



ASSOCIATION OF CARAVAN CLUBS VICTORIA AND THEIR MEMBERS INC.

2018 State Rally

Rally to be held at Wodonga Racing Club from 11th Oct – 13th Oct 2018.

Number Plate Positioning

VicRoads has information available in relation to legislative requirements.

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Next Delegate's Meetings:

To be held at **Ross House, 247 Flinders Lane Melbourne.**

25th Feb 2017 (last Saturday of month) 10:30am.

Testing & Tagging from WorkSafe Victoria

The Victorian OHS Act & Regulations do not mandate the testing & tagging of electrical equipment in workplaces.

Although testing & tagging is not mandated in legislation, apart from construction, Section 21 (2) (a) of the OHS Act states that an employer has a legal obligation to ensure all plant & equipment used in a workplace is safe and without risks to health & safety at all times. So, if an employer has electrical equipment within the workplace, over which they have management & control, they have a legal obligation to ensure such electrical equipment is safe to use at all times.

However, the employer may decide to enforce their own requirements to have only vans on site which have been tested and tagged, so as to ensure that the electrical equipment is safe and does not pose a risk to the health and safety of the caravan owner and also other members of the public.

Caravan Parks (or any Park providing electricity for Caravanners) may insist on RV travellers having tagged and tested electrical leads that are used to connect the RV to an electrical outlet as it falls under their obligation to provide a Safe Workplace. This would also apply to any other electrical appliance that you have in your RV that is plugged into an electrical outlet in the Park (e.g. Camp Kitchen).

Appliances (e.g. toaster) that is contained within the RV and not used outside of the RV is not required to be tagged and tested.

Checkout our website for more details: <https://www.accvic.org.au>

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2018 State Rally

The rally has been scheduled for **11th, 12th and 13th October 2018** at the **Wodonga Racecourse**. Clubs are asked to schedule this event into their 2018 rally calendars. Checkout our website for more info as it comes to hand.

“Never go to bed mad. Stay up and fight.”
— *Phyllis Diller*

The State Rally Zones have been updated

To include changes in our Club membership and will now be used in the planning of future State rallies. This will ensure the load is spread over all affiliates and each zone will be represented over the span of 18 years.

Those clubs within each zone will be supported by ACCVic to ensure they incur no financial hardship and have the guidelines required to manage their event.

The new schedule is:

2018 - Hume

Cobram
N E Vic
N E Rovers
Jayco Owners

2027 - Barwon

Western Dist
ATCM&CC
Coromal
C F A

2024 - Grampians

Ballarat
Wimmera
Knox
Masonic

2021 - Loddon Mallee

Central Vic
Bendigo
Aussie Adv
Cell Owners

2030 - Gippsland

Victoria
Gippsland
Combined
Nomads
WVL

2033 - Metro

R A C V Div. 1 – Div. 5

Is there a Limit on the Number of Days in a Rally?

The question was recently asked by a Member Club, if there was a limit on the number of days a Club Rally ran for in respect to our Public Liability Insurance.

Our Insurance Broker has responded with the following information:

“There is no time limit as you have mentioned. As long as there is nothing untoward taking place in the rally there should be no issue.”

So the short answer is **NO**. All documents along with a number of questions that have been asked are all listed on our website, within the Club’s section.

NACC Report – November 2016

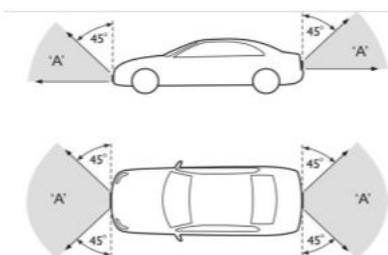
The September Board meeting had a number of matters raised that will assist club members in the future. I have pleasure in submitting this report.

- Public Liability Insurance – Negotiations are continuing to obtain final quotes for a National Policy. Indications are that we will achieve further savings for clubs. We are expecting to have final figures presented to the March Board meeting. Following receipt of these details, they will be sent to our State Association Executive.
- The 16th National Rally will be reported on by our State President. The final attendance was 607 RVs
- We will follow up the situation regarding the AVan club membership. There is some hope they may re-join our Association.
- A member of Jayco Club of Qld. Addressed the meeting regarding the ***Future of Caravanning in Australia*** -suggesting that we lobby all levels of Government regarding the facilities provided for RV travellers. There was a short discussion regarding this matter, but it was felt we needed to further investigate these items due to the costs involved.
- The Board met the Chairman and CEO of CMCA prior to the meeting and further discussed items that would provide benefits by working more closely. They shared various plans and projects they have for the future of their club. It was agreed that our State Associations make contact with their respective State Board members and develop any plans and activities for our club members. I would suggest that our President and myself meet with Rex Breen to have a discussion and report back to our February meeting.
- The Board and other interested club members were addressed by Con Tsobanopoulos (CEO) and Craig Williams (Operations Manager) of Ken Tame and associates pty.ltd. This was a very well received session as Con and Craig answered all questions in a very positive and easily understood manner. Questions covered such matters as Avans, Agreed or Market value cover. They are now a fully owned subsidiary company of Alliance Insurance but will continue to operate as a stand-alone Company. They also looking at developing additional benefits for our members.
- 17th National Rally to be held in Albany, Western Australia in the wildflower season - October 2019

Peter Hillas – Chairman NACC

Number Plate Positioning

Recent discussion has been held in relation to the positioning of Number Plates on Caravans/RVs.



