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2019

April 2019

St Arnaud Caravan Park
April 11/12/13
Per Night \$25.00
Phone 0418 201 952
Closing Date 28th March

Monday Apr 29th—General Meeting

R.S.L Hall, Sebastopol
7.30pm—Please bring a plate

May 2019

Broken Creek Bush Camp
100 Quinn Rd, Broken Creek
30 minutes from Shepparton 10
minutes from Benalla
Just off Midlands H/Way
May 16/17/18
\$5.00 Per Person per night
Ph 0428574799 Cath or Doc
Closing Date 2nd May

June 2019

Bendigo Avondel C/P
723 Calder Highway, Maiden Gully
June 13/14/15th
\$33.00 per night
Phone 5449 6265
Closing Date 30th May

Monday June 24th—General Meeting

R.S.L Hall, Sebastopol
7.30pm—Please bring a plate

July 2019

Kyabram Western Gums C/P
120 McEwin Road, Kyabram
July 18/19/20th
\$32.00 per night
Phone 03 5852 2885
Closing Date 4th July

August 2019

Moama Merool C/P

Aug 15/16/17/18/19/20/21

\$100.00 for 7 nights

Phone 1300 637 665

Closing Date 1st Aug

Extra Moama/Merool Information

For those that want to go to Merool we need a deposit of \$10.00. **Non refundable ASAP.**

Full payment 3 weeks prior to going.

\$100.00 for 7 nights

(See further information in newsletter)

Monday Aug 26th—General Meeting

R.S.L Hall, Sebastopol
7.30pm—Please bring a plate

September 2019

Edenhope C/P Lakeside

Lake Street, Edenhope

Contd.

Sept 12/13/14th

\$32.00 P/N Less 10%

Phone 03 5585 1659

Closing Date Aug 29th

October 2019

Bridgewater C/P

Park St Bridgewater

Oct 17/18/19

Per Night \$31.50

Phone 5437 3086

Closing Date 3rd October

Monday Oct 28th—AGM

R.S.L Hall, Sebastopol
7.30pm—Please bring a plate

November 2019

Narrawong C/P

Princes H/Way Narrawong

November 14/15/16

Per Night \$33.00 less Disc on Arrival

Phone 5529 5282

Closing Date 1st November

President's Report

Hi Folks,

How lucky we have been with the wonderful weather we have had for the past few rallies, they have been very enjoyable. Thanks to everyone for their company and help.

To those who aren't feeling 100 percent at the moment, I hope you are soon feeling much better.

We have a guest speaker from "My Aged Care" coming to our April Meeting.

Thankyou to Noreen and Pam who have volunteered to organise our Christmas function for this year.

Don't forget to make your payment for the Merool rally at the April Meeting. We will

need a few volunteers to help run rallies over the next few months so please give some thought to this. Barry and I will be away for a few months so we need someone to take the defibrillator, urn, etc to the June, July and August rallies.

Why grammar is important! A notice in a church bulletin.

"Ladies don't forget the rummage sale, it's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands." Oops!!

A tempting offer but I think I'll keep mine. See you all soon somewhere in the great outdoor.

Stella.

Ararat Rally

Fifteen vans arrived for the rally, some Wednesday, some Thursday and 2 on Friday also two in cabins.

Thursday: We all enjoyed our get together as usual with a lot of talk and laughs. One romantic member (for Valentine's Day) showed us these beautiful roses he was to give to his wife making us feel guilty. We had nothing to give, later his wife came over to tell us she had bought the roses herself on her trip to S.A. We were all sucked in. He will never live it down, that is for sure.

Friday: Some went shopping, some went to the Hall's Gap Zoo, some just sightseeing.

Friday night: A "ghost walk" was on at the "Arandale" mental home, 20 members did the walk in the dark holding lanterns. We had our group picture taken and had a great time. Never saw any ghosts. It took 2 hours to see and hear the talk on the tour.

Saturday: The park managers put on a breakfast of Bacon, Eggs, Baked Beans, fruit and drinks which we all enjoyed.

Saturday lunch time all went to the RSL for our meal. We all enjoyed it.

Saturday night at "Happy Hour" Pauline had 12 members playing a game of "Numbers and Swap". We all got our gift with much swapping around and plenty of laughs, some didn't want to swap their gifts.

Sunday: Morning tea and the raffle drawing, Val (myself) won the voucher and Elly a bottle of wine given by the Caravan Park.

We said our goodbyes leaving 6 vans to stay overnight and return home on Monday. A great time was had by all.

PS: Had visitors, Trevor and Jenny and Julie and Bill Faulkhead which we all enjoyed seeing plus Garry came too.

If anyone wants a lovely park to stay in go to the Ararat one, it was just great, the staff being very helpful and friendly.

The sight of the day on Monday morning was a grown woman, frantically waving and calling to her dearly beloved whilst she chased their car out of the park and down the road, he, quite oblivious of the comedy unfolding behind him continued on for some time before deciding that she could not have walked that quickly down the street and returned to pick her up.

Who would have thought that you could possibly have maggots in fresh bread or cereal, well one of our members was horrified when making her breakfast to think that she had just that alas upon being told by her husband to put her glasses on was relieved to discover that her "maggots" were simply grains.

