



ULYSSES MEMBERS RV GROUP



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**Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas
and a Happy, Safe and Prosperous New
Year**





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Arvie's Editorial.

This newsletter has been a bit overdue in preparation, but better late than never. As some of you are aware, Rick has had a few

things going on in his life, what with a heart attack, a quadruple bypass and the necessary recovery time, as well as moving house just after getting out of hospital. As those of you that were at the AGM in Mudjimba, you can

testify to the state of his recovery 7 weeks post operation, although I do believe that he was putting on a brave face some of the time, and suffered a bit when he got home. Sherol informs me that he is going fine now, has had the all clear from his doctors and that he hasn't been as fit as he is now for quite a few

years. He would like to thank all those of you who wished him the best, and he reassures me that he will be around for a number of years yet to annoy the crap out of everyone. He would also like to pass on a special thanks to co-Coordinator Ken who drove



down from Mudjimba, hooked up Rick's van and towed it back up there for them, and also to original RV Group co founders Chris and Sandy who drove them and the van back home to Redlands.

I have to report that I had a great time at the AGM at Mudjimba, and have left with co Victorian Coordinator Ken Graham and the lovely Cherie to do some travelling with them.



On the AGM, special thanks must go to Fay and Phil for all the work that they did in the organising of the event, as well as



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the proprietors of the caravan park for their wonderful hospitality. I kept my ear to the ground for the whole week and it seemed to me that everyone was having a great time, and there seemed to be a lot of happy hours and story telling.

On the Saturday night of the event, we were entertained by local singer Franko whilst we had dinner, and then after dinner, Col Lindorff got out his guitar and entertained everyone for quite a while, with Gordon Crosswell joining in to add a few Beatles numbers, and even Rick getting up and giving us an old Creedence rocker song.

few of the members set up a members market in the marquee, and from what I saw it was quite a success. Windup sold some of her shell mobiles, the craft ladies led by Judy sold their craft creations, someone sold Richard an antique working miniture steam engine and Sherol and Rick sold out of his novels.

The meeting itself was a quick affair again, with Rick and Ken returning as Co-ordinators, Wendy Schmidt continuing in NSW but joined by Paul Vaughn as co-coordinator.

Gary and Jo Calder had already stood down from the Victorian job and Richard Flinders stood aside as Victorian coordinator as well, due to work commitments, but his wonderful wife Marilyn said bugger you, I am going to keep doing it, and Ken Graham stepped up to the plate to give Marilyn a hand. (Nice people Ken and Cherie, they are taking me overseas again.)



Even though there was not going to be any raffles this year, with the organisers opting for a \$5.00 levy per head to raise the necessary funds to run the club, Fay couldn't help herself, what with so many people turning up and donating prizes for a raffle, so a raffle was run on the Saturday, which also was a resounding success. The money raised each year at the AGM goes to running the club, so that no membership fees or other calls are made on the members. Seems to have worked pretty well for the last six years and there appears no reason to change a successful formula.

On the Saturday morning, I watched quite a

Gordon, Judy, Blip and Dianne are continuing on as Queensland Coordinators.

Hobbit and Hoppy had already indicated that they wanted to continue the job in S.A., and likewise for Judi, Pete, Wayne and Hazel over in W.A., and the announcements of their continued roles in the club were greeted with a hearty round of applause.

Thanks to everyone who came along and made it another great AGM.

Somewhere else in this newsletter, there are the updated rally calendars, for the get-togethers coming up next year. We are also having a 6th birthday rally back at Brooms



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Head in March - come and join the birthday party.

On behalf of Rick and Sherol, Ken and Doreen, Phil and Fay, Gordon and Judy, Blip and Dianne, Wendy and George, Paul and Kaye, Marilyn and Richard, Ken and Cherie, Hobbit and Vicki, Hoppy and Pat, Judi and Pete and Wayne and Hazel, I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Safe and Prosperous New Year.

