



EDITORIAL

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Welcome one and all. I hope you all enjoy reading the last issue.

My apologies this is so late, I have been working behind the scenes to reduce the document size to comply with the website requirements (reduce from the initial 14MB newsletter with all photos supplied to 8 MB with quite a few photos removed.), I received late submissions and of course Richard and Marilyn enjoyed a well-deserved overseas holiday.

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

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NATIONAL CALENDAR

Dates	State	Event	Location
09-16 Mar	ALL	18th Birthday Bash	Reflections North Haven NSW
14-21 May	NSW	Spring Rally	21 Glen Innes Rd Inverell
05-11 Aug	QLD	QLD Rally	Part A, 05-6 Lake Broadwater Part B, 07-11 Aug, Dalby Showgrounds
22-24 Aug	SA	SA Rally	Big 4 Mannum Holiday Park
27 Aug 03 Sep	Vic	Mildura Rally	Buronga Riverside Caravan Park
06-12 Oct	ALL	National Rally	Longford Riverside Caravan Park
31 Dec 25	TAS	New Years Eve Rally	Sheffield, details to be confirmed

Vale Robin Kerswell

It was with great sadness that we say goodbye to Robin Kerswell. Rob passed away in April after a prolonged illness. Rob supported the early establishment of the Tasmanian RV Group attending our rallies until he became ill. Rob also supported the Hobart Ulysses branch regularly riding with that group. We will all miss you Rob.

NATIONAL COORDINATOR



Hello all you lovely people!

Well, despite extremely wet weather including flooding in the eastern states over recent months, most states have managed to enjoy highly successful rallies, even breaking usual attendance records in some cases! We're not long home from a really beaut rally at Inverell, and even though we couldn't have returned home if we'd wanted to, the weather was mostly good up there.

Many thanks not only to our awesome coordinators for their perseverance and tenacity in organising the rallies, but also to our loyal members who just keep turning up. A rally can't be a rally without people, and yes, we ARE Ulyssian's, and we CAN adapt!

You should all have received the latest MailChimp email send-out listing a number of the events our Tasmanian coordinators have squeezed into the itinerary for our 16th National RV Rally in Longford, Tasmania, and you would have to agree, it's going to be a very entertaining time over there whatever your interests may be!

For those who *haven't* seen the email, the week includes pushbike, motorbike and 4WD tours, outings to spirit, wine and cheese cellars, racing museums, sporting afternoons, etc.

Bookings at the caravan park have exceeded our original estimates, and providing the weather is reasonably kind to us it will be a rally to remember!

From time to time, I still field enquiries asking what events we have planned. Well, if you want to see the full list, just click on [Rally Calendar](#) on our website at [Ulysses RV Group](#) and everything that has been organised for all states is on there.

Wherever you are, travel safely, stay well, and most importantly, stay upright - and we'll see a lot of you in Tasmania!



Photos LR - Happy Hour at Inverell, Transport Museum, caravan brake failure

Bob Lucas
National Coordinator

2025 NATIONAL RALLY



Hi all, please see below in no particular order, a hint at some of the activities being planned for the RV Group's Annual Rally in Longford 6th – 12th (inclusive) October 2025.

A visit to an amazing private car museum and learn of the Longford car and motorcycle races in the 1950s and 60s. An indoor cards and games afternoon, or two. An evening in the cemetery hearing *Voices From The Grave*. Enjoy the daily use of the Fishing Club's BBQ trailer at our temporary Camp Kitchen and assembly area. A bingo night and meal. Two different guided bicycle rides, one short and easy, the other a bit longer and harder - bakeries included. Happy hours every afternoon and some will include a local guest speaker. A 4WD exploration day. An afternoon of crafts, hobbies, a garage sale, and knitted goods donation. Lunch and afternoon tea available. A barefoot bowls day, followed by lunch. Our main dinner with live music & dancing. *CONVICTS* is our theme. Various food vans at the Village Green for an alfresco dining night. A Sunday Roast Lunch for the group at the pub. An escorted motorcycle ride. An outdoors games afternoon. A fully catered BBQ breakfast. A visit to the Longford fire station and see old memorabilia and the on-going restoration of a 1930s fire truck. A social evening in the Bowls Club with a light meal. The final happy hour with communal and BBQ live music.

