

*October 2018 Newsletter*

## *Wendy's Wanderings*

### WHERE WE'VE BEEN

#### **Mudgee Club Rally 19<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> September - Riverside Caravan Park**

**Attendees:** Ian & Chris Bailey, Mick & Lyn Robinson, Richard & Vera Sutherland, Neville & Joy Henderson, Vic & Carol Bartolo, Terry & Lorraine Bain, Ray & Lorraine Gardner, Shaun Bowers & Lorraine Barrett, Ron Scones, Paul & Helen Anderson, Peter & Wynette Lowe, Bob & Liz Beesley, Joe & Wendy Agius, John & Trica Spencer, Robin & Dorothy Wells.

Members arrived from Friday 14<sup>th</sup> to get the bargains at the local markets on Saturday, with most of us set up by Wednesday with a few late comers arriving Friday. Disk bowls set up for the day and enjoyed by all, those who did not play cheered the players on from the side line.

Day trip to Rylstone and lunch at the Globe Hotel, another day trip to Gulgong Saturday morning for the local very small Markets, and a shopping spree for some at the Stacks Warehouse this shop has everything but the kitchen sink, if you can't find what you are looking for in this store I don't think you will find it anywhere.

Saturday flavours of Mudgee festival the main streets were closed to allow for the many food and wine stalls to set up for the night, most of us bought their tasting wine glass souvenir \$10 that included 5 wines tasting to sample. There were many food

stalls set up from Pizza, BBQ, Mexican, Italian, Cheese Platters Hamburger's etc.



Sunday afternoon Trivia with Terry was a lot of fun. Sunday night John Spencer was trying to start the BBQ with a little too much oil which ignited under the plate and caused the camp kitchen to be filled with smoke. Vic and Alister were the chefs for the night with the club provided a sausage sizzle bread rolls and coleslaw for Sunday night dinner. Our Jayco ladies did not disappoint with an array of desserts to share, we all sat around the fire for a few late-night drinks to finish off the night, thanks Vic and Alister.

The weather was very kind to us, with cool mornings and warm days, some enjoyed bike rides, walks into town for shopping or coffee, platypus sightings in the river behind the caravan park and lunch at The Lawson Hotels Red Heifer Bistro. I can say we all certainly made a good contribution to the local economy.



Lunch at the Red Heifer

Members started leaving from Tuesday, Wednesday morning around 7.30am just as we were all preparing to pack up and make our way home or to Nyngan to start the tag along the heavens opened up with torrential rain and more rain, the only ones happy were Ernie and Carline.



Disk Bowls set up all day

A great Rally enjoyed by all that attended.

## Western NSW & QLD Tag-A-Long From 26<sup>th</sup> September to 16<sup>th</sup> October.

**Attendees:** Ernie & Carline Ross, Terry & Lorraine Bain, Joe & Wendy Agius, Shaun Bowers & Lorraine Barrett, Neville & Joy Henderson, Ian & Chris Bailey, Paul & Helen Anderson, Bob & Liz Beesley, Robin & Dorothy Wells, Ron Scanes,

### Nyngan 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> September- Nyngan Riverside Tourist Park

10 vans left Mudgee making their way to Nyngan we all left with intentions of going the same way, but of course our GPS gadgets had a different idea. Ernie and Carline were already at Nyngan when we arrived as they returning from a family function at Brisbane. We all made it to our destination set up and had a laugh at afternoon tea about our morning trip. We found some shade in front of an onsite cabin, when the occupants arrived it turned out that they were asparagus farmers and gave us all a very large bunch of fresh asparagus. Thursday morning was a look around town, shopping and a photo of the Big Bogan, back at camp and 35c temp we settled into happy hour very easily, the men checked out the BBQs for dinner.



