



THE BULLETIN

PRESIDENTS REPORT AUGUST 2022

Hi to all our members, hope that you are all well and travelling while we are enjoying fine weather, at present anyway.

In my last report I advised that after the response at the previous Delegates' meeting we would go ahead and have a stand at the Caravan Show, however when Barbara put out a call for volunteers to help there were only a couple of responses, so the decision was taken to withdraw again this year. Maybe next year!!

Last month I attended the RVCAL (RV Clubs of Australia Ltd).

We are still trying to have the NSW Government review their Toll charges in Sydney. Meetings have been held with the Minister of Transport however she showed very little interest giving only a few short minutes however the Opposition Member gave a lot of time and took notes so maybe if there is a change of Government in NSW we might have some luck, who knows. It is interesting to note that to tow a caravan across Brisbane the cost over the Gateway bridge is \$6.00 whereas to do the same through Sydney can cost between \$65.00 and \$81.00 depending upon where you exit.

The RVSAFE program is going well with more content continuing to be produced.

Our big problem since my last report has been our public liability insurance renewal. In mid-May we were advised by our broker that the current company was no longer offering "Group Insurance". SO-

The broker approached six other companies and received the same response, they would however cover the NACC and State bodies, but not the clubs. This was not an option, because the cost to individual clubs would have been prohibitive with one quote for a single club coming in at just under \$6730.00 for the year. Directors were all looking at options, and I contacted a couple of past brokers, one of whom approached thirteen companies and all declined.

Finally, we had a lead to join with the motoring group "ARMA" so after a zoom meeting and many emails and phone calls to and fro, we were able to join in with their insurance by partnering with them. The NACC are paying the affiliation fee. We did receive another quote which came in at almost twice the cost, whereas the current arrangement is on a par with what we had been paying.

The big change came with the premium allocation. It is now done on a per member basis, which meant that some of our members received a pleasant surprise and others not so pleasant, but at least we now had insurance.

The change has raised some questions from some clubs, one being 'no mention of the word "caravans" but in the policy document under "General Provisions" sub section Vehicles, caravans are listed. And under the heading "Joint Insured" member to member, coverage is covered but they have used different terms.

I will take this opportunity to thank Rin (the NACC secretary) and Di (his wife) who while on holidays, spent a lot of time pulling up to make and take phone calls and generating emails back and forth. Thank you very much Rin.

We are due to hold a delegate meeting and it has been indicated that we should try for a face to face this time. But Barbara has been facing that dreaded INDEMNITY clause on hall hire agreement forms, but more on that soon.

Stay well and travel safe

Adrian

DATE CLAIMERS

CCQ CLUBS DELEGATES' MEETING

Saturday 19th November at 11am

At the Salisbury & District Senior Citizens Centre
87a Cripps Street SALISBURY

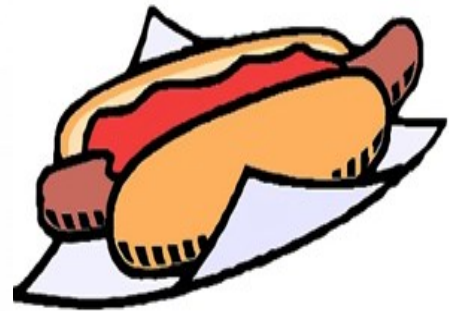
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There will be a sausage sizzle before the Delegate's meeting

Most welcome to bring your partners

Please RSVP to Barbara by Wednesday 16th November

ccqsecretary@gmail.com or Phone 0409 480 390



18TH NATIONAL CARAVAN CLUBS RALLY - 2023

Riverland Events Centre, Barmera SA

27th March 2023 to 4th April 2023

Arrive 27th March 2023, Depart 5th April 2023

<https://www.18thnationalcaravanrally.org.au/>



Still thinking about going to the 18th NATIONAL CARAVAN CLUBS RALLY

Its not to late to register.

How to register for the National Rally: <https://www.18thnationalcaravanrally.org.au/>

- a) Print a blank form off this website and post the completed form to The Registrar, 18th National Caravan Clubs Rally, PO Box 2185 Hilton Plaza SA 5033 **OR**
- b) Complete and submit the Registration Form on line using the Webform provided.