As you can see, we have the week pretty full, so to make sure you enjoy it all, ensure you are booked into the caravan park for the full week, at least.

Also, just to jam some more things into the week in your spare time, we will also provide you with info on local things and places you can enjoy and/or go and see for yourself, including;

A relaxing massage, a Jazz Club afternoon, Tai Chi classes, an art workshop, a glass blowing class, two different flea markets, a spring flower show, a local strawberry farm, a self-guided Longford history tour, two different whiskey distilleries, a Tasmanian honey shop, the Longford Show, Bollywood dancing classes, and some must-see sites; World Heritage listed, Convict Built sites of Woolmers and Brickendon, as well as historic Entally House at Hadspen.

LONGFORD CARAVAN PARK NOTES, at the time of writing the Longford caravan park has only about 10 sites left, so if you haven't booked in, ring them now 03 6391 1470 and tell them you are with the Ulysses RV Group to receive our discounted price. Off ground fire pots are OK at the park and it is also dog friendly.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone in Longford, so get yourselves ready for some good times.

If you need a mini-bus when in Longford, **ring Wayne** at Budget Rentals 0818 580 3315 and he will give you a great price. But let him know you are with Y Ulysses RV Group. Budget Rentals is near the Launceston airport which is 13km away.

Attention keen fishers: around the Longford area, the Cressy area and up in the highland lakes are some fantastic trout fishing areas. Bring your rod, reel and lures to catch a big one while here in Tassie.

One of our guest speakers will be from the Longford fishing club (oldest fishing club in Tasmania) and will tell you all the secrets of trout fishing in Tasmania.

For lots of great info, including Anglers Access info, fishing licenses etc. check out the Inland Fisheries Service <https://www.ifs.tas.gov.au>

A thought for the day;

By the time a man is wise enough to watch his step, he is too old to walk anywhere.

NATIONAL COCOORDINATOR - VINCE'S VOICINGS

Firstly, both Lawrie and I have been saying to Bob, now that he has offiders, that he should delegate, to take the whole load off himself - and he is slowly passing tasks off.

My new task is to put some words together to appease Kermit's appetite for information, and let Bob have time to pack before his big OS trip.

We have just completed the 18th Birthday Bash at North Haven, and such a big turn-up with 40 sites booked, and members from NSW, QLD, Victoria and Tasmania.

Tasmanian Coordinator Mike Meyman was able to incorporate the Birthday Bash on his Journey to the Ulysses Club National Rally in Armidale at the end of March.

A good turnout at the Bash, even though the weather that was the tail end of Cyclone Alfred, that hung around the Queensland coast, had dampened the site on Monday and Tuesday, even affecting the attendance at the Bare Foot Bowls that Lawrie had organised. This was held under cover this year due to the weather.

Wednesday morning wasn't too bad with on-and-off dampness, but by lunchtime the sun came out with a vengeance, and on Thursday the 6 people that had put their hands up for the drive morning swelled to 1 trike and 9 cars, with a few of them car pooling.

Thursday night dinner had about 36 hands put up, and the club then had to arrange extra tables to cater for the 62 that turned up for dinner!

Thanks to everyone that contributed their services, especially Marilyn, Vicky, Adele and Sue for the work they have done on Saturday, and the Muso's - Dusty, Boppa and Rob & Robin for the entertainment.

And thanks to our regular raffle sponsor Col Hopgood for his B.E.S.T. Water Filter, and Reflections for their accommodation voucher and several other prizes. We raised \$250 (after outgoings) to be shared between UCARF and Westpac Rescue Chopper Service.

