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Editorial

G'day folk,

Well, here we go, the last Kermit edition before Christmas ... and I apologise to QLD for not getting it out in time to promote their Esk Christmas party. Things have been busier than usual on Planet Lucas lately, and this is the best I could manage!

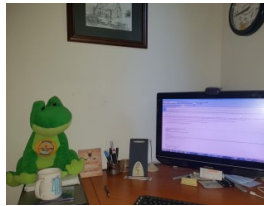


Firstly I must pass on our best wishes to our members south of the border, who've just been unchained after months of incarceration. Goodonyer guys, enjoy your newfound freedom!

And no, don't think I'm overlooking the relaxation of restrictions on entry to QLD and our western states also ... it seems we can *all* resume more normal lives, for the time being, at least. But we need to be vigilant, and do our bit to prevent a resurgence of this terrible virus ... it is still out there!

It's been good to note that QLD and NSW have been able to get out and rally pretty much as normal, while SA and WA have been enjoying intrastate rallies also, as much as their restrictions have allowed.

Without doubt, 2020 is certainly a year that we, our children and our



grandchildren, will remember for the rest of our lives ... even though we would all sooner forget it.



It is pleasing though (as far as I am aware) none of our members succumbed to the terrible virus.

On a brighter side, 2021 *has* to be a vast improvement, and we can all start travelling around this great country without border limitations.

Marilyn and I have just returned from great rallies at Parkes and Wagga Wagga, but now look forward to relaxing at home for Christmas.

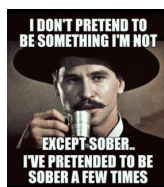


And many thanks to John at Parkes for his kind offer to take on the role of Newsletter Editor. Sorry John (aka Edward), I'm not quite ready to stand down just yet, but it's good to know there is someone available, and I have your contact details on file ☺.

Travel safely and have a merry Christmas everyone, and best wishes for a safe and healthy year in 2021 ... and, stay erect!

Rob
Editor

Colin Barrett (SA) has a site booked at Mandurah in WA from 22-29 March 2021. He has paid \$100 deposit, and now can't go!
Balance of \$166.40 to be paid on arrival. If anyone is interested they can message Colin, or email him on colintbarrett@gmail.com



If you want to save money at Xmas, now's the perfect time to tell the kids that Santa didn't make it through the pandemic

Ken T Report
National
Coordinator



KT's REPORT

by Ken Tacon

HI

Well, with Covid just about gone it looks like we may be able to get out and about.

It was good to see a great roll up at Parkes, albeit I was not able to attend - but my trusty offsider aka Bob took over (thanks mate).

The park management did a great job, and their resident artist did an Old Man drawing, then every person that attended put their name on it.

Then the NSW coordinators had a great roll up at Wagga for their Spring Rally. A big congratulations to you all.

QLD not to be outdone, had a great time with the Sunshine Coast Ulysses Club, for their 25th Anniversary. A top time was had partying and dancing, with the GC's band keeping all happy. Borumba Deer Park was a great setting. Then on Sunday our fearless 4WD trip leader (Blip) took us through the forest to the dam for afternoon smoko.

Both SA and WA have rallies planned, so if in that area check them out.

I would like to thank Bob for a great job he is doing editing and putting the Kermit news together.

Richard is still working on our website. If you haven't seen it, go in and check it out.

Richard is also coordinating the 2021 AGM at Cohuna in October, so if you haven't booked, jump on and book your site.

I would like to welcome all the new members, and hope to catch up with you soon.

I have just spoken to Valla Beach caravan park. They are not opening till the new year, and will give me an answer as to whether they can accommodate us for our 13th Birthday Party. If they are *not* available we may have to look for another venue (possibly back to Brooms Head).

We would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Travel safe, and thank you for your friendships.

Ken, Bob, Doreen and Marilyn
National Coordinators & Admin's
Ulysses RV Group



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ARVIE HASN'T BEEN UP TO MUCH LATELY ...

Last I heard Arvie was still well, but there hasn't been a lot of photographic record of his adventures since the September edition. Last time he was spotted he was at the Lake Towerrinning rally in WA.

... Bob



Arvie's
WA
Adventure

A Cow's Tail

A man staggered into a hospital with a concussion, multiple bruises, two black eyes, and a five iron wrapped tightly around his throat.

Naturally, the Doctor asked him,
'What happened to YOU?'

'Well, I was having a quiet round of golf with my wife, when at a difficult hole, we both sliced our golf balls into a field of cattle.

We went to look for them and while I was looking around I noticed one of the cows had something white at its rear end.'

'I walked over, lifted its tail, and sure enough, there was a golf ball with my wife's monogram on it - stuck right in the middle of the cow's behind.

Still holding the cow's tail up, I yelled to my wife,

'Hey, this looks like yours!''

'I don't remember much after that' □

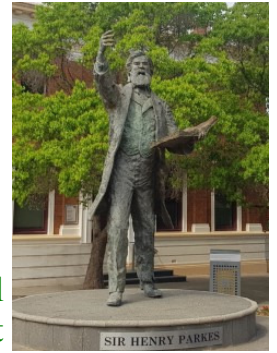


What do you call the first migrant off the boat?
Amhere.
What do you call the second migrant off the boat?
Amhere Azwel.
What do you call the third migrant off the boat?
Amhere Azwell Azhim.

Parkes
Rally
Report



OCTOBER IN PARKES ... WHY NOT?



From the time Marilyn and I arrived at Spicer Caravan Park in Parkes we were made to feel very welcome by young managers Brad and Cheryl, who went out of their way to ensure our needs were well catered for.

Cheryl had been in touch with the local Information Centre and procured info bags containing maps, tourist guides, discount vouchers and the like, for local and regional tourist attractions.



