



## ULYSSES MEMBERS RV GROUP



# The Kermit Kronicle



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Fom the Editors Desk.

Winter is well and truy with us, with temperatures here in SE Qld taking a nose dive. Sherol and I chose the coldest day of the year so far (12.5 de-grees) to jump on the bike and go to the Caravan and Camping Show in Brisbane, and shivered through the whole time there. Some of you from the south-ern States are probably chuckling away at our decla-ration of 12 degrees being cold, but when one is used to daily temperatures in the low 20's, to us it is cold.

The show, although utilising only one side of the Ekka grounds, was bigger than previous years, thanks to the re-development of the area and the demolishing of some older buildings, allowing more outdoor space for displays. I really liked a couple of the newer manufacturers products, especially the one with the nose cone utilising more space. Thinking outside the square.

Xmas in July is fast approaching, and Ken tells me that he has been advised that so far 30 of us are going to Nymboida for the get together. Camp fire wood is well stocked, and we are looking forward to a great time.

Quite a number of us attended the Celtic Festival at Glen Innes at the end of April, and I have included a report of the event later in the newsletter.

We had a query from a member from Fleurieu Branch of the Ulysses Club regarding joining the RV Group. He advised that there were a number of them in that branch that were taking up the RV lifestyle and was enquiring about a branch approach.

I gave him the example of the mob from Mudgee Branch, numbering about 15 couples, who are all members of the RV Group, and who organise WGT's for themselves, and then throw open the invitation for all other members of the RV Group to join them. We did just that recently at the Glen Innes Celtic Festival, and what a great time we had.

If you know that there are other members of your local Ulysses Branch who are RV'ers as well, why not get yourselves a little bit organised, put together a WGT and then put it up on our notice board so that we all can join in. Don't wait for one of the state organisers to arrange things. Pick a location, talk it over amongst yourselves, pick a date and then put it out there. You might find that the 5 or 6 of you couples are joined by another 15 or 20 and a great time can be had by all. When you think about it, we have lots in common to talk about at happy hour, with motorbikes, RV's, empty nesting, grand kids and Queensland's obvious superiority in the State of Origin to name just a few.

Registrations for the AGM have been flowing in, and it would seem that at the present rate, we will soar past the numbers for last year. I am looking forward to a great event again. Look out Tamworth, here we come.

Until next time,  
Stay safe and enjoy the road.

Rick.



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### UPCOMING EVENTS.

#### MUDGEE

9-11th September

Riverside Caravan Park

Short Street Mudgee.

02 6372 2531

Contact Fay for this one 0266446105 or

0438215325

Camp Fire permitted at this Park as it will be cold at night.

Pets are allowed.

#### NUNDLE

Sept30-3rd Oct

Fossickers Tourist Park

Jenkins Street Nundle

02 6769 3355

Contact Jeanette on 02 4389344

Pets are allowed

#### FORSTER

25-27th November

Lakeside Resort

13 Tea Tree Road

Forster

02 6555 5511

Contact Fay for this one 0266446105 or

0438215325.

Sorry no pets allowed

**Its on again by popular request.**

### **XMAS IN JULY AT NYMBOIDA .**

For those who went last year you all know what to bring, warm jumpers and like some extra bottles of port or someone to keep you warm.

We will go to the coaching station again for sat night meal .

**Come early and stay late no time limit .**

### **DATES 16-17th JULY**

**TO SEND KEN AN EMAIL LETTING HIM KNOW NUMBERS, Paste this link into your browser;**

<http://ulyssesrv.org/xmasjulyreply.html>

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### **4th AGM - Tamworth, NSW. October 20th to 23rd, 2011**

at the Austen Tourist Park, contact details as follows.

**581 Armidale Road, Tamworth NSW 2340**

**For Bookings: 1800 826 967**

**Telephone: (02) 6766 2380**

**Resident Managers:**

**Frank and Christine Edwards**

**Email: [bookings@austintouristpark.com.au](mailto:bookings@austintouristpark.com.au)**

It is an extremely well kept park.

They can provide 100 powered sites and they will book out the entire park for the Ulysses RV group.

We have decided that we should run with a Marquee on site and a local caterer providing a roast dinner and sweets. Meal would be 3 different roasts with steamed veggies, jacket potato with sour cream, or salad, which ever we choose. The sweets would be mud cake and pavlova. WE will have tea and coffee as well, provided by the Park owners. Cost will be \$20 per head.

Marquee cost will be approximately \$1000.00 which includes lighting and will be erected on the Wednesday and taken down on the Monday.



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Thanks to the generosity of members at the North Haven AGM this year, the club is in a position to meet a good deal of the cost of the Marquee, and we will require only a donation of about \$3.00 a head from members attending to make up the rest of the cost, that way leaving a little bit of money in the bank to continue running the website and gear shop.

If you haven't registered as yet, you can do so online by going to <http://ulyssesrv.org/agm4form.html> or you can print out the form at the back of this newsletter and send it to the address on the form.

At last count nearly 100 members have registered as attending the event. By registering, the AGM committee can ensure that catering and amenities are in place for us all. Also, if you are attending, be sure to book your site or cabin at the Austen Tourist Park - details opposite page.

