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NEXT MEETING - Sunday 17th October

No meeting September 2021 owing to Covid Lockdown

Hopefully we will be able to hold the October Meeting as we are overdue for an AGM.

Birthdays October 2021

Byrce John	2-Oct	Purcell Lyn	11-Oct
Henry Mac	8-Oct	Olesen Carole	12-Oct
Wynberg Grant	21-Oct	Holmes Lorraine	15-Oct
Hansell Bill	22-Oct	Richardson Linda	19-Oct
		Cornwell Joan	21-Oct
		Treacy Janis	22-Oct
		Rohwer Pat	30-Oct
		Williams Karen	31-Oct

Hi Members

Well with no September meeting this month, which should have been our AGM, hopefully we will have one in October which will be the AGM. All this depends on the Government and what they have opened up. This being the case, please think about the positions on the Committee.

Due to the fact that some of our Committee has served more than 3 years, they can't nominate themselves and can only be nominated from the floor. Janis Treacy who has been our Social Director for the last few years has advised that she will not be able to continue in this role so we need someone to step up to this position. Janis has done a great job and we thank her and her helpers for all the fun, food and entertainment that we have experienced. Please remember that we are always there to help each other so don't be afraid to put your hand up. As you are aware one of the conditions that the Government may bring in is double dose vaccination. **IF YOU HAVEN'T HAD YOUR VACCINATION AS YET PLEASE DO SO ASAP AS THIS MAY STOP YOU FROM ATTENDING MEETINGS, CARAVAN PARKS OR EVENTS THAT WE MAY ORGANISE.**

On another note you will see that Leonie has enclosed the latest trip sheet. Could you please check the sheet and if your name is on the trips you wish to go on and also if you would like to go on any of the trips please contact the parks and book in.

IN RELATION TO THE ABOVE TRIP SHEET PLEASE ADVISE FAY THOMAS TO EITHER ADD YOUR NAME OR REMOVE IT.

We hope you are all well and fingers crossed we will be able to see each other again soon.

Fay

Secretary

It looks like we may be able to go to Swansea for our Melbourne cup rally, if this does happen we will let you know as soon as possible. BUT be aware that you will most likely need to be fully VACCINATED to attend, so please get VACCINATED so you are not disappointed if this is the case.

I have decided due to the fact we haven't had any meetings I will do Social Directors roll for Melbourne cup (if it is on) BUT THAT WILL BE MY LAST ONE, I am not available for re-election. I HOPE YOU HAVE been keeping well, I am sure we are all feeling that we just want to get back to living the way we should. There is a light at the end of the tunnel, just hang in there, cross our fingers we will see everyone at Swansea. **Sites are still available, phone 4971 2869 to book.**

Janis

Social Secretary (retiring)

As the Committee has not been able to meet yet owing to the Covid Restrictions, there has not been any discussion on what should happen with the fee paid by Members for the Xmas in July Meal, which we were unable to hold.

Possible options are:

1. Hold the money for a future function (Xmas Lunch?)
2. Refund

Members will be advised as soon as it has been discussed.

Mike
Treasurer

State reps report from the July meeting

These meetings were conducted with the aid of Zoom owing to the lock down conditions.

During the general meeting the following positions were elected to office:

President-	Glen Arkinstall	(Hunter Coastal Caravan & Camping Club)
Vice-President-	Frank Smalley	(Coromal Caravan Club)
Secretary-	Anne Carragher (Prospect Caravan Club)
Treasurer-	Damian Stewart	(Jayco Owners of Southern NSW)
Ordinary Committee-	Nick Busuttil	(Sydney Caravan Club)
	Bob Beesley	(Jayco Club of NSW)

As at the time, 385 vans will be heading for the National rally.

The early planning for the 2025 National Rally is well under way. However there is no one indicating that they are willing to organise the 2023 and 2024 State Rallies.

New Road Rule in Victoria

There has been a recent law change in Victoria regarding blood alcohol concentration (BAC). **All drivers driving any vehicle with GVM over 4.5 tonnes must always have a zero-blood alcohol concentration (BAC).** This includes combined vehicle mass such as Caravans and 4WD tow vehicles. The BAC, rules for each state, differ greatly.

