



ULYSSES MEMBERS RV GROUP



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Arvie's Editorial.



Wow, wasn't February a great month for RV rallies. Members gathered in every State except NT and Tasmania. From the reports at each event members had a great time. You can read the reports later in this newsletter.

Also check out the rally calendars for future events you can attend to join in on the fun.

The planning for our 7th AGM at Black Cockatoo Camp Ground, via Naracoorte, S.A. is well under way, with Hoppy and Hobbit having everything well in hand. A registration form is available on the website, so you can register for the event. There is also information further on in this newsletter about the venue.

The Ulysses Club 2014 AGM in Alice Springs is only a couple of months away, and I know that quite a few members are travelling that way with their rigs to attend the event. Safe travels everyone, and have a great time.

Recently, the Ulysses National Committee expelled a member from the club who was also a member of the RV Group. Following an appeal by the member, his expulsion was confirmed at a Special General Meeting of the club. Accordingly, I have taken the

course of action of removing that member from the RV Group membership, along with his forum access. Whilst we are a separate entity to the Ulysses Club, to join the RV Group you must be a financial member of the Ulysses Club, and due to that requirement we do have a cooperative agreement with the Ulysses Club in relation to some benefits, as the Ulysses Club administration acknowledges that we are Ulysses members enjoying a further avenue to get together for companionship and mutual support.

Our front page picture is the Rapid Bay Jetty, near to the site of the last South Australian Rally.

I will be riding my bike to Alice Springs for the AGM, as I figure that this will be the last AGM I attend on a bike. Retirement plans and the grey nomad lifestyle are well under way for this year, and that will mean selling everything that we can't take with us, including the bike. So, if whilst travelling to Alice, I see an RV with a RV Group sticker attached pulled over at the side for a cuppa, expect me to join you. If you haven't got your sticker for your RV yet, you still have time before the AGM. You can buy them online through our gear shop, or contact any of your State coordinators, as they all have some in stock.

On the website I have placed some photo albums, showing some of our history and also the latest rallies.

Safe Travels,

Arvie (and Rick.)





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NSW RALLIES - 2014

Back to the Broom for our 6th Birthday.
March 21st - 23rd March 2014. Book direct with the caravan park, Darrin Mus-sared & 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.

Riverside Caravan Park, Mudgee.
16th to 18th May, 2014. Tel. No: 0263722531

The fee of \$31.00 per night, but if we have 20 or more van they will give us a 10% discount.

We have organised the Camp Kitchen for the Saturday night BBQ.

Jan Hill (one of our members) will give us prices on her very own wine tours. She will do that nearer to the event, when confirmation of numbers is available.

We do intend on doing another week-end in July at Cessnock, near all the wineries. That will be posted on the web-site very soon.

QUEENSLAND RALLIES.

May 23/24/25 Standown Park via Gympie

TAG A LONG "Trying a new idea"

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

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

24/25/26/27 C) Warwick Showgrounds: Warwick "Jumpers and Jazz"

October AGM

Black Cockatoo SA

December 5/6/7 Canungra

James Sharp Park via

Contact Gordon or Blip at queensland@ulyssesrv.org for more information.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA RALLIES

Weekenders are open to all Ulysses members and partners.

Any type of vehicle can be used to get you there,

What is important is that you are there!

March 22nd - 23rd Towitta

July 5th - 6th Melrose

October 24th - 26th Black Cockatoo RV AGM



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Merchandise Shop



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

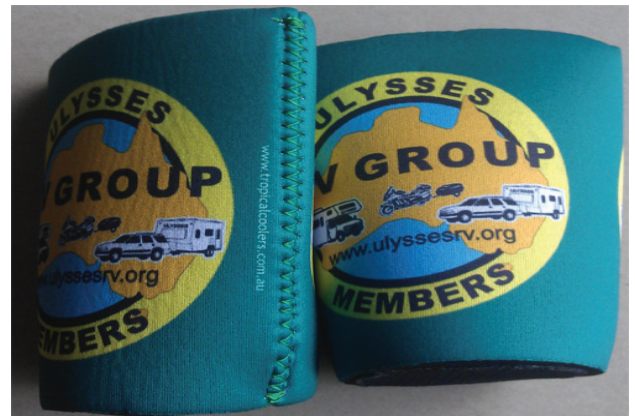
Name badges with magnetic clasp for \$9.80 plus postage.

Club shirts for \$35.00 plus postage.

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



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

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 graffiti coating. Check out the shop for more details.





SA RV Roundup - Rapid Bay

What an amazing week of weather before our weekend! Longest run of days over 40 C since anyone can remember and then the biggest rain event in February for many a day! The good Lord found it in his power and parted the skies, stopped the rain and gave us a very pleasant, not too hot, not too cold weekend. The drive down along the magnificent Fleurieu Coast is always stunning and puts you in a holiday mood straight away. The campground is situated right on the beach with a well kept grassed area and good clean toilets.

