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From the Editor's Desk.

Hi Everyone,

This year has started off with a bit of a bang, with rallies in Victoria, New South Wales, South Australia and Western Australia.

Thank you to all the State Coordinators who put their time and effort in to organizing rallies and then ensuring that the members attending have a great time. Rally reports for each one are later in this newsletter.

Sherol and I had the pleasure of attending the 4th Birthday rally at Augusta in W.A. and thoroughly enjoyed meeting new people and joining in with the festivities.

Wayne Miller and I have been busy getting

things underway for the 2017 AGM which will be held in Cowaramup, near Margaret River in W.A. this coming October.

The local Men's Shed guys are going to make their facilities available all week for anyone to utilise for any running repairs, and it is a very well provisioned shed at that. The Lions Club will be catering for our Thursday night BBQ tea, as well as the Saturday and Sunday morning breakfasts.

We are organising a winery tour and wine tasting at Harmans Estate wines, which is across the road from the Cheese Factory which is right next door to the caravan park, walking distance, and if

you decide to buy up big they will deliver it to the caravan park for you.

Kerry from the Retailers Association will be talking to all their local members in Cowaramup and organising for discounts in the local businesses for our members.

We have come up with a plan that instead of one off discount vouchers, they will offer discounts to any of our members wearing our club shirt. So, if you do not possess a club shirt, see Gordon and order one or two so that you will have it before you travel over to the west.

Regarding happy hour, the camp kitchen area



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at the caravan park just lends itself to happy hours, with a large covered area plus a large lawn area for overflow or those sultry nights. We will be negotiating with one of the local tour companies who run winery tours to various wineries, including a gourmet lunch, to include us as one of their pickup points. More information to come on that later in the year.

We do ask though, that you register your intention to attend the AGM on our website, so that we can go back to Julie at Taunton Farm Caravan Park with some proof of our anticipated numbers. That will give us some leverage to negotiate a better rate, such as a pay for 5 and stay 6, or similar.

The **registration form for the AGM** is now live on our website under the AGM link, or you can click the link under our logo in this newsletter. There is also a new form "**Intention to Attend**" advice form that you can use to tell us you intend to come to the AGM, and will register later in the year and pay for your meals and the levee.

Don't forget, you need to book your site with the caravan park separately to our registration form.

Don't forget that the Brooms Head 9th Birthday Party is on this month. There is still time to book your site and attend for a fun time. Just contact Sandra Hook when you arrive to sort out requirements for the Pot Luck Dinner. At last count there are 88 members attending.

We have a new gearshop item, namely the small RV Group banner, which is 60cm x 30cm, and the same design and colours as the large banners that the coordinators have. Gordon will have a limited number in Brooms Head, and they will be for sale for \$45.00 each. We will assess popularity and sales before ordering more and putting them for sale on our web shop.

Don't forget, check the website for announcements of any State based rallies, and come along and enjoy good company, good food and drinks and good times with your fellow members.

Safe Travels,

Rick and Sherol, Ken and Doreen



VICTORIA RALLY CALENDAR



NSW. RALLY CALENDAR

March 17th – 20th. Brooms Head Caravan Park ph. 02 6646 7144. Birthday week end .

August 11th – 14th "MEET ON THE MURRAY" in NSW at Euston

Also a potential stop over on the way to the 2017 AGM plus an opportunity to catch up with our "South of the Murray" mates. Euston Riverfront Caravan Park is located 50 metres into the Euston township, off the Sturt Highway between Sydney and Adelaide.

The park is very popular for water skiing. Launch your boat or kayak at the local boat ramp. Fishing is also very popular with many Perch and Murray Cod caught locally. 8 waterfront sites have been held (sites 10 to 17 incl) but others are available too.

Cost \$29 per night

Book directly with park on (03) 5026 1543 and quote Ulysses RV group
For more information contact Margaret Rae on 0456781007.

October 20th – 22nd "THE NOT AGM RALLY" Griffith NSW. For those of you who can't make the WA AGM we have organised a weekend away .

Griffith Tourist Park ph. 02 6964 2144
This is the weekend after the Orange Festival but we have been told the sculptures stay on display until this weekend.

10 sites have been held under Ulysses RV so mention this when booking your site.