The grounds at Spicer Park are green and shady, and the sites are generous in size. The amenities are ageing but kept in pristine condition by the

managers and their resident helper "Elvis", including pot plants on the vanities, and even towelling bath mats for the showers ... first time we've ever encountered that! OK, it is a fair stroll down the hill to the CBD, but I think most of us walked in at least once while there.



I arranged for Cheryl to have Tim and his mobile coffee van there on Sunday morning, and for her and Brad to cook us up bacon and egg rolls for brekkie. Both amenities were highly appreciated and well attended on the morning, with pretty well everyone rolling up to have coffee or

brekkie and renew acquaintances with members not seen for some months.

There was quite a large contingent of motorbikes present at our gathering, and they grouped and organised several rides around the many nearby towns and attractions of the region.

Over the week I think most of us visited Memorial Hill lookout, the Henry Parkes Centre with it's impressive Elvis exhibition and the Motor and Antique



Machinery museums, the CSIRO Radio Telescope, the Aviation Museum, plus trips out to the Peak Hill Gold mine, Condobolin Utes in the Paddock, and other excursions to Trundle, Tullamore, Molong, Yeoval etc.



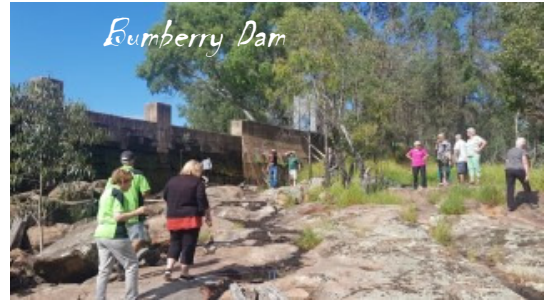
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Peak Hill gold mine

Brad and Cheryl cooked up another BBQ brekkie on Tuesday morning, but sadly we couldn't get the coffee van back of a morning for the rest of our stay.

Vince suggested we could do a 4WD tour, so on Wednesday he led a convoy out to Bumberry Dam and through the back way to Lake Endeavour, and home via Eugowra Road. A beaut morning out, with plenty of dirt and water crossings



Bumberry Dam



(although not up to Blip's challenging standards), and it was great to see both dams brimming. Goodonyer Vince!

Most of us came back to the Star Hotel, where I'd booked us in for lunch, at Cheryl's suggestion. They looked after us really well there, with good tucker at attractive prices.



Struggling Peak Hill

Marilyn struck a deal with the local Dominoes Pizza shop, took everyone's orders, and on Wednesday night 28 of us received absolutely



Lucas' are upsizing ...

beautiful pizzas for a mere \$7.95 each - complete with our names computer-printed on the boxes to prevent confusion! Congratulations, Dominoes in Parkes!

Brad and Cheryl turned on a huge BBQ with salad and the works for our final group gathering on Thursday night. Absolutely yummy, and they gave away all the leftovers to whoever wanted them.



To top off an already fabulous

week with our hosts extraordinaire, their helper-cum-artist "Elvis" painted up a canvas of our Old Man logo and presented it to us for signing. I presented it back to Brad to hang on their office wall as a welcoming message to any Ulyssians who may visit in the future.



THANK YOU BRAD & CHERYL,
YOU ARE AWESOME HOSTS!

Everyone enjoyed Parkes immensely, and without



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a doubt, Brad and Cheryl would have to take out the award for campground hosts of the nation!



And the weather was generally good!
Well done, Parkes!

... words and pix by Rob

A Scot was drinking in a bar in London when he gets a call on his cell phone. He orders drinks for everybody in the bar, as he announces his wife has just produced a typical Scottish baby boy weighing 25 pounds.

Nobody can believe that any new baby can weigh in at 25 pounds, but the man just shrugs, "That's about average up our way, folks ... like I said - my boy's a typical Highland baby boy."

Two weeks later the man returns to the bar. The bartender says, "Say, you're the father of that typical Scottish baby that weighed 25 pounds at birth, aren't you? Everybody's been making' bets about how big he'd be in two weeks ... so how much does he weigh now?"

The proud father answers, "Seventeen pounds."

The bartender is puzzled and concerned. "What happened? He was 25 pounds the day he was born."

The father takes a slow swig from his Johnny Walker whiskey, wipes his lips on his shirt sleeve, leans into the bartender and proudly says, "Had him circumcised!"



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**ULYSSES QUEENSLAND RV GROUP
PLANNER PROPOSAL 2021**

A guide ONLY

MARCH 14-21 ULYSSES RV GROUP
ANNUAL RALLY, **Valla Beach NSW**

MARCH 22/28 ULYSSES CLUB Inc
NATIONAL RALLY, **Mandurah WA**

APRIL 01-05 “Boyne Valley Country
Music Festival”, **Ubobo QLD**

MAY 19-24 “Tropical North Qld Trek”
**Mt Uncle RV Retreat and Mt Uncle Distillery
WALKAMIN, ATHERTON TABLELANDS**



- Co-ordinated by a member in Mareeba
- A bucket list adventure, supporting the dream; *“It’s more about the Journey”* you plan **BUT** then add on this boutique experience in a unique setting.

JULY 01–05 “Christmas in July” -
Crows Nest Park Tourist Park, QLD

OCTOBER 18–24 Ulysses RV Group AGM @ **COHUNA, VICTORIA**
Cohuna Waterfront Holiday Park, Vic

DECEMBER 02-05
“HO! HO! HO! It’s Christmas Time”
Fraser Coast Top Tourist Park, **SCARNESS QLD**

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Blip and Di



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QUEENSLAND ULYSSES RV GROUP BORUMBAH DEER PARK October 28th – Nov 2nd



The traditional Happy Hour

With our Mudgee AGM on hold due to COVID 19, what could we do in Queensland to appropriately fill this huge gap in the RV calendar?

