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Editorial:

Hi all.



Has anyone found ARVEY yet. He seems to have gone missing and I can't find him. I've had no response from the last newsletter asking for information and have not received any ransom demands. Rick has given us an update on where he came from, ("The "frog", our mascot 'Arvie', was donated to the club by Merrilyn Evans in Albany in 2010, and has been a part of our existence ever since.") but I still haven't heard as to where he's been or where he is. Perhaps, me thinks, he has found his Queen who has given him a kiss and turned him into a Prince...



Our rally's and AGM have all now taken place and you will find the reports on the attached pages. It appears that everyone had a great time, and I'm glad that everyone has returned home and/or onto their respective travels safely. Don't forget to send me some details of where and how you travelled to and from the AGM/Rally so I can pass it onto those members that aren't on Facebook. The AGM was an outstanding success. A huge Thank You to all that organize and volunteered for it.

Talking about Facebook!!! If you are member of Facebook but haven't joined the page- Join us. Search 'UlyssesRV' and "like" us. Get to see the latest gossip and member adventures as it happens (Don't you just love Technology).

By now, most members will know that I have volun-

teered to take on the role of Webmaster and Data Administration for the RV Group. As I'm still learning the website management, it would be appreciated if you could have a lot of patience with me. Ken Tacon has taken on the primary role of National Coordinator with Rick & Sherol taking a step back and providing the ongoing support that we still need. Gordon still continues as our Merchandise Guru. Check out the AGM reports from Gordon & Ken, along with Rick's 'Last Word'.

UMRV International has now started in England. Steve and Gray Roberts, along with Harry & Carole Snee, have formed the group and had their first gathering in Rutland. Welcome aboard guys and we look forward to lots of reports on your travels around the countryside.

The winner of the AGM Quilt that Judy Crosswell made was Joy Soper. Joy donated the quilt to Sandra Hook. (what a wonderful gesture) The second prize of the choofer that Gordon made, was won by first timer Jill Foster. Congratulations to all our winners.



We have lots of new features in this edition of the newsletter, and I hope you enjoy it.

I would like to wish you all the a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year . (Yes it's that time again)

That's all for now. Keep the shiny side up.

Editor (aka Judi)



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KT's REPORT

by Ken Tacon

HI All,

Well what a great week we all had at Boonah for our 11th AGM. We must thank our Queensland coordinators, Gordon, Judy, Blip, Di and their many helpers for their help in organising the event, liaising with the local suppliers and devising a wonderful program for the week. Thanks to the team of early arrivals who buckled down to make sure that the Showground was prepared and ready for our arrival.

It started off a little damp but that did not affect the outcome, as it cleared up enough to have the fire and happy hours every day.

Those that went on bus tour all said what a great day was had especially at the camel farm. I hear that the driver missed a turn when a certain member was asking for her phone No, (and no, we don't know if you got it BARRY).

The meals were great from the Lions club on Thursday night with seconds available, and as usual we had great music from Gordon and Col Lindorf who sang a great variety of songs.

The members all had a great time visiting all the local shops and getting a warm welcome from the locals. Blip arranged a 4x4 trip what a great turnout - 25 vehicles all lined up and away we went, and although it was a little damp it was good to see no one got lost with each car checking on the one behind to make sure they took the right turns.

1st stop was a walk in the rain to see water falls then off again turning left and right through the country side before stopping for smoko at Queen Mary falls where there was lots of king parrots that landed on shoulders and heads, waiting to be fed.

After smoko we headed down along the Condamine river with its 14 creek crossings before ending up at the brewery for one of their special brews

Saturday morning

It was time for our 11th AGM and as the members gathered in the hall I had a surprise for them. I had talked to Rick and arranged to Skype him so he could be present and take part in the meeting.

Thanks to Micheal Barbeler for his big tv, and to Richard Flinders for setting it up using his laptop and my phone. Rick could see and talk to us all.

As usual we opened the meeting welcoming one and all and thanking all the coordinators for the efforts that they put in through the year.

All the current coordinators volunteered to stay on for the coming year. Thank you one and all.

Rick then announced that he would like to stay on as my Co-coordinator while his health permitted, and if the members approve that I would take over his role but he would still be there with me as National Co-coordinator. This proposal was overwhelmingly supported by the members.



**Ken T Report -
Boonah AGM Re-
port**

**An Ode to Arvey -
By Judy Crosswell**

Max Hart from SA then gave a talk on our next AGM happening at Lake Albert Meningie SA from Monday 14th October till 21st Oct 2019.

