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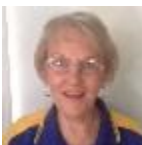
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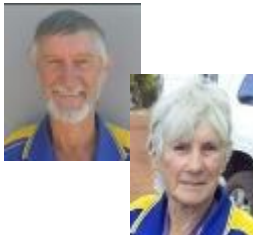
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Are you interested in becoming a Regional Delegate or Coordinator, or interested in organising a Rally or a Get Together for your Region?

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Please feel free to discuss this with a Committee Member or email a message with your suggestions.

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Mary knee deep in wildflowers at the Old Wooden Stockyards, Gabyon Station WA



Fran, the W.A version of Copenhagen 'The Little Mermaid'



Jo (in pink) of Melangata with one of her 7 Maremma Dogs

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ATRVC Inc. PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2024



Thank you for being members of the Australian Touring RV Club.

Your Management Committee has worked very well as a team, and I would like to thank each of them for their commitment to the roles they have taken on and the thoughtful way they have attended to business. Special thanks also to the spouses of the Committee members for their patience and support during the year.

We were unable to find a volunteer for the role of Vice President at the 2023 AGM and, although it is ideal to have seven members on the Committee, we were able to work with just the six members, who are:

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| President | Wendy Abraham | WA |
| Secretary | Geoff Woodard | WA |
| Treasurer | David Henley | WA |
| Committee | Ric Bennetts | WA |
| | Kerry Dymock | WA |
| | Mary Claridge | WA |

You will no doubt note that all of the above reside in the same region. It is a coincidence. They were the only members who volunteered to fill the positions when they became vacant.

With five positions becoming vacant at the 2024 AGM, we were hopeful that members from other regions would volunteer. Sadly, as at the close of nominations, that did not happen.

There were no nominations received for the position of President. The Committee will appoint a Committee Member to fulfill that role.

There were no nominations received for one of the positions of Committee Person. Nominations for the position will be called for from the floor at the AGM.

Under Division 3 – Election of Committee members and tenure of office, Item 58 Terms of office, our Constitution states that: *All members of the Committee shall be eligible for re-election immediately on retirement for a maximum of three consecutive terms of two years or 6 consecutive years in total.*



I need to apologise. I was first elected to the Committee in 2016 and have held 3 different positions in the 8 years since – as Delegates Liaison Officer (DLO), then Vice President and then President. All I can say is that I am devastated that the Constitution has been breached. I have enjoyed my time on Committee, and, as the saying goes, “Time flies when one is having fun”.

One of the Committee Person positions that was due for nomination in 2024 had been in breach of the Constitution by one year, thereby triggering an investigation.

Records have been updated and we trust that the Rules of our Constitution will be upheld.

2023-2024 Committee Meetings have been held every second month via Zoom. Ric Bennetts set up each meeting which was recorded. Thank you, Ric.

Interim communication has been by email and, when necessary, decisions were made by the ‘Flying Minute’ procedure. Face-to-face meetings were able to be conducted at the National Rally in Myrtleford in April, as we were all in attendance.

Many thanks to our Regional Delegates/Co-ordinators for the fantastic range of events they have conducted this year. Thank you also to the club members who have helped ease the load by helping out at rallies and also by organising rallies and lunches under the guidance of their Regional Delegates/Co-ordinators.

Thank you:

- Malcolm and Wendy Carter Victoria, Tasmania and Sthn New South Wales
- Ric and Fran Bennetts Western Australia
- Jim Collins Sthn Queensland and Nthn New South Wales
- Allan and Hazel Reynolds South Australia

Our club does not have borders. We are one club. Members can participate in any club rally around the country simply by contacting the coordinating Delegate/Coordinator.

The Annual National Rally was held in Myrtleford Victoria in April this year. It was attended by all our Delegates, Coordinators and Committee Members. Although it is encouraged so that members are able to meet them, it is not mandatory that they attend.

The club’s AGM is to be held within 5 months of the end of financial year and is usually held in September. Since 2020, the AGM has been conducted via Zoom, with members meeting up at an event in their region if possible, or by logging into the meeting elsewhere.



From a financial perspective, the Treasurer's Report reflects the sound financial position of the club. Additional funds have continued to be committed to our annual National Rally to continue to improve the standard of the event.

