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NATIONAL CALENDAR

Dates	State	Event	Location
06-12 Oct	ALL	National Rally	Longford Riverside Caravan Park
23-25 Oct	TAS	Rally after the Rally	Ross Community Sports Club
27 Nov-01 Dec	QLD	Christmas Rally	Trinity Island Park
31 Dec 25	TAS	New Years Eve Rally	Sheffield, details to be confirmed

NATIONAL COORDINATOR

..Hello from soggy old Port Stephens!! It's almost unbelievable that my rain gauge has collected 1,900mm to date this year! That's 800mm more than this time last year, and 600mm more than last year's total!

Naturally this weather has presented quite a challenge to your state coordinators, but as always, they've proven themselves equal to the task, and you have all been enjoying great rallies. Thanks so much to the voluntary coordinators who work so hard to ensure you have a good time!

And talking of coordinators, I know some of you are aware, but many would not be, that our extraordinary QLD coordinator, merchandising officer and in-house musician Gordon, was taken ill at the recent Dalby (QLD) rally and whisked off to hospital. He has since received a terrible diagnosis, and he and Judy are facing enormously important decisions.

I know you all join me with our thoughts, prayers and love for Gordon and Judy at this trying time, with sincere wishes for the best possible outcome.

On a much brighter note, registrations have been steadily rolling in for our 16th Annual RV Rally in Longford, Tasmania (06-12 October), and our northern coordinator Mike has ensured there is an event for *every person*, no matter what their favourite activity might be (including whisky distillery tours!).

But as I pen this, the registrations received to date are well less than the sites actually booked! So, if you've booked a site, you need to extract a digit and get your registration and payment in RIGHT NOW!

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE AND PAYMENTS ARE DUE BY NEXT SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER!

Just go to [National Rally](#) and scroll down to the registration form that wizard Richard has so ably put together.

Your coordinators have been busy organising rallies for the coming months in every state of this big country of ours, so if you're interested in being a part of what we do, just have a look at our [Rally Calendar](#) on the [Ulysses RV Group](#) website to learn what is happening near you, whether you are on the road, or at home.

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

Bob Lucas

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National Coordinator, Ulysses RV Group



2025 NATIONAL RALLY

LONGFORD TASMANIA 6th – 12th OCTOBER

It's not too late for a few late comers, at time of printing there are still a few sites left in the caravan park and one luxury on-site van. Get in quick.



For members from the mainland, there a number of options still available, you could bring your car with tent inside, you can still fly over, rent a car or discounted motorhome (see details on our website) and there are a number of off-site accommodations available (see our website for details).

Local Tas members who have never been to a National Rally, should come along and meet new friends from all around the country and although you have been to Longford before, you will be shown venues and activities you have never seen. It will be a week full of interesting things to do and see.

Registrations – Very important.

DON'T FORGET, All registrations must close **Saturday 13th September**. Please don't delay. We need to get final numbers to our venues so they can prepare for us properly.

Music

On a very sad note, as we know, Gordon will not be able to attend our National Rally in Longford this year, but a well accomplished Tasmanian musician will join our team on the night and will keep us entertained. He is an oldie but a goldie. Stay tuned.

Some space is still available for our craft afternoon. Come and learn how to wrap rocks or make a festive rope basket. See full details on the rally registration sheet.

Fire pots

Fire pots are welcome on site as long as they are up off the grass and bags of firewood are available too. The caravan park has a small number of pots available to hire but you may wish to bring your own.

Fishing

Around the Longford area, the Cressy area and up in the highland lakes are some fantastic trout fishing areas. We have some guys from the Longford Fishing Club giving us some tips at a happy hour, so bring your rod, reel and lures to catch a big one while here in Tassie. See all info at Inland Fisheries Service: <https://www.ifs.tas.gov.au/>

GREEN SHIRTS (or jackets)

Can be worn to the RSL for the Bingo night and/or to the BBQ at the bowls club on Friday night. Or any other day you want to, really.

It's not a scary night
but it's a lot of fun.

See the Rally registration for details.





The big question for Saturday night is...
are you going to be realistic, kinky or homemade?



