



ULYSSES MEMBERS RV GROUP



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Hi Everyone,
 The AGM has come and gone, and what a great event it was. I believe that everyone who attended had a great time, and the facilities were first class.
 Many thanks to the Phil and Fay for all their organising of the event, and to the team of volunteers who helped out over the week.

The AG meeting itself was well attended, and from that meeting, Ken and I continue as the national coordinators of the club. Wendy Schmidt has taken on the role of NSW Coordinator, in lieu of Fay and Phil who are now our full time AGM Coordinators. The Hoho team, (Hobbit and Hoppy) continue as S.A. Coordinators, Marilyn and Richard and Gary and Jo carry on in Victoria. Bob (Blip)Hendriks joins Gordon as Qld Coordinators, and Judi and Wayne in Western Australia also continue planning for their very first WGT.
 On behalf of Ken and Doreen, Sherol and I would



like to wish everyone and very Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.
 Rick.





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Ulysses RV Group Victorian Get Together !

Friday to Sunday 8th-10th February 2013



Group recovery!

Our 3rd meet at this fantastic location on the banks of the Gunbower Creek.

All Ulysses Members are welcome...Caravan, Motorhome, Camper Trailer, Cabin, Tent, Bike... Just as long as you are there!!

Cohuna is a great location with supermarket, shops, pubs, close to Echuca and an easy drive from the Murray.

Call the park direct to book.....Please mention that you are with the Ulysses RV Group as we have pre-reserved sites down near the water! Powered sites are \$28 per night. Then call Marilyn to confirm your attendance. We need to know for catering and events

- ◆ Waterside sites
- ◆ Bring your Tinny for some lazy boating on the creek!
- ◆ Great walking or pushbike riding on the marked tracks of the Gunbower forest!
- ◆ Great swimming pool at the park
- ◆ Pets welcome so Ladies, bring your Husbands!
- ◆ Catered Saturday Dinner (TBC)

Location Details:

Cohuna Waterfront Holiday Park is located on Gunbower Island. This is the section of land sandwiched between the Murray River and its anabranch, Gunbower Creek. 50 km long, it is reputedly Australia's largest inland island.

Phone: 1800 672 372

Address: Island Road, (On Gunbower Island) Cohuna VIC 3568

Email: stay@cwhp.com.au

Web: cwhp.com.au

GPS Location: Latitude -35.805244 Longitude 144.266193



Contact: Victorian Co-ordinator, Marilyn Flinders for further details or to advise you are joining us for the weekend!

Phone: 03 9775 7153

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SA RV events for 2013

RV events are open to any Ulysses member or partner. Any type of vehicle can be used to get you there, what is important is that you are there.

January 26th – 28th Kalganyi Holiday Park – Mt Gambier

Any further enquiries contact Hobbit or Hoppy on hoho@ulyssesrv.org

Fees: \$20 per night

Dog Friendly: Sorry this is not a dog friendly venue but we are wanting to go back to where it all began

Club: The Bowling club is only a few minutes walk

Park is located right on the beach

Members please advise park staff there is a group booking for the Ulysses RV group and they will put us together.

Fay & Phil have already booked a site.

NSW RV EVENTS.

WOOLGOOLGA

When: Friday-1st to Sunday 3rd Feb 2013

Location: Lakeside Caravan Park at Woolgoolga

Contact: 0266 541210

Fees: \$30 per night

Dog Friendly: Yes

Clubs: are all about 15 minutes walk or 3 minutes in the car

Park is located right on the beach

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BROOMS HEAD

Planning a weekender back at "The Broom" to celebrate the anniversary of the inaugural meeting to form the RV Group

When: Friday 15th to Sunday 17th March 2013

Location: Brooms Head Caravan Park

Contact: 0266 467144

CELTIC FESTIVAL - GLEN INNES

The annual Celtic Festival will be held at Glen Innes on the weekend of May 2nd - 5th.

Accommodation at the Showground, available to book in January at <http://www.australancelticfestival.com/> or by phoning 02 67323186 or mobile 0407 203294 More information on our website at <http://www.ulyssesrv.org/celticwgt.html>

LIGHTNING RIDGE

30th-31st August, 2013

Opal Caravan Park, Lightning Ride, Phone: 0268294884. Facilities: Camp Kitchen with everything that would need, including Satellite TV as well.

