



ULYSSES MEMBERS RV GROUP



The Kermit Kronicle



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From the Editors Desk.

Welcome to the first edition of the Ulysses Members RV Group newsletter, "The Kermit Kronicle". The newsletter takes its name from our club mascot "Arvie", who joined the group in Albany and has done a bit of travelling in the meantime with Sherol and Rick and then Sandy and Chris. Some of his photos are in the website Photo Albums. If you would like to take Arvie travelling with you, let Rick know and we can arrange to have him join you. You will be required though, to take lots of photos of him at various places and landmarks in your travels and put them in the photo album, or send them via email to Rick to do the same.

The group has had a Xmas in July gathering at Nymboida, NSW and you can read a report of that later in the newsletter.

There is also a gathering at Rainbow Beach in Qld on the first weekend in September - details are on the website and in this newsletter.

The RV Group 3rd AGM is fast approaching and is being held at the Beachfront Caravan Park, North Haven, NSW, which is just south of Port Macquarie. Details are also in the newsletter. You will need to book your site if you are planning on coming.

Thanks go to our State Coordinators, Ken Tacon, Tom Dudley, Phil Johnston, Sandy Thornthwaite, Marilyn and Richard Flinders and Bev Driver. If anyone would like to have a go at organising small gatherings in your home State, just put your hand up at the AGM. It's not hard, just pick a location, ring the caravan park

and see if they have the room, negotiate a group price and put the details on the website forum. Local Tourism organisations or even local councils usually have information about their attractions and places of interest.

If anyone has been away either with other RV'ers or by themselves, we would be interested in hearing from you about your trip, places you visited and a report of the trip for the newsletter.

Have you done any modifications to your RV that you think might be of interest to other members. Let us know, draw a picture or take a photo and send to us.

I look forward to seeing lots of you at the AGM and at other RV group gatherings.

Rick Bedford,
Coordinator





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Christmas in July - 16th - 18th July, 2010

Picture this - Hazel and Wayne Miller sitting at their breakfast table in Bunbury W.A..

Says Wayne, "I see the RV group are having a Christmas in July at Nymboida in mid July."

Says Hazel, "Where's Nymboida?"

Says Wayne, "Oh, northern NSW I think."

Says Hazel, "We should go then."

And so it came to pass that on 18th June, Wayne and Hazel hitched up their van and headed east out of Bunbury, bound for the other side of the continent.

On the way to Nymboida they visited Eyre Peninsula, Port Augusta, William Creek, Lake Eyre, Broken Hill and then to Nymboida where they joined 7 other couples and 3 single occupant rigs to celebrate the Christmas festivities in the middle of the year.

Ken and Doreen and their mate Bob had been at the site since Monday 12th getting things ready, with the help of Ken Tucker, the property owner. Firewood was in abundance, and a marquee was set up for use by the attendees, although I didn't see anyone actually using it, except for Bob with his swag.

The property has slowly been developed by Ken T. over the past 10 years, and each year at Easter the Range Rover club has their annual rally there, and they have all pitched in over the time to help with the improvements, including a couple of drop toilets and water.

During the week the arrivals included Ron and Louise from Mudgee, Phil and Fay from Grafton, John and Di from the Gold Coast, Jackie and Kevin from the Mid North Coast, Wayne and Hazel, Richo and Robyn from somewhere south in NSW, Marie and Jurgen from Brisbane, Barry from Brisbane and yours truly.

Friday night the weather turned bitterly cold, and apparently it had been like that all week. We gathered around the campfire and, regaled each other with tales and general chit chat, sipping on (in my case) a bottle of fine (read that as cheap) port, whilst the ladies were scoffing down the 'c--- s----- cowboys.

As the bonfire became coals we drifted off to our re-

spective vans for the night. I noted the temperature inside the van when I retired was -1 degrees, but was too full of port to rug up sufficiently. I awoke in the middle of the night to find the covers had deserted me, and I was literally shaking with the cold. It took a while to get warm again, but I eventually did. When I arose about 7.00 am, the temperature inside the van was -3.3 degrees.

Just the sort of weather for a Xmas in July, we were just not high enough for snow though.

