



Association of Caravan Clubs Victoria and Their Members Inc.

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Delegates' Meetings.

The next delegates meeting will again be on the 28th of May 2022. On the 27th August their will be an Executive Meeting while the AGM will be held on the 5th of November 2022.

All of the above meetings will be via Zoom with more details being sent out closer to the date.

Remember that the Combined Clubs Rally is on in Sale starting on Friday April 29th and finishing on Monday May 2nd.

Please refer to the last 2 pages of this Newsletter for full details, including how to book in.

Caravan Industry Association of Victoria (CIA Vic)

The ACCVic President Rob Taylor and John Di Petta met with Rob Lucas the CEO of Caravan Industry Association of Victoria (CIA Vic.) They were fortunate to spend nearly 2 hours with Rob who gave them a run down on the many things CIA Vic has planned for the future.

Many of their planned activates will benefit the Caravanner/Rec Vehicle owner. An invitation to attend our Combined Clubs Rally in Sale has been extended to Rob.

The president also said Social media is a good way to get the attention of new people, but the content must be kept current. There has not been a post on our page for a lengthy period. Please submit pics or stories of your rallies or clubs for our page. This will help you raise the profile of your club. If you want some help to post content email or ring Jen Lowe 0459 232 136 or myself 0423 027 209.

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**The Victorian Caravan, Camping & Touring
Supershow is back April 6 to April 10, 2022
at the Melbourne Showgrounds!**

And YES we have a site. What is involved with manning the stand at this Caravan Show or future Caravan shows?

- ⇒ 2-4 people will be rostered on for each session – half a day.
- ⇒ COVID: All attendees must have proof of full vaccination.
- ⇒ Please wear club shirts if possible and bring your own **club name badge**.
- ⇒ ACCVic vests will be provided to distinguish you as the people to talk to.
- ⇒ Each person will receive free entry to the show.
- ⇒ You can spend the other half of the day exploring!
- ⇒ The stand is approximately 3X3 metres, with a table and chairs provided.
- ⇒ The aim is to promote joining a caravan club, and to provide information about caravan clubs in their locality.
- ⇒ A display of photos and posters will be set up.
- ⇒ Hopefully we may have a digital display showing caravan club activities as well.
- ⇒ A booklet containing a summary sheet for each club will be available so that you can give people information about clubs in their area.
- ⇒ Brochures about caravan clubs will be available and in each there will be a list of all clubs with current contact information – you just need to highlight the clubs appropriate for the person enquiring.
- ⇒ Business cards with the ACCVic email address and telephone number will be available for distribution.
- ⇒ Some pens and notepads will be available for distribution to definite prospective members.

**COMBINED CLUB RALLY 2023—THE CURRENT
PROPOSED DATES ARE APRIL 28TH TO MAY 1ST.**

The National Rally for 2023 has been postponed to March 27 – April 4th.

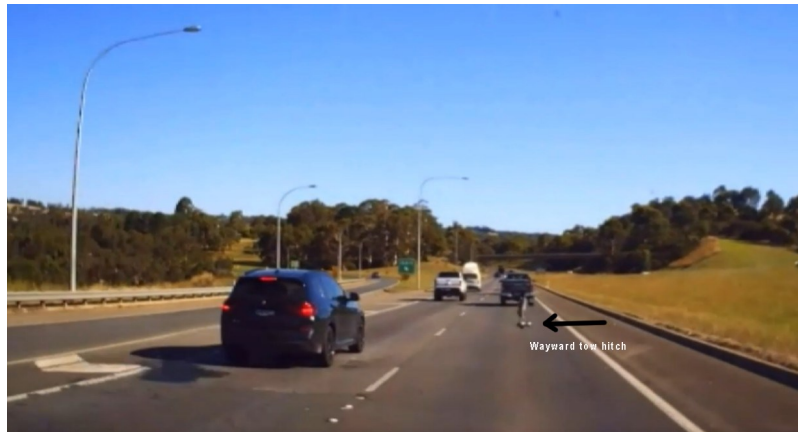
Date for ACCVic 2023 Combined Clubs Rally – suggest April 28 – May 1, 2023, this was accepted as an appropriate date giving people time to return home after the National Rally, or continue touring.

A venue in the Western area of the state is being sought.

Suggestions put forward were Hamilton, Horsham Field Days site which is at Longerenong College about 13.3 kilometres north east of Horsham.

If you have any further suggestions, please contact ACCVic Secretary Jen Lowe on 0459 232 136.

The stumbling blocks are: large enough to hold 50 – 60 caravans and having a room/pavilion large enough to hold 100 to 120 people.



Wayward Tow Hitch apparently not properly secured.

A Caravanning News article states that confusion has arisen over a wayward tow hitch that left a vehicle in January 2022 on the South Eastern Freeway in South Australia.

