



Carefree Communications

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President's Message JANUARY 2025

Another year has passed with lots of changes in members, caravans and a few new suggestions being discussions firstly to consider purchasing some Gazebos for use at rallies when the camp kitchen struggles to be sufficient whilst serviceable, the biggest problem with this is transporting and housing them so once again the committee unanimously agreed to give them a miss.

Another item on the Agenda was the introduction of Club Polo Shirts which we are investigating and you may have noticed a sample being worn by our Secretary at the luncheon last week. Roger and Gloria purchased the cloth badges when they joined the club, I guess it was Gloria's handiwork to stitch them onto their shirts and personally I think they look great and I would be proud to wear them when appropriate to not only look like a club but to show the comradeship within the Carefree Caravanners of SA Club. The matter raised some discussion during the State Rally as we all noticed the other clubs displaying their logos etc. Don had previously raised the aspect of Promotional Material to the table and as a result we asked him to follow through the information we had from David Young and Christopher Edwards and advise members of findings. If you haven't heard anything yet you will do so in the near future.

Another initiative which has been acted upon was to get some sort of Loud Speaker to not only get the attention of members in our gatherings but to ensure everyone hears any information we may be trying to provide at happy hours etc. After some investigation we decided on a Karaoke Machine which has its own microphone. This has been purchased and we trialed it at Avoca Del on the last day of the rally however there wasn't many people in the room at that time. I have since had a play with it at home to ensure using the microphone successfully and will be bringing it to Minlaton to make its debut. It will also serve if or when we wanted to have a singalong or just listen to music. I will continue to use my Bell, a great gift from the Swinsteds and maybe use my assistant Judy to actually get your attention. She certainly showed her expertise in this procedure at Murray Bridge.

Thanks to Tony Langley our “Responsible Person” for once again bringing significant information on the use of to the De-Fib to the committee about which we are following up. At the time of writing this Rhonda as Caretaker of the machine in readiness for Minlaton, has also done a thorough check of the machine and found items that are out of date and need replacing, which she will do prior to our next rally. Thanks Rhonda. I too have the job of trying to get more information on use of the machine and Trevor is investigating a suitable lock up box for its safety.



Lastly, as you may be aware we held next year’s rally programming meeting prior to our luncheon and with the assistance of Peter’s result of collecting suggestions from everyone who answered his emails and requests. The top three suggestions were Clare, Meningie and Bendigo which have been included for the period July 2025- to June 2026. The info provided by Peter was a big help in trying to please our members, so we live in hope. Then again I really believe every rally is what you make it and we need to enjoy every chance we get to be happy as life can turn a corner very quickly.

I hope you all enjoyed our luncheon as much as I did, the venue was superb, my meal delicious and the company was great. What more could we ask for. It was disappointing for those unable to join us but we thought of you all. However, it was great to see Len Rolfe walk in looking like he’s almost ready to run a marathon after a double knee operation although it appeared he was using a stick that was just like a security blanket, there just in case!

In closing I’d like to send best wishes to David Young, Robert Finney and Rob Trice for their coming bouts of surgery. Good Luck to you all. I do apologise if I’ve missed anyone.

Barbara Stanley
President

NEXT RALLY

(From the Rally Coordinator)

FEBRUARY	13 – 17	Thursday - Monday	<u>MINLATON</u>
			<u>YORKE PENINSULA</u>
			<u>400 KLMS Rtn</u>

There will be 16 members and 9 vans attending.

Peter Herreen
Rally Coordinator

Carefree Caravaneers of SA

REMINDER ALL PERSONS ATTENDING TO RING THE PARK AND BOOK.**BUNNINGS BBQ**

Thanks to all members who assisted at the Bunnings BBQ for the Club on Saturday 28th December 2024. The weather was a little inclement for a time and it rained causing sales to be affected. The afternoon was better and overall it was a great day for the Club. Graham, Jacqui, Paul and Roger had the last shift with the packing up. Thanks again to all who assisted to benefit the Club. Volunteers are always wanted and welcome.