Green reflectors

These reflectors on side of road indicate that a truck stop is close by. Three reflectors are displayed first, then two followed by only one green reflector just before the truck stop. These stops are primarily for trucks and may have rough gravel on the road, however caravans may like to use them for a very short stop to allow traffic to pass.

Peter Davidson

Disc Bowls Competition

Should the Melbourne Cup Rally go ahead at Swansea we will be having our Disc Bowls Competition.

We need someone to help organise the day, could you please contact either Janis or any Committee Member to offer your assistance. If no-one comes forward it is unlikely to be able to go ahead.



Fay Thomas

Some Members may not know that our wonderful Secretary Fay has been in Wyong Hospital for the last week following an operation. She is hoping to be well enough to return home sometime this week.

Hope your recovery is going well Fay, and you are back to your usual self soon.

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And
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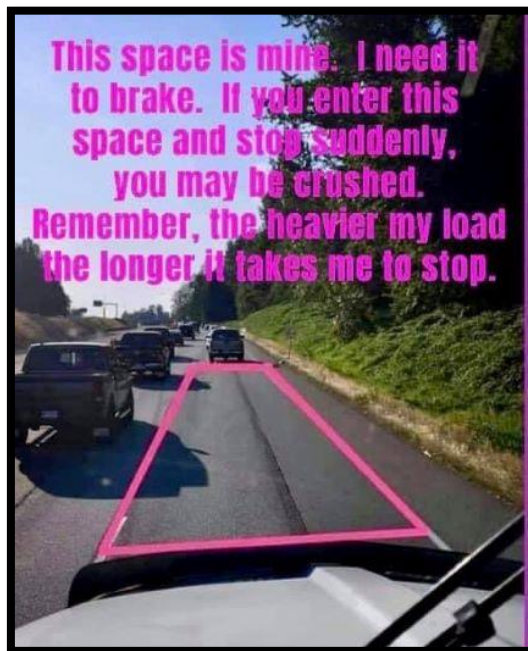
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Thanks John Knight



Time to Plan Black Top River Run



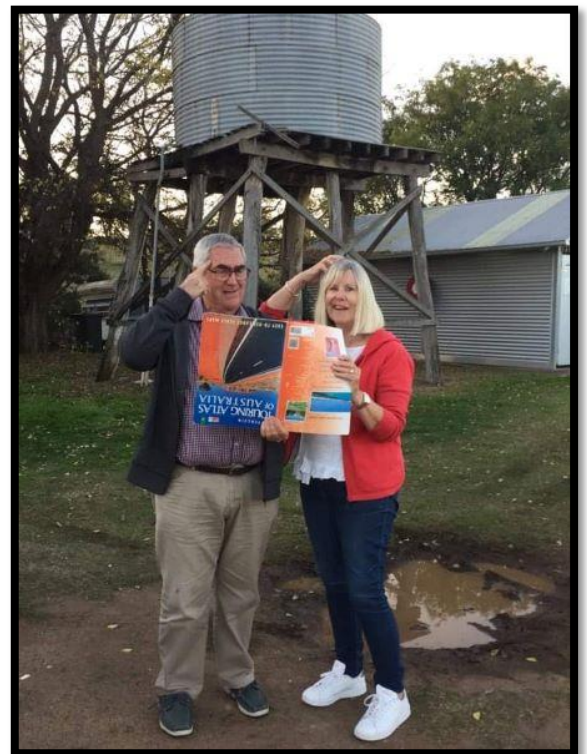
With plenty of time on our hands, pull out the maps and start planning our 2022 trips.

With **Canberra** being our Autumn Rally destination in **March 3rd till 10th** consider joining us afterwards on the Black Top River Run (BTRR) along the Murrumbidgee and Murray rivers sticking to sealed roads. By **March 28th** we plan to participate in the **National Caravan Clubs Rally in Barmera, South Australia for 10 days**. This will be a chance to thoroughly explore this corner of SA with locals being our hosts to show us what their area has to offer. We have never experienced a National Rally before but we are assured it will be lots of fun! If the schedule of stopovers is not to your liking we suggest you vary your journey and detour to other towns or camps and then re-join us along the way. If you do not choose to attend the national rally you could head north at Wentworth & return home through Broken Hill. Alternatively, you could extend your tour through the Flinders Ranges. So many choices!

