm. The proceeds of the sale of the crop go back into the community. This is what I would call “Community Spirit”. What a great way to keep a small community alive. Coorow offer a lot tours and areas for wildflower photos. Managed to get photos of the Spider Orchid at the end of the park, although Coorow Farm has a brilliant display of orchids.





From Coorow we travelled to Mingenew. Some went directly, while others chose to go via Dallwalinu. We went via Dallwalinu to check out the new WW1 memorial done by a local artist. Over night stay at Mingenew Caravan Park.

Day 4 saw us arrive and battle the other tourist for a spot in the Mullewa Caravan Park. What a busy park, if you don't get in early, too bad, you miss out on a site. The vans didn't stop all day, so we were very lucky to obtain sites. We had to place tables and chairs in one site to ensure that our explorers managed to get a site for the night. We stayed at Mullewa for the remaining 3 days, where everyone set off to explore.



Pindar (30klms north of Mullewa) hosted the best display of Wreath Flowers in the world. And did she put a display on. Both sides of the road was covered in flowers, not to mention the other wildflower vying for the best photo. Coalseam was another favourite for people to visit.

A couple of our travellers departed on Friday & Saturday, which only left 9 vans (18 people) for the Saturday Night dinner. Dinner was the usual 'pot luck' with everyone bringing something along for all to share. Thanks to all the chefs.



What a great week we had, and personally I would like to thank everyone who came along and made this such a wonderful week. With out you guys, this would have been just another drive. A special thank you to Dale & Twiggy for coming over, and we will catch up with you at the AGM in Mallacoota in October



Next Rally:

Its our **FOURTH BIRTHDAY** and at this stage the next rally will be held at ??? (TO BE ADVISED). Rex & Jan Baker will be arranging our next rally, and Jan will let me know in the near future where it will be held.

Rob & Shayne Long will be arrange a rally for May, again further information will be supplied as I get.

SEE YOU ALL THERE

QUEENSLAND ULYSSES RV GROUP

Darlington Park Rally

Christmas in July

July 29-31/ 2016

Following on from our Burnett Highway May Tag-a-long, having the group meet for just a weekend seemed "just soooo easy".

Darlington Park is a very pleasant bush setting with toilets, no power, no showers, beside the babbling Albert River. Yes! July was a little chilly to take a dip but we all



managed in our many and varied ways to stay clean and present in a reasonable state. Nestled in the Scenic Rim there is much on offer. Our hosts Kathy and Neale set off a section of the park and with Gloria's connections arranged for a large supply of firewood to be deposited at our communal fire drums. A number of more seasoned travellers arrived with their own supply of wood and this was very much

appreciated, for the fire is the focal point for our Happy Hours, Concerts etc etc. A couple of vans took advantage of the babbling sounds of the Albert and parked down beside the river with great views. As our kitty was well stocked the usual raffle and the entertainment it provides was set aside for our final gathering for the year.



Our hosts Kathy and Neale introduced the new owners who were on site, very excited in becoming familiar with their responsibilities and lifestyle at Darlington, and they expressed their desire for our group to continue placing Darlington on our schedules in future years.



Some of our RVs came on site earlier in the week and a number continued their social endeavours and remained through to Monday.

"Fudge" the SE Queensland Mascot was on his best canine behaviour and has become a regular attendee at our gatherings. With his real owner moving back to live in Brisbane we may only be able to see Fudge when he is allowed his recreation leave with his host grandparents.



With a Christmas in July Theme a number of vans were colourfully presented with decorations and led displays. We enjoyed two nights of music covering all styles, and including some “Army Humour” to some familiar songs, the actions of which are questionable for the general public!

While the ladies held their Stitch and Chatter session on Saturday morning, a number of the lads took a walk up the hill behind the kiosk. Some enjoyed the walk while the more enthusiastic made it into a trek and continued on seeking to catch a glimpse of the high-rise buildings on the Gold Coast glitter strip.

Our one formal meal, the Pot Luck dinner was well received and never fails to surprise.



A test cricket match finally eventuated on Sunday morning, much to the delight of Twig!!; who had set up the pitch in the aspiration area of the septic system!!! Other campers at Darlington were invited to join in (a) to swell the numbers (b) to retrieve the ball.

Some of us are not as mobile as we used to be. Grub was only a few

weeks out of hospital after back surgery and John needed to visit the local hospital in Beaudesert to check out his swollen foot. An aside! John and Di gave the highest recommendation for the hospital and staff of Beaudesert the local regional town.



A number of our members are planning on the trip to Mallacoota Victoria, in October for the Ulysses RV Annual General Meeting for 2016, while the SE Queensland final event is planned for Inskip Point 08-12 December. Please put a reminder in your RV Planner and watch for the flier later in the year.

