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Rally Dates

January 2024

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2 Liebig Street
Date: 18/19/20th Jan
Ph: 5465 3073
Cost: \$35.00 p/n Less 10% for members
Closing Date: 4th Jan

February 2024

Beaufort C/P
39 Park Road
Date: 15/16/17th Feb
Ph: 5349 2196
Cost: \$35.00 p/n
Closing Date: 1st Feb

March 2024

Alexandra Show Grounds
21 Williams Street
Date: 21/22/23rd March
Ph: 0417 179 313
Cost: \$35.00 p/n
Closing Date: 7th March

April 2024

Edenhope C/P
52—80 Lake Street
Date: 18/19/20th April
Ph: 5585 1659
Cost: \$30.00 p/n
Cabins: \$100.00 to \$130.00 p/n
Closing Date: 4th April

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To those members feeling unwell, I wish you a speedy recovery and to those who have celebrated a birthday or anniversary I hope your special day was/will be one to remember. To all those who have had sickness in the family we wish them a speedy recovery.

Very big thank you to Noreen, Pam and Marion on a successful Christmas Breakup. Thanks to those who organised the get together at the Lake on New Years Day. The committee will be looking for members to organise Rallies, Christmas Break Up, Luncheon outings and New Years Day.

Please give this a thought as we cannot keep having the same members always putting up their hand. The time has come for other members to step in and let those members who continue to make these events happen, have a rest and be able to sit back and relax and enjoy these events for a change.



Kevin Doherty

Rally Co-Ordinator's Report 2024

Well here we go again looking forward to another year of rallies, there maybe a few different times with perhaps longer than the three day as we move to travel further. There will always be the three day rally but we may add days either side for those that want to stay a bit longer. I hope everyone had a great Xmas celebrating with family and friends or just away on their own in peace and quiet. We look forward to seeing everyone at rallies throughout the year.

I have honey on my peas,
I've had this all my life,
It may sound funny,
But it stops them falling off my knife.

Barry



Ballarat Caravan Club Christmas breakup 2024.

The Christmas breakup, organized by Noreen and Karen Daniell, assisted by Pam Scanlon and myself. 32 of us went to the Bunch of Grapes Hotel in Pleasant St. where we were served a lovely roast meal, followed by Plum pudding and Custard. The dining room was decorated with many hand-crafted decorations and looked very festive.

Noreen had organized a huge raffle consisting of several baskets of yummy groceries.

Winners of the raffle were;

1st. Prize, Kevin Doherty. 2nd. Prize, Jan Hateley. 3rd. Prize, Bill Daniell. Congratulations to all winners.

It was obvious from the happy faces that everyone was having a great time, it was lovely to see Marg Schonfelder enjoying the evening. It was just a shame that John was unable to attend as he was recovering from surgery.

Thank you, Noreen, for such a lovely evening.

Marion Colman.



CASTERTON and EXTENDED RALLY. NOVEMBER 2023.

18 members arrived in Casterton on a glorious, sunny day. Some of us got up very close and personal with some sites being very tight. It was nice to be outside in the warm evening, talking amongst the group. Early Friday morning began quite cool but it didn't take long to warm up, the afternoon reaching 34 degrees. Because the Casterton Show was being held on Saturday in the Showgrounds next to the park, we decided to have lunch on Friday at the Albion Hotel followed by a stroll along the Main Street. It is sad to see many empty and neglected shops The area at the back of the park was filled with horses being readied for the showjumping and dressage events held next to the caravan park.

Saturday morning several of us headed off to the Cenotaph for the Remembrance Day Service only to be told by a local the service had been moved to the Showgrounds much to his and other locals disgust. We walked over to the Showgrounds for the service, many returned after lunch to view the local arts and crafts, floral displays, kelpie trials, dirt bikes, speed shearing etc.

During happy hour, Robyn got our brains working with a couple of quizzes, a bit of good fun.

All too soon it was time to pack up and for some to head home or to bowls with the rest of us going on for the extended rally. Our first stop being Millicent, then Kingston on to Keith followed by 2 nights in Nhill, then heading over to St. Arnaud for 2 nights and home.

The Raffle consisted of 4 prizes:

1st. \$35 voucher won by Elly.

2nd. Wine donated by Steve, won by Barry.