There are no rules for this trip. We have just provided an outline of our plans & you are free to modify to meet your needs. These are the towns we will be staying at – Holbrook, Yarrawonga, Echuca, Swan Hill, Balranald, Dareton/Wentworth and Renmark.

I have been researching day trips from some of our stopovers. We might do some silo art trails into Victoria; enjoy the paddle steamer & amazing Lock 11 experience at Mildura & a tour of Yanga homestead, one of the most productive pastoral stations in the Riverina. So, check out the dates. If you have any questions ring Fay & Ian on 0409 201 146 or me on 0432 665 841 and keep busy by looking at ideas to include in our Black Top River Run.

Chris Knight



Itinerary (in brief) a more detailed itinerary will be available closer to the time.

Leave Canberra Thursday March 10

Thu 10 – Sat 12 Holbrook Holbrook Motor Village.

Sat 13 - Mon 15 Yarrawonga Holiday Pk.

Tue 16 – Thurs 18 Echuca Caravan Pk

Fri 19 – Fri 20 Swan Hill Pioneer City Tourist Park. BIG 4

Sun 21 – Mon 22 Balranald Caravan Park,

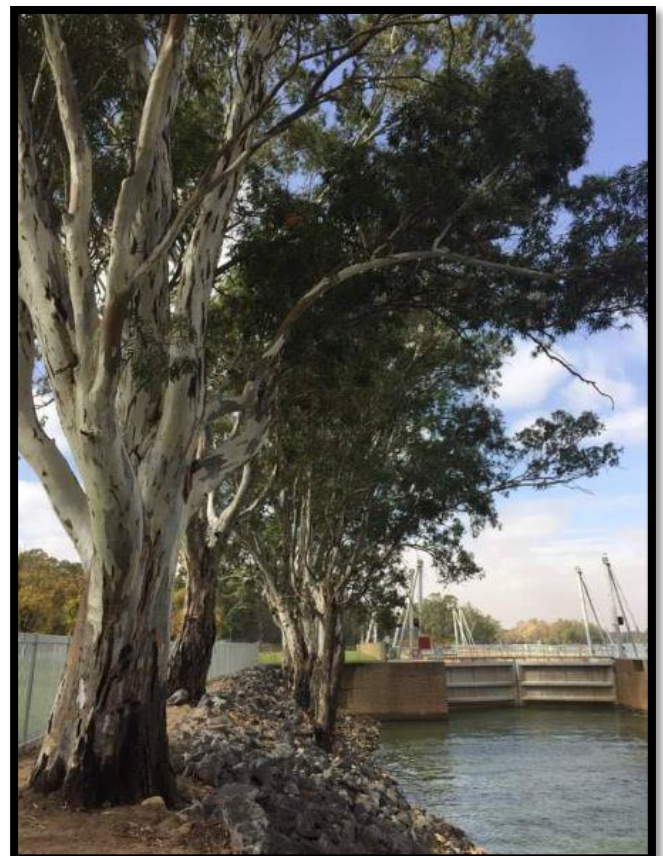
Tue 23 – Thur 25 Dareton Coomealla Club Caravan Park

OR

Tue 23 – Thur 25 Wentworth Fort Courage Caravan Park

Sat 26 – Sun 27 Renmark BIG

Mon 28 Start National Rally Barmara SA.



Caravan Service & Pink Slips

Graham Williamson has asked for the following information to be provided to Members.

Sue and Graham had their van serviced and pink slip prepared

The mechanic services Central Coast, Lake Macquarie and Newcastle areas.

One man band, had a mechanical work shop at Tuggerah for 20 years.

Name Dean Miller L/N MVRL 41203. Lives at Wyee Point. Goes by the name of
"Trailer Servicing Mechanic 2 CU". CONTACT 0414 842 508

Dual axle \$330 plus parts if needed.

He is methodical and does not hurry. A nice guy. Clean and tidy, leaves no mess.

Graham 0428 246662

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Leonie



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Maybe travel up north for some of you next year? Peter Davidson sent me this article.

Police do the Old Tele Track



Senior Constable Aleda Day on Sep 8, 2021 @ 4:00pm

Recently officers from Weipa Station, Cairns Tactical Crime Squad and Cairns and Cooktown Road Policing Units embarked on a three day traffic operation along the infamous Tele Track.