**ADVERTISING FOR THE CLUB**

The Committee have decided to purchase a number of business cards advertising the Club. Often members are approached to find out about the Club and although we do have some flyers, a business card is a better size to give to people who are enquiring. These are also ideal to give out to people enquiring about the Club at Bunnings BBQ etc.



JANUARY LUNCH

About forty members attended the January 2025 Club Lunch at the Morphett Arms Hotel. Prior to the meeting the Committee met and planned the next twelve month rally programme. This will be available in this Newsletter. It was a difficult job, however, we trust that you will find the programme interesting. The Rally in May next year to Bendigo will not be a tag a long but rather make your own way there and enjoy 4 nights in Bendigo. Plenty to see and there is a race meeting during the period we are there. A few years ago members attended the same race meeting which was most enjoyable. Then make your own way home.

Everyone commented on the lunch venue as being very good and the food also enjoyable. The Hotel provided a meeting room free of charge for our planning meeting.

A number of members were unable to attend due to ill health. We wish them all a speedy recovery and hope to see them soon.

Roger Zeuner



YOUR HARD WORKING COMMITTEE AT WORK. + ONE

RALLY REPORT AVOCA DELL

Monday 2nd December and there were forty plus members registered for the Christmas Rally at Avoca Dell just outside Murray Bridge, only a short distance to travel from Adelaide, about one hour for most members.

Temperature was not too hot but there was a strong wind all the way. Some members preferred to travel on the Sunday prior to the commencement of the Rally and they were all set up upon our arrival. GROVERMANN's, NIEMANN's and EDWARDS had recently finished a cruise and Chris was not feeling well, however, it was great to see them after their cruise. Happy hour was well attended, however the camp kitchen area had very poor acoustics and with the din made by forty plus caravaneers at times it was deafening.

Tuesday saw the committee meeting where very many hard decisions were-discussed and made. In the afternoon we decorated the hall area in preparation for our lunch on Wednesday. Weather was balmy and the wind had almost stopped. This allowed time for decorating caravans for the Christmas decoration competition, an annual event judged by the caravan park owners. Late afternoon the Dowers arrived after getting of their cruise at 7am that morning. Covid testing and wearing of masks was undertaken by the Dowers, but all proved negative, which was a great result.

In the evening, which was somewhat chilly some members sat around and listened to and sang Christmas Carols.

Wednesday morning saw some members travelling into Murray Bridge to get some last minute decorations and supplies for the lunch. The lunch was timed for 12.30pm however as is the case with our members, most were seated and partaking in a glass or two by noon. Chris and Barbara had organised an old acquaintance of Chris from his Port Pirie days to entertain us. Ian was billed as an entertainer and he was extra special with his entertainment. Would recommend him for all such events. Talking to Ian he lives just around the corner from Roger and Gloria in Underdale.

The caterers, Fieldhouse Catering, arrived and worked their magic.

Prawn cocktail to commence the meal followed by pork and beef with mixed vegetables. Very sizeable serves, I do not think that members went hungry. Dessert was a pudding or apple pie with custard. All delicious.

During the afternoon the BROWN's and GROVERMANN's presented a skit to the music of John Williams Old Farts and Caravan Parks. Again great fun enjoyed by all.

At 4pm Father Julian Christmas arrived. It appears that Father Christmas had been out in the paddock since last year as the Christmas suit had shrunk. Great laughter and frivolity whilst the Kris Kringle presents were handed out with the obligatory sitting on Santa's lap. There was a very special present left for Father Christmas with instruction from Mr T that it was to be opened at the time. Father Julian Christmas unwrapped a Peter heater, which Judy Duke willingly assisted him to wear. Great fun.

Everyone was full by this time and happy hour was dispensed with. That evening more sitting around listening to Christmas Carols and of course a libation or two. The Christmas lights were judged, but there was talk about sabotaging Gloria and Rogers caravan lights and so Roger stood guard until after the judging.

