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Rally & General Meeting Dates

February 2023

Terang
Terang Community Caravan Park
14 Warnambool Road, Terang
16/17/18 February
Ph: 0409 518 795
\$28.00 p/n
Closing Date: 2nd Feb

March 2023

Apollo Bay
Apollo Bay Holiday Park
27 Cawood Street
14/15/16 March (Mid Week)
Ph: 5237 7111
\$45.00 p/n
Closing Date: 2nd Mar

April 2023

Heathcote
Queen Meadow Caravan Park
3 Barrack Street
3/4/5 April
Combined Rally with Bendigo
Ph: 5433 2304
\$34.00 p/n
Closing Date: 23rd Mar

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Another year has passed and I hope you all had a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I also hope all our members who have been feeling unwell are feeling much better and if any members are still feeling poorly we wish you a speedy recovery.

Our Christmas Break-Up at the Golf House Hotel was a great success with 40 members attending. Many thanks to Jan Low, Marion Colman and Noreen Daniells for organising this event for the members which was well enjoyed by those attending. The outing on New Years Day at the North Gardens Lake Wendouree was well attended and enjoyed. Many thanks to Jan Low for getting the Rotunda and her many helpers for organising this outing which was enjoyed by all

those able to attend. Looks like this event will become a regular outing in the future. At our last meeting in November, we started to put forward suggestions on how to increase the membership of the Ballarat Caravan Club Inc. and that we would have that discussion at our February meeting. Nothing is off the table so please put your ideas forward no matter what you think that would increase the Membership. Everyone will be given the opportunity to put forward their suggestions so that those in attendance can debate in an orderly manner.



The visit by the Assistant Dogs will be held at the April Meeting.

Kevin Doherty
President

Rally Co-Ordinator's Report 2023

We had our first rally for the year at Ararat, the weather was good to us as we sat around outside a lot of the time.

Some of the members went to AME SYSTEMS, a factory that makes up all the wiring for a lot of different vehicles .

The next rally is at Terang, get your names in if you want to go.



Members at AME Systems.



November Rally Report-St. Arnaud

As usual Colin was there to welcome us as we arrived at the park and it was good to catch up again. We had seven vans, two members in a cabin, one motorhome as a visitor, Hedi, and Deb a friend of Marion's and also Jacki and Ian, in a caravan who are thinking of joining the club so they joined in with us for the weekend. Barry welcomed us to Happy hour and opened the rally. It was good to get together and have a laugh or two. After we had our morning cuppa on Friday a few headed off to Donald for some shopping. We had a BBQ lunch thanks to Barry and Stella followed by ice cream and topping for sweets. Yummy.

After lunch we had some free entertainment when a "lady" towing a J pod parked in the middle of the drive through sites and despite being asked by the manager to move forward she refused to shift with the result it made it hard for the van in the site behind her. Luckily she left early the next morning.

We had our usual happy hour.

Saturday morning dawned to more rain however everyone turned up at morning tea. After morning tea the new club president arrived after driving up from Ballarat for the day for a visit.

At lunch time we pooled cars to go to lunch at the St Arnaud sporting club, luckily the rain had eased off by then. We had a choice of Aussie or Chinese menu and both were used. The meals were fairly large portions so no one went hungry. As there was no rush to go, there were a few stories being told about courting days and how one of our members found her husband which was quite amusing. Back to camp and after a rest after such a big meal (and a drink or so) it was happy hour again.

Stella had a few trivia questions and nearly everyone won a prize. Barry then showed a couple of card tricks after which the raffle was drawn. The winner was Pauline with other prizes won by Robyn, Kevin, Naomi and Brian. It was the end of another good rally as some were to leave early the next morning as the weather forecast was not too good for wind as the day progressed.

Elly.



John, did you eat all those chips



Ararat Rally A.M.E. Factory



January Rally Report—Ararat Welcome Back For 2023.

Our first Rally for 2023 was held at Acacia Caravan Park in Ararat. We were given a warm welcome by owners Matt and Kaylene. 8 vans, 14 members attended.

Activities by members: A visit and tour of the AME Systems factory which produce custom wiring solutions for a range of heavy industries including transport, defence, rail and more. 6 members went and returned suitably impressed, sharing the information with everyone at Happy Hour.

Some chose to go for walks and explore the area whilst others enjoyed either some retail therapy or visiting tourist attractions close by.

Stella's special effort for Australia Day was green and yellow lamingtons with an Australian flag on top of each one, "A very thoughtful gesture."

Brian Church also received a surprise birthday cake and best wishes during happy hour on Thursday.

Friday evening pizzas, garlic bread, drinks and ice creams were provided for us by Matt and Kaylene.

Saturday lunch was at Chalambar Golf Club, we had 3 visitors join us, Val and Graham and Kevin. It was very nice to see them. On return to the park after lunch we all sat around under the shady trees. A lot of laughter and stories were told, "Happy Hour had begun!"

First prize in the raffle was won by Val Coulter and second prize (a camp chair) was won by Elly. Thanks to Eileen and Noel for their donation for the raffle, we hope to see you both at a rally soon.

Thank you to everyone who attended, "It's not always the destination, but the people we meet along the way, with friendships made and renewed."

Pauline.

Meeting Dates 2022-23

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

GENERAL MEETINGS

Committee and General Meeting Dates

Committee Meetings at a venue to be decided

General Meetings at RSL Hall, Cnr Beverin & Birdwood Sts, Sebastopol.
Starting at 1-00 pm & 7.30pm respectively

Committee

General

2023

13th February

27th February

10th April

24th April

No Meetings for June (Executive Decision)

14th August

28th August

9th October

30th October AGM

13th November

27th November

Please be reminded of our Mid Week Lunch at Midlands Golf and RSL Club on Wednesday 8th February 2023 at 12 .15pm.
Please advise me if you wish to attend on **0418 599 756**.

Midlands would like to know the numbers attending by **Monday 6th February 2023**.

Kevin

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