Follow the link below to read the details from VicRoads.

<https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/registration/number-plates/display-of-number-plates>

“Always and never are two words you should always remember never to use.”

— Wendell Johnson



President's Report.

(November 2016)

It was good to see so many of our members at the Canberra National Rally.

Judith & I were away from mid-June to after the National Rally. It was nice to get home & find the place still there & had not been rented out as some of our Village members threatened. So much space after the van. The country up north was very green for a change & water all over most areas around Longreach & Barcaldine.

My thanks to Kevin for his handling of the August meeting, from all accounts he is President material.

We are trying to arrange a speaker for each meeting but it is proving very difficult to get a commitment. We have had plenty of promises so we are hopeful for the future.

I'm sure Peter will be giving a report on NACC, but just to inform you I attended the NACC meetings at the National Rally & found them very interesting & informative, all parties are doing their best to put the best interests of Caravanners & RV users to all Government departments. CMCA was very co-operative & helpful to our cause & it was felt by all attending that the way was smoother going forward & our concerns & theirs were of a similar nature.

Your Committee has been working on a number of ventures some of which are being presented at this meeting. We would like to improve the appearance of our Website, & statements included therein.

As presented at this meeting Gary is retiring as Newsletter Editor after, must be at least 5 years of excellent Newsletter Editing. This is an important addition to our Assoc & is very helpful in keeping our members informed of features & important events. Please give this some thought & we would very much appreciate a volunteer to replace his good work.

To all, have a healthy & hearty festive season.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL FROM YOUR COMMITTEE.

**Ken Slade
President.**

The Association of Caravan Clubs of Victoria and their Members Inc.

Mission Statement

The Association of Caravan Clubs of Victoria and their Members Inc's mission is to promote caravan clubs to the community, to represent affiliated caravan clubs at public, industry and government forums, to assist all members to safely enjoy the caravanning and camping lifestyle.

Purpose

The Caravan, Camping and Motorhome Clubs of Victoria are represented at a state level by The Association of Caravan Clubs of Victoria and their Members Inc. (ACCVic)

The aims of the Association of Caravan Clubs of Victoria Inc. are:

- To encourage the pastime of caravanning.
- To guard the interests of member clubs and their members.
- To act with similar bodies and other state associations in any manner affecting their mutual interest.
- To encourage and promote friendship and co-operation between members and other clubs
- To encourage all members to act in an environmentally and socially responsible manner whilst engaged in caravanning activities
- To promote safe towing practices
- To stimulate the invention, design and adaption of appliances.
- To assist and advise manufacturers, where possible.

ACCVic is a member of the National Association of Caravan Clubs, NACC, which is the National organisation representing the individual state associations of caravan clubs on matters affecting all caravanners.

ACCVic comprises two delegates from each club who meet four times a year. At the AGM, held in May of each year, the delegates elect a President, Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer and committee members to form the executive of the Association.

A newsletter is published after each meeting to inform all members from the state of all developments, events and decisions discussed at meetings.

ACCVic co-ordinates, with different clubs on a rotational basis, the State Rally of Caravan Club members, held every three years.

Also on a rotational basis, ACCVic is responsible for organising a National Rally, the last held in Victoria in December 2010. Our next turn is 2028.

The Benefits to Members of Caravan Clubs of belonging to ACCVic include:

- To give caravanners a stronger voice
- Access to State and National Rallies.
- Discounts as given by the NACC Member Benefit card
- Lower cost Public Liability Insurance via ACCVic – otherwise clubs would need to arrange their own PLI if not members of ACCVic.
- Access to competitive comprehensive Insurance coverage for member's Tow Vehicle & Caravan – can also cover a second motor vehicle if required
- Advise clubs of changes to State & National Towing and Road regulations
- Update members of Safety News Items for RVers
- Advise clubs of any changes to facilities and policies at Caravan Parks throughout Victoria
- Receive information about activities that are advised to ACCVic but not necessarily to individual clubs – eg. Caravan Shows, interstate activities and developments in caravanning.
- Address member concerns through their club delegates.

"Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened." Dr. Seuss

LPG Hosing for Caravans ex Energy Safe Victoria

Energy Safe Victoria have provided a summary of the AS 5601 Standard which the following has been extracted from ...

AS 5601 Part 2 (Extract)

No restriction on hose assembly length, however hose must be as short as practicable to restrict kinking and damage (clause 2.11.2).

Hose assemblies can be used from the regulator to rigid piping and from rigid piping to an appliance. In addition, hose assemblies can be used from the rigid piping of a caravan to the rigid piping of a caravan slide out section used for additional living space (clause 2.11.2).

Automatic shut off valves must comply with the class 1 requirements of AS4629 (clause 5.2.7.2).

Have a look at the information from ELGas using the link below. Take special note of the areas headed **"Gas Hoses"** and **"O-Ring Seal"**.

Follow this link ... <http://www.elgas.com.au/blog/504-gas-bbq-regulators-gas-grill-regulators-hose-problems-pressure>

It was advised that the best practice would be, test your flexible hose for damage/leaks frequently using the "soapy water and bubble" test.