Our club is celebrating its 25th Anniversary this year. We celebrated in Myrtleford with a cake, and will be celebrating again with a \$30 per person "AGM Get-Together" subsidy that will be paid to the organiser of the registered events for use at the event.

We need to grow our Membership base. It is certainly an aged and ongoing concern that membership is declining – and it's not just our club. We need to speak to people about joining us. Full Membership is open to singles, couples and families with an RV. Associate Membership is available to those without an RV. Belonging to the ATRVC is not just about being able to participate in get-togethers, i.e. rallies or lunches, we have some aspects that benefit all our members.

These include:

A Club Insurance Policy – Public Liability only.

A Get-Together Schedule in the bi-monthly magazine, The Traveller – a Calendar with contact information.

Club Brochures and Club Business Cards – to hand out to attract members.

Our Friendship List – an invaluable list of contacts for queries:

Do you know a good mechanic, electrician etc?

We have a medical emergency, can you help by...?

Would you like to meet for coffee?

Would you recommend any special places/activities etc?

Which is the best caravan park?

A Website which includes a Members only area.

An active Facebook Page – with Moderators to keep the page relevant to caravanning.

We have members who have taken on the responsibilities of ex-officio positions to help with the smooth running of our club. Three are Committee Persons.



I would like to thank them all for their dedication:

| | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Kerry Dymock (Committee Person) | Membership Officer |
| Ric Bennetts (Committee Person) | Delegates Liaison Officer (DLO) |
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| Sandra Sampson, Wendy Carter | Facebook Moderators |
| Mary Claridge (Committee Person) | |

Many thanks also to all the members who have helped out in any way to ensure the success of our club and our various get-togethers.

We have had members who have had unexpected health concerns and other misfortunes during the year, and sadly some of our members have passed away. We extend our deepest condolences to the families of those who have passed away. Best wishes to those who are undergoing treatment, and we hope you have a full recovery.

Stay safe, healthy and happy. Travel safely.

Take care.

Best regards,

Wendy Abraham

ATRVC President



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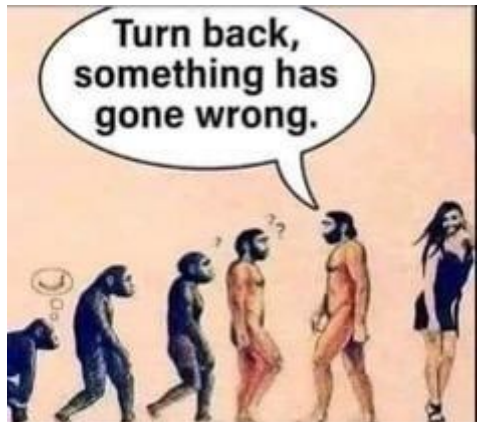
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I thought you said it was childs play reversing a caravan



Just to prove that people will argue about anything
Here is a glass of water



"your network connection is unstable"

.....yeah well so am I and I still work.

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Or to membership@atrvc.org.au (preferred)

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- **Payment for new Members, reference is Surname + "New Member"**
- **Payments for National Rally Fees, reference is Member Number + "National Rally"**
- **Please see the Merchandise Page for the Bank Location when ordering & include Member Number as the deposit reference.**

Please contact Treasurer David on 0474 482 034 for assistance or other payment options.

The Traveller Publication

The Traveller will be published every two months:
January, March, May, July, September and November.

The cut-off dates to submit articles, photos and any other item to be included in the magazine are **15th Decoember 15th February 15th April**
15th June 15th August 15th October

It is requested that you please submit your copy as early as possible.

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Manningham Hotel Lunch. Victoria 21/8/2024

Eighteen members met and had a nice lunch. It was great to catch up with those that could not attend our last Rally. Unfortunately, we had six apologies as medical issues got in the way. Plenty was talked about and all the problems were solved.



Going around the table left to right. Peter, Wombat, Neville, John, Denise, Marge, Bernadette, and Christine

New RV with the Shitbox Wrap.
Not my style, but it will enrage the rich
folk at the expensive campgrounds.



Want to hide in plain sight
and stealth camp?

Lunch at the Ashby Bar & Bistro WA July 17th 2024



Lunch organisers Geoff & Kylie



The Cassette

No, this is not a tech article about an outdated storage medium for video or music!

It deals with that humble container hiding in the ensuite, under the bed or in the back of a vehicle, which if not available can cause much discomfort if 'caught short'.