Val Coulter

Notes about the survey included in this newsletter, (if you get the newsletter by post). Please complete it and return it at the April meeting.

If you have the newsletter emailed to you, you will find an attachment coming to you (from the editor) in the next hour or two. It would be much appreciated if you could please fill out the survey (on your computer) and either send it completed to the email address at the end of the survey (admin@accvic.org.au) or print it out and then fill it in and hand it in at the April meeting of the Caravan Club.

Andy Grenfell

Meeting Dates 2018

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

GENERAL MEETINGS

**Committee Meeting Dates 2018-2019 starting at 1-30 pm
Alternating between Janice's (Nov 2018) & Barry and Stella's (Feb 2019)**

2019

8th April (Jan's)
3rd June (Stella's)
12th August (Jan's)
14th October (Barry's)
11th November Jan's)

29th April
24th June
26th August
28th October (AGM)
25th November

Rally Report

The rally to Ararat was a great 4 days in the Acacia Caravan Park with great hosts Matt and Kaylene who could not do enough for us. (Breakfast for us all, raffle prize)

Well, another good rally to Dunkeld, everybody joined in and had an enjoyable time. Great to see Barry and Lena Macklin out and about again.

The next rally is at St Arnaud, we don't have a volunteer to organise this one so if you have any ideas bring them along .

The Rally to Broken Creek Bush Camp on the Friday night there will be BBQ meat supplied by the club, those attending please bring a salad or a sweet to be shared, that would be appreciated. Saturday for those who wish to go, there will be a silo tour and

a picnic lunch, don't forget to pack your thermos.

Rallies for October and November have now been selected check the rally book.

Don't forget to put your names down and pay for the Merool rally. \$10.00 Deposit. \$100.00 full payment. See Kevin.

Last night I dreamed I ate a 5 Kg marsh mellow, when I woke up the pillow was gone.

Barry.



August 2019 rally.

Merool Caravan Park

Aug 15/16/17/18/19/20/21.

7 Nights for \$100.00

10% Deposit to be paid by 29th April 2019

(Non Refundable) \$10.00.

**Payment for site prior to rally date \$90.00 to
be paid by the 25th June General Meeting**

Closing Date 25th June.

Ballarat Van Expo 2019

The Great Outdoor and 4X4

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🏠 Friday | 12th April, 2019 | 🕒 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

🏠 Saturday | 13th April, 2019 | 🕒 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

🏠 Sunday | 14th April, 2019 | 🕒 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

📍 Ballarat Showgrounds | Cnr Creswick Rd & Howitt St, Ballarat

💰 Adults \$15 | Concessions \$12 | Children Under 16 Free

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Dunkeld Rally

The March Rally was held at Dunkeld. There are new owners at the Caravan Park and it shows.

What a lot of work they have done and they are so very welcoming. There were even products to use in the showers and thick thirsty bathmats for the use of patrons.

It was lovely to see Lena and Barry Macklin at the rally, Lena was looking well. Keep up the good work.

At the rally we welcomed new members Jack and Ann, They also live at meadow gardens, they will soon have their own chapter at the gardens.

Almost everyone arrived on Thursday as usual. Barry and Stella were there to welcome us all. We all met for Happy hour and a few laughs. Stella explained that for those who were interested they could join a tag along tour after Morning tea on Friday. We would need a picnic lunch. We all carpooled and followed Gary up through the Grampians, We stopped at a lovely look out and admired the glorious view. Then on to Lake Belfield. We had taken chairs to rest our weary bones and had our sandwiches, Stella had been very busy and had a huge platter of cut up fruit to share, some had bought cakes or even chocolates. Several people walked to the other side to the spillway. Sadly it was dry.

After lunch vehicles headed in many directions, some back to a cafe in Dunkeld where we could purchase some flavours of Timboon Ice cream. Yummm! Friday afternoon, one of our members

was sitting under his tarp reading, he caught some movement out of the corner of his eye, he looked at what had caught his attention and found there was a snake slithering just 2 feet from his own feet. they both got a bit of a fright and the snake disappeared under the caravan, it was soon chased off by an empty bottle being flung under the caravan. Thank fully it wasn't seen again.

Saturday morning was the start of Duck season. One of our own has a tradition to take off the first day. He was trying not to disturb anyone else at 5.50am. So much so that he left without his wallet or his teeth. He didn't come back till he had his Bag limit. Stella had booked us all in for a meal at Cafe 109 in Dunkeld, The meals were delicious. Several stopped at the other cafe, again for some Timboon Ice cream, not that we needed it. We all took our dinner to the camp kitchen to eat together and to polish off the last of the fruit platter. Once again a fabulous weekend was had by all. Thank you Barry and Stella for running the weekend. We all know what a great job they do, it would be lovely if someone else would run a rally, it isn't at all difficult. You could even ask someone to help you. You only need to make sure the urn is full and hot for happy hours and Morning teas. You can ask for suggestions for a meal together either, BBQ, Pot luck or book a venue for the group. Please give it some thought. See you soon.

Marion

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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Newsletter Editors Report.

If you have items to go into the newsletter please get them to me either by emailing them to:

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Trevor Parkes

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