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- **Reminder—15th National Caravan Rally**
- **23 September—2 October 2013**
- **Rockhampton Showground**
- **Queensland.**
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- **ROCK INTO ROCKY**
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# NEWSLETTER

## ASSOCIATION OF CARAVAN CLUBS OF VICTORIA AND THEIR MEMBERS INC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT WELCOME STRANGER HOLIDAY PARK, BALLARAT ON 26TH MAY 2013.

The meeting was attended by 36 Delegates representing 15 Affiliated Caravan Clubs.

The Association adopted the Consumer Affairs Victoria—Association Incorporation Reform Act 2012—Model Rules for an Incorporated Association as their Constitution & at the following meeting of Delegates passed By Laws to adapt these Model Rules to suit the

Association's needs. The following Committee was re-elected & are as listed  
– President : Peter Hillas  
Vice-Pres : Ken Haythorpe  
Secretary: Ken Slade  
Treasurer: Kevin Doherty  
C'tee : Andy Grenfell.

The audited Financial Statements were presented & received & it was agreed that fees would remain at the same as the previous financial year. The outgoing C'tee was

thanked for their continued contribution to the Association on a motion by Eddie Bahn & seconded by Bob Jobling. The AGM was followed by the Delegates meeting at which it was decided to defer the August Delegates meeting to the November meeting at Marong as a number of our members would be on route to the 15th National Rally. The President thanked all for their attendance & for travelling to the AGM.

### PHOTOS OF THE AGM

THOSE UP THE BACK



Strange how nobody wants to sit up front.

THOSE AT THE FRONT



L to R—Peter, Andy, Kevin, Ken & Ken

### STATE RALLY 2014

The next State Rally will be held from 16 to 19 October 2014 at the Colac Showgrounds & is to be organised by the Western Districts Caravan Club & Wimmera Caravan Club. There will be well over 150 powered sites available & the venue is pet friendly, toilets are being upgraded at present so all will be ready for our use by then. We hope Clubs will put this Rally on their Rally calendars as we know this is done well in advance of the 2014 year.

No site fee costing is available as yet, but we are assured it will be reasonable. This date was selected as the Cup Weekend is reserved for the Colac Show.



This last year has seen some very positive signs for our Association together with a few disappointments. It is essential to continue our efforts to grow the Association. My sincere thanks to Ken Haythorpe (V.P.), Ken Slade (Secretary), Kevin Doherty (Treasurer) and Andy Grenfell (Technical Officer) who have all worked hard to improve the workings of the Association for the benefit of club members. We still have to encourage all clubs to ensure they are represented at our quarterly meetings. If the nominated club delegates are unable to attend, we would warmly welcome proxies. The Association can only be as strong as our clubs' support. Unfortu-

## CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

nately we have seen 3 clubs close due to lack of membership, Driftaway, Nashos and North West Tasmania. We do hope to see any members of these clubs join with other clubs if they would like to continue to rally and enjoy club fellowship. It is pleasing to see that Wimmera and Western Districts clubs have agreed to co-ordinate our next State Rally to be held mid October next year. They have arranged for the Colac Showground to be the venue. Please ensure your club has included this rally as part of your 2014 program. The full details will be provided to all clubs later this year. Our Association's involvement with the Caravan Trades Industry Assn is still very strong. This past year has seen us participate at the 4 Caravan

Shows in Wodonga, Sandown, Bendigo and the Supershow at Caulfield. I would like to extend my sincere personal thanks to all club members who organised and staffed the stands to promote club membership. We must use these opportunities to attract new members to avoid the loss of any more clubs.

I thank all delegates and office bearers for their support and involvement with our Association activities over the past year. We have appreciated the clubs who have become more involved with our programs. Remember the more members who volunteer for Association committees, the more we can do to support our clubs.

Wishing you a safe year ahead enjoying your caravan/ RV.

Peter Hillas

President



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EVER THOUGHT OF A RALLY IN THE CITY—WHY NOT TRY ONE !!!



## **15TH NATIONAL RALLY.**

Update on power leads for the National Rally.

The Association wrote to NR C'tee asking for further clarification.

Their answer to our latest letter is as follows:-

“To accommodate your members not having to buy longer leads we would like to suggest that those who do carry only short leads to please advise the Marshal when being shown to a site so that the length of the lead can be taken into consideration.