Just a reminder for the people at the bash, if you want to attend next year and retain the same spot, you must book and PAY A DEPOSIT ASAP (**by 17 April!**) to secure the site you were on, or to try to get a nominated site. Quote **Master Reservation N° 1616754**.



Vince Toonen #33008
National Co-Coordinator
Ulysses Members RV Group

QUEENSLAND

MOORE PARK BEACH HOLIDAY PARK 15th – 19th MAY 2025

We enjoy exploring the many & varied areas of Queensland, and this was a second time we have been drawn back to the Bundaberg Region, this time, to explore its northern beach, Moore Park. It was a pleasant setting with direct access to the sandy beach. All our needs were within a defined area and within walking distance of the park. Our thanks and appreciation to Col and Helen who took on the role as our local Ulysses RV Members for doing the research and looking after the group; together with our Holiday Park Hosts Corrina and Karl for welcoming the group with open arms.

Initially our plan was for between 15 to 25 RVs, but as the rally date drew closer, we were excited to have over 30 RVs registered. We did miss our evening campfires due to Council Regulations but had access to a large, covered area and camp kitchen for our Happy Hours and Group Gatherings.

It was encouraging to have several new members joining us and a visit from some prospective members from the Bundaberg area.

Friday morning jam session for our budding musicians provided some entertainment at coffee time, followed by Barefoot Bowls giving our competitive spirit an outlet! Col presented the Bowls Club with a \$100 donation as a gesture of thanks for the use of their facility which may possibly cover the costs of repairing the greens after our event!!

A totally new Community Complex containing the Men's Shed was visited by the fellas where the local team spoke about their new facilities, history and goals for the future. Some keen cooks put on a sausage sizzle and again Col took the opportunity to present \$100 in appreciation from our group.

Meanwhile back at the park the ladies met at the Camp Kitchen for some creative and sharing time at a Stitch and Chat session. Quilting, crocheting, knitting, embroidery, cross stitch was all included.

Our formal Kermit Green Club Shirt Fine Dining Event was held at the Bowlo. Fine food and cold drinks. Magic! And the 50+ attendees were all served in record time! Col and Helen (with Tilly aboard) led the Sunday Country Drive with Blip and Di as Tail-End-Charlie. First stop was an informative chat at Bargara berries, where ice creams, gelato, jams, sauces & seedlings were purchased; then through the back-blocks and cane fields of Kolan to the South Kolan Pub for lunch. Interesting to note that one of the roads we passed was Lou Crosswell Rd, a significant contributor to the local community with the Crosswell family cane farm based on Ten Mile Road. My Uncle!!

Thanks to everyone for taking the time to attend and contribute to a wonderful rally and looking forward to catching up in Dalby for our "CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST" event!

Gordon and Judy / Col and Helen, and helpers
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ULYSSES RV GROUP QUEENSLAND RALLY ADVICE

DALBY: "Christmas in August"
2 - PART RALLY
05 - 11 AUGUST 2025

PART A: Tues 05 & Wed 06 August - LAKE BROADWATER

Camping at Lake Broadwater @ Lake Broadwater Road, Dalby 4405

CARETAKERS: Tim and Megan _***NO DOGS** - NATIONAL PARK PRECINCT

Powered Sites (10) plus Unpowered Sites SITES CANNOT BE BOOKED /
SELECT ON ARRIVAL

SITES: \$7.25 pp pn for both powered and unpowered
4pm

HAPPY HOUR

*Shower and Toilet Block *Fires with care * Arrive with full water supplies / **NO**

