



ASSOCIATION OF CARAVAN CLUBS VICTORIA AND THEIR MEMBERS INC.

State Rally

Will be held from **17 to 19 October 2014 at the Colac Showgrounds** and will be organised by the Western Districts Caravan Club & Wimmera Caravan Club.

We hope Clubs will put this Rally on their Rally calendars as we know this is done well in advance.

Emergency Information Booklets.

We still have some booklets available to Clubs .

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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>.

NACC Comprehensive Insurance Scheme

Members are reminded that you must have registered with the NACC prior to applying for the Insurance, to gain significant saving. For speedy reply (of NACC Member Number/Card) within Victoria please post you NACC Registration form to: NACC, C/- 12 Beltana St, Grovedale Vic 3216.

Once you have your Member Card/Number then you can apply to the Insurance Company for a quote. More information and forms can be obtained from <http://www.accvic.org.au>

What Will They Think of Next?

As we know there may come a time when our mobility issues may prevent us from enjoying caravanning. Well, here's a solution!



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Volunteer at a Caravan Show

Do you love caravanning and camping? Do you like attending the industry caravan shows, if you do, have we got an opportunity for you, please read on.

The Caravan Industry Association of Victoria conducts 4 official industry caravan and camping shows. The biggest being the Victorian Caravan, Camping & Touring Super Show held each year at Caulfield Racecourse.



Due to the growth and some changes in the way we will conduct these events we have opportunities for volunteers to assist us.

We are looking for people to be part of our volunteer team who will work on 4 hour rosters. You can work as much or as little as you like.

Why not put in an expression of interest to info@ciavic.com.au.

Amnesia used to be my favourite word, but then I forgot it.

State Rally Zones

A proposal for dividing the state into zones so as to make it sustainable for clubs to participate in organising future State Rallies was distributed last year and as no objections have been received the zoning will now be adopted.

The list below shows the zones number, years of rally, zone name and clubs in the zone.

1. **2016 – Metro** – RACVCC Div 1 - Div 5
2. **2018 – Hume** – Cobram, N E Vic, Jayco Owners & NE Rovers
3. **2020 - Loddon Mallee** - A/Van, Central, Bendigo & Aussie Adv
4. **2022 - Grampians** – Ballarat, Wimmera, Knox & Masonic
5. **2024 - Barwon** – Geelong, Western Dist, ATCM&CC & Coromal
6. **2026 - Gippsland** – Victoria, Gippsland, Combined & Jayco Nomads

As you would expect rallies will rotate through the list, so each zone will have an opportunity every 12 years.

Got something to share?

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.

2014 Queensland Caravan Parks & Touring Accommodation Directory

This directory is now available from visitor information centres around Queensland. This free directory, lists all member parks in the state as well as a full listing of trades and services members. A must have to complement anyone's caravanning adventures, it can be obtained by emailing parks@caravanqld.com.au.

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Caravan Regulations

As well as having a registered and roadworthy caravan and towing vehicle, owners need to be aware of load limits.



Under no circumstances should the total mass of the loaded caravan exceed the lesser of:

- the maximum mass as specified by the caravan manufacturer;
- the towing limits recommended by the towing vehicle's manufacturer; or
- the rating of the towbar.

Exceeding these limits is illegal and can also void both mechanical warranties and insurance cover.

Further regulations also prevent:

- anything to be towed behind the caravan;
- anyone riding in the caravan while it's in motion;
- towbar equipment obstructing the vehicle number plate when the caravan has been disconnected.

If you are travelling interstate with your caravan, check individual State or jurisdiction regulations with the relevant authority, before you leave.

Only a standard driver licence is required to tow a caravan. P2 probationary licences can tow caravans. P1 probationary licences cannot tow unless it is for work and at the request of an employer; or an experienced driver is sitting beside him/her and a 'driver under instruction' plate is attached to the front and rear of the vehicle. L-platers cannot tow.

Visit <http://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/Home/SafetyAndRules/SaferVehicles/> for more information.



Chairman's Chatter



A belated Happy New Year to all our club members and best wishes for 2014. This is our first newsletter for the year which I hope will provide our clubs and members with the stimulus to offer your service to assist with the club activities. It is always better if we offer to fill positions and give our abilities to help other members.

We have had an exciting start to 2014 with the new Insurance Policy which is now available to members. The savings available are significant – some members have saved \$300 to \$700 on the policy which covers both the car(s) & caravan. This saving has been achieved after more than 3 years of negotiation by our National Caravan Clubs Association. I personally have saved almost \$400.00 on my previous policies which is very pleasing. Please contact your club delegates to get full details

of the scheme.

This is going to be the start of further savings our National Association will be working towards for members. I together with Past President Brian Kelleher will be attending a Board Meeting in Sydney next month on your behalf.

The Caulfield Caravan Supershow is being held 6th – 11th March where our Association will be having a stand. I would like to thank the club members who have volunteered to staff the facility. Our main purpose for this stand is to promote club membership. We did have clubs disband last year due to lack of members – let's not have any more. It is very easy to talk with visitors to the show about why we belong to a club and the fun we enjoy. There are other shows later in the year at Wodonga, Sandown and Bendigo so please offer a few hours to make these shows successful.

Don't forget our Association State Rally in Colac in October, please encourage your members to attend this get together. It is always good to meet other club members every couple of years. Make a special effort to attend if you have not been able to make one previously – you will find the experience very enjoyable.

I wish all clubs a very successful rallying program for 2014.

Best wishes.

Peter Hillas

President

“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.” – Anne Frank

For Sale

Retro 1964 Franklin Caravelle Caravan. 14ft 6 in long – good condition – tan & white and gorgeous egg shape. Sue Briggs – 0400 004 983.



One Hand Washes the Other

The North East Victoria Caravan Club had the pleasure of experiencing this community phenomenon when it held its Annual General Meeting at the Springhurst Community hall recently.

With 20 Caravans in tow, the Club visited for the usual Friday evening meal that was catered for by the Chiltern Little Athletics Club who were the recipients' of the profits for the evening. The NEVCC then camped overnight and held their meeting during the afternoon to be followed by a BBQ dinner catered for by the Springhurst Community Group. This busy group catered for a clearance sale during the Saturday as well as looking after the caravanners.

The NEVCC contributed to profits by spending a total of \$1000.00 that will find itself helping support community activities within this region, It is amazing how the activities of one group can have such a far reaching effect on the growth of others groups.

Thanks to the Springhurst Community for your hospitality and best wishes for the future.

Jim and Faye Doyle

Members of the North East Victoria Caravan Club.

Annual General Meeting

Reminder for AGM for both the Association and Victorian National Rally committee

- Will be held on Sunday 25th May 2014
- at Welcome Stranger Holiday Park, 263 Scott Parade, Ballarat 3350
- Commencing at 10.00 a.m.

Nominations for both committees are open & will close on 4th May 2014. Forms are available from the secretary.

It is usual for executive members of the Association committee to serve on the Victorian National Rally committee.

The current committee has served for 2 terms, so some thought please, as all good things come to an end.

Emergency Information Booklets.

We still have some booklets available to Clubs should they be required. Cost \$2 per booklet. Email the secretary and I will bring them to the AGM.

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