See you all in 2014.

Arvie.



NSW RALLIES - 2014

Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd February, at North Head, on the Central Coast. Venue: Norah Head Caravan Park, Victoria St., Norah Head. Phone 0243963935.

They are a Top Tourist Park, and will only give their 10% to non members, if we get around 15 Vans. Wendy has booked 19 powered van sites for us, and you need to mention Ulysses so that you get into the allocated area for Ulysses. The park is pet friendly. If you are coming to this rally, please fill out the registration form on the website..

Back to the Broom for our 6th Birthday. March 21st - 23rd March 2014. Book direct with the caravan park, Darrin Muscard & Danielle Barrett' Ocean Road, Brooms Head, NSW 2463.

Reception Hours: 8am - 5pm. T: +61 02 6646 7144, F: +61 02 6646 7312. bhcp@clarence.nsw.gov.au. If you are coming, please fill out our registration form on the website and check there for more information.

Boggabri Drivers Weekend is on 25-4-14 to 27-4-14. The venue is in the Boggabri Showground, facilities are a bit primitive, you will need to take all you need, port a loos are available around the showground and some primitive showers also. Kaye and Paul have been before and had a good time and are possibly arriving about 22nd or 23rd. Info is at www.visitnarrabri.com.au or by phone on 02 67434469.

VICTORIAN RALLIES.

Cohuna calling is on again in 2014. Friday to Sunday 14th-17th February 2014

Cohuna Waterfront Holiday Park Island Road, on Gunbower Island, Cohuna, Vic. Phone 1800672372. Email stay@cwhp.com.au

For more information click [here](#). To register for the weekend, use the registration form on the website.

QUEENSLAND RALLIES.

**Feb: 7/8/9
Beaudesert**

Darlington Park via

**May 23/24/25
Gympie**

Standown Park via

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July 18/19/20 A) Queen Mary Falls
via Killarney: "Killarney Bushfire and Coun-
try Music Night"

21/22/23 B) Washpool Camping
Reserve via Warwick

24/25/26/27 C) Warwick Show-
grounds: Warwick "Jumpers and Jazz"

**October Black Cockatoo SA
AGM**

**December 5/6/7 James Sharp Park via
Canungra**

Contact Gordon or Blip at
queensland@ulyssesrv.org for more informa-
tion.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Next meeting 1st birthday

Maranup Ford Caravan Park.

14th-16th Feb 2014.

**Cost \$25/dbl powered Site. Other sites
Available.**

**Phone:08 97611200 email:
maranupford@westnet.com.au.**

Book your own site - Advise them you are
With the Ulysses RV Group

6. Bookings until 31 jan
2014, then they open to public

For more information contact Judi or Wayne
at westernaustralia@ulyssesrv.org



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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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New Product. - RV Group sticker for your spare wheel cover.

We now have a sticker available for purchase in the RV shop - a high quality sticker to cover the spare wheel cover of your van or RV (or 4WD). The product is made of high quality vinyl, and is finished with a clear anti grafiti coating. Check out the shop for more details.





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SA RV Roundup Christmas at Narrung

With the warmer weather with us once again we were looking forward to another great weekend away. We packed the van and set off for Narrung. It was a very leisurely drive through Strathalbyn and onto Wellington. The country is still looking lovely and the grapes are flourishing. The ferry crossing is

waving hands from this mob. They were already well into it and we clearly had a lot of catching up to do!