Sunshine Coast Ulysses Branch was about to hold their 25th Anniversary at Imbil in late October, so after a chat with Russell the co-ordinator of this event, a plan was hatched. The RV Group was to jointly share in their celebrations!

**Borumbah
Deer Park**

The concept of our RV Group tagging on to a Ulysses Branch event was always up for consideration, but nothing could have prepared us for the popularity of this event. PLUS, following on from lockdown many of our RV family was suffering cabin fever, so we were delighted that over 30 RV's booked into the event at the Deer Park.



Fifi enjoying a neck scratch from Gordon

Park management established Sherwood Forest as our home base in the park with the larger gatherings of the welcome barbeque, hosted by the Branch on Friday night, and dinner dance planned for the Stockyards, with "social distancing" as appropriate.

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Barry enjoyed participating in the Red Faces Poetry event

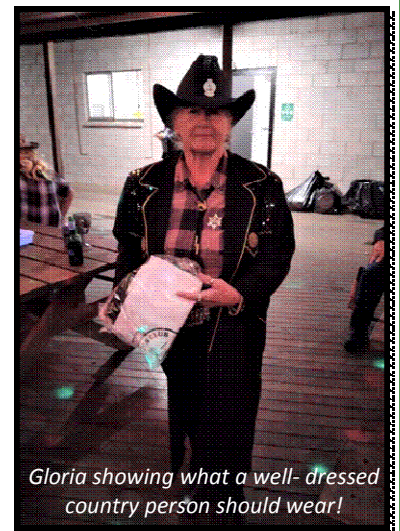
It was again our social times at Happy Hour and the evening fires that will be most remembered.

The Country Theme for the Saturday evening dinner/dance had a slight modification, with the Bush Band being replaced by a solo gig provided by GC'sMUSIK. Country Rock and Line dancing followed the Aussie Dinner of pie/peas/mash/gravy, finishing off with the 25th (or was it 24th??) birthday cake.

The rain tried to dampen the Saturday evening and the arvo games activities, but what was a hit was the Red Faces/Poetry Event on Saturday morning.

Our standard Sunday morning Stitch and Chatter, and an afternoon 4x4 trip to the dam for afternoon tea, and then a circuit back through Imbil to the campgrounds ably led by Blip, were enjoyable aspects to our weekend.

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Gloria showing what a well-dressed country person should wear!

A couple of the RV'ers stayed on for the Imbil Acoustic Festival convened in the park for the next



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Deer Park

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weekend, which was a most enjoyable music feast!

A great time was had by all, and everyone is keen to reconvene at Esk for our Christmas Theme Weekend 03-07 December.

“Thanks again to Russell and Sunshine Coast Branch for sharing their 25th Anniversary with our RV Group.”

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



So in retrospect, in 2015, not a single person got the answer right to "Where do you see yourself 5 years from now?"



Mick and Paddy were fishing on the Irish shoreline when Mick pulled out a cigar. Finding he had no matches, he asked Paddy for a light. 'Ya, sure, I tink I haff a lighter,' Paddy replied, and then reaching into his tackle box, he pulled out a Bic lighter 10 inches long.

'Saints be te Jesus' exclaimed Mick, taking the huge Bic lighter in his hands. 'Where'd yew git dat monster?'



'Well,' replied Paddy, 'I got it from my Genie.'

'You haff a feckin Genie?' Mick asked.

'Ya, sure. It's right here in my tackle box,' says Paddy.



'Could I see him?'

Paddy opens his tackle box and sure enough, out pops the Genie.

Addressing the Genie, Mick says, 'Hey dere. I'm a good pal of your master. Will you grant me one wish?'

'Yes, I will,' says the Genie.

So Mick asks the Genie for a million bucks. The Genie disappears back into the tackle box leaving Mick sitting there waiting for his million bucks. Shortly, the Irish sky darkens and is filled with the sound of a million ducks flying directly overhead.



Over the roar of the one million ducks Mick yells at Paddy, 'What the hell? I asked for a million bucks, not a million ducks'

Paddy answers, 'Ya ... I forgot to tell yew dat da Genie is hard of hearing.

Do yew really tink I asked for a 10-inch Bic?'



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**Christmas
Rally
@
ESK**



ULYSSES RV GROUP QUEENSLAND RALLY ADVICE

ESK CARAVAN PARK 16 Hassal Street Esk

Thursday 03 – Monday 07 DECEMBER 2020 (or part thereof)

CHRISTMAS THEME: Decorate the van in Ho! Ho! Ho! Plus lights

HOSTS: Park Management PHONE: - 07) 5424 1466 email: info@eskaravanpark.com.au

BOOKINGS TO BE MADE DIRECTLY WITH THE PARK

Please confirm your bookings also with Gordon and Judy

Email: gordonjudith@bigpond.com or 07) 32877616 / 0423864492

Registrations and Bookings Close: - FRIDAY 13th November

- Holding 15 – 20 Powered Sites
- Powered Sites Fri-Sat \$45 / Sun-Thurs \$41
- Powered Sites with ensuite Fri—Sat \$55 / Sun- Thurs \$51
- UNPOWERED Fri-Sat \$31 / Sun-Thurs \$29
- CABINS: MOTEL ROOMS book through the OFFICE

WHEN BOOKING:

- a) **EXPLAIN YOU ARE WITH THE ULYSSES RV GROUP**
- b) **WHEN PAYING YOUR ACCOUNT ASK FOR ANY GROUP BOOKING DISCOUNT**



Pets welcome: Pet Friendly Park

Fire Pits: Usually a TOTAL FIRE ban in December

Things to see in area:

The Spit The Brisbane Valley Rail Trail Local Shopping Ravensbourne National Park

Friday Night: Sing-Along adjacent to the Camp Kitchen

Saturday Morning: STITCH AND CHATTER

Saturday Night: The Grand Hotel - Please wear your club shirt

QLD Coordinators

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Blip and Di



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NSW Rallies 2021

We usually plan our rallies to run for a week, so that we get the best price. However, attendees are welcome to stay for longer, or to join us for a week-end, a few days, or even a day visit.