The new owners of the park only took over about 12 months ago and have already cleaned the park up and they have more plans for the future to improve its facilities. A great young couple who were most accommodating.

Very hot evening with no wind, a few mosquitoes were around though.

Thursday

Most members slept in due to hectic previous day. Four or five members left to travel home due to other commitments.

Too hot for games this morning and twenty of us opted to go to lunch at the Bridgeport Hotel, where it was cool. Forty plus degrees outside today.

Returned to park for happy hour. Fresh rolls and the left over pork, beef and vegetables. This went down very well.

Chris and Barbara purchased a small karaoke machine with a microphone to test out for when Barbara is making announcements. It worked very well and so now that issue has been resolved.

Big presentation of the decorated caravan competition. Fanfare. For the past two years the Zeuner's have won this highly praised competition. For a record breaking three times, Zeuners won again, bringing home the chocolates. Warren and. Margaret were runners up. Better luck next year for all competitors. Happy hour was completed with Julian testing out the Karaoke machine. It was not long and the hall was empty with Julian serenading himself and Brenda. Well done Julian.

Early to bed for most. The weather changed with lightning and thunder, a great light show. I heard no names mention but initials CD that the caravan power went out at about 11pm. Finding torches and disturbing everyone in the van to look at the battery system, of course finding nothing wrong getting out in the weather to check the metre box to find that the plug had pulled out slightly. I am just glad it was not me.

The feedback for this rally has been great. Many members stating that it was the best Christmas rally for many years. I would have to agree.

Special thanks to the Committee and everyone else who assisted to make this rally most enjoyable

Roger and Gloria Zeuner. 3 x CCCCC. (Carefree Caravaneers Christmas Caravan Competition).
Reporters,

NEW MEMBER PROFILE

My name is CHRIS KOKOTIS



My father was born in Cyprus, my mother in Belgium and I was born in Port Pirie, Australia.

At nine years of age I studied Drumming for a Drum Tutor and at fourteen I started playing in Bands and was being paid for it.

My three brothers and I played Soccer as Juniors and when we were in our teenage years, we all played A Grade Soccer. Four brothers in eleven players.

At the age of 17 I left high school to begin as a Five Year Apprentice as a Fitter and Turner with the Engineering & Water Supply Department at Crystal Brook. I worked there for 5 years as an Apprentice and one as a qualified Tradesman. I then left there and started at the Broken Hill Associated Smelter in Port Pirie as a Fitter and Turner in their workshop. The reason for leaving the position at Crystal Brook was the 55km round trip each day.

During the ages of 17 to 26 I played two to three nights a week in bands, also playing A Grade Soccer on Sundays and working Monday to Friday at the smelters. I was married at the age of 20 and had a daughter, then when I was 25 my wife had gave birth to twin sons and was brain damaged from their birth. This changed my life completely and seven years after that, the marriage the marriage broke down due to her mental condition. I later re married and had two more children a boy and a girl with my second wife.

At 38 I was offered a position to become a DJ for the Publican that my band worked for. This was at the time of the Disco Era and bands were out of vogue. I took this on because it was very lucrative at the time. It was three nights a week, Thursday, Friday and Saturday night until 4 a.m. I entertained there for seven years whilst still working Monday to Friday at the Smelters. After that I started my own Disco business doing Weddings, Engagements and Hotels all over South Australia traveling in my Disco Van on weekends.

At 55 I was offered a Redundancy (Voluntary) by the smelters which was too good to refuse then continued to work in my trade all over Australia with some FIFO Work including 3 years for BHP Billiton at Roxby Downs and Power Stations and Chemical Plants all around Australia. I still have a home base in Port Pirie but mostly travel, only going back to my house to re-charge. As all of my family, children, brothers and relatives live in the Adelaide area. I am now fully retired and enjoying being part of the Carefree Caravaneers Club due to my good friend Barbara.