How did such a commonplace portable sanitary item evolve?

The humble repository has had many incarnations over the centuries to its present form. Originating in approx. 14BC. It was discovered in Egypt in a tomb belonging to Kha. Inside Kha's tomb, excavators uncovered a wooden stool (excuse the pun) with a hole cut into its centre, through which the overseer would presumably relieve himself into a vase-like object below. It's believed that the stool was placed in Kha's tomb to aid him on his journey in the afterlife.

In Pompeii, the bathrooms uncovered were found to be communal, they were adorned with frescoes and sculptures.

To aid interpersonal development, rows of holes were carved into cold, Italian marble slabs, not exactly feasible in a caravan!

To ancient Romans, the practice of sitting on a shared toilet in an open room full of people was entirely ordinary.



Roman toilets didn't flush. Some of them were tied into internal plumbing and sewer systems, which often consisted of just a small stream of water running continuously beneath the toilet seats.

This arrangement morphed into the chamber pot, doing away with the seat. This type of vessel was used throughout Ancient Greece from 6BC. Again, highly portable, but did not address the problem of the smell, let alone usage in a caravan (which my research found were not invented in this era!)

The 'close stool', built as an article of furniture, is one of the earliest forms of portable toilet. Not exactly portable and take a lot of space in the van/vehicle!

The close stool was sometimes called a necessary stool or a night stool. The eighteenth-century euphemism was convenience.

Closely following the receptacle, was the method in which we tidied oneself after attending the call of nature.



As I always remembered the inconsequential rather than the hard facts of Latin, Calculus & Algebra, this ditty once learned, was never forgotten.



When Adam was a little boy

And before paper was invented

He wiped his arse

With a piece of grass

And ran away contented

Thus, a method to which to the above could be achieved was developed.

A Roman user would sit down, take care of business, and watch number two float blissfully away down the sewer system. But instead of reaching for a roll of toilet paper, an ancient Roman would often grab a tersorium (or, in my technical terms, a "toilet brush for your butt"). A tersorium is an ingenious little device made by attaching a natural sponge (from the Mediterranean Sea, of course) to the end of a stick. Our ancient Roman would simply wipe him- or herself, rinse the tersorium in whatever was available (running water and/or a bucket of vinegar or salt water), and leave it for the next person to use. That's right, it was a shared butt cleaner. (And of course, there were other means of wiping as well, such as the use of abrasive ceramic discs called pessoi.)



The modern version of toilet paper was invented in 1391. In particular, it was designed for the Chinese Emperor family. It wasn't just your odd toilet paper roll. In fact, Chinese toilet paper consisted of perfumed flat sheets stacked on top of each other. But if we don't add the requirement 'modern' to it, toilet paper has been around for at least twice as long.

The fact that the Chinese invented toilet paper didn't mean that it was immediately a widespread commodity all over the world. In the 15th century, toilet paper became more common. However, only from the 19th century onwards, the toilet paper industry really started picking up. It started to be manufactured on large scales all over the world and has been projected to reach US\$50 billion by 2032 (that's a lot of trees)

As our toilets are very portable & are now being housed in close proximity to our cooking/sleeping areas in our Vans, a new branch of technology has arisen to address the management of our output (refer Advert in the Traveller from one of our sponsors).

This then morphs into the subject of chemicals, the Pros & Cons of various mixes to minimize odour, aid the breakdown of solids/liquids & safe disposal (this is worthy of another article in itself)!

So, the next time you are enjoying your daily constitution (alone), consider it as a purely biological function that has spawned a multi-billion \$ industry & cultural changes through the centuries.

To cite that brand of toilet paper, Who Gives A Crap™.



Creswick Rally, Victoria 17th – 24th July 2024

Wednesday 17th July.

Today being the first day, we had a total of 5 powered sites occupied. We also awaited the arrival of members who have booked three cabins. This is by far the lowest number of members attending in the nine years that we have been delegates for. We do have many members following the sun and some incapacitated with various forms of sickness.

As the camp kitchen is heritage listed, we thank all members for contributing fire wood for the open fire which was lit approximately one hour prior to happy hour each day.

The customary sausage sizzle was enjoyed by all.



We had both kangaroos and rabbits as permanent residents of the caravan park.

Thursday 18th July.

A free day until happy hour.

Happy hour happened as per usual.

