

RALLY REPORT

BERRI

Monday

Unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances two caravans were unable to make it to our Berri Rally. A number of members decided that they would extend their Berri Rally by free camping at Martin's Bend just outside of Berri along the river a beautiful spot, prior to the organised rally. By all accounts it was a great location but unfortunately our esteemed president tripped over a root in the dark and injured himself. He was unable to receive treatment in the area and decided to return to Adelaide. We all wish him well in his recovery and believe that it is only muscle damage and that he should recover quickly. The Zeuner's arrived mid afternoon on Monday 12th with their new van. They were going to purchase a Motor home but after test driving etc. they decided for a new van. Very nice. The weather was just perfect, bright blue skies and 25 degrees. This bought out shorts and t shirts. It was great to get together for happy hour at 4.30 pm. Many members used the time to catch up on what had been happening since our last get together. Julian had a new toy, a fantastic camera and he volunteered to take photos of the rally for the newsletter and web page. The Filzy's made a fantastic Asian dinner for us all. Spring rolls, soup and Chinese dishes, fried rice and stir fries.

Barbara welcomed everybody in the absences of our president and vice president. The programme was outlined for the rally. Brownny wanted to know whether it was a good root that bought our president to the ground. Somebody suggested it was a mallee root.

Tuesday

Beautiful weather, bright blue skies and shorts weather. Had to work on the drainage system on the new drain, but with help of others we were able to fix it.

Members shopped and drank coffee all over Berri. There is a fantastic mini golf course located at the caravan park and several members took the opportunity to have a game. Check out the photos. A great happy hour amongst the caravans and under the trees. This afternoon several members went for a trip on the river on a houseboat. Dinner was a BBQ with shared salads followed by delicious fruit crepes.

Wednesday

We have been blessed with the weather. Another perfect winter day. Members again travelled the Riverland experiencing what is on offer. We travelled to Renmark and had coffee at the old fire station, renowned as the best coffee in the Riverland. We then attended the lavender farm at Glossop for lunch. Returning by 2pm for the finska and croquet. Great game of finska, before we had to abandon the game because some caravans came into the park and took over the site we were playing on.

Unfortunately for some Roger had the highest score when we had to pull stumps. Happy hour was held in the kiosk area and our pizza dinner followed. The pizzas

and garlic bread were cooked at the kiosk and were well received. Vice President Don presented the birthday and anniversary chocolates. It was Marilyn

Dower's birthday and a rousing happy birthday was sung twice to celebrate the occasion. Roger finally received a chocolate for almost winning the finska, but well deserved, that is my opinion at any rate.

Thursday

Early morning for caravaneers to play disc bowls at 10.30 am. The spectators and players were split on each side of the court. Crows v Power. Eventually the Power side won. A hard fought competition was eventually won by Marilyn Dower and Warren Fox. Good practice for the State Rally competition. Well done to that team.

A quick game of ladder golf followed. Roger was victorious in a playoff with Graham Brown, Brownny buckled under pressure.

A quiet afternoon with Graham Brown weighing caravan ball weights for those members who were not having a siesta.

This evening we are off to the Berri Hotel for dinner.

Friday

There were 15 members who stayed on for the extra day. Happy hour in the camp kitchen due to the cold wind. Alan Seville provided the music.

Remember to view the video of the rally put together by Julian. His new camera is amazing with beautiful pictures. You can find it in the video menu on the web page. [https:// www.carefreecaravaneers.org.au](https://www.carefreecaravaneers.org.au)

Roger Zeuner