Heated Pool, Free Courtesy Bus into the shopping centre each day.

It is opposite the Artesian Bore Baths, which is open 24/7. In August it would be just wonderful, so tell everyone to bring their swimmers and towels. If you can't sleep, then you can hop across the road for a relaxing soak in Artesian warmth.

There are 3 shows in town. The Black Queen \$35.00 for seniors, - a great show

Chambers of the Black Hand – \$30.00 for seniors, another great show.

A 3-1/2 hour Tour of the town and surround for \$25.00 for seniors. Well worth the money.

All three have their own Courtesy bus.

Price of Powered sites \$32.00 less 10% for ulyssians, Unpowered \$26.00 less 10% as well.



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WESTERN AUSTRALIA EVENTS.

MARGARET RIVER. WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Big Valley Campsite, Margaret River. Ph. 08 9757 5020 to book your site.

When: 6th to 10th February, 2012.

Powered site \$13.50 pp. Unpowered \$12.50 pp.

Friday night BBQ - \$15. Saturday night BBQ \$15.00

For further info contact W.A. Coordinators Judi Raven or Wayne Miller on westernaustralia@ulyssesrv.org

To register for the rally go to the UlyssesRV website and click on the registration link on the front page.

The West Australian members recently visited the Stonehenge tourist attraction in Esperance, and the following information was forwarded for our members, should you be visiting over that way.

We have just had Judi and family members visit Esperance Stonehenge, which they loved. Judi was telling me about the Ulysses RV group recently established in Western Australia.

We are situated on a farm, 15km's out of Esperance township, and have ample area for your RV's to comfortably manoeuvre around.

We are located on the same road as Cape Le Grand national park. We are one of the major tourist attractions in Esperance.

*Thanks and Regards
Marlene Curtis
Office Manager
Esperance Stonehenge
(08) 9075 9003
www.esperancestonehenge.com.au*

QUEENSLAND EVENTS

KILKIVAN BUSH CAMP AND GOOMERI PUMPKIN FESTIVAL WEEKENDER 24-27 MAY 2013

Rossmore Road KILKIVAN QUEENSLAND 4600
Ph: (07) 5484 1340
email kilkivan@bushcamping.com.au

HOSTS: Ralph and Antonia

Registrations and Park Bookings close: Thursday 09 May 2013 - Registration form on RV website on Weekenders Page.

Powered Site: \$25 Unpowered: \$20
Cabin: \$30 (basic bunk cabin style: 6berth)

Open Fires Permitted: Wood on sale in Park (\$15/ wheelbarrow)

4x4 Forest Trails (1.5hr and 4hr)
Prophet Gold Mine –Gold Panning nearby

Saturday Morning Free Pancake Breakfast: (bring own plates and cutlery)

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

Saturday Night Camp Oven Pork and Beef Roast/6 veges Dinner: Apple slice & Cream Dessert : \$20 (Bring own plates and cutlery)

Sunday Morning Cooked Breakfast: BYO/DIY

Goomeri Pumpkin Festival: Sunday 26 May 2013 (Vehicle convoy departing 8.30am)

XMAS in JULY - 12th - 14th July, 2013.

Crows Nest Tourist Park, Crows Nest, Qld.

More details to follow in new year.



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Merchandise Shop

Gear shop goodies.

All of our gear shop items are available to order via our online regalia shop.

Club shirts for \$35.00 plus postage.

Club shirt with embroidered name for \$39.50, plus postage.

New logo patches for \$5.00 plus postage

New logo 200mm stickers for \$12.00 plus postage

Old logo 200mm stickers for \$8.00 plus postage

New logo 100 mm stickers for \$1.00 plus postage



Old logo 100mm stickers for \$0.75 plus postage.

Name badges with magnetic clasp for \$9.80 plus postage.