About 10.30am, Ken rallied everyone into four 4WD's and led us off for a tour of the area. First stop was the Nymboida Coaching Station Hotel, to book in for their Christmas in July dinner, and to visit the museum. The hotel and museum is owned by Russell Crowe, with memorabilia of all sorts, from cricket, racing cars, rugby league, relics from centuries past and relics from Russell's various films.

From the Museum we heading west to the bridge on the Nymboida River that was washed away in the 1946 flood. On seeing the size of the cement filled columns that were lying in the river bed, one can only wonder at the power of nature that was capable of toppling it down.

Then it was onto the hand carved tunnel, about another 30 kms west. This tunnel was cut by manual labour using chisels and hammers wielded by convict labour. Worth the drive.

Barry and Ken kept everyone amused on the way out and way back to the power station and rapids with their constant banter on the CB.

Saturday night, there was 19 of us at the hotel for a absolutely wonderful 3 course meal of typical cold climate Christmas fare, followed by a complimentary port and coffee. About the same number of Ulysses members from the Tweed Border Branch were on the table next to us, similarly celebrating, so it made for a genuinely enjoyable night.

Ken has booked the same weekend next year at the same site, so mark it in your calendars now. By the way, Jackie and Kevin won the prize for best decorated van, and Rick got second prize.

COMING EVENTS.

3rd Ulysses Members RV Group Annual General Meeting.

Place: Beachfront Caravan Park

Address: 109 The Parade, North Haven

Phone: 02 65599193

Email: bfront@hastingsparks.com

Website: beachholidayparks.com.au

Date: Friday 22nd October 2010 to Sunday 24th October 2010.

Rate: Powered sites \$25 Extra discount with seniors cards (price as at today's date)

They have around 100 powered sites available.

Park is Pet friendly

Located about 100 metres from surf beach and a short walk to the river with a pathway all along the water. A beautiful place.

Friday night: plan to have a welcome BBQ and social drink in the park with members providing all their own drinks, food chairs etc. at the BBQ area near site N1 on attached map.

Saturday Night:

Dinner at North Haven Bowling Club. Approx 1 Klm from Caravan Park. Nice Club. Excellent food. A band will be at the club on the night at no charge to us.

Menu:

For \$20 per head they have offered:

Main meal of:

Baked Scotch Fillet & Vegies (this is a very nice meal)

Honey Mustard & Cream Sauce Chicken with vegies

Sweets:

Apple Struddle or Lemon Meringue

Tea & Coffee.



Bookings: Essential that members book as soon as possible as this time is leading into their busy season. A deposit for one night will be payable with booking.

As of the time of going to press, we have had 90 people indicate on the forum that they will be attending, with 80 attending the dinner on Saturday night, so if you have not booked yet, get in and do so.

RAINBOW BEACH WEEKEND GETAWAY - 3rd to 5th September, 2010

If you plan on coming to this get together, give the Rainbow Waters Holiday Park a ring on 07 54863200 and book you site. Just let them know you are with the Ulysses RV Group in order to get the discounted site of \$28.00 per night for a powered site.

I have booked for us for Saturday night at the Rainbow Beach Sports and Recreation Club for dinner, with their cheaper menu. They have a courtesy bus which will pick us up at the caravan park and take us to the club.



Latest from the Merchandise Shop.

We still have our embroidered patches available from our Merchandise Shop. To buy a patch just go to <http://www.ulyssesrv.org/oscommerce/login.php>. If you have previously registered, log in with your email address and the password you used, or if not, click on the register link and follow the prompts. You can then order merchandise from the shop, including patches and shirts.

inspected his products on Chuck and Catriana's motorhome. He uses high quality inks on acrylic stickers which he guarantees for 7 years. I am just waiting on him to get back to me with prices and will then order some for the shop. I am looking at 90 -100mm and 200 mm stickers at this time. Hopefully by the time that the AGM comes around we will have some in our possession for sale.

If you want to purchase any of our merchandise from the shop, we take payments online either through paypal, or by credit card through paypal or by direct bank transfer.



Until next time, safe travels to everyone, and we hope to see you at the AGM in North Haven.

Arvie and the Team.

I have been in contact with Lance in Melbourne who produces stickers for a number of clubs, and have