3rd. Christmas placemats and coasters donated by Bill and Noreen, won by Pauline.

4th. Sparkling wine donated by Steve, won by Andy.

Thankyou to our generous donors.

Stella.



Avoca Rally report—January 2024

Nine vans went to the Avoca Caravan Park for our first Rally for 2024. We had perfect weather for our visit with warm days and mild nights perfect for caravanning. Thursday afternoon happy hour was at Barry & Stella's van catching up with any news after Christmas.

Friday morning we had a BBQ breakfast of eggs, bacon, tomato which was very enjoyable, Barry & Stella took Robyn and I for a drive around the back streets of Avoca showing us some of the sites around town, it's a nice place away from the main street, it was time for happy hour when we returned so we all sat under a shady tree beside our van and solved most of the world's problems over the next couple of hours. It's amazing how wise you become with a couple of cool drinks and a shady tree.

Dinner on Friday night was a BBQ of hamburgers and sausages with the Ladies providing salads and desserts.

Saturday after a long morning tea it was time for lunch at the Moonambel Hotel, first

impressions did not look too good but the publican was friendly, the service fast and efficient, and the food very good. While waiting for our meals one member Mark was shown special attention by a bride to be on her hens party by sitting on Marks knee and having their picture taken, who knew that Mark was such a dark horse. After lunch it was back to the park for a quiet afternoon and the raffle was drawn, 1st prize Andy 2nd prize Noreen 3rd prize Deb.. Finally I would like to thank those who helped with the breakfast and dinner BBQs Barry, Andy, Colin and all the ladies who helped with salads and desserts and Jacki for the eggs, things don't get done without your help..

Brian C



Extended Rally.

Sunday morning there was a lot of activity packing up for the next leg of our journey to Millicent, goodbyes said to those not moving on with us. Some travelled via Mt. Gambier, enjoying a lunch break others went to Penola and across.

Monday, we all went our own way, most of us went to the Information Centre to admire the beautiful quilts on display to be donated to the Oncology Ward at the hospital. Of course some did the obligatory “Op Shopping” resulting in a few treasures found. Some of the men took a drive out to the Forestry and Logging Museum at Nangwarry, 47 kms from Millicent.



Tuesday began with a few light showers which soon cleared to a fine day. John and Naomi visited the Tantanoola caves. Our group visited Ant’s Sculpture Gallery and were given a wonderful explanation of the variety of woods which Ant turned into amazing wooden sculptures. His imagination is very vivid, to see in a branch or tree root, a snake, bird, dragon, Elvis etc. etc. and transfer that idea to a beautifully carved, finished product is incredible.





Marion tested our trivia skills during happy hour with a mixture of questions. The evenings turn cool and we are happy to settle in for the night.

Wednesday morning we packed up once again for the drive to Kingston. The Foreshore Caravan Park was quite busy but we had all of our sites together and an outlook to the sea. Much hilarity was had when discussing a 5th wheeler pulled by a ram. The lady whose husband was in hospital had 2 dogs for company. One of our members on hearing the word “ram” wondered why on earth the lady would have 2 dogs and a ram in the caravan!!

Several of the men took a visit to Kev’s Tractor Museum, a well presented display of machines which seem to have been mostly very well looked after.



Thursday morning we gathered under Larry the Lobster for a photo shoot before heading off to Robe for some site seeing, lunch and a leisurely drive home via Cape Jaffa. After a meal shared in the camp kitchen two members braved the cold conditions for some squid jiggling on the jetty, one squid caught.

One chilly Brian and one chilly Barry returned to their caravan's warmth.....dedication or madness??

Friday was a quiet morning, some catching up on washing, or a walk around town. Robyn once again tested our brain power with a couple of great quizzes. The Crown Hotel was the place to be Friday evening for dinner with a lovely meal and raffles to help the Junior Tennis teams. Robyn won a pork and chicken meat pack. The manager thanked the Club for coming and also for supporting the raffle.



Saturday morning it was time once again to pack up and travel inland to Keith. Several members were redirected due, sadly to a fatal accident. For some it was a detour through some back roads, others took to a main road, lunching at Bordertown before driving on to Keith. It was pretty warm and dry but we kept hydrated and followed the shade around between vans throughout the afternoon. Most of us had a walk around the small town during our stay.