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SA RV Roundup – AGM at Yarrowonga

What a great time of the year it was to be getting away. On the way to Yarrowonga we caught up with a few folk at Gunbower Island. The campgrounds are five minutes from the town of Koondrook.



a weir across the River Murray in the 1930s. On the other side of the River is the township of Mulwala. It is a very scenic area with lake and surrounding parks. We made our way to the caravan park to be greeted by folk from all over the country, it was fabulous. The Yarrowonga caravan park is huge with first class facilities. They had set up a marquee for

our use opposite the large camp kitchen. The sunset crowd soon moved in with a few drinks and nibbles and lots to talk about. Another mob joined us after their River Boat cruise on the lake. They all agreed how lovely the Lake is, especially at sunset. After tea we all settled into a rollicking fun evening.

The days rolled by with some carefree touring of the district and some shopping in the main shopping strip. The weather could not have been better. It induced a lovely atmosphere

This is a 50 km island covering an area of 22,000 hectares with the Murray River on one side and the Gunbower Creek on the other side. It is free camping with some very pretty spots to set up camp. Well worth a stop if you are in the location. We awoke the next day to a magnificent chorus of birds. It felt and sounded like paradise. A very leisurely breakfast was had and we hit the road for Yarrowonga.



Yarrowonga is situated on Lake Mulwala which was formed by the building of

to sit under the shade of the beautiful gums and drink and talk. People just kept arriving at the caravan park. The turn out from South Australia was fabulous.

All too soon it was Saturday and we had the AGM. The raffles were big and the speeches small. Rick Bedford is to be the almighty leader for another year. We all thanked him for this as he has put in a lot of effort. The Ho Ho team, (Hoppy & Hobbit) is to be the South Australian co-ordinators again. In nearly record time the meeting was over. Enough time to scrub up and get ready for the meal at the nearby Footy club. It was a beautiful night and we had a lovely tea. More talking, laughing and a few drinks started a fun night. These events can be tough, it is just lucky we have been in training. A big 'Well Done' to all those involved in organising the event, it has was fabulous!

After some very pleasant days spent relaxing and socialising it was with some reluctance that we started to pack up the next day. The really great thing about these events is catching up with old friends and making new ones as well. The trip home was quiet, right up until a fellow traveller realised that a gas only vehicle really still needs to be filled

up with gas. With 7 km left on the fuel gauge and 35 km to the petrol station, we stopped to have a rethink. We decided to have drinks and nibbles, get tea ready and worry about it tomorrow. This was the solution kind of think I like. As we couldn't put any gas into the car we unhitched the caravan and I followed him to the petrol station. It is amazing how fuel efficient the car was with some careful driving. The van was soon hooked up and we proceeded on home.

The Ho Ho team would like to thank everyone who helped or came along to the RV Weekends this year. The group has grown with Ulysses members from many of our State Branches represented. We hope to be doing the calendar for next year shortly so if you have any good ideas for camping spots please let us know as soon as possible. If you know of someone that is not on our email list please get them to send us an email at hoho@ulyssesrv.org and we will keep them up-to-date with events.

Remember *Statistically, 6 out of 7 dwarves are not Happy.*



Happy wanderings

Hoppy & Hobbit
hoho@ulyssesrv.org

Any further enquiries contact **Hobbit or Hoppy** on hoho@ulyssesrv.org

Hoppy on 0428 567 811 or Hobbit on 0404 478 741



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2012 CHRISTMAS@ ATKINSONS DAM
QUEENSLAND:

DECEMBER 6 - 8 Ho Ho Ho Weekender

born.

With Blip and Di as co-co-ordinators now for Queensland, now that could be mistaken for a hot milo drink of sorts, and with the weekend nearly upon us the park confirmed that 22 bookings had been made, With some cross referencing with Rick a schedule of who was attending was achieved and with quite a few new members to the group. Our RV Group is growing and when you speak to these new members, everyone was happy with the weekend and made lots of friendships. Our biggest



The last time Atkinson Dam was on the menu, the weather played havoc and only a few vans made the venue so it was with trepidation that cloud watching became the activity as the date drew near. Sam and James from the caravan park had already shown how generous they could be as hosts because a Ulysses rider had come to grief near their park and they kindly housed his Kawasaki out of the weather until a team and trailer could be arranged to collect the bike. A month of free storage. Not bad. It was now our turn to show appreciation by having the Ulysses RV Group uses their site for a weekender, and so the Ho Ho Ho was



issue was finding powered sites together when originally 8-15 vans were anticipated. Well this is where Blip came "to the party". Vans were sharing power, everyone co-operated and with Boris attending after



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skills and their new craft; it goes to say that a video camera would have made a large amount of money out of their predicament. Atkinson Dam is not that wide so we had a visual on them at all times. Pots were put in trialling various baits that would make any self-respecting red-claw run for cover. None were caught. The Friday night was a jam session with guitars and vocalists serenading the park. Saturday morning was the crafts, "Stitch

his recent surgery a number of members made sure that when it was time to leave, many hands appeared. Thanks to all.

