



Association of Caravan Clubs Victoria and Their Members Inc.

May June 2022

Delegate's Meetings.

Nov 5, 2022 AGM

Feb 25, 2023

ACCVic Combined Rally
Sale 2022

The Association of Caravan Clubs Victoria Combined Rally was held 29th April to 2nd May at the Sale Showground - Camping and Motorhome Park.

Friday was a rocky start with our activity coordinator and guest speaker unable to attend due to contracting covid 19. In the true spirit of caravanning some volunteers offering help came together with the committee and reorganize duties. With everything back on track, we were ready to begin the rally.

Registrations and fees paid it was time for the Club President/Representatives to meet and exchange experiences and ideas, this helps to enhance the caravan club's knowledge of places and things to do. At 4.30pm we all came together for the welcome by the President of the AVCCVIC Rob Taylor, our volunteer activities coordinator Debbie Mudie, explained the program and then it was happy hour. Covid safety in place, snacks were provided in single wrapped packs and BYO drinks. Dinner was a BBQ with sausages, hamburgers, onion, bread and sauce provided, cooked and served by our volunteers, salads were BYO.

In absence of our guest speaker our President spoke about the National Rally to be held in Victoria in 2028. The venue selection, advertising, sponsorship, activities, all these and many other positions require additional people to assist. He told us of the importance of the work of committee and encouraged others to become part of it. The evening continued with some retiring to their van while others played card games or just chatted with old and new friends.

Saturday commenced at 8.00am for the early risers with a 3km Sale Heritage walk, reports from those who braved the morning chill said it was very interesting and informative. Those that attended enjoyed their early morning walk.

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The Museum of timeless memories with a homemade morning tea was enjoyed by all. Wow what a morning tea, scones, jam and cream, tea, coffee and a variety of other goodies.

A list of other activities was provided for those choosing to see as many of the sights as possible in a short stay. The afternoon activity was social games; the planned games were outdoor games and with the heavy rain overnight made it too wet, so once again our caravanning spirit rose with all indoor games coming out of our caravan cupboards and the games began. After our very popular happy hour and single wrap snack, we headed to the Sale Greyhound Club for a roast dinner with cheesecake or sticky date pudding. The Greyhound Club provided a small hamper as a door prize. On The Road RV Touring & Accessories Guide also donated 25 magazines for door prizes, these were given to our president at the caravan show. Those who won a magazine if their partners number was drawn called for a redraw to enable more members to receive a prize. The prizes were drawn at the dinner and were greatly appreciated by the lucky winners.

Sunday saw another early morning start but well worth getting out of bed for, was a pancake breakfast with sugar and lemon, homemade jam or maple syrup and ice cream, cooked and served by our volunteers. After breakfast a tag-a-long tour around the local area with a picnic lunch at the Glenmaggie Weir.

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Yesterday my husband thought he saw a cockroach in the kitchen. He sprayed everything down and cleaned thoroughly. Today I'm putting the cockroach in the bathroom.

More on NSW Road Tolls

My Motor Home has been wrongly classified as a Heavy Commercial on every Toll in NSW & QLD. It's clearly a Light Commercial that's 1/2 the cost.

NSW Tolls ignore the vehicle classification on your rego papers, the toll company has two classifications class A is any vehicles under 2.8 in height and less than 12.5 metres in length so that means if you are 2.8 or greater in height AND/OR 12.5 in length then you are class B, which is heavy vehicle, commercial or not.

Should you be a NSW resident and have a recreational vehicle and a trailer (caravan, boat etc) you can apply for a rebate being the difference between class A and B.

Motorhomes do not qualify for the rebate. The only way to avoid the tolls is to avoid the toll ways.



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Some chose to attend the swap meet at the Gippsland vehicle museum at Maffra then joined the tag-a-long and picnic lunch at the weir, and alternative activities were the Maffra Gemstone Museum and the Maffra Sugar Beet Museum. The rest of the afternoon was free time. Dinner was BYO in the recreation room followed by card games. It was to be Crazy Whist once again a last-minute change was made, caravaners sure are resilient.

