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2026 NATIONAL CALENDAR

19-21 Jun	TAS	Winter Rally	Swansea Holiday Park
14-20 July	VIC	Winter get-away	Myrtleford Caravan Park
05-12 Aug	QLD	Christmas in August	Part A - 05-06 Aug , Wooroolin Wetlands Area Part B – 07-09 Aug , Bait Layers Camp Oven Balloogie Part C – 10-12 Aug , Jandowae Showgrounds
21-23 Aug	SA	Clayton Bay	Clayton Bay riverside Holiday Park, Island View Drive
11-13 Sep	SA	Quorn Caravan Park	
01-12 Oct	WA	WA Tag-a-long	
07-11 Oct	QLD	QLD Tag-a-long	To the URV National Rally, contact John for details
07-12 Oct	Vic	VIC Tag-a-long	To the URV National Rally
09-11 Oct	SA	SA Odyssey	Waikerie
Late September	TAS	TAS Tag-a-long	Departing late September, contact Mike for details
12-19 Oct	ALL	URV National Rally	Broken Hill, NSW
06-08 Nov	SA	Walleroo Holiday Park	1 Pamir Ct, Wallaroo
18-21 Nov	TAS	Springtime rally	Oatlands, TUNNACK

NATIONAL COORDINATOR

Hello all



A big welcome home to Arvie (and his carers Mike and Sue also), who have returned to the smaller isle after their holiday on the bigger island of New Zealand.

Well, as the weather cools down the need for more outings with camp fires increases, and our recent rally at Gulargambone (NSW) sure satisfied the need with a really beaut firepit (although very smoky at times!) inside the camp kitchen! Our caring host made sure there was plenty of firewood supplied daily, and that the firepit was loaded and ready for ignition prior to Happy Hour each day.

The popularity of tagalongs has increased, as evidenced by the last Victorian and QLD tagalongs, in line with the old Ulysses saying; *“it’s not the destination, it’s the journey!”*

Apart from those there have been outings from most other states including the New Norfolk rally in Tassie, the Woodgate Beach rally in QLD, SA has held rallies at Normanville and Burra, and all have been very well attended and very much enjoyed.

And with winter approaching, Tassie has organised a Winter rally at Swansea, Victoria is doing Christmas in July at Myrtleford, QLD is doing a 3-part tagalong to Christmas in August at Jandowae, NSW is having their Winter rally at Repton on the Bellinger River, and SA are having their Winter Break at Clayton. WA has been very quiet of late ...

And talking of tagalongs, don’t forget the National Rally at Broken Hill (NSW) from 12-19 October. There are tagalongs being organised from every Australian state to this event, so stay in tune with your State Coordinators for further details as they come to hand.

Note that early bookings will not be accepted for our national rally’s “allotted” area. You will need to wait until the registration forms come out on our website later this year.

The popularity of tagalongs has increased, with more and more members forming a “convoy” prior to rallies, and doing a multi-night camp along the way to the destination. It’s a great way to get to know people better while sharing a

In the meantime, travel safely, stay well, and stay upright!



Bob Lucas #32872
National Coordinator
Ulysses Members RV Group

2026 ULYSSES RV NATIONAL RALLY - BROKEN HILL

Where: Broken Hill Racecourse centre ring
When: 12th to 19th October 2026
How Much: \$40 p/n including amenities, power and water. Pay at registration.

Western Australia Report

Birthday Bash

This was held 1 February at Southern Stars Caravan Park near Vasse which is between Busselton and Dunsborough. Poorly attended unfortunately as I seem to pick dates that clash with other activities that our group attend.

Regardless we carried on as best we can, we ended up with three caravans and a motorhome totalling six of us. We did go to Broadwater and met up with the Bunbury group for breakfast. Which included Judi and Peter Mercer.

The caravan park is very well looked after having grass to all sites which they are very protective of, ensuite style facilities and several fenced sites for those travelling with dogs. There is also a large well equipped camp kitchen.