After happy hour we had dinner at the renowned American Hotel. The proprietors took us on a tour to show us the various sketches of Norman Lindsay who was born in Creswick in 1879.

We all had a very enjoyable meal in the nice warm bar.



The two Johns sitting in the bar at the American Hotel waiting for our table.



Friday 19th July.

Today was our first excursion of the rally. It was a visit to Davo's Worm Farm just 5 kilometres away. Davo gave us an extensive insight into the benefits of having a worm farm. He openly stated that he gets 90% of his income from 5 acres of his 100-acre property, even though he runs both beef cattle and horses. He has been doing this for many years and was on Landline about three months ago promoting the benefits of worms to the agricultural industry.



After happy hour tonight we had a very nice warm meal in the camp kitchen. It comprised of either chicken & vegetable or pumpkin soup with bread sticks followed by bread & butter pudding with ice cream. Even though we were in the camp kitchen we had a very nice fire keeping us warm.

Saturday 20th July

The local market was on today but we had persistent showers until lunch time. Most people visited the Creswick Woollen mills buying their knitted gloves.

After happy hour tonight we had a lovely meal of Chicken Schnitzel with potatoes and salad followed by Apple Crumble and Ice Cream.

Once finished and cleaned up we had a game of Card Bingo.

But unfortunately, the fire was starting to burn down so the room temperature was starting to drop so we evacuated at about 8.30.



Sunday 21st July

Today the fire was up and running by 8am so that when members came for their pancake breakfast the room was nice and warm. We thank John for making the pancakes. Unfortunately, disc bowls was cancelled due to the grassed areas being too wet.

We commenced happy hour early having afternoon tea early enjoying Stewarts scones with jam & cream. Thank you, Stewart.

Tonight, we all brought our meat & salads to the camp kitchen and enjoyed a barbeque together.



Monday 22nd July

Today we travelled to Ballarat visiting Ballarat College (established in 1864) being taken around the complex on a conducted

tour. We first visited the dining room for the boarders, followed by the canteen for the day students



then the gymnasium, indoor heated swimming pool and indoor rowing (The only one in the southern hemisphere).



This was followed by various specialist classrooms for us to see education as it is today.

Afterwards we went for lunch at the oldest hotel in town, Craigs, which is well known for the various Royalty and dignitaries who have stayed there.

The meals were very nice and enjoyed by all.



Being a Ballarat resident, Stewart took us to the Ballarat Botanical Gardens, Prisoner of War Memorial, and the Prime Ministers Avenue. The Prisoner of War memorial listed the names of all prisoners in all the countries where they were held.

We thank Stewart for his very informative knowledge.

Tuesday 23rd July

Today was a free day for members to enjoy.

After Happy Hour today we all enjoyed a fabulous meal of curried sausages with mashed potatoes and vegetables followed by fruit and ice cream. Then sitting around the fire.





This is just to show every one the sort of fire that we had to keep us warm in the camp kitchen. Thank you John for finding a supply on your daily morning walk to supplement members contributions.

Wednesday 24th July.

Today we came to the end of our rally and we thank all our members for helping to make it the event that it was and thoroughly enjoyable.

Until we meet again at our AGM Rally at Hamilton on 5th September or for the members that went north for the Victorian winter the Christmas Rally at Seymour on 24th November.



Abby now has a new friend in
Dottie Kestle



Ballarat Botanical Gardens



Ballarat Botanical Garden



Tagalong Tour Station Stay WA 11/8/24—20/8/24

Sun 11/8 - 9 Vans and 15 persons travelled to Three Springs, where we all met up at the RV overnighter free camp.

Geoff & Denise opened the rally at 4pm, welcomed the members, handed out the Information sheets & maps for the tour.

Mon 12/8 - 8am we formed up for the tagalong, heading North to Morawa & then onto Yalgoo, where we topped up with fuel.

We then headed North 68km on gravel roads, to Melangata Station for a 3 night camp.

Tues 13/8 – The day was spent finalising the setting up of camp. Combined muscle/ brainpower & instructions from the sidelines, failed to erect one of the maquis tents!



Wed 14/8 – The morning heralded tea/coffee & cake at the Station Homestead, followed by a tour of the Monseigneur Hawes designed building. Our Host, Jo, pointed out the characteristic Hawe's signature in the design.