Seeking weekend retreats with water access is a focus for our group as a number of inflatable craft, and kayaks are owned by members, giving us leisure activities to pursue and skills to demonstrate. Neil and Fay were soooooo keen to show us their



and Chatter" and it was encouraging to see that many talents were on show.

Saturday's Christmas Dinner hosted by Sam and James was a great success beside the park pool where winners of the decorated van competition and the raffle were announced. Some members kindly donated to the range of raffle prizes and the park's contribution of the skull glow stick and





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procedures, costs and pain would have been too much to bear.

Not to mention a number of special visitors over the Saturday. In the morning Barry arrived by water in his kayak to catch up with friends and as usual announced his arrival with the blast on his bugle. In the afternoon Rick arrived and mingled, making new members feel

air-horn was the prize most cherished. Lucky winners of this prize were Leon and Linda. Members whose peaceful dining experience was being disturbed had many creative ideas where to place the air-horn but the medical

welcome but due to work commitments could not stay for tea. What a shame some of our RV Members still have work commitments. Not to worry! Their time will come.



On behalf of the co-ordinating team thanks to everyone for a wonderful weekend, and a Merry Christmas to all.

Safe travelling
Gordon and
Judy Blip and
Di QUEENSLAND
COORDINATING TEAM



News from GW Shark (WA)

Well we are back, and what a first trip that was. First, Pete & Judi stuck me on a plane (well out of my comfort zone) and we ended up in Melbourne. From there I got to ride out to Pakenham to collect the new Avan Motorhome.



The AVAN



Sorrento to Queenscliff
Ferry Vic

Our intentions were to travel the Great Ocean Drive as far as we could from Melbourne back to Bunbury WA. We had 2 weeks to do it and achieved that with little time to spare

We travelled down to Sorrento on Port Phillip Bay on the first day, and travelled via ferry over to Queenscliff the next day, then down along the Great Ocean Road. Stopped at Lorne for fresh seafood and Bell's Beach for a look. The weather wasn't the greatest, but there were a few snacks in the water. (too bad I couldn't get to them....)

The third day saw us heading out the see the 12 apostles, The Arch then onto Mt Gambier for the 4th day to view that Lakes Districts. Overnight at the Lake Arthur CP Meningie SA, which was such a surprise. We didn't think that we would find a little gem out here. The Lakes were full of birds and the wildlife was wonderful. They had such a great winter that the lakes have now filled up and back to nearly its former glory. To wake up and hear the waterbirds bought memories back of my mythical childhood.



The 5th day saw us heading off to Port Lincoln. We followed the GPS smack through centre of Adelaide (I'm sure Judi set it to miss Adelaide altogether – but at least we got to see something that we didn't plan on seeing – Which happened a lot actually, but it's fun anyway). The best part of a holiday is seeing things that you haven't seen before. We got to Wallaroo 1 day earlier than planned and managed to get the ferry to Lucky Bay earlier than planned. Got into Port Lincoln late in the afternoon, only to get a stone chip just out of town. The local O'Brien's were fantastic, the young man didn't even mind getting his photo taken whilst he was working. Headed off to Coffin Bay, tried the oyster pies at the local café – not bad. Up there with the curried scallop pies in Tassie. Streaky Bay was the destination for the night. Venus Bay just out of Streaky Bay was beautiful. Got to see the dolphins playing in the wave break on the reefs.

From Streaky Bay we went through to Smoky Bay (only 69klms), where we holed up for some fishing and relaxation. Didn't do too good on the fishing, but at least the pelican had a good feed on the trumpeters that were thrown back.

From Smoky Bay, we headed off the Ceduna for refill on the groceries (we had to get rid of the fresh stuff at the Vic/SA Border). The local IGA is open early even on a Sunday (impressive). We got there at 8.30 and they already had heaps of other customers.