For all of the information on the 2024 Queensland State Rally go to:

<http://roustaboutsrvclub.com.au> and click on the image



19TH NATIONAL CARAVAN CLUBS RALLY - 2025

Australian Rural Education Centre
267 Ulan Road Bombira NSW (Mudgee) 2850

Monday 29th September to Wednesday 8th October 2025

NSW Association of Caravan Clubs

<https://www.19thnationalcaravanrally.org.au/>



CARAVANNING INFORMATION

RVCAL - Serving Australia's RV Community

About – RVCAL – Serving Australia's RV Community

Originally established in 2007, RV Clubs of Australia Limited, formerly known as MoTOURing Australia, aims to ensure the best legal and political representation can be achieved on behalf of its members.

The organisations that come together to form RVCAL potentially represent more than 750,000 recreational vehicles, that is roughly 1.3 million consumers, in a market that is increasingly growing. This figure embodies a substantial majority of our domestic RV tourist and the extended drive tourism market in Australia.

RVCAL MEMBERS

Campervan & Motorhome
Club of Australia Limited



www.cmca.net.au

National Association of
Caravan Clubs



www.nacc.asn.au

Australian Touring RV
Club Inc



www.atrvc.org.au

Australian Caravan Club



www.australiancaravaclub.com.au



AUSTRALIAN
COMPETITION
& CONSUMER
COMMISSION

<https://www.accc.gov.au/site=search/CARAVANS>

VIEW THE LATEST INFORMATION FROM THE ACCC ABOUT THE CARAVAN INDUSTRY

BUYING A NEW CARAVAN

Consumer guarantee rights when buying a new caravan

- Consumer guarantee rights when buying a new caravan
- Repair, replacement, refund rights for consumers
- Supplier rights and responsibilities when selling new caravans
- Next steps if you think you have been misled
- Consumer guarantee rights when buying a new caravan



National Association of Caravan Clubs Ltd

Supporting Caravanners
around Australia

<https://www.nacc.asn.au/>

NACC History

In 1970/71 the very first National Rally was held at Mildura and was organised by the Caravan Club of South Australia. Six clubs were in attendance at this rally.

Further National Rallies were organised by the different state associations and it was not until 1990 at the 7th National Rally that a decision was made to form an Australian Association of Caravan Clubs.

In 1993 at the 8th National Rally the National Association of Caravan Clubs was formed and became incorporated. Each State Association took turns at being the National Secretariat for a three year period and was responsible for organising the National Rally at the end of their three year tenure.

Since incorporated Associations are typically State based, it became increasingly clear that a national body needed to be under Federal jurisdiction and after much work, it was agreed to change the National Association to a Company Limited by Guarantee under the Corporations Act.

The National Association of Caravan Clubs Limited was officially registered in December 2009 with the President of each State Association of Caravan clubs being the members of the new company. As the NACC is a Company Limited by Guarantee, it does not have any shareholders and the membership is restricted to the State Associations.

The NACC is managed by a Board of Directors who are appointed by the State Associations. In several cases the President of the State Association is also the NACC Director for that state. National Rallies are still a key function of the NACC as well as being a member of RV Clubs Australia which represents the interests of all RV owners at the national level.

NACC MEMBERS



<https://canberracaravanclub.org>



<https://www.caravanclubsnsw.asn.au/>



<https://www.caravanclubsqld.org.au>



<https://www.accsa.asn.au/>



<https://www.accvic.org.au/>



<https://www.accwa.asn.au>

NEW TO CARAVANNING OR JUST NEED TO BRUSH-UP ON SOME TECHNICAL INFORMATION

GO TO THE WEB SITE BELOW AND CLICK ON ANY OF THE
TECHNICAL ITEMS LISTED THERE FOR MORE INFORMATION

CARAVAN COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA

TECHNICAL ARTICLES

[TECHNICAL ARTICLES \(caravancouncil.com.au\)](http://caravancouncil.com.au)

- Caravan & Camper-Trailer Axle Alignment
- Caravan & Camper-Trailer Wheel Off-set
- Caravan Tare Mass - GTM - ATM - Ball-loading
- Check-List - Used Caravan
- Tyres
- Caravan & Trailer Handling & Stability Issues
- Caravan Inspection - Basic
- Caravan Inspection - Detailed
- Caravan Towing Test - Theory
- Caravan Towing Test - Theory - Answers
- Selection of a Suitable Tow-Vehicle
- Caravan Maintenance
- Caravan - Ratings & Ball-Loading Optimization
- Caravan – Pre-Delivery Inspection
- Towing Caravans for Recreation
- Over-taking - Basic
- Over-taking - Detailed

CCQ Executive

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Barry A. Roberts - Editor

RACQ MEDIA RELEASE

RACQ to refund up to 500,000 customers a share of \$220m after insurer's 'significant' error

Hundreds of thousand of Australians will receive the cash refund after a 'significant' error from one of our biggest insurers.