Pick the Bogan

### Bourke 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> September- Kidman Camp

We travelled along 204ks of straight road that seemed to take forever as there is not much to see along the way. Bourke welcomed us with 38c, thankfully we all had AC, unfortunately not for the Henderson's they are getting theirs repaired in Cunnamulla. Saturday we all enjoyed a one-hour river cruise on the PV Jandra Paddleboat along the Darlings River. Sunday a 3 hour Back "O" Bourke Country Bus Tour with Stu, we all found this very informative and learnt quite a bit of history of Bourke and the down fall of the Citrus industry that once was thriving. The town are putting a lot of hope on the new Abattoirs which is almost completed and will employ over 250 local people. During the tour we also made a visit to the Grave Strone in the shape of an eye of Fred Hollows the great Ophthalmologist.

Sunday NRL Grand Final, Lorraine Barrett arrange a courtesy bus and dinner at the local bowling club for us to watch the game, great meal and a greater outcome for the game.



Enjoying the Paddle Boat

Fred Hollows Grave Stone



Terry taking in the views of the Darling

### **Cunnamulla 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> October- Cunnamulla Tourist Park**

Our journey today of 258ks was mainly dodging the road kill of kangaroos so many. Monday evening, we were picked up by bus and taken to the Club Boutique Hotel for the Cunnamulla Camp Fire Dinner and Show, a delicious 3 course meal of pumpkin soup, roast lamb beef and all the trimmings and bread and butter pudding with ice cream to finish and it was delicious. We were entertained by a 2-piece band playing all the old songs and we joined in for a sing along.

Tuesday another 35c day, the usual look around town, grocery shopping, a visit to the local bakery and butcher.



The Cunnamulla Fella

## Charleville 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> October – Evening Star Tourist Park

We were welcomed at the Evening Star Tourist Park by Shirley who showed us to large drive through sites. This camp had a lot of old machinery to keep the men occupied, the camp kitchen and bar opened at 5pm with very reasonable \$3 per can of beer or wine, damper cooked in the camp oven served with butter and golden syrup was enjoyed by all.

We all enjoyed the informational talk by Craig on the area and how the drought was affecting them and the local farmers. Later that evening the men cooked our BBQ dinner.

A group of members went to the Star Gazing evening finished off with hot chocolate and marshmallows.



Happy Hour \$3 Beer



Shaun will get this one going again



Camp Fire

## Roma Ups N Down Farm Caravan Park- 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> October

An early start for everyone this morning leaving Charleville making our way to Roma Ups N Down farm park for three night stay. They have camels, cows, ducks chickens and a pig. Afternoon tea of cakes champagne and orange juice supplied by Bob & Liz Beesley's to celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary, Congratulations to a great couple. Damper cooked in the camp oven enjoyed at happy hour and BBQ cooked on the grill over the open fire. The usual food shopping, I had to visit the material and craft shop they have so much stuff in this shop, a look around the sites of Roma, fuel up and head back to camp for more damper coffee, and of course happy hour.



Congrats on 50 years



Material anyone



Camp Oven cooked Damper



Liz with a new born

## Nindigully Pub 8<sup>th</sup> October

237ks today from Roma and 4ks out from the Pub the tyre on Bains caravan decided to explode, Terry could not stop anywhere do drove into the camp only to find there was only a rim left. Looking closer they found out that damage had also been done to the breaking system of the van and unfortunately could not be repaired, so on with the spare and fingers crossed for their trip home. We set up in the pub's beer garden enjoying happy hour, one member was eagerly waiting for the bistro to open to order his dinner that was shared with Lorraine Robin & Dorothy they could not finish it and had left overs for next day's lunch. Photo explains it all. All our meals were very large serves and delicious.

Tuesday morning, we said good bye to Terry and Lorraine who had to go home for family reasons and Ernie and Carline making their way back to Mudgee. The bad luck did not stop for the Bains as they hit a Kangaroo, luckily it managed to jump between the car and the caravan only doing minor damage to the van with no damage to their car.



Oops where is the tyre



Road Train Burger shared by 4



The famous Nindigully Pub

### Lightning Ridge 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> October. Opal Caravan Park

We all left Nindigully heading first to Thallon to see the painted silo then on to lightning ridge and we arrived to another very hot 35c. The usual look around town a visit to IGA to stock up, visits to the bakery by most many times. Ron's daughter Karen and family surprised him with a three-day visit. Dorothy and Robin were the only ones who braved the very hot 42c artesian pool. During the next three days we all managed to do the four coloured door tours through the opal fields, visit the Chamber of the Black Hand Sculptures. Dinner at the Bowling Club Friday night Roast Pork for most with lots of crackling.