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### **MERCHANDISE SHOP.**

*Our merchandise can be found in our shop online at <http://ulyssesrv.org> and click on the merchandise shop link.*

*We have stickers, and patches available to be sent out immediately, and you can order and pay for an RV shirt in your size, with or without having your name embroidered on the shirt.*

*If you prefer not to use PayPal or online credit card payment, or even bank transfer, feel free to contact me by letter to Ulysses Members RV Group, P.O. Box 4626, Eight Mile Plains, Qld. 4113,*

*or you can ring me on 0402 453 380 to work out a different manner of purchase.*

*If you have any other ideas for merchandise, drop me an email and we will look into finding suppliers and pricing same.*

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### **Spare Wheel Covers.**

Some of you will have seen the caravan spare wheel cover on the back of our van, or on Tom and Mary's van. That was produced by our daughter, at a cost of \$150.00, using marine grade enamel paint. This was a fairly labour intensive and slow process, and whilst the end result is great, waiting time can be extended whilst she juggles 2 jobs, TAFE studies, parenthood and whatever else young people do these days.

*In the meantime, Phil has located a supplier who will produce a tyre cover logo on a round vinyl disk which can be sewn over your existing tyre cover, either by you or by the supplier. The logo is produced on white vinyl which will allow our 5 colour logo with only the standard 4 colour process, thereby reducing costs. Pricing is \$100 for 1, reducing to \$75 or even \$50 depending on the number ordered. The more ordered, the cheaper it gets.*

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## 2011 Celtic Festival - Glen Innes. April 28th - May 2nd.

Tom Dudley put the information on the notice board that a few of the members from Mudgee were heading the the Celtic Festival at Glen Innes on the above weekend, and had booked into the Showgrounds.

it straight into the spot first go, so that I was not then the subject of any chiacking from the gathered spectators.

After setting up, we had a walk around the showgrounds to catch up with some other friends from Brisbane and then wandered over to where Ron Deeben had set up a campfire in half of a 44 gallon drum, supplied by a stockpile of wood that a few of those present had purchased. That campfire outside "RandL" the bus was to become the headquarters and happy hour venue for the RV Group for the weekend, as it had already been since early in the week.



Each afternoon, we carried out chairs over to the campfire for happy afternoon followed by happy evening and then happy night. Each day produced different treats,

from hot mulled wine, BBQ's, roast marshmallows and even roasted chocolate marshmallows.

I did some quick checking on the official website for the event, and posted the booking details for the showgrounds and caravan parks on our website, and we turned this event into a WGT.

Sherol and I arrived at the showgrounds about mid afternoon on Thursday 28th to be greeted by Ruth Rawlings at the gate, and then guided to a powered site she had saved right in amongst the crowd from Mudgee. Fortunately, I have had enough practice at reversing the van into tight spots that I managed to get



Each day of the extended weekend there were events on highlighting the Celtic traditions, with the accent this year on the Irish.

Friday saw us walk into the main street to have a look around and also enjoy the lone piper on the balcony of the town hall at mid-day. Friday night, a bunch of us went to the Services Club for dinner and then settled back to watch the royal wedding. Ruth, Louise and Sherol all dressed up for the event, donning their glamorous tiara's.

Saturday was an early start, up to the Standing Stones for the Piper in the Mist at 5.45am, and the dawn service, followed by the Bush Poet's breakfast. What a great and entertaining start to the day, chilly as it was.

Then it was back down to the main street for the grand parade, before returning to the Standing Stones later in the morning to spend the rest of the day there, enjoying the various displays and events.



A great weekend, thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. If you have never been to the Celtic Festival, which celebrated it's 19th year this year, mark it in your diary and head there next year if you can. Showground camping, if you book early enough was very good, with clean amenities, and quite reasonably priced.





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## July 15th - 18th Nymboida, NSW.

Located on a private property about 40 kms south west of Grafton on the Armidale Road. Great camping area, toilets, filtered dam water. No power - generator OK.

Saturday night dinner at Russell Crowe's pub, 1 km from campsite - museum at pub as well.

Bring your Xmas decorations for your van - Prize for best decorated RV

Powered campsites available at Nymboida Canoe Centre, 5 - 10 kms from campsite

For further information ring Ken on 0417630750

A teacher asked her young pupils how they spent their holiday away from school. One child wrote the following: We always used to spend the holidays with Grandma and Grandpa. They used to live in a big brick house but Grandpa got retarded and they moved to town. Now they live in a tin box and have rocks painted green to look like grass. They ride around on their bicycles and wear name tags because they don't know who they are anymore.

They go to a building called a wreck centre, but they must have got it fixed because it is all okay now, they do exercises there, but they don't do them very well. There is a swimming pool too, but they all jump up and down in it with hats on. At their gate, there is a doll house with a little old man sitting in it. He watches all day so nobody can escape. Sometimes they sneak out, and go cruising in their golf

carts. Nobody there cooks, they just eat out. And, they eat the same thing every night --- early birds. Some of the people can't get out past the man in the doll house. The ones who do get out bring food back to the wrecked center for pot luck. My Grandma says that Grandpa worked all his life to earn his retardment and says I should work hard so I can be retarded someday too. When I earn my retardment, I want to be the man in the doll house. Then I will let people out, so they can visit their grandchildren.



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## **Ulysses Members RV Group**

**4th Annual General Meeting - Tamworth NSW. October 20th - 23rd 2011**

# **Registration Form**

Name(s) \* \_\_\_\_\_

Number of persons attending event \* \_\_\_\_\_

Contact telephone number \* \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Arrival \* \_\_\_\_\_

Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_

Attending AG meeting \*    Yes    No

Number of persons attending meeting \* \_\_\_\_\_

Attending Saturday luncheon. \*    Yes    No

Number of persons attending lunch \* \_\_\_\_\_

Attending Saturday dinner. \*    Yes    No

Number of persons attending dinner \* \_\_\_\_\_

Please post your completed form to

**Ulysses Members RV Group,  
AGM Coordinator,  
8 Tolga Place,  
Junction Hill,  
Grafton NSW 2460**

**Please do not use this form if you have already sent in an electronic registration via the UlyssesRV website.**