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COMING RALLIES

JUNE 9-11
(long Weekend)
ANNA BAY
Bay Holiday Park
Members Meeting
(Sunday 4pm
Constitution & By-laws.)

JULY 7-8
STOCKTON
Stockton Beach
Tourist Park
(Christmas in July)

AUGUST 4-5
YARNTREEN
Wollombi Camping Ground

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THE CLUB

By Gary Blinco

There's a plume of dust down an old bush lane,
As the vans go creeping past,
Coromals all, for we trust the name,
Of the ones that are built to last.

They hit the road any time of year,
To the hills, or beach, or scrub,
Where there might be sun and there will be beer,
For this lot are a roving pub.

And the leader rules with an iron fist,
This diverse, motley crew,
Even late at night when he's three parts pissed,
(For he likes to have a few).

But if it gets too much every now and then,
At helm of this ship of fun,
He can hand the wheel to the trusty Ben,
Who will lead 'till the job is done.

There are girls with zeal, and men of steel,
Who go where the brave but go,
And the one they watch is Treasurer Weal,
He's the bloke who holds the dough.

And the records are kept by a gal named Sue,
We're amazed at the shots she took,
And Elizabeth, as we all soon knew,
Is a walking history book.

Now the rally man is a bloke called Bruce,
And he likes to imbibe a few,
In the cold or heat, he needs no excuse,
But we've never seen him spew.

So if you look at the maps of this land and dream,
Of the endless roads and scrub,
Take the plunge, act now, come and join the team,
Of the Coromal Caravan Club.



EASTER RALLY April 6-9 Colour City Caravan park, ORANGE

A Rally with a difference, mystery, history & wine.



Good Friday saw the rally start with morning tea of hot cross buns and a cuppa to welcome everyone and discuss the weekend activities. By this time most vans had arrived, a total of 13 vans. After lunch it was time to board Elizabeth's bus (The ODD tours) for an introduction to the area. This included the city sights, lookouts and nearby localities, ending at the local playground, where several had a go on the apparatus. On returning to camp, happy hour and a quiet evening around the fire, keeping warm.

It was an early start on Saturday for a trip around the wineries to the north of Orange. We all traveled together, with Elizabeth as guide showing us all the points of interests and the variety of cool climate wines available. A stop for lunch at Lake Canobolas, with time to enjoy a rest or walk around the lake. Back on the road with more wineries and mystery, arriving back at camp at 6pm. There was time for a quick regroup, before heading for tea.



Early evening found 28 happy campers enjoying themselves on Elizabeth's deck for a BBQ tea, followed by a Trivia quiz. There were joint winners Kate & Sam Smalley, and Gary, Marlene & Donata Blinco.

Sunday started with an communal breakfast joined by a family of Easter bunnies. Then a Tag-along was formed to head to Ophir and surrounds (site of Australia's first payable gold). The first stop, at the local Resource Recovery Centre for a look at the amazing items found there. Then on to Banjo Paterson's birth place, before continuing to Ophir for a tour of the old diggings and picnic lunch. After lunch there was time to see the old cemetery before several of the group were taken on a tour of Gunnadoo a working gold mine. The group returned via Lewis Ponds back to camp.



After Happy hour and tea, all gathered for a NO TALENT CONTEST. This provided varied entertainment including Belle's dancing, Gary's poetry (see front page) and several short items, compared by Elizabeth who was able to keep everyone entertained.



Monday was time for the rally to finish and everyone headed home, tired after a busy weekend. There was time for morning tea and discussion on the weekend activities and to arrange next Easter's Rally.



MOSS VALE RALLY May 5-6 Moss Vale Caravan Village



The village was a hive of activity on Friday night with many campers arriving, after finishing work to make the most of the weekend. The final total was 14 vans, 28 adults, 1 child & 2 dogs.

Saturday started with a get together cuppa at the BBQ area to register and arrange the activities for the rally. The rest of the day was free for touring the sights. Many choosing to check out the shopping centre before traveling to Fitzroy Falls Reservoir for a sausage sizzle. Others went in different directions and toured the villages of the Southern Highlands.

Back at camp everyone joined in happy hour before having a BBQ tea, and a relaxing evening around the fires as the night was cool.



Sunday saw everyone up and about early to prepare to leave and return home. A final gathering around the BBQ area for a cuppa and photo shoot, the Rally for next May was hotly discussed before a decision was made.



