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Editorial:

Hi all.



I have just completed a Ladies MC Ride through the Pilbara with 2 other ladies, Liz Tester and Fran Harvey, and their partners (Jon Bidelle & Maurice Dhue) as our support team. Liz, Jon, Fran & Maurice are all members of the Ulysses Club—Bunbury Branch Ulysses RV—WA. Read about our travels in the Members Review/ Reports Page.



If you have done anything lately that was outside your normal routine, why not send in a report to share with other members.

The AGM is nearly upon us, so if you haven't registered and booked your site, you only have until the **22ND SEPTEMBER** to do so. A few members have booked the van park but haven't registered yet. It is only \$7.50/person to attend the AGM (This money goes into running the Group—internet, booking fees, merchandise etc.) and the events/meals are optional. The boat cruise is nearly Sold Out, so book asap if you wish to attend.

The WA "Bringing Up the Rear" Tag-a-long starts on the 6th October (looking forward to that) at Wagin Showgrounds and ending at Meningie on the 14th October. So if you wish to join us on the trip, please let me know your coming and I'll send you the itinerary. You can join us anywhere along the road, or depart whenever.

There is lots of things planned for the trip, so you

won't be bored. Brush up on your trivia, prepare to get dirty and don't forget your Tux (or at least Formal clothes) for dinner under the stars.

I have resigned as the Webmaster, with effect 20 Oct, and Richard Flinders has agreed to take on the role. Richard is currently travelling abroad so will take up the position in December some time. I will continue in the role of Editor & Memberships.

Also, I, along with Shane McConnochie, have resigned as WA Joint State Coordinators. We are both going to be travelling so will be unable to continue in the roles. These positions are now available. Shane will finish at the end of the year. I will continue until a new person is available.

(I'm just going to need Camp Hosts at the Rallies). So if you're interested, please contact me.

Thank you to all the people who contributed to this edition of Kermit Kronicles.

Fathers Day is just around the corner, so here is wishing all you Fathers a very happy day.

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

Editor (aka Judi)

FOOTSTEPS

"Walk a little slower Daddy,"
said a child so small,
"I'm following in your footsteps,
and I don't want to fall.

Sometimes your steps are very fast,
Sometimes they're hard to see,
So walk a little slower, Daddy,
For you are leading me.

Someday when I am all grown up,
You're what I want to be,
Then I will have a little child
Who will want to follow me.

And I would want to lead just right,
And know that I was true,
So walk a little slower, Daddy,
For I must follow you."



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*Ken T Report -
National Co-ordinator*

KT's REPORT

by Ken Tacon

“ HI “

Well it's been a sad couple of months with the passing of our founding member and former Co-ordinator, Rick Bedford. He will be sadly missed by all. This group was his dream, so let's make his dream come true.

There has been a couple of great events run by your state co-ordinators. WA had their Winter Goldfields Tag-a-long and was a real hoot. N.S.W had one in Coonabarabran. It was a great turnout they had 4 seasons but mainly winter (rain and cold) S.A also had a good rollup for theirs. It's great to see you all participating in these as your state co-ordinators put a lot of time into organising these events.

I would like to welcome all new members.

The time is drawing near for our 12th A.G.M this year in Meningie S.A It looks like it's going to be a great event. Max and his helpers have done an amazing job. Registrations are still coming in but they close on 22nd September, so if you haven't registered yet - times a running out.

There are a few tagalongs organised to help you get to Meningie

From W.A. - If you are interested in joining the trip, your contact is Judi your W.A Coordinator.

From N.S.W - they also have one organised (I hope to join in this one) organised by Carolyn Hoye (and Ian) contact- N.S.W Co-ordinators if interested.

However you're travelling - travel safe .

Looking forward to catch with you all old and new members

Travel safe see you all in S.A.

Ken & Doreen
National Co-ordinator
Ulysses RV Group



*Qld Killarney
Rally Report*

QUEENSLAND ULYSSES RV GROUP KILLARNEY BONFIRE FESTIVAL RALLY

July 19-21 2019



"Well!" You might say, "Killarney in the middle of July. B-r-r-!" Yes, it was rather bracing but this did not deter the 11 groups of RV'ers from getting together to enjoy once again the great community spirit of Killarney and to contribute to their charity.

As the rally was organised some months ago, we had plenty of time to accept that UNPOWERED SITES were the order of the day due to a glitch in the booking system.

Some took advantage of being close to Warwick and attended the Warwick Jumpers and Jazz while others chose to drive to the picturesque Queens Mary Falls.

We were very grateful to the Northern Gateway Ulysses Branch RV cohort for getting behind this rally and boosting our numbers. Russell (without Kerrin who, other than breaking her kneecap recently, would have found the terrain too rough), Pumba in his comfortably fitted out camper van, Jim in his wheelchair transport van rig (his wife is now happily ensconced in a wonderfully caring home), Louise, (who naturally arrived on the bike) and Bob tried out their Jayco camper, and Dale in her new wheels, who is having fun fitting out a van with all the necessary comforts with mod-cons and was never short of members giving her advice about how to progress from this point.



NSW members Trine and Darcy in their very blue Enforcer van, plus Phil and Joy in their motorhome towing a 4x4 Colorado ute together with their 4 pups joined us, as did Grub and Gloria in their comfy motorhome with Suzuki 4x4 in tow, Helen, a new member from Esk, in her compact van showing that life can go on without a fully -ensuited 8 metre rig, Barry, happy to find we were within walking distance of the "Library", arrived in his Ford Territory towing his vintage van again drew wonderment from spectators. The Isuzu of Di and Blip had the Winjana fifth wheeler securely attached, and of course our comfy Coromal after a memory trip to the Carnarvon Gorge.



