



Arvey is currently touring the Kimberley's with the Wayne & Hazel Miller. I expect a huge report on all his travels upon his return. See the next newsletter.

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Editorial:

Hi all.

For those of you that do not know me, my name is Judi Raven and my partners name is Pete Mercer. I have been a member of the Ulysses Club since 2010. Since joining the club I have been the Secretary for the Bunbury Branch from 2010 to 2014 and held the Treasurer position for a period of 6 months. I have never produced newsletters on this scale before (other than the local WA Rally reports), so I hope I can live up to expectations.

I became the WA Coordinator, along with Wayne Miller, when we started the Ulysses Members RV Group here in the West, back in 2015, with our first rally held at Big Valley Campsite in Margaret River. We have since held 11 Rallies, including a "Wildflowers of the West" Tag-A-Long. We even had a QLD couple (Twiggy & Dale) join us on the Tag-a-Long. All our Rallies have been well supported locally and we hope that all the rest will be fantastic as well.

As all of you are aware WA is holding the AGM at Taunton Farm in Cowaramup on 16-22 October. So far we have 34 vans registered with the Caravan Park, so if you are intending to go, don't forget to book your site and register online at www.ulyssesrv.org

We have booked the whole caravan park hoping that lots of people will come over and see our beautiful part of the world. Even if you have been to Margaret River before, maybe its time you came back and took another look. There will be lots of locals to show you around and point out the best parts to see.

Rod & Julie have given us a special discount and are allowing us a special space in the park for those travelling with pets (usually no pets allowed due to it being a working farm). The local businesses have also come on board giving us discounts but you need to wear your RV shirt. If you don't have one, order one ASAP to allow time to get here.

I look forward to meeting everyone in October.

Don't forget to send through any news worthy items to the editor@ulyssesrv.org.

With regards Judi Raven

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NSW. RALLY CALENDAR

"THE NOT AGM RALLY" Griffith NSW.

October 20th – 22nd For those of you who can't make the WA AGM we have organised a weekend away .

Griffith Tourist Park ph. 02 6964 2144

This is the weekend after the Orange Festival but

we have been told the sculptures stay on display until this weekend.

10 sites have been held under Ulysses RV so mention this when booking your site.

Cost \$33 per night

For more information contact Carolyn Hoyer 0402131675 or Wendy Rogers 0413745180.

QLD RALLY CALENDAR

AUGUST 28 - SEPTEMBER 11 Tag-a-long

Kenilworth Showgrounds - Callide Dam Paradise Dam - Blackbutt Showgrounds "Bloomin' Festival" (07-11 Sept).

DECEMBER 01-03 Boonah Showgrounds.

**This is a guide ONLY to be utilised as a forward planner for 2017*

Gordon and Judy (0423 864 492)

Blip and Di

Details for the 2017 AGM can be found on pages of this newsletter.

Don't forget to get your registration in for the 2017 AGM at Margaret River (Cowaramup). Registration form on our website.

Also a potential stop over on the way to the

2017 AGM plus an opportunity to catch up with our "South of the Murray" mates.

Euston Riverfront Caravan Park is located Sturt Highway between Sydney and Adelaide.

The park is very popular for water skiing.

Launch your boat or kayak at the local boat

ramp. Fishing is also very popular with

many Perch and Murray Cod caught locally.

8 waterfront sites have been held (sites 10 to 17 incl) but others are available too.

Cost \$29 per night

Book directly with park on (03) 5026

1543 and quote Ulysses RV group

For more information contact Margaret Rae on 0456781007.

SA ULYSSES RV CALENDAR 2017

This Year's Calendar is now complete and we are trying out some new campsites. Sites and dates chosen are

October 17th to 23rd 2017 AGM Margaret River Western Australia

November 17th to 19th 2017 Clayton Bay Caravan Park

FUTURE AGM'S. 2017.

We are going to Western Australia for 2017. The event will be held at Taunton Farm Caravan Park on the Southwestern Highway, Cowaramup,. South western W.A., especially the Margaret River area is full of attractions, great wineries, cheese and chocolate factories and lots of scenery and attractions. More information in this newsletter.

2018

Its back to Queensland for the 2018 AGM. Gordon has booked the Boonah Showground to stage the AGM for the week 15th to 21st October, 2018. This venue has successfully hosted a CMCA AGM Rally, and the people there are excited about us coming in 2018. More information as it comes to hand.

NSW RALLY - EUSTON

Ang and Mary, Darcy and Trine, Robyn and John, Dick and Jill, John and Denise, Marg and Steve and Carolyn and Ian made up the NSW contingent at our recent rally in Euston.

It was great to be joined by a full compliment of our neighbouring Victorians, Michael and Roslyn, Ken and Cherie, Rob and Rhonda, Derek, Keith, Helen and Sid, Marilyn and Richard, John and Denise plus cabineers Murray and June.

Euston is a quiet spot on the Murray with very little distraction competing for our time. Hence drink o'clock was very popular thanks to John and Darcy's half keg fire boxes. Mike continued to fish but we are still waiting for our feed. Robinvale markets provided a small relief and the walk to the weir insured lots of exercise especially for Ian, Carolyn, Steve and Margaret who got lost of the way home and did an extra kilometre or so.