CLUB NEWS

The Club Web Page has been completed and launched .

<http://www.coromalcaravanclub.org.au>

For full reviews of all our rallies, more hints and tips and links to other sites.

Do you have any hints or tips that you have discovered that may be of help to other caravaners, please let us know, so that they can be added to the page.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Kevin & Leone Cornell,
Tom & Miriam MacKenzie ,
Ray & Pam Allen.

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TIPS & HINTS FROM MEMBERS

Isn't it true that we all carry our mobile phones with hundreds of names/ numbers stored in its memory but yet nobody, other than ourselves, know which of these numbers belong to our near and dear ones?

Let us for a moment create a scenario wherein we are involved in an accident or had a heart attack and the people attending us get hold of our mobile phone but don't know which number to call to inform our family members. Yes, there are hundreds of numbers stored but which one is the contact person in case of an emergency?

For this reason, we must have one or more telephone numbers stored under the name ICE (In case of Emergency) in our mobile phones.

Recently, the concept of "ICE" is catching up quickly. It is simple, an important method of contact during emergency situations.

As cell phones are carried by majority of the population, all you need to do is store the number of a contact person or person who should be contacted at during emergency as "ICE" (meaning In Case of Emergency).

The idea was thought up by a paramedic who found that when they went to the scenes of accidents, there were always mobile phones with patients, but they didn't know which number to call.

He therefore thought that it would be a good idea if there was a nationally recognized name for this purpose.

Following a disaster in London , the East Anglican Ambulance Service has launched a national "In case of Emergency (ICE)" campaign.

In an emergency situation, Emergency Service personnel and hospital staff would then be able to quickly contact your next of kin, by simply dialing the number stored as "ICE".

Please forward this. It won't take too many "forwards" before every body will know about this.

It really could save your life, or put a loved one's mind at rest.

For more than one contact name simply enter ICE1, ICE2 and ICE3 etc.

A great idea that will make a difference! Let's spread the concept of ICE by storing an ICE number in our mobile phones today!

Elizabeth



A TIP FOR THE COLDER MONTHS

I would like to utilize the newsletter to forward a timely reminder to all members to drain their water lines & HWS in Shower Toilet Model vans during the Winter Months. This will avoid an expensive repair should a cold snap/frost freeze their waterlines HWS.

In the winter months owners of Shower Toilet Vans whom live in cooler climates should be vigilant in regard to cold weather and frosts. In the event of water freezing in your van water lines, the damage bill can be enormous, hence the following is advised. Drain excess water from your water lines by means of, turning off the water pump, turn on all internal taps partially and then the external tap on the drawbar. This action allows some water to siphon out of your lines and should residual water freeze, it is no longer under pressure, hence it is less likely to cause damage to your water lines. Now, switch off your HWS if it was on. Locate your HWS release valve located externally under your van close to the HWS. Note: (The HWS needs to be cold to avoid scolding yourself. If the HWS is hot, let it cool before attempting the following). Activate the release valve by hinging the lever back and leave it released. Some water will run down your arm. Next, open your HWS door and activate the release valve at the top of your tank. Water should flow out the lower release valve. You could completely empty the HWS this way however all you need do is drain a portion off to allow for expansion in the event the HWS froze. Now, let the top release valve return to it's normal position. You have done as much as you can to avoid damage to your water lines.

Note Well. Do not turn your HWS on now until you fill it with water again. (Stick a reminder on the switch) To refill, climb back under the van and let the release valve return to it's normal position. Turn off all taps again, including the external drawbar tap with the exception of the Hot Tap over the sink. Apply water to the system by external source or turn on the water pump and pump water from your tanks into the system. When you get an even flow at the tap with no air, it is safe to activate your HWS. Check all aspects of your water system for leaks. If you discover a leak cut the water supply and have it fixed prior to causing water damage to your pride and joy. An occasional drip from the HWS release valve is normal, as the water expands under heat and the valve is doing it's job.

Regards to all, Ian Weal.



REMINDER

The 13th National Caravan Clubs Association Rally will be held at the Forbes Showground, from the 28 Dec 2007 to 07 Jan 2008.

Forbes is located 386 kms from Sydney on the central western slopes of New South Wales. Forbes is known for its sporting, recreation and education facilities and as the commercial base for the district. The town and district is rich in history and has many unique feature to offer the visitor, including the tranquility of our lake and parklands in the centre of the town.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Bruce
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immediately as numbers and fees need to be paid by August.



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