



# ULYSSES MEMBERS RV GROUP



## The Kermit Kronicle

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### Arvie's Editorial.

Gribbit, Gribbit, Croak. (Translation...)

G'day folks. The AGM is drawing nearer and registrations are coming in at a steady, if a little bit slow rate. There are still powered sites available at the caravan park, so if you still need to book your site, give Karen or Rob a ring on 07 5448 7157 or email [mudjimba@sunshinecoastholidayparks.com.au](mailto:mudjimba@sunshinecoastholidayparks.com.au) .

Dont forget to register that you are coming using our registration form at <http://ulyssesrv.org/agmform.html>.

The next rally event will be at Lightning Ridge, August 30th - 31st. Opal Caravan Park, Lightning Ride, Phone: 0268294884. Wendy reports that about twenty powered sites have been booked by RV members to date, so it looks like another great weekend coming up with friends, new and old.

In this newsletter, we have reports from South Australia, Queensland and Western Australia on their

various rallies and Xmas in July events. It's great to see members all over this wide brown land getting together and enjoying the RV lifestyle.

Later in the newsletter is information about our regalia shop, as well as a program for the upcoming AGM.

Plans are well underway as well for our 2014 AGM at Black Cockatoo, Naracoorte, S.A. More information as it come to hand.

Cheers for now,

Arvie.





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## LOCAL SE QUEENSLAND ULYSSES RV ENTHUSIASTS

One might wonder how these RVers spend time, other than in their motorhomes, vans etc and how do these nomadically inclined motor-bike enthusiasts locate some of the best locations for their weekend rallies? WONDER NO LONGER!

The Ulysses RV Group is a coherent and fun loving group that takes to the highways and byways in vehicles of every description and enjoy sharing their adventures with like minded Ulysses members, and that was how this adventure was born. Judy and I together with Blip and Di coordinate the Queensland division of this group of persons "Growing Old Disgracefully", and Blip and Di had ventured out south of Dalby previously and were keen that others



Plains BP before heading out along Lockyer Way through lots of roadworks, up the range to the Toowoomba Picnic Point vantage point to get a real feel for just how cold the rest of the day was to become. Barry Crank took us on his bypass of most of the Toowoomba traffic lights which he uses when towing his van, as traffic lights for vans are very similar to motor-bikes. Avoid! Barry is one of the more flamboyant members of the RV group and uses a bugle to herald his arrival at various rallies. It was very thoughtful of him to have left the b..... thing at home. Well the roadworks on the Toowoomba Range were nothing compared to kilometres of constant works and No Passing sections all the way to Dalby. A refuel at Dalby BP and Blip led us south on the Moonie Highway before a left exit to Lake Broadwater Conservation Park. The lake is huge, wildlife abounds, toilets, showers, no



check out the lake. .

Well, what better time to explore the Darling Downs than in mid-June. It was cool and breezy when we departed Brisbane, but this did not compare to the gusty and chilly winds that greeted us on the downs and stayed with us for the whole day. At 7.30am, Graham, John V, Rick (President of the Australian Ulysses RVers), Leon, Ron and I left Cornubia to meet up with Blip, Barry M and Barry C at Blacksoil

power but for \$5.45 per persons per night one wouldn't complain. Even some phone reception. There are walks around the lake, bird hide and the lake caters for canoes, kayaks but powered boats need to pay a levy. Top spot! So this is where the group will hold their End of 2013 Rally on the first weekend in December. Time for a short lunch, photo shoot and departure.



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## SA RV Roundup – 120 year Birthday Weekend at Yacka

A big thank you to all who came to Yacka and made the birthday bash such a great event. It was Hoppy and Hobbit's 60th birthday bash.

ing like a good fire, great company and a drink or two! With clear skies the stars were absolutely stunning but the temperature sure did drop. With the fire dying we decided to call it a night and retire to our warm beds.