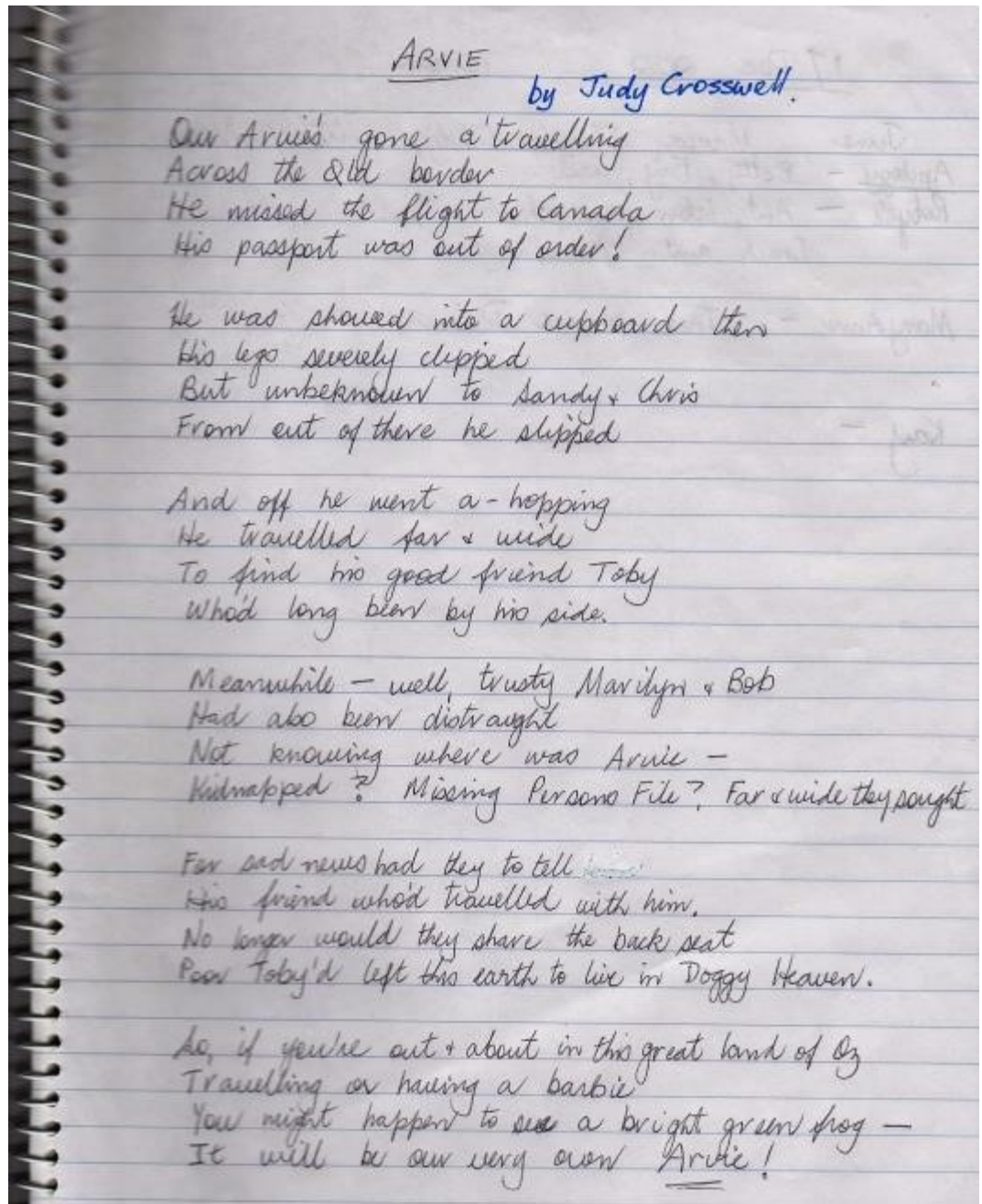
The registration forms will be on website later on, once everything is in place. Max and is tea have been working hard to ensure that it will be a great event.

Rick outlined the duties that Judi Raven, one of our W.A. Coordinators has taken on in managing the website and IT side of things for the club, although he is still there to help her through the transition, as well as her role as Newsletter Editor. We did purchase some software for her to manage and edit the website, and everything is pretty much in place and running as we would like.

On Saturday night we were entertained with Gordon's band playing great music and we were provided with a top feed by the show society

Thank you one and all for your attendance. Travel safe

KEN T



**UMRV
International
Report.**

UMRV International

Greetings and G'day from Ulysses Members RV Group *International*.

As Rick says, it "has a certain ring to it".



It all started at the Friday night Beach Party at the 2014 Alice Springs AGM event. Gray and I were pretty spaced out having gunned it from Brisbane just to get there at all. Work on our Coaster had run over, the garage seemingly not to understand that in our book "three days' work" wasn't supposed to take two weeks. The party was in full swing by the time we skidded into town but Perry Stephens took charge and in no time we were seated with a cold beer in hand and Rick sitting opposite. I can't remember whether it was then or at dinner the following night that he inducted us into the RV Group, it was quick anyway. And we haven't looked back.

The Alice '14 site was our RV nursery, where Neil and Faye and others demystified our awning, the extracting and retracting thereof, magically extended our water hose, and high-jacked power when all the sockets were taken. That whole Aus trip culminating in a traditional barbeque with Rick and Sherol back in Brisbane.

To put some names to faces, L to R: Gray, Richard, Marilyn, Steve, Carole and Harry, outside the Yorkshire Bridge pub in the Peak District, May 2016.



'We heard about the Ulysses Members RV Group after meeting Rick at Alice Springs, to which we'd travelled in our Coaster from Brisbane. Back in Britain we got Harry and Carole Snee with their motorhome on board. Then in February 2016 we met Marilyn and Richard at the Cohuna rally, who later visited us in Britain and the deal was sealed.'

The following year we picked up the Coaster from store in Ormeau (we live in Britain, incidentally) and headed south for the Wodonga AGM, meeting "old" friends and those we hadn't-yet-met and a pattern was forming. 2016 we collected the Coaster from store now north of Melbourne and pitched up at the Cohuna rally and met Richard, who reset our CB (we'd been told by an agent to replace it with an outrageously expensive new one), and Marilyn for the first time, plus a heap of other great RVers, *and* won that beautiful red gum cheese board: to my shame I can't remember the name of its maker but please know that I'm oiling it and taking care of it and enjoying it. And in May we were able to reciprocate when Richard and Marilyn visited us in the Peak District. By this time we'd got Carole and Harry Snee on board, doubling the *International* membership.

Our '17 and '18 trips to Aus were taken up with family matters but that didn't stop us making a bee-line for Andy and Marilyn Luck's super comfy spare bed to unwind cramped limbs and recover from jet-lag.

An aside here: getting the Coaster ranks as a definite plus. Even considering airfares, insurance, rego, maintenance and storage, our two months in Aus have cost less than two weeks in Europe. Fuel in Aus is cheaper, overnight costs are nominal and we don't have to eat out all the time. And we understand one another's language. Mostly.

In June this year we inaugurated the first UMRV Group *International* get-together (whew). Just two vans, four happy people and one dog(let). Gray and I intercepted Harry and Carole on their way back from France, for a couple of days in Rutland, England's smallest county. We succeeded in lightening their load of French imports, so saving them weight and thus fuel for the remainder of their journey (diesel fuel that is, sustenance fuel having been depleted of course). Happy hour ran daily from dawn to dusk.



**UMRV
International
Report.**



Then at the Ulysses Club Great Britain AGM and International Mee in Harrogate this July, Gray's green RV Group shirt was spotted and Mike and Susan Burnett joined. So now we are six ! And the radar is scanning for other RV-owning members.