All in all, the few of us there had a good weekend and we left looking forward to our next event which was scheduled for Greenhead.

Greenhead Weekender

Nothing to say about this one. We only had two vans booked for the weekend and with Mr Trump's escapade into Iran making fuel supplies problematic and a cyclone coming from the north we decided to cancel out as it wasn't worth the risk.

Westonia Weekender Plus

We are planning to travel to Westonia for the weekend of 26, 27 and 28 June 26. Westonia is a small country town east of Peth in the wheatbelt. There is quite a lot of

history in the area and the town has a renowned museum so hopefully we will get a few more at this one.

At present the indications are looking better with four vans and two motorhomes going. The plus part is that following on from Westonia Linda and I are going to continue on and do the Golden Quest which is a shortish tour around some of the old gold mining towns which in our case will end up in Kalgoorlie before we head home.

URV National Rally

A small group of us from WA are intending to do a Tag-a-long to the rally. We will be leaving Perth separately on or around 1st October and will be meeting up at Karalee Rocks which is a free camp near to Yellowdine, after which a pleasant social evening we will start before making our way across the country and hopefully arriving in time for the start of the rally.

If anyone from the mythical east is over this way and wish to join us for all or part of the journey you will be more than welcome. We don't intend to travel large distances each day, approximately 400 kms and to have a rest day somewhere along the way. Final details will be sorted out at a get together in June/July so we end up on the same page.

New South Wales Report

Autumn Rally Gulargambone

Another great week spent with the friendly NSW RV group. It is always the people that make these rallies a wonderful success.

We stayed at the iconic Gulargambone caravan park with loads of character. Though the weather was quite mild with only a couple of days of cold wind, every night was spent in the spectacular camp kitchen with a raging fire in the middle.

The park owners Wayne and Kath fed us every happy hour with scones and jam or spring rolls and chips.

Two visits to the local bowling club, one being a Mother's Day lunch, with a delicious and inexpensive Chinese feast. Saturday was the big camp pot dinner supplied by the park owners which went down very well.

During the days people took off to visit various towns and attractions in the area while some of the ladies took the opportunity to help the locals clear out their op shop, which was closing down. Many bargains were to be had.

It was truly great to see a few of our members returning from bouts of illnesses and operations and we all wish them well in their recoveries. While the girls were busy with their craft morning some of the boys were lucky enough to be taken by Paul to his mate's property to look and drool over the 'big boys toys' and find out how much

technology has changed the face of modern farming, though with the dry weather out there they haven't been able to conquer Mother Nature.

Again we were lucky to have the musical talents of Dusty, Rob and Bob.

Thanks guys for the great laughs and sing-a-longs. We truly appreciate them lugging all their gear such long distances to keep us entertained.

Card nights were enjoyed by all in the great camp kitchen with a raging fire to keep us all warm.

On our last night we all feasted on bar-b-que sharing our salads and desserts and enjoying another sing-a-long.

Until the next one at Bellinger River Repton.



Queensland Report

NRMA Woodgate Beach Holiday Park Rally

7th – 11th May 2026

That's another rally done and dusted, or at least it will be when this tale is told. Our second rally for the year and one that was held respecting the relaxed life of the Woodgate and Childers areas.

Therese and I headed to Childers the day before for two reasons. The first was to stay at the Childers Free RV Camp which is right in the middle of town and only 40 minutes from Woodgate. At times you have to be early to get a park. The second reason was to do an early morning raid on our favourite bakery for their great and inexpensive lamingtons.

Arriving in Woodgate right on 11:00am, we checked in, found others who had been so excited to come to the rally, they had got there a day or so before. The sites selected by the management had most of the group together, except for a couple of the larger vans.

A big "Well Done" to the park management for the way they managed everything.

