



EDITORIAL

EDITION 63 – April 2024

My sincere apologies for the delayed publishing of Kermit.

Please do not blame the National Coordinator or State Coordinators; the blame lies entirely with me. I will endeavor to do better into the future. The next edition will be pushed back to allow time for rallies to be completed and reports provided.

On a more positive note, I hope you all enjoyed reading the previous issues and I would like to thank the contributors telling their stories about state rallies, providing jokes, photos or memes.

If submitting an article please send me the word document and photos as the smallest size in Mb, as I we have restrictions on the total documents size when publishing on the web.

Please feel free to contact me at anytime to forward articles, jokes or photos - the more the better after all it is YOUR newsletter.

The next due dates are below.

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Dates	State	Event	Location
<i>11-14 Apr</i>	<i>QLD</i>	<i>Boyne Valley Music Festival</i>	<i>Ubobo</i>
<i>12-14 Apr</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Rally</i>	<i>Crystal Brook Caravan Park</i>
<i>02-07 May</i>	<i>VIC</i>	<i>Rally</i>	<i>Lakes Entrance</i>
<i>07-09 Jun</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Rally</i>	<i>Wellington Caravan Park</i>
<i>09-22 Jul</i>	<i>QLD</i>	<i>Tag-a-long</i>	<i>09-11 Jul, Maidenwell Hotel 12-14 Jul, Ballogie Bush Camp 15-17 Jul, Toowoomba Showground 18-22 Jul, Allora, Christmas in July</i>
<i>18-22 Jul</i>	<i>VIC</i>	<i>Rally</i>	<i>Marysville</i>
<i>02-24 Aug</i>	<i>QLD</i>	<i>Festival of Culture & Camel Races</i>	<i>Tara</i>
<i>30Aug-01 Sep</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Murray Bridge</i>	<i>Avoca Dell Caravan Park</i>
<i>07-14 Oct</i>	<i>QLD</i>	<i>Tag-a-long with stops at</i>	<i>Millmerran, Moree, Gilgandra Ariah Park and Tocumwal Town Beach</i>
<i>14-21 Oct</i>	<i>ALL</i>	<i>Yarrawonga</i>	<i>National Rally & AGM</i>
<i>15-17 Nov</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Rally</i>	<i>Stansbury Foreshore Caravan Park</i>
<i>22 -25 Nov</i>	<i>VIC</i>	<i>TBA</i>	<i>Free Camp Rally</i>
<i>29 Nov-02 Dec</i>	<i>QKD</i>	<i>"Ho Ho Ho!"</i>	<i>Stanthorpe Showground</i>

NATIONAL COORDINATORS' REPORT



G'day folk

Well, I hope you've all come up OK after surviving some really scorching summer rallies! I know Janice and her crew had a very hot one down on the Murray, while Judi also hosted a pretty warm 11th Birthday rally for the WA group in Beverley. NSW, Tassie and SA have also held rallies, while Gordon had to postpone the QLD events due to a number of reasons including weather.

Getting back to Judi ... at WA's recent birthday Judi announced that she is handing over to Alan Warner and Gerry Winter, after 11 years at the helm. Not only has she been a WA Coordinator since that state came on board (with Pete, Wayne and Hazel Miller, and Peter Moore back then) she also "inherited" Rick's duties as National Webmaster, Membership Coordinator and Newsletter Editor as Rick succumbed to cancer. That was a mammoth role, and Judi performed it admirably. Our congratulations and gratitude for such a great contribution to our cause, Judi and Pete, and we hope we'll continue to see you at rallies for many years to come!

As I pen this we're in the process of organising the group's 17th National Birthday Bash at North Haven (NSW) from 10-17 March. While the event has been advertised on our website and our Facebook page, the normal email send outs couldn't occur due to some frustrating new requirements of our email marketing program. I hope word of mouth has reached those who aren't into our Internet mediums. We expect attendances will be down a little, as a number of our members are heading to the Ulysses Club Inc. National Rally in Mandurah (WA), but we'll still have a good time ☺. Safe travels to all members heading over to WA.

