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- **Reminder—15th National Caravan Rally**
- **23 September—2 October 2013**
- **Rockhampton Showground**
- **Queensland.**
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- **ROCK INTO ROCKY**
- **Register with your Club Liaison Officer.**

NEWSLETTER

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CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER



I would like to wish all members a belated Happy New Year and may 2013 bring you all you wish yourselves.

We are about to have our major promotion for new members for all clubs at the Caulfield Caravan Super-show, 7-12 March at Caulfield Race Course. I would like to congratulate all those clubs that volunteered to

staff our stand. This year we have had the support of 7 clubs which is our best yet. The stand provides us with the opportunity to explain the benefits of joining a caravan club and why we have the fun and enjoyment we have. I hope we encourage many new members for a number of our clubs.

Our sincere thanks must go to members of Western Districts and Wimmera Caravan Clubs for offering to organise our next State Rally. The rally is to be held in Colac in October 2014 at the show-

grounds. This will give us the chance to visit the Western side of our State and have another great opportunity to try a different time of the year. I seek the support of all clubs to include this rally as a club rally for next year. The rally will only be successful if we all give it our support.

It was with much sadness that we received notice that 2 of our clubs have closed their operation last month.

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15TH NATIONAL RALLY REPORT.

Hi all! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and now wish you all a prosperous New Year.

Firstly the committee has been inundated with meeting after meeting. With only eight months to go we are now down to studying the time line list in detail to finalise duties. We have met with a number of coordinators who are well on the way with their set tasks. As time gets closer there will be more detailed meetings with them to ensure nothing gets overlooked.

Great discussions have taken place regarding power leads. Further information will be made available shortly.

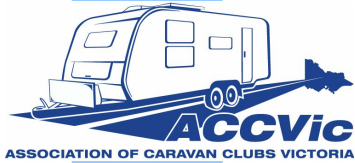
Registrations stand at 610 vans with 32 registrations on a Waiting List. We still have 87 members who have paid only their \$30.00 deposit and have not yet committed themselves fully. Registrations are still coming in from members wishing to attend.

Thanks to Brian Lewis has after confirmation from Megan the Rockhampton Showground CEO, confirmed that the outer perimeter of the show ring will be levelled for our use thus providing another 43 van sites. This could change again. This would make our Registrar happy.

John Gormley on behalf of the "Get Outdoors-Go See Oz" project, an initiative of the Queensland Outdoor Recreation Federation, has managed to secure a number of Thommo's Cookbooks which will be included in the rally welcome bags.

Trish Robinson

Taken from Qld CC Newsletter.

PACKING YOUR VAN – WEIGHTS OF COMMON ITEMS

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Classification	Description	Range	App Wght	Total
Standard Items	Water in Tank		90	
	Toaster, Kettle, Pots, Pans, etc		3	
	Crockery (4 Sets)		3	
	Cutlery		1	
	Bedding, Linen, Blankets, Doonah		14	
	Pillows (4)		5	
	Bucket, Hoses (Water/Sullage)		5	
	Jockey Wheel, Tools	15-45	15	
	Blocks & Chocks	5-15	10	
	Electric Cable (20m x 2)		2	
	Tent Pegs, ground cover, ropes		5	160
Basic Foods	Tinned		10	
	Perishable		5	
	Soft Drink		2	
	Wine – 4 Bottles		5	
	Drinks - 24 x 375ml x 2		27	49
Clothes	Female	35		
	Male	15	50	
	Shoes - female		10	
	Shoes - male		7	
	Toiletries / First Aid Kit		1	
	Wet weather gear		2	70
Essentials	Radio, TV, DVD		15	
	Torches, Lanterns		1	
	Porta-potti Chemicals		7	
	Annex matting (5x 2.4 m)		5	
	TV aerial & mast		5	
	Card Table		2	
	4 Chairs (2.5k ea)		10	
	Books		5	
	Sporting Equipment		35	85
Think about it	Sewing Machine/Overlocker		40	
	Extra Gas Bottle (9k)		10	
	Extra Water 20l.		20	
	Extra Fuel 40l.		40	
	Extra Spare Wheel		30	
	BBQ		15	
	Bikes (2)		60	
	Extra 12 volt Battery		15	230



Driftaway CC had been a very active club over many years and very involved and supportive of Association activities. The Nashos CC has been an active member during their club history. We thank their club delegates for their support and friendship over the many years they were able to attend meetings and rallies. Our best wishes to the club members and hope they will keep in touch.