Sunday: With the rally over a farewell morning tea before packing up and heading home, some chose to stay a little longer to enjoy more of the sights of Sale.

I wish to acknowledge the work of our Activities Director, Stella Breese (one of the COVID victims), for putting such a full packed weekend together. What a disappointment it was to organize the activities to then not be there to see everyone enjoy the program. Also, a big thank you for those who volunteered to assist with the program - without them well who knows.

A great time was had by all who attended, lets hope more can join us next time and enjoy what we did.

See you all next time, probably somewhere in the Western portion of the state.

2023 State Rally

Date: March 17—20, 2023

Venue: Riverside Caravan Park, Horsham. Details still to be negotiated.

Future State Rallies will be held the third weekend of March, in different areas of the state.



QLD FINE INCREASES

OFFENCE OLD FINE NEW FINE

OFFENCE	OLD FINE	NEW FINE	
Speeding (km/h)	1-10	\$183	\$287
	11-20	\$275	\$431
	21-30	\$459	\$646
	31-40	\$643	\$1,078
	>40	\$1,286	\$1,653
No Seatbelt	\$413	\$1,078	
Running red light	\$413	\$575	









And finally a very big thank-you to the three main volunteers.
There were of course many more volunteers who organised
events and games, plus those who cooked and cleaned up.
Again thank you.





The Victorian Caravan, Camping and Touring Supershow

Many thanks to those who took time out of their day to staff the stand - it was successful. ATRV Club and RACV CC reported that they have accepted membership applications from some new people. RACV CC report a significant increase in membership enquiries as a result of the show. We made some good contacts.

The Border Show at Wodonga is on 26th – 28th August.



The AGM November 5th, 2022.

The Annual General meeting for ACCVic is on November 5th.

All positions will be declared vacant and we are seeking people to fill those positions.

After almost 7 years in the role, the secretary will not be standing for re-election. Without a secretary the Association cannot continue. The secretary is happy to assist anyone who is prepared to fill the position. The President is also not standing for re-election. Another very important role to be filled.

If there is anyone (or two different people) prepared to take on the media roles of Facebook and website data you would be very much appreciated.

It is time for a changing of the guard for ACCVic.



Bendigo testing flashing lights.

We've all seen the jokes about people on their mobile phones running into poles and tree etc and nearly getting run over by cars.

Well there is a trial happening in Bendigo where the aides for those with seeing difficulties are now linked to the traffic lights and **FLASH GREEN** when it's safe to cross and **FLASH RED** when it's not safe. I certainly noticed them and took the photo to the left.



COME & JOIN US AT THE CARAVAN NATIONALS

WHEN: 27TH MARCH 2023 – 5TH
APRIL 2023 (9 NIGHTS)

WHERE: RIVERLAND EVENTS CENTRE

FIELD DAY DRIVE, BARMERA, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

**Caravan Club members and visitors from around Australia are
welcome to enjoy this National Event**

Grassed caravan sites serviced with power & water
65m x 25m Marquee for Entertainment every evening

WHAT IS ON

- Craft workshops
- Photography competition
- IT workshops
- Bush Poets
- Riverland Tours
- Craft Beer tasting
- Riverland Wine tasting
- Disc Bowls competition
- Caravan Trade Fair
- Onsite Local Market
including
- Caravanners Trading Tables
- Onsite Catering
- & more

Log on & Register at:

www.18thnationalcaravanrally.org.au

Any queries please contact our Registrar – registrar@18thnationalcaravanrally.org.au



House maintenance - Gutters

Lots of Victorians use the RACV for their Insurance needs so most of you would have received a recent email about cleaning house gutters in autumn. Copy this link to your web browser for more info:-

[Importance of gutter cleaning in autumn | RACV](#)

During my working life my employer owned an Insurance Company, which provided among other things House Insurance. One day I attended a House Inspection following a claim of water damage to the eaves and the inside of the house.