Ken, the Station leaseholder, then took us on a 50k guided tour of the station, visiting some spectacular breakaways & rock formations. The wildflowers were stunning.

Later in the day we had camp oven cooking instruction by Jo Clews, which served up some tasty food for the evening meal.

Jo's Maremma dogs meanwhile did the rounds seeking out lots of pets & cuddles from all.



Thur 15/8 – We formed up at 8am & headed Northwest on dusty gravel roads to Wooleen Station (160km) for another 3 day camp.

We arrived at 2.30pm, booked in at the office & then headed out to the 'remote' Rocky Outcrop Campsite, near a cluster of breakaways. The only facilities at this site are a drop toilet & fire pit!



Fri 16/8 - We did not get to do the Sunset Tour, so we did our own thing by walking some of the station tracks & doing a drive around.

That night we had a Mexican themed cook up. Most enjoyable, with Geoff & Caroline getting into the spirit of things by dressing up as Mexicans.



Sat 17/8 – The weather was starting to look ominous & by 3.30pm the expected downpour arrived. The track into the campsite and the camp area flooded.



That evening was destined to be a Chinese cook up, the weather said otherwise.

This did not deter Denise, who spent the wet afternoon in her van cooking & then to top it off, delivering it in the rain, with Geoff holding the umbrella, to all the vans!

Talk about Meals on Wheels.

Sun 18/8 – Next morning most of the water had gone, but there were some large very muddy puddles on the track out to the main road. Ric & Geoff escorted Robyn & Mei (2wd vehicles) to the main road & then returned to collect their own vans. We formed up the tagalong & then found most roads were now closed. This meant a detour by going North to Murchison, South to Mullewa & finally East to Gabyon Station, a round trip that added approx. 100km to our original route.



We arrived at 3.30pm & set up camp for our 2 day stay, next to the camp kitchen, with the toilets & showers close by.

Helen & Gemma, the station leaseholders, gave us a run down on station life (which is not for everyone) and the problems with dingo strikes that stopped them from running sheep.



The camp kitchen was great. Mei cooked one of her traditional meals for all of us, a very tasty 3 course meal, ably assisted by Fran & Denise.

Mon 19/8 – A Day of relaxation! 3 vehicles took off for an afternoon station touring, clambering up hills, looking at old bush stock yards & several dams & soaks. We had happy hour at the Homestead, with Helen cooking a very nice 3 course meal for our last night. At approx. 8.30pm I closed the rally.

Tue 19/8 – All packed up & members dispersed for home or to continue their travels elsewhere. A great time was had by all.

Geoff & Denise.



Gravel roads & rain—a good combination

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Everybody was hiding in their vans.



Ready to roll on the Station Stay Rally at Three Springs short stay park.

How to prevent caravan sway

Caravan sway, or snaking, is one of the most unsettling experiences you can ever have on the road, and it can, and does, lead to disaster.

Several factors cause caravan sway, but so we are clear, no amount of sway is acceptable, especially the inherent type that just develops at a certain speed, no matter the conditions. If you are experiencing caravan sway every time you tow, no matter how minor, something is wrong.

Sway is when the caravan is snaking or swerving behind the car. Because the caravan is following a swerving path, while the vehicle is mostly still going straight, it's actually going faster than the car towing it. Once we get our heads around that, understanding and dealing with sway is relatively easy.

There are many reasons a trailer could be 'going faster' than the car towing it. As a car brakes down a hill, the trailer's inertia will want it to keep moving forwards at the speed it was going. A gust of wind, hitting the trailer like the sail of a yacht, could add energy to the trailer, knocking it off course. Bumps or undulations in the road or even a sudden and sharp steering action to avoid a pothole or some wildlife, could force the suspension to work harder on one side, disrupting the trailer's balance.

Sway is also more likely to develop when the caravan carries most of its mass at its ends. Sometimes this is poor design, like when trailer manufacturers fit heavy accessories right back (like wheel carriers, toolboxes or water tanks) to lighten the hitch load. Other times it's because the most convenient storage spaces are at the ends of the caravan – under the bed and on the drawbar, and we Aussies love packing as much as we can.

So, there are a few things we can do. The first is to steer clear of caravans or trailers that have been 'balanced' by the manufacturer with heavy accessories on the rear. That's usually a mark of poor design. Caravans are best when they carry most of their mass down low and as close as possible to the axles.