We arrived Friday evening to be warmly greeted by a jolly group of fellow Ulysses members. As our Bus is not registered yet, long story, we set up our tent. A big thanks to Hoppy for supplying our camping gear for the weekend. With the erection out of the way we then joined in the festivities. We were introduced to Hayden & Janine from Western Australia. They are travelling and chose to catch up with us for the weekend. This is one of the strengths of an RV event in that it brings members together from different branches and allows great friendships to grow across the country. The stories were told, jokes shared and the laughter grew louder. Then one of our members, I can't



reveal their name, stood up on his one leg and gazed along the coast. Using his Bundy Binoculars, i.e. looking through a half empty bottle of Bundy, announced he could see the lights of Adelaide 75kms away. Apparently he could even see 5 story buildings! Sadly my Beer Binoculars were not working as well and I could only see Normanville 5kms down the coast. Obviously I need stronger stuff! After much fun and laughter we all crawled off to bed.

One of the lovely things about camping is to wake up to the sounds of laugh-



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ter and chatting and the smell of bacon and eggs. That was enough to get me up and into it. The day was a bit overcast but still very pleasant. It was time to get the fishing ex-

RV weekends stays on RV weekends, but we did hear about the nut cracker event! Say no more. A very pleasant evening was had until bed called.



Sunday morning the birds announced that it was time to get up. What a beautiful day with blue skies and no wind. The sea was like a blue mirror reflecting the majesty of the coast. It was a non rushed breakfast and morning cuppa. You could stay here for a week the body says. Alas we have to return to the land of the everyday and so we started packing up. Hugs and kisses were exchanged and we dwelt on what a great weekend it had been.

Thanks to all the members who came along and made it such a great time.

We will be looking forward to doing it all again at Towitta in March.

pedition together. With rods, bait and high hopes the intrepid group set off to the jetty to catch the spoils of the sea. Meanwhile back at the camp we were welcoming more members that were arriving. Steve and Sally rolled up towing there new Elite trailer behind the Gold Wing. They had only set it up twice at home so it must have been good to get tips and advice from 20 people! We also met Ian & Dianne who came to camp with us and are new members to the Ulysses club. We were starting to prepare for lunch when the fisher folk arrived back from the hunt. It was amazing to hear just how big the fish were that swam by or got away. Being good responsible Ulysses members they left all the fish in the sea to swim another day. Well left folks! Oh well, snags and sandwiches for lunch! With all the chatting and a few drinks it was soon tea time. On with the socialising and storytelling. I can't reveal any stories, what's said on

Remember - We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children.

Happy wanderings
Hoppy & Hobbit





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QUEENSLAND Darlington Park Rally February 07-09/ 2014



the entertainment. It was also great to have Rick and Sherol with us and they were able to provide an update re the upcoming event in March at Brooms Head. Our hosts Kathy and Neale were most helpful, providing fire drums, words for "The Gambler" for our RV choir, directions to the various locations we could visit in the area, reminders about the 10pm "quiet gong" etc, etc. They also have a small kiosk to meet campers' needs. Sites were unpowered, which does cause some inconvenience for members, but the septic toilets were clean and the waters of the Albert proved an opportunity for a swim to cool off. No showers, but many of the

What a way to start our rallies for 2014! A bush Camp beside the bubbling Albert River south of Beaudesert on the Kerry Road in the Scenic Rim was planned to commence the year with an outstanding response of over 20RVs registered. These ranged from fifth wheelers, motor homes, caravans and trailers with even the odd interested persons calling in to visit. Not to mention a number of family pets adding to



group were self-contained in that department. There was even a dump point up. A great camping venue.

Campers arrived from the Thursday and some remained on till Monday. Others returned to WORK. A number of new members were made welcome, while others were



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assist in the management and administration of the RV Group. Many thanks to Kenn and Andrea for a donation of “Neds” caps. The Saturday night “Pot Luck” meal was a huge success with our talented cooks providing delicious dishes. Behind the office there was a walk to the lookout which gave a pleasant view over the val-

determined to lessen their kid’s inheritance with new RVs and tow-joes. These new purchases created lots of discussion. Blip was hard at work sorting out car fridge wiring where faults had emerged. On the Friday morning a number of the more adventurous took to the four-wheel drive track up to O’Reilys and did the rainforest and tree-top walks. Singing around the campfire was enjoyed on both Friday and Saturday backed acoustically by the band, trying to do their very best.