Sunday evening Robyn and Brian generously shared the meat tray won at the Kingston hotel. We feasted on chicken, pork, roast potatoes and carrots, scalloped potatoes, peas, corn, coleslaw and gravy, followed by a lovely fresh fruit salad and ice-cream supplied by Elly, Andy, Noreen and Bill. Once again we all retired for the night well fed.

Monday morning we were off and running again to Nhill for 2 nights. A few stopped off at Bordertown for a look around, others had a stop for lunch in Kaniva which saw a couple of ladies score a few bargains in a women's and children's clothing shop.



New Year's luncheon 2024

Just by coincidence Colin passed through Kaniva on his way to Adelaide for the car racing and recognised some of our folk walking down the street and acknowledged them with a good toot and wave.

An old primary school friend of Stella's known as "Helen from Nhill" who has a finger in most pies in town including coordinating the Information Centre came to see us at Happy Hour. She organised for us to visit the amazing memorabilia collection of John Rethus whose family has lived in the area for many generations. The huge shed was filled with so many pieces to stir the memory. I don't think you would ever find such a spotlessly clean collection anywhere.



Most of us visited the Paw Po shop where the products are made and sold by the Keren People who came to Australia from Burma. Their handcraft is beautiful as too are the crafts, cakes, jams etc. at Lowana run by the CWA.

Wednesday we headed off on our last leg of our journey to St. Arnaud for 2 nights before heading home. Tubby always welcomes us warmly to the park. Two of our members can recommend the efficiency of the local RACV chap. Good to hear they felt reassured after his attention. (to their vehicles, that is!)

Unfortunately Barry and I had to head home not long after we arrived as Barry tested positive to Covid. I believe lunch over at the Club was enjoyable as usual and the banana splits are still creating much mirth amongst our group. It has been a great group of people to travel with, share stories, meals and visits to a variety of venues with. Thank you to our Rally Committee for their work in planning and making bookings for us.

Participants on Rally : Barry and Stella, Brian and Robyn, Andy and Elly, Marion and Deb, John and Naomi, Bill and Noreen, Kevin, Pauline.

Stella Burnett.



Another from New year's Day, 2024

NHILL NEWS

Wednesday 22nd November 2023

by
Helen of Nhill



THE BALLARAT CARAVAN CLUB

BALLARAT CARAVAN CLUB VISITING NHILL - by HM Woodhouse-Herrick

A group of the **Ballarat Caravan Club** arrived in Nhill on Monday morning, staying 2 nights at our Nhill Caravan Park which mind you was full of holiday makers pouring the dollars into our town are visiting the different places we have on offer within Nhill and district. Being away for 2 weeks into SA and having had a wonderful time I was invited to meet up with them and join in on their 'happy hour' the first night and suggested a few places in the short time they had here to go and visit. Stella (far right) and I go back many years as friends from our time at Lorquon State School in 1960 when we had the PO and she lived in Lorquon and we attended the Lorquon Methodist Church and Sunday School. The memories we had of way back then with our School Concerts and Sunday School Anniversaries and so much more with names we pulled out of the hat of who we once knew were good memories for both of us.



The Ballarat Caravan Club & John Rethus in the centre.

More of New Year's
Luncheon 2024



Meeting Dates 2024

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

GENERAL MEETINGS

Committee and General Meeting Dates

Committee Meetings at Marion's Home: 12 Miles Street, Sebastopol

General Meetings at RSL Hall, Cnr Beverin & Birdwood Sts, Sebastopol.
Starting at 1-30 pm & 7.30pm respectively

Committee

General

2024

12th February

26th February

Easter

15th April

29th April

11th June (Tuesday) Note change of date

24th June

12th August

26th August

14th October

28th October

11th November

25th Nov

Luncheons to be organised for the alternate month to our meetings

Attention

The BCC lunch for March 2024 is at the Golden Point Hotel (formally Zagames) on Wednesday 27th March at noon.

If you are coming please give Jennifer Parkes a ring on 0408 519 832 before Monday 25th March.

The following luncheons will be held on the alternate months to our General Meetings.

A full version of the **model rules** is available on our web site at

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For your perusal.

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Trevor Parkes

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