



ULYSSES MEMBERS RV GROUP



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Hi Everyone,

Thanks to the suggestion and offer to help Phil and Fay organise it from Hoppy and Hobbit, we have decided to have our 2014 AGM in South Australia.

Normally this is announced at our AGM meeting, which this year, 2013, is at Mudjimba Beach Holiday Park on the Sunshine Coast in October. Ken and I and Phil and Fay were all of the opinion that we needed to do something different, as we felt that we were in danger of following the Ulysses Club example of the same old - same old event, year after year, and becoming stale. Additionally, finding a caravan park which is pet friendly and large enough to cater for our ever increasing numbers at an AGM was becoming more and more difficult.

After looking at the CMCA model, whereby they hold their twice yearly rallies at showgrounds or similar, able to cater to around 1000 motorhomes at a go, we felt that we should investigate that type of venue as well, and we will continue to investigate those possibilities.

Now, back to 2014. This will be a "back to basics" event at the Black Cockatoo Campground, which is situated 15 kms from Naracoorte, in the south east of South Australia.

Facilities

- 12 flushing toilets
- 12 showers
- Toilet dump site – with wash out hose
- Mobile cool room
- Limited diesel power – 12 noon til 9.00 pm
- Water spots – drinkable artesian on site
- Campfires only in designated areas

Proposed Facilities

Communal meeting shelter to be built – we would not require a marquee.

Camper requirements

- Have to be self sufficient – food, water etc
- To supply their own power – no generators past 9.00 pm

We are yet to finalise a date, but it will be in October, 2014. This advanced notice is to allow members to plan ahead, and if necessary prepare their rigs to



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be more self sufficient if necessary. For those with no generators, there are many of us who do have one and would be willing to share power for recharging batteries, etc.

AGM Proposal.

We have put a proposal around to the State Coordinators for their input regarding the timing and location of our future AGM's. Our proposal is that from 2015 onwards, we time our AGM to be close to the Ulysses AGM, say the weekend following, and at a venue not too far from the Ulysses event, perhaps around a day's travel. Our idea is to continue on with the 'showground' type venue, in a smaller town which would be able to cater for us but would also welcome the custom that we would bring to the area. As an example in my proposal to the coordinators, I suggested for 2015 towns far enough away from Albany/Wodonga, but not too far, such as Yackandanda, Wangaratta or Holbrook, (*Examples only to give the idea some reference.*)

Additionally, we proposed that the organisation and planning for the AGM should be passed to the State Coordinators in the particular State where the event is to be held, with the overseeing and assistance from Phil and Fay. This idea becomes particularly meritorious should the Ulysses Club decide to return to Tasmania or Western Australia in the later part of this decade, allowing the locals on the ground to get the basics organised. The timing and locality of the event also allows those members who need to organise holidays to attend can combine both travel expenses and time to attend both events.

So far, we have had replies from the Queensland and West Australian coordinators, with both pro's and con's.

Pro's.

- * financial costs for travel by members will be reduced
- * the Tasmania question may be the one situation when due to the high cost of the vehicle ferry, both could be planned around the same time
- * many of our RVers prefer bush style events
- * due to the growth of our group, using showgrounds, sporting venues etc such as the Motorhome

fraternity is the direction in which we will need to head eg Maryborough has the ideal venue for RV rallies. Finding Caravan Parks to host our event, and the size of some of the rigs presents its own problems

- * a positive might be that RVers would enhance attendance numbers by needing to be in the vicinity for their own AGM
- * As we have 50 members in W.A. and a similar number in S.A., having the events close together in time and venue allows those members to plan and finance travel across from the west at one time and enable them to attend both events, without having to choose between one or the other.
- * a small number of RVers tow their bikes with them and it affords them the pleasure of being a part of the parade, group rides etc.
- * an increasingly larger number of RV group members are utilising their rigs to attend Ulysses AGM's, foregoing the bike. For example, the 170 powered sites at the Maryborough Ulysses AGM are booked out, and most of the local caravan parks are reporting high booking numbers. This could relate to over 300 RV'ers attending in the area for that event.

Con's.