Saturday morning saw lots of creative activity at the “Stitch and Chat” with Leon and Linda arriving on a day visit and Linda producing her muffins and cream - YUMMY! The ladies have such a wide range of wonderful skills, mentoring each other as well as discussing issues close to the heart. The usual raffle was a huge success and many thanks for the generous donations. Our camp hosts kindly donated four bottles of wine, with one coming from a local winery. We were also able to present Rick with a donation to

ley from Darlington Park to The Lost World. On Sunday afternoon a couple of campers headed over the link road to have a look at another bush camp run by Kathy and Neale. Burgess Park is much smaller than Darlington Park, but quite inviting. Christmas Creek provides a swimming hole, fire places are available and flushing toilets. John and Di Burgess were chuffed thinking that the park had been named after them. Get Real! It was a wonderful few days together with our next Queensland Rallies being Standown Park (powered sites) in the pipeline for late May, and in July our first attempt at a “tag-a-long” in the Warwick District.

Thank you for your company and friendship

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



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Over in the West.

Wayne Miller, co-coordinator for the West Australian section of the RV Group, sent me

some photos of co-coordinator Judi Raven. Wayne tells me that since Judi usually does the reports for their rallies over there, she deliberately leaves out any photos of herself. Accordingly, for all of our fellow travel-

lers and RV'ers, if you happen to be over the other side of the Nullabor, this is the lady who organises things in West Australia for the RV Group.

Wayne says that the photos show Judi at what she does best, organising and talking.





they all said that they would be happy to come again. Our happy hours were full of much chatter!!!!

On a personal note, George had his arm in a sling because of a shoulder dislocation. I am so very grateful to our beautiful members for all the help they gave. The Club members have such a great attitude towards others. One of our members even washed down the van of our new member, because he had had it stored for years, and it needed to be cleaned. That

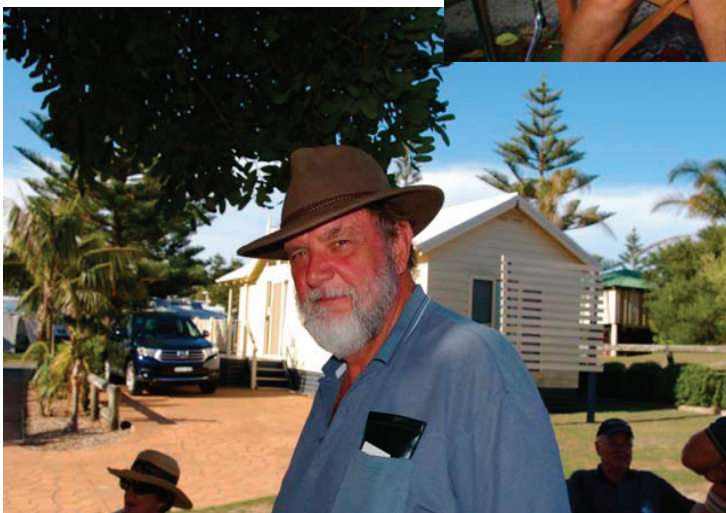
was a lovely thing so see.

Norah Head Rally - 2014.

We would like to report that the NSW week-end at Norah Head was a wonderful success, and a great time was had by all who attended.

We had 18 vans, and 36 people which was a good size group. The weather was perfect for us.

We did have 3 couples, who were new to the Club, and



Updates on our next rallies are in this newsletter and on the website.

See you next time,
Wendy and Paul.



COHUNA RALLY 2014.

What a great weekend or week was had by all who attended. In all, 21 vans with 43 people came to Cohuna for our rally, and we had a pleasant surprise with RV Group Co-coordinator Ken and his lovely wife Doreen arriving un-announced.



As usual the 4 seasons in a day weather which is a trademark of beautiful Victoria was also prominent, with very hot days for a couple of days, freezing cold nights, some rain and plenty of sunshine.

On Saturday night we attended the local hotel for a sit down meal, with good food at good prices.

Our raffles were well supported, as well as some regalia sales, which have been sent to Rick to add to the club's bank,

We had Ang and Mary come from Griffith, and another couple on their way to the West, but I'm sorry your names have slipped my mind. We could count Ken and Doreen and Tom Rundle as having come from Queensland, but as they have been down here touring our beautiful state for a while, that doesn't count.

See you at the next one.
Ken Graham and Marilyn Flinders.





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MEET BRODIE - MAYBE HE CAN BE OUR NEW MASCOT CUPCAKES TO CELEBRATE

1st Birthday Celebrations for Bunbury

Another great weekend for the Bunbury Crew. Our weekend was held at the Maranup Ford Caravan Park. Nestled in amongst the hills close to the Blackwood River, you couldn't ask for a better, more relaxing pace to visit No Phones, No TV, No Noise.

We had the park to ourselves with the exception of an English couple who only stayed the Friday Night.