Mike has had a sneak peek at the car museum and it is truly awesome with some extremely rare and one-off exhibits.

A sausage sizzle will be available as well as an open bar and tea / coffee.

BEFORE LONGFORD

If you are in Tas before the National Rally at Longford, there are few things around the Longford area (and other areas) you may be interested in;

- **Art Workshop** - Last Saturday each month in Longford. The group encourages, develops, and fosters the love of art, providing a meeting place for artists, and those wishing to learn how to draw and paint. Guidance is given for beginners. Usually a demonstration or workshop is held each session. BYO materials. BYO lunch. Tea and coffee is provided. Entry \$5 per person. 10.30am-2pm. Venue: Longford Town Hall.
- **Longford RSL Market and Car Boot Sale** On the last Saturday each month in Longford. Find a bargain, from 9am – 1pm. 78 Wellington St. Enquiries 0409 014 394
- **Evandale Market** A very large market every Sunday 8am - 1.30pm - Falls Park, Logan Road Evandale. A popular country market of treasures, fresh products, and more. Indoor and outdoor areas. Over 100 stalls.
- **‘The Loft’ at Bridport Tasmania.** A very new but very extensive private motorcycle collection with 100 bikes, and lots more. View by ringing Mathew ‘Tank’ Bayles on 0427 561 753. Any day, any time (within reason). Entry by donation to charity
- **Our Southern Midlands area;** An excellent trail in the southern midlands is the Shadows of the Past silhouettes. Try and catch a glimpse of them as you drive along the highway. <https://www.southernmidlands.tas.gov.au/shadows-of-the-past/>
- **The topiary trail** <https://www.southernmidlands.tas.gov.au/topiary-trail/>
- **Spring Flower Show** - 20th Sept 2025 in nearby Evandale. Spring is here! You'll find flowers, veg, potted plants. Floral art installations and displays, outdoor garden market, refreshments, music. Sat: 2pm - 5pm. Sunday 9am - 4pm. Hosted by the Launceston Horticultural Society. Venue: Evandale Memorial Hall, 8 High St.
- **Longford Jazz Festival** is on 19th – 21st Sept 2025 The jazz festival brings together talented musicians, across several venues, all kinds of instruments, various types of Jazz. Join other Jazz lovers for a weekend of music. Various performances

- **Longford Jazz Club** 3rd Sunday each month in Longford. Come to a Jazz filled afternoon. The Longford Jazz Club meets at the Longford RSL from 2.00 - 4.30pm. Cost \$20.00. Live music, afternoon tea. Contact 0438 981 175.

RALLY AFTER THE RALLY (at Ross)

We have organised a get together for anyone who is still in Tassie before they farewell our island home and head back across the water homeward bound.

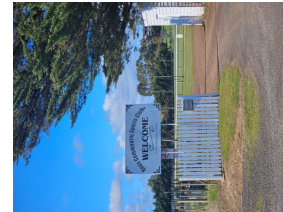
We have booked out the Ross Community Sports Club (4-10 Park Street Ross) for three nights and the price is \$20 per site, per night;

No power or water connections are available, so self-contained vehicles only. No tents.

The Club is ours to use and it has a full lounge room with heaters available and a fully stocked kitchen. There is also a gas BBQ for our use and the toilet block will remain open for us, but there are no showers.

OUR PLAN;

- **Thursday 23rd October** – arrive and explore.
- **Friday 24th October** A local social club will be at the club from 1pm to 4pm for their weekly board games afternoon. We are welcome to join in if we want for a gold coin donation, tea and coffee are available and the bar will be open.
- **Saturday 25th October** – A table has been booked at the local Man ‘o’ Ross hotel for our night time meal.



Historic Bridge in the town of Ross.

Ross has the third oldest bridge in Australia which was completed in 1836 and is one of Australia’s finest historical monuments. It has 186 carvings on the arches depicting Celtic symbols, flora, fauna, and notable personalities of the day.

Local Tas members who couldn’t get to Longford are most welcome to join in for our mini farewell rally too. Come for one, two or three nights, it’s up to you.