In the morning we were greeted with beautiful blue skies and a warming sun. What a great start to the

day! The smell of eggs and bacon soon filled the air. The town has put together a listing of its history and its buildings. Our tour guide, Julie, took a group for the historic building walk. She had a little bit of trouble trying to convince them that this was the bank building until they realised that she had the map backwards and the buildings she was looking for were on the other side of the road. They took care of her and made sure she made it back to the reserve safely. There was also a food and wine festival on in Clare. It all made for a fun start to the day.



What a fabulous time to drive thru the Clare Valley! The newly turned brown soil, green fields and stunning views made it a good enough reason just to go for a drive. Yacka is half way between Clare and Gladstone. The Reserve is situated at the edge of town on the banks of the Broughton River. The locals set the park up in the 80's and are very proud of it. There is a lovely lawn area, with a playground, BBQ's, power, toilets and a lovely shower. This is a top spot to camp if you are in the area. We arrived on Friday evening to be welcomed by a jolly group of folk enjoying themselves around a bon fire. So the fun began and we joined right in. There is noth-





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Mid afternoon, and with Hoppy distracted by a bottle of Green Ginger Wine, the streamers, birthday banners and cakes were soon produced. Let the party begin! We all gathered together for the birthday wishes and cake. It was time to judge the birthday hat competition. What a selection! There were

The camp site slowly came to life on the Sunday morning. With such a quiet spot it is easy to sleep in. Clearly no one was in a rush to go and it was lovely just to sit around having breakfast and enjoying the company of Ulysses folk. Eventually we started packing up and saying our farewells. It had



boobs, boxes and babes on heads with Hoppy having trouble with his two can hat constantly pouring bourbon into him. Brian and Daphne were awarded the top hats of the day for their impressive head gear. How could it get any better? Let's all go to the playground they said! Clearly it wasn't just about growing old it was more about never growing up. There were the cornering experts on the long plank, sliders on the slippery dip and whizzers on the spinners. After lots of laughs, torn muscles and strained backs we decided to head back to the safety of the camp fire. Tea was made and wood was produced for the night. It had been a great day and there was a lot to talk and laugh about. What a way to celebrate a birthday! Off to bed for a well earned rest.

been another fabulous weekend with the great folk and friendship of the Ulysses club. Thanks to all that came and made it such a fabulous time. We will be looking forward to doing it all over again at Mannum in July. Remember; nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.

**Happy wanderings  
 Hoppy & Hobbit**



## NSW RV EVENTS.

### 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.

## 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](mailto:hoho@ulyssesrv.org)

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

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

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

## QUEENSLAND EVENTS.

### LAKE BROADWATER CONSERVATION PARK

CHRISTMAS RALLY 6-8

DECEMBER 2013

The Lake Campground

Camp Area 30km SW of Dalby. Turn south on Moonie Highway. 20km south of Dalby or 92km from Moonie along Lake Broadwater Road

Register through Ulysses RV Group Website by: Thursday 21 November 2013

- Fees will be collected by Campground Managers
- A great Bush Camping Site

No Powered Sites: Fees \$5.45 per person per night

No dogs permitted ( Conservation Park)

Toilets and Hot Showers: Potable Water Available

Open Fire Pit: Fires permitted if no Fire Ban in place

Lake Broadwater (canoeing, fishing, blue claw : Powered Boats@\$30 per day)

Lake Broadwater Conservation Park ( some walking tracks, bird hide, bird sanctuary)

Friday Evening: \* Sing a long – bring musical instrument, voice and a join in spirit/s etc

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

Saturday Night: Shared Self Catering- Tasks to be allocated prior to event



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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.*

