

From the President

After an enjoyable and great weekend weather-wise at Meningie, we all left feeling optimistic for the next rally.

At the general meeting, the timings of meetings, bowls and club meals was discussed as we were to review the new schedule decided in November. We are asking everyone's opinion on these matters and I ask you to read the rationale and options carefully and then send your response as described in this newsletter.

I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Lesley Davis
President

Port Elliott Rally—Oct.

The club's rally at Port Elliott is also part of the state rally and lasts for six nights.

ACCSA, the state association, has already paid the deposit on 90-100 sites, meaning attendees will not have to pay for one night. Cost is down to \$35 per night for the remaining five nights. There will also be a small registration fee to ACCSA to cover hire of marquees, entertainment and so on. A program will be released soon.

Although many sites are being held, ACCSA anticipates that they will fill up very quickly and so I encourage you to register now (no payment required yet) so that our Club will not miss out. To register, all you need to do is email Lesley at ldavis@outlook.com.au or send an SMS to 0417 862 367 and you will be added to the booking list. **Initial registrations required by 10th April.**

Birthdays

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| Feb | 21 | - Don Jennings |
| | 23 | - Cynthia Hodge |
| Mar | 7 | - Chris Banwell |
| | 7 | - Colleen Johnson |
| | 12 | - Lyn Osman |
| | 16 | - Colleen Law |
| | 20 | - Lesley Davis |
| | 22 | - Brian Neindorf |
| | 31 | - Vicki Clark |

Anniversaries

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| Feb | 10 | - Pam & Rory Duffy |
| | 12 | - Robert & Vicki Clark |
| | 14 | - Raelene & John Bottroff (65) |
| | 17 | - Don & Lyn Jennings (50) |
| | 18 | - Jim & Lee Daniels |
| Mar | 21 | - Bronte & Barry Schirmer (60) |
| | 23 | - Chris & Jean Banwell |
| | 23 | - Anne & Jurien Vreugenburg |
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2024 Rallies

Walleroo Holiday Park 29 Feb—4 March

Vans listed as attending:
2, 3, 9, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19,
20, 24, 25, 26, 38, 44, 56, Rob
& Sue Altmann (2), Hans &
Ruth Graf (1).

No deposit required. Park
phone number 8823 2531.

Peterborough 4-8 April

Vans listed as attending:
2, 8, 12, 14, 15, 19, 20, 26, 29,
38, 56.

No deposit but bookings need
to be made by 15 March—
more details to come. Park
phone number 8651 2545.

Clayton Bay May 2-6

Vans listed as attending:
3, 14, 15, 17, 19, 25, 26, Ralph
& Pam Billett (1).

Waikerie June 13-17 Lunch (TBC) July

Stony Creek	August 1—5
River Ramble	Sept 5 – 14
Loxton	5-8
Fort Courage	8-12
Renmark	12-14

Port Elliott 16—22 Oct

Nuriootpa 7—11 Nov

Port Hughes 5-9 Dec

NOTE:

If your van is not listed for any
of the above and you wish to
go OR if you are unable to
attend, please either text or
phone Colleen on 0431 451
848 or email her at
colleen.johnson1015@gmail.com

ADELAIDE CARAVAN CLUB

Minutes of GENERAL MEETING held at MENINGIE on 3/2/24 at 4.00 pm.

Chairperson: Lesley Davis

Minutes: Lesley Davis

Present: 23 Members, 2 visitors.

Apologies: Kevin & Lorna Bretag,
Trish & Trevor Parker.

Previous Minutes: Moved John Peake, Seconded Barry Schirmer, Carried.

Business Arising:

1. Gazebos—still to get quotes. Can always borrow the NGSC ones again if required.
2. Christmas rally 2024—options have been investigated. Port Hughes seems our best alternative. Dinner can be had at the Tavern. Colleen has reserved 20 sites. Cost will be \$49.50 per night less 10% for the group booking. Members will need to pay one night deposit. (Larger vans may need to use drive-through or poolside sites as they limited suitable sites in the area for the club.)
3. October rally now in Port Elliott. Goolwa very expensive and had restrictions on entertainment. ACCSA will pay all deposits. Site fees \$35 per night. Six night rally. Encourage everyone to attend.

Correspondence: nil

Birthdays & Anniversaries: as per pip

Treasurer's Report:

Dec & January 24

Opening balance	\$3608.89
Income	\$252.50
Expenses:	\$1272.76
Closing Balance:	\$2588.63 plus holding account balance \$2,000 = <u>\$4588.63</u>

Moved Lesley, Seconded Lyn O that

the Treasurers Report be accepted. Carried.

Rally Jackpot: Bronte & Barry S.

General Business:

1. Discussion from committee about the timing and structure of the rallies. We agreed to review after a couple of rallies so we will be asking all members for their feedback and comments on alternative meeting/bowls/club meal times. Lesley outlined the difficulty for any members who work still to participate in 2 of the 3 activities we ask them to when new members enquire about joining. Colleen J commented that it could discourage potential new members from joining as more people are having to work longer now and if you want to join a club to participate in its activities, excluding them from at least 2 of these activities could result in people not joining at all. Lesley asked all members to consider the alternatives put forward by the committee with consideration for all members not just themselves. Colleen Law is our returning officer this year so will coordinate the responses to present back to the committee for final recommendation. This will then come to the General meeting again for implementation.
2. Barry and Bronte will be having their 60th wedding anniversary and Raelene and John their 65th. Together they will supply afternoon tea at the Wallaroo rally to celebrate.
3. Lyn asked if member lists were available. Trish had them printed ready for last rally and will have one for all those who were not there.

4. Bill Johnson is inviting members (groups of 10 at a time) to visit the CB Tapware factory at Edwardstown. Later will do same at the chrome plating factory. Dates TBA.