Cost \$33 per night

For more information contact Carolyn Hoyer 0402131675 or Wendy Rogers 0413745180

QLD RALLY CALENDAR

See page 4 for the Queensland calendar for next year.

W.A. RALLY CALENDAR.

VIC. RALLY CALENDAR.

2017 Tarra Valley (via Yarram) March 17, 18, 19th. For more information contact Ken at victoria@ulyssesrv.org

SA ULYSSES RV CALENDAR 2017

This Year's Calendar is now complete and we are trying out some new campsites. Sites and dates chosen are

May 5th to 7th 2017 Cockatoo Downs (near Keith)

August 4th to 6th 2017 Mt Pleasant Caravan Park/Showgrounds

October 17th to 23rd 2017 AGM Margaret River Western Australia

November 17th to 19th 2017 Clayton Bay Caravan Park

If you are attending the Cockatoo Downs weekend and going to book a site, please let them know that you are with the Ulysses RV group so that they can bunch us together. The site is a farm and has previously been the venue for a SA Ulysses Odyssey.

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

Don't forget to get your registration in for the 2017 AGM at Margaret River (Cowaramup). Registration form on our website.

FUTURE AGM'S. 2017.

We are going to Western Australia for 2017. The event will be held at Taunton Farm Caravan Park on the Southwestern Highway, Cowaramup., 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. More information later in this newsletter.

2018

Its back to Queensland for the 2018 AGM. Gordon has booked the Boonah Showground to stage the AGM for the week 15th to 21st October, 2018. This venue has successfully hosted a CMCA AGM Rally, and the people there are excited about us coming in 2018. More information as it comes to hand.



ULYSSES RV GROUP QUEENSLAND RALLY



PLANNER PROPOSALS 2017

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.



SHIRTS AND BADGE ORDERS WILL BE PLACED TWICE A YEAR FROM NOW ON, WITH THE CUT OFF DATES FOR ORDERS BEING MARCH 31ST AND AUGUST 31ST. THIS CHANGE IS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO GET THE BEST DEAL FOR OUR MEMBERS AND TO FACILITATE THE EMBROIDERING OF SHIRTS IN LARGER BATCHES.

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.

WIRRINA COVE FEBRUARY 3RD TO 5TH 2017

3 days and 3 different seasons and thank goodness one of them wasn't winter. Unfortunately a bit of rain sent us under shelter on late Saturday afternoon and in the evening, but stopped not long after dark – it wasn't enough to dampen the social atmosphere. Although numbers were down a bit, it didn't stop people from arriving on the Thursday for an extended weekend.



On Thursday night, sitting out under the stars was a real treat in the warm conditions and as usual there was plenty of laughter, eating and hydrating. At the end

of the night and around 12.30am, a person who will remain nameless, but responds to the name of a queen's representative, went to the Amenities block prior to going to bed. His dear wife waited back at the caravan for him to return before turning lights off.



12.45am went by, then 1.00am so said wife phoned hubby only to find out that his phone was in the caravan. Hoping he was alright, but not wanting to walk across to the Amenities in the dark, she continued to wait. Finally at about 1.20am hubby arrives back at the caravan, having to own up that he fell asleep on the pot, and not saying much more. Hopefully he wasn't awoken by falling off. History tells us that this has happened before, by the same person, at a Ulysses Odessey a few years ago. On Friday word was out of his mis-adventure and it wasn't long before conversations on any topic were twisted to remind our friend of his "Cistern Snoozing".



Not far from Wirrina Cove is the little town of Second Valley which was hosting a weekend of Ukelele music. Many of the musicians stayed at the Wirrina Cove Holiday Park and practised through the

mornings for the event. It was quite surprising to hear the versatility of the Uke, sometimes sounding as expected like a typical Ukelele and other times like a guitar or banjo, and we were treated to this music (incl singing) from many genres for free.

As Wirrina Cove hasn't got a swimming beach, some of our group travelled to a nearby location to spend part of Saturday at another beach, others travelled around the district while the remainder chilled out in the beautiful park grounds.



