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Rally Report for Waikerie 16th– 18th September 2022

Vans attended: 1,3,13,14,16,17,23,25,32,33,37,38,39,41,43,47,48

How different, we actually left home on a *sunny* Thursday. Our early bird group met around the 'unlit' fire pit for happy hour, we scattered when threatened by a shower of rain.

Friday was Melbourne weather, 4 seasons in a day. Bronwen's first requirement for the day was a retail fix, of course a patchwork shop. We then drove via Barmera to the Overland Corner Hotel bumping into a carload of sightseeing Wanderers. As it was too cold outside we took the opportunity of sitting right in front of a cosy fire to partake of some lunchtime refreshment. Back to Waikerie via the ferry completing the loop.

We gathered in the rec room for happy hour creating our usual chaotic noise. Dinner was at the Waikerie Hotel, where the meals took a while to start coming out but then finally rolled on out.

Fabulous that they actually took names so that meals could quickly find their correct home!



Saturday again was Melbourne weather. Our intrepid walking group set off in blustery conditions with the usual aim to end the walk at a bakery.

Note from Editor: The organizer of the walk, one Neil Sayers, assured me that it was a nice easy walk and certainly not up hill! I wonder how he will explain these pictures?



And this one!



Oops!

I just realised that this last picture is from Yellowstone National Park! ... I must have accidentally slipped it in but, and I can't exaggerate enough, our walk was *very* steep!!

Surprise, surprise the majority decided to walk back from the bakery— or should we say **straggle back**, like a mob of **Browns' cows**

Can you identify anyone??



Many thanks to the Committee members who provided the yummy sausage sizzle lunch. The Members meeting was followed by happy hour in the rec room with a number of members interested in watching the AFL match.

We returned to the rec room after tea for a competitive quiz night.

Firstly Kathy handed out some lollypop ‘suckers’ to members for misdemeanors which had been observed.

The quiz took part in 3 sections, 1st 3 pages of logos which needed to be identified, 2nd a slide show where 25 sites/locations within Australia had to be identified, 3rd 2 sheets divided into 6 categories of questions to be answered.

Thanks to Bill for putting the quiz together and to Kathy for running the evening.

Oops! We can’t give you the name of the winning team as we forgot we were doing the rally report.

Finally, there was a BYO supper and the icing on the cake was Gloria providing cream/jam filled sponges to celebrate Steve’s 80th birthday.

Congrats and happy birthday Steve, from all.

Thank you fellow members for your company on another well organised much enjoyed rally.

Neil & Bronwen – Van 1

Foretaste of the next Rally at Kapunda on 21st October



Caravan Safety

Towing a caravan adds significant weight to your vehicle, requires careful planning and loading, and puts additional responsibilities on a driver to manage safety.

Between 2016 and 2020, there were 215 casualty crashes involving a vehicle towing a caravan on NSW roads. These crashes resulted in 17 fatalities and 116 serious injuries.

Making sure you know how to load and weigh your caravan, and safely drive while towing one, can reduce your risk of being involved in a crash. It can also affect your caravan insurance cover and by complying with safe loading laws, you won't run the risk of fines from police enforced Roadside Caravan Safety Inspections.

Before you tow a caravan you need to:

- Understand how towing a caravan can affect your driving, your safety and the safety of others on the road
- Make sure your vehicle's towing capacity is adequate
- Ensure you have weighed your caravan and your vehicle, you know your aggregate trailer mass (ATM), gross trailer mass (GTM), gross combined mass (GCM), and you understand how to find and use a weigh station in NSW
- Correctly load your caravan to meet safety requirements
- Know the safety checks you should make before and during your trip
- Ensure you have a Do not overtake turning vehicle sign attached to your caravan, if the combined length of your vehicle and caravan is 7.5 metres or more, and you wish to straddle the adjacent lane to turn.

How towing a caravan affects your driving

Driving while towing a caravan is a different experience to normal driving; it requires heightened spatial awareness of both your vehicle and caravan, a need for greater stopping distances and careful consideration of environmental factors such as high winds, wet roads and uneven surfaces.

All these factors can make the driving experience challenging and increase driver fatigue. It is important to make sure you don't drive when you are tired, and always plan for plenty of rest breaks on your trip.