When packing our trailers or caravans, aim to pack the heaviest things over the axles (working within the constraints of our caravan's layout, of course). Even consider spreading some of the load onto the tow car. Bikes might be better placed on the roof of the car, rather than the back of the caravan, for instance. Only pack the lightest things up high or at the back.



The best scenario is to have the caravan balanced so there's about 10 per cent of its total weight on the tow ball when it's under tow, without resorting to excessive mass on the rear. A little over or under is okay. Caravans handle best when they sit level. Nose up or down shifts weight to just one of the axles and reduces the contact it has with the road. Take some air out of the tow vehicle's front wheels, too, to increase their connection with the road.

Sway is best managed by slowing down the caravan. Although there's a lot of commentary saying you should accelerate out of sway, there's a whole host of reasons why that's a bad idea. More than likely, you'll just increase the chance of a crash, and you'll be going faster when it happens.

There is a range of great aftermarket products to deal with caravan sway, but most people probably have the means of slowing down their caravan at their fingertips already – the override function on your electronic brake control. Pressing it will apply the caravan's brakes only, very effectively slowing it down and bringing it into line with the car. It's a great skill to know exactly where that button is and to practice pressing it without looking at it, so you know you can do it in an emergency.



That's essentially how all the sway control systems work. While they vary in sophistication, all of them apply the caravan's brakes, when they detect sway, to slow it down to the same speed as the car. Some, like ESC from AL-KO, apply all the brakes at once. Others, like Dexter Sway Control, apply individual brakes to slow wheels one side at a time.

Brendan Batty-RAC

Just made my last payment!!!! She is all mine.



Like the car, I will get round to restoring this sometime.



After getting bogged, I invented a system to help others get out of sticky situations'

As the Big Lap gets ever more popular, an increasing number of grey nomads are opting for off-road caravans and campers as they head off in search of less crowded pieces of paradise. Unfortunately, an awful lot of them are also getting stuck!

And that's what happened to veteran traveller Bruce Toole several years ago when he took his camper trailer over to Queensland's Moreton Island.

However, it turns out that getting seriously bogged in soft sand might have been one of the best things that happened to Bruce ... and that's because it inspired him to create a revolutionary system to help others who found themselves in a similar bind.

Bruce tried unhitching his camper trailer to free his bogged 4WD, but he then ran into the issue of getting it back over the sand to his 4WD to re-hitch. The Skid Row Trailer Recovery Skid can be used to retrieve bogged caravans or camper trailers.

This was a major problem due to the soft sand with no support for the jockey wheel to move the trailer.

On Moreton Island, it took Bruce and his travelling companion an hour to get rehitched, albeit with a damaged jockey wheel and a tow hitch full of sand. Knowing he wouldn't have been the first to face the same conundrum, Bruce returned to his Gold Coast home determined to find a solution.



After rigorous testing and design refinements spanning a year, the Skid Row Trailer Recovery Skid was born.

The device, which is manufactured from high-grade polypropylene and carries a lifetime warranty, will travel easily over a soft, muddy or snowy surface at a slow pace to get a 'stuck' trailer to secure ground.

Bruce says the 'skid' has been designed for use with or without the jockey wheel to accommodate different conditions in the retrieval process.



It can also double as a support platform for the jockey wheel when parked on soft ground, allowing users to manoeuvre their van or camper trailer in tight spots without the jockey wheel sinking into the ground. Additionally, the brightly-coloured 'skid' will keep the trailer hitch and mechanicals out of the sand and mud.

And it is very compact (77cm x 39cm x 21cm), making it easy for grey nomads to store on roof racks or in storage compartments. It weighs just 3.8 kilograms.

The Aussie designed and manufactured Skid Row Trailer Skid retails at \$199, with free freight Australia wide.

The Grey Nomads



RV Name Quiz

Now for a little nonsense & frivolity.

Welcome to the rv name quiz. Your RV is a reflection of your personality and your life experiences. The name you choose for your car/motorhome/caravan should reflect your sense of adventure and outdoor enthusiasm. Take the RV name quiz to determine the best name for your vehicle. You may find a funny RV title! Just make sure to give the best explanation! A clever name is also a great way to stand out among your fellow travellers.

If you like to travel, you'll want a name that evokes your wanderlust. If you're looking for the perfect RV name, consider choosing a character from the popular science fiction series. A superhero is a fun choice. If you're more laid back, a character from a children's film will suit you. Moon Dancer is another great option.