What an eclectic bunch of Rvs to be sure; but how we value the friendships we enjoyed with their respective owners!

The warming fires were most welcoming on the cool nights and with Blip in charge of fireplaces and wood supply the weekend was set to be a beauty. Darcy had a hiccup with his aluminium keg fire pit, that was miraculously repaired and back online within 24hrs. The talents of our handymen oooops! and ladies is to be admired.





The main event, the Killarney Bonfires was bigger and better, and this year held in the showgrounds. The Killarney Bushfire Brigade Team led a fire-lighting ceremony, as the day ended, to the huge pile of timber that was to be the highlight of the event which soon had flames soaring high into the night sky. Competition was fierce among the many entries in the fire drum competition -there was AC/DC, dragons, vintage cars, steam trains, and the list goes on, all welded out of drums and steel with flames and smoke from every orifice. And we were very grateful for the warmth!!



We look forward to our **Kilcoy/Peach Trees Tag-a-long** in early September: the weather will be warmer, that's for sure; and then the long haul to the Ulysses RV Group AGM in South Australia in October.



Heaps to do and then our Christmas / End of Year gig at Somerset Dam.

Could be the rally to put the kayak on the roof and come for a paddle.

Now that's the Life!

Safe travels to those members making the South Australian Trek to Lake Albert.

Gordon and Judy (0423 864 492; 07 32 877 616);

Blip and Di



**WA Winter
Goldfields Rally
Report**

GOLDFIELDS TRIP

Our intrepid travellers:

Laurie and Martin; Tom and Cheryl; Andy and Gerda; Les and Nora (friends of Andy); Peter and Yvonne; Lynn and Norm; Ray and Barbara; Wayne and Hazel; William and Deborah (friends of Wayne); Rob and Shane.



The first meeting point was our favourite free camp at KWOLYIN between Quairading and Bruce Rock.

From here we travelled 328km to another free camp at BOORABBIN for a very large camp fire and a one night stay. The weather was starting to change with the first

of three massive storm fronts hitting the south west of WA.

We travelled on towards COOLGARDIE stopping for coffee and cake before heading on to KALGOORLIE and the Prospector Caravan Park.



By late afternoon the weather had started to change becoming windy and cold and rain was on the way. For our first night the weather didn't stop us rallying around under a pergola for our regular evening sundowners we managed to warm ourselves up with laughter and alcohol. The

second night even the brave didn't venture out of their vans for the sundowners, the weather had turned bitter with strong winds and heavy rain.



Even though the weather had changed there was heaps to keep us occupied at Kalgoorlie Boulder the area is so rich in history, and there is so much to do and explore. We all went on our separate adventures there was plenty to keep us occupied.

A trip to Boulder to visit the Town Hall a beautiful historic building, it was the social scene and

centre of Kalgoorlie/ Boulder in its hay day. It is a great example of the architecture of the time. Also located in the same building is the War Museum.

The Super Pit is located just on the edge of town, it's amazing to see such a massive mining operation, you can see all over the site from the viewing area.

The Museum of the Gold Fields is located at the end of the town, this is a great museum. Providing information on the history of the eastern goldfields. How the gold rush transformed into an economic powerhouse and how the town played in WA's development.



The Rivers store in Kalgoorlie was particularly popular with our mob, when we all met up for a Sundowner there seemed to be a common uniform worn by many to keep warm the Rivers cable knit woolly lined cardigan. As a result of the weather being so wet and cold we decided to stay an additional night at Kalgoorlie, the following day Andy arranged for us to have lunch at Broad Arrow Tavern built in 1896, is a quintessential Aussie outback ghost town pub. The done thing is to find a space on a wall and write your name - the place is covered in names from all over the world. Looking over the coveted surfaces we found that the Ulysses Mandurah club had already left a message on a beam earlier this year. Small world.

We celebrated our last evening in Kalgoorlie with the popular casserole night, after this the group was to break up, some to spend more time in Kalgoorlie and some to head home and some to continue on the next day to Niagra Dam, Kookynie.

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Laurie and Martin, had gone on ahead the previous day to check out that the entry dirt roads to Niagra Dam were okay for us to travel to. All was ok so we were able to continue our trip. We stopped off to inspect the fire damage at the Ora Banda Tavern; all that remained was the stone/brick shell. Hopefully it will be rebuilt eventually.



Then to Niagra Dam, the roads were dry as was the dam, but, it was a great campsite, our group had dwindled but once again we had a big campfire and our regular evening sundowner.

The next day we decided to leave for Gwalia Museum, Leonora. Gwalia was amazing, the campsite sits on top of major open cut mine, the living ghost town has been restored in parts, and the museum and Hoover house were open for us to tour. Few of us stayed at the Gwalia camp site, others stayed at the Leonora Caravan Park.

This was our last evening together Martin and Laurie kindly invited us to celebrate our sundowner in their luxurious bus, it was too windy outside.

Sadly this was the end of our trip together, the next day we all departed our separate ways.



This is a genuine Ad from 1964 when WD-40 was first released. If you don't read anything else today this one just might make you laugh out loud.



**NSW Coonabarabran Rally
Report**

NSW ULYSSES RV WINTER RALLY AT COONABARABRAN

41 RVers including newbies Robert, Vanita and Neville and visiting Ulysseans Terry and Ellaine gathered at Coonabarabran to enjoy our winter rally.

And boy wasn't it winter!!

Attendees made the most of our beautiful fire, particularly on our blustery, windy miserable, cold afternoons and evenings.

We enjoyed our fireside afternoon tea and devoured the assortment of culinary delights on Friday afternoon.



