



Towing Tales

Concord Caravan Club of WA

May 2024

Wandering Caravan Park



We had a peaceful drive through the forest from the city, taking it easy as we passed Emus and Kangaroos along the way. We made it in plenty of time for happy hour to find a well-kept Park with a large grassed area, spacious bays and modern facilities (and ample hot water, always appreciated), surrounded by beautiful gum trees and bushland.

While we arrived to lovely weather, earlier arrivals encountered heavy rainfall with some minor flooding, necessitating some site movements, which accounted for why the nearby stream was running despite the very dry summer.

Members had been enjoying getting a head start on their Bocce and practising their skills on the lovely grassed oval.

The gazebos had been erected next to the large well appointed campers kitchen providing us with both an inside and outside meeting point. Everyone joined together for Happy Hour enjoying a mild if chilly evening and a chance for an enjoyable catch up. Two of our prospective new members, Helen and Wolfgang, introduced us to local friends who had come for a catch up before heading off to the local Tavern (which they said was a great feed and thoroughly recommended it).

Saturday morning dawned a little cloudy and chilly but otherwise very pleasant and was heralded at 6am by a chorus of Kookaburras followed by a cacophony of birds to welcome in the day.

Our president, Norma opened the rally and warmly welcomed everyone at Morning tea, including another prospective member, Bev.



Nancy and Rick were greeted back after a long absence, and she acknowledged Jodie joining us (in one of the spacious cabins) despite the sad loss of Wendy (her caravan). She also outlined the events planned for the weekend, including the themed “Italian” costume night and following delicious Italian inspired feast for Saturday dinner.

We were all warned that the “Got to Hand it to You” trophy (giant hand to be worn around your neck) would be issued to anyone who made a spectacularly embarrassing blunder (fortunately no one was issued with one over the weekend) and she issued a special “Gold Star Award” to Terry for fixing the hot watersystem on the amenities block and for all that he does in general for the club.

Jodie shared a tip from her dealings with the Police, who recommend that it is a good idea to leave a tracking device (luggage tracker or similar) inside any unattended caravan so that in the unfortunate circumstance that your van is stolen it can be easily tracked.

The raffle saw Kath the winner, with Pat 2nd and Graham 3rd.





Terry suggested a bush walk, so those of us inclined, headed off for a delightful stroll along the Wandering Heritage and Nature Walk Trail. Initially following the stream, the pathway made its

way through the natural bushland in a large loop around the oval eventually returning to the caravans. Along the way we encountered interesting fact stations about local wildlife and historical points of interest. Markers representing local families dotted the walk track which ambled around with a stop at the Old School Site before returning.



The rest of the morning saw some members meet up to do their crafting (and eat Blueberry candy) in the Campers Kitchen while others settled in to watch the football before everyone went their separate ways for lunch.

The Bocce Tournament had us all gathering on the oval for a hotly contested round of games. We had five teams in all, Pizza Pinchers, Versace, Gelato, Mafia and Italians. Wolfgang threw the best shot of the day with his ball landing an impressive 15mm from the pallina (small target ball). Versace ended up the overall winner for the day.



Happy Hour followed with a chance to relax and unwind, unfortunately the Total Five Ban precluding us from lighting the fire pit.

Everyone left only to return dressed in their finest “Italian” getup.

The entertainment committee had done a wonderful job decorating the gazebos to set the mood, decorating them as an Italian Tavern. We were joined with a hilarious and impressive



array of celebrities, including the Pope, a Monsignor, a Nun, some Italian Nonnas, Gangsters, Wog Boys, Gondoliers, a Pizza and even a Statue of David.

A mouthwatering smorgasbord of Italian dishes and delicious desserts

left us all a little tighter around our belts, and a fantastic night was enjoyed by all (see below photo gallery).



Sunday morning we all met again for another morning tea as many were staying on for a longer stay. Norma officially closed the rally and thanked the new prospects for getting in to the spirit and everyone for joining in and especially the “Devine Food”. She reminded everyone who was going on the Roving Rally to pay their fees and to also to keep an eye out for the Annual Membership email and to please forward the payment before 30th June.

Thank you to all those who sent photos for consideration

Cheers Lisa (and Ray)



Too view more photos go to Concord Facebook page







June to July Birthdays

June – Arthur 3rd, Erica 14th, Robert G 24th
July – Trudi 28th

For those on the sick list,
we wish you a speedy recovery & hope to see you caravanning soon.

Next Rallies & Event

- Roving Rally 31st May to 3rd June
(see Robert for more information)
- Social Event Byford Tavern 21st July
Abernathy Room 11.30 am for 12 noon start
(confirm to Robert by 14th July)
- AGM 18th August 10.30am
Followed by BBQ lunch
SES, Education Dr, Greenfields
- Harvey Rainbow Caravan Park 20th to 23rd September
(Cut off 20th Aug - see Robert for more information)
- Little Eden Pine Camp 25th to 27th October
(book on hicamp see Robert for more information)
- Xmas Lunch and possible Rally 29th Nov to 1st December
(details yet to be finalised)

Please assist our Treasurer by listing info on deposits as follows:

SURNAME Event description \$

Eg: EDWARDS Roving Rally \$20

Membership Officer is Arthur Pincham, please check your details & if any changes please let Arthur know npi14709@bigpond.net.au

Safety First Remember that you need to carry 2 fire blankets in your caravan, 1 in the front inside near the Entry Door & 1 in the back, plus 1 extinguisher near the front door. This is for your own safety.

Bookings for your Dairy 2024

All information is on your Rally Calendars

You must contact the Secretary to confirm your booking.

Please note cut off dates for Rallies

If you are not arriving on the due date, PLEASE let the particular caravan park know so they can re book that site for the night or if you require extra days.

Remember To keep your van & valuables locked. They cost too much to replace. Consider installing a tracking device for when your van is unattended and stay safe.

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