FILL-UP POINTS

***NO DUMP POINT**

Available at Dalby Showgrounds Dump

Point on arrival

***PART B: 07-11 August - DALBY SHOWGROUNDS, 54 Nicholson St. DALBY**

Camping Fees **\$25** per site per night **\$ BRING CASH PLEASE \$** Leasing

Grassed Area No 5

Toilets / Showers / 2 Dump Points / Dog Friendly *Walking distance to town

THURSDAY: No Entry until 10am Happy Hour 4pm

DINNER DALBY LEAGUES CLUB (Courtesy Bus) 6 for 6.30pm

DRESS CODE: Green RV Shirt plus some CHRISTMAS BLING

FRIDAY: Happy Hour 4pm

Evening: Raffles and Sing-along

SATURDAY: 4.30pm - DINNER – Hosted by Dalby Dan and Colleen Hoefler (RV members)

68 Irvingdale Road, Dalby. Pig on the Spit and Dessert \$25 pp \$ BRING

CASH \$

(Dog Friendly Venue)

SUNDAY: Morning - Country Drive; Happy Hour 4pm

MONDAY: Departure by 10am

ALL BOOKINGS with GORDON AND JUDY close – Thursday 31 July 2025

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**Please Note: 27th Nov– 01st Dec TRINITY ISLAND PARK RALLY:
Details coming soon**

TRINITY ISLAND HOLIDAY PARK have advised they will not hold a block booking so under their recommendation we will be advertising the rally by the end of JUNE, and they will endeavour to site our ULYSSES RV MEMBERS together.



TASMANIA

The Strahan Before-It-Gets-Too-Cold Rally in May.

Well it didn't get too cold, but it did get **WET**. In fact it was WET WET WET. But as us Taswegians know, that can happen on the West Coast.

The weather forecast was 100% correct this time, and the rain certainly kept the big numbers away. But as usual the real die-hards turned up and we still managed daily happy hours under shelter, some coastal exploring and a nice meal in the pub on Saturday night.

That weekend just happened to be cracker night and the highlight of the weekend was a huge free fireworks display put on by the local golf club. The rain by then had stopped and I think most of the town's people were in attendance for the 15-minute show. Well done Strahan.

In one way the rain was good, because it confirmed that Mike had a leaking roof hatch above the bed. A small leak, but still a leak. The bedding was a little damp on the last morning, so strip it all down, buckets and plastic sheeting under the leak until it can be repaired.

Camping is fun, *sometimes*.

Up coming rallies for Tasmania.

Longford 6th – 12th October, of course.

Gowrie Park in late October.

New Years Eve Rally – A site is being investigated and all details to follow.
March 2026 – Sheffield. Full details to follow.

NEW SOUTH WALES

NSW Autumn Rally - Inverell

Well that was a great rally.

22 caravans and motor homes enjoyed an outstanding time at the well-appointed and centrally located Inverell caravan park. Weather was a little unsettled but the sky was clear enough to partake in the many activities available in the area.

Wednesday saw our first happy hour for the rally with a little bit of rain but we could all be accommodated under the ample roof space of the recently renovated camp kitchen. The communal fire pit was popular later as the night got a bit chilly and many thanks to our resident fire master Ian.

The next night was the favourite lolly guessing competition that was easily won by Paul who spent enough money on tickets to have bought all the lollies anyway. Now you share those sweets Paul, don't you eat them all yourself.

On Friday the girls hit the op shops of Inverell, of which there are plenty and the boys, and some of the girls spent their time at the National motor museum with plenty of old vehicles to gaze over. The problem being we all seem to easily associate with the vintage models. Boy we are all getting older. We all strolled over to the handy Inverell Sporties for a really yummy meal for our green shirt night out. Cards and a warm fire again to round the night out.

Luckily Sunday turned out to be reasonably fine for our trip out to Toppers Mountain Winery for a very pleasant charcuterie board and great wine but after first stopping at the historic Wing Hing Long general store at Tingha for some fantastic home baked scones and lovely tea and coffee served by the most beautiful mature volunteers that keep this piece of history alive.

Craft day in the morning followed by a terrific BBQ meal that night with everyone contributing salads and sides and tempting desserts. Thanks to all for your culinary offerings that made this a night to remember.