For Happy Hour, and again after tea, everyone got together for more socialising except for Hobbit, who was also participating in the Ukelele event at Second Valley. He and his mate Geoff did an afternoon and evening session to standing ovations from the crowds who packed out the venue – well done Hobbit and Geoff. When Hobbit returned to our group, a non Ulysses lady staying opposite us asked if he would play a couple of songs for her. Being a real charmer the first song he did was "It's

because I love you". I'm not sure if we had consumed the right amount of alcohol or what, but we were all spell bound hearing Hobbits version. Great Stuff Hobbit. Everyone was leaving on Sunday but the owners of the park were quite happy for



us to stay on into the afternoon, so that allowed us to relax a bit more and slowly pack up to go. Wirrina Cove Holiday Park has only been with the new owners for 3 years and they are putting a lot of work into making it a pleasant place to

spend some time and relax. They have plans to keep making it better, and must be very proud of the improvements already made. Both powered and unpowered sites were grassed, with the grass at the unpowered sites lush and excellent for tenting.

LYN LORD

In the week leading up to the Wirrina Cove weekend, news filtered through to Ulyssians of the passing of one of our active RVers, Lyn Lord. Lyn and her husband Wayne were regulars at our weekends and quite often were one of the first couples to arrive on site. Lyn is remembered as a very social person and was well liked within the group. Originally from Broken Hill, but living in Adelaide for many years, it was easy to see she was a country girl at heart and loved our Great Outdoors. At the Pt Julia weekend in November, it was Lyn who rounded up the late stayers on Sunday for a game of bocce, and ended up being the standout player. She will be sadly missed and on behalf of the SA Ulysses RV group, we send our condolences to Wayne and Family.

Our S.A. Ride Calendar is earlier in this newsletter. We would love to hear of any places that you have been to that would be a great spot for an RV weekend. Your thoughts and comments will help find sites in future years.

Happy Camping and Safe Travels
Guv & Barbie, Tony & Denise, Max & Jacqui

Cohuna Rally—February 2017

Our Cohuna (7th at least) rally was once again great fun and lots of get togethers and plenty of laughs. We had (I think) 12 vans attended.



The weather was incredibly hot so the park swimming pool was the way to go, or in a nice air-conditioned van. Friday was our usual meet and greet and happy hour in the evening .It was so hot even that was very hard.



Saturday once again very hot (at 1point someone said 46 degrees. (ouch) People went for drives around the area in their conditioned cars and many just lazed around the pool. Saturday afternoon we found a large shady spot and had our fun raffle. It is great to get everyone together for lots of laughs a glass or 3 of wine. Saturday night was our dinner in the Bower Tavern. Sunday, would you believe had everyone in jumpers as it was only 18 degrees. We definitely live in an interesting country. Sunday night was our club bbq where it was very much cooler and very enjoyable.



Thank you to everyone who attended ,in what., at times was very trying, and Richard and I appreciate your efforts in ensuring another great rally Not Sure where next years will be but keep your eyes on the website or Facebook.

Culburra Beach, NSW. February 2017.

An enthusiastic 20+ Ulysses RVers predominantly Southerners convened and had an enjoyable time at the first NSW Rally of 2017 Culburra Beach.



The biggest difficulty was deciding whether to swim in the pool, go to the beach or head up river. The great camp kitchen proved to be our regular

meeting place also providing a venue for Frank's birthday celebration.

Lucky for us the local club had a 24 seat bus to collect us Saturday night for a yummy meal. Thanks all those who attended. Margaret and Steve, Lyle and



Helen, Frank and Sandra, Jill and Dick, Jan and Terry, Den and Zoe, Robyn and John, Gary and Debbie, Pauline and Len, Gideon and of course Ian and myself. Hope to see you at a future rally.



ULLYSSES RV QLD FEBRUARY RALLY: 2017

GORDON

Country - the way Australia used to be

To start the year, our first rally saw the group head to near the Main Range National Park, just over Cunningham's Gap. Gordon Country provides the ultimate bush camping experience of many kilometres of camping along Dalrymple Creek, OR one can choose powered sites near the administration, showers/toilets and camp kitchen. With 10 rigs booked in and 3 new rigs joining us, a range of vehicles from camper trailers, caravans, fifth wheelers and motorhomes graced the Gordon Country Camp Grounds. "GORDON Country" -

nothing to do with a coordinator's given name, but an expansive working cattle property owned by the Gordon Family in the ranges just beyond Goomburra's "Bikers' Rest Caravan Park", originally set up by a Ulyssian. Sue, our host of Gordon



Country, was very keen for us to bring our RV Group to visit, the idea springing from Judy and I spending a long-weekend 2016 with our family on site, and at that time of the year, the park was full of families, tents, 4x4s, dogs, kids on bicycles etc etc; so it was quite a surprise for our group to have our large site sharing it with only one other camper. We were blessed except for the heat, but as usual we found ways and means,

and with electricity, some rally members utilised their air-con for those few hours in the heat of the day.