SUMMER

Arr 17 Feb - Dep 24 Feb We thought we would support a bushfire-affected area.

Big 4 South Durras Holiday Park (ph 1800 558 718 or 02 4478 6028) Cost \$25 per night. Durras Main Beach is 100m walk, and Durras Lake is a 5 minute drive away. Great for fishing or kayaking. Note that there are no shops in the area, so stock up before you arrive. Batemans Bay is 15 km away, and Mogo village and zoo are 27km away, and great for day visits.

MARCH

Ulysses RV Birthday Bash, Valla Beach. Availability to be confirmed by park, but can't confirm till 1st January. Have requested 14-21 March.

AUTUMN

Arr 19 May – Dep 26 May Something different.

Bungendore Showground is only 40 minutes from Canberra. Perfect for a day trip. This is not a caravan park, and facilities are showground facilities. Power and water are available, and it is dog friendly. Cost is \$20 per night. There is an additional \$10 fee covering the entire week, that we will collect. If you would like to come please send us an email with your name and contact details.

WINTER

Arr 26 Aug – Dep 30 Aug Pack your winter woollies! We are heading to the North West of NSW. This rally will be held over 4 days at **Narrabri Big Sky Caravan Park** (ph 0267921294). Cost is \$34 per night. It is pet friendly, and all sites are drive-through.

OCTOBER

Arr 18 Oct – Dep 24 Oct **AGM 2021 at Cohuna, Victoria**

There will be a tagalong to the AGM travelling from south of Sydney, for approximately 1 week prior to the AGM. Numbers will be limited. If you are interested please send us an email and we can send you more information.

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SPRING

Arr 17 Nov – Dep 24 Nov On the North Coast of NSW **Twin Dolphins Holiday Park, Tuncurry** (ph 65547015) is a great place to explore the Great Lakes region, or just sit back and relax amongst friends. Cost is \$35 Per night, but they will offer up to a 25% discount depending on numbers. For any difficult sites the managers of the park will be available to help with access.

Due to COVID-19 we may have to make some changes with happy hour and any group activities. Here's hoping it won't be such a problem in 2021!

Don't forget to mention you are with the Ulysses RV Group when booking!

Do you have a favourite destination or caravan park? Please let us know.

We are always interested in new ideas and places.

She wanted to serve her guests mushroom-smothered steak, but she had no mushrooms and no time to buy them. Her husband suggested, "Why don't you go pick some of the mushrooms that are growing wild down by the stream?"

"No - some wild mushrooms are poisonous."

"Well, I see rabbits eating them and they're OK."

So she picked a bunch and washed, sliced and sautéed them for her dinner. Then she went out on the back porch and gave Spot, their dog, a double handful. Spot ate every bit.

All morning long she watched the dog. The wild mushrooms hadn't affected him after a few hours, so she decided to use them.

The meal was a great success.

After everyone had finished, her daughter came in and whispered in her ear, "Mum, Spot is dead!"

Trying to keep her head about her, she left the room as quickly as possible, called the doctor and told him what had happened. The doctor said, "That's bad, but I think we can take care of it. I'll call for an ambulance and I'll be there as quickly as I can. We'll give everyone enemas, and we'll pump out their stomachs, and everything will be fine. Just keep them calm."

Before long they started to hear the sirens as the ambulance tore down the road. The Paramedics and the doctor had their suitcases, syringes, and a stomach pump. One by one, they took each person into the bathroom, gave them an enema, and pumped out their stomach.

Well after midnight, after the last one was done the doctor came out and said, "Everything will be okay now," and with that he left.

The hosts and the guests were all weak and knackered, and were sitting around in the living room when the daughter came in and said to her mum; "I can't believe that guy!"

"What guy?"

"You know - the bastard who ran over Spot ... he didn't even slow down!"



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Summer
Rally
@
South
Durras



NSW Summer Rally 2021 South Durras

Our summer rally for 2021 will be held at South Durras on the NSW South Coast. This area and south were hard hit by the bushfires in early 2020, and we would like to support them on their road to recovery.

The **Big4 South Durras Holiday Park** (ph 1800 558 718 or 02 4478 6028) will be our hosts from **17 to 24 February 2021**. It is a small caravan park and they have put aside 25 caravan sites for us. Cost is \$25 per night. As always you are welcome to stay for as short or long a time as you wish. They have a small pet friendly area available. The park has a heated swimming pool, barbecues, small camp kitchen and giant checkerboard.

Durras Main Beach is only 100 metres from the park, and Durras Lake is a 5 minute drive away. The area is surrounded by Murramarang National Park.

Regarded as one of the purest estuaries on the east coast, Durras Lake is protected by an untouched forest catchment. Fishing for fish such as bream, whiting and flathead is as simple as casting from the shore. The lake is ideal for kayaks and small boats.



I would highly recommend an early morning walk to take in sunrise over the beach and nearby headland, a trip to Batemans Bay (15km south), Mogo village (27 Km south), Mogo Zoo, or many of the other scenic drives in the area.