Life is good, health is good and this club surrounds me with positive, friendly and worldly people that I enjoy being with.

AVOCA DELL GALLERY

All photos of this rally are available on our web site in the Gallery.

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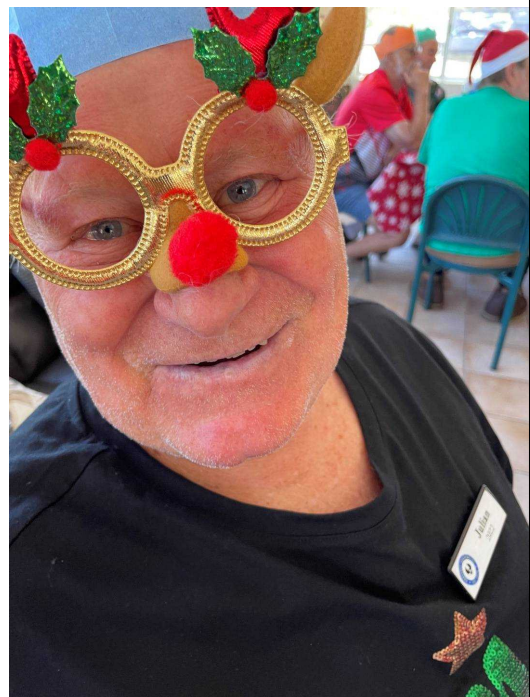




Carefree Caravaneers
enjoying their Christmas Celebrations
at Avoca Dell Park
4th December 2024



Carefree Caravaneers
Caravan Club
best decorated Caravan
December 2024
Avoca Dell



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To access the web site enter this web address into your web browser, google chrome, safari etc. or search google for carefreecaravaneers.org.au

The home page will be displayed with a menu across the top if using a computer or on the home page if on the ipad, tablet or phone.



Carefree Caravaneers Club of SA Inc

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All the latest Club information is accessible including Rally Programme, Rally Summaries, Photos and much more.

The Clubs Facebook group is called CarefreeCaravaneers Caravan Club. This also contains a lot of Club information, photos and activities by members. If you wish to join the club log into facebook and search for **Carefree Caravaneers Caravan Club**. If you have trouble accessing either of these facilities please contact Roger Zeuner 0421127657.

(Go on give it a go, you know you want to and you may see some things you have not seen for a long time.)



CELEBRATIONS **2025**



BIRTHDAYS JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2025

Young, Ruth	Jan 10	76
Trice, Rob	Jan 12	79
Wainwright, Bob	Jan 19	80
Short, Valerie	Feb 20	72
Niemann, Grant Robert	Feb 23	0
FINNEY, Molly	Feb 25	66
Young, David	Feb 27	75

Wishing you all very happy celebrations!

RALLY PROGRAMME
2025/26

Full programme for 2024 and 2025 available on web site.

<u>2025</u>			
JANUARY	15	Wednesday	<u>MORPHETT ARMS HOTEL</u>
FEBRUARY	13 – 17	Thursday - Monday	<u>MINLATON</u> <u>YORKE PENINSULA</u> <u>400 KLMS Rtn</u>
MARCH	11 - 20	Tuesday - Thursday	<u>ROBE /</u> <u>MT GAMBIER/PORTLAND</u> <u>SOUTH EAST</u> <u>1100 KLMS Rtn</u>
APRIL	7 - 11	Monday - Friday	<u>MOUNT PLEASANT</u> <u>ADELAIDE HILLS</u> <u>130 KLMS Rtn</u>
MAY	9 - 13	Friday - Tuesday	<u>CLAYTON BAY</u> <u>FLEURIEU</u> <u>200 KLMS Rtn</u>
JUNE	12 - 16	Thursday - Monday	<u>LAKE BONNY</u> <u>RIVERLAND</u> <u>400 KLMS Rtn</u>
JULY	17	Thursday	<u>LUNCH</u> <u>Venue to be Advised.</u>
AUGUST	14 – 18	Thursday – Monday	<u>STONEY CREEK</u>