The creek was gently flowing and after some exploration we found a section nearly 2 metres deep where, with our reef walkers, we could cool off. As usual, the Happy Hours and campfire gave us an opportunity to welcome new members, learn about the travel experiences of other members as well as enjoy a



sing-a-long; a gentle cleansing of the soul with a wide range of music and the backing of two acoustic guitars.

The early morning bird calls made the start of each day and the occasional visit by the resident goanna added to the entertainment. It was certainly a much more relaxing style of entertainment compared to the 4x4s towing members out of the sand at the camp site at Inskip Point on our last adventure.

The large camp kitchen provided an excellent site for the ladies to share a couple of hours on Saturday

morning, weaving their clever crafts and sharing stories with family anecdotes. The guys as usual found shady areas to gather, ponder the bush setting, feel grateful for life, outline past travels and then at "10.30am" make coffees and take them over to the craft group. One can never cease to be amazed as to what delightful cakes and delicacies are available at morning tea.

This then brings me to the Pot Luck Dinner on Saturday night. Again, it was a banquet fit for a king and many kinds of dishes were followed by tasty desserts. Several members chose to wear the bright green RV shirts.



The Happy Hour session and raffle made for more amusement, when after the donated prizes were drawn for worthy recipients it was a concern that so many numbers drawn were not being held by members. AND THEN!!!!!!!!!! With a little research, we found that this particular raffle book had the tear-off numbers different to the butt numbers. After the laughter subsided and World War III was resolved, everyone present admitted that this had to be a first, but some had doubts unable

to be resolved.

On the lighter side, when booking in our group with Sue, I had suggested that I would collect the camping fees, and that some had thought her original costings per site were considered a little high. She gave us a marvellous deduction and then offered a free night for members able to stay on for the Sunday night. The Main Range offered some wonderful walks, dirt roads and for some of the experienced, challenging 4x4 trails.. Sue took a couple of us to see the "Barn", a large hall with dance floor and commercial kitchen should our group ever consider booking this as a part of our camping experience. On Sunday, over morning tea the group had a planning discussion for our group which will be hosting the 2018 Ulysses RV Group event at Boonah. This was a very productive session with members keen to make Boonah a top event.

Gordon Country proved a worthy camping spot to include in our 2017 calendar with all rally members enjoying their time and experiences as well as good company. Our next group adventure is the March Broom's Head Birthday Bash and our next Queensland Event, a May Tag-a-long in Country New South Wales.

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Blip and Di

(QLD) Ulysses RV Group Co-ordinators



W.A. 4TH BIRTHDAY RALLY

AUGUSTA, WEST AUSTRALIA.

The 4th Birthday Rally for members of the Ulysses Members RV Group in the west was held over the weekend of 10th to 12th February, 2017, although for some of our adventurous souls, several days either side of the weekend was the go. The venue for the rally was Turners Caravan Park at Augusta, way at the south western tip of this great brown land.

While the central and eastern States were suffering from super hot 40 degree plus temperatures that weekend, Western Australia was experiencing a severe rain event, with flooding in the north and south, and Perth recorded its coldest February day on record on Thursday 9th at 14 degrees. Brrrrr!



The weather actually caught out one of our hosts for the weekend, Wayne Miller who had to drive back up to

Bunbury on Friday morning as he had forgotten to pack some warm clothes. Lets just say that with Augusta being about 300 kms closer to the South Pole than Perth, it was quite chilly down there.



Jan and Rex along with Hazel and Wayne were hosting the weekend and organising things, but it was noticeable that others joined in to help as well. With 10 registrations but another three for four couples turning up for the event as well, there was



plenty of frivolity at the happy hours. Friday night saw us all sojourn up to the Augusta Tavern for a meal and socialising.