Driving tips for towing a caravan

- You need to allow for the extra length and width of your caravan when entering traffic or changing lanes and allow for the extra road space required on corners and curves
- Apply the accelerator, brakes and steering smoothly and gently to avoid sway – particularly in wet or slippery conditions
- Leave a longer stopping distance from the vehicle ahead than when you are not towing a caravan and increase this gap further for longer and heavier caravans. Allow even more distance in poor driving conditions
- Use a lower gear when travelling downhill to maintain vehicle control and reduce the risk of brake failure
- When reversing, have someone watch the rear of the caravan from a safe location – reversing a caravan is difficult and takes practice
- Be aware of the increased effects of cross winds, passing heavy vehicles and uneven road surfaces that can cause your caravan to sway.

Reference: [Caravan safety - Drivers - Staying safe - NSW Centre for Road Safety](#)

Members News

October Birthdays

Many Happy Returns to:

03th Pete Drury
15th Leonie Gora
16th John Duval
20th John Tarrant

October Anniversaries

Congratulations to:

03rd John and Sandra Tarrant
06th Val and Bernie McDonald
10th Gloria and John Wertiko
29th Graham and Chris Perry

Christmas Raffle & Function

Xmas Raffle: Kathy & Corrine will collect raffle donations of Xmas related consumables (edible or drinkable). Please bring donations to Kapunda or Cobdogla rallies. Raffle tickets will be available at Kapunda rally. Raffle will be drawn at the Christmas function.

Christmas Function

This year's Christmas Lunch will be held at 12.00 on Sunday 4th Dec 2022 at the Airport Over 50's Club, 18 Coral Sea Rd, Fulham (the same venue as last year). The cost will be advised later in the year.

RALLIES FOR 2022

Oct	21 - 23	Kapunda (Pets)
Nov	17 - 19	Cobdogla (Pets)
Dec	9 - 11	Clayton Bay (Pets)

RALLY BOOKINGS

1) Logon to the Club website and click on the Rally Dates Page in the menu. Next click on the link to the rally sheet for the rally you wish to attend, If your name is not on the list and you wish to attend or amend your booking click on the button at the bottom of the page. On the booking form please select rally(s) you wish to attend, intended day of arrival and departure, name, van number, and how many will attend the dinner on Friday. Please use the comments box to flag changes or special arrangements you wish to make. Finally click the submit button.

2) If you do not have access to internet and you wish to attend, or you wish to cancel out please advise the **Marshall Trevor Wall** via talk or text on 0414633999 **ASAP.**

3) Within one week of a rally any cancellations or changes to the day of arrival please notify both the Marshall, as well as the management of the caravan park.



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Vans Attending: (subject to change) :

3,13,14,17,20,23,25,26,31,32,33,35,37,38,40,42,43,48

Cabins: Barry & Julia Herbert

Some of the local attractions:

Kapunda Heritage Trail

- The Kapunda Heritage Trail meanders ten kilometres through the town, allowing the opportunity to see some of the town's historic places, buildings and remnants of previous lifestyles that have shaped Kapunda's history and character.

Kapunda Historical Society Inc Museum

- The Kapunda Museum recognised as one of the finest folk museums in Australia was built in 1866. The museum contains a huge collection covering every facet of Kapunda's history and there is an extensive display of agricultural machinery and historic vehicles.

Kapunda Mine Trail

- The Kapunda Mine Trail is an easy walk of one and a half kilometres and takes about one hour to complete. Interpretive signs explain how the ore was mined and treated.

The Kidman Connection

- The Kidman Connection is a self walking or driving tour of Kapunda highlighting places connected with Cattle King Sir Sidney Kidman, by following a detailed self guided brochure available from the Kapunda Visitor Information Centre.

The Taste of the Region Interpretive Centre

- The Taste Of The Region Interpretive Centre is located in the basement of the Kapunda Visitor Information Centre, Thomson Building, 51 Main Street Kapunda. It is a delightful and interesting surprise to most visitors.
- The Local Bakery is run by friends of Maryanne and they have a special coffee and cake deal for club members .

Rally Programme for Kapunda, 21st - 23rd October 2022

Times and events may be subject to change, please check noticeboard on arrival.

Pay on arrival. (Furry members on Leash)

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Cabin: Barry & Julia Herbert

Friday: Arrival of vans
3.00 pm Committee meeting
4.00 pm Happy Hour
6.30 pm Meal at Local Hotel.

Saturday:

9.00 am Walking Group meet at flagpole.
11.00 am Car run (BYO picnic lunch)
4.00 pm Meeting & Happy Hour
7.00 pm Evening games night

Sunday:

9.30 am Social gathering say goodbye to those leaving
Homeward Bound