SEPTEMBER	4	Thursday	<u>AGM</u> <u>Venue to be advised with a meeting room.</u>
SEPTEMBER	8 – 12	Monday – Friday	<u>CLARE</u>
SEPTEMBER	29 TH –	To 8 Oct	<u>NATIIONAL RALLY</u>
OCTOBER	16 – 20	Thursday – Monday	<u>MOUNT BARKER</u>
NOVEMBER	12 – 16	Wednesday – Sunday	<u>NORMANVILLE</u>
DECEMBER	2 – 6	Tuesday – Saturday	<u>CHRISTMAS LUNCH</u> <u>VENUE TO BE ADVISED</u>
<u>2026</u>			
JANUARY	15	Thursday	<u>LUNCH</u> <u>VENUE TBA</u>
FEBRUARY	9 – 13	Monday – Friday	<u>WALLAROO</u>
MARCH	12 – 16	Thursday – Monday	<u>MENINGIE</u>
APRIL	13 - 17	Monday - Friday	<u>LAURA</u>
MAY	3 – 7	Sunday - Thursday	<u>BENDIGO (Attending Bendigo Races)</u>

			<p><u>Those who attended a few years ago 10/10</u></p> <p><u>*** Not a tag a long. Meet in Bendigo. Make own arrangements to attend.</u></p>
JUNE	11 – 15	Thursday – Monday	<u>RENMARK</u>

- **NOTE:- All venues have been selected from preferences received from members.**
- **All Dates and Venues are subject to change.**

Riddle:

Last Months Riddle

Last months riddle is:-

Otto devised a special itinerary to follow on his orange eating trip through North Queensland. In Townsville he ate 1 orange. In Cairns he didn't eat any oranges. In Port Douglas he ate 2 oranges and in Cape Tribulation he ate only 1 orange. How many oranges did he eat in Cooktown?

ANSWER

3

It is the number of 'O' in The town name

New Riddle

This months riddle is:-

What do these words have in common

- WANDA
- OLIVIA
- RAN
- INLAND

CHOCOLATE FOR THE FIRST CORRECT ANSWER

EMAIL ME

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RALLY PROGRAMME MINLATON13 – 17th February 2025 Thursday to Monday

Day 1	Arrive and set up	4.30pm	Happy Hour in Camp Kitchen
	4.30pm		During Happy Hour Barley Stacks Winery will be attending for wine tasting.
	6.30pm		Dinner Club will provide meat. Please bring your own drinks and a Shared Salad
Day 2			<u>VALENTINES DAY</u>) FREE DAY (SUGGESTIONS BELOW)
	10am		Committee Meeting
	4.30pm		Happy Hour in Camp Kitchen
Day 3	12.30pm		Lunch at Pt Vincent Hotel (AT OWN EXPENSE) (Witness the end of the Port Adelaide to Port Vincent sailing race.)
	4.30pm		Happy hour in camp kitchen
Day 4	9.30am		Breakfast Of Bacon and Eggs (hosted by Club) in Camp Kitchen Bring along Knife, Fork, Plate and Coffee.
	2.30pm		Games; ie.Ladder Golf, Disc Bowls Finska etc
	4.30pm		Happy Hour in Camp Kitchen
Day 5	Home time		HEAD FOR HOME FEELING GOOD SAFE TRAVELS

SUGGESTIONS TO EXPLORE

HARRY BUTLERS MEMORIAL COMPLEX	MINLATON
HARVEST CORNER.	MNLATON
MINLATON MUSEUM	MINLATON
GUM FLAT GALLERY	MINLATON
WATSACOWIE BREWING COMPANY	9 Deport Road MINLATON
BUBLACOWIE MILITARY MUSEUM	Bublacowie Rd. BUBLACOWIE

Activities may be added or slight changes made. Refer to Club Notice Board at the rally for update

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