Woody was hard at work again on Sunday evening maintaining a fire for our hotpot cookoff. Sadly, the weather was miserable enough to keep many cooks busy in their own vans and under their awnings. It rained all afternoon, but magically, we had a dry spell lasting just long enough to help ourselves to the yummy prepped meals on offer, and to toast our founder, Rick Bedford.

Many local attractions were visited during the duration of our rally, such as, the Sidings Springs Observatory ... with snowflakes falling from the sky, the sandstone caves, Warrumbungles National Park, Pilliga Pottery and the Sculptures in the Bush.



On Monday evening, we enjoyed a Chinese Meal at a local restaurant the Golden Sea Dragon.

As several members left, so did the poor weather. We sit here writing the rally report in shorts and t-shirts, seeking shade from the sun and sipping our cold refreshments.

Cheers. Margaret



**SA Tanunda
Rally Report**

TANUNDA 2nd to 4th AUGUST 2019

Although we had a lot of very stormy weather leading up to this weekend, it settled down to give us a reasonable SA wintery few days. However it may have had some effect on the numbers attending as we had about 2/3 of our usual numbers. Max & Jacqui day tripped on Saturday to socialise and dine out due to their caravanning weekend being cut short by caravan brake problems, just as they were leaving.

Tanunda Caravan Park is a well laid out park with good facilities which make it a great place to visit and relax. The campfire was a communal fire, cared for by the park staff, and quite popular at night. Friday night we went to the camp kitchen to play rummy and cards, or just for a chat and a few ales. Unfortunately the amount of heaters we brought over to keep warm, overloaded the electrical system and blew a fuse.

Those attending spent the cold and blustery days driving around the beautiful Barossa Valley seeing and visiting many of the local attractions. When back at the park, the game of Fiska was brought out and the serious competition continued on as it did at Spear Creek. This is a tricky game where pot luck can out-do skills.

Breaking from tradition, we decided to dine out at the local pub on Saturday night which was just a short walk from the CP. Colin made the call for a booking and was told "Sorry no meals as our kitchen recently burnt down". OK, there are other places in Tanunda so he tried the next place down the street only to be told they were unable to cater for us. Luckily it was 3rd time lucky and we got into the "The Clubhouse" which was a beautiful old stone building built in 1891, and well maintained in that style. Good food, good atmosphere in an interesting venue.

Unlike other weekends everyone left on Sunday morning to go home or head north, like Guv and Barbie, for some warmer conditions.

Our next event is the National AGM at Meningie which is proving to be a popular as most sites are booked. If you haven't booked a site at the CP you better do soon as we hope to see you there – and don't forget to do your registration through the link on the National RV website.



Happy and safe travels

Colin & Di, Wayne and Max & Jacqui



UMRV – SA AGM 2019

LAKE ALBERT CARAVAN PARK

MENINGIE, SA

14TH – 20TH OCTOBER 2019



Join us at Lake Albert Caravan Park, Meningie, S.A. for the UMRV AGM.

A short journey across the country to meet up with new and old friends.

Meningie is the closest township to the Coorong National Park. The Lake provides visitors with many scenic locations and places to fish, swim, kayak, jet ski and water ski / wake-board. Bird watchers also enjoy coming to see the range of rare and vulnerable wildlife that the Lake and wetlands support. There are local 4WD tracks, bush walking trails, and indigenous cultural journeys at Camp Coorong. The Meningie Cheese Factory Museum Inc. is wholly owned and operated by volunteers and is both educational and a tourist attraction for the town. It is alongside the Cheese Factory Restaurant and the Lake Albert Caravan Park which is directly opposite.



We start the AGM with a Happy Hour every night, Welcome BBQ on Thursday night, "Captain Proud" Paddleboat Cruise on Friday (only 70 places available), Dinner on Saturday Night and a Farewell Breakfast & Raffles on Sunday.

If this is not enough then we also have MOVIE nights, Craft Workshops, Singalongs, Local Band, Coffee Van & Caravan Bar. Loads of activities to join in or you can make your own fun. A local POI is included with your "Welcome Packs" showing the way to natural/heritage features, a very good wine district (Langhorne Creek) and the new Motorsport Park, 'The Bend', at Taillem Bend.



The local chapter of the Ulysses Club Inc (SA Wed Riders) will be joining us for a sausage sizzle and tour of the local museum on Wednesday 16th October.

(See the old machinery firing up)

Sold out

ONLY 70 PLACES AVAILABLE FOR PADDLESTEAMER CRUISE

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 22ND SEPTEMBER 2019

Registration form is now on the website;

www.ulyssesrv.org



ULYSSES RV AGM PROGRAM – MENINGIE 2019



Mon 14th & Tues 15th

Day – free time

After dark – Movie

Wed 16th

Day – visit by SA Wed riders, sausage sizzle and tour of local museum incl firing up of old machinery

After dark – Movie

Thursday 17th

Day – free time & Craft workshop

6.00pm – Welcome barbeque (Camp kitchen)

Fri 18th

Day - Captain Proud paddleboat cruise and lunch (maximum no. 70)

