



# THE BULLETIN

## PRESIDENTS REPORT

It seems no time since I wrote my first report, but time does fly. I remember a comment a guest speaker made at an event that I had attended where she compared life to a toilet roll. The closer that you get to the end the faster it disappears. So with those words of wisdom:

As we went to print with the last bulletin we were advised of the sudden passing of Brian Lewis and it was great to see so many at the funeral to celebrate Brian's life.

He certainly was a great supporter of the CCCQ and the CCQ particularly with our state rallies where he laid out the parking plans for the vans including the placement of the power boxes etc. He will be missed.

It is good to see that Bob Barnett is home again after his stint in hospital and we do wish you a speedy recovery Bob.

I want to give a big thank you to Lance Haslewood for taking up the registrar's position after Bob had to stand down so suddenly. I also extend thanks to the others who offered their help.

We have our rally committee and other helpers heading to Bundaberg this week to further plan this year's rally but more on that later though I must say that the registrations are rolling in well at this time, but remember that if you have registered by the 29<sup>th</sup> July you will be in the draw to win back your rally fee so do not leave it too long.

I wish to thank all who supported and helped out at our stand at the caravan show and a big thank you to Barbara R for her time and efforts in rostering the helpers and getting out the passes to you all.

A big thank you to Mark and Bob for their time and efforts in the researching and planning of the two brochures on the caravanning and weights guide, and to Mark for arranging the printing of both.

Our new insurance policy is now in place and I am sure that your clubs will be happy with the premium of \$175. There was a small typo with the summary but I was able to get that sorted fairly quickly.

Unfortunately we have had the renewal of some of the wording in the showground agreement forms. I have had one meeting with QCAS and will follow up on this when I get back from Bundaberg.

Enjoy your travelling and stay safe.

Adrian

# RUMBLE into BUNDY

## 41ST CARAVAN CLUBS STATE RALLY

*Bundaberg Recreational Precinct*

*7 Kendall Road Bundaberg*

*22nd–27th October 2018*

**Have you registered yet?**

The organisers would appreciate early registration to facilitate programming of activities.

You can download the registration form from the CCQ website.



The caption that came with this pictures was :- “The people in the house across the road would be a bit nervous. Can’t fix stupid”.

I might just say - NOT RECOMMENDED.

Note the ladder to the door, the TV aerial , power cord, sullage and fresh water hoses so somebody must be living in it.

A guest speaker was welcomed at the last delegates' Meeting on Monday 9th July.

Cheryl Deyoung of Revolution Power gave a presentation about the development of lithium batteries for caravans.

She recounted that "Revolution Power Australia is the leader in Lithium battery technology. With foundations in the marine and AGM battery industries, we identified a need for reliable, high quality deep-cycle batteries in the market. With over 7 years of research and development, Revolution Power Australia Lithium batteries offer superior performance in the harshest of Australian conditions".

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**Web:** <https://www.revolutionpoweraustralia.com.au/>

## Synthetic Diesel Fuel

**Abstract:** Synthetic diesel fuels can be made from carbon containing feedstocks, such as natural gas or coal, in a process developed by Fischer and Tropsch in the 1920s. That process has been further developed by oil companies and is considered a viable option of natural gas utilization. Synthetic diesel fuels are characterized by excellent properties, such as very high cetane number and no sulfur content. They can be used in existing diesel engines without modifications or mixed with petrodiesel. Several studies found significant reductions in all regulated diesel emissions, including NOx and PM, when using synthetic fuel.

[https://www.dieselnet.com/tech/fuel\\_syn.php](https://www.dieselnet.com/tech/fuel_syn.php)

## Audi expanding production of 'sustainable' diesel made from water and carbon dioxide

Audi is expanding production of what it says is a nearly carbon neutral kind of gasoline and diesel from entirely renewable sources.

The German automaker, a unit of [Volkswagen](http://www.volkswagen.com), said Wednesday that it plans to build a new pilot facility where it will make synthetic "e-diesel" in Laufenburg, Switzerland.

Audi says its e-diesel fuel allows cars to run in a way that is almost carbon neutral — meaning the fuel would not substantially add carbon emissions into the atmosphere, making the fuel potentially far more environmentally friendly.