Thallon Silo



The Bottle House



Carvings set in the Sandstone walls

**Moree 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> October- Moree Hot Springs and Artesian Pools Caravan Park.**

We all arrived safely to the Moree Hot Springs Artesian Pools Park except for the Anderson's. A problem with their caravan breaking system requiring the van to be towed to Moree for repairs on Monday. Paul and Helen were put up in a hotel room until the van repaired, it pays to have NRMA Premium Road Side Insurance.

We set up our van and all made good use of the artesian pool a very comfortable 35c. The usual happy hour ended our day. Sunday more swimming, the afternoon we welcomed grey clouds and wind so awnings put away lots of thunder & lightning but no rain

**Tamworth 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> October- Paradise Tourist Park**

We all left at different times aiming for the same route, but Joe and I got caught behind a huge 8 metre wide load that blocked the Tamworth turn sign, we took a wrong turn and went via Coonabarabran and extra 100ks. Unfortunately for the Henderson's when Neville turned into the caravan park two poles jumped out and collided with their caravan smashing the glass door panel and scraping along the side causing a lot of damage. Being the insurance man, he was quickly on the phone to GIO and Jayco Newcastle to arrange for the repairs. We had a lot to talk about over coffee and then happy hour. Some made use of the excellent camp kitchen. Tuesday morning, we said good bye to the Henderson's making their way to Jayco and the Bailey's going home.

Our last day of the Tag a long we decided to have a farewell lunch at the Longyard Hotel most had the daily special of chicken schnitzel, a look around at the country music displays, a car was for us, more grocery shopping, and fuel to purchase.

We travelled approx. 2210ks from Mudgee to Tamworth, purchased as much as we could from the local butchers, bakers IGA and the independent petrol stations, doing our bit to help out the local economy.

Wendy & Joe

**Editor's Note:** Even though we were not fortunate enough to complete the entire tag it was undoubtably one of the more memorably experiences in my club history. Many congratulations are due to Wendy and Joe for an excellent adventure.

Thanks

Terry & Lorraine



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## Wendy's Wanderings

### WHERE WE'RE GOING

Hello to all Members,

Mudgee was well attended with 19 members enjoying the country hospitality and the Flavours of Mudgee Festival. Our Western NSW & QLD Tag-a-long was very enjoyable by all that attended.

**Xmas Party Rally at Swansea**, please note the correct RSVP date for all members to let me know if they are attending and how many adult and children guests they have attending is Wednesday

21 <sup>st</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> November Swansea 	Swansea Gardens Holiday Pk 15 Wallarah St Swansea PH: 49712869	Jayco Club Committee	\$228 = stay 7 nts pay 6 nts or \$38 per night Pension discount available
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**1. Raffles:** As usual, we will be holding our annual giant raffle and any donations from members are very much appreciated. Neville will be seeking a donation from our major sponsor Jayco Hexham.

14<sup>th</sup> November. Remember to keep the children's gifts to a maximum of \$25.

**MAYDAY MAYDAY MAYDAY:** Your Help is needed, as our resident Butcher Paul Anderson will not be attending Swansea this year we need a few people to carve the 2 x 6kg legs of ham, if you would like to offer your assistance please let me know ASAP via email or text, all you will need is a sharp carving knife.

Members please check if you have the correct mobile phone number for me it's 0431346909, please delete any other phone number.

**2. Hamper:** Our Hampers filled with goodies is always a feature of our raffle, donations to the hamper would again be very welcome from members, Lorraine Bain will have baskets outside her van from Friday morning 23<sup>rd</sup> for you to donate.

**3. Christmas Presents for the Children:** Please wrap and place name of the child on package securely so that the name tag is not lost. **All gifts to be taken to site 148 Saturday morning. Before 10am.**

**4 Decorating your van:** A prize will be given to the van recording the most votes for the best decorations and lights. So, light up folks.