When I first started caravanning and headed north for the winter I was told to place a lock on my tow hitch as some mischievous individuals liked to remove the pin and watch what happened when the tow vehicle started to tow the caravan away.

A similar thing may have happened to the owner of this vehicle when the securing pin was either removed intentionally or just fell out. It must have been a frightening and costly experience for the owner of the following vehicle.

It appears that lots of people have searched for a law that says the tow hitches must be removed when not in use but nobody found such a law.

Another recall of potentially deadly water heaters in RVs

COAST to Coast Caravan and Leisure has again repeated its warning to caravanners that they could be using deadly gas water heaters in their RVs.

It has so far inspected over 4000 Suburban heaters since a recall began several years ago. "However, as inspection rates have started to slow we would like to once again remind you to immediately check to see if your appliance is affected," it said recently. The heaters can operate on electricity or gas but can produce deadly levels of carbon monoxide when on gas. Models SW6PA, SW6DA, SW6DEA, SW4DEA, SW4DECA and SW6DECA with serial numbers 181315552 to 193002648, 183114087D to 191302511D, 8183311827 and 8190201139 sold between April 4, 2018, and September 25, 2019, could be affected. "Do not use the affected water heaters in gas mode under any circumstances unless a passed inspection result has been received," the company said.

Last month a friend of mine received a registered letter from Vic Roads stating that her car would not be RE-REGISTERED if she did not get the recall fixed. The car was originally recalled over three years ago.

Therefore if Vic Roads (and possibly other state authorities) have the power to NOT re-register vehicles will they also start to do this for other vehicles such as Caravans and trailers?



It's been 14 years since
the Toyota 200 Series Land
Cruiser was launched

A lot has changed since the LandCruiser 200 launched in 2007. The first-ever Land Cruiser was built in 1958

As reported previously, the 4.5-litre turbo-diesel V8 engine from the LandCruiser 200 is gone for 2022. It's been replaced by a 3.3-litre twin-turbo V6 diesel engine with 227kW of power and 700Nm of torque, up a healthy 27kW and 50Nm on the bigger V8. Two petrol engines launched with the LandCruiser, but they're not likely to come to Australia.

There are 6 models — GX and GXL Base Models, VX is a step up in luxury and then there's the Sahara Model. At the top of the range is the GR Sport and the Sahara ZX models.

Prices range from \$80,873,00 to \$138,790.00. The Carsguide web site does not mention road costs, delivery charges or registration fees.



Laughing Matters

When God sends help, don't ask questions

from a reader

She hurried to the pharmacy to pick up the medication. When she got back to the car, she found her keys locked inside.

The woman found an old rusty coat hanger on the ground. She looked at it and said, "I don't know how to use this."

She bowed her head and asked God to send her some help.

Within five minutes an old motorcycle pulled up, driven by a bearded man who was wearing an old biker skull rag. He got off his cycle and asked if he could help.

She said, "Yes, my husband is sick.

I've locked my keys in my car. I must get home. Please, can you use this hanger to unlock my car?"

He said, "Sure." He walked over to the car, and in less than a minute the car was open.

She hugged the man and through tears said, "Thank you, God, for sending me such a very nice man."

The man heard her littler prayer and replied, "Lady, I am not a nice man. I just got out of prison yesterday; I was in prison for car theft."

The woman hugged the man again, sobbing, "Oh, thank you, God! You even sent me a professional!"



Recent email from Caravan Sales.Com

Good morning/afternoon,

We're excited to let you know we have recently launched caravansales.com.au, a new sales & information website dedicated to the RV industry.

We want caravansales.com.au to be much more than just another buying & selling website for dealers & the private sector.

We would like to invite your association, or clubs within your association, to submit articles of interest to caravanners or to promote events, free camping locations, club rallies etc. in your state or district. These will be published free of charge on our caravansales.com.au news page.

To submit an article, simply email us at sales@caravansales.com.au.

Also, as part of our launch, your club members will be able to advertise their caravan, pop top, motorhome, campervan etc absolutely free of charge on caravansales.com.au. They can find the details on our website.

Please don't hesitate to contact us with any queries you may have - we look forward to having you onboard!

Kind regards, Sonia Crombie

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Thinking about updating the interior of your caravan?

There are always plenty of ideas on the internet. Here are just a few:-





ACCVIC Combined Clubs Rally– Sale 2022

When: April 29th to 2nd May

Where: Sale Showground - Camping and Motorhome Park

Phone: 5144 6432

NB: COVID-19 restrictions at that time will be adhered to.

Members are responsible for booking into the park themselves and notifying Jen Lowe when they have booked:

admin@accvic.org.au or 0459 232 136 - \$25 per day.