Talking with Janice recently, and she and Fred have things pretty well organised for our 15th National Rally down at Yarrawonga. From what she told me it promises to be a doozy, so make sure you get booked in soon at [Yarrawonga Holiday Park](#) or phone them on **03 5744 3420** – and **make sure you tell them you're with the Ulysses RV Group**.

And across the creek our Tassie Coordinators Mike and Gary have advised that a Northern Tasmania caravan park has been selected as the venue for our 2025 National Rally. If you ever considered visiting the Apple Isle (or have been there and wish to revisit) this is your big “excuse”, so mark October 2025 on your calendars!

Many thanks to Blip and Di for running QLD's Kalbar rally and for penning a great rally report in the absence of the Croswell's, who were otherwise occupied fighting off Covid. Congratulations to the Hendriks also on the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary. I hope Di was suitably rewarded with lots of rubies.

Before closing we all wish Doreen and Malu (our resident Kiwi Elvis) all the best for his recovery from illness that has seen him hospitalised since mid December. Get well soon mate!

Wherever you are, travel safely, stay well, and most importantly, stay upright!
Bob Lucas N° 32872
National Coordinator
Ulysses Members RV Group

Vale



Tom Dudley No21, Life member No 4

It is with much sadness I report that we lost Mudgee member Tom Dudley in early January. Tom was a truly dedicated Ulyssian, holding office as the 2nd Ulysses Club Inc. National President from 1987-1994.

He also worked with Phil Johnstone as our NSW Coordinator for 5 years, 2008-2012.

Tom will be sadly missed, and we extend our condolences to his lovely wife Mary at this sad time in her life.

RIP Tom
From Bob and the Ulysses Members RV Group.

2024 - NATIONAL RALLY – YARRAWONGA

Bookings are open and we have our plans well under way for the 15th National Rally.

We hope you will enjoy some of the activities we have planned but there is plenty of time in the week for you all to catch up with friends made from interstate, explore the area as it does have a lot to offer.

We are walking distance to shops so for those who would like to walk it is close by. If anyone has a craft they would like to teach to others, please get in touch and I will slot you into our ladies craft day. Don't forget to bring along any blankets you may have knitted or crocheted to donate to the nursing home.

We will also be having a raffle so a donation of a prize would be greatly appreciated.

Registrations will open on 1st July 2024 but please book the caravan park now. We are looking forward to seeing you all.

17TH BIRTHDAY BASH @ NORTH HAVEN

Well, I arrived at North Haven on Friday to organise Graham Lee our Brekkie man for Monday morning, as he does it with his helpers for Community @ 3 (people living on the street or doing it tough). He said he would organise the Coffee Van to arrive at the same time. I also got onto Clay Parker for barefoot bowls for the Wednesday at North Haven Bowling Club .



Now I said to Bob, *"Don't forget to delegate!"* He didn't disappoint! Everyone started to arrive on Sunday, with 35 sites booked! Well done!



Tuesday a large number of us went on the Hastings River cruise at Port Macquarie, and it was a fun-filled few hours, with some of our crew winning prizes. Tuesday evening we had dinner at North Haven Bowlo. It was lovely, especially with 53 people turning up. Very social.

Wednesday it was Pretty warm, but we getting us organised, lunch afterwards. No

Thank you to Terry
A good laugh!



Barefoot Bowls, with 12 starters. had a good time thanks to Clay and a well deserved drink and winners, just fun.

Hill for running our trivia night.

Thursday stitch and ? for the ladies, Men's Shed for us blokey blokes at Laurieton. It was like going to a small industrial area, including morning tea. Thank you to President Richard and his team for looking after us.

That evening another gathering for dinner at Laurieton Hotel, where 53 again turned up for another social evening.

Friday we had a games afternoon with Trine as the boss, and of course cards afterwards (which was on every evening for those who wanted to partake).



Saturday Marilyn and Vicki got foodstuffs for the evening BBQ, and of course it was raffle and party time that evening.