Our long, hot, dry northern summer ended suddenly two weeks ago and everything is "fall"ing, retreating back into the ground. We really notice the changing seasons here, and not just the drop in temperature, which will keep many of us housebound. But we haven't thrown in the towel yet: Carole and Harry have tanked gas and enjoy year-round toasty warmth; Gray and I don't, and since I suffer sense-of-humour-failure when I'm cold, and Gray suffers the effects of my consequential misery, once the mercury drops, it's kinda imperative our overnight stops have power. That's not difficult, however, as the Camper-van and Motorhome Club have what they term Certificated Locations, private sites for no more than five vehicles, costing from ten pounds per night, often including power.

In between writing this I've texted with Carole and we're going to try for a couple of days away in a week or two, to see some autumn colours. Something to look forward to.



Look out for us in Mornington

And looking further ahead, Gray and I have booked into Mornington Gardens for the *National Rally*. If you see the Coaster, sporting assorted Ulysses insignia round and about it, please come and say hello.



The entire membership of UMRV Group *International* (at that time)



Happy hour, dawn to dusk





ULYSSES MEMBERS RV GROUP – WA BRANCH



CERVANTES RALLY REPORT

Again, what a fantastic weekend everyone had. We ended up getting 13 vans (25 members) in total. What a great effort. We even got 2 new couples attending which was even better. Arno & Carolyn and Laurie & Martin.

Most people arrived on the Thursday to make a weekend of it, with a couple of people arriving on the Friday. Thursday night saw us around Gerry & Janet's van for the happy hour. Happy Hours were eventually held in the Camp Kitchen due to the cold weather.

RAC Cervantes Caravan Park hosted a brilliant setup with the new Camp Kitchen (held our crew plus more every night) and Activity Room (where



a few members watched in the NRL game on Saturday night after the Pot Luck Dinner). Friday night saw about 12 people take up in lounge area where we held a movie night (BBQ with Shane Jacobson – Funny movie), after the BBQ dinner. Afternoon and Morning Teas were generally held at the Seashell Café (coffee was very nice) and several members indulged in breakfast and/or lunch there as well.

Most members departed on Monday, but a couple unfortunate ones left on Sunday.

Several of those members that stayed on Sunday went along to the



Private Vincent Motorcycle & Old Cars collections up at Jurien Bay. Thank you, Tony, for organising that for us. Everyone said that the collection was worth seeing.



Most people came with their dogs, and even they had a great time. Walks along the beach and to the park area next door saw most of them tuckered out when it came time to go home. Only ones that continued to make noise was ours – Ben has a lot to say and needed everyone to know about it.

RAC Cervantes is definitely on the “Go Again” list, both as a Rally and a personal choice for us.

Talking of “Go Again” – the next Rally will be the 6th Birthday Bash on **8-10th February 2019** at **FONTY'S POOL** (again). So! keep that weekend free. I will pass on more information as it becomes available.

In the meantime, if anyone wants to hold a rally/weekend away, why not pass me the information and I'll send out the invites to everyone. Just because it's not organised by Shane or me, doesn't mean that we won't crash someone else's weekend (that's what friends are for).

Shane, Rob, Pete and I would like to thank everyone that turned up for the weekend and made it such a huge success. For those that couldn't make it, we all look forward to catching up with you in the near future or at the next rally.

Stay safe everyone and “Keep the Shiny Side Up”.

ULYSSES RV GROUP AGM 15th-21st OCTOBER BOONAH RALLY REPORT Hosted by Qld Ulysses RV Group



"Love it when a plan comes together"

After more than eighteen months of review and discussion, our venue and caterers were decided, and the result could not have been better. Boonah Showgrounds Caravan Park worked towards supporting our event right from the start. With Rick and Sherol in the background giving positive advice, our rally was designed with things to do to capture the varying interests of all attendees.

The early arrival of the Qld help team prior to the start of the program, enabled visits to local businesses to deliver our "Thank You Boonah" flyers, collect raffle prizes, finalise info packs from the Boonah Information Centre, mark out the parking bays plus a surprise visit to the Boonah Gliding Hangars. We were set and ready to welcome our delegates to the Boonah AGM.

For the first few days volunteers were rostered on gate duty/parking and with genuine smiles (& lollipops and balloons), welcomed our guests from all over Australia. Over 80 RV's and 160 members filled the showgrounds with a sense of camaraderie that only Ulysses Members could generate. An ever-updated whiteboard and regular afternoon advices kept everyone informed of the activities throughout the week.

PROGRAMME

On **Monday** and **Tuesday** lazy days spilled into Happy Hours. A communal fire was set up near The Hall. There was a games' slot marked in for each day but due to rainy periods and our contented campers nobody took up the offer to come out to play.

On **Wednesday**, the Queensland delegates from the SE Corner cooked up a B'que lunch for 18 visiting Ulysses Wednesday Riders from three various branches in the south east. A good time was had by all.

The **Thursday** tag-a-long had a convoy of excited travellers aboard their trusty 4x4's taken on a course through the ranges east of Boonah, over the many running Condamine River Crossings, into Killarney and down the range for a morning tea at Queen Mary Falls. King parrots were keen to join in the chatter. In the afternoon three craft groups offered card making, stitchery and folk-art bags sessions. The welcome B'que provided by Harrisville Lions Club was well received with our Community Raffle raising \$723 which was donated to the **Boonah District Therapy Pool via Harrisville Lions Club.**

The **Scenic Rim Coach** Tour organised for **Friday** saw its 54 passengers with driver Cheryl keen to learn all about camels at the Summerland Camel Farm, lunch at Dugandan Hotel followed by a visit to Bunjurgun Estate Winery for a sample of local produce and wines. Meanwhile a group of Qlders delivered **30 knitted/crocheted rugs** made by RVers over the previous year to the local Bluecare Respite Centre & the Fassifern Aged Care home where they were warmly received. The night program of a **communal sing-along** was hosted by our RV musicians and walk-up artists. A fun-filled and melodious evening.

