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Rally Dates

June 2024

Wangaratta Caravan Park (Kui Parks)
79 Parfitt St, Wangaratta
Date: 13/14/15/16 June. - Thurs - Sun 4 nights
Ph: 5721 3368
Cost: \$40.00 p/n
Closing Date: 1st June

July 2024

Mulwala Ski Club
156 Melbourne St., Mulwala. NSW
Date: 15/16/17/18 July Mon -Thurs 4 nights
Ph: 03 5744 1050
Cost: \$35.00 p/n
Closing Date: 1st July

August 2024

Echuca Holiday Park NRMA
8 Crofton St., Echuca
Date: 14/15/16/17/18/19/20 August
Wed - Tues 7 nights
Ph: 1800 555 640
Cost: \$36.00 p/n
7 nights, get one free
Closing Date: 1st August

September 2024

Moonambel Rec Reserve
Stawell and Avoca Rd
Date: 18/19/20/21 September
Ph: 0488 622 988
Cost: \$20.00 p/n Power, toilets & showers
Take own Water
Closing Date: 4th September

October 2024

Portland Bay Holiday Park
186 Benintinck St, Portland
Date: 14/15/16/17/18/19 October
Ph: 1800 622 005
Cost: \$37.00 p/n
Closing Date: 2nd October

November 2024

Acacia Caravan Park
6 Acacia Ave. Ararat
Date: 14/15/16th November
Thurs to Sat 3 nights
Ph: 5352 2994
Cost: \$35.00 p/n
Closing Date: 1st November

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Kevin is away on his 3 months holiday north. He is approximately at or around Coonamble/Lightning Ridge at the moment. He is probably enjoying nice weather, wish he could send some down south.

He asked me to remind members to put in their diaries of the November Guest Speaker. This is advertised in this newsletter on page 5.

Another reminder to members that the Annual Subs are due on the 1st July. It may be advisable to get them in early with this cheque problem that our bank has caused.

He also asked me to put his usual report in the newsletter.

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

Trevor P for
Kevin Doherty
President



"There's nothing like roughing it in the woods to make a man feel alive!"

Rally Co-Ordinator's Report 2024

Hi everyone'

The rally to Riddles Creek was successful and enjoyable. The weather was good to us with only one shower of rain for about half a hour.

A total of eight vans some with power some without.

The next rally is at Mulwala, if you wish to go give me a ring.

Some rallies have been changed the last three for the year. Will give you a report at next meeting . Will also report on Mulwala and Echuca rallies.

Barry



Edenhope Rally April 2024

We had 10 vans travel to Edenhope for the April Rally. Most travelled on Wednesday giving us 4 nights. We were fortunate to have lovely weather.

Barry opened the rally and welcomed all present, giving a brief rundown on planned activities.

Thursday morning a few people strolled up to the Main Street, taking in the exhibition at the Red Tail Gallery, some beautiful work displayed and a few purchases made.

In the evening we had a shared meal organised by Kevin with everyone's support, helping to cook the sausage rolls, make and cook the deep fried jam sandwiches. Stella and Robyn added soup, jelly and ice cream and chicken kebabs. Brian and Kevin felt the heat in the kitchen cooking the sausage rolls. To all the cooks, "you did a wonderful job."

Over the weekend Stella ran a baby photo competition with 5 celebrity photos for an added challenge. A few hints were given out over the weekend. The eventual winners

were Robyn, Ian and Jacqui all with 16 out of 18 correct.

Friday we car pooled and travelled into Naracoorte for lunch at a hotel, a little sight seeing and retail therapy. Back at camp for happy hour we celebrated Andy's birthday. He got to don the birthday hat as we sang happy birthday. Andy thanked us all and cut the cake which we all enjoyed.

After tea on Friday night we all played bingo with excellent calling from Robyn. A lot of fun during the 10 rounds. Jacqui was the lucky jackpot winner, pretty good for a first time player.

Saturday a few members visited the Cricket Museum and other attractions at Harrow.

Robyn won the raffle. Barry closed the rally, thanking everyone for their contribution, help and support of the activities over the 4 days. Sunday morning we packed up and headed home.

Pauline.



BCC bi - monthly lunches

Thank you to the 12 who attended the lunch, hope for those who were not well and unable to attend are now feeling better. There was plenty of laughter and chatter. All enjoyed their lunch and had a good time.