We grabbed our chairs and joined the circle. Christmas lights and decorations adorned the vans and annexes with Santa and Christmas trees on the tables. We were now getting into the Christmas spirit. We were having so much fun that the mosquitoes decided to join us. The mosquito coils were lit and the prob-

lem was solved. Partying and laughter continued on into the night until the cool winds blew us into bed. Daybreak over the lake was just stunning. It is a very pretty spot with well kept lawns, a jetty and best of all, a flushing toilet! Breakfast smells and chatter filled the air. It was a lovely day to sit back, relax and catch up with everyone. Suddenly a beautiful vintage truck pulled into the park. It was followed by a large group that were doing a weekend run. We went over to have a



always fun and free! The Coorong water was the bluer than we have ever seen it. A meandering road along the shore of the lake took us to the ferry at Narrung. It's amazing that this service is 24hr 7 days a week and still free! When we crossed the lake we could see lots of vans at the campgrounds. I thought "hope they are all Ulysses folk." It was great to see all the greeting smiles and





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judging of the best Christmas Van. It was a tough decision so we called for a group vote. Brewer and Bottler's van took out the trophy for the best dressed van. It drew thunderous applause from all, with the runner up seen kicking the shit out of Santa. Apparently Santa deserved it! The mosquitoes must have got the hint as there were none to be seen. What a fun night of laughter, jokes and stories true and bold. It was a very happy group of campers that went to bed that night. How quickly Sunday comes around when away. We all had a very leisurely breakfast

look and who stepped out from the truck but our own MMM. It was great to catch up and of course he showed us around all the trucks on the run. After they left more and more Ulysses arrived and soon we half filled the campgrounds.

As the sun was setting more lights and decorations were appearing and the place looked like a fairyland. It was getting close to the

and then sat down for a morning cuppa and chat. Reluctantly we started packing up and getting ready for the homeward drive. It had been another fun weekend as only Ulysses folk can do.

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone that has supported the RV group this year. Next year's calendar is nearly finalised and will be sent out shortly. Don't forget

that next year we will be hosting the National RV AGM at Black Cockatoo. If you can help at this event please let Hoppy or Hobbit know.

Remember Good judgment comes from experience,

And experience ... well that comes from poor judgment.

Happy wanderings
Hoppy ph 0428 567
811 or Hobbit
ph 0404 478 741





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Lake Broadwater Qld Christmas Rally.

I have lifted a brief report from the forum posted by Tom. Still waiting for a report from someone about the rally, but in the meantime, here are some photos.

18 Members attend this great Event in 8 Caravans, 1 Motorhome, 1 Rooftop Camper & 1 Camper Trailer.





BUNBURY



WINNING "WILDFLOWER" ENTRY

Moora Weekender 8-10 November 2013

What a terrific, but HOT weekend.

The girls (Shannon & Jordie) and I packed up the motorhome and headed off to collect the Millers at 7.30am. Wayne & Hazel were all ready and waiting for us, so we headed off up the highway to Moora.

As most of you will know by now, I have no sense of direction and we would have headed off to Pingelly, Northam and Toodyay. Ending our trip

in over 7 hours later instead of the 5 hours Wayne's way. So off we went on the Farmers/Kwinana Freeway to Great Northern Highway. Stopping for morning tea/lunch at Gingers Roadhouse (Gull) in Chittering.

Whilst we were there, Jan & Doug Simcock arrived and joined us for lunch, before we headed off again. We caught up with Doug & Jan just out of Bindoon and followed them through to

Moora. We arrived around 2.30pm to find Nola & Mike Rice, Trevor & Jenny Rielly and Janet & Gerry Kent already there waiting for us. Barry & Cynthia Cooper joined us on Saturday, so that made up all our members for the weekend.

Our goal for the weekend was to check out the town and area, along with photographing wildflowers. The heat on Saturday was unbearable and sent most



SHOULDN'T THEY BE IN FRONT?



SETTING UP CAMP



SUNDOWNER AT 3

PHOTO'S FROM THIS TRIP



Moora Weekender Fun

NEXT MEETING 1ST BIRTHDAY

1. MARANUP FORD CARAVAN PARK
2. 14TH-16TH FEB 2014
3. COST \$25/DBL POWERED SITE. OTHER SITES AVAILABLE
4. PHONE: 97611200 EMAIL: MARANUPFORD@WESTNET.COM.AU
5. BOOK YOUR OWN SITE - ADVISE THEM YOU ARE WITH THE ULYSSES RV GROUP
6. BOOKINGS UNTIL 31 JAN 2014 THEN THEY OPEN TO PUBLIC

most people indoors from around 10.30 am to around 3.30pm with the air conditioners working overtime

Trevor and Jenny braved the heat and headed over to New Norcia for a couple of Abbey Ales.