Saturday was one very busy day from the start. Trash and Treasure, side-car and trike rides, followed by the AGM with a guest appearance from Rick and Sherol via technology. The 2019 and 2020 AGM Venues and Programmes were shared by the respective state coordinators, and it is looking fantastic. A buzz of excitement filled the hall in anticipation of what was in store. Stitch and Yarn followed while a group headed to the Fassifern Men's Shed to see what projects they had underway and in the afternoon over 50 delegates drove out to the Panorama Motorcycle Museum and Collectables at Roadvale. Our Country Dinner Dance evening meal was prepared by the Boonah Show Society, our tables beautifully decorated by our volunteers and this was followed by our country dance with music provided by a Country Rock Trio. What a great foot tapping night filled with laughter. A highlight of the night was the drawing of the Ulysses RV Hexagon Quilt and other donated prizes



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which raised \$762 for the **QCWA Drought Relief**.

Our trike and side-car rides plus the sale of a Tattoo Shop Voucher raised funds to be donated to **UCARF**.

Sunday – time to say farewell with a Breakfast prepared by Harrisville Lions Club; followed by presentation of raffle funds to the very appreciative local Community Groups then a Poet’s Breakfast with some entertaining original poems by members. Many of our long-distance travellers were back at their RV’s, packing and saying their goodbyes.

Our volunteers had the hall spick and span, gazebos dismantled, and chairs stacked and away in a blink of an eye.

A very busy exciting time was had by all at Boonah 2018 with everyone planning to meet up again at Lake Albert Caravan Park, Meningie, SA in October 2019.

SEE YOU THERE!

APPRECIATION CREDITS:

Sincere thanks to those who rallied around in supporting the success of our Boonah Event. A willing band of Queensland RV members plus some ring-ins from across the border worked tirelessly behind the scenes to hatch and complete the plan.

BOONAH COMMUNITY AND BUSINESSES:

A big “THANK YOU”

- Boonah Show Society: Boonah Showgrounds Caravan Park
- Boonah Information Centre: Harrisville Lions
- The Guardian Newspaper: Local Businesses
- Fassifern Men’s Shed: Fassifern Coaches
- Summerland Camels: Dugandan Hotel
- Bunjurgen Estate Winery
- Panorama Motorcycle Museum and Collectables



THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING AND CONTRIBUTING TOWARDS THE SUCCESS OF BOONAH AGM 2018

COORDINATORS: Gordon & Judy..... Blip & Dianne..... & the Qld team





NSW Boonah

Tag-A-Long Report

Our Tag-A-Long to Boonah

By Margaret Rae (N.S.W.)

and then there was five.... Five vans departed our Lake Keepit rally on Monday, heading for **Narrabri** to commence our Boonah AGM Tag-a-long.

Cal and Doc, Jil and Roger, Cherie and Ken, Jose and Peter, Carolyn and Ian arrived at the Narrabri show-grounds for 3 nights, just in time for happy hour !!



Margaret and Stephen planned to detour via Tamworth and catch up the following day but their AGM journey came to an end when the silly old girl slipped in some loose gravel and fractured a few bones in her ankle.

Next stop **Burren Junction** for 2 nights

Another great stop. Quite warm and windy. The girls spent the afternoon playing rummy-o and bananagram while the boys had a chat then 61/2 of us went in the bore baths.



Next up, we arrive in **Lightning Ridge** on Saturday for a week at the Opal Caravan Park where we plan to meet up with a number of other RVers tagging along to Boonah.

Sunday - Robyn and John and Lynne and Jim join us. Happy hour is getting fuller

On Sunday night we had a comedy duo put on a show at the van park. Before the show they come around and ask the audience where they are from, if they are with a group etc. Wouldn't you know it we filled half the show. Jokes galore about the Ulysses Club then they needed two male volunteers from the audience. Our John and Jim were the chosen ones. The poem was The Man from Iron Bark. Had the audience in stitches.



Monday – Janice and Terry, Roseanne and Paul join us at Lightning Ridge. And, thankfully Janice arrives with Carolyn's essential rally supply of Butterscotch Schnapps from the Baker Williams Distillery at Mudgee ... we got hooked at our Peak Hill rally ! Yummmm Cheers !



Tuesday – another fine day and we're joined by Graham and Joan, Lynn and Bob, and Ang and Mary.

We are now at our full planned contingent level for our Boonah journey ... 12 vans, 24 happy Ulysses RVers.

So we plan to enjoy the sights and attractions of Lightning Ridge.



A few of us visited the Chambers of the Black Hand to check out the incredible carvings.



Now ... lets plan our carpooling for Clubs in the Scrub tomorrow

Wednesday 24 (all of us) in 6 vehicles visited the Clubs in the Scrub.

First stop was the **Grawin Golf Club**.



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Next stop, the **Sheepyards Inn**



Then followed by the **Glengarry Hilton** for lunch.



Then finished the day off, back at camp with a cake for Lynne Mul's Birthday. Hip Hip Hooray !!

Thursday night we enjoyed dinner at the Lightning Ridge Bowling Club.



And despite the change in weather



NSW Boonah
Tag-A-Long Report

....Our final happy hour was well attended



We enjoyed our time at Lightning Ridge and it was **time to move on**. Due to the wet weather, our Itinerary Maestro recommended a free camp at Thallon rather than the Nindigully Pub as planned. It turned out to be a good plan as the rain turned the off road areas into mush. To demonstrate Peter chose to get bogged so that Ian could demonstrate how to tow another vehicle and van out of the mud. (Ian being an old hand at rescue during a bush campover / cook off). In Trundle a couple of years back.

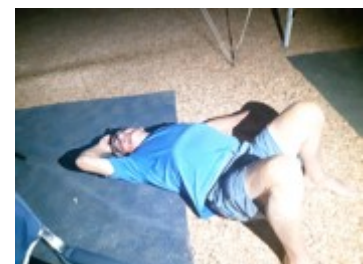


Saturday at **Thallon**. A nice country town with a good pub.