Thank you to Col Lindorf for helping me out with the entertainment that evening, as crime could not make it. Never time - but Col did a great job!

my partner in mind Gordon, next

Sunday was a travels home.

Junior National Lawrie (Dusty)



farewell to everyone, and safe

Coordinator Rhodes.



REPORTS – QUEENSLAND

Planned Rally Dates

April

- 11-14 April, Ubobo QLD, The Boyne Valley Music Campout

July Tag-a-long

- 09-11 July, Maidenwell Hotel
- 12-14 July, Ballogie Bush Camp, near Kingaroy, the home of The Bait Layer Bush Camp Oven Cookers
- 15-17 July, Toowoomba Showground
- 18-22 July, Allora, 'Christmas in July'

August

- 02-24 August, Tara Festival of Culture and Camel Races

October

- 14-21 October, Yarrawonga VIC, RV National Rally
- Proposed Tag-a-long details are planning on seven days with an approx. max distance <400 km in a day.
- Locations for stops are:
 - 07 Oct, Millmerran, QLD, Showground \$25 pn, p&w, assembly point
 - 08-10 Oct, Moree, NSW, Showground, \$28 pn, p&w, visit hot bores
 - 10 Oct, Gilgandra, NW, Castlereigh River Frontage, free self contained
 - 11 Oct, Araith Park Camping Area, \$15 pn p&w or \$8 pn unpowered
 - 12 Oct, Tocumwal Town Beach, NSW, donation, toilets and cold showers
 - 13 Oct, Yarrawonga Vic
- Expressions of Interest close 16th September 24.
- This is **ONE WAY to YARAWONGA ONLY**. Individuals to plan return route.

NOTES:

- To date I have received nominations from SA members only, so please indicate early allowing me to call each venue and confirm they have the room.
- I request you supply me the following:
 - Number of adults,
 - Dogs if you intend to bring your fur-baby
 - mobile number
 - size of your rig
 - powered or non-powered sites preferred
- POC - John and Maree – 0427 342 797

November /December

- 29 November-02 December, Stanthorpe Showground "Ho Ho Ho!"

Webmaster Report

Whilst many of you use our Facebook page for sharing the latest information on upcoming rallies and immediate info, like happy hour has started it does not work so well for forward information as we have no control over what Facebook shows you! (In my feed I seem to get almost no group posts but hundreds of suggested ones for things I'm not interested in!)

If you are looking for rally information then the website calendar has the full details of every rally, including those of the Ulysses Club SA SIG Group, (You must be a current UC member to attend).

The latest statistics for visits to the site in March show nearly 600 unique visitors with the rally calendar being the most popular page. I know many of you are not regular computer users and only have your phone or tablet to look at the site so it is designed to automatically resize to suit your device. I have also been using some of the free Google web tools to optimise the site to be easy to find.

Google thinks we are doing it well, but do you? I am always happy to get your feedback with suggestions.

I will also be running the informal training/assistance on using the website on your device classes that were popular at Maleny. More details will be provided closer to the National Rally.

In the meantime, you have at least managed to find this newsletter so well done!!

Contact me at webmaster@ulyssesrv.com or 0401 140 585 (Daytime please if possible)

Thanks
Richard Flinders, Webmaster

REPORTS – NEW SOUTH WALES

NSW Summer Rally

Well our summer rally is done and dusted. 20 Vans attended with 36 members enjoying their week at Myall Shores Caravan Park on the shores of Myall Lake.

We had a full bag of weather with a deluge one night followed by 40degrees the next. The days were warm and humid which unfortunately brought the blood-sucking insects but dutifully lathering up with individual choices of repellent each happy hour brought some protection, with some clever souls bringing their own mossie proof enclosures to enjoy the night air.

We all drove down to the Tea Gardens Hotel for lunch using the shortest ferry ride in Australia, if the ferry was built 20 metres longer it would be a bridge and not a punt. Good to see Deb and Pete joining us for the day. All enjoyed a huge meal and those that could still fit it in had a cooling ice cream. As usual, the regular gang had their card playing till late in the camp kitchen.