After dark - Singalong

Sat 19th

9.30am – AGM

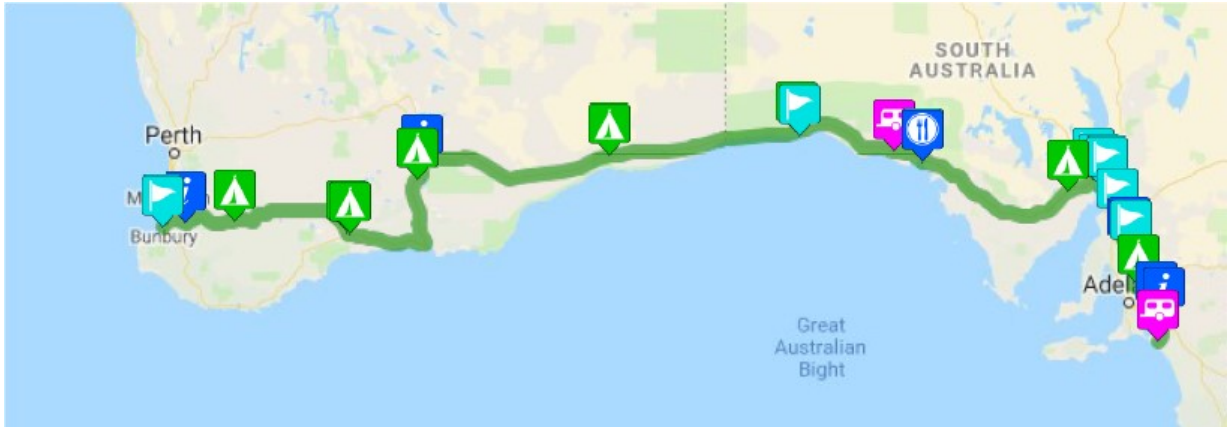
6.00pm AGM dinner (Camp kitchen) followed by local Band

Sun 20th

8.00am – Farewell breakfast

- Welcome packs will have maps marked with ‘Points of Interest’ to enable attendees to do self drive tours around the district during free time.
- Approx 4.00pm each day there is Happy Hour at Camp kitchen
- Coffee van on site
- ‘Caravan bar’ on site and open subject to licensing times
- Various games on site incl ‘Connect 4’ and ‘Chess’
- Raffles (various prizes) and lucky square envelopes (money or wine prize)

'Bringing up the Rear'



UMRV-WA Tag-a-long

Join us on our journey from West to East for the Ulysses Members RV Group AGM in SA. Travel with like minded people and experience the Nullabor like you never thought you would. Taking 9 days and nights to get there – why rush, there'll be games to play, dinner and movies under the stars, photo competition and lots more.

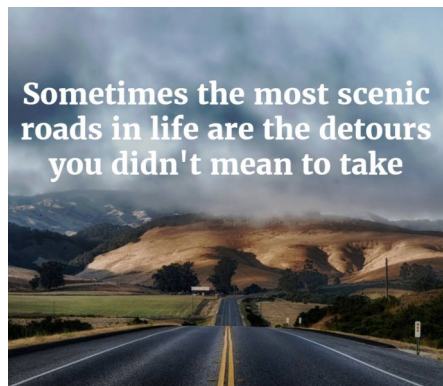
Departing WA 6 Oct 19 – Arriving SA 14 Oct 19

Final destination:

**UMRV AGM, Lake Albert Caravan Park, 25 Narrung Rd,
Meningie SA 5264 (08) 85751411**



Contact: Judi Raven via [email](#) for copy of itinerary and more details.





ULYSSES MEMBERS RV GROUP – WA BRANCH



FEBRUARY Birthday RALLY 7-9 FEBRUARY 2020



FONTYS POOL MANJIMUP



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

7TH 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)
- BBQ at Big Brook Dam, Movie Night, Day Trips
- 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 (minimum 3 night stay)

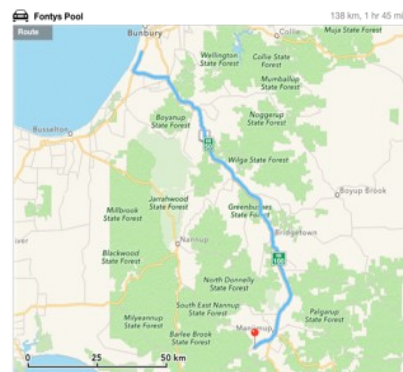
**EACH MEMBER TO BOOK AND PAY FOR
THEIR OWN SITES**

Advise Park you are with the Ulysses RV Group when booking to keep us all together.



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Directions from Bunbury

Qld Kilcoy Rally Advice.

ULYSSES RV GROUP QUEENSLAND RALLY ADVICE

TAG-A-LONG..... 03 Sept – 09 Sept 2019

PART A: 03/04/05 September: -

KILCOY SHOWGROUNDS

26 Showgrounds Rd

WOOLMAR

\$16 p/n- Power & Water & Showers



DOGS TO BE ON LEADS: NO FIRES AT KILCOY SHOWGROUNDS * Council ruling

Group responsible to collect members' fees. No need to book with the Showgrounds
(EMAIL gordonjudith@bigpond.com to confirm your attendance- arrival/dept dates)

04th September= Raffles / Pot -Luck Dinner / Sing-along

05th June =Stitch and Yarn a.m. / Pub Dinner "Green Shirt Event"

PART B: 06/07/08/09 September

PEACH TREES CAMPING GROUND - 4km unsealed -Can be accessed with 2WD.

Jimna Forest Park

\$6.56 pp/pn Toilets / Water: Boil before Use / Wheelchair Friendly Site

In previous years there were coin operated showers. Now self-contained is the wording. Campsite is open forest on the banks of Yabba Creek. Bring swimming noodles (Brrr!!). Resident kangaroos, wallabies and bandicoots. Hiking Trails. QUEENSLAND PARKS Wi-Fi hotspot at the northern end of campground.

