
January/February 2019 Newsletter

Wendy's Wanderings

WHERE WE'VE BEEN

Rally Report – South West Rocks – 30th January to 6th February 2019

First Rally for 2019 was attended well, the weather was sunny and warm and the company was great.

Thanks to Ernie & Carline Ross, Liz & Bob Beesley, Terry & Lorraine Bain, Dorothy and Robin Wells, Peter & Wyn Lowe, Joe & Wendy Agius, Ron Scanes, Vic & Carol Bartolo for attending our rally.

As usual Peter & Wyn were the first to arrive followed by the Bartolos and by the end of the week we had all arrived. We enjoyed a byo bbq dinner in the well equipped kitchen on the Friday night followed by dinner on the Saturday night at the local Country Club. For those who were still around lunch on Monday was had the Riverside Tavern. Both venues were great but the views and food at the Tavern were just that little better.

Most days were spent lazing under the shade of the tree, while some ventured into the pool (when it was not overtaken by the children especially on the weekend) and others took to their bikes or just walked along the beach. SWR is a great destination with plenty of coffee shops (which incidentally were all great), plenty of choices in cafes and the views from the Lighthouse are pretty spectacular. The drive around the area is also pretty with the Macleay River being the feature point.

Tony and I would like to thank you all for making the trek up the coast. It was well worth the effort.

Maria & Tony Battaglia

On Tuesday at the Camp Kitchen in the caravan park.

Liz an Aboriginal Elder in the Ngunnawal Tribe, the original land owners of the South West Rocks area.

She spoke mostly about herself & her family. She described how they lived & worked in the area.

She showed photos of her family fishing in Horseshoe Bay & other areas.

She particularly mentioned the birthing rocks near Smoky Cape Lighthouse. She also had some stone cooking implements & other things on display.



Regards
Peter Lowe



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Hello to all members,

I hope that your Christmas and New Year were great and that you are all ready for some caravanning adventures, our first Rally for 2019 was held at South West Rocks with 9 members attending.

Details for the next 3 club rallies and the NSW State Rally

February 27th - 6th March Budgewoi- AGM	Budgewoi Holiday PK 1 Weemala Street Budgewoi PH: 43909019	Maria Battaglia Maria.battaglia@bigpond.com	\$238 for 7 nights \$39 per night	Morning Tea and Dinner supplied on Saturday Limited sites still available
March 21st - 24th Maitland NSW State Rally	Maitland Showground Bloomfield Street Maitland	Hunter Coastal Caravan Club Rally Theme: - Grapes, Coal and Steam	\$175 4 nights	
April 3rd - 10th March Berry	Berry Showground 35 Alexandra Street Berry	Neville & Joy Henderson neville@greaterwestscouts.com.au	\$31 per night	Not sure if any sites are available contact Neville if you wish to attend.
May 15th - 22nd Nulkaba - Cessnock	Wine Country Tourist Park 3 O'Connor Road Nulkaba PH: 49905819	Wendy & Joe Agius j.wagius@bigpond.com	\$30 per night	Not sure if any sites are available contact park ASAP if you wish to attend.

Tathra Rally at Big4 Holiday Park Tityra 41 Andy Poole Drive PH: 64941350 held from 3rd to 10th July with a **closing date for sites guarantee of 28th February**, a deposit of \$67.50 is payable when booking, they offer a stay for 7 pay for 5 nights with an additional Big4 discount, total for 7 nights is \$202.50 Big4 or \$225 non Big4, the nightly rate is \$45.

Mudgee Rally for the Hot Air Balloon Championships has very limited vacancies phone park ASAP PH: 63722531

Tuncurry Rally has not been booked for the August and will be discussed at the AGM.

The Western Tag -a-long with John & Tricia Spencer from 30th September to 15th October required an expression of interest for your attendance to John before 30th June, john.spencer007@bigpond.com

Travel Safe, enjoy your caravans and I hope to see you at one of our rallies.

Re nominations for Rally Coordinator 2019, I am letting everyone know now that I have decided not to nominate for the position of Rally Coordinator, I have enjoyed the 9 years that I have been in this role, and I feel that it is now time for a new face with new ideas to continue on in this position.

Wendy

MUDGEE HOT AIR BALLOONING FESTIVAL - 25TH TO 31ST MAY 2019

Terry Bain's son is one of the organisers of this event held at Mudgee and is asking for a few volunteers from our club to assist with the balloons set up. Terry will provide more information on what is required closer to the event, highlights of the event below.