Finally I would like to remind all clubs that our AGM will be held in Ballarat, Sunday 26th May 2013. The venue is Welcome Stranger Caravan Park. This park provides us with very comfortable meeting facilities, so please support the Park that supports our Association.

Have a great year caravanning in our great State.
Best Regards

Peter Hillas

ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS FOR 2013/2014

Present Office-Bearers will be standing for re-election with the exception of the position of Asst Secretary/Asst Treasurer.

Jenny Lowe was decided to retire from holding that Office.

Nomination forms are available from the Secretary at postal address :-
41/175 Kelletts Rd.,
ROWVILLE 3178.

As you would be aware the present Office-Bearers are :-

President—Peter Hillas (Central Victorian CC & RACVCC)

Vice-President—Ken Haythorpe (Victorian CC)

Secretary—Ken Slade (RACVCC & ATCM&CC)

Treasurer—Kevin Doherty (Ballarat CC)

Asst Secretary/Asst treasurer—Jenny Lowe (Gippsland CC)

POWER LEADS AT 15TH NATIONAL RALLY

The ACCVIC has written to the NR Committee suggesting compromises to the matter of 25 metre power leads being required.

We will keep your Delegates informed of any outcome.

ASSOCIATE CLUB NEWS.

It is with regret we announce the disbanding of two Associate Clubs within our Association. Both Driftaway Caravan Club Inc & Victorian Nasho Caravan Club has disbanded as neither were able to form ongoing Committees. Nasho's was a relatively new member but Driftaway CC had been with the Assoc for many years. Don Brequet attended our Feb 2013 meeting to thank the Assoc for its help & assistance to them over the period. Peter thanked Don & others from Driftaway for their support to the Assoc over the years.



LEAVE NO TRACE

SELF CONTAINMENT CODE OF CONDUCT

This scheme, est for the verification of RV's which comply with the requirements of the "Leave No Trace Self Containment Code of Conduct" provides an opportunity to show controlling authorities of rest areas & camping sites with no infrastructure, that there be no negative environmental impact when allowing the responsible use of sites by self-contained vehicles.

All visiting vehicles must have the capacity to retain ALL waste & leave no trace whatsoever of their visit to the site.

This article is dealt with in much greater detail on our website, application forms are available on the website.

The following are headings of what you can expect from the article:-

1. *Length of stay in any Rest Area.*
2. *Permission to stay from the relevant authority*
3. *Do not use awnings, chairs or BBQ's outside of designated areas.*
4. *Do not drive in restricted areas*
5. *To always leave an area cleaner than when you came.*
6. *Take care of the natural environment*
7. *To not overnight camp within line sight of a Caravan Park unless in an approved area.*
8. *To dispose of all rubbish & grey & black water in the appropriate manner.*
9. *To display your "Leave No Trace" stickers.*
10. *To purchase supplies in the area, wherever feasible.*

LEAVE NO TRACE APPLICATION COST \$5.00.

List of RV Friendly Towns—Victoria

ARARAT
 AVOCA
 BEECHWORTH
 BEULAH
 CHARLTON
 COBRAM
 CORYYONG
 DONALD

HEATHCOTE
 HEYFIELD
 HOPETOUN
 KYABRAM
 MINYIP
 NATHALIA
 NUMURKAH
 NYAH/NYAH WEST

SALE
 TALLANGATTA
 WARRACKNABEAL
 WEDDERBURN
 YARRAWONG
 YARRUM

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE.

[Letter to ACCVIC Helpline.](#)

Hi, I really need your advice on a serious problem.

I have suspected for some time now that my wife has been cheating on me. The usual signs: if the phone rings & I answer, the caller hangs up. She goes out with the girls a lot. I try to stay awake to look out for her when she comes home but I usually fall asleep.

Anyway last night about midnight I hid in the shed behind the caravan. When she came home she got out of someone's car buttoning her blouse, then she took her panties out of her purse & slipped them on.

It was at that moment while I was crouched behind the van that I noticed a hairline crack in the spare wheel mounting bracket.

Is that something I can weld or do I need to replace the whole bracket?.....