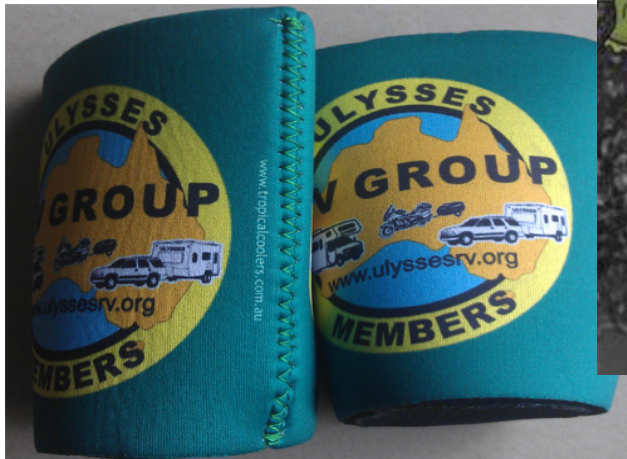
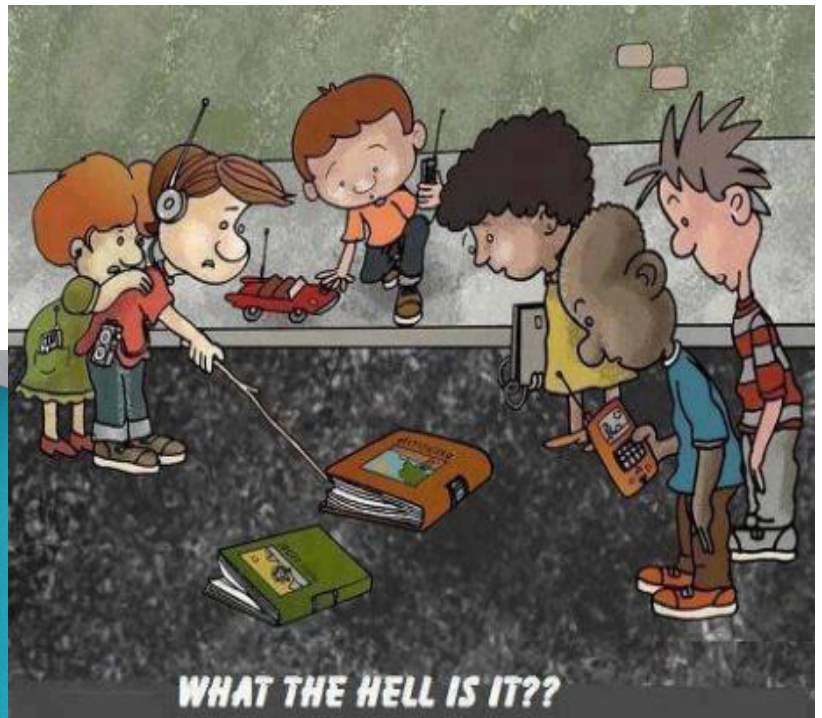
*New logo patches for \$5.00 plus postage*

*New logo 200mm stickers for \$12.00 plus postage*

*New logo 100 mm stickers for \$1.00 plus postage*

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

*Stubbie Coolers - stitched and glued seams, with club logo on front and back. \$4.00 each plus postage.*





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## **KILKIVAN BUSH CAMP AND GOOMERI PUMPKIN FESTIVAL: MAY 24-27 2013**

Kilkivan Bush Camp is noted for its unspoilt tranquillity and abundant birdlife and our May visit proved this to be true. With sealed roads all the way and only 2.5 hours from Brisbane this was a promising location. The Prophet Gold Mine offered panning, there were 4x4 forest drives and best of all were the campfire provisions. Due to a number of our energetic hunters and gatherers our team's own excursions into the forest brought back plenty of wood to supplement the \$15 barrow loads available through the camp. Our hosts at the bush camp, Ralph and Antonia, are humble Aussies trying to present their camp in a good light after the recent floods that for three months had made a huge gap in their revenue. We must not fail to mention that the Goomeri Pumpkin Festival planned for the Sunday was another drawcard for the selection of this venue. Our current arrangement for members registering through the website and then personally booking their camp site with the hosts provided a cross-reference for the organisers and is working well.