Saturday night dinner at the local Royal Hotel was enjoyed by all rally attendees. Good food, good prices, good company and good warm fires.



Sunday was a warm sunny relaxing day. Some people watching Speedway on foxtel, others just lazing enjoying the sunshine.

Thanks all for joining us on a good week end.

Report on the SARV weekend at Mt Pleasant 4th – 6th August 2017.

The weekend started for us, as it did for several others on the Friday morning, by attending Crazee's (Phillip) Jenkins funeral. It was a fitting send off for a much admired & unique character. Many of us arrived at the Mount Pleasant Caravan Park during the Friday afternoon, after having battled through blustery rainsqualls on the way.

Caravans were parked where puddles slowly joined up to form a "picturesque lake" where the grass had previously been.

Fortunately this didn't cause any real problem and the ducks seemed to like it.

We were pleased to find a very large shed, measuring approximately 50 x 40 meters and open on three sides, with the walled end fortunately on the side where the wind and rain was coming from. It had a dirt floor and a roof high enough for us to have a couple of sizable brazier type fires to keep us warm and cozy. This naturally became the hanging out place for the weekend.



I think it fair to say that if the shed wasn't there, then we would have not been there. Considering the filthy weather, it was great to see approximately 30 people attending. Four of us went for a walk all decked out in our wax coats looking like a mob of "hobos" to check out the local "antiques" shop, quite an eclectic collection, but the prices were insane, and we weren't surprised to see the business up for sale!



On return to the fire Hobbit & Vicki were entertaining the troupes with their Ukes. The constant theme of the gathering around the fire was fun, laughter and rain!

We did meet an old guy on the other side of the camp ground, who was building a big wooden ship and was going to round up different species of animals two by two!!

We had good representation from different branches all contributing to the occasion. A particular stand out was Sue Freene reciting Rhold Dahl "fractured fairy tales". The large comedic pieces all committed to memory and delivered in such an expert manner were enthralling and so funny.

On the Saturday night, a large contingent of about 20 of us attended the Totness Hotel for tea, then returned to the others back at the fun fireside circle in the shed for an after dinner glass (or flagon!) of port or other beverages.

It will be one of those weekends that will be fondly remembered by everyone who was there, even if they did look like they were on a Douglas Mawson expedition!

We can't wait for the next RV weekend, where the stories of the weather at Mount Pleasant will no doubt be greatly exaggerated on every telling.



ULLYSSES RV QLD JULY RALLY: 2017

OPERA at JIMBOUR HOUSE 20th July - 23rd July 2017

Opera at Jimbour House on the Darling Downs is an event that is held every two (2) years in the grounds of a beautiful old sandstone homestead located just outside Dalby in Qld. This year the Qld group decided to celebrate their Christmas in July at Bowenville reserve free camp and include the Jimbour Opera in their itinerary. In all, nine rigs turned out for the weekend, six rigs stayed at Bowenville reserve while the remainder had booked into a van park at Bell. The group at Bowenville included Ray, Michael and Gail, Alf and Rose, Hans and Georgie, Twiggy and Dale, Darrel and Joy. The group at Bell was Chris and Janet, Col and Lynn, John and Debbie. As Blip has had recent knee surgery, he and Di were



Bowenville Reserve

unable to attend, and Gordon and Judy had grandparent duties to fulfil as their daughter was in Perth for a conference.



Chat and Stitch? Of course!!

Ray was set up first at Bowenville reserve. It was great to see his Ulysses sign on his van when we arrived. We (G & M) set up next to him then Hans & Georgia, Twiggy & Dale, Joy & Darrel and New comers Rose and Alf in their big rig. All rigs were in by Friday afternoon in time for the pot luck dinner at night.

The weather was perfect through the day but it was a bit cold during the night; however, our fires kept us warm. Alf and Rose only stayed 1 night as it was just too cold for them, but they are now working on modifying their rig to manage the cold.

Hans & Georgia headed home Sunday, while the rest of us stayed till Monday enjoying time together.

The group at the Bell van park gave the park and its facilities a big “thumbs up” and the group at Bowenville were very happy with the

choice due to the large amount of space that was available. The potluck dinner on Friday night had all the trimmings of a feast with everybody enjoying what was on offer.

After dinner, the

mood was set for a great evening around the campfires with a few drinks and a little fire pit envy between Michael and Hans.



Mmmmm - not sure about this Hans.



Toasty fires needed!



The group with wind break at Bowenville reserve

Next day was our trip to the Opera which proved to be a big day out, starting at 8AM to take in the fantastic markets set up in the ground, where we could treat ourselves to a variety of fine foods and drinks and good company. The cast performed "The Merry Widow", with David Hobson as star singer. which was enjoyed by several thousand in the audience. It certainly was a great experience - a big thank you to the Qld organisers, Blip, Di, Gordon and Judith for an entertaining few days. The groups headed off on Sunday with a few rigs extending their trip along the track.