On-site and as more of the group rolled in, the day was mainly about getting RVs set-up and meeting and greeting old friends. An excellent rally rollup, 18 RVs, 35 members + 3 members who just came for the day.

4:00pm for Happy Hour, where we all but took over the camp kitchen, brought plenty of noise while everyone was catching up. Interrupting the discussion to give a briefing and an outline of the weekend's program occasionally proved difficult, but I managed. I might have to get a louder bell, as the bottle opener hitting my stubby wasn't always loud enough.



As I said at the start of this tale, the plan for the weekend was for a relaxing time so I hadn't arranged a lot of planned activities. There was a Heritage Festival in Childers on Saturday and many of the attractions were highlighted to the group, especially the Chad Morgan room and the second-hand book store and of course, Hot Bread Fred, my favourite bakery.



Friday started with the lady's craft and chat morning in the camp kitchen, with the rest of the day free to walk on the shared path through the town, or along the beach if sand and paddling was preferred. Another possibility was a 2 to 6 km walk along a boardwalk and sandy tracks through the Banksia Track in the Burrum Coast National Park, directly across the road behind the caravan park.

Time was also spent just sitting around under awnings catching up with friends who may not have been seen each other for a while. I won't mention the oceans of coffee that would have been consumed at the same time. Probably explains why everyone was still

animated and loud later at Happy Hour.

Saturday was more of the same chatter and coffee. Many made the trip to Childers for the festival activities and I can assure you, many returned carrying lamingtons and commenting on their taste and low price. If you need to know, six LARGE lamingtons for \$9:00.

The rally dinner was held on Saturday night at the Woodgate Beach Club. Terrific little club, big range and good value meals, drinks far cheaper than the hotel up the road, and lots of raffle prizes which some members took advantage of to add fish and meat trays to their food reserves.



Sunday was Mothers' Day and after allowing time for late breakfasts, we assembled for a Sunday morning drive. Loaded with a morning tea, we headed south to Walkers Point at the mouth of the Isis River where we found a long clear stretch road shoulder where we could all park. By coincidence, that spot happened to be beside a couple of "Thong Trees" which provided amusement while we faced a cool breeze coming off the water. After the usual chinwag that always happens at times like this, we remounted and headed to our next stop.





Back to Woodgate, then out to the Theodolite creek park swimming area. Our timing was excellent, and a couple of picnic tables were available close the waters of the mouth of the Theodolite River. I had been worried that being Mothers' Day, the area may have been full; sometimes I can be lucky. After a shared morning tea, we dispersed back to the caravan park or wherever anyone may have wanted to go after such a big 24km drive.



Time left for a last beach or national park walk, more socialising, and thanking the park management for looking after us, before the packing up started. That was then interrupted by our last Happy Hour.

Monday dawned with light showers just so awnings would have to be packed up wet. Some members were staying on for a few days before heading to Nambour for the Ulysses National Rally. For the rest of us, it was pack up and get on the road. For Therese and me, we had appointments in Brisbane that afternoon, so we had to go early. After getting onto the home driveway with it still showering, we then got enough sun between showers to dry the awning before parking the van undercover to be prepared for our next rally, the tag-a-long in August.



Feedback on the weekend was very positive especially for the time allowed just to relax and chat with friends. After all, relaxing and watching the world go by is what Woodgate is all about.



ULYSSES MEMBERS RV GROUP QLD REVISED PLANNER 2026

*This is a guide **ONLY** to be utilised as a forward planner for 2026.*

05 – 13 AUGUST * 3 PARTS

“Christmas in August”

PART A: 05,06 Aug 2 nights

WOOROOLIN WETLANDS REST AREA + [Google Map](#)

PART B: 07,08,09 Aug 3 nights

BAIT LAYERS CAMPOVEN GROUNDS

41 Wonga Cres, Ballogie via KINGAROY Ph: 0428714926

Google Maps Ref [26°22'41.7"S 151°36'25.2"E](#)

PART C: 10,11,12 Aug nights

JANDOWAE SHOWGROUNDS

Warra Street, Jandowae Ph: 0459874939



07-11 Oct 26

Tag-along to Broken Hill

Coordinators John and Maree

5 nights, combining paid locations and free camps

Stops include:

- Bowenville Reserve (start)
- St George, QLD
- Barwon River Free Camp, BREWARINA QLD
- Gunderbooka Rest Area
- Victory Caravan Park, WILCANNIA NSW
- Broken Hill AGM Location NSW

Please contact John via email for further details.