Now anybody who says that the Nullarbor is boring, really don't know what to look at. It helps having Judi as an avid fan of the Nullarbor, so we got to stop at all sorts of places. Yalata was originally only a servo (now closed) run by the Aboriginal people, now they have a full on Whale Watching platform right at the start of the Great Australian Bight. No whales when we went through, but the \$5 entry fee allowed you to view one of the most amazing sights along the Nullarbor.

All along the Nullarbor there are several stops where you can take photo's and view the Bight up close and personal. Doesn't cost a cent, only time. But when your cruising and enjoying life, why not stop and see something that you never seen before.

Our overnight stay at Madura saw Pete crawling under the Avan to clear a blocked grey water tank, only to give Judi and other "parkers" a good laugh on his behalf. The bung came away faster than he expected and 110 litres of water came pouring out, straight on top of him.

Esperance to visit family for a couple of days, with a quick trip out to Cape Le Grand, Lucky Bay and Stonehenge.

BONUS FOR ULYSSES RV MEMBERS

Now if you are travelling that way, the owner at Stonehenge is going to contact Rick to offer us (Ulysses RV members) a discount on the entry fee (10%), so when you go there, ask her for it. (As we don't have membership cards, suggest you use your Ulysses Membership card as proof. Bonus for us.)

We stopped into Stokes Inlet and Munglinup Beach on our way through to Hopetoun for the night. Only issue with Hopetoun was ants – so bring out the Baygon. Our next destination was going to be Bremier Bay in WA but it was in the middle of a bushfire, so we thought it best to avoid that area. So we had a 2 night stay at Cheynes Beach, then 1 night in Pemberton and finally home on the Sunday. A trip of 4760klm in total.

We stayed at caravan parks all the way across, (not by choice) and found the prices reasonable, around \$30/couple. Cheaper than motels, however would have preferred the free camping available along the way. Facilities were varied, but all had clean ablution blocks, with hot water and laundry facilities. Free RV dump points were available along the way except at Norseman where a \$3 charge applies.

Some of the highlights of the trip included:

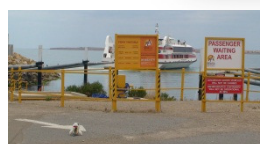
- Otway National Park
- 12 Apostles
- The Arch
- Blue Lake (Mt Gambier SA)
- Lake Albert SA
- Wallaroo/Lucky Bay Ferry
- Port Lincoln
- Coffin Bay SA
- Venus Bay SA
- Streaky Bay SA
- Smoky Bay SA
- The Nullarbor SA/WA
- Great Australian Bite



12 Apostles



Blue Lake SA

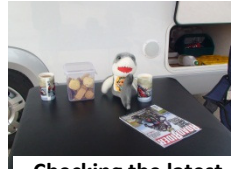


**Waiting for the Wallaroo
Ferry to Lucky Bay SA**



Venus Bay

Cheynes Beach WA
Stonehenge Esperance WA
Pemberton WA



Checking the latest
ARR Mag at Smoky
Bay SA



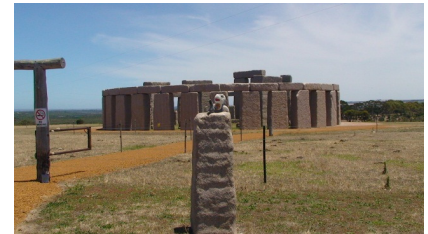
Relaxing at Lake
Arthur SA



Entrance to the "Bight" Yalata SA



Great Australian Bight near WA/SA Border



Stonehenge Esperance WA

Well that's all for first trip, so I'm looking forward to going on your next trip. Just give Judi a call/email and she will send me up to join you. We will need photographic evidence (we know that the trip is all about me, so we need lots of photos of me) along with a 'drive report'.

Don't forget the Inaugural WA Rally on the 8-10th Feb 2013 at the Big Valley Campsite in Margaret River. All the details are on the Ulysses RV website, with the registration form. Get in early, if you haven't done so already. Should be great weekend.

Name the 'Shark' competition is still running, with a bottle of Margaret River Red up for grabs at the Inaugural WA Rally.

SO!.....are you coming