PERMIT PROCESS: a) book your site online. Visit- QPWS

or

b) PHONE - 137468

Permits will be issued by QPWS and must be displayed for Rangers / or write your permit number & details on a piece of paper and display in a plastic sleeve:



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A MYSTERY 4x4 Forest Excursion with Blip&Di

NO DOGS: NO GENERATORS: FIRES to be in fire rings: Bring own untreated firewood

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: - Thursday 29th August

LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR COMPANY

Gordon and Judy (0423 864 492) Blip and Di



Vic Rally Calendar.

Halls Gap Caravan Park

21st -27th Oct .



Stay 7 days pay 6 days, or 10% discount daily .

To book ph 0353564251 ,

dogs welcome.

Tell them your with the Ulysses RV Group

Halls Gap is a village in Victoria, Australia. It's a gateway to Grampians National Park, known for its sandstone mountains, wildflowers and wildlife including echidnas and wallabies. Park trails lead to waterfalls like towering MacKenzie Falls and slender Silverband Falls. The Balconies lookout offers views of the Victoria Range, while Boroka Lookout is perched above Fyans Valley, with glimpses of Lake Bellfield.

www.visitvictoria.com/Regions/Grampians/Destinations/Halls-Gap

SHEPPERTON RALLY

7-9TH FEBRUARY 2020



VICTORIA LAKES CARAVAN PARK

(03) 5821 5431

10% discount for Ulysses RV Members

(must advise you are with the UMRV Group upon booking)

Shepparton is a major commercial centre, located between [Nagambie](#) and Numurkah on the Goulburn Valley Highway which is the main inland road route between Melbourne and Brisbane.

Richard and my next rally will be in

Myrtleford Holiday Park

Friday 24th to Tuesday 28th April 2020.

03 5752 1598.

That sounds scary. Where did this year go. The park is booked out after the 28th. I have reserved 18 sites and if you wish to arrive earlier the sites are booked from the 18th.

Please say you are with the RV group.

Price is \$35.00 which will include a sausage sizzle one night.

There are no other discounts.

This area is very pretty in Autumn. The park is pretty busy so don't wait too long to book. Please let me know if you are going. Cheers Marilyn and Richard.





SA ULYSSES RV WEEKENDS IN 2019

These weekends are open to all regardless of how you get there, even if you don't have an RV, bring a tent or book a cabin (where available)

REGISTRATION FORMS NOW ON NATIONAL WEBSITE

For site bookings contact the Caravan Park on 08 8575 1411 and say you are with Ulysses

A great way to catch up with interstate Ulyssians, as well as those from SA, at a great location where there is plenty to see and do and enjoy the night time social activities.

November 8th to 10th

Kingston on Murray

For bookings call the caravan park 08 8583 0209 and say you're with Ulysses

'THIS IS ALSO ON'

These are add-ons to our official weekends, and maybe weekenders or even 'through the week trips' that some of us are doing that you may want to join in. As with the four annual official events it is come any way you can, camp any way you like and enjoy socialising with your Ulysses mates.

They are

October Long Weekend (Fri 4th to Mon 7th)

Venue: ***Kadina Football & Cricket Club (off Doswell Tce, Kadina SA 5554)***

Hosted by Ulysses Club Inc Torrens Valley Branch

For interstaters this could be a great lead up event prior to going to the RV AGM at Meningie





NSW 2019 Rally Calendar

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.



QLD 2019 Pro-
posed Calendar



ULYSSES QUEENSLAND RV GROUP

PLANNER PROPOSALS 2019

**This is a guide ONLY to be utilised as a forward planner for 2019*



SEPTEMBER

03/05 Kilcoy Showgrounds
06/09 Peach Trees Jimna Forest

OCTOBER

14/20 Ulysses RV Group AGM
@Meningie SA

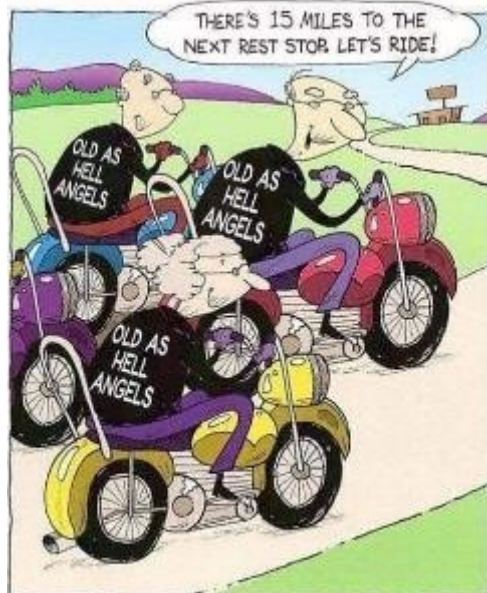


NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

29/11-02/12 Somerset Caravan
Park

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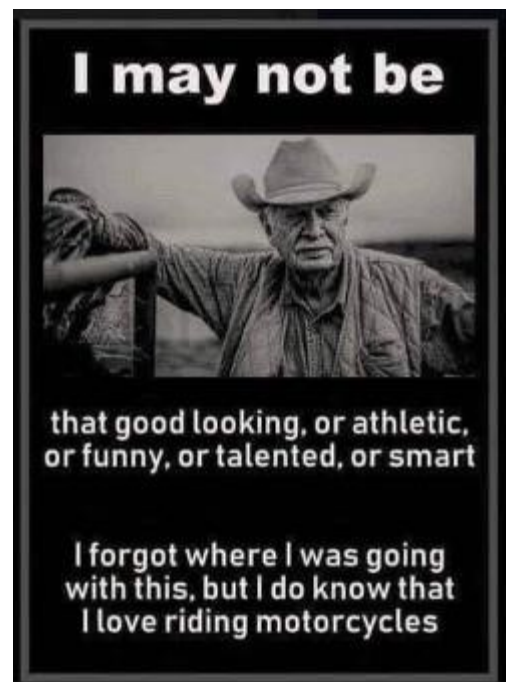
Blip and Di