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0427 342 797

OCTOBER 12 – 19

BROKEN HILL NSW ULYSSES MEMBERS' RV NATIONAL RALLY

DECEMBER 03 – 07. 4 nights

WOODFORD SHOWGROUNDS

Neurum Road, Woodford Ph 0437390862

Woodford Hotel 5th Dec Saturday Ph: 54961044: Evening Meal

Bevan and Therese (0408 714 000)

[Email: bradford@auswingriders.com](mailto:bradford@auswingriders.com)

Tasmania Report

Future Rally's

WINTER RALLY - SWANSEA

Our Winter Rally will celebrate the winter solstice, which is Sunday 21st June 2026. We are right on the waterfront at the Swansea Holiday Park, 2 Bridge St Swansea. The dates are overnight Friday 19th Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st June. Sites are \$40 per night and include power and water. No unpowered sites are available.

Ring and make your own booking and make sure you say you are with the Ulysses RV Group so they can keep us in the one area. Phone the park on 6257 8148. On the Saturday night we will try the Swansea RSL for a tasty and good value meal, so please let Mike know on 0408 263 880 of your intention to attend, so the table size can be organised.

National rally Tag-a-long

Mike and Sue from Tasmania are organising a tag-a-long to the National Rally in Broken Hill this October.

There are no fixed stops or dates at this stage except that we will depart Geelong in late September and head in a westerly direction into South Australia. At some stage we will be turning north, zig zaging and exploring as we go, before we head east towards Broken Hill. Along the way we will be staying at a variety of places such as free camps, donation stops and a couple of caravan parks.

We intend to be close to Broken Hill on the Sunday night so we can get to the rally site by about lunch time on Monday the 12th.

A few Tasmanians will be making the trip with us but anyone from anywhere is most welcome to join us at any stage.

If interested at all, please ring Mike on 0408 263 880.

SPRINGTIME RALLY AT (Oatlands) TUNNACK

(Thursday 18th Friday 20th and Saturday 21st November)

We are camping on the Tunnack Oval on the Friday and Saturday nights.

Tunnack camping will be a \$5 donation. This is asked for to upkeep the area which is looked after by CMCA members.

The ground is nice and level, without any boggy areas and has a public toilet on site, but that's all. The Tunnack Community Club is looking forward to welcoming us for dinner on one (or both) of our nights there. The word is that their meals are really good and at reasonable prices.

More details are to follow, maybe something special will happen with our meal at the Community Club.

But if you would like to warm up for the weekend, why not come and free camp at Oatlands on the Thursday night? Oatlands is a free campsite and has toilets and free BBQs. It is on the Esplanade next to Lake Dulverton, Oatlands.

Mike
0408 263 880

EMAIL US AT tasmania@ulyssesrv.org
RV GROUP WEBSITE www.ulyssesrv.org (then click on **RALLY CALANDER**
to see all upcoming rallies)

Victoria Report

No rallies to report on as both Fred and I and also David & Su have been away on our own holidays at this time.

Just a reminder of a couple of rallies coming up in the next few months

Winter Get Away and YES it will be cold..... brrrrr

Myrtleford Caravan Park

14th July - 20th July 2026
8 Lewis Avenue Myrtleford
03 5752 1598

Make sure you book before the 31st May to get the \$25 per night for staying 5 nights

Vic Tag-Along to Broken Hill National Rally

Leaving 7th October and taking 5 days to get to the rally.