We’ll ask for numbers later, but keep it in mind and check out the very historic village of Ross;

<https://share.google/k1NGXPQJht0RfXQVK>

<https://www.visitross.com.au/attractions/>

NOTE, the previous rally we had planned at Gowrie Park has been cancelled and moved to Ross

In closing, Of all the things I’ve lost in my life, I think I miss my mind the most.

QUEENSLAND

The Queensland rally was a two-part adventure:

Part A was at Lake Broadwater ,30 km SW of Dalby. The freshwater lake is renowned for its birdlife and is a very popular recreational spot. Seven vans attended and the early arrivals

got lucky and had power for no additional cost (\$7.50 pp pn). It is a great location with free BBQs, toilets and showers.

Blip had a truck load of timber and we all sat around the compulsory campfire. Most members went for bushwalks or just relaxed with a good book.

Next time anyone is passing, it is well worth the short drive off the highway.

Words were provided by Paul and Roseanne V.

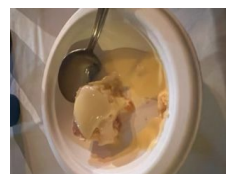
Part B was Dalby Showground from 07-11 Aug 25. Maree and I arrived mid-morning on the 7th to see a swag of people had already arrived and were setting up.

Conditions on the ground were very wet with a tracked bob-cat raking the ground level so everyone was being careful with picking their site.

It was a good roll-up but unfortunately, we experienced a few members going to hospital.

Sat 09 Aug was a cookout at Dalby Dans. What a great place he has, lots to look at and the food was absolutely to die for.

Sun 10 Aug was a country drive with Blip and Di leading and Bevan and Therese as Tail-end-Charlie. Up through the mountains and down the other side to enjoy lunch at a beautifully restored town hall within the township of Bell.



Our collective thanks to the soon to be retiring QLD Coordinators and Assistant Coordinators for a great Christmas in Aug event.

Christmas Rally

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.

NEW SOUTH WALES

NSW Winter Rally Deniliquin August 2025

Well, the winter rally lived up to its name with cold temperatures and a little bit of drizzly rain. One morning got down to the minuses but with electric van heaters and a blazing campfire we were all able to chase the chills away.

We had a great turn up for the rally with 19 vans and 4 couples from Victoria making the journey across the border and even had Ange Virago stop for a night in a cabin.

We enjoyed a "hot spuds in the coals" night with sour cream, cheese and chives followed by a 'green shirt' Saturday night at the Edward River Hotel, just a short stroll from the caravan park.

By pre ordering our meals we all were served promptly with a scrumptious selection from their menu. The staff did an excellent job catering for the 32 hungry group members.

Most of us drove down to Echuca for a browse around the shops and a huge lunch served at the Shamrock Hotel. Card nights were actually held in the afternoon to capture whatever warmth the sun was willing to give but nevertheless enjoyed by all.

This rally we tried a novelty Gum Boot tossing competition but unfortunately the rain gods decided to drop just enough water to hinder a good grip on the gumboot, or at least that was the excuse we are using for our poor performances. Saying that, we did have some outstanding attempts with Lynne securing the championship for the ladies and Steve winning for the boys.

Of the fishing people among us Rob caught a magnificent Murray Cod of 65cm that easily fed a group of four while Cherie caught her first fish, though it was a carp it was a good size.

Some of the girls participated in a craft morning while the rest of us went to the fantastic auto museum in town.

That was it for the week and we hope to see you all at Narromine in November where Ian and Carolyn Hoyer have graciously taken on hosting duties while we are in Tassie and I'm sure it will be a great rally.

Ian and Jenni

NSW Coordinators

Webmaster Report - August 2025

Sitting here looking out on the white grass outside I give thanks for the invention of diesel heaters in caravans! Which reminded me of the Deniliquin rally which we attended last week, very cold but enjoyable company & thanks to the NSW Coordinators for an enjoyable couple of days.

We are now preparing the van for the Tassie adventure and will catch up with many of you soon!