- * there could be tension created between both groups even though philosophically our goals are similar
- * not all RV Group members attend the Ulysses AGM
- * some of the RV Group may still wish to travel on bikes and camp and some have partners not interested in attending the Ulysses AGM
- * the larger our group becomes the more diverse will be its membership, opinions and needs
- * if both events are held at same time and location, some RV group members may not wish to be in the same area for this length of time (journey v destination) and some may have work commitments and may not be able to access this length of leave from employers
- * having the events at different times and venues affords an element of choice for members to visit a locality, attend an AGM, OR NOT. There is no compulsion but we would hope that many of our members support Ulyssian events

Personally, I think the pro's outweigh the con's, as more and more of our members ride their bikes less



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and less, and nearly all of us, bar a select few, no longer enjoy the bike and camping experience.

But this club is not a dictatorship, and although Ken and I are selected to run it, we feel that this is too important an issue for us to make an autocratic decision, one that could have far reaching implications.

I have set up a poll on this issue, which you can visit by clicking on this link here - http://ulyssesrv.org/agm_poll.html

The poll will closed at the end of March, which will allow us time to check that those persons voting are RV group members only.

Membership Issues.

As our name suggests, this is a club for Ulysses members, and has been since it was formed back in 2007. Whilst some RV Group members may let their Ulysses Club membership lapse, due to any number of reasons, we do not require that those members leave the RV Group, nor do we require yearly confirmation of Ulysses Club membership to remain a member of the RV Group.

All members though, have been required to supply their Ulysses Membership number when joining the club, and this is still a requirement.

I have come to an arrangement with the Ulysses Club secretary in the past for us to utilise the Ulysses Club Public Liability Insurance for those events which we organise that are not held at a venue which holds it's own PLI certificate, such as our Xmas in July events at Nymboida in the past. Also, the girls in the National Office were kind enough to supply the wrist bands for our recent event at Yarrawonga, which they did quite happily as we assured them that the event was for Ulysses members/partners/companions etc.

In order to continue this happy cooperation, I have arranged with the U.C. National Office to send them the membership numbers or all (NEW) RV Group joining members, so that they can advise if this proposed new RV Group member is a current financial member of the club. This membership requirement has always been necessary to *join the RV Group*.

This also validates the office girls time and assistance when they provide services to the RV Group, as they can justify that assistance as we are Ulysses Club members.

Weekend Get Togethers - Rallies.

This month has seen very successful rallies held by the Western Australian and Victorian Coordinators, and their reports are later in this newsletter.

The coining of the term 'Rally' for both of these events by the coordinators, to us, makes a lot of sense. Apart from being less of a mouthful, we think that all of us who have come to the RV Group through our motor cycle riding heritage understand the term 'Rally', and it will most likely bring back fond memories for a lot of us. Also, it is less of a mouthful than Weekend Get-together. So you will see a change on the website and in this and future newsletters where WGT's are now referred to as 'Rallies'.

BBQ - Happy Hour - Maryborough - Ulysses AGM.

Apart from the many happy hours which will undoubtedly occur under the awnings of the Bedford, Tacon, Johnston and numerous other members vans both at the showground and in the caravan parks around the area, we will be having one big combined BBQ and Happy Hour at the event which will be held at the RV Homebase Park at Maryborough. Peter, the manager of the park has kindly offered to host a BBQ for RV Group members, and will also give any interested members a tour of the park and any info regarding it's facilities. I will email everyone and put out a flyer when we have the final details sorted.

Until next time,
Travel Safe and when
you are camped, have a
drink for us.

Rick and Ken.





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NSW RV EVENTS.

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

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.

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.astralancelticfestival.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.

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)



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

Crows Nest Tourist Park, Crows Nest, Qld.

More details to follow next issue.

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.

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

March 16th – 17th **Rapid Bay**
Camping Fees

May 18th – 19th **Yacka Res.**
Camping Fees

July 20th – 21th **Mannum**
Camping Fees

Sept 14th – 15th **Saunders Gorge**
Sanctuary Camping Fees

Nov 2nd – 3rd **Potts Res**
Langhorne Creek **Free**
Christmas show



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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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Woolgoolga WGT - by Jackie O'Donohue

Hi Rick,

Thought I'd better drop you a line about our weekend away in Woolgoolga since only Kevin and I actually fronted up. We had booked during the week and were assured the grounds would be fine after the recent deluges.