The great thing about these rallies is that we often get to experience new destinations and enjoy wonderful events for the first time

For example, Janice Hill has never seen a falling star



Ian Hoye tried to imitate one (well done) but it didn't quite hit the mark



**NSW Boonah
Tag-A-Long Report**

Anyway back to the falling stars..... our flying man Bob Small stepped up and explained to Janice that he had an app on his phone and discovered there would be a falling star and meteor shower about 4.30am Sunday morning. So, they decided to both set their alarms and meet just shy of 4.30 to watch the show. Fortunately it was a beautiful clear night sky,

Janice set her alarm, leapt out of bed in an excited state, went outside to meet up with Bob and waited... and waited. Hmm "perhaps he forgot or slept in" she thought and went back to bed.

Bob set his alarm, crawled out of bed, went outside, setup a couple of chairs, gratefully accepted the cuppa his darling wife Lynn made for him and waited... and waited... and watched a spectacular meteor shower and falling star and satellite pass by.

Hmmmm "perhaps she forgot or slept in" he thought and went back to bed.

Lucky Bob used his clock to wake him in Queensland at 4am in the morning.

Unlucky Janice used her phone to wake her in Queensland at 3am in the morning.

As I was saying, the good thing about these rallies are our new experiences.

What did we learn and experience for the first time.....

Thallon in Queensland is too close to the NSW border to override the automatic update of daylight savings time on our mobile phones !

Sunday and Monday were spent at **Surat**, a beaut freecamp beside the Balonne river. Some of us enjoyed the tranquillity of the river walk (some even used the exercise gear!) and a few headed to Roma for a bit of sightseeing. We farewelled Surat spending a comfy night around the fire.



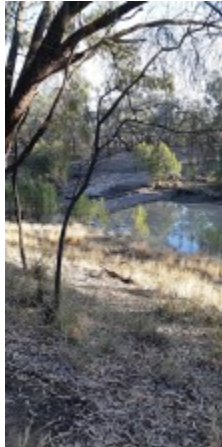
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Tag-A-Long Report

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A nice spot and to quote Carolyn Hoye's FB post "My view for the night.

A good book.

What more can I want!"

Yep, that's why we love doing this



Wednesday and Thursday at the freecamp in **Chinchilla**

We luckily escaped the big hail storm that caused chaos in SE Qld but did get a bit of rain Thursday night.

Did I mention we've been nicknamed "The drought busters". LOL



NSW Boonah

Tag-A-Long Report

Friday we headed to the **Lake Broadwater NP** at Nandi near Dalby. What a beautiful spot. Heaps of



Even drainage was supplied !!



We braved the cold weather to help John celebrate his birthday on Friday. And on Saturday we had a small reprieve that encouraged us to light a fire



Those of us with diesel heaters retreated to the comfortable warmth they provided.

And those who forgot they had a diesel heater were absolutely delighted when they remembered that "Oh yeah... that's right... we DO have one... let's turn it on and get warm"

That's OK Ang. It happens to us all LOL

Sunday we decided to head for our last Tag-A-Long destination, **Allora**.



Our last "tag-a-long" night together. We gathered around the fire once again

"Boonah here we come "



NSW Lake
Keepit Report.

Lake Keepit

What a beaut spot !

14 vans / 28 RVers enjoyed a few days at Lake Keepit (NW NSW) in September.



Sadly during these dry times the Lake level is a low 10%. However, there were still enough fish to

keep our fishermen happy and provided some with a yummy fish meal



The adjacent gliding strip provided Josie, Carolyn (Norman) and Kevin with an opportunity to take to the sky.



The highlight was our very successful camp oven cookoff / pot luck dinner we shared on Friday night



Wendy and Bob, Cal and Doc, Trine and Darcy, Jenni and Ian, Gill and Roger, Carolyn and Kevin, Leigh and Dick and Evan, Marilyn and Bob, Cheryl and Tony, Cherie and Ken, Josie and Peter, Linda and Peter, thanks for your great company, see you next time.

Cal and Doc, Gill and Roger, Cherie and Ken, Josie and Peter, Carolyn and Ian, Margaret and Stephen ... let's hit the road ... tag-a-long to Boonah ready to depart.



QLD Christmas
Rally Flyer



**ULYSSES RV GROUP
QUEENSLAND
CHRISTMAS RALLY**



at

LAIDLEY - LAKE DYER CARAVAN AND CAMPING PARK

Thursday 29 November – Monday 03 December

VENUE: Lake Dyer Caravan and Camping Park

HOSTS: - Donna / Herb

Registrations Close: Thursday 22 November 2018

- You **MUST** book with the park. 07) 5465 3698 * Mon-Fri 8am-4.30pm
- This closing date for registrations with Ulysses RV Group is **IMPORTANT**

Email - gordonjudith@bigpond.com to let us know your intentions

- Holding 8-15sites

Toilets / Showers

Dump Point in Laidley

POWERED SITES: \$31 power and water **STAY FOR 4 / PAY FOR 3**

PETS: Owners responsibility as usual to keep pets on lead and clean up for the benefit of other campers:
Due to Health Requirements pets are not to be around shared food areas / camp kitchens etc

FIRE POLICY: A Communal Fire Place has been established for the benefit of campers

CHRISTMAS THEME: Get in the spirit and dress up your van with coloured lighting, decorations etc etc

ATTRACTIONS: Lake Dyer Kayak to your heart's content: Gatton National Park: Laidley Pioneer Village and Museum: Lockyer Valley Cultural Centre Gatton: Grandchester Railway Station: Gatton and District Historical Village **and there's MORE**

FRIDAY: Christmas Carnival 30 November 2018 from 5.30pm to 8pm. Events include: Twilight trading of local businesses, jumping castle, ham wheel, circus street performers, face painting, kids' activities, market stalls and displays, food stalls, ambulance, police and fire truck displays.

SATURDAY 9-12 NOON - "Stitch and Yarn Session"

SATURDAY NIGHT: POT LUCK MEAL- 6 for 6.30 pm followed by **SING A LONG**

RAFFLES: Donations towards a Xmas themed raffle appreciated

LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR COMPANY

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email - gordonjudith@bigpond.com to register



*NSW Summer Rally
Flyer 2019*

NSW Summer Rally 2019 for Ulysses Members' RV group

Fancy a week on the NSW South Coast as we make the most of summer?