SENIOR BIKE GANGS



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“Meet Our Members”

Ulysses Members RV Group - Met our Members

MEMBERS NAME:	Rickie Cooper
What Town/State are you from?	Broken Hill NSW
What type of RV do you have?	CRUSADER Serenity 2019
What is your fantasy RV & Tug?	NOT SURE WHAT YOU MEAN
Introduce your Partner? –	Kaye Cooper
Do you travel with Pets? Introduce them also -	No
Are you retired? Or still working? What job did you do?	Business Owner Bicycle Store, Kaye, Hairdresser 40 + yrs
What is the best trip you have had in your RV? –	Birdsville track in camper trailer.
What is your favourite destination? Is it a Free Camp or CP? And why?	any where and everywhere
What is your favourite meal? –	Campoven Cooking,
What is the last book you read? -	book 5, too good to be true, (Cook Book)
What is the last movie you watched? -	Wild Hoggs
What are your interests & Hobbies? -	Swimming, Golf, Cycling, Kaye , Swimming, Cycling,



POSITIONS VACANT

Both WA Coordinators, Shane & Judi, are leaving to travel this wonderful country of ours next year.

Therefore the positions of WA Joint State co-ordinators have now become available.

You only need a Basic knowledge on sending out group emails, creating flyers and be available as camp host as required.

Please contact **Judi Raven**
0419 867 827

(I am happy to continue to do the paperwork/organisation side of things, but will require someone to be on site as Camp Host at the Rally's, as we wont be here)





Pilbara Ride

Judi Raven



I have just returned from a “Ladies Only Pilbara Ride” with 2 other WA members (Ulyssians & Rver’s), Fran Harvey & Liz Tester. The ride was for Fran as she had not done a long ride before, so Liz organized it. When I heard about it, I gate-crashed.

Both Fran & Liz rode their Yamaha 650 Star and I had “Charlotte” my Spyder Can-am. Liz & Fran’s partners tagged along as our support crew in the motorhome and trailer. Liz & Jon slept in the MH, I slept in the trailer and Fran & Maurice slept in a tent. Another lady (Ruskana) joined us in Bindoon then left the ride at Port Hedland.



We started from Collie (which I flew down from Denham for) then travelled through to Bindoon, Paynes Find, Mt Magnet, Cue, Nallan Lake (damper & roast potatoes in the fire for dinner that night), Meekatharra, Kumarinia, Newman, Mt Robinson then Karratha, where we spent a few days. Dee from the PMS (Pilbara Motorcycle Sisters) met us in Karratha and showed us around the Dampier Wharf and Gas Shelf. Liz, Jon & myself went for lunch out at Point Sampson the following day.



The ladies then dropped me off at Denham on the way through while they continued back down along the Brand Highway to Bindoon then Collie. A total of 4225+klm in 20 days.

We only had a couple of problems with the support vehicle (battery & alternator) and trailer (wheel bearings). Fran unfortunately had an accident which damaged her bike. Fran only got a dislocated shoulder and a few bruises, but the bike finished the trip in the trailer. Jon ended up riding “Charlotte” home



while Maurice & Fran drove the motorhome back. They spent an additional 6 days on the return trip stopping off at Nerren Nerren, Northampton, Lake Indoon (Eneabba), Bindoon and Cuballing, all free camps.

What an experience. We camped out at free camps/low cost sites most nights (only stayed in 4 caravan parks). I don’t sleep well so was up early each morning to get the billy going for a coffee, so woke up to brilliant sun rises each morning and watched the fantastic red sunsets at night. Watching the full moon come up over Barridale Rest Stop was sight to behold. We got to see spectacular rock formations, wildlife, wildflowers and birds on our travels. Liz & Jon got some fantastic photo’s which she collated into a book of the ride.



HAPPINESS IS, PLANNING A TRIP TO SOMEWHERE NEW, WITH SOMEONE YOU LOVE.

I was inspired by the romance of the journey, although this little black duck doesn’t do TENTING, but getting back to the basics makes me want to do this all over again, at an even slower pace. This time with someone warm to snuggle up with on those cold nights & mornings and with just a little bit more comfort.

Would I do it again— you bet. Want to come with us?



From the NSW Mid North Coast to the NSW Winter rally in Coonabarabran

By Margaret Rae

Option 1 – 434 KM and 5 hrs 13 minutes travel time

VS

Option 2 – Bugger it, we're retired, what's the rush 3028KM and 576 adventure hrs

We (Stephen and I) had never visited Bourke, so when we were discussing routes to the upcoming winter rally with our buddies, NSW coordinators, Ian and Carolyn, I suggested “fancy going to Coona via Bourke?”, they responded, “Oh yeah, sounds like a plan”.

Ian, aka The Itinerary Maestro, gave it some thought and figured if we weren't in a hurry and were looking to visit some new areas, then why not make a good job of it and include SW Outback Qld.

Bourke was larger than expected and we spent a couple of days checking out the local attractions, particularly the Back 'O Bourke Visitors info centre. Kidman Camp CP in North Bourke was a good park and offered camp side dinners.



Next stop Outback SW QLD

Our first stop for a night was Jerrys Plains, always a good camp followed by three nights at Mendooran, another favourite. Then on to the Rabbit Trap Hotel in **Albert** ... a pub on the Bogan Way that offers meals and a variety of accommodation choices, ours being the freecamp adjacent to a playground and public amenities.

A great spot, a couple of noisy locals on a Friday night ... and we enjoyed our afternoon beverages in the pub. Very dry farming area and an interesting stopover.