One of our most ardent RV supporters, Tom Rundle, a recent recipient of the Dearnley Medal from the AGM, joined us for this weekend, together with a number of Victorians who, through the Fraser Coast AGM had met up and made friends with some of our group in the volunteer section of the event and were keen to

join us at Kilkivan Bush Camp. With 18 sites booked for the weekend it provided for new friendships to be formed, with rigs from an Elite Trailer purchased at the AGM, through to massive fifth wheelers, not to mention those members keen to display their new vans and tow vehicles. The venue provided sufficient powered sites and we had our own designated area. With one of our members approaching retirement,



and with sights set on a fifth wheeler, knowledge was shared, and as for the Elite Trailer, lessons in set up were keenly provided with lots of well intentioned advice. Spoilt, weren't we! Great site and even better advice!

Due to it being the Pumpkin Festival the camp was full, and that included a number of Ulyssians from the Fraser Coast, camped on the "lower" levels of the camp. It created another dimension of comradeship. Loyalties were also stretched to the max. Two sets of our usual attendees, Soren and Sandy together with Michael and Gail were housed with the Jayco Club in Goomeri but were able to generously pay our bush camp a short visit. Judy and I crossed paths with their group at freedom camps in Linville and Wooroolin on the way to Kilkivan Weekend. Those Jayco owners aren't such a bad group after all. Fancy them allowing a Coromal to be a part of their on-route camping experience.

On Friday night we held a sing-a-long around the campfire, with Gordon and Ging on guitars,



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a pancake breakfast provided by the camp hosts was enjoyed Saturday morning, followed by our ladies "Stitch and Chatter" gathering. They chatted while a number of us headed for a walk along the country roads. Further on from the Bush Camp is the Chimney, the remainder of the copper mining experience in the area, and a number of our group took the 4x4's for a dirt driving experience. A range of prizes were a part of the weekend raffle and thanks to Blip and Di for ticket selling and to those members who donated wonderful prizes. Our Saturday night's meal was delicious, \$20 for 2 courses, and this also included entertainment from a couple of musicians who lived in the area. Sunday morning saw many of our group head into Goomeri for the Pumpkin Festival which had a parade, a huge number of stalls and a number of horse and bullock demonstrations. On the Sunday afternoon a number of participants packed up and journeyed on with the majority booked in until the Monday.

On behalf of the co-ordinating team thanks to everyone for a top bush camp weekend.  
Safe travels

Gordon and Judy Blip and Di  
QUEENSLAND COORDINATING TEAM



### **AGM UPDATE - Mudjimba 2013.**

This year we have decided not to run a raffle, but rather to charge members a fee of \$5 per person to cover our operating costs.

We will however be having a "free" draw for all attendees, which will be for 1 weeks powered site accommodation at the Park. If any members have small prizes that they would like to contribute towards this free draw, please bring them along to create a bit of fun.

We will be hiring a marquee again for our meeting place and happy hour etc

If members have any games etc they would like to bring along for a bit of fun, please do so.



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## Meals arranged:

**Thursday Night:** Sausage Sizzle provided by the Caravan Park at 6.00 pm at the Marquee- No charge to members

**Friday night:** Happy hour and bring your own BBQ dinner at the Marquee

**Saturday Lunch –** Sausage Sizzle \$5.00 per person, includes BBQ/Tom sauce, Onions, Bread, Coleslaw, Potato or green salad, Cake/slice

**Saturday Night Dinner:** Spit Roast \$20.00 per person , Includes Marinated Beef Rounds, Boned & rolled Pork Shoulders, Lamb Legs, Roast Potato, 2 salads/ 2 veges, gravy, assortment of breads, condiment sauces, butter. Desert\_ Sticky date pudding, apple crumble, custard & cream.

**Saturday night entertainer “Franko.”**

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## CROWS NEST CHRISTMAS IN JULY RALLY: JULY 12-14 2013

A “Christmas in July” theme had to be essentially sited in a place in Queensland where “COLD!” was the operative word.



Where better than Crows Nest, up on the range north of Toowoomba. Even the gas heaters in the camp kitchen were working overtime, but cold we wanted so cold we got. There were 48 registered participants in rigs that came in all shapes and sizes. It was so wonderful to see such a large of



number of participants that were making this their first outing with the RV Group. Crows Nest is such a quaint country town and the Caravan Park was within walking distance of the town centre. There is a historical walk around the town and just a short drive to the east are the falls and National Park. This



National Park provides unpowered camp sites surrounded by the bush. The surrounds at the falls are quite spectacular with granite





and from Crows Nest the Jayco Group headed to the Opera at Jimbour House and stayed at the Jondaryan Woolshed.