Hundreds of thousand of people will receive a share of up to \$220 million due to a "significant" error by motoring insurer RACQ.

The Queensland-based company has determined it did not provide some customers promised discounts on some products.

"Up to 500,000 members will receive refunds because our disclosures were incorrect," said chief executive David Carter in a statement.

Payouts will be made for products dating as far back as 2013, the company said.

The company has not revealed specifically whether the refund will be paid to customers of any specific policy.

Rather, RACQ said the error relates to the company's product disclosure statement, which informs customers what they are and are not covered for under a specific insurance policy.

RACQ identified that those statements were "inadequate to describe how premiums are calculated for optional covers" and therefore some people weren't given the discounts they were entitled to.

The error was found internally before accounting giant KPMG was brought in to investigate.

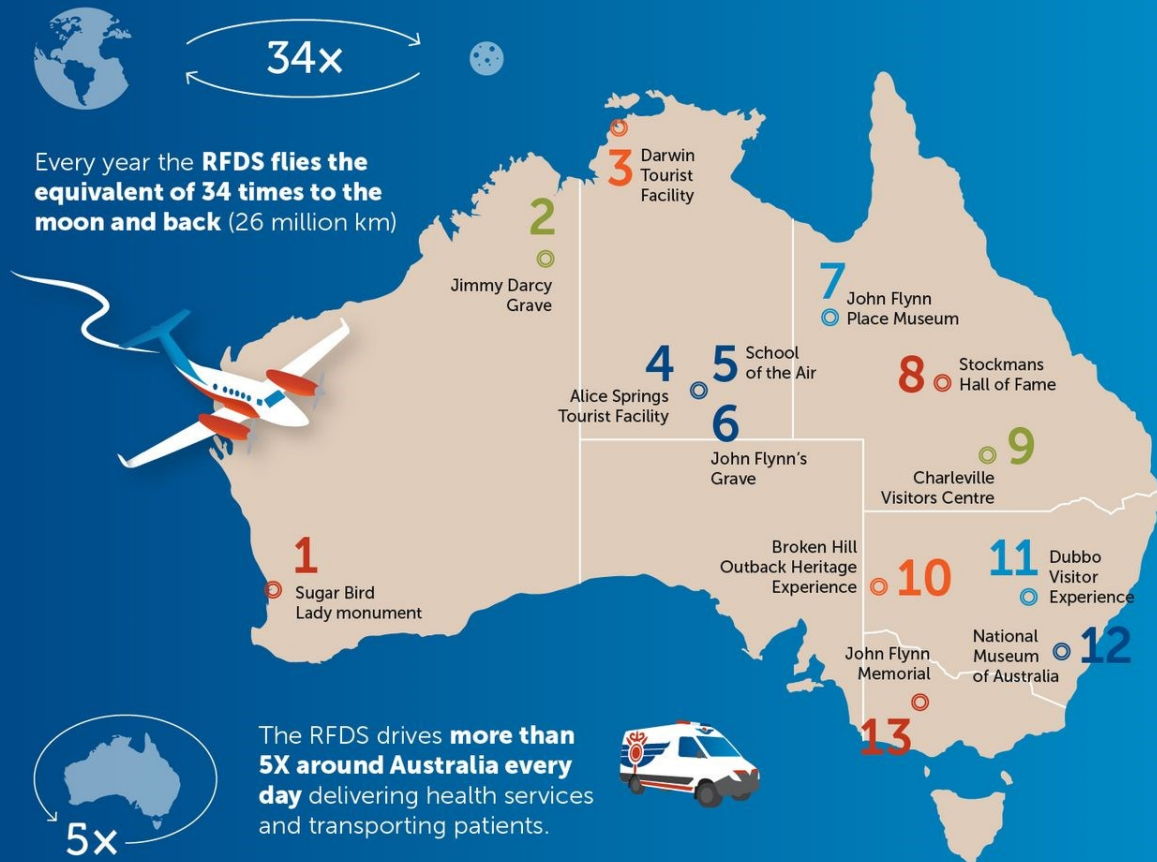
RACQ self-reported the matter to ASIC.