Thank you for your company and friendship

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



SA ULYSSES RV - MELROSE REPORT JULY 2016

After several weeks of wet, windy, wintery conditions, the weather gods decided to look favourably for the Melrose RV trip. The first couple of days were mostly blue skies until the cloud came in late Saturday afternoon. However the nights were cold so everyone jostled for a spot around the campfire.

The first of the campers arrived at Melrose Showgrounds on Thursday and claimed "our territory" and by mid Friday afternoon most people had arrived. Again we had good numbers for the weekend (around 30) with some new faces in this group. There were also some noticeable absentees as some of the regulars were chasing warmer weather in WA, NT or Qld.



Friday night was pretty much based around the campfire from the time 1st drinks were poured. At various times people went back to their caravans for tea, but quickly returned to re-claim their position by the fire. Thanks to Roly, the caretaker of the Showgrounds, we had a never ending supply of firewood. (The trailer in above photo was refilled for our use, as required.)

Hobbit was only able to make a very quick overnight visit in the "Flying Emus" bus, and unfortunately due to work commitments Vicki wasn't able to accompany him. When describing how he came to be there by himself, Hobbit mentioned that this was something new to be travelling without Vicki and he was "self excited" to be able to get to Melrose. With those comments, and the number of interpretations that were suggested, there was no way that he was going to live that down for the rest of the night.

On Saturday most campers got adventurous and toured around the area which included lunching on fantastic pies at the Wilmington Café, visiting museums in various neighbouring towns or walking/riding the many nearby trails. That evening about half the group went for tea at the Mt Remarkable Hotel and enjoyed their tasty and filling meals – then straight back to the campfire. In the absence of Guv, Bottla and Brewer took control of the joke telling on this trip, and soon there were jokes/stories being told by most people that kept us in stitches for quite some time.

Sunday saw most campers head for home, but again there were a number who stayed for another night with good reason. Melrose is one of those places that has such a good feel about it. Beautiful countryside (with trees, a mountain and a creek), kookaburras laughing at you in the morning encouraging you to get out of bed, flocks of red-rump parrots flying into gum trees or feeding off the ground and old style pubs that provide friendly service for a drink and meal.



South Australia has 2 more scheduled RV trips for 2016 with the next one being the AGM at Malacoota Victoria and the final local one on 18, 19, 20 November at Pt Julia on Yorke Peninsular. Until then travel safely and we look forward to seeing you on a future RV weekend.

Max, Hobbit and Hoppy



ULYSSES RV GROUP QUEENSLAND RALLY ADVICE

INSKIP POINT XMAS RALLY 29 November – 06 December 2016

Inskip Point is an area managed by Department of National Parks and Wildlife (DWPS) in the Rainbow Beach vicinity: This is our end of year rally so Christmas Decorations and Lights most welcome

HOSTS: Department of National Parks and Wildlife Registrations Close: **Thursday 17 November 2016**

- Bookings, Vehicle and Camping Permits will be managed through a group account with QNP which will be personally organised by Gordon and Judy
- Fees will be collected during the Rally: \$6.50 per person per night
- You must register through Ulysses RV: and include -
- Vehicle Rego/Number of persons/Date Arrival/Date Departure
- This closing date for registrations with Ulysses RV Group is **ESSENTIAL** to allow time for a group booking with QNPW

Unpowered Sites Only

Toilets/No Showers/ Dump Point available at Rainbow Beach

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

Fire Policy: As per Queensland National Parks and Wildlife

Attractions: 4x4 Beach Driving (Specific Permit needed per area being accessed – see # below), Swimming / Fishing / beach walks etc

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

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

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

Beach 4x4 Tag-a-long Excursion: Date and Time to be decided according to tide times. For specific beach area to be used, a permit is required, available from a number of sources at Rainbow Beach

Saturday Night: POT LUCK MEAL - Provide MAIN or DESSERT – enough for 6 people **Time:** - 6 for 6.30pm

REMEMBER: -Register through Ulysses RV Group website/ Include Rego

If you have difficulty registering online, please book with Gordon/Judy

LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR COMPANY

Gordon and Judy (H: 07 32877616/ M :0423864492/email

gordonjudith@bigpond.com)

Blip and Di



THE FINAL WORD.

The RV Club for members of the Ulysses Club Inc.

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Ken: 0417630750



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.

Not much to put on the last page this newsletter, although I did hear something said at Happy Hour the other night. When referring to an acquaintance's appearance, she said "One look at him and you can tell that he fell from the top of the Fugly Tree and hit several branches on the way down."

And another one. "You can legislate against stupidity, but you can never cure it." Someone else said, "You know, if manufacturers took all of the warning labels off of products, natural selection would dispose of the idiots."

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

Rick.

New Product.

Ulysses Members RV Group Flag.

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

Price \$15.00 plus postage.