You're probably a lover of adventure. A good RV name should express your love of the outdoors. If your name is a pun, consider using it as your RV name. If it's a scar or a song, a character from your favourite genre is a perfect fit. The name of your RV can be an expression of your spirit or zeal. You might even want to consider choosing an idiomatic word for your rig, based on your own personality.

What is your Rv Name?

Answer a few easy question and we will tell you what your Rv Name is.

[START THE RV NAME QUIZ](#)

Hold down the CTRL key & hover mouse pointer over the above.

ATRVC ANNUAL FEES 2025

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**If all the toilets in
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We extend a very warm welcome to the following members who have recently joined

Marjorie Watts. WA
Ross & Gillian Duncan. WA

Please take the opportunity to join one of our get-togethers soon and meet some of the characters that make up this club.

Membership Challenge

CLUB AIM:

Every Member to introduce one new member per year.

(Singles, Couples and Families are all welcome)

"There will be a prize of FREE MEMBERSHIP for ONE YEAR, for the most introduced between the 2023 AGM and the 2024 AGM !"

List to-date:

Colin and Wendy de la Nougerede referred by Warren & Lynette Everett
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Geoff & Caroline McKebery referred by Maureen & Hugh Robertson
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Kitchen Fiascos

Tired of boiling water every time you make pasta? Boil a few gallons at the beginning of the week and freeze it for later.



When you are so bad at cooking that you accidentally make Lava



A Summer Breakfast

When your cooking is so bad even the ingredients are horrified by what you've done to them



The Wrong Side of Serious

There was an Australian, English and an Irishman working on the 8th floor of a building site.

They were having their lunch break on the scaffolding.

The Australian said 'Look at this, I've got vegemite in my sandwiches again, have had them nearly every day this month. If I have it again, I'm going to jump off the building'.

The English man opened his sandwiches and said 'If I've got cheese sandwiches again, I'm also going to jump off this building'.

The Irishman said 'I will follow you blokes if I have Jam sandwiches again'.

So the next day, the Australian opened his sandwiches, 'Oh no, vegemite again' and jumped off the building.

The English man opened his sandwiches with the same reaction 'not cheese again' so jumped off the building.

Paddy the Irishman opened his sandwiches, 'I can't believe it, Jam sandwiches again' so also jumped off the building.

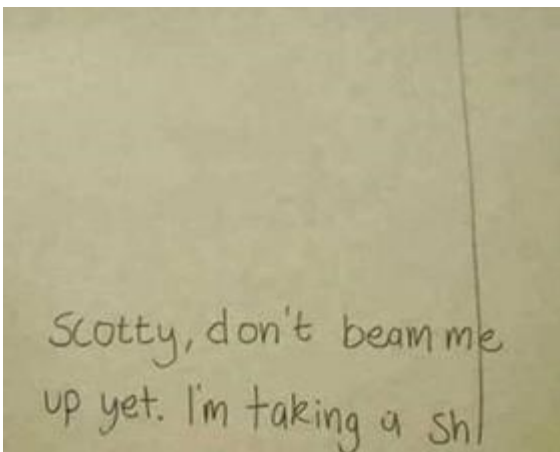
The wives had a combined funeral for their husbands.

The Australian wife said, 'I really thought my husband liked vegemite'.

The English wife said 'I also thought my husband liked Cheese sandwiches'.

Mary the Irish wife said 'I cannot understand it at all, Paddy used to make his own sandwiches'.

Member Allan 855



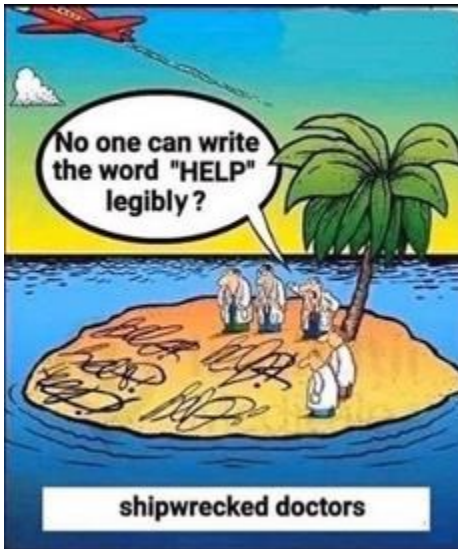
Australian Touring RV Club Inc. Get-Together Schedule 2024

Luncheons—contact the relevant organiser for Location and/or to register/book in.