The lunch for July 2024 is at the 'Bunch of Grapes Hotel', Cnr of Pleasant and South Streets, Ballarat on Wednesday July 31st at noon.

If you are coming please give me a ring on **0408 519 832** before **Sunday 28th July**

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

Jennifer Parkes



Riddles Creek Rally—May 2024

Thursday. Arrived at Tree Top Caravan Park with 7 Vans and one to arrive on Friday. Got set up by the toilet block with power, the other vans were down on the flat with their solar packs,. At 4pm Barry welcomed everyone and opened the rally around the campfire.

Friday. The fire was going early for the bacon and eggs for you to cook your own. We had morning tea around the fire it was just a little chilly. Some went to get more wood for the lunch time fire. Lunch was at 1.00pm which was sausages and baked potatoes cooked on the fire. Thanks to Stella for the good food, Elly made damper. Carol, my friend, is fitting in well with everyone. We all stayed around the campfire and talked. A certain lady was talking about a friend that had to buy a vibrating battery and you can imagine what everyone had on their

minds with lots of laughter.

At around 3.30pm the heavens opened , there was a great dash to make shelter and grab the chairs so no more happy hour for the day.

Saturday. Lovely weather, sunny and a top of 12 degrees. Brian and Bazz had the fire going for breakfast, Robin and Stella made camp oven stew and chilli with rice. It was delicious eaten with camp oven damper made by Elly.

We all wished Colin a Happy Birthday with a cake as he was heading off to Darwin the next day. Carol drew the raffle which was won by Marion.

Barry closed the rally and wished everyone a safe trip home and see you at the next rally.

It was a very enjoyable camp.

Stephen Low.



Riddles Creek Scout Camp May 2024



More of Riddles
Creek



A Guest Speaker has been organized for our November Meeting on Monday 25th.

The Guest Speaker will be **Dion Henderson** from the RoadSafe Central Highlands Caravan Safety Program.

**A Safe Towing Brochure.
An Education session on Safe Weights for Caravans and other towed vehicles.
A subsidy program for Caravaners who get their vehicle and Caravan weighed through the mobile weigh station partnership.**

The weighing of the vehicle and caravan subsidy meets about 60% of the cost of the exercise and report produced.

Kevin Doherty
President

Running a Rally

1. If you need to purchase food for rally or prizes for games/ Trivia please give receipts to the Treasurer for reimbursement.
2. Organise dinner Thur, or Sat. Night e.g.:-
3. BBQ everyone brings their own or YOU supply, maybe share Salads and Sweets, maybe half bring Salads and half bring Sweets.
4. Casseroles to share, maybe half bring Casseroles and half bring Sweets.
5. Eat out at a Hotel, Restaurant, Café, Club or Eat in and everyone purchase or bring their own meal and eat together.
6. None of the above. You might like to organize Breakfast, Lunch or something totally different. The Choice is yours.
- 6 Prior notice would be appreciated if BBQ, Casseroles, Salads and Sweets are required.
8. May organize activities Thursday night, Friday Morning/ Afternoon/Night or Free Time.
9. Keep your receipts and give them to the Treasurer for Reimbursement .
10. **REMEMBER DO NOT MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR YOURSELF, YOU ALSO HAVE TO ENJOY THE RALLY.**

SOMETIMES LESS IS BETTER.

Reminder that Subs are due on July 1st, 2024

\$35.00 Caravanners.

\$17.50 Non Caravanners.



Meeting Dates 2024

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

GENERAL MEETINGS

Committee and General Meeting Dates

**Committee Meetings at Marion's Home: 12 Miles Street, Sebastopol
Starting at 1-30 pm**

**General Meetings at RSL Hall, Cnr Beverin & Birdwood Sts, Sebastopol.
Starting at 7.30 pm**

Committee

General

2024

11th June (Tuesday) Note change of date
12th August
14th October
11th November

24th June
26th August
28th October
25th Nov

Luncheons to be organised for the alternate month to our meetings

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

www.ballaratcaravanclub.org.au

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:
trevorparkes1@bigpond.com or by normal post to **11 Kerry Way, Invermay Park. 3350**. Please submit articles at least 2 weeks before the meeting date due to proofreading and printing requirements, etc.

Trevor Parkes



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