Mudgee Night Glow - Saturday 25th May 2019 Come along for a fantastic night out with the inaugural Mudgee Night Glow where hot air balloons will light up the night sky at Glen Willow Stadium in a choreographed light display all set to music. The night will be a great family night out with live musical performances, night markets, jumping castles, face-painting and plenty to keep the kids entertained

Balloons & Bubbles Breakfast @ Blue Wren - Sunday 26th May 2019 Spectators will take in a magnificent hot air balloon display while enjoying a glass of locally produced Bubbles on the lawns of Blue Wren Wines. The main event of the morning will be the traditional ballooning Key Grab competition. Pilots will fly their balloons into Blue Wren Wines guided purely by the winds to try to grab a key from a flagpole in an attempt to win a major prize. Following the balloon competition, guests will enjoy a delicious Blue Wren Breakfast. Market stalls and a semi-inflated walk-through hot air balloon will also be a feature of the morning.

Australian National Hot Air Ballooning Championships - Monday 27th -Friday 31st May 2019 Attracting the best pilots from around the country, the Australian National Hot Air Ballooning Championships will include 5 days of competition hot air balloon flying over the picturesque town of Mudgee and beautiful nearby townships as pilots vie for the title of Australian Hot Air Ballooning Champion.

Maria's Murmurings

Maria's Murmurings – Secretary's report - January / February 2019

Happy new year to you all. 2019 has well and truly commenced with our first rally at South West Rocks for 2019 completed. It was well attended and thanks to those who came to a venue we have not been to before.

Reminder:

AGM – to be held on March 2nd at 10am at Budgewoi Caravan Park. Please let me know of your attendance at maria.battaglia@bigpond.com mainly for catering purposes. I would appreciate your response by the 23rd February 2019. An Agenda for the two meetings will be sent out on the 16th February as per the Notification sent out on the 27th January. I look forward to hearing from you in regards to your attendance.

Birthday wishes for January & February



Belated birthday wishes to the **January bubs**: Joy Henderson, Ron Scanes, John Spencer and Dorothy Wells

Happy birthday to the **February Bubs**: Tony Battaglia, Sue Bradshaw and Rosemary Berry

A motorhomer and a backpacker happened to be in a light aircraft when the pilot (a caravanner himself) declared an emergency. We are definitely going to crash, you must bale out. Unfortunately there were only two parachutes. The motorhomer immediately grabbed one saying "I'm a motorhomer, my campervan cost an awful lot of money

and besides, I'm far more important and intelligent than the likes of you". With that he bailed out.

The pilot, a decent chap, said to the backpacker "You take the last 'chute, I'll try and land the plane".

The backpacker said "No need mate. There's still a 'chute left. The Brain bailed out with my backpack".

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

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PROPOSE WESTERN DISTRICTS TAG-A-LONG

DAY	DATE	LOCATION	KM S	ACC UM KMS	ACCOMMODATIO N	NI GH TS
1	30-Sep-19	Depart Sydney				
		Blayney	231	231	Blayney Tourist Park 6368 4455	1
2&3	1/2 Oct 19	Orange	33			
		Parkes	109	142	Spicer Caravan Park, Albert St. 6662 6162	2
4,5,6	3/5 Oct 19	Dubbo	119	119	Big 4 Dubbo Parklands, 154 Whylandra St. (Newell Hwy). 6884 8633	3
7	6-Oct-19	Nyngan	124	124	Nyngan Riverside Tourist Park, Barrier/Mitchell Hwys,	1
8	7-Oct-19	Cobar	127	127	Cobar Caravan Park	1
9,10,11	8/10 Oct 19	Wilcannia	261			
		White Cliffs	95	356	Opal Caravan & Tourist Park 08 8091 6688	3
12	11-Oct-19	Wilcannia	95			
		Emmdale Roadhouse	100	195	Emmdale Roadhouse. Camps # 893	1
13	12-Oct-19	Cobar	159			
		Nyngan	127	286	Nyngan Riverside Tourist Park, Barrier/Mitchell Hwys,	1
14&15	13/14 Oct 19	Warren	78			
		Gilgandra	85			
		Dunedoo	87			
		Mudgee	82	332	Mudgee Riverside Caravan & Tourist Park. 6372 2531	2
16	15-Oct-19	Sydney	250	250		
		TOTAL		2162		15