The next day was a trip to the Pioneer village for those that hadn't already been. Such a fantastic effort by the locals of the area to put this huge piece of early history together in one place. Congratulations Inverell and district.

Wednesday saw most of us packing up to head home or off to other adventures.



ARVIES TASSIE SOJOURN

Arvie has been a little quiet over the autumn. He’s been hibernating on the back seat of the ute somewhere amongst the clutter that accumulates there.



At Easter Arvie made an appearance on the north of the state at low Head just north of George Town on the mouth of the Kanamaluka/Tamar River. This is an area well worth a visit. There are 2 caravan parks in this area, but the pick is the Big4, well looked after with modern clean amenities. A short walk or bike ride will take you into the town centre

There are 2 major attractions, the Pilot Station and the Light House at the river mouth. All part of this maritime precinct.

The pilot station is the oldest and longest active pilot station in Australia, dating back to 1805 and is still active day. The site includes a Maritime Museum with artifacts from an earlier period. You can eat at the Pilot Providore and Kiosk. Most of the old staff housing has been turned into accommodation. Penguin tours leave from near this sight.

The light house has an additional attraction, the Low Head Foghorn that’s sounds each Sunday at noon. It is a unique piece of Tasmania’s maritime history installed in 1929.

Arvie went exploring in his own back yard at the Kangaroo Bluff battery site, Hobart. The appearance of Russian warships in 1887 prompted the need for this battery to support existing batteries on the other side of the river. Originally surrounded with a moat and a prickly hedge, today it is open for visitor to explore the rock walls and underground passageways.



Arvie’s minder, Gary Rush.

MEMBERSHIP

Firstly, apologies to Blane & Janet Goodwin for my error in last month’s newsletter when I had welcomed them as Janet Blane. I didn’t check before entering all the details, but now sorted.

We would like to offer a warm welcome to the following new members having joined since the December 2024 edition of Kermit, and we look forward to seeing you at one of our many rallies held across the country. Please check <https://ulyssesrv.org/index.php/events/> for what rallies you may wish to attend in either your state or another state if you are travelling.

New members since the March letter

Darryl	Keirnan	Burrum Heads	4659	Qld
Stephen	Fall	Kurri Kurri	2327	NSW
Tim	Stevenson	Highfields	4352	Qld

Glenn	Noble	Hobart	7011	Tas
Peter	Wilkinson	River Heads	4655	Qld
Jeremy	Nuttall	Hobart	7009	Tas
Steve	Aston	Chirnside Park	3116	Vic
Heather	Minto	Sale	3850	Vic
Mark	Lockhart	Tooradin	3840	Vic
Gavan	Everuss	Memerambi	4610	Qld

Do we have your current email address? Send me an email at membership@ulyssesrv.org if you are not receiving occasional emails from us. We can check your registered email address and update if required.

Vince Toonen
Membership Coordinator.

VICTORIA

27th August – 3rd Sept 25

Mildura Rally
Buronga Riverside Caravan Park
71A Caravan Park Rd, Buronga
03 5023 3040
Cost \$33.30 per night with Discovery Parks membership
Cost \$37.00 per night for non members

We will be doing a free camp the first night 27th August at Glenalbyn Forest Campground Brenanah-Glenalbyn Rd, Brenanah,
Lat - 36° 32' 3" S Lng - 143° 44' 34" E
and our last night will be a free camp at St Arnaud Recreation Reserve.

You have the option to meet us at Mildura if you don't wish to free camp.

Rally Reports

Tag Along Rally to Canberra

This week our Victorian group have begun our Tag-along trip. Our original 15 vans dwindled somewhat at the last moment due to several lots of illness etc, but 8 vans arrived at Rosedale, our starting off point in Gippsland on Tuesday afternoon. The nights have been cold but the company fabulous & the days sunny.

Along the way we picked up Trine & Darcy at our next stop in Cann River. Last night we stayed behind the pub at Bredbo in NSW - such a dreadful strain to have dinner at the pub 😊.