When we got there the weather was perfect so we walked into town for a look around. The beach showed the effects of the wild weather with a bit of debris and big swells. It was our wedding anniversary so we treated ourselves to dinner that night at The Beachhouse. It was wonderful, great atmosphere, friendly service and very reasonable prices. One of the owners was the one who made and donated a large glass Ulysses plaque/table top for the Coffs harbour AGM and there was much of his work in the restaurant.

The next morning we found out that the other 8 who had booked to come had rung up to cancel – we wondered where everyone was. The weather was still wonderful so we walked along the beach, up to the lookout on the point and through the local markets. Bought beautiful mangoes and Rockmelon for next to nothing. There was a light shower through the afternoon, but that didn't deter us from another walk.

That evening we went to the Thai restaurant which had been recommended. We ate too much because it was so good and still took enough away in a "doggy bag" for dinner next day! there were a few wind squalls during the night, but Sunday morning was glorious and we had a lovely trip home.

We had a good weekend even though it was just us two. At the moment we plan to get to the Brooms head weekend – but I hope someone else turns up too.

Cheers,

Jackie



Cohuna Rally - by Marilyn & Richard Flinders.

Another Cohuna rally has come and gone, and what a great rally it was with over 40 people attending. Lots of new RV members. The weather was beautiful and the pool heavenly.

Friday started with drinks and nibbles and generally getting to know each other.



Saturday dawned fine and sunny. Some headed up to the main street for Devonshire morning tea instead of breakfast, and if you weren't quick enough you missed out. (Oh well!!!)

Some went over to Barham for lunch and ended up dancing the afternoon away at a Rock & Roll festival!



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For the rest of us, the afternoon was spent lazing in the pool or just sitting in the shade by the water relaxing and chatting.



so there were lots of hugs and goodbyes. The rest of us had another very relaxing day starting with a pancake breakfast cooked by Josie and Peter Jacobs. (Yummy)



The evening meal was at the Bower Tavern with everyone enjoying the food. Back to the park for coffee drinks and chockies (of course) We had a fun raffle with lots of little prizes donated by various members. Lots of fun and laughter as we tried

Thank you to everyone who came and made this our 3rd Cohuna rally another great success, and we look forward to catching up again at the next rally Keep



watching for where next one will be.

to read our ticket numbers in the dark. We raised \$176-00 for the RV group coffers.

Sunday, another beautiful day with a lovely breeze. Some had to head for home and work the next day,



Richard and Marilyn Flinders

Victorian Co-ordinators

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MARGARET RIVER - FEB 2013 - by Judi Raven.



What a fantastic weekend, and relaxation was enjoyed by all that attended. We currently have 50 members, of which 32 turned up at the Inaugural WA Rally at the Big Valley Campsite in Rosa Brook (10klm out of Margaret River).



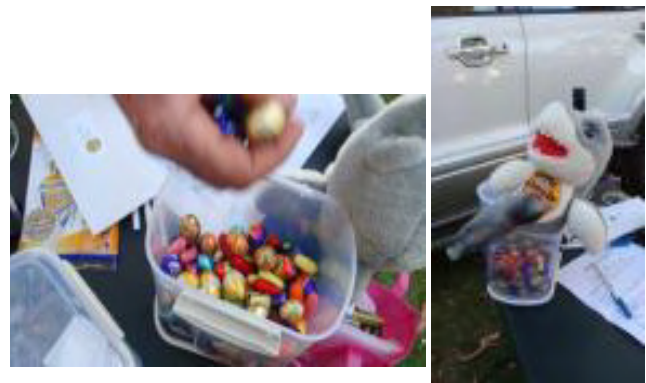
Others couldn't make it for various reasons (work being one - it has a habit of ruining the social side of life...), but I am sure that next time they will be able to attend.



Members started turning up on Thursday (lucky people) with the remainder arriving on Friday. By

the time we got down there the majority of people were already enjoying the 'sun downer' at Wayne Millers van.