For booking, we use a programme that is actually designed for online trading of things like clothes! Why? Well, the subscription is reasonable and we can make it work for taking bookings for the rally and options. But mainly because without it the organisers would be spending all their time organising and recording bookings!

There are a couple of minor hiccups but I hope you have found it easy to use. If you are having problems making your booking, please feel free to call me or email, but not too late please!

The website is ticking along and I can see that the numbers visiting it are steady so quite a few of you are using it for keeping up to date with our rallies etc. Remember this is the primary source of information on the Group and whilst we have Facebook as well, that should only be used for more immediate information. If you post to Facebook then it is the algorithms that decide who sees your post and when!

Finally, I'll be available for one-on-one instruction on using our website on your device again at Longford. So, if you are unsure about how to access the web or

even our Facebook page then please do catchup, particularly our Tasmanian members who may not have used it much. You will be receiving the texts on the day's events from me so you can simply reply to one of these with your name and site No. and I'll find you!

See you in the Apple Isle!!

As always if you spot an issue, your browsers block our site (a common issue due to over-enthusiastic virus programmes) or just have some suggestions then please do contact me at webmaster@ulyssesrv.org or call 0401 140 585 (but not too late please).

Richard Flinders

Webmaster

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

We enjoyed a visit to Cunderdin which unfortunately was poorly supported, basically down to me I guess as I picked a weekend where everyone was elsewhere. The few of us that attended had quite a good time, still played games, had a couple of meals at the pub and a cruise around the surrounding area.

Next event will be at Harvey a little way south of Perth. An interesting area with plenty to do and see and quite a lot of history related to various different groups of immigrants especially the Italians who weren't treated so kindly during WW2. There are some very scenic drives so anyone attending should find plenty to occupy themselves.

Looking ahead we are hoping to repeat last year's birthday bash at Greenhead a small town north of Perth but we will wait and see what our group think of that. Also hoping for a longer venture to our south coast hopefully coinciding with the annual salmon run down there so us would be fishers can have some fun. Watch this space and we will hopefully have more news soon.



TASMANIA

Upcoming rallies for Tasmania.

- New Year's Eve Rally – A site is being investigated and all details to follow.
- March 2026 – Sheffield. Full details to follow.

MEMBERSHIP

Nil report provided

VICTORIA

VIC MILDURA RALLY - AUGUST 2025



Welcome to our End of Winter Victorian Rally. Although the event stretched from the last days of winter into the first days of spring, we hoped that heading north would bring us some warmth. Perhaps that was a little optimistic, but we certainly weren't lacking in courage!

Our first night was going to be a free camp but due to the weather and condition of the camp we decided to pull into Travelers Rest at Charlton which was just another 30 kms up the road.

Travelling from all directions, we gathered at a lovely caravan park in Buronga, situated on the northern banks of the Murray River. There, we were greeted by icy winds and intermittent showers. As seasoned Victorians, we responded by piling on extra layers of clothing. Severe weather warnings and predictions of gale force winds didn't put us off (although a few of us did cast some nervous glances at the nearby gum trees).

By Friday, most people wisely chose not to risk their awnings, with wind gusts reaching between 50 and 70 kilometres per hour. At 4pm, Discovery Parks sent a message to everyone advising evacuation or stay at their own risk. After plenty of discussion and careful consideration, we chose to stay, as the warning had come from head office to every Victorian park and towing vans in such conditions was not the safest option.

So, with the words of The Clash's "Should I Stay or Should I Go?" echoing in our minds, some chose to hunker down in their vans for the evening, while the rest of us gathered for happy hour, followed by a comforting dinner of soup and rolls in the camp kitchen.



The next morning saw a group of men reliving their youth at the Holden Museum while the ladies basked in the window of sunshine and got all crafty. We have some very crafty and talented ladies in our group we are finding more we didn't know about!!

Dinner that night was at the Coomealla Club where most were able to attend and Janice won a Meat Tray! The requested Breakfast Barbie sadly did not eventuate with claims the tray would not stretch that far.