For the Opera, some visitors actually parked at Jimbour homestead and this may be a plan for our group 2015. Aldo and Wendy, from Victoria, joined us at Crows Nest for their first outing with the RV Group and also visited the Opera as a part of their visit to Queensland. For those of us without work commitments, many of us adventured far and wide after the Crows Nest Rally, much to the disgust of our working comrades. "Their time will come!"

cliffs and boulders. Reminded us of the Stanthorpe Region. The hosts at Crows Nest Caravan Park were Pam and Mike, and they made us all feel at home. On the Friday night they hosted a sausage sizzle that was so delicious in their camp kitchen, and as quite a number of us had travelled on the



Friday it was a reprieve from preparing the evening meal. Many of us used the Esk - Hampton connection for the trip to Crows Nest to

avoid the long haul up the Toowoomba Range which is still undergoing major road works. A number of our members decided not to bring their rigs to the venue and took advantage of the cabins provided at the park.



Boris and Margaret had only just returned from the gulf for a couple of months in their new Coromal and even though they were very tired, joined us at Crows Nest. Leon and Linda are enjoying their new Coromal and were coincidentally parked beside Boris at Crows Nest. We "Coromal Owners" are giving the Jayco Club members something to think about, but as usual their group has many more events planned than Ulysses RV



It was a wonderful support to have Rick and Sherol with us and providing the prizes for the Decorated Christmas Rig. Pam and Mike from park management were the celebrity judges brought in especially for the event.

FIRST: Darryl and Joy SECOND: Gordon and Judy THIRD: Michael and Gail CONSCIENTIOUS EFFORT: Neil and Faye/Lance and Ging





The coloured lighting for Darryl and Joy's entry was so elaborate and comprehensive that their power issues of supply and demand were solved by

Soren and Sandy.

Our ladies "Stitch and Chatter" gathering went well on the Saturday morning, and is becoming a highlight of our rallies; so much so that at the RV AGM there are plans to incorporate craft and information sessions for members. There was chat about the upcoming rally at Lightning Ridge in August hosted by the NSW Coordinators with a



There was a group of Redlander Ulyssians with us on their first outing with the RV Group and they were a little disappointed that their efforts in decorating their table on the night of the dinner went unrecognised. Our Saturday Night Dinner was at The Olde Crow Hotel where they provided a Christmas Theme dinner for \$20.50 and we were sharing the small dining space with two 50<sup>th</sup> Celebrations. So with 48 of us, it provided a more-than-cosy venue. The food and company was great. We were even in a position from our raffles to provide a maxi cab for those needing transport. Again a big thankyou to Blip and Di for ticket selling and to those members who so kindly donated prizes of all shapes, sizes and mystery prizes as well. Gail did a wonderful job on selling our RV merchandise and Michael proved to be the ultimate fire bug in setting up the Saturday Night campfire.

number of our members planning the trip west. We had a wonderful rally talking about past and future travels in this great country of ours and forever grateful that these opportunities are available to us.



*On behalf of the co-ordinating team, thanks to everyone for a top weekend rally. We look forward to meeting up*

*again for the AGM at Mudjimba in October and our final Queensland Rally for 2013 at The Lake Campground at Lake Broadwater Conservation Park south of Dalby on 6-8 December.*

Safe travels

Gordon and Judy      Blip and Di  
**QUEENSLAND COORDINATING TEAM**



# NEWSLETTER

## XMAS IN JULY RALLY

DWELLINGUP CARAVAN PARK



The Christmas in July Rally was held at the Dwellingup Caravan Park over the weekend of 5-7th July. The event was hosted by Gerry & Janet Kent and Keith & Val Silverster.

26 members turned up in Caravans, Motorhomes, Camper trailers and cabins.