**5. Sunday Morning Breakfast:** Your \$10 will also get you a bacon and egg breakfast on Sunday morning. BYO coffee, plates and sauces.

**6. Day visitors:** please remember to bring your plates, cutlery, drinks chairs etc. as the club supplies food only.

**SEE AT END OF NEWSLETTER  
SUGGESTIONS FOR RALLIES IN 2019.  
BRING A COPY TO SWANSEA SO  
DISCUSSION CAN TAKE PLACE!!!**

## **Quiz:**

Instead of trivia I have decided to give you a chance with some true/false questions.

1. Apples, not caffeine, are more efficient at waking you up in the morning?
2. Alfred Hitchcock did not have a belly button?
3. babies are born without kneecaps?
4. The average person over 50 will have spent 5 years standing in line?
5. The toothbrush was invented in 1498?
6. The average house fly lives for one month?
7. The average computer user blinks 7-times a minute?
8. Your feet are bigger in the afternoon than at any other time of the day?
9. Most of us have eaten a spider in our sleep?
10. The real reason ostriches stick their head in the sand is to search for water?
11. The only two animal that can see behind themselves without turning their heads are the rabbit and the parrot?
12. In most television commercials advertising milk, a mixture of white paint and a little thinner is used in place of the milk?
13. Prince Charles and Prince William never travel on the same airplane, just in case there is a crash?
14. The first Harley Davidson motorcycle built in 1903 used a tomato can for a carburettor?
15. Most hospitals make money by selling the umbilical chords cut from women who give birth. They are used in vein transplant surgery?
16. Humphrey Bogart was related to Princess Dianna. They were 7<sup>th</sup> cousins?

**ALL ANSWERS AT THE END!!**

## *Maria's Murmurings*

**October 2018**

### **October Birthdays**



A very happy birthday to  
*Gea Waalkens, Carol Best, Al Dewar, Maria Battaglia, John O'Brien, Neil Batchelor, Wendy Agius, Lorraine Bain, David Phillips, Pat Rohwer and John Gillett.*

**Member Contact List:** Attached is the updated



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### **Association Insurance – Public Liability Insurance**

We've had notification from the Association to confirm the following:

1. only club members have public liability cover when they are attending officially organised events, meetings and rallies/roving rallies etc as a club member of their associated club.

Members and visitors are responsible for their own property and actions. However, if a member causes personal injury or property damage to person or property as a result of negligence then only the members (not visitors) are covered by Public Liability. Members would also be protected if any vicarious liability was attributed to them from actions of others, especially minors. Unfortunately, insurance policies can be confusing. The Public Liability policy is members' protection in case they unintentionally cause injury or damage to other people or their property. The committee members are also protected by a 'Directors & Officers Liability' policy. This policy protects committee/office bearers of the Club or association for an alleged wrongful act or breach of their duties whereby a member or third party allege a financial loss.

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committee/office bearers of the Club or association for an alleged wrongful act or breach of their duties whereby a member or third party allege a financial loss.

Any visitor to our club would definitely have the same rights as a member of the **public** in respect of bodily injury/damage to property caused through the negligence of one of your members.

*Paddy took two stuffed dogs to the antiques Roadshow.*

*“Oh” said the expert. :These are a very rare set produced by th celebrated Johns Brothers Taxidermists who operated in London at the turn of the century!’*

*“That’s great!” said Paddy “and what do you think they would fetch if they were in good condition?”*

*The expert thinks for a minute ...”STICKS.”*

**National Rally – Albany Western Australia 2019 - Some fantastic news from the organisers of this rally.**

Fleetwood have advised that the promised donation of a caravan will be ready for pick up next week. It is a top of the range Evolution 632 Coromal retailing \$78000.00.

This will ensure that the Rally Committee will and are going to produce the best National Rally ever with the assistance from the City of Albany, the business community and their hard working subcommittee.