The next morning saw 25 people competing in our Second Victorian Mini Golf Challenge. Interestingly we found we're a rather competitive bunch but we also cheered on

our competitors. Many people managed a hole in one with several people achieving multiples. The eventual winner being Archie (who managed 4 holes in one's – as did Rhonda) followed up by Rick. Peter J & Michael tied for third. Our Grit & Determination prize was won by Sue R. Many people stayed in town for a light lunch and before we knew it it was Happy Hour again. (Terrible strain but someone has to do it).

Tuesday morning saw a few heading off on further travels or returning home, whilst the remaining 13 vans set off for St Arnaud via Birchip where many tried their Award-winning Vanilla slices as well as their other baked goods for lunch. We reveled in the sunshine even if it was still quite breezy. Our final night in St Arnaud was a free camp where it required 5 fire pits in the centre to keep us all warm for the evening. Our afternoon tea merged into Happy Hour, which in turn merged into dinner. Anyone leaving the circle can attest to the laughter and loud volume of chit chat.



All the attendees would like to thank Janice & Fred for their tireless work and organisation. As usual, a fun time was had by all.

There are so many photos we are unable to fit them all in the newsletter but they are great shots and on the RV website for those who would like to see them. Thank you to Su Poyser and Michael Monro for supplying the great photos.

I would also like to thank Su for the newsletter she has written for us this rally. Great job Su as always. And not to forget our wonderful members who come and participate in our rallies you are just THE BEST!!!

We could not have all the fun we have without you all being there. Yes, as coordinators we do the booking but it takes ALL OF US to make the rally lots of fun.

To our members who are feeling under the weather at the moment we have missed you smiling faces and wish you all a speedy recovery and look forward to you joining us at a rally very soon.

NOVEMBER 2025 RALLY - TBA very soon

David and Su are going to plan this one and it will be around the central western districts. Dates looking at are Mid November. We will send an email as soon as it has been booked. Thank you in advance for your patience

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

No article supplied.

GEAR SHOP

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Arena Team Jackets, logo, no name	\$85.00

The Largest Classic Bike Show in the World!

At least that is how they advertise it! But it is big... Held in the UK each April, I last visited in 2009 so looked forward to a day in heaven! The format is a mix of auto jumble, company trade stands, very large motorcycle auction and club displays. Enough to make if a full day out.

So how did it go? I wanted to visit as it is likely the last time the Ariel 2-Stroke Group (just a Facebook group and not a formal club) will have a club stand as the main organiser wants to 'retire' and no one has yet put their hand up to take over. Like all such groups they are a friendly bunch and very helpful for us Colonials.

So, the day began with a traffic queue of a few miles to enter the paddocks of car parking. Then as I had bought a ticket online straight past the queue and straight into the traders' area! If you wanted a new helmet at a good price then take your pick of around 50+ stalls, more for clothing but the prices seemed to be much higher. Lots of bike locks, a problem here with high theft rates and, of course, the usual unrelated \$2 stalls.

Then it was the jumble traders. Need an engine for your Brough Superior? A few to choose from! Complete bikes, down to undetermined parts where if you could identify that rare part and the trader hadn't you would go home very happy.

All this without even stepping inside the halls. Now for the inside displays and traders, the show organiser, Morton's, had a display of the most Brough's ever assembled and the club stands were a wealth of information and rare models. Then...there was the auction of over 200 bikes but want to have a look? then please buy our catalogue at \$60 or if you insist just this brochure advertising the auction for \$20!

Almost done? not really, over to the competition bike marquee for more bikes on display, but more interesting than the overdone restos. Then to the classic competition bike teams and traders. Start that 1970's Honda race bike? Certainly but it's LOUD.

Now was I finally finished? not before the Wall of Death or the Isle of Man race simulator, and a few more jumble stalls. So 7 hours later, with only a supermarket bag of bits it's back to the hire car and back to the hotel. Was it worth the \$40 entry? Certainly and if I lived in the UK I probably would have had a car full of bits, even perhaps have bought a bike!

The locals tell me it's not as good as it used to be but it was still crowded and had an amazing display of bikes, parts and even the innocuous shoe polish stand!

Everyone should visit at least once, I'm glad I've been twice!!