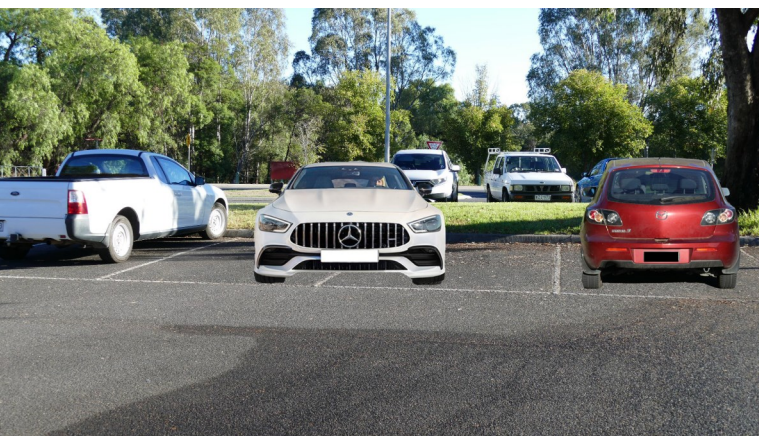
The claim was immediately rejected as the home owner had not maintained the property (cleaning the gutters) as per the Insurance Contract.



Now I am not an Insurance Agent nor do I now work for an Insurance Company so I am not aware if this “maintaining your property” is part of current Insurance Contracts. But as we have numerous trees in our area I certainly get my gutters

professionally cleaned mainly because it’s a two story home. If you are in doubt ring your Insurance Company.

Parking



While the above pictures have been produced in Photoshop the actual incident (above) actually happened when the Probus Club I am in had a Car Rally followed by dinner at a winery. All very nice thank you. One of our club members parked his lovely Mercedes using two parking bays. A few of us asked why he needed two parking bays he said “so it wouldn’t get scratched”.

Now I've seen it all!



Driver of overloaded caravan jailed following fatal accident

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A man will spend at least two years behind bars for driving dangerously by towing a seriously overloaded caravan when two of his family members were killed in an horrific highway accident back in 2019.

The Northern Daily Leader reports that “the male driver” was handed a four-year prison term, with two non-parole, when he fronted Tamworth District Court for sentencing last week.

He will become eligible for release from prison on May 4, 2024.

Earlier this year, after an almost three-week trial in Tamworth District Court, the man was found guilty of two counts of dangerous driving causing death and one of causing grievous bodily harm.

The Northern Daily Leader reports that the trial heard the man essentially used the caravan as a ‘moving van/trailer’ and overloaded it by more than 800kg when he got behind the wheel of a Toyota Prado and towed it along the Oxley Highway.

The Crown case was that the man stuffed a caravan with possessions like a freezer, barbecue, and linen etc when he and three family members left Tamworth to relocate to the coast on January 3, 2019.

The court heard that when the man began a descent into a valley about 40 kilometres past Walcha he tried to slow down, but the caravan swayed uncontrollably, jack-knifed and the Prado slammed into a tree.

The Northern Daily Leader reports that the man’s 72-year-old wife and his stepson, died in the crash. A third passenger was left with serious injuries.

Bendigo Caravan Club

Members who can no longer tow a caravan or drive a Motor Home may remain as non-caravanning members. These members have the same rights and responsibilities as caravanning members, they must organize their own travel and accommodation and must accept that the selection of rally venues is based on the venue’s suitability for caravans and club activities. The club is foremost a caravanning club.

This By-Law allows members who don’t have the ability to tow a caravan or to drive/own a Motor Home to remain in the club and to join in Rallies with their caravanning friends. And importantly most Caravan Parks these days have Cabins for them to stay in and enjoy the friendship they have built up with other club members over a long period of time.



Recycled waste making better bitumen roads in Victoria.

[Recycled waste making better bitumen roads | RACV](#)

Industrial and household waste is being used in road construction and maintenance across Victoria in a push to make our roads more sustainable. Victoria's roads are driving a path to sustainability, with recycled household and industrial waste being used more and more in road base across the state.