Our first Outback SW Qld town was **Cunnamulla**, just across the border, it was created by Cobb & Co in 1879 on the first coach north from Bourke and is on the banks of the Warrego river. We fuelled up, had a pie for lunch (as you do in a clean and quiet country town) and walked the area to stretch the legs. Carolyn and I went on the hunt for some lamb forequarter chops so we could cook the yummy slow cooked lamb recipe Judi published in the previous Kermit Kronicle. Unfortunately, the butcher advised that the lamb was due tomorrow.



Eulo offered a quiet freecamp along the Paroo river for the night and is an opal mining town with an interesting history ... particularly the original publican, storekeeper and prostitute Isabel Gray aka The Eulo Queen. There is a pub, general store and an airport offering a dump point and water. And, if you were the kid who loved splashing in mud, then you'd enjoy the warm artesian mud baths.



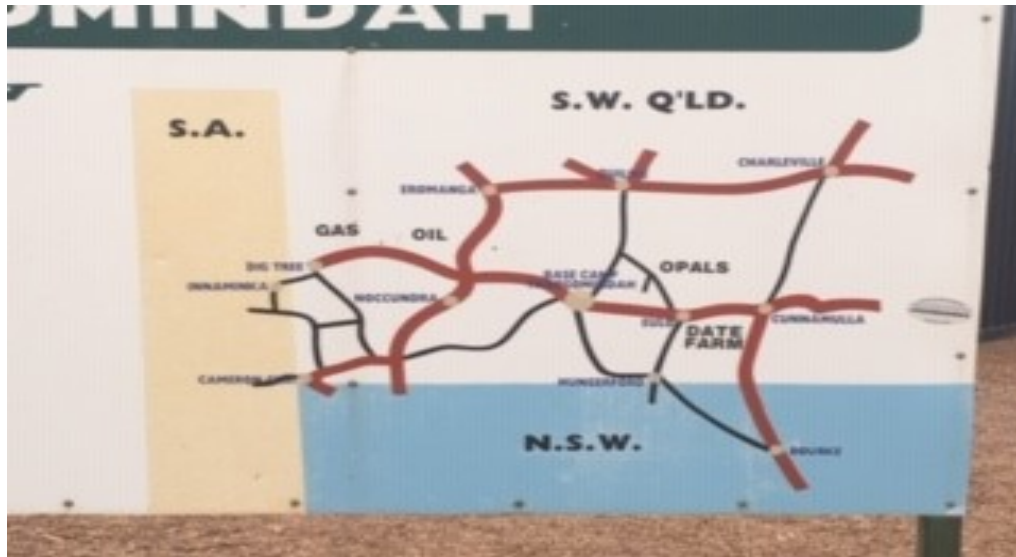
Noccundra Hotel is a hotel, not a town, but there's a great camp spot on the Wilson River across the road from the pub. Adjacent to the pub are public toilets and shower. It's also en route to the Burke and Wills Dig Tree. Population 2, Flies 2,000,000. We stayed three nights and enjoyed warm days and sunny blue skies (and the burger too)

Quilpie, on the Bulloo river provided a good overnight camp at the river, and a dump point and water at the Tourist Info Centre. While there, we voted for our favourite photographs at a local competition / exhibition in the tourist info centre. Again, we missed out on lamb chops but purchased some snags instead. Most amazing was a semi-trailer / cold store selling **seafood** T.A. All Wild Seafood. And what a range and assortment. I bought two beautiful large Tassie salmon fillets for \$20!!!



In **Charleville** we camped at the new CMCA Bush Camp property for 3 nights. What a great spot too. Easy walk to town. Plenty of taps / water to top up your tank and a dump point but no amenities. A great night sky too!! All vehicles MUST be self-contained. We visited the Charleville Bilby Experience to get up close to these soft furry endangered marsupials and restocked our pantries, fridge, freezer and fuel tanks but the lamb chops still eluded us

Mitchell, a good size town on the Maranoa river, with a great butcher shop!! The freecamp at the weir has toilets and taps. There is a dump point at the showground. The walk to town is a good walk either via the road or along the river. Knowing that there was a shuttle 3 times a day kept us from worrying about the return journey if required lol. A very interesting museum, beaut hot spa bath, 3 pubs, a bakery and did I mention the butcher shop kept us in Mitchell for four nights. The lamb chops and resulting slow cooked lamb hotpot was YUM.



The **Nindigully Pub** was an overnighter that I'd heard so much about. Yep they sell giant burgers with a matching price tag and provide well maintained camp grounds and amenities. A good spot to stop, have a drink, and if you're tempted try the burger.

Mungindi, another small regional town, offering a freecamp alongside the Barwon river with amenities and water. The township (and dump point) is just a stroll over the bridge and just happens to be the Queensland / NSW border. Our 3 nighter here was to be the last of the warm sunny days followed by dinners cooked over the fire under clear night skies.

Our adventure / Option 2 was a wonderful discovery tour we'd recommend

Brain Teaser

This is an unusual paragraph. I'm curious as to just how quickly you can find out what is so unusual about it. It looks so ordinary and plain that you would think nothing was wrong with it. In fact, nothing is wrong with it! It is highly unusual, though. Study it and think about it, but you still may not find anything odd. But, if you work at it a bit, you might find out. Try to do so without any coaching!