The park was fully self contained, set amongst the forest and birds. The camp kitchen proved to be the center of activity with the excellent Christmas fare cooked and served by Gerry, Janet, Val, Keith, Brian, Lu, Ron & Fran.

Fun was had by all!!

Terry Trigg won the "Best Dressed Lady" with her flashing lights and dazzling outfit.

Keith Silverster won the "Best Dressed Male" with his dancing hat.

Best dressed van was won by Janet & Gerry Kent (although the Triggs's, Mercer's & Millers Xmas tree gave them a run for their money)

The raffle prize donated by Mike & Nola Rice was won by Peter & Judi. (Thank you to both for your generous donation)

### History of Dwellingup

In a valley surrounded by jarrah forest, near the Murray River, was a traditional Aboriginal camping place called Dwellingup (an Aboriginal word meaning "place nearby water").

European settlement of the Dwellingup area commenced in the late 1800s when timber cutters moved into the area and began harvesting the abundant jarrah, marri and blackbutt trees in the area.

In 1909 the area was surveyed for a town following the decision to make this the site for the end of the Pinjarra-Marrinup railway. The then Surveyor General, H.F Johnson selected the name Dwellingup for the town and it was

gazetted in February 2010. The current form of the word Dwellingup was adopted in 1915.

In 1918 the forests around Dwellingup became part of the State Forest and consequently the town became a centre for forest management and research.

The town was virtually destroyed in 1961 when lightning started a bushfire which lasted for five days. It damaged 140 000 ha of forest and wiped out many of the smaller timber towns, including Nanga Brook, Holyoake, Marrinup, Banksiadale and Dwellingup. Of all the towns damaged by the bushfire only Dwellingup was rebuilt.

CHRISTMAS CHEER

Dinner is served!



Jannet, Val, Lu and partners spent the entire afternoon taking over the camp kitchen at the Dwellingup Caravan Park.

The meal they served was spectacular and plentiful. Members were served massive amounts for their meals, followed by massive amounts to take home with them.

The chefs managed to even short circuit the camp kitchen, and words were overheard by spoken by the Caretakers, that the kitchen wasn't designed to do what we were doing with it. But the power was eventually put back on (with Keith & Gerry shown where the circuit board was)



Our congratulations to all that hosted the weekend, and this is sure to be hard to beat.



The mornings and nights were cold, but the weather managed to hold out over the weekend.



Our next rally will be heading North, with Moora being the chosen destination. We only need to decide on the date. So keep the last weekend in August or the second weekend in September open.

The dinner will be "Casserole/dessert starting with the first letter of your last name" (Thanks Lu for the great idea.)

Means is your last name is Miller - then you would bring something like Mexican Meatballs or Meringue Pie.



This will help keep the costs down and eliminate the need for one couple to host and prepare the food.

Thank you all for coming along and enjoying the weekend. It is always great to meet new people, make friends, and keep those friendships going.

We hope all keep safe and we will see you all at the next meeting.



Calendar

August 30th 2013

Possible weekender to Moora

February 8th 2014

1st Birthday Celebrations at Big Swamp

June 2014

EOFY Weekender to be decided

Christmas in July 2014

TBA

More weekends coming up soon

If anyone want to put on a weekend, or is going away and wants company, just let us know and we will pass on the information. It doesn't have to be an organised rally to have members join in for the weekend.

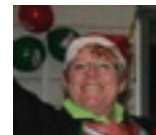
WA Coordinators

WAYNE MILLER



Wayne Miller is one of our coordinators for the WA Branch. Wayne is a current member of the Ulysses Club (Inc) since 1998, and is now the 42nd Dearnley Medalist.

JUDI RAVEN



Judi Raven is our other Coordinator for the WA Branch. Judi has been a member of the Ulysses Club (Inc) since 2010, and currently holds the position of Secretary for the Bunbury Branch, and enjoys both the RV & Motorcylce groups.

PETER MOORE



Peter is our Northwest coordinator. Peter has been busy travelling around and hopes to make one of our meets very soon.