The practical benefits have been objectively shown, with the reconstituted roads proving to be more resilient to wear and more able to cope with heavy vehicles travelling along them. This will likely improve as companies continue to adapt to incorporating second-life materials into the aggregate.

The initial costs are higher, but the longevity of the recycled roads is providing a long-term net benefit, which should lead to better transport outcomes with less time spent on road "rectification".

The focus extends from VicRoads-maintained arterials and freeways to local government locations, with the state government committing to ensuring roads are built, in part, from reclaimed materials.

A road maintenance blitz from September 2020 to June last year saw VicRoads-maintained roads incorporate more than 66,700 tonnes of recycled materials over 2430km of Victoria's arterial road network.

That approach hasn't slowed, with 4020 tonnes of glass, plastic and concrete/bricks recycled into the road network in January of this year alone. A Department of Transport spokesperson says the recycled roads are demonstrably better.

"We're doing our part for the environment by taking waste and giving it a new purpose."

The materials mix ranges from rubber from old tyres, to glass, plastic bags, PET bottles, printer cartridges and building supplies such as concrete and bricks sourced from demolition sites, along with second-hand asphalt torn up during maintenance programmes.

VicRoads notes that recycled roads typically enjoy more longevity than conventional bitumen.

It says that "performance testing of a Victorian-made asphalt mix containing the equivalent of approximately one million recycled glass bottles, 746,000 plastic bags, 420 tonne of reclaimed asphalt and 21,800 printer cartridges at a site on the Hume Highway near Euroa has shown a significant improvement in the longevity of asphalt, increasing its resistance to cracking and enabling it to withstand heavy traffic for longer than traditional road surfaces".

Given the environmental and practical advantages of recycled roads, it isn't hard to see why similar approaches are being adopted nationally and around the globe.

VicRoads also says that freeway upgrades involving recycled material includes the Mordialloc Freeway, where the world's first 75 per cent recycled plastic noise walls were installed, and the M80 Freeway Upgrade, which is the first Victorian road project to include recycled content in every layer of the road pavement.

“Recently, more than two tonnes of recycled plastic has been used to resurface a section of the Bass Highway Wonthaggi, while an asphalt mix containing tonnes of crushed glass will be used to repair a section of the Princes Highway near Warrnambool in December”.
Victorian Government policy requires bidders to optimise their use of recycled and reused content and applies to all transport projects from the start of this year.

How to Make Rear View Backup Camera Always Be On?

There are people who need a backup camera system that only comes on during reverse, and those who want it to stay constantly on. Some backup camera systems are designed specifically for reversing, but there are also systems that are designed to always stay on.

So, the simple answer is: Yes, backup cameras can constantly stay on, if you wire them correctly.

Following are 3 popular wiring methods, to have an ‘Always On’ backup camera system:

1. Constant Power Supply

You can connect the camera to a constant power source, and simply have it always on. The cigarette lighter socket, is the most convenient way of doing this. You could also get the power straight from the fuse box, although you will need to know exactly what you are doing.

One advantage of having your backup camera system always on in this way, is that you can use it as a security system, if your monitor has a video recording function. The disadvantage is that your vehicle’s battery could get drained, when you don’t use the vehicle for a while.

2. Connected to Ignition

It is also possible to connect the camera or camera system to the vehicle’s ignition. Using this method, the camera will only come on after the engine has been started.

This method protects the vehicle’s battery from being drained, and is also a very popular ‘Always On’ camera method, used in commercial delivery vans and trucks.

The connection does not have to be directly at the ignition. Simply connecting to any device or cable, which is controlled by the ignition system, is sufficient.

3. Manual Switching

The third method is the use of a button to switch on the camera at will. This means that the system will be directly connected to a power source like in method #1, but the cables will then be run through a switch.

When connected this way, the system can be switched on, either with a running or a stopped engine. One advantage of wiring the camera this way, is that you have absolute control over it.

The disadvantage though, is the risk of battery drain, whenever you park the vehicle and forget to switch off the camera system.