Days were spent by many on kayaks and SUPs on the lake trying to cool down whilst others made use of the park pool. The park has it's own licensed café selling cold beverages and huge hamburgers and pizzas. Many frequented this, as it was the only place everybody could catch up with family and social media with its free Wi-Fi.

We organised with the park to supply a bbq on the Sunday night that was delicious and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

We all warmly welcomed our newcomers Greg and Deb and also Mike. We all hope you enjoyed the friendship of this group and will join us again soon. It is important we encourage new members so as to keep this fantastic group growing and going forward.

Though the parks layout is quite long, we were all able to enjoy the many flat terrain to access the amenities and café as well as visiting other members vans and Lindsay made good use of his electric bike to scoot all around the park.

Unfortunately one of our members had to be ambulated to hospital after feeling quite ill, but after a few tests and checks was given the all clear.

End of the week saw everyone packing to head home to wash clothes and repack for North Haven.

See you all at the Birthday Bash.
Ian and Jenni



REPORTS – VICTORIA

Vic Planned Rally Dates

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| 2-7 th May | Woodbine Tourist Park
30 Bulmer Street
Lakes Entrance
03 5155 1718 |
| 18-22 nd July | Marysville Holiday Park
1130 Buxton Rd
Marysville
03 5963 3247 |
| 14-21 st Oct | National Rally
Yarrawonga Holiday Park
11 Burley Rd
Yarrawonga
03 5744 3420 |

Please mention when booking you are with the Ulysses RV Group

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| 22-25 th Nov | Destination for free camp In Nov still TBA |
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VIC Summer Rally

What a great rally and what a scorcher it was. We had temperatures up as high as 41deg on a few of those days but fortunately we had a lovely pool to be able to cool off in. We had 36 members join us for the week and have fun with the activities that we did. Friday night we enjoyed a game of barefoot bowls finishing off with a lovely dinner and dessert at the Cohuna Bowls Club. Thanks to Marilyn and Richard for booking us in and to Marilyn and her helpers that cooked the meals.



Saturday night we enjoyed a wonderful meal at the Bower Tavern in the main street of Cohuna. The pub is under new management and our meals came out in order of tables and not one meal was missed. I went around and asked everyone if they enjoyed the meal and it was a big thumbs up. So if you are passing through at any stage we do recommend having a meal here. Meals were also very well priced. Well done to all the staff for looking after us.

Sunday was a scorcher but we had decided we would have a BBQ in the camp kitchen and all the ladies kindly brought a salad or dessert to share. We sat out on the grass area which kept us a little cooler until it was time to eat. We had our raffle with a lot of great prizes being donated.





We have enjoyed another week together sitting around chatting, laughing, knitting and just having fun in general. Some of us explored the area of Cohuna, some of the boys went to Echuca to meet up with the branch for coffee and while they did that of course the ladies went shopping together. Looking forward to catching up with our RV friends at Lakes Entrance in May. Hope you are able to make it and it would be lovely to see some of our newbies.

REPORTS – TASMANIA

Triabunna Rally

A nice quiet weekend with nothing special happening.

Most of us had Friday night dinner from the fish and chips van next to the pub. If you ever visit Triabunna you really should have this food, it's well worth the wait. All freshly prepared and cooked while you wait. I think their ice cream is a strong recommendation for desert as well.

Saturday we had a bit of a go with the horseshoes but without a clear result, the trophies will need to be put aside for another day.

That night saw us in the pub to taste their wares. All good too.



Thanks all for coming, see you at the next one (or two).
Mike

BOTHWELL RALLY – 15-16 MARCH

A small group of nine RV members attended our Bothwell Rally held at the Bothwell caravan park.

We were a social bunch and enjoyed cycling together out to the Nant distillery and back to Ratho Farm golf links where we raided the crab-apple tree.

We dined at the local historic Castle Hotel in the main street, which was a unique experience.

Happy hour is always a favourite time on any rally.



Future Rallies



Snug Beach Caravan Park

Overnight 25-27 Apr 24 or as many as you like.