5. Veli sincerely thanked the Club for the flowers which "on a bleak day showed him that he belonged to a Club with a human heart".

Bowls Winners: John & Lesley.

Shot Of The Day: N/A

Special Recognition Awards:

1. Don—flipped his kayak.
2. Bill—told Keith to sit down so he could whinge a bit more so they both get an award: Bill for being cheeky and Keith for complaining about being woken up by us rowdy mob behind him.

Meeting Closed: 4.36 pm





Lake Albert Caravan Park Meningie Rally

By Thursday night, 12 vans were booked in after a fine, cool day with light winds from the sea. A check of the camp kitchen & meeting area showed the seating area had been expanded but the cooking area was still the same. It made a very large area for meetings etc but we used the grassy areas of tree shade for meetings. Happy hour sorted out a “plan” for the weekend including Clubs, Pubs, bowls & meeting times. A very nice meal of macaroni lamb was provided by Lyn, after the oven was finally switched on!! A mobile phone was used in lieu of the “balls” to generate the lucky number which was ours. Potential new members, Rob & Sue were welcomed to the Club.



Friday morning started with a light drizzle & then turned into a lovely day. A lot of members checked out the op shop - \$5 for a bag of clothes was tempting but we ended up as usual with a bag of books. Some others tried the bakery for coffee & goodies. Crawford got a copy of the birdman of the Coorong story for later reading.



Friday bowls at 4pm was won by John P & Lesley D after an epic 3 game battle of a Grand Final on a very grassy course. Colleen & Bill arrived and Rob & Vicki some time later to make the full total of 14 vans. (The Parkers caught the dreaded Covid & pulled out). Later a very good 2 course meal was provided by the Bowls Club as usual, they even served us first. Very friendly & we all enjoyed the night.



Saturday after a cool night with morning dew, turned into a lovely day with cloudless skies. A large group went to Freshies for coffee & treats & the rest just lazed about most of the day. At 4 pm we had the general meeting under the shade again & soon after 17 of us got ready to visit the Hotel for dinner. Nice cool dining room & nicer cold beer. The food was acceptable.



Sunday morning saw a strange mist/fog which did not last long due the hot day coming. 6 vans de-camped leaving 8 of us to laze away a quite hot day doing absolutely not much. Some members had a group dinner in the shed as the cool change had arrived to finish the rally.

After the foul weather of some of 2023 rallies it was a real treat to be at “the Lake” enjoying almost perfect weather for vanning.

Barry and Bronte, Van 24.



We want your input!

As mentioned on Page 1 of this newsletter, we would like your feedback about the timing of events at rallies.

As a Club, we pride ourselves on being friendly, supportive and inclusive. When new members join, they are given information about the expectations that come with being a member of the Adelaide Caravan Club. These include joining in with 3 club activities—namely the welcome night Happy Hour and Club meal, the disc bowls and the general meeting. If members cannot get to a rally until the Friday after work, then at the moment, they miss out on two of those activities (club meal and bowls).

Officially our rallies start on Thursday at 5 pm and end on Monday morning. Traditionally, the welcome Happy Hour marked the start of the rally and the General Meeting wound it up at the end. (When we had General Meeting on Sunday morning, we were generally finished before 10 am or able to organise late checkouts for those who had to leave on Sunday.)

At the November rally we agreed to trial having disc bowls on Friday afternoon, the meal on Thursday evening and the General Meeting on Saturday afternoon. (The committee meeting is currently on Saturday mornings, but the committee are investigating alternatives so we are not asking you to comment on that particular timing, although it is worth noting that this effectively takes out a large chunk of Saturday for committee members in meetings.)

So why are we considering these changes? Because we want all members (existing and new) to be included in the Club's main activities. With all the above in mind, we would like each of you to provide feedback on the two options presented below. Your feedback should be received by **Colleen Law** (our returning officer) by **WEDNESDAY 28th FEBRUARY** by email (keithcolleen@bigpond.com) or phone (0403 755 689).

Option 1:

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
5 pm Happy Hour & welcome 6 pm BBQ*	3 pm Disc Bowls 5.00 pm Happy Hour	4 pm General Meeting 5 pm Happy Hour 6 pm Hotel meal	

Option 2:

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
5 pm Happy Hour & welcome	5.00 pm Happy Hour 6 pm BBQ*	3 pm Disc Bowls 5 pm Happy Hour 6 pm Hotel meal	9.30 am General Meeting

* BBQ/Club meals could be on either night in both options.

Program for Wallaroo

Thurs	5 pm	Happy hour and welcome
	7 pm	Games night in the camp kitchen—bring your Rummikub, Uno, 5 Queens, dominoes, crib board, Scrabble etc and get together for some fun.
Friday	4 pm	Disk bowls
	5 pm	Happy Hour
	*6 pm	Club BBQ (Lesley & Keith/Colleen—chicken kebabs & salad)
Sat	10 am	Committee meeting
	4 pm	General meeting
	5 pm	Happy hour
	6 pm	Dinner at Hotel
Sun	5 pm	Happy hour
	6 pm	Pizza night

*** Please note that as Lesley will not be arriving until late on Thursday, the Club BBQ will be on Friday night this month.**

Other things to do:

- Coffee and cake or breakfast at the North Beach Kitchen, café on the beach front.
- Fishing at the jetty or beach.
- Visit the Moonta mines.
- Eat at the Coopers Ale House or The Boatshed.
- Sample a Cornish pasty from the bakery.
- Visit the Heritage and Nautical Museum—originally a post office, this historic building houses displays from the smelting era which lasted from 1861-1923. The museum also has some sports, entertainment, nautical, postal, religious and civic history items.
- Follow the Wallaroo Art Trail.