It has also been suggested that perhaps your club members could swap amongst each other depending on where they are parked and what length lead they would require.

Please be assured that more than 50% of vans will not require a longer lead and that all efforts will be made to make sure your members are well looked after in this regard and not disadvantaged by not having a longer lead.

Leads that are tagged in Victoria are acceptable in Qld as well.

Looking forward to welcoming your members to the National Rally.

Kind regards

Barbara Rutherford—Secretary.”

## **List of RV Friendly Towns—Victoria**

ARARAT AVOCA BEECHWORTH BEULAH CHARLTON COBRAM CORRYONG DONALD	HEATHCOTE HEYFIELD HOPETOUN KYABRAM MINYIP NATHALIA NUMURKAH NYAH/NYAH WEST	SALE TALLANGATTA WARRACKNABEAL WEDDERBURN YARRAWONG YARRUM
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### **HANDY HINT**

It has been recommended that the 240v cable be disconnected from your van at least 15 minutes prior to departure. A red hot fridge element could shatter when you hit the first bump. Good idea to let the element cool first.

## **MATTER OF MANNERS ON THE ROAD.**

Our Technical Officer—Andy Grenfell—is preparing a brochure along the lines of good manners & etiquette on the highway whilst towing a caravan.

This is to include what to do in the case of breakdowns, blowouts/flat tyres, injury, use of UHF, accidents & other things concerning the use of roads & highways & sharing them with other drivers.

The brochure will be aimed at improving your safety & enjoyment while travelling.

We are looking for a “catchy” name for this publication—CAN YOU HELP???

Something like—Road Manners for Caravanners

Safety & Etiquette on the Road

Travelling with Trucks

**Come on, ideas please!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Our Association's stand at the Caulfield Racecourse was again provided by Caravan Industry Australia Victoria Division. This was much appreciated as we have had their support for more than 5 years. Our stand was well situated on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the main grandstand building.

I would like to say a very sincere thank you to all club members who assisted by staffing the stand over the 6 days. The show this year had 6 very hot days so we were happy to be inside and have a cool area to work. This stand can only be successful if we have members to cover all days – we can only accept the space if we have members for all hours the show is open. There were 7 clubs represented so there are still clubs who hopefully will be able to assist next year. Each member was requested to cover only 4 hours on the day they were available, so it still enables an opportunity to view other show displays.

The show program booklet this year included a full page, 'RV BUYING CHECKLIST' which included our Association Logo. This was designed, by including items from our brochure – 'BUYING A CARAVAN', which is currently being reprinted.

The purpose of this project is to promote club membership. The show is our largest gathering of potential members. All previous Caravan Shows have proved that we are able to attract members to a number of clubs. We believe that all clubs require new members to be successful and ensure a bright future for their operations.

Due to the timing of the 15<sup>th</sup> National Rally this year we are unable to participate at the Wodonga, Sandown and Bendigo shows during 2013. It is our plan to be at Caulfield Show in March 2014. The final dates are still to be advised but will be similar to this year. I would be pleased if all clubs would keep this in mind and give an indication of the number of volunteers available at our Marong meeting in November. Your club members can be assured of a rewarding day. Our clubs will always benefit from new members. Let's share our reasons for enjoying club rallies and get together.



Peter Hillas—Show co-ordinator

### MAIN PRESSURE WATER SYSTEM



Having purchased a two way tap for mains pressure you can make a simple modification. Using a nut & tail fitting enables the tap to be connected & disconnected with ease.

If the second tap is not required add a short piece of hose to enable

the filling of a bucket without getting "drowned" The cord attached to the hose is for tying the coiled hose for storage.

### STORING GLASS DRINKING VESSELS IN YOUR VAN



Establish the number of drinking glasses to be carried in the van.

Obtain that

number of stubby holders.

Calculate the size of box to be made or obtained so that the stubby holders and glasses are held secure.

### ON THE LIGHTER SIDE.

#### .WORDS OF WISDOM

The 6 most important words—"I admit I made a mistake."

The 5 most important words—"You did a good job."

The 4 most important words—"What is your opinion."

The 3 most important words—"If you please."

The 2 most important words—"Thank you."

The least important word—"I."