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| Victoria | 5th Sept To 12th Sept | <p style="text-align: center;">Rally at Lake Hamilton Motor Village & Caravan Park.</p> <p>8 Ballarat Rd., Hamilton. Vic. Ph. 03-5572-55. Powered Sites \$44 p/n. (Disc. For 7 Nights \$39.60 p/n.) Ensuite Sites \$60 p.n. (Disc. For 7 Nights \$54.00 p.n.) Basic Cabin \$130 p.n. (Disc 10%) 2 B/R Cabin \$140 p.n. (Disc 10%)</p> <p>It is expected that Club AGM will be held by zoom on 10th Sept.</p> <p>Please book directly with park. Bookings to be made prior to 8/8/24. 14day cancellation policy. Advise vicdelegates@atrvc.org.au or phone 0409-352-515</p> |
| Queensland | 1st Sept To 11th Sept | <p style="text-align: center;">AGM Rally</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mullumbimby Showgrounds 62 Main Arm Rd, Mullumbimby</p> <p>All welcome</p> |
| Western Australia | 8th Sept To 13th Sept Note Change | <p style="text-align: center;">AGM Rally with Mary & John Kellerberrin Caravan Park</p> <p>Those attending, give names to Mary on 0467247736 Do not ring park.</p> |

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| South Australia | 6th Sept To 13th Sept | <p align="center">AGM Rally</p> <p align="center">Beautiful Valley Caravan Park Wilmington SA cnr Acacia Road and Horrocks Highway, Wilmington</p> <p>Powered sites are \$37.00 for 2/ppl and \$30/single. Please let Rosmarie know if attending and she will book your site. Payments will have to be made on day of arrival at Caravan Park</p> |
| Western Australia | October | <p align="center">Luncheon with Les & Jean</p> <p align="center">Details TBA</p> |
| Victoria | 16th Oct | <p align="center">Luncheon at Dandenong Club at 12 Noon</p> <p align="center">1579 Heatherton Rd. Dandenong North.</p> <p>Seniors Meals Available. Numbers to be confirmed 4th October.</p> <p>Advise vicdelegates@atrvc.org.au or phone 0409-352-515</p> |
| Western Australia | 10th Nov To 15th Nov | <p align="center">Rally with John & Mary, Fremantle Village Caravan Park</p> <p>Phone Caravan Park to book on 9430 4866 Deposit of \$49 ASAP—Inform Mary when paid. Discount of 10% applied on arrival. Sites not guaranteed on late bookings.</p> |
| Victoria | 24th Nov To 1st Dec | <p align="center">Rally at Big 4 Seymour Holiday Park. Vic</p> <p align="center">30 Trevan St., Seymour. Vic.</p> <p>Phone 03-5792-1530 Site Fees \$45.90 p. n. Basic Cabin \$144 p.n. 2 B/R Cabin \$153 p.n. Fire Pit at Park (Bring Wood & Kindling)</p> <p>Please book directly with park. Bookings to be made prior to 1/11/24.</p> <p>Advise vicdelegates@atrvc.org.au of phone 0409-352-515</p> |

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| South Australia | 18th Nov TO 24th Nov | <p align="center">The Park Jamestown-Xmas Rally 103 Ayr St, Jamestown</p> <p>Book for 7 nights and pay for 6, \$35/night.</p> <p>Phone the Park 86640077. The manager and owner at the park Ali would appreciate that you book 1 night 2 months before the 18th November and pay the 5 nights when you arrive. Look forward in seeing you in Jamestown, the area is a very interesting part of South Australia plus the town has very good caravan park. Also available are cabins \$140 and with a discount . Look forward in seeing you phone Allan Reynolds for more details on 0429 824245</p> |
| Western Australia | December 4th | <p align="center">Xmas Luncheon at The Ravenswood Hotel</p> <p>Lot 65 Lloyd Ave, just off Pinjarra Rd, Ravenswood Contact Colin & Lorraine Ralston 0417 943 226</p> |



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Luncheon

Don't forget Luncheon on 16th October 2024 at:
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Dandenong
(Contact Delegates – 0409-352-515)



Seymour Rally 24th November – 1st
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