***Answer on page 24

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Facebook Comments

Paul Butler
 Hi to all Ulysses RVers. Richard and my next rally will be in Myrtleford at the Myrtleford Holiday park. The dates are Friday 24th to Tuesday 28th April 2020. That sounds scary. Where did this year go. The park is booked out after the 28th. I have reserved 18 sites and if you wish to arrive earlier the sites are booked from the 18th. Please say you are with the RV group. Price is \$35.00 which will include a sausage sizzle one night. There are no other discounts. Park number is 03 5752 1598. This area is very pretty in Autumn. The park is pretty busy so don't wait too long to book. Please let me know if you are going. Cheers Marilyn and Richard. Copied from Marilyn's original post. (Can you see it now Pete??)

2d Like Reply

Write a comment... Post



Carolyn Norman is with Erica Metcalfe - Harding and 2 others...
 Wednesday at 16:13 · 📍
 Relaxing at Pilliga Bore after a busy week at Coona with fellow Ulysses RV Members

Bob Lucas and 22 others

10 August at 16:41 · 📍
 Standing room only at Rick's Memorial Service today.

You, Andy Norris and 44 others

Like Comment

Beverly Linda Driver
 Thank you everyone who attended Ricks memorial.. & those that couldn't make .. I feel your heartache, distance, work commitments get in the way

1w Like Reply

Phil Fay Johnston
 Sorry we couldn't make it .x

1w Like Reply

Arthur Rifkin
 27 July at 21:31 · 📍

This is what we ride now..... a little bit more cosy..... 🏠🛏️

Ken Tacon and 31 others

Like Comment

Arthur Rifkin
 Should add, that travelling round Aussie for the last two years has been a comfortable trip.

2w Like Reply



Carolyn Hoye
 Tuesday at 11:34 · 📍

What a difference a day makes. From first photo to second photo

Bob Lucas and 28 others

Like Comment

Keith Plummer
 Well..Good onyas....Was fun packin up van and hooking up with a quarter inch of ice all over everything hey. Got home about 1.30....and rolled out the awning to dry it out....got a nice shower for my troubles. Apparently the snow here was the best fall in 20 years....still about on the mountain and lower foothills but all gone here except for a yard full of slush.

5d Like Reply

Carolyn Hoye

My Backyard

This section is for you to show off your Backyard and tell a bit about it.

My Backyard



Our names are Robyn Keelty and John Whittall. We live in Warilla, NSW. We attended our first UlyssesRV event at Murrurundi, NSW a few years back in our Cub camper trailer. We are now retired and have upgraded to a 19 ½ foot Atlantic Endeavour caravan. We have always travelled at every opportunity. We like to take the long way to a rally and to see as much of Australia as we can.



Brain Teaser Answer

The paragraph is so unusual, because it does not contain the letter E, which is the most common letter in the English language. Try writing more than a few sentences without the letter E, and you'll see what I mean. I tried it once, and it's so much harder than it sounds! However, an author named Ernest Vincent Wright did accomplish this! In 1939, he wrote *Gadsby*, a 50,000 word novel without the letter E!



Food on a BUDGET

Here is this month's Recipes for you all to have a try.

Anyone want to have a go and let me know what you thought of them.

Send your comments to

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www.ulyssesrv.org



Spit Roast Beef With Rosemary and Ginger



Serves 4-6

Ingredients

- Approx 1.5kg piece of beef rump
- Sea salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- Extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tsp of grated ginger
- 2 sprigs of fresh rosemary, picked and chopped

METHOD

Lightly rub olive oil over the beef and massage the grated ginger and rosemary into the meat. Season with salt and pepper ready for roasting on your Auspitt.

We roasted our beef over heat beads on a firetray at a moderate to high heat level for one hour. This resulted in a medium rare piece of beef.

Carefully remove the beef from the Auspitt rod and allow it to rest for 10 minutes. Slice the beef and serve with your choice of salad.

This recipe originally appeared in Australian Caravan+RV magazine. For more of Mark's great recipes, get a copy or subscribe at mynrma.com.au/shop



Queensland snag



0:10 Prep • 0:20 Cook •
 Makes 4 • Easy

The classic Aussie snag gets an upgrade - with the perfect combo of sweet caramelised pineapple and pork sausage, you will impress all the family.

INGREDIENTS

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 432g can pineapple slices in juice, drained, juice reserved
- 100g (1/2 cup) caster sugar
- 2 long fresh red chillies, deseeded, cut into 2cm pieces
- 1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar
- 4 soft bread rolls
- 4 thick pork sausages
- Spreadable cream cheese, to serve
- 1 green shallot, thinly sliced

METHOD

Step 1 Heat the oil in a frying pan over medium-high heat. Add the pineapple and cook for 2-3 minutes each side or until golden and slightly charred. Transfer to a chopping board and cut into chunks.

Step 2 Reduce heat to low. Add sugar and reserved pineapple juice to pan and cook, stirring, for 2-3 minutes or until sugar dissolves. Increase heat and bring to the boil. Simmer rapidly for 5 minutes or until mixture is a light caramel colour. Add pineapple chunks, chilli and vinegar. Cook, stirring often, for 5 minutes or until thick and syrupy. Set aside.

Step 3 Meanwhile, heat a barbecue grill or chargrill pan on medium-high. Slice the rolls down the centre, making sure not to cut all the way through. Open the rolls slightly, being careful not to break in half, and grill, cut-side down, for 3-5 minutes or until toasted. Grill the sausages, turning occasionally, for 10 minutes or until cooked through.

Step 4 Spread cut sides of each roll with cream cheese. Place a sausage in each roll and top with the pineapple relish. Sprinkle with the shallot and season with plenty of freshly ground black pepper.

*Compliments of TASTE

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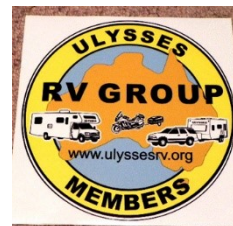
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