Valentine's Day was celebrated on Friday Night, with Pete Mercer giving all the ladies a chocolate flower and chocolate hearts. The men didn't miss out, they also received hearts & flowers from Judi. Even the visitors got chocolates as well.

Fend for your self evening after the 3 hour "Sundowner" saw nearly everyone calling it a night by 9pm. Not a sound was heard until early morning when

some people headed off for their early morning constitutions and walks. Several people took the opportunity to explore the park gardens and river before it got too hot.

The Boyup Brook Country Music Festival was on, and a few people went to check that out, along with checking out the sites of near by Bridgetown and districts.

Our group booked the entire caravan



FLOWERS FOR FRAN



BRIAN "SARG" COLLETT



VALENTINE'S SUNDOWNER

Birthday Celebrations

park. Maranup Ford only has 11 powered sites (15amp) and 2 x 10amp sites and several unpowered sites. A couple of vans needed to be connected to the shed for power.

We took over the entire Park, with 30 members turning up for the weekend. The park has ensuite style showers, toilet, camp kitchen and BBQ. Melva and Hugh were wonderful and couldn't help us enough to ensure our stay was enjoyable. Highly recommended for another stay.

Our Birthday celebrations started with Judi decorating the camp kitchen with balloons and confetti.

Terry Trigg did a wonderful job of the Cupcakes with the RV logo on top.

The meal was a BYO BBQ with salad to share. Everyone got into the spirit and as usual too much food was bought

SCONES FOR MORNING TEA WAS SUPPLIED ON SATURDAY, WITH A FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST ON SUNDAY

along. The selection of salads and desserts was credit to all.

There were LOOT Bags for everyone to take home for the Grandies - although a couple of the ladies couldn't resist the bubbles.

Everyone surprised Judi with a thank you Vase for organizing the event. Thank you again everyone.

Prizes were given out to members for doing what comes naturally to some.

1. Brian Collett for not being able to chock the van and needing several members to lift it up to place chocks underneath it.
2. Ron Henzen for needing Judi's help to direct the van in. A lot of discussions with the men wasn't working.
3. Janet Kent for having to take over from Gerry to reverse the motorhome into their site, after several failed attempts by Gerry.
4. Gordon & Julie Pattenden's dog - for being chased down the driveway by the farm cat.

OUR MEMBERS



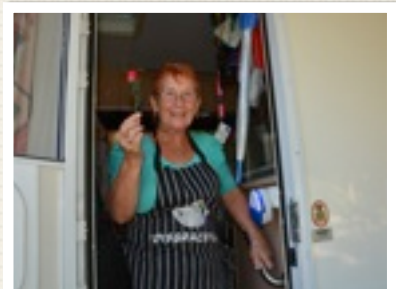
HAZEL MILLER & TERRY TRIGG



CHOOK & ROSALIE SMITH



JAN SIMCOCK



JANET KENT



PHOTO ALBUM



PHOTOS OF MEMBERS ENJOYING THEMSELVES AT THE MARANUP FORD BIRTHDAY WEEKENDER.

NOLA & MIKE RICE WITH DOUG & JAN SIMPCOCK

MALCOLM HAMILTON, TREVOR RILEY, JUDI RAVEN
AND NORM & LYNN DANN WITH GORDON & JULIE
PATTENDEN.

PHOTO ALBUM



Next weekender to be held in October due to AGM

PHOTOS

1. JUDI & SARG CHECKING OUT THE SYPDER
2. PETE MERCER GIVING FLOWERS TO THE LADIES FOR THE COST OF A KISS FOR VALENTINES DAY
3. GLENN TRIGG, JUDI RAVEN & COROL HAMILTON DISCUSSING THE WORLDS PROBLEMS
4. PETE, GLENN & CAROL DISCUSSING MORE
5. GORDON PATTENDEN WITH THE LAST SCENE....

The next weekender will be held in October due the Ulysses AGM in Alice Springs in May.

This doesn't mean that we don't have to miss out on a weekender. If someone would like to take up the challenge to organize one whilst I am away, please do so.

All you need to do is work out where you want to go, decide on the weekend, and whats for dinner - always make it simple, then no-one misses out on the fun.

Suggested area's could be Coogee Caravan Park, Serpentine, North Dandalup, York. So many places - so little time.

The October weekender could possibly be the Kulin Races. Keith has volunteered to check this out for us if everyone wants to do this. This will be 3 day weekend due to the Race Days. Only concern is that we may not be able to book if we stay at the Race Course, however there is a Caravan Park in Kulin which we will to book asap.

More information will be sent out once it's agreed that this is the venue. The theme night will be 'POT LUCK'.

Good luck to those going the AGM and we hope everyone stays safe until we meet up again