This year we have planned our summer rally a bit further south at Moruya. The beautiful **Riverbreeze Holiday Park Moruya** will host our first rally for 2019

The park is on the **Princes Highway** (north side of the river)

We plan to be there from **Wednesday 20th up to and including Tuesday 26th February**

Call Steve and Sue Babbage on **(02) 4474 2370** to make your booking.

Mention you are with the Ulysses RV Group.

The rates are \$42 per night with either a 10% discount for Top Tourist members **or** 5% discount for seniors.

The park features a boat ramp, resort style swimming pool, tennis court, a beaut camp kitchen and barbeque areas.

To our bush camp and tag-a-long buddies we thought it was time for some luxury ... ooh ahh



Hope to see you at Moruya next year, if not before.

Cheers

Carolyn and Ian Hoye, Margaret and Stephen Rae





ULYSSES MEMBERS RV GROUP WA BRANCH



FEBRUARY 'TAKE 2' RALLY 8-10 FEBRUARY 2019



FONTYS POOL MANJIMUP



We had such a Great Time last year, we're doing it again

6TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

- Pot luck dinner as per usual on Saturday. (Don't forget the condiments and serving utensils, own plates and cutlery)
- PET Friendly (\$50 pet bond required) No Pets in Camp Kitchen, Pools or anywhere food is served (Happy Hours/Pot Luck Dinner)
- Green Room Camp Kitchen for our exclusive use
- All situated close to amenities

Fonty's Pool is a historic freshwater swimming pool near Manjimup, Western Australia. It is registered with the National Trust of Australia as an area of heritage significance.

Cost: \$33/night or \$200/week

EACH MEMBER TO BOOK AND PAY FOR THEIR OWN SITES

Advise Park you are with the Ulysses RV Group when booking to keep us all together.
Registration form on website soon.

CONTACT DETAILS:

Jeremy and Kelly Beissel

Address: 699 Seven Day Rd, Manjimup WA 6258

Phone: (08) 9771 2105

Email: office@fontyspool.com.au

<https://www.fontyspool.com.au>



WA EXTRA!!!

For those WA members who wish to go to the AGM in Meningie SA for 14-21 October 2019, Peter & I will be doing a Tag-A-Long if you wish to join us. At this stage we are planning on leaving on or around the 5th October 2019 and arriving in Meningie on the 14th Oct 2019. Further details will be supplied closer to the time, or by contacting me direct.

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NSW Ulysses Members' RV group Proposed 2019 Rally Calendar



Summer – NSW South Coast.

Wed 20th to Wed 27th **February**

In 2019 we plan to change the venue of our summer rally. We've spent a couple of good summers in Culburra but for 2019 we plan to head a little further south. Details will follow once we have confirmed the venue.

RV group anniversary rally to Brooms Head during March

Autumn – Deniliquin in the NSW Riverina region

Wed 15th to Wed 22nd **May** at the **Deniliquin Riverside Caravan Park**

Book for seven nights, pay for six, or for shorter duration receive 10% off during our rally period plus a free BBQ Friday night

Call Andrew or Shelley Hall to make your booking on
03 5881 1284 and you must mention you are with the
Ulysses members' RV group to get quoted deal.

Winter – Coonabarrabran in the North West of NSW.

Wed 7th to Wed 14th **August** at **The John Oxley caravan park.**

Dust off your camp ovens and bring your firewood.

Let's have a campfire cook off / pot luck dinner whilst we're stargazing.

Mention Ulysses RV group when booking on 02 6842 1635

The S.A. group will host our AGM rally this year during October.

Spring – Hawkes Nest on the NSW Mid North Coast.

Wed 20th to Wed 27th **November**

Let's prepare for summer on the waterfront at **Jimmy's Beach Reflections Holiday Park.**

We've been offered 10% off when booking on **02 4997 0466**

You must mention Ulysses members' RV group to get the deal.

As each rally approaches we will continue to post notifications and updates via email, Facebook and the Kermit Chronicle.



*Members Review***JULIA CREEK***by Glenn Trigg*

Members Review

JULIA CREEK

by Glenn Trigg

We have recently returned home after an extremely enjoyable 13000 km trip through Queensland.

We travel in a converted coaster bus and although we have done many miles on unsealed roads in the past, my Wife, Partner, Minister for Finance and General Manager has now restricted anything off the bitumen to an absolute minimum.

As most of us are aware, everything is a long way from the South West of WA where we live.

Having said that, to get to Queensland we really had only two choices of route. Over the top or across the bottom. Either way you look at it, it is a long trip to get to where we wanted to tour.

Fuel tends to be our primary cost (over our normal living costs) and to help ease the fuel bill, we free camp (or minimum cost spots) wherever possible to save the expense of caravan parks. E.g., Seven nights @ say \$25 (min) a night equates to a lot of fuel.

We came across some fabulous campsites on our trip. There were a few lemons, but most were pretty good and helped make our trip enjoyable. A lot of the time we had no neighbours and when we did most people respected each other's space. (except the ubiquitous backpackers in their wiz-zbangs.)



It is amazing how a lot of towns throughout our great country welcomed us and other travellers. There are water points and dump points in most places so if you are travelling in a self-contained RV (power, toilet, shower and grey water collection) you really don't need to stay in caravan parks. The more innovative towns have sweeteners to encourage travellers to stop a while. I think a shining example of this is Julia Creek in Queensland.

Julia Creek has a free camp area just outside town. There are many campsites along the creek which offer you your own little piece of paradise. You are allowed 72 hours free stay. When we were there, they had a camp host who kept an eye on things and hosted a happy hour for those who wished to partake. At the campsite there were some bicycles for campers to use and a bituminised cycleway into the township.



Members Review**JULIA CREEK****By Glenn Trigg**

The tourist information centre incorporates several restored buildings with interactive displays about the district. This includes one of the Dunnarts, which are an endangered species of marsupial unique to the district, that are being rehabilitated and returned to the area.