Note that there are presently no shops in South Durras township, so make sure you stock up before you arrive.

Due to COVID-19 there may be some changes to happy hour and any group activities. This will depend on any restrictions at the time.



This is a very sad but true story of the depression that can haunt a man. My friend Paddy was so sick and tired of the world; of Covid, the Chinese aggression, of Global Warming, of BLM, and the rest of the stories that our media deem important to broadcast.

Paddy drove his car into his garage and then sealed every doorway and window as best he could. He got back into his car and wound down all the windows, selected his favourite radio station, and started the car.

Four days later, a worried neighbour peered through Paddy's garage window and saw him in the car.

She notified the police and ambulance, and they broke in and pulled Paddy from the car.

A little sip of water and surprisingly he was in perfect condition ...
but his Tesla had a flat battery ...

I relabeled all of the jars in my wife's spice rack. I'm not in trouble yet....but the thyme is cumin.



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Spring Rally Report @ Wagga Wagga



NSW Spring rally Wagga Wagga

Wagga Wagga turned on some wonderful spring weather for our rally.

What a great opportunity for the bike

riders (those with motors and without) to get out and about and explore the lush green countryside and quaint little country towns surrounding Wagga.



June Licorice and Chocolate Factory was a



popular spot for morning tea, lunch and for lovers of sweet treats to browse the shelves. Those lucky people who went to Bidgee Strawberries and Cream early in the week were able to pick

their own lush strawberries and could eat as many as they wanted while picking. Others were not so lucky when the farm closed later in the week. Did they really eat that much? Riverina Producers Market was a source of fresh artisan bread, cherries and a choice of different local foods and cuisine from across the world. And



for something very different Thirsty Crow Brewing Co offered a Roast lamb Dinner pizza complete with a gravy base. I think some of us will come home just a little heavier, after eating what was on offer.

Farmers Home Hotel was the host for our big

night out. Despite some people needing to put up umbrellas at their table (not sure if it was the sun, or the cooling mist, or both) a great night was had by



all.

A big welcome to our NSW newbies John and Helen, Ash and Bev, and Queensland John, who is currently working in Wagga

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas, and a



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Spring Rally Report @ Wagga Wagga (cont'd)

new year where we stay safe and well, and can travel this beautiful country more freely.

John and Robyn, Ian and Carolyn
NSW Coordinators

... pix by Robyn, Doug & Rob



Mr & Mrs Godfather

The Robsy twins



Farmer's Own Hotel @ Wagga

Mary Poppins impersonators



Wagga Botanic Gardens



Jugiong Motor Inn

The final sermon

Siamese twins walk into a Sydney pub and park themselves on a bar stool. One says to the bartender, "Don't mind us, we're joined at the hip. I'm John and on the left here is Jim. We'll have two VB's, thanks."

The bartender, feeling slightly awkward, tries to make polite conversation while pouring the beers ...
"Been on holiday recently, lads?"

"Off to the States next month actually," says John. "We go to the States every year, hire a nice car and drive for miles, don't we, Jim?" Jim agrees.

"Ah, the States!" says the bartender. "Wonderful country ... the people, the climate, the beer, the culture".

"Nah, we don't like that all that American stuff," says John. "Aussie meat pies, chips and VB, that's us, hey, Jim?" Jim agrees; "Yeah, we can't stand the Yanks - not civil and polite like us Aussies."

"So why keep going to the States?" asks the bartender.

"It's the only chance Jim gets to drive" says John.



2021 AGM



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**Cohuna
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**The latest
from
Richard**

AGM 2021 @ Cohuna, Victoria

Monday 18 Sunday 24 October 2021

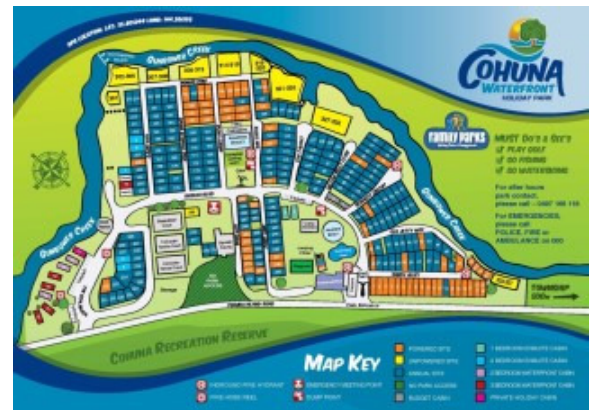
Planning is now progressing for the 2021 AGM.

We should have some great events for you that week, and hopefully many of you will hang around the area to explore it further.

The caravan park is now over 50% full with bookings for sites. If you haven't yet reserved your site then I encourage you to contact them to make a reservation, particularly if you want a powered site, as they are limited.

There are plenty of non-powered sites, and a great selection of cabins and waterfront villas if you want to do it differently, and bring the bike or tinny instead!

Contact the Cohuna Caravan Park
on [1800 672 372](tel:1800672372) or 03 5456 2562
You can visit their website at
<https://www.cwhp.com.au/>



Don't forget to mention you are booking for the Ulysses RV Group, as we have exclusive use, and discounts on normal rates.

Want to stay in the area before or after the rally, but don't want to stay in the park? The Cohuna free camp is located just across the creek from the town, and offers 72 hours free camping if you are fully self contained.

Leithcville, just 15 minutes away has another free camp in the town, and just across the road from the pub and bakery.

There is also free camping along the Gunbower creek and Murray river in the forest. Lots of secluded spots to enjoy the bush and fishing.

Personally I think the best spots are along the Gunbower, which is regulated.

Your choice, and lots to see and do in the area.

See you in Cohuna in October!