The liquorice allsorts were bought out and the bowl was soon empty (never realised that people liked the stuff so much) Marvin was called in to watch over the bowl.



Yes the Shark has been named: "MARVIN" and the bottle of red was won by Mike Rice. Congratulations to Mike for such terrific ideas. I went around to get everyone's vote on the name, and Marvin came in hands down (12 votes to 6 for Urving, 5 for Ody - all names suggested by Mike).



Friday night was a casual BBQ and few drinks.

Hazel Miller provided the scrumptious salads, which everyone went back for more. Dot Kimpton supplied the desserts (Carrot Cake



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on Friday Night and Jam & Coconut Slice on Saturday) for both nights.



Thank you to both ladies.

On Saturday, we were all invited to attend a lunch at the Berry

Farm.

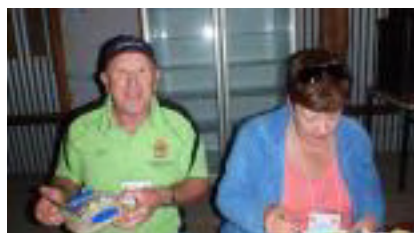


Brian Collett (Fine Master for Ulysses Club Bunbury

& member of the RV Group) asked if members would join him and his friend Gwenn there for lunch. Gwenn is the carer of her terminally ill husband and Brian takes her out for lunch on a regular basis to give her a break.



Approximately 20 people turned up for the lunch, then all went back to the vans for coffee.



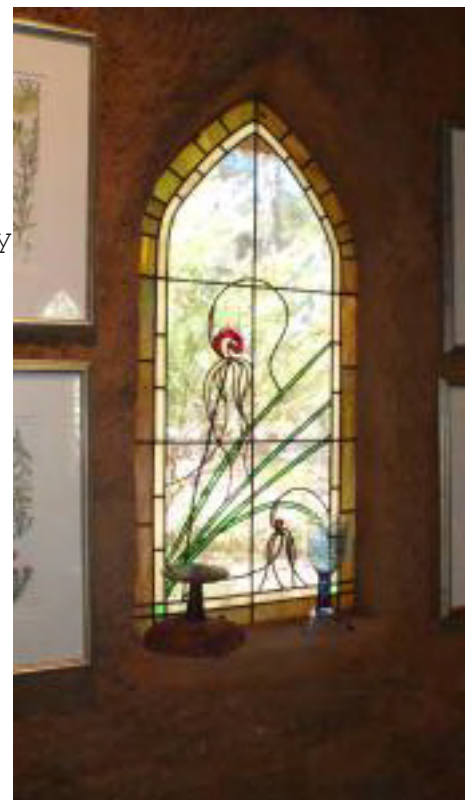
Wayne, Hazel, Terry and Judi made a trip into town to replenish supplies, and went via the Chapel of Flowers at the Swallow Welcome Winery and Art Studio. The Chapel houses Patricia Negus 102 watercolour paintings.



More than 500 South-West Wildflowers

on display. These are now on permanent exhibition in their mud brick chapel, The Chapel of Flowers.

The leadlight windows designed by Dawn Klok and porch mosaic by local artist Jenny Hunt are also extremely beautiful. The Chapel was built by her husband to house the paintings.





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Jeff (Chook) and Rosalie Smith celebrated their 39th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday 9th.



is organised. A flyer will be issued over the next few days and information will be placed on the web site, along with the registration form.



Saturday night was a little quieter (as normal), but the "Millars Icecream"



was bought out as an additional bonus (to help spend some of the money left over).

The next rally is being hosted by Jerry & Janet Kent, along with Keith & Valerie Silverster. It is being



Both Wayne Miller and I, would like to thank everyone who attended, and those that couldn't make it but thought about it. If it wasn't for your efforts, everything that we have done wouldn't have come together so well.

So THANK YOU all very much and we will see you all at the Dwellingup Rally in July.

held as "Xmas in July" on the weekend of Friday 5th to Sunday 7th July at the Dwellingup Caravan Park. More information will be provided shortly, once everything