After the National Rally David & Su will continue with the Tag-Along staying 2 x nights at Tibooburra. Cannonball run out to Camerons Corner back for the night then off to Burke and Beyond. They are planning on returning home around the 6th November.

David will have more details as we get closer to the date but he will chat with you all at Myrtleford Rally and you can ask any questions you may have.

Broken Hill Blanket Donations

We are collecting blankets for the Broken Hill Rally and I believe Jenny has a few nursing homes that are willing to take our donations. Sizes would be approx. 1.5 x 1.5 metres

I would like to thank everyone in advance for your time and wool that is put into these blankets and I know they will be greatly appreciated xx



South Australia Report

Winter Break

21-23 August 26

Clayton Bay Riverside Holiday Park

Island View Dr, CLAYTON BAY

Ph 08 8537 0372

Saturday evening "The Local in Clayton Bay"

11-13 September 2026

Quorn Caravan Park

Another change of date as Variety Bash. We will be doing a basic BBQ on the Friday evening at the camp kitchen. Numbers required. Cabins available along with powered and un-powered sites.

9-11 October 2026

SA Odyssey at Waikerie

6-8 November 2026

Wallaroo Holiday Park

1 Pamir Ct, WALLAROO SQ

Phone 08 8823 2531

Friday evening BYO at the camp kitchen

Saturday evening cornucopia Hotel, 3 49 Owen Terrace WALLAROO.

These events are for open to all Ulysses members and their partners

Gear Shop

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

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Spare Wheel Sticker	\$85.00
200 mm Club Sticker	\$10.00
100mm Club Sticker	\$3.50
Arena Team Jackets, logo, no name	\$85.00

Membership Report

We would like to offer a warm welcome to the following new members having joined since the February 2026 edition of Kermit, and we look forward to seeing you at one of our many rallies held across the country.

Marita	Williamson	Goodna	Qld
Don	Pilkington	Devonport	Tas
Grace	Domingo	Ipswich	Qld
Darrell	Finch	Wards River	NSW
John	Kappe	Broken Hill	NSW

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.

If you are unsure if you have signed a waiver or not, feel free to drop me an email at membership@ulyssesrv.org and I will be able to tell you if I have received a waiver. Members (*not partners*) that have joined since the beginning of 2023 have already filled out waivers as part of the online registration.

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

I hope that all members stay as healthy and active as can be considering their individual circumstances and hope to see more of you at events.

Vince Toonen
Membership Coordinator

Webmaster Report

Some recent updates to the website include updated policies so please take a few minutes to read them <https://ulyssesrv.org/index.php/privacy-policy-2/>

Just a reminder that all of our rallies (and those of the Ulysses Club South Australian SIG Group) can be found on our Rally Calendar page

<https://ulyssesrv.org/index.php/events/>

If you experience any issues accessing our website then please contact me on 0401 140 585 or by email webmaster@ulyssesrv.org

Richard Flinders Webmaster

ARVIE'S ADVENTURES

On the 11th of March, Arvie celebrated his 16th birthday, and he was shouted a trip to New Zealand for a fly, drive, cruise holiday. Following are a few of the highlights of his trip.



Arvie wasn't keen to go for a swim here in Rotorua. Maybe later, somewhere else.

Arvie thought he was in heaven, being taken to a cave full of worms. All glowing so he can catch them easily.



A living Maori village was interesting for him.



That's my boat. Time to hop on board at Auckland.



Arvie wanted to play in the band but he kept dropping the sticks.



It was getting a little rough so Arvie checked out the lifeboats just in case.



With all this water around, Arvie had been dying for a swim and finally found the 'cement pond'.



Arvie hopes frogs legs are not served in this restaurant.



Arvie got a little confused in this part of the ship.



After all the excitement of getting past Border Force and through customs incognito, it was good to get back into Australia, time to relax.