Great food, sunshine.....



..... company and culture



At the OPERA at JIMBOUR HOUSE



As reported by **Darrel and Joy, Gail and Michael** – Many thanks for these reports

On behalf of Gordon and Judy 07) 32877616 Blip and Di

(QLD) Ulysses RV Group Co-ordinators

Stuff you can buy in our gear shop.

Club shirt. Apple green with black highlights, with club logo embroidered on left chest, and your name on the right chest. Available in both men's sizes XS - 5XL, and ladies sizes 8 - 26.



Club shirt. Apple green with black highlights, with club logo embroidered on left chest. Available in both men's sizes XS - 5XL, and ladies sizes 8 - 26.

Price \$35.00 plus postage. (Shirt will be ordered after payment.)

Price \$39.50 plus postage. (Shirt will be ordered after payment.)

200mm sticker - new logo. \$10.00 plus \$1.30 postage. Order more than one and combine postage.



Small RV Group Flag, screen printed on one side and with sewn pole slot on left hand side.

\$15.00 each plus postage.



100 mm sticker - new logo. \$2.00 each plus \$1.00 postage. Order more than one and combine postage.

SHIRTS AND BADGE ORDERS WILL BE PLACED TWICE A YEAR FROM NOW ON, WITH THE CUT OFF DATES FOR ORDERS BEING MARCH 31ST AND AUGUST 31ST. THIS CHANGE IS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO GET THE BEST DEAL FOR OUR MEMBERS AND TO FACILITATE THE EMBROIDERING OF SHIRTS IN LARGER BATCHES.

Name badge with magnetic clasp. \$15.00

Don't forget to put the name you want on the badge in the field before clicking "Add to Cart".



REAR WHEEL COVER STICKER

High quality RV (or 4WD) spare wheel cover sticker, featuring the RV Group logo. Sticker can be made to fit spare wheel cover from 13" up to 16". Of high quality vinyl with an anti graffiti covering applied. Cost of sticker only supplied, plus postage \$60.00.

WARNING. Members with a heart pacemaker SHOULD NOT order the badge with the magnetic clasp, as it may interfere with the pacemaker. Please specify in the comments part of the order confirmation that you require a pin clasp if that is the case.



If you would like the manufacturer to apply the sticker to your cover, cost will be \$65.00 plus return postage of \$9.95. You will need to purchase a postage tube and send the cover to the address supplied in the checkout process.

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THE FINAL WORD

The AGM is drawing closer, and we are looking forward to a good roll up for the event. In the near future, I will be sending out emails to those members who have indicated their intention to attend but have not yet completed and paid for their full registration. We will need registrations completed by late September so that I can advise the caterers and other suppliers of numbers for the various meals, welcome bags etc.

Also, check out the information on the website regarding the two AGM tours, one a winery tour at Harman's Estate Winery, just down the road from the caravan park, conducted by the chief winemaker, who will take us through the whole process from grape to glass. This one is scheduled for Tuesday 17th October and will cost \$10.00 a head, maximum group size 20, and includes a wine tasting afterwards and 10% discount on any wine purchases.

The second tour is the Cheers Bus Tour, which picks you up at the caravan park at 10.00 am for an all day tour to several wineries, the chocolate factory, cheese factory, venison farm, and includes a gourmet lunch at one of the wineries, all for the discounted price of \$80.00 a head.

You can find details on our website at <http://ulyssesrv.org/agmtours.html>

I have transferred the mailing list to Gmail, and it seems to be working well, with I hope everyone now getting their newsletters and news updates. In a recent mail out, I asked for volunteers to assist with some functions of the club, and Judi Raven has volunteered to have a go at producing the newsletter in future. Any articles, photos, reports for the newsletter should now be sent to Judi at editor@ulyssesrv.org

Ken has been working on getting information for changing our banking procedures, and is bringing the paperwork over to W.A. for us to sit down to make a decision and open a new club account, with more than one signatory. We will also look at getting a new PayPal account for the club, rather than the present setup of using mine and Gordon's personal PayPal accounts, to handle all gear shop purchases and registrations.

On a personal note, I have completed at this stage my cancer treatment. Now I just have to wait until early October to see if it has been successful. Fingers crossed that the bastard thing has been destroyed. Nevertheless, Sherol and I will be heading home to Queensland after the AGM, come hell or high water. I would like to thank everyone for their support during this difficult time; your thoughts and well wishes are much appreciated.

If you are coming over to the West for the AGM, enjoy the trip, and travel safe.

Rick.

EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA!

Ulysses RVers – the Qld group are working on a hexagon quilt to be finished and raffled at the AGM at Boonah QLD in 2018.

If you have hexagons you have completed please bring to WA AGM or pass on to someone who will be attending.

Others can pick up the fabric, wadding etc. from Judy or Sandy in Oct at Taunton farm WA.

For consistency, hexagons need to be made from the black fabric we will issue.

Names and State will be embroidered on the reverse side.

Thanks to all participating. Cheers – Judy Crosswell