Some of the ladies went out walking some mornings, but us blokes know bet-

ter than that, and spent our time more fruitfully sharing ideas and discussing bloke stuff. Some couples brought their bicycles along, and as Saturday's weather had cleared somewhat from the miserable cold drizzle of previous days, they went out exploring the area on their modern velocipedes.



On Saturday afternoon we gathered at the camp kitchen (actually it would be more accu-

rate to say that we fully occupied it so that no other park patrons could utilise it) for happy hour and then our pot luck dinner. As it the case with meals of this type, there was a plentiful supply of delicious meals, and no one should have gone away hungry. Thank you to the cooks who prepared and



W.A. 4TH BIRTHDAY RALLY

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delivered the dishes.

Rick made a speech thanking Jan and Rex and Hazel and Wayne, as well as some background on the



RV Group and its origins, also at the same time demonstrating that you should not make a speech whilst holding a glass of red wine if you desire not to spill it down the front of your shirt.

Sunday morning saw about half of the attendees packing up and heading off, including our special guests Kerry and Shane, full time nomads originally from Canberra who joined us for the weekend.

Arvie (that little green fellow who is our club mas-



cot) also ran away from Sherol and Rick and hitched a ride with Leslie and Terry, planning to travel across the continent and back with them before re-



turning for the AGM in Cowtown.

Our next W.A. rally will be in early May, organised by Rob and Shane, and as soon as we have the details we will get them onto the website, in the Newsletter and out to everyone.

Don't forget, we need you to get your registrations in for the AGM in Cowaramup sooner rather than later so that we can try and get the prices for the park down. Wayne and Rick have already started getting things in place and for what should be a great event from 16th to 22nd October. Information about the AGM is here (<http://ulyssesrv.org/announce.htm>) and the registration form is here (<http://ulyssesrv.org/agmform.html>).

Judi and Pete will be on their way back from Tasmania early in March, and I am sure that they will have plenty of stories to tell about their travels around the Apple Isle.

Safe Travels,

Rick and Sherol (Guest correspondents.)



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THE FINAL WORD.

A quarter of the way into this year nearly. It is really galloping along. It won't be too much longer until Sherol and I are on the road again, heading east back to Queensland to Chinchilla, where we have bought a house and will be setting down roots again.

It will have been a great three years on the road since we sold everything up and hit the road by the time we get there, and I can thoroughly recommend the lifestyle. Whether you sell up, rent out or just close up shop for your house is entirely up to you, but all I can say is that none of us are getting any younger, and Australia is a big beautiful country just waiting to be explored.

We have enjoyed our stay over here in the west, and still a couple of months to go. House sitting is a great way to explore different parts of the country, and even though this latest one, looking after Pete and Judi's (one half of our W.A. Coordinating team) property is longer than we would normally do, it is still a cheap and enjoyable way to tour. This has been our fourth stint looking after someone else's property and again I can only recommend it to you, our fellow members.

While over here we have been going along to Ulysses Club Bunbury Branch meetings and rides (thanks Judi and Pete for the use of your bikes,) and making new acquaintances. Like a lot of Ulysses Club branches these days, numbers are dwindling and the committee are struggling to find ways to make the branch still attractive to their members. Additionally, I see that the club is getting embroiled in dirty politics again as the AGM approaches and electioneering rears its ugly head.

Fortunately, in the RV Group we don't have any of that stuff. When we had our very first rally at Brooms Head in March 2008, the thirty four people present voted to keep everything simple, no constitutions, no rules (apart from come along, join in and have a great time), no fees and no politics. We voted to have a simple coordinator (Me, and simple is the operative adjective), joined a couple of years later with a co-coordinator, and a few State coordinators. And hasn't it worked great. We have no plans to change anything, because as they say, "If it ain't broke, don't dry to fix it." Just recently our membership topped 1200 people, and to me that is testament to our KIS (keep it simple) philosophy.

Hopefully, many of you are making plans to travel over here for the AGM in October, and the western Australian members are looking forward to making the eastern Staters welcome and showing everyone a good time.

Until next time,

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

Rick.