Today we arrived in Canberra for the next few days & met up with the last two vans. We're a mixed bag of people from all over but everyone gets along so well. Just a few pics of our time so far.



We did it again.... brought the sunshine with us to Canberra. It was supposed to be cold & showers while we were here but today was the first time we had a slight shower. The wind however, was straight from the Antarctic. Some of us explored the Bus Depot Market, adjacent Glassworks, Queanbeyan Market and the National Gallery, while others had a chilled day around the park. (no pun intended 🌧️) Dinner was at the Old Canberra Inn where there was live music and great atmosphere. Lots of laughter & a good feed.

Today we bid farewell to Vera and Deb & Greg who left us. The rest of us rugged up again and went adventuring, then came back for the Inaugural Ulysses RV VIC. Mini Golf match. The trophy being a mini bottle of Brown Bros Prosecco. This was won by Bill who is a non-drinker (of course) so he was instructed to bring it back next time. Most of us managed one 'hole-in-one' but Bill managed 3! We were a competitive group but we laughed our way around. Stay tuned for the next instalment as we leave Canberra tomorrow for distant towns.

Today we farewelled Ali & Miss Poppy and made the short trek to Jugiong. Another sunny but windy day. We set up camp early ready for the big cook up - Community Barbecue night. As we were free camping, we managed to get 4 vans into a square to help block the wind and create a communal area. Thank goodness for the fire pit. We also welcomed John who had been reading about our progress and was heading north. Always great to meet new people.

And we were on the move again today from Jugiong via Junee to Narrandera. John waved us off and we met up at The Junee Liquorice & Chocolate Factory to explore the fabulous building, and have lunch. Purchases in hand, some continued straight on and others did a little exploring. Yours truly enjoyed the Roundhouse Railway Museum before making our way to Narrandera. Of course, the obligatory happy hour was held around a small campfire to ward off the chills & try to scare away the gathering rain clouds. You can see how stressful we all find this lifestyle. 😊

Today is officially the return home safely day for the Victorian Tag Along Rally. A few of us have opted to stay here at Yarrawonga for an extra day or two before returning but some had to leave. We all enjoyed our drive here yesterday & our final happy hour together. We kept just ahead of the much-needed rain and were set up before it caught up to us. We want to express our gratitude for the wonderful group that travelled with us. We enjoyed the company of each and every one of you. Looking forward to next time we all catch up again.

Fred & I would like to personally thank David & Su for stepping in to help us out, as due to a family illness we were unable to go. They have done an awesome job and everyone had a great time.

(With permission I have taken this report which was written by Su & David Poyser)

Keep your eyes open for our next Tag Along in 2026!!

Wellness Note

To some of our Victorian members who are not feeling 100% we are thinking of you and send you all big hugs to help you get through your challenges. We know you will be back on your feet very soon and back to joining us on our rallies. Take care of yourselves xx

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

SARV Goolwa weekend



If we can't have rain we might as well have beautiful sunny weather and what magnificent weekend weather we had. The Goolwa Discovery Park is just amazing and if you are looking to get away down south it is worth checking out. The facilities are new and abundant.

We made good use of the outdoor BBQ area on Friday evening. It proved very successful in gathering everyone together for a great catch up. We also had a few members drop in for a catch up. It took the chill to drive us to go to bed that evening.

Saturday was the same with glorious sunshine and no wind. There was so much to do and see here with the Murray Mouth and the wharf area so close. The markets are always a boom to the shoppers as well. We went to the Corio Hotel for tea. The meals and service were great. We were going to go back to the park and watch the election results but it was all finished by the time we left.

Thanks to all who came and made it such a memorable weekend.

Next SARV weekend is August 22nd – 24th BIG4 Mannum Holiday Park Purnong Road Mannum. To book phone [8569 1402](tel:85691402)

GEAR SHOP

Orders to be taken to over to Tasmania have now CLOSED.

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