Also notify Jen of any special dietary requirements e.g., gluten free or vegetarian.

Friday 29th April

- 2:30-3:00pm **Volunteers:** Meeting and Registration: Recreation Room.
- 3:00-4:00pm **Registration:** Recreation Room. Registration fee of \$5 per person (children free). Dinner costs and the Museum to be paid here. Also signing up for activities.
- 3:30-4:30pm **Club Presidents/Representatives Meeting:** Board Meeting Room off the Recreation Room: 1-2 members from each Caravan Club for a chance to exchange ideas.
- 4:30-5:30pm **Happy Hour:** Susan French Annex – outside. Snacks Provided, BYO drinks and chairs.
Welcome: From Rob Taylor our President of ACCVic.
Program: Stella Breese -Rally Marshall.
- 6:00pm **Dinner:** BBQ - Susan French Annex - Provided Sausages, patties, onions, bread, sauce. BYO drinks, salads, dinner plates, utensils etc.
- 7:30pm **Guest Speaker:** Rob Lucas CEO of the Caravan Industry Association

Saturday 30th April

- 8:00am **Sale Heritage Walk**-(3km return may take between 1to 1 ½ hours to meander along)
Meet at Port of Sale, 100 Foster St., Sale.
- 9:30am **Activity:** Museum of Timeless Memories \$20 admission includes homemade morning tea.
Alternative – Free Time see Things to Do.
- 1:30pm **Social games:** Main Arena: Bocci, Finska, Disc Bowls.
- 4:30pm **Happy Hour:** BYO food and drinks at Susan French Annex – outside.
- 6:00pm **Dinner:** Sale Greyhound Club on site, Roast and Dessert for \$30 per person.

Sunday 1st May

- 8:00am **Pancake Breakfast:** provided – Susan French Annex, BYO Plates and Utensils
- 7:00am-4:00pm **Swap meet** at Gippsland Vehicle Museum at Maffra. \$5 entry. If you get to the Museum early, you could than meet up with the Tag-a-long at 11:20am as it passes through Maffra.
- 11:00 am **Tag-a-long** with Sue a self-drive tour around the local area. Pack a picnic lunch to enjoy at Glenmaggie Weir (CB radio would be useful).
Alternative – Free Time - see Things to Do.
- 4:30pm **Happy Hour:** BYO food and drinks at Susan French Annex
- 6:00pm **BYO Dinner:** Gather at Recreation Room
- 7:00pm **Activity:** Come and join the fun and play a game of Crazy Whist -Recreation Room

Monday 2nd May

8:30am Farwell – BYO coffee/tea. Biscuits will be provided - Recreation Room.

Thank you for joining us

Pet Friendly

As the Sale Showgrounds Caravan and Motorhome Park is pet friendly. Pets are welcome to come with you. Some rules will apply to the rally.

Pets are not permitted to attend any activities that involve food or large groups of people. Please abide by the parks rules with having a pet.

Notify Jen (admin@accvic.org.au or 0459 232 136) by April 15th of :

Attendance at dinner, and any special dietary requirements

Intention to attend the Museum of Timeless Memories.

(www.timelessmemoriesmuseum.com.au if you want to find out a bit more about it) and special dietary requirements.

Things To Do

Open Times

Sale

- 8:00am Saturday - Parkrun at the Botanical Gardens Guthridge Parade, Sale
- 2pm-4pm Saturday – Sale Water Tower Museum, Cunninghame St, Sale - Gold coin donation.
- 10am-4pm Saturday & Sunday Gippsland Art Gallery – 70 Foster St, Sale - Free Entry.
- 10am-4pm Saturday – Monday Gippsland Armed Forces Museum – Lyons Crescent West Airport, Sale - \$4 Adults \$1children
- 10am & 2pm Port of Sale Heritage Cruises – Canal Rd., Sale.
\$25 per person and \$15 Children under 15, \$85 family (2 adults,3 Children).
- Between Sale Swing Bridge, - Canal Rd., Sale – Free Entry
- 3pm&4pm
- 9.30—4.30 Saturday - Sunday John Brady Wood Sculpture Gallery Princes Hwy, Sale. Gold coin donation
- 1.30 –4pm Sale Historical Society, 130 Foster St., Sale - Gold coin donation.

Maffra

- 8am-12.30pm Rotary Club of Maffra -**Market Sunday** 1st May McMahon Drive, Maffra.
- From 10am Maffra Gemstone Museum – 96 Johnson St., Maffra. Free Admission
- 10am-2pm Maffra Sugar Beet Museum, McMahon Drive, Maffra

Go Road Trip: Websites that you can use at the rally and while traveling - I quite like Events Calendars by State & Region

["Event Calendars by State & Region"](#) & ["Event Calendars by Theme"](#)
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