Trevor & Jenny are our newest members both to the Ulysses Club and the RV Group. They are staying at Safety Bay at the moment on their travels around Australia. It was nice of them to come to our small weekender.

Everyone got into the spirit of the weekend and bought along a casserole or dessert. Friday night was a impromptu BBQ at the "Millers" after a early sundowner that continued into

the evening. We were forced off the grass area at 9pm due to the reticulation.

Saturday night was the casserole night and we again took over the camp kitchen.

Mike Rice won the 'Wildflower' photo prize. Barry Cooper got the booby prize for taking '5' attempts at parking his van. No reason for blaming Cynthia if he can't understand 'women talk'. Trevor & Jenny got the 3rd prize for just turning up.

Next Weekender is the 1st Anniversary weekend. Held at Maranup Ford CP. Just out of Bridgetown. Further details will be sent out over the next few days.

Maranup Ford CP

Melva & Hugh Browne welcome you and your family to take a step into the pages of history.

Come and join us on our riverside property near Bridgetown, Western Australia.

We are ever mindful of nurturing the environment in the pursuit of Eco-Tourism.

MARANUP FORD CARAVAN PARK.

PHONE: 97611 200 EMAIL:
MARANUPFORD@WESTNET.COM.AU

Facilities

Powered Caravan sites with excellent camp kitchen and ablution block and Cabin with reverse cycle Air Conditioning.

Canadian style canoe hire is available, \$20 per 2 hours, per canoe (each canoe holds 2 people), please ask Hugh & Melva for more information.

We even do Bed & Breakfast in the Heritage Homestead, for those who like to be waited on.

Bring your horses or mountain bikes

Explore the scenic south on foot, we are close to the Bibbulmun Track

Drive or ride to the many nearby Tourist Attractions.

Relax in the gardens with a book, or listen to the birds. Animal feeding.

By arrangement, Dogs on leads are welcome.

Directions:

We are 13Km from Greenbushes, from S.W. Highway take the 2nd turn into town and continue straight through. Bitumen road all the way, on the left just after the bridge over the Blackwood River.

From Bridgetown follow Brockman Highway to Nannup 12 km, turn right onto Maranup Ford Road 6km on right just before bridge.



JERRY KENT

JERRY AND JANET KENT ARE FROM PORT KENNEDY. THEY HAVE A WINNEBAGO MOTORHOME (AROUND 26') IN WHICH THEY TRAVEL EXTENSIVELY, ENJOYING LIFE TO THE FULLEST.

BOTH ARE FROM ENGLAND ORIGINALLY AND HAVE NOW MADE WA THEIR HOME.



MIKE RICE

MIKE & NOLA RICE ARE FROM WAROONA. THEY TOW A CARAVAN THAT IS FULLY EQUIPPED TO TAKE BOTH THEIR PETS - A DOG & 'CAT'! NOLA WAS ALWAYS POPPING IN TO CHECK ON THE CAT, WHICH SHE TOOK FOR WALKS ON A LEAD. RATHER AMUSING TO ALL THAT SAW THEM. CERTAINLY A GREAT ICE BREAKER.



MARANUP FORD

MARANUP FORD - OUR NEXT WEEKENDER.

CELEBRATE OUR 1ST ANNIVERSARY IN THE SOUTH WEST. BOOK DIRECT WITH THE PARK.

BRING A SALAD, BYO MEAT & DRINKS. AND YOUR BIKES IF YOU WANT A TERRIFIC RIDE.