Before winter really starts to set in, this could be one of our last chances to visit a beach and get the sand between your toes.

We have powered sites reserved (\$50) and unpowered (\$40). If not bringing your bus, then the park has a number of cabins to choose from.

To book a site, ring Amy the park manager, tell her you are with the Ulysses RV Group and she will put you next to the rest of us. A credit card deposit will be taken at the time of booking, but this can be returned if you need to cancel later and notify the park by seven (7) days prior.

Ph: 03 6267 9138 - Mon-Fri 9am-4pm - Sat and Sun 10am-3pm

Email: stay@snugpark.com.au

WWW: snugpark.com.au

BYO - all food and drinks. The camp kitchen is really good here and we can make it our Saturday night cook up area. If you do forget something there is a IGA supermarket just up the road a couple hundred metres and around the corner is a tavern.

Park Notes:

- Modern shower and toilet complex with disability friendly features
- Coin operated laundry with four washing machines and four dryers
- Large camp kitchen with bbq, television, refrigerator, cooking and washing up facilities
- Black water dump point

- Free Wi-Fi throughout the park
- Soft drinks, ice-cream lollies, fishing gear, and bait items available at reception.
- Gas refilling capability.
- Pets - we would love to welcome your furry friend in our camp site at Snug,, however unfortunately our **CABINS ARE NOT PET friendly**. We do ask that you notify us of any furry friends prior to your arrival and you will be asked to complete a Pet friendly Policy Agreement upon arrival.

An **Autumn Rally** will be happening in St Helens in May this year, all details are still being worked out.

Mike and Gary
Ulysses Members RV Group Coordinators Tasmania
Email us at: Tasmania@ulyssesrv.org

If you aren't camping, the hotel has a number of rooms available, just ring them and book your own.
Phone: 6257 3115.

St Helens Rally

Big 4 Caravan Park, Penelope St, St Helens
16th, 17th and 18th of May 2024

We have some powered sites reserved for us and they are at a discounted price of \$55 each. There are numerous unpowered sites available as well and they are \$33 each.
No deposit is required as we can pay on arrival.

But you must ring Donna the manager on **0363761290** and reserve your site.

Tell her you are with the Ulysses Club.

Our reserved sites will be held for us until the 1st of May and any unsold ones will be released to whoever books them.

Tasmania Coordinators
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REPORTS – SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Planned Rally Dates

12-14 April 24	Crystal Brook Caravan Park	8636 2640
07-09 Jun	Wellington Caravan Park	8572 7302
30Aug-01 Sep	Murray Bridge@Avoca Dell Caravan Park	8532 7302
13-23 Oct	Ulysses RV Group is at Yarrawonga Caravan Park... also on the same date is the SA Odyssey at Normanville	
15-17 Nov	Stansbury Foreshore Caravan Park	8852 4171
This is the end of year event for the SARV.		

Crystal Brook weekend 12th – 14th April



- Ensuite Cabins
- Powered Sites (including some drive through)
- Unpowered Camping Sites
- Modern Amenities
- Camp Kitchen
- BBQs
- Dump Point
- Coin Operated Laundry
- Pet Friendly (for powered and unpowered sites only)

330 Goyder Highway Crystal Brook --- Phone 863 6264 to book.

Saturday evening at the Royal Hotel.

Come along and have a great time, visit the local area, and enjoy the company of fellow Ulysseans. |

This event is open to all Ulysses members and their partners.

REPORTS – WESTERN AUSTRALIA

"Hi" Everyone,

WA held their 11th Birthday Rally at Beverley over the weekend of 9-11th February. We had 13 vans turn up over the weekend or 23 people attended.

There was really only 1 thing to say about it - **HOT**... 44 degree's every day for 3 days.

The majority of people took advantage of the local swimming pool during the day and the happy hours were well attended.

Dinner was held at the Freemasons Tavern on Saturday night and the meals were exceptional, considering that it was a small town with lots of hungry locals. Only a couple of complaints were heard, mainly to do with the change of the start time, but the majority enjoyed their meals.

