



Guidelines to running a State Rally.

Ideas & suggestions to make it easier
for your group.

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Introduction

Traditionally State Rallies have been run every 3 years.

State Rallies were held at:

Before 2012 they were run by ACCVic. In 2012 it was decided to have clubs organise State Rallies on behalf of ACCVic, beginning with Gippsland Club at Sale. The 2015 rally faced problems and did not eventuate. In 2018 The clubs in the North East area of Victoria organised a successful Rally at Wodonga with 75vans attending. The 2021 Rally at Bendigo ran into COVID problems and did not go ahead.

State Rallies were becoming expensive and getting a committee to run them was becoming difficult.

That's when it was decided to abandon the concept of Clubs running a large State Rally and come up with a new plan.

After much deliberation the association decided to try and run a combined caravan clubs rally with the following in mind:

- the event needed to be low cost to its members.
- to be held in a caravan park with all participants being responsible for booking a site at the park. Therefore, the park needed to be able to hold 50+ vans, provide access to a good camp kitchen and recreation room big enough to accommodate all attending
- catering costs to be kept as low as possible.
- a different area of the state should be visited each year.

2021: The Gold Nugget Caravan Park, Bendigo, met the requirements and they offered a discount to all the participants. The Association Committee ran the rally with assistance from several volunteers. The association provided nibbles for happy hour on the Friday. A barbecue was put on for dinner on Saturday. We provided sausages, hamburgers, onions and bread. Sunday morning, we provided sweet biscuits for morning tea. Approximately 40 vans attended, and it appeared to be enjoyed by all those who participated.

At a subsequent association committee meeting a decision was made to hold combined caravan club rallies annually, to be run by the association committee, and costs to be kept low.

2022: The next rally was held at the Sale Show Grounds end of April 2022. A \$5 per person Rally fee was charged to cover the catering costs. Food was provided for happy hour Friday and Saturday, Sausages, Hamburgers, Onions, Bread and Sauce for Friday evening. Pancakes with the choice of Ice-cream Maple Syrup, Jam sugar and lemons were supplied for breakfast Sunday. Cost all up was approx. \$260

Future rallies

The event

The core objective of combined rallies should be:- to bring Clubs together to intermingle, meet up with old friends, to meet new people, to get out and make good use of your caravan or recreational vehicle, to have a good time. The association is to keep the costs to a minimum, to break even. The event should be held in different areas of the state each year to maximise the

opportunity for members of all clubs to take part in a rally at least when it is within easy travelling distance.

Notification

Timing is an issue, notification of Rally Dates needs to be as early as possible, i.e. first delegates meeting of the previous year, to ensure Caravan Clubs can add the Rally to their Calendar

The Venue

Caravan parks or showgrounds that will book individual vans is the preferred venue type. This eliminates any need to achieve a minimum number of attendees and eliminates the need for the Association to collect money from the participants. Preference should be given for a venue that has a recreation room or undercover area where people can gather, activities can be run, food/meals prepared and consumed.

Catering

Costco or the local supermarkets are a good source for supplies.

Packaged chips, cheesels, biscuits as Nibbles for Happy Hour Friday and Saturday.

Sausages, hamburgers, onions bread. Gluten free where you can for a BBQ perhaps include basic salads.

Breakfast, pancakes in the shaker work well, with choices of jam, sugar, lemon, ice cream, maple syrup.

The 2022 Rally catering costs for 75 people was approx. \$260

Be COVID safe when preparing and serving. Keep the number of people handling the food to an absolute minimum.

Activities

Use local knowledge or the local Information Centre to find places of interest to visit. Staff at Info Centres are always a good place for advice on the local area

Borrow games from other clubs for use by those attending the rally.

Organisers

The association's committee are the appropriate people to run the rally.

President: Promote the Rally to the Associations member Clubs. Open and close the rally, speak to the members on behalf of the committee. Assist the other committee members where required.

Secretary: In the lead up to the Rally, Provide the communications to the members relating to the rally. Take the registrations at the rally

Treasurer: Collect all monies at the rally and pay the bills. Include the financial activities in future reports.

Activities director: Organise the programme for the weekend in conjunction with the association's committee, oversee the activities of the weekend, with the help of other club members..

A copy of the 2022 Rally Calendar is attached as an indicator of what was done previously.