Richard & Marilyn Flinders

2021 AGM Committee

We now have a dedicated email address for any AGM enquiries
agm2021@ulyssesrv.org Feel free to ask any questions.



So where is Cohuna?

Cohuna is a farming and occasional holiday town situated 274 kilometres north of Melbourne, on the Murray Valley Highway, in northern Victoria.

It is approximately half way between Echuca and Swan Hill. A great town to use as a base



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to explore the southern Mallee region.

It is also the gateway to the Gunbower forest, which has some fantastic free camping along the Gunbower Creek, or Murray River.

Where is the AGM venue?

We have exclusive use of the Cohuna Waterfront Caravan Park

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

The park is located on Gunbower Island, which is Australia's largest inland island and the gateway to the Gunbower state forest, part of the Murray River area. The park is within easy walking distance to the town.

Cohuna is a great little town north of the divide, so we expect great temperate weather. It is centrally located between Echuca and Swan Hill, and just 15 minutes from the Murray river, so a great central location.

The park has its own boat ramp, so bring your tinny and with the aid of the Echuca Ulysses branch, we hope to put on a great programme. I'll be asking for your input, and making suggestions. However we have some ideas already, such as a lunch or dinner cruise on the Gunbower creek with dancing music to suit our era.



Guided Eco cruise showing you the bird life and diversity of the creek, water aerobics in the local pool, even classes on how to do great photography using your phone camera!

Being the gateway to the Gannawarra shire there are plenty of bush 4WD tracks and other places to explore, and Echuca and Swan Hill are close, by as well as the Silo trail. Lots to do!!

Pre-Booking Details ...

The park is accepting reservations for sites, call **03 5456 2562**. Don't forget to advise it's for the AGM or you will be turned away!

Your reservation will be held till the end of the year, when the park will contact you with pricing, and you will then need to pay a deposit or cancel the booking.

They have promised us some great offers, including free nights, and special deals if you stay longer than the week.

The park also has quite a few cabins, and will make some great pricing offers if you decide to bring the boat or come on the bike for a change. Could be a great option for some of our more local members, and if we get a few along I'll organise a local ride one day.

Now, you should note that there are only 70 powered sites available, and it is on a "first come" basis.

After that there are plenty of unpowered sites, but due to local infrastructure their attempts to make more powered sites available have failed. (Note also NO gen-



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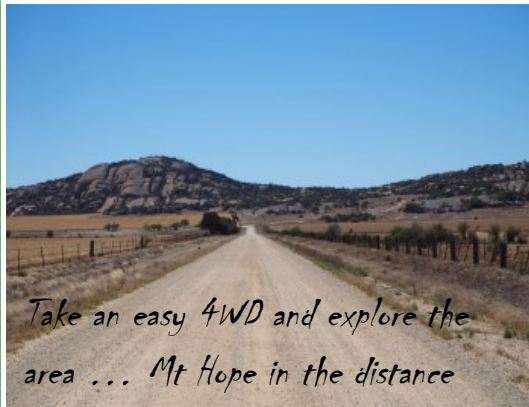
erators or shared hookup, due to noise and load issues).

If you park off the site you can still join in on all the park events, as long as you pay the small registration fee for the rally.

You may notice that the map of the park has many Annual sites. These are limited-use cabins owned privately, but limited to either 90 or 180 days use per year. So we are unlikely to have many users during our stay.

Reminder, there is now a dedicated email address for all enquiries and suggestions ... AGM2021@ulyssesrv.org

Please do contact us, particularly with suggestion for events or other ideas.



I would really like to get some feedback on what you want from this AGM. Items like:-

- Op Shop tours?
- 4WD day in the Gunbower/ Perricoota forest
- Organised visits such as 'The Depot' Deniliquin
(<https://www.depotdeni.com.au/>)

Don't forget to reserve your powered site at the caravan park before they are all gone (plenty of non-powered sites available)!

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Mudgee NSW

2022 ULYSSES RV GROUP AGM @ MUDGEE

The 2020 AGM was to be held at Mudgee [AREC](#) Centre on Ulan Rd (about 2km from town) from 19th October till 26th October this year.

As you are aware, it was cancelled due to Coronavirus implications, and has been re-convened for 2022, with dates to be confirmed.

Lots of wineries to visit in the area, and some other great towns nearby. There will be more information posted as things are sorted, so stay tuned to this Bat Channel ...

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Maleny QLD



**CURRENT PROPOSAL IS TO CONVENE THE
2023 ULYSSES RV GROUP AGM AT MALENY SHOWGROUNDS**

16 - 23 October in 2023

Dates are in the hands of the [Maleny Show Society](#)

*Unable to commit as yet, but watch this space ...



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AGM 2021 @ Cohuna

PLACES TO EAT

Simple Guide to Snacks, meals and all things food in the area :-

The first thing to say is ... if you are a connoisseur of Macca's, KFC, Hungry Jacks etc, then this is NOT the place for you! Nearest junk food outlets are in Echuca, about 45 minutes drive.

However there are a few alternates, and some really nice and reasonably priced places to eat.

So lets get started :-

Breakfast

Starting with coffee, we hope to have a mobile coffee trailer visit us most days. Still discussing, but if we do then please do patronise it occasionally, as there will be no costs to the group for this facility - other than the cost of a hot fresh coffee!

If food is preference then there is a choice of takeaway at the takeaway, Birds Bakery, the Liberty servo or The Old Pharmacy Café.

Sit down is also available at the Old Pharmacy. On the weekend you can also get breakfast at the Bower Tavern, and Waffles.

Lunch in town could be at The Bower, Old Pharmacy, and the Ice Cream shop also does lunch-time meals. Or try one of the delicious and decadent waffles ... at Waffles of course!