The Old Telegraph Track is one of the most iconic 4WD tracks or roads in

Queensland and is 350km of generally narrow track with some very rocky and eroded sections and some of the most spectacular creek crossings in the Cape.



Officers from Weipa, Cairns Road Policing Unit and the Tactical Crime Squad ready to take on the Cape

The road is what is left of the original telegraph line that was used in the 1880s to connect Cairns with Thursday Island and for much of the Cape's history was the only available route to the tip.

There were some surprised 4WD enthusiasts when they discovered that police's promise to be 'Anywhere, Anytime' also meant on a dirt track in the middle of Cape York Peninsula with the closest police station some 250km away.

Safety first at creek crossings

The operation was targeting drink and drug drivers, illegal vehicle modifications, unregistered and uninsured vehicles as well as antisocial behaviour involving buggies, ATVs and motorbikes.



Thankfully most drivers were very well behaved, and with approximately 100 roadside breath tests conducted, police were pleasantly surprised they only located one intoxicated driver and issued a handful of Traffic Infringement Notices for failing to wear a seatbelt, exceeding the speed limit, defective vehicles and illegal modifications.



A 22-year-old Stratford man was intercepted for the purposes of a roadside breath test (RBT). He allegedly returned a reading of 0.07 per cent BAC and is expected to appear in the Weipa Magistrates Court on October 12 for drink driving.

A 51-year-old Umagico man was issued with two Traffic Infringement Notices after being intercepted on Telegraph Road at about 3pm on Wednesday, August 25, driving an unregistered and uninsured vehicle.



He received two tickets totalling \$992.



Whilst the Old Telegraph Track is only 350km long, the officers clocked up approximately 800km by the time they returned to Weipa Station, surprisingly the whole time they were on patrol they never left the Weipa division.

The Weipa division is part of the Cape Patrol Group which comprise some of the most remote and challenging environments in Queensland.

The Cape Patrol Group consists of the Aurukun, Coen, Kowanyama, Lockhart River, Pormpuraaw, Weipa Police Divisions and covers 99,491 square kilometres, which is some of the most isolated areas in Queensland.

Thanks to Constable Colby Russell for photographing the journey!

We did the Telegraph Track a few years ago in comfort in a 4WD Bus having travelled to Bamaga by steamer and joining the bus camping trip through to Cairns. A good trip in air-con. Some options even have your bed made up in a glamping tent!

Leonie

A reminder that one word in the English language that can be a noun, verb, adjective, adverb and preposition.

UP

Read until the end ... you'll laugh.

This two-letter word in English has more meanings than any other two-letter word and that word is 'UP.' It is listed in the dictionary as an [adv.], [prep.], [adj.], [n] or [v].

It's easy to understand UP, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake UP?

At a meeting, why does a topic come UP? Why do we speak and why are the officers UP for election and why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report? We call UP our friends, brighten UP a room, polish UP the silver, warm UP the leftovers and clean UP the kitchen. We lock UP the house and fix UP the old car.

At other times, this little word has real special meaning. People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, and think UP excuses.

To be dressed is one thing but to be dressed UP is special.

And this UP is confusing: A drain must be opened UP because it is stopped UP.

We open UP a store in the morning but we close it UP at night. We seem to be pretty mixed UP about UP!

To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of UP, look UP the word UP in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes UP almost 1/4 of the page and can add UP to about thirty definitions.

If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways UP is used. It will take UP a lot of your time, but if you don't give UP, you may wind UP with a hundred or more.

When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding UP. When the sun comes out, we say it is clearing UP. When it rains, the earth soaks it UP.

When it does not rain for a while, things dry UP. One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it UP, for now . . . my time is UP!

Oh . . . one more thing: What is the first thing you do in the morning and the last thing you do at night?

U
P!

Did that one crack you UP?

Now I'll shut UP!

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PLEASE CONTACT FAY and advise her if you have booked on any of the following trips for this or next year. It is very hard to keep the information up to date without our usual meetings.