Signed: Derek Nathan, Chairman, 17<sup>th</sup> National Caravan Club Rally 2019 – 13<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

TRUE/FALSE answers: ALL TRUE

<b>Club Merchandise</b>	
The following endorsed merchandise is available through Lorraine Bain either by phone on 0427 622 007or via email at <a href="mailto:terry.bain@bigpond.com">terry.bain@bigpond.com</a>	
Monte Carlo Shirts (White /Navy) Biz Cool (Summer National/State Rally) – Ladies 8-24; Men’s S – 5XL	<b>\$26.00</b>
Poly Fleece Jackets Navy	<b>\$32.00</b>
Magnetic Name Tags	\$10.00
Add your name	\$5.00

**Club Committee:**

<b>President:</b> Neville Henderson:
<b>Vice President</b> Ron Scanes:
<b>Secretary:</b> Maria Battaglia:
<b>Treasurer:</b> Liz Beesley:
<b>Rally Co-Coordinator</b> Wendy
<b>Newsletter Editor:</b> Terry Bain:
<b>Committee Member: (Web Master)</b> Lorraine Barrett:
<b>Committee Member:</b> Shaun Bowers
<b>Committee Member:</b> Carline Ross:
<b>Committee Member:</b> Ernie <u>Ross</u>



# 2019 NSW State Rally



Hosted by Hunter Coastal Caravan Club Inc  
21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> March 2019  
Maitland Showground, Bloomfield St, Maitland

## REGISTRATION FORM

Surname	Preferred Name	Special Needs / Dietary Requirements

## FEES

Arrival date:
Departure date:

Rally Fee (2 persons) including deposit	\$175
<b>Non Refundable Deposit</b>	-\$25
Extra Person @ \$35.00 (Plus)	
Single Person @ \$35.00 (Minus)	
Children @ \$20.00 each	
Additional Days @ \$25.00 per night	
BALANCE – To be paid before 1.12.2018	

## CONTACT DETAILS

Caravan Club:
Email Address:
Phone Numbers:

*Please note that your registration will be put on a waiting list until your deposit has been received. If final balances are not received by 30<sup>th</sup> November then it will be assumed that you no longer wish to attend and your spot may be given to someone else.*

Registration forms may be emailed to [secretary@caravanclubsnsw.asn.au](mailto:secretary@caravanclubsnsw.asn.au) or posted to the Secretary, 47 Emily Street Mount Druitt NSW 2770

Payments may be made by electronic file transfers or by cheque.

Bank details for EFTs are: **BSB 112 – 879 Account number 4744 05165**  
Please state your surname in reference field when depositing & confirm by email to [secretary@caravanclubsnsw.asn.au](mailto:secretary@caravanclubsnsw.asn.au)

Payments by cheque should be made out to: **NSW Association of Caravan Clubs Inc.**  
Please post to the Secretary's home address.

## Rally Suggestions for 2019

**Please print a copy and bring to Christmas Party for discussion.**

<b>Rally Date</b>	<b>Rally Location</b>	<b>Caravan Park</b>
Jan 30 <sup>th</sup> to Feb 6 <sup>th</sup>	Stockton	Stockton Beach Holiday Park
March 6 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup>	Budgewoi AGM	Bludgeon Holiday Park
April 8 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> Monday to Monday Easter School Hols start 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Bulli Beach	Bulli Beach Tourist Park
May 15 <sup>th</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Moruya 15-19 <sup>th</sup> Wallaga Lakes 20-27 <sup>th</sup> Potato Point 27-30 <sup>th</sup> Berry 31 <sup>st</sup> May to 3 <sup>rd</sup> June Markets	Riverbreeze Tourist Park Wallaga Lakes Holiday Park Beachcomber Holiday Park Berry Showground
June 19 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup>	Norah Head	Norah Head Holiday Park
July 10 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup>	Gloucester	Gloucester Holiday park
August 14 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup>	Shoalhaven Heads	Holiday Haven Holiday Park
September 18 <sup>th</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup>	Canberra – Floriade	Epic
October 16 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Orange	Orange Showground
November 20 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup>	Swansea – Christmas Party	Swansea Gardens