<https://www.racq.com.au/about-us/news-and-media/media-release>

Visit the RFDS

<https://www.rfds.org.au/visit-us>

With the travel restrictions now easing, there are many places you can visit the RFDS around Australia! Stop into one of our many visitor centres to learn more about the diverse work of the RFDS. By visiting one of our tourist facilities you are supporting the work of the RFDS.



Each year in Queensland the RFDS:

- visits more than 100 remote communities, providing over 98,000 episodes of care
- provides healthcare over an area of 1.73 million square kilometres
- delivers approximately 250 episodes of care each day
- holds more than 5,300 health clinics
- transports more than 11,700 patients to and from acute hospitals and specialist services
- provides much needed advice to more than 16,000 people through remote medical consults via phone or video-link
- improves regional Queenslanders' oral health through the RFDS Dental Service
- administers more than 3,700 immunisations.

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1. [Sugar Bird Lady monument](#), Jandakot, WA
2. [Jimmy Darcy Grave](#), Halls Creek
3. [Darwin RFDS Tourist Facility](#), perched on Darwin's beautiful waterfront, this award-winning Tourist Facility tells the story of the Flying Doctor. Immerse yourself in the John Flynn hologram presentation and virtual reality experience and complete your visit by taking part in the 1942 WWII Bombing of Darwin exhibit at the same venue.
4. [Alice Springs RFDS Tourist Facility](#), housed in Alice's original RFDS base, find out why the Flying Doctor remains so critical for those who choose to live and work in the bush. See and learn through the heroic tales of the service in Central Australia since 1939.
5. [School of the Air](#), Alice Springs
6. [John Flynn's Grave](#), Alice Springs, in the foothills of the MacDonnell Ranges outside of Alice Springs is Flynn's final resting place. The grave features a plaque concisely expressing a lifetime's achievements: "His vision encompassed the continent."
7. [John Flynn Place Museum](#), Cloncurry
8. [Stockmans Hall of Fame](#), Longreach
9. [Charleville RFDS Visitors Centre](#), learn about the history of the RFDS and see how far we have come. Located next to the operational Charleville base which commenced operations in 1943 and services approximately 622,000 square kilometres of southwest Queensland - an area almost the size of the United Kingdom.
10. [Broken Hill Outback Heritage Experience](#), uniquely located within a real-life working Flying Doctor base you can view RFDS team members take aeromedical emergency calls or track our aircraft fleet in real-time. Gain behind-the-scenes insight into where the RFDS TV show was filmed.
11. [Dubbo Visitor Experience](#), an interactive and immersive exploration of the world of the RFDS. Touch down into the world of heroic doctors, nurses, pilots, and outback communities.
12. [National Museum of Australia](#), Canberra
13. [John Flynn Memorial](#), Moliagul

FREEDOM CAMP OF THE MONTH

Sandy Creek Pub, Queensland

• BY MICHELLE GILMORE - MAY 23, 2022

[BUDGET CAMPSITE](#), [CAMPING](#), [FREE CAMPING QUEENSLAND](#), [HOTEL CAMPING](#), [PUB & CLUB CAMPING](#), [QUEENSLAND](#)

[FREEDOM CAMP OF THE MONTH - Sandy Creek Pub, Queensland - Camps Australia Wide](#)



The pub is not far from the Cunningham Highway, near Warwick in Queensland's Darling Downs. [We loved the sign here about patronising the hotel.](#)

The site is for patrons only, with a donation for charity and a fee for a shower. But it is great to find this freedom camp here, because the only other options in Warwick, are caravan parks. You can stay here up to 72 hours and bring your pets. There is ample room for Big Rigs, and tents are welcome, too.

As well as showers; toilets, water and mobile coverage are also available. Fires and generators are allowed, too.

There's even more – picnic tables, playground, shade and views! It is beside the road, but it wasn't a highway!

Our travellers have found the publican and locals very friendly, with "hot food and cold beer"!

We were a bit too early to sample the wares. But we'll have to return, because they describe it as a "classic country pub" that is "fabulous".

Remember, shut the gate!

Find this site and more nearby in the [CAMPS guide books](#), [new CAMPS Pendium boxed set](#) and [CAMPS AUSTRALIA WIDE App](#).