Julia Creek has a caravan park for people who are not fully self-contained or prefer a caravan park. On Monday evening there is a meal put on at the caravan park by one of the community groups (Red Cross, CWA etc) for \$15 per person. As you can imagine the meal presented is “country quality”. To ensure everyone is catered for, a bus collects people from the free camp area and drops them back afterwards at no charge. It is a great way for local groups to fundraise in a way that is enjoyed by both patrons and group. The town economy is supplemented by travellers staying a few extra days. Several people we met spent their 72 hours at the free camp then went and stayed a night at the caravan park which then resets them for another 72 hrs at the free camp.

In my opinion, although Julia Creek sets the bench mark in this type of hospitality, there are lots of towns we came across that encouraged travellers to stay a while for free and perhaps spend a little in the local businesses (groceries, fuel, coffee etc) Generally we did not spend anymore than we would have anyway, but it is obviously a big help to the community.

We had a brilliant time travelling about and I could probably bore readers with tales of our adventures, don't worry I won't do that, I just encourage everyone to get out and have your own adventures. The thing that becomes apparent when travelling through this big country is that the more you see, the more you realize there is to see.

Glenn Trigg

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Members Report**Scenic Rim Bus
Tour****by Barry Crank****Members Report*****BUS TOUR OF THE “SCENIC RIM’ AREA.******by Barry Crank***

On Friday 19th October, 54 members enjoyed a mid-morning stop at the Summer Land Camel Farm.

Jeff, one of the 2 directors, who holds several degrees in Biological Science, said they milk 800 camels (twice daily) using conventional dairy milking equipment (suitably modified).

In his extremely fascinating hour-long presentation, he exploded many long-held myths e.g. camels do not spit (llamas and alpacas do). He also expounded on the unique benefits of camel milk, particularly regarding human gut-health, and provided many facts to prove the case.

He sells most of his products in South-east Queensland (including on-site) and with proposed expansion plans, may be in Woolies and Coles in 5 years.

He is engaged with the University of Queensland in medical-research with a view to refining of the products. He is a very live-wire and go-ahead young farmer.

In the on-site laboratory, his staff can make any kind of cheese, except Mozzarella. The “cream” on our scones and jam (we later found) was a very soft cheese. This visit is highly recommended. Address: - 8 Charles Chauvel Drive, Harrisville (near Boonah), open 7 days.

Lunch was enjoyed by all at the Dugandan (pron Doo-gandan) Pub, 2 Ks from Boonah. Generous sized meals and, importantly, very cold beers.

The final venue for the day was the Bunjurgun Winery, where we sampled 4 varieties and a “White Port”.

Many thanks to Gordon for his planning efforts.

BARRY CRANK



“Meet Our Members”



MEMBERS NAME:	Max Hart
What Town/State are you from?	Hallet Cove, South Australia
What type of RV do you have?	Regent Cruiser SE towed by Mazda BT50
What is your fantasy RV & Tug?	Haven't given it much thought but anything that would be an upgrade (better features for free camping) but can still be towed by the BT 50
Introduce your Partner? –	Jacqui- who is a great cook, loves her quilting/sewing & her garden, as well as having time with the family, including being organised by the grandkids
Do you travel with Pets? Introduce them also -	Grace, 2yo German Shepherd, who loves to travel even though she sleeps through most of the the trip. When she wants to be a tourist, she sticks her head between the front seats and makes out she's in the front of the car with us.
Are you retired? Or still working? What job did you do?	Jacqui & I retired 5 yrs ago. I had been in the Civil Construction/ Maintenance industry and Jacqui was employed a TAFE
What is the best trip you have had in your RV? –	No trip stands out above the others but we have grown to appreciate the semi arid areas over the past few years
What is your favourite destination? Is it a Free Camp or CP? And why?	We have many - Spear Creek & Melrose SA, Halls Gap & Bendigo Vic, Myall Lakes & Warrenbugles NSW - haven't explored enough of the other states to make choices there. Spear Creek is a CP within a operating sheep stations, Myall Lakes is free camping within a NP and the other locations have a good variety of CPs and free camping
What is your favourite meal? –	That's easy - Food. Eat just about anything and favourite can vary from day to day, hmmm feel like Indian today, what about pizza to-night.....
What is the last book you read? -	Author Robert Dugoni, book 1 in the Tracy Crosswhite series 'My Sisters Grave', currently reading book 2 in this series 'Her Final Breath'. They are a bit gruesome but are typical murder mystery stories.
What is the last movie you watched? -	Not big on watching movies and think the last one was Peter Rabbit while babysitting grandkids. I prefer to watch series like 'Homeland', 'Game of Thrones' and 'Killing Eve'.
What are your interests & Hobbies? -	Big interest/hobby at the moment is finishing off house renovations which we started in April this year after shirting from Willunga. Other than that, enjoy time with the grandkids (and our kids), travelling and trying to get some half decent sound out of the guitar. Also enjoy socialising and/or camping with friends.