In the local area when it's lunchtime there are some great little drives which can include lunch!

Pyramid Hill, The Bank is quirky and has a good range at reasonable prices.

Gunbower offers the Workshop café. Again, good range at reasonable pricing.

Kerang has a range of cafés, and Gray's Bakery is my favourite for a sandwich or pie, with outdoor seating under the vines.

Of course you may have gone for a day out in Echuca or Barham or further. We hope to have some further recommendations to share closer to the rally.

Now, Dinner

Walking distance gives you limited choice, but the Bower has nice meals, but I recommend you book ahead.

If you wish to drive, then within 20minutes there are lots of choices:-

Leitchville Hotel - large serves and a large menu of Aussie staples at good prices. About 10 minutes drive

Gunbower Hotel is your choice if you like steaks. The owner is also a butcher and farmer. Renowned enough to be recommended in The Age newspaper down in Melbourne, about 15 minutes drive.

Kerang has a choice of pubs and restaurants within 20 minutes.

Barham has the Services Club for basic club food, and pokies if that is your preference. Also in Barham is a Thai restaurant which is BYO and highly recommended.

OK, can't be bothered going out except to pick up takeaway? Then fish 'n chips from the take-

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away ... but my favourite, the Caltex West End servo for fish 'n chips.

Fridays sees a mobile pizza usually hanging around the water tower.

But remember, the rally is a while off, so this is just to entice you to book if you haven't, and if you have, then thank you, and we'll see you next October.

Oh, and you won't need to worry about several evenings, as we have a welcome BBQ, dinner dance (hopefully), and formal rally dinner all in planning.

Any questions, the dedicated email address is agm2021@ulyssesrv.org

Thanks,

Richard & Marilyn Flinders

2021 AGM Coordinators

IRISH MATHS TEST

An Irishman wants a job as a baggage handler at Sydney Airport, but the racist foreman won't hire him until he passes a little math test.

"Here is your first question", the foreman said. "Without using numbers, represent the number 9."

"Without numbers?" The Irishman says? "Dat is easy" and proceeds to draw three trees.

"What's this?" the boss asks.

"Have you ain't got no brain? Tree and tree plus tree makes 9" says the Irishman.

"Fair enough," says the boss. "Here's your second question. Use the same rules, but this time the number is 99."

The Irishman stares into space for a while, then picks up the picture that he has just drawn and makes a smudge on each tree ...

"Ere you go."

The boss scratches his head and says, "How on earth do you get that to represent 99?"

"Each of da trees is dirty now. So, it's dirty tree, and dirty tree, plus dirty tree. Dat makes 99."

The boss is getting worried that he's going to actually have to hire this Irishman, so he says, "All right, last question.

Same rules again, but represent the number 100."

The Irishman stares into space some more, then he picks up the picture again and makes a little mark at the base of each tree and says, "Ere you go. One hundred."

The boss looks at the attempt. "You must be nuts if you think that represents a hundred!"

The Irishman leans forward and points to the marks at the base of each tree and whispers, "A little dog come along and poops by each tree. So now you got dirty tree and a turd, dirty tree and a turd, and dirty tree and a turd - which makes ONE HUNDRED!"

This Irishman is now the boss of Qantas.



SA



SOUTH AUSTRALIA RALLY NEWS

From Hobbit & your SA team

Point Turton

How lucky were we to have such a great weekend away just before a lock down. It really was a top spot, great weather and a fabulous group of people. With a great view and afternoon sea breezes.



There was a large turn out with members from many branches. It was great to have Daryl, Lyn, Craig & Jodi come up on their bikes. The caravan park management was very helpful and friendly. With the beach and jetty so close it was wonderful to go for a walk or go fishing.



There was some pretty serious game playing with people knocking down pins with gay abandon and other managing to miss the pins altogether! The crowd was roaring and cheering, it sounded like a grand final. It was a lot of fun.

Drinks and nibbles came out in the afternoon and so the laughter and stories began. One of the fantastic things about spending a weekend together is how much friendships are strengthened and how much we can share with other members. As the sun was setting, the smells of cooking wafted over the park. We were soon Eating, talking and having a drink or two. Cards were magically produced and the Tournament began.



Clear blue skies and still waters greeted us on Saturday. It was the day for a drive to the local beaches and towns or just relaxing at the park. In the camp kitchen there was cooking classes underway. The project was making vanilla slices. They were fantastic and soon they were all eaten. Nita arranged for us to go to the pub for tea. We certainly added to their numbers and atmosphere. The food and company was really good. Sunday saw a few leaving for home but many stayed a day or two more just to continue the weekend.

A big thank you to all who came and made it such a fabulous weekend. Have a very Merry Christmas and a safe New Year and we look forward to catching up next year. The 2021 calendar will be out shortly.

Cheers from your SA RV Team



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WA



ULYSSES MEMBERS RV GROUP
WA BRANCH

FEBRUARY Birthday RALLY

12-14 FEBRUARY 2021



PEMBERTON CARAVAN PARK
PEMBERTON



8TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

- Pot luck dinner as per usual on Saturday. (Don't forget the condiments and serving utensils, own plates and cutlery)
- PET Friendly - No Pets in Camp Kitchen, Pools or anywhere food is served (Happy Hours/ Pot Luck Dinner)
- BYO - BBQ at Camp Kitchen Friday Night
- All situated close to amenities

Set among the trees of Forest Park and bordered by the Lefroy Brook is one of the most tranquil caravan parks in the state. There are beautiful walk trails starting from the park wandering through majestic Karri trees.

Cost: \$210/week, \$35/night



8th
Birthday
Rally
@
Pemberton

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.