Sunday saw another hot day and the majority of members travelling out to Greenhills Inn (35klms) for lunch. Pete, Shirley & I never went due to heat problems with our motorhome, and I was not keen on leaving the dogs in a hot van.

Alan Warner (the new WA coordinator) couldn't attend however Gerry Winters was there to accept the handover.

On a personal level, I would like to thank everyone for their support over the last 11 years and I hope that you will continue to support both Allan and Gerry in the future. I know that they both will bring a fresher & exciting outlook to the club, and we can't wait to join them on their first rally sometime in the near future.

I don't have any photos on my phone, so you may need to download some of the Facebook page - I believe that Tony Williams has uploaded some on the RV FB page.

Thanks guys. Let me know if you need anything else. Also Gerry asked about the members list for WA - I am presuming that this was given to Allen when you saw him last, if not, can you send them a copy please.

With Regards
Judi Mercer

REPORTS – Membership

Membership continues to grow and is now around 770 members across Australia!

Don't forget; if you have changed your email address or location then please do let me know by email webmaster@ulyssesrv.org (If you can't email anymore then you can call me on 0401 140 585, but daytime please if possible).

If you no longer wish to be a member then I can also remove you from the membership if you advise me at the above email address. However, even if you have sold the RV you are welcome to remain a member, just to keep in touch or even book a cabin at the rally park and join the fun!

Welcome to the following new members who have joined since the last Kermit

Kathleen	Parsons	HALEKULANI	NSW
Leslie-ann	Haines	Paynesville	Vic
Michelle	Canham	Kanwal	NSW
Greg	Rashleigh	Tamworth	NSW
George	Pearson	Moorland	NSW

Jan	Prescott	Port Macquarie	NSW
Cathy	Fritz	Burnett Heads	QLD
Catherine	Fry	South Guildford	WA
Narelle	Drew	Blacktown	NSW
Elsie	Romey	Rutherglen	Vic
Jim	Cass	Millfield	NSW
Michael	Tong Lee	Kingston	Tas
Paul	Dynan	WANTIRNA SOUTH	Vic

REPORTS – GEAR SHOP

We have a small range of branded items, including banners, stickers etc. To order please complete the form below and submit.

- Payment is by direct transfer and you will receive an email confirming your order with our banking details.
- Please check the email carefully to ensure you have ordered correctly.
- We cannot refund any customised items like shirts after payment.

If you have any issues or queries please call Gordon Mob. 0423 864 492

Description	Cost
Men's and Ladies Polo Club Shirts	\$40.00
Men's and Ladies Polo Club Shirt with name	\$48.00
Name Badge	\$22.00
Banner (60cmx30cm)	\$48.00
Ulysses RV Group Flag	\$32.00
Spare Wheel Sticker	\$85.00
200 mm Club Sticker	\$10.00
100mm Club Sticker	\$3.50
Arena Team Jackets, logo, no name	\$85.00
Arena Dress Button Front shirt, logo and name	\$60.00

Ulysses Club RV Group National Rally 2025



Tasmania.

6-12 October 2025.

To be held at a Caravan Park in Northern Tasmania.

There is nothing to be done just yet, just start planning some time for a fantastic holiday on the Island.

How much time should you allow I hear you ask. We hear it so many times from visitors from interstate that they have not allowed enough time to see everything we have to offer. Tasmania is a compact little state and you won't need to travel 200 or 300 kilometers before your next stop. It could be just 20 or 30 kilometers away.

As an example, our National Co coordinator Bob Lucas and wife Marilyn spent two months here in 2022 and found it was just about right.

So start planning your time with us and we will be forwarding a lot more information in the coming months.

Notes;

- We are in final discussions with the caravan park and will advise you when bookings will be opened in the near future.
- Bookings for your passage on the Spirit of Tasmania do not open until 12 months prior to your travel and we are working with them for any assistance they can offer us. Stay tuned.

Mike & Gary

Ulysses RV Group Coordinators Tasmania