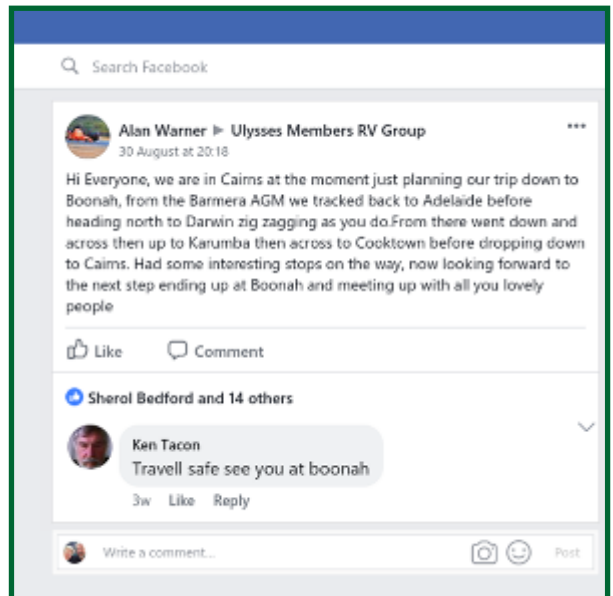
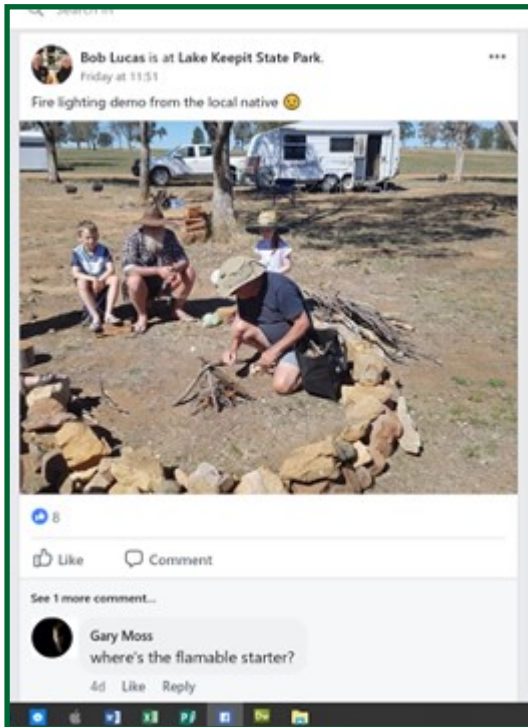


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This group is for Ulysses Club Inc members who own and use Caravans, Motorhomes, Campervans or Camper Trailers. It was started to facilitate members of the Ulysses Club who have moved on to RV travel, or own and use an RV, to maintain the friendships and camaraderie formed through membership of the Ulysses Club. To join the RV Group you or your partner must be a member of the Ulysses Club Inc. As the site grows we will bring you the latest news and get together reports, plus any news we think is relevant to RV'ers concerning our lifestyle. This group is moderated and anyone posting indecent, offensive, insensitive or similar posts will be kicked out of the group.



Food on a BUDGET

COOK ON THE CHEAP: CAMP-STYLE OKONOMIYAKI

Now, let's preface this by apologising to any okonomiyaki chefs out there! With that out of the way, here's a cheap and easy camping twist on a popular Japanese-style pancake that's totally delicious.

The basis of these pancakes is flour, water, egg, and shredded cabbage, mixed into a batter, dolloped into a frypan, and grilled either side - as you would any other pancake.

To make the batter, start by gradually adding water (about 3/4 of a cup) to 1 cup of plain flour and continue to mix until you have a runny consistency. Crack in your egg and add your shredded cabbage to the mix.

Now it's time to get creative. Experiment with flavours by adding any shredded vegies you have on hand (such as zucchini, carrot or sweet potato), cheese, bacon or ham, udon or soba noodles, seafood (try prawn or squid), or anything else that takes your fancy. Ladle a scoop of your mix onto a greased pan and cook through until firm and golden on both sides.

Traditionally, okonomiyaki is served with mayonnaise and a special okonomiyaki sauce (available at Japanese grocers), as well as other delicious toppings like bonito flakes and finely sliced spring onion. This is camping though, so work with what you have. A dollop of egg mayo and a sprinkle of soy or Worcestershire sauce will do the trick.

Food on a BUDGET

Well everyone knows that I can't cook, so for a follow on from my Camp Oven speal, I thought these might be fun to try.

Anyone want to have a go and let me know what you thought of them. Send your comments to editor@ulyssesrv.org



COOK ON THE CHEAP: CAMP OVEN PIZZA

Pizza is an easy favourite, sure to please the troops. It's also cheap and is a great way to use up any leftover vegies. Make it interesting by topping with minced garlic, anchovies, capers, olives or even a jar of char-grilled vegies.

For the base, mix 1.5 cups of self-raising flour with 1 cup of warm water, 1 tablespoon of oil, and a pinch of salt. Roll your dough into a ball then flatten it out. Depending on how large you want your pizza and how big your camp oven is, this quantity should make a couple of bases. Spread the base with tomato paste or passata and top with vegies and cheese. Sprinkle a bit of flour in the bottom of the camp oven then place the pizza inside.

It may take a bit of trial and error to get your heat and cooking times right for this one. You don't want too much heat directly underneath the camp oven, as it'll burn the base, so find a spot in the fire that's not too hot and then place some coals on the lid for a more even temperature.

Cook for roughly 15-20 minutes or until the base is crispy and the cheese is melted.

*Acknowledgement: Thanks to the CMCA Wanderer Magazine.



Rick's Last Words

The Last Word.

The Boonah meeting has been and gone and by all reports received by me it was a roaring success. Many thanks must go to Gordon and Judy Crosswell, and Bob and Di Hendriks for the hard work that they put in to make the event a success. Sometimes though, in all the praise and thank you to Gordon and his team, some names get left behind. I would like to add my thanks to the behind the scenes team that Gordon enlisted, namely Soren and Sandy Hook, Michael and Gail Barbeler, Daryl and Joy Soper and Peter and Sue. If there were other early arrival/behind the scenes workers I have missed I sincerely apologise and thank you all for your contribution.

Thanks to Richard Flinders, Ken Tacon and Michael Barbeler and the wonders of modern technology, I was able to be present at the meeting through a Skype hookup to a big screen TV, and to take part almost as if I was present in the hall. Things carry on pretty much as they have for the coming year, with Ken and I Co-coordinators and all the existing State Coordinators volunteering to carry on. Thanks guys.

I don't know how many more of these 'Last Word' columns I will be preparing. At the moment I am undergoing Chemotherapy, and if the Oncologist is to be believed, my quality of life will improve thanks to the therapy, as well as my length of life, to possibly more than a year. Fingers crossed and here's hoping, though at the moment the Chemo is knocking me around a bit.

I take this opportunity though, on behalf of Sherol and I, and Ken and Doreen to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Safe, Happy and prosperous New Year. Safe travels.

Rick.



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If you wish to purchase any items and don't wish to use Paypal or your credit card (secure transactions), then send Gordon an email at sales@ulyssesrv.org with details of the items you wish to buy, and I will send you bank details for bank deposit/cheque payment.

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

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