Tuggerah Lakes Caravanners TRIP SHEETS 2021				
DATES	DESTINATION	MEMBERS ATTENDING	CONTACT	PARK
Oct 28 – Nov 4	Swansea Lakeside	Angell A/W, Bickley/Baird C/C, Cok A/W, Collins M/L, Cook J/D, Cornwell J, Cousins/Kennedy D/M, Curnow R/L, Dawson K/R, Eadie M/H, Edwards/Williamson S/G, Field L/G, Geale W, Howard B/A, Insull B, Knight J/C, Laney R/L, Lee-Sing S/W, Majchrowski R/C, Nutter/Pryde R/F, Palmer/Evernden I/F, Pollard C, Rohwer P/P, Smyth J/H, Thomas F/R, Treacy/Wenning J/R 26	Club Organised	Swansea Lakeside 4971 2869
Nov 8 – 18	Narrabeen Leisure Trip	Bickley/Baird C/C, Bryce/Tanner J/H, Davidson P/Y, Dew A/C, Leotta A/L, Maranik D/A, Moore J/N, Rohwer P/P, Steele K/L, Wells J/J 10	John Bryce/Helen Tanner 0424 963 954 or 0468 637 711	
Nov 22 – 30	Belmont Lakeside	Angell A/W (4 nights), Cok W/A, Cooper D, Curnow R/L, Eadie M/H, Edwards/Williamson S/G, Fraser A/T, Kane P/C, Leotta A/L, Marsland P/E, Oakes J, Olesen P/C, Treacy/Wenning J/R 13	Susan Edwards	Belmont Lakeside 4945 4750
TRIP SHEETS 2022				
27 Jan – 10 Feb 2022	Big 4 Great Lakes Tuncurry	Angell A/W, Collins M/L, Cornwell J, Evernden/Palmer F/I, Edwards/Williamson S/G, Fraser T/A, Howard B/A, Insull B, Kane C/P, Lee-Sing S/W, Leotta A/L, Ryan J/R, Treacy/Wenning J/R 11	Coral & Peter Kane	Big 4 Tuncurry 6554 6827
3 – 10 Mar 2022	Canberra Tourist Park	Evernden/Palmer F/I, Merrett/Wright J/P, Schultz B/A, Treacy/Wenning J/R, Wilcox/Richardson G/J 5	Club Organised	Canberra Tourist Park 6130 1000
10 – 28 Mar 2022	Black Top River Run	Davidson P/Y, Edwards/Williamson S/G, Knight J/C, Latham D/B, Palmer/Evernden I/F, Treacy/Wenning J/R 6	Ian 0411 029 434 Chris 0432 665 841 or 4352 2264	

		TRIP SHEETS 2022 (con't)		
		MEMBERS ATTENDING		
22 – 29 Mar 2022	Barrington Tag-A-Long 2	Cok W/A, Collins M/L, Cooper D, Howard B/A, Hunt B/L, Jones D/S, Laurie W/N, Lee-Sing W/S, Majchrowski R/C, Merrett J, Olesen P/C, Schultz B/A, Steele K/L Wilcox/Richardson G/J 14	Mike 0407 280 018 Leonie 0419 763 107	
Mar 28 – Apr 6 2022	NACC National Rally Barmera SA	Davidson P/Y, Edwards/Williamson S/G, Knight C/J, Treacy/Wenning J/R 4	Peter Davidson 0429 447 467	
1 – 8 April 2022	North Haven	Bryce/Tanner J/H, Cook J/D, Cooper D, Cornwell J, Dick/Moore T/M, Holmes L/J, Insull B, Laney R/L, Latham D/B, Lee-Sing S/W, Oakes J, Rohwer P/P, Steele K/L, Thomas F/R, Wells J/J, Williams/Yarnton D/S, Wright/Merrett J/P 20	Fay Thomas 0408 271236	North Haven 6559 9193
April 15 – 17 2022 Gates open 4 April 2022	Hartwood Campfire & County Music Festival	Collins M/L	Mike 0407 280 018 Leonie 0419 763 107	Hartwood 0456 780 824
TO BE ADVISED	Del Rio Riverside Resort Wisemans Ferry	Collins M/L, Cowin/Robinson S/K, Geale W, Kennedy/Cousins M/D, Lee-Sing S/W, Maranik A/D, Pollard C, Rogers R/R, Ryan J/R, Schultz B/A, Thomas F/R. Treacy/Wenning J/R, Wilcox/Richardson G/J, Wright/Merrett J/P 14	Fay Thomas 0408 271236	Del Rio 4566 4330