



ASSOCIATION OF CARAVAN CLUBS VICTORIA AND THEIR MEMBERS INC.

State Rally

Will be held from 17 to 19 October 2014 at the Central Caravan Park, Colac.

We hope Clubs will put this Rally on their Rally calendars as we know this is done well in advance. Registration Forms are available from our web site.

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Sate Rally at Colac

Planning is well under way for the State Rally 17th-19th October this year to be held at the Colac Showgrounds Caravan Park.

On the Saturday, dinner has been organised at the local RSL, more info to follow.

- Cost is \$25 per/night (pay by Cash Only at gate) plus \$25 registration fee.
- Members can stay up to a week either side of the Rally at the same nightly rate.
- There should be sufficient water and power for everyone.
- Large pavilion on site, if required.
- Members from Clubs are asked to assist with breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings.
- Registration form is now available at <http://www.accvic.org.au>.

Public Liability Cover

ACCVIC covers all affiliated Clubs with PLI at a cost of \$3.00 per van. This is a great advantage for caravan clubs as it enables them to be covered for PLI at a reasonable cost. The only stipulation being that the Assoc. requires each Club to attend at least one Delegates meeting each year to qualify for this cover. At our last meeting it was agreed that this stipulation be upheld. It is also important that when paying fees Clubs do not underestimate their number of vans as this could have a detrimental effect should a claim be made.

Have you got anything interesting to share?

This could include:

- Photos of travels
- Funny stories
- Caravanning issues
- Location information

Let us know about it – send an email to newsletter@accvic.org.au.



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Our newly Elected Committee



From left to right ...

Kevin Doherty, Treasurer, Ballarat CC,

Andy Grenfell, C'tee Member, Ballarat CC,

Ken Slade, Secretary, RACVCC,

Peter Hillas, President, Central Victoria CC & RACVCC,

Bob Jobling, C'tee Member,

Laurie Allen, Vice President, Knox City CC.

This year Ken Haythorpe stepped down & Delegates thanked Ken for his contribution to the Assoc.

Laurie Allen (Knox City CC) is our new Vice President & we look forward to working with Laurie.

We realise it is only the start of a new year but many of the C'tee have served for 3 to 4 years & are looking forward to retiring come next elections. Our President Peter Hillas has also been elected as Chairman of the National Association of Caravan Clubs Ltd. This is an Australia wide body & meets in Sydney twice a year. Peter & Brian Kelleher have been our Delegates to the NACC for a number of years representing our Assoc. These are time consuming positions & we thank them for their continuing contribution on our behalf.

Hitching Shackles

This matter was raised by Central Victoria CC to the effect that members should check the load bearing capacity of their connecting shackles. There are different strength ratings so people should be aware of what ratings you have. States have different requirements on connecting shackles — there appears to be no legislation in Victoria on this matter, travelling interstate could be different.

Comprehensive Vehicle Insurance

The NACC & your Association have worked long & hard on a scheme to bring a better comprehensive insurance deal for caravanners. This is a scheme whereby your towing vehicle & caravan are insured as a unit. It is through a broker Ken Tame & Associates & is underwritten by Alliance Insurance.

There are many advantages with this scheme the main one being more money for your pocket. A second vehicle may be insured under the same policy. It has similar benefits to “Total Care” & has a distinct advantage of no limit on length, height & weight of your van, some other policies do have restrictions.

To qualify to use this scheme you must be a member of a Caravan Club & be registered with NACC. Cost of registration is \$5.00 per annum. More information on the website or contact an Office-Bearer.



Note from a happy insurer—

We would like to thank the Association for their work in negotiating the new Comprehensive Insurance Scheme for club members. Our enquiry to Ken Tame’s office has provided us with a saving of more than \$1,000.00 for caravan & two vehicles (Evernew van, Nissan Navara & Nissan X Trail). This saving does not include the one excess of \$200.00 instead of the current three totaling \$1,300.00.

Our \$5.00 registration fee for the National Association of Caravan Clubs Ltd has been a very worthwhile investment. Congratulations to the representatives who negotiated this real benefit to caravan club members. John & Yvonne Hunter—North East Victoria Caravan Club.

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Aside from maintenance purposes, keeping the brakes, wheels, rims, and tires of your caravan in good condition ensures you a happy and safe trip. Always check for rust and detachments in the hand brake. Base plate, brake cables, and pulleys should all be operating smoothly.

Also inspect signs of wear, cracks, and other damages in rims and tires. Electric brakes, hydraulic lines, and bearings and oil seals should be regularly checked before any proposed long trips.

Chairman's Chatter



(President's Report 2014 May AGM)

I am pleased to present this report with the news that we have achieved the best opportunity for possible personal savings for club members with their Comprehensive Van and Vehicle Insurance policies. This has been achieved after many years of negotiating by previous and current State & National Association delegates on behalf of all members. It would be much appreciated if all clubs would promote the scheme and importantly the personal savings available to all club members. Our Association Executive members would be very pleased to visit club meetings and give your club any details that would be of assistance.

Thank you to Western Districts and Wimmera clubs for their efforts to organise our 2014

State Rally in Colac. I trust all our clubs will support this rally with a good number of attendees. These rallies are always enjoyable so make sure we attend this weekend. It is much appreciated by our Association that we have these 2 clubs working together for the rally.

We again had a successful stand at the recent Caravan Supershow at Caulfield due to the many members who volunteered to staff the stand. This is the best opportunity we have to promote club membership to the more than 50000 people attending the show. I believe all our clubs need to continue to attract new members to ensure the future success of the clubs.

Our National Association of Caravan Clubs is now working to provide more cash savings for members. These will be promoted through our Member Registration cards – at the cost of

\$5 per year. Further details will be provided to club delegates at our quarterly meetings.

Finally I would like express my sincere thanks to our Association Executive – Ken Haythorpe, Ken Slade, Kevin Doherty and Andy Grenfell, and all Club Delegates for their assistance and support over the year. We would appreciate volunteers to nominate for these positions to share the load. The old adage always applies, we only get out of any group in proportion to what we contribute. Please give these positions a thought and don't hesitate to nominate.

Have lots of safe and enjoyable travels.

Peter Hillas
President

Welcome CFA Caravan Club Inc.

CFA Caravan Club was incorporated on 4th March 2013 held their first meeting in April 2013 & joined our ranks at the time of the recent Delegates meeting in Ballarat where our President Peter welcomed the Club into the Association. Membership is open to past & present CFA members Victoria wide. At present they conduct quarterly rallies & are represented by 28 vans.

Puns for the Educated Minds

- The fattest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.
- I thought I saw an eye-doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.
- She was only a whisky-maker, but he loved her still.
- A rubber-band pistol was confiscated from an algebra class, because it was a weapon of math disruption.
- No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.
- A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.
- Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.
- Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
- Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
- Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other: 'You stay here; I'll go on a head.'
- A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab centre said: 'Keep off the Grass.'
- The midget fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.
- A backward poet writes inverse.
- In a democracy it's your vote that counts. In feudalism it's your count that votes.
- If you jumped off the bridge in Paris, you'd be in Seine
- Two fish swim into a concrete wall. One turns to the other and says, 'Dam!'
- Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.
- There was the person who sent ten puns to friends, with the hope that at least one of the puns would make them laugh. No pun in ten did...

“When I said that I cleaned my room, I just meant I made a path from the doorway to my bed.”

Website Upgrade

Keep an eye out on our website at <http://www.accvic.org.au> as it will undergo some improvements over the next few weeks.