CONTACT DETAILS:

Pemberton Caravan Park

1 Pumhill Road
Pemberton WA 6260
Western Australia
Phone: Pemberton Visitor Centre 08 9776 1500
Office Hours: 8:00am - 6:00pm



bookings@pembertoncaravanpark.com.au

Happy tails to you!



WA



Lake
Towerrinning
Rally
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Ulysses Members RV Group – WA Rally Report – “Break Out” @ Lake Towerrinning 6-8th Nov 2020

The first rally we had in WA since the Birthday Bash in Feb 2020 and the Outbreak of COVID-19. On a spur of the moment decision, we sent out a call for a “Break Out” Rally, which we held at Lake Towerrinning in the middle of the Wheatbelt. 15 vans (32 People) responded to the call and made the journey.



Friday night saw us take over the Campers Kitchen for Happy Hour, which a few people extended to include a BBQ. Others made their way back to their camp sites to light the fires and have a few quiet drinks. Arvie came along and immediately went straight to the food and alcohol.

Lake Towerrinning is a ski lake located between Duranillin (Darkan– Collie) and Boyup Brook. Predominately wheat and sheep country, it offered an abundance of wildlife, bird’s and bush walking tracks. During the day, several members braved the flies and heat (yes heat– it was a pleasant 25 to 29 Degree) and went in search of the Plaque of Memorial for fallen riders. Arvie was one of the first to locate the plaque and was extremely pleased with himself as he dragged his carers, Linda & Alan Warner, along for the walk.



Morning tea was served up under the trees to take advantage of the shade and breeze on Saturday morning.

It was great to see so many new WA members coming along, and those that have not been for a while.

I forgot to mention in my mail-out that the PotLuck Dinner was being held, so most weren’t prepared for the dinner. However, most of the regular’s came prepared, so the dinner went ahead. The other members went off to have their meals in their vans, and continued into the night by their fires and vans. Happy Hour was a huge success, and it was nice to see Arvie join in all the fun. I am sure he is looking forward to returning to East when it is safe to do so.



I was collecting all the empty cans and stubbies for WA iSports. WA iSports is a sporting group for the handicapped/disabled people within the Bunbury area. Their primary focus is to provide a diverse range of sporting programs for all members of the community. They specifically cater for people with Intellectual Disability and/or those who are on the Autism Spectrum, taking into account individual needs, personal goals and preferences.

Over the weekend I managed to collect 84 cans, 174 bottles and 1 PET Bottle (a total \$21.20), which I collected from a group of Muja workers on a ‘Thirsty Thursday’ get together, at Lake Stockton on the way to Lake Towerrinning, and a further 120+ cans/bottles over the weekend. This should result in an amount of \$35 for the entire weekend. Not a bad effort in helping to clean up the environment.

Our next rally is the Orphans Christmas at Kukerin WA from 23-27th December. All the information is on the Website WA Rally Page.

Our 8th Birthday Bash is in Pemberton Caravan Park over the weekend of 12-14 Feb 2021. There is a registration form (on the website) that will need to be completed as I am organising a sausage sizzle on Friday Night (\$2.50 each) and tram ride on Saturday (approx. \$28 p/p). The sausage sizzle is a fundraiser for the local wildlife carer.



Val Silvester has donated a painting to be raffled on the Saturday Night. (For those members who attended the 3rd BB at Quinninup Rally 2016, you will recognise the Emu).

There will be a couple of prizes up for grabs. Tickets will be on sale on the night, and you must be there to win.

The cost of the sausages has been donated by Keith & Val Silvester, along with the buns/onions/sauces etc donated by Pete & I. I will be approaching a couple of local RV/Camping vendors for sponsorship/donations for the evening. We look forward to seeing you all soon. Our borders are opening, so in the meantime – Travel Safe, Keep the Shiny Side Up, and Observe the COVID-19 protocols.

Pix from Facebook posts

The Ulysses RV Group is for Ulysses Club Inc members who use Caravans, Motorhomes, Campervans or Camper Trailers.

It was created to facilitate members of the Ulysses Club who have moved on to RV travel, or use an RV as well as their bike, to maintain the friendship of the Ulysses Club.

To join the RV Group, you or your partner must be (or have been) a member of Ulysses Club Inc.

As the site grows we will bring you the latest news, and get together reports, plus anything we think is relevant to RV'ers concerning that lifestyle.

This group is moderated, and anyone posting indecent, offensive, insensitive or similar posts will be kicked out of the group.



ULYSSES RV GEAR SHOP



CLUB SHIRT

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.)

*Shipping for shirts \$12.00



CLUB SHIRT WITH EMBROIDERED NAME.

Club shirt. Apple green with black highlights, with club logo embroidered on left chest, and your name on the right chest. Available in both men's sizes XS - 5XL, and ladies sizes 8 - 26.

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

***** Our supplier is having difficulties obtaining stock. A number of orders are on hold.**



NAME BADGES

Don't forget to put the name you want on the badge in the field before clicking "Add to Cart".

A distinctive name badge with your name and the RV Group logo, on a silver background. The badge has a magnetic plate background so you no longer have to poke a pin through your shirt, jacket or cap.

\$18.00 plus \$2.40 postage

RV 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 \$82.00 plus \$15 postage.

If you would like the manufacturer to apply the sticker to your cover, cost will be \$87.00 plus return postage of \$15.00. You will need to purchase a postage tube and send the cover to the address supplied in the checkout process.



NEW STOCK.

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

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

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.

GEAR SHOP



BANNERS - The large banners on sale at the 2019 AGM are to be ordered in multiples of 10. \$80 plus \$12 postage. I currently have 2 banners on order from members. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, please contact gordonjudith@bigpond.com