

2012 Victorian Caravan Clubs Rally

Sale Showgrounds

The Victorian Caravan Clubs rally was held at the Sale Showgrounds over the weekend 9th – 12th March 2012. The members started arriving on Thursday, meeting new and existing friends. We were very fortunate to have good weather for the rally which allowed the program to be enjoyed by all. Friday night we had a special musical treat with 'Sunny' being joined by his son and friend. This entertainment was enjoyed by all.

It was a very special rally for members of the Masonic Caravan Club of Victoria – they were celebrating their 400th club rally. Foundation members, Betty and Harold Maguire (who have attended 347 rallies) were flag bearers for the Opening Ceremony. We had members from 10 clubs (145 members) attending, including Mary & Phil Sayner from Southern Nomads South Australia. Phil is President of the South Australian Association of Caravan Clubs.



The rally was officially opened by the Mayor of Sale, Peter Cleary. The facilities at the Showground were very suitable for our rally, with large rooms to cater for the very varied activities. More than 100 entries were received for the 6 categories of craft competitions.



Over the weekend the members enjoyed many activities organised by the Gippsland CC including coach tours to the Robotic Dairy, Tara Bulga National Park and Sale and District. These were very interesting and gave us the opportunity to see areas many had never visited before. Saturday afternoon saw the Disc Bowls competition conducted and enjoyed by all participants. Members of Victorian Caravan Club enjoyed games of Badminton, Croquet and more Disc Bowls.

Saturday night we all enjoyed the Rally Dinner at the Sale Greyhound Club with entertainment being provide by 'Mr & Mrs Jones'. The meal received many favourable comments and served in a very timely manner. The club facilities were well used by a number of members.

Sunday morning we all enjoyed a cooked breakfast which was prepared and presented by members of the Victorian Caravan Club. Thanks for a great effort by all involved.

We all enjoyed a very different night on Sunday. The Sale Greyhound race meeting was a real change for all members. All the races were named after each of the clubs which had members attending the rally. The usual 'hard luck' stories were heard but it was also good to hear of some members having picked a winner.

During the Closing Ceremony on Monday morning the winners of the Craft Competitions and Disc Bowls were presented with their prizes. Following the singing of Auld Lang Syne by members, we departed for our home bases.

It was very pleasing to have a number of members comment that this was the friendliest State Rally they had attended. There were a couple of clubs so impressed with the site's facilities, they are planning to have rallies at Sale in the future.