<https://www.cnn.com/2017/11/08/audi-expanding-output-of-sustainable-diesel-fuel.html>

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# CARAVAN COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA

Most unfortunately, the caravan industry is being *badly* tarnished by the *continual* reports of *serious* accidents, involving caravans, on our roads.

For every *major* accident - involving a *roll-over* - the CCA receives *many-fold* the number of calls from 'vanners who have had frightening *incidents*, involving severe *swaying* or *jack-knifing*... thankfully usually *without* injuries or major damage.

The CCA has written a poem to remind 'vanners of the important issues to be aware of when towing and help prevent most of the *basic causes* of these *scary* - and *potentially-lethal* - incidents.

## Towing Caravans for Rec-reation... Not Wreck-creation!

It's a good life for the 'vanners, who live out on the road,  
Seeing our great country, without a fixed abode,  
But there's danger ever lurking, on our highways when you drive,  
So be careful when you travel, so you get back home alive.

Towing sure can be a problem, if something isn't right,  
It may be out of mind, but it's never out of sight,  
So check that all's OK, both the tow-rig and the 'van,  
And enjoy the pleasures of your trips, as safely as you can.

Is the 'van in sound condition, are mechanicals still good,  
Are you never over-loaded, does it tow the way it should,  
Is the Ball-Load as it should be, not too high and not too low,  
To give the safest handling, on whatever roads you go?

Are the tyres still road-worthy, and still have lots of grip,  
Have you had the brakes adjusted, so they'll never lock or slip,  
Are the pressures set correctly, as the makers recommend,  
To give the needed traction, on a hill or on a bend?

Are all the lights still shining, and the coupling's done up tight,  
Are the safety-chains and shackles, still connected safe and right,  
Are your heavy goods stored safely, in the middle of the 'van,  
Are the wheels and bearings still turning well, as smoothly as they can?

Do you understand the meaning, of each Rating and each force,  
Of the tow-rig and the caravan, and their legalise of course?,  
There's the ATM and Ball-load, the Tare and GTM,  
There's the GCM and Tow-bar specs, you need to know 'bout them.

## Questions for All Caravanners... to Improve Road Safety

How well do you understand the important basics of *physics*, when you are driving a vehicle that is *towing* a caravan or camper-trailer???

How well do you understand the important *Definitions* of "Ratings & Masses"???

Here is your chance to find out!

The "Test" is available under "Technical Articles" on the CCA website: [www.caravancouncil.com.au](http://www.caravancouncil.com.au)

The "Theory Test" has a number of "multiple-choice" **Questions**... so see how you go!

The "Theory Test" **Answers** are also on the web-site... but **no** peeping first!

Safe & Happy Travels!

Linda

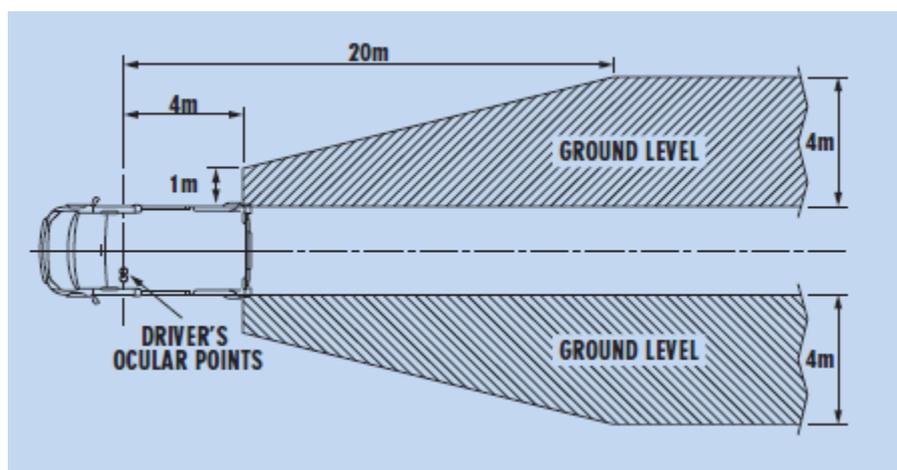
**Caravan Council of Australia**

# TOW-MIRRORS TO USE, OR NOT TO USE?

Edition 16 of the digital magazine GORV has an article authored by Max Taylor on the requirements of caravanners to have correctly fitted and compliant tow mirrors fitted to their vehicles.

The article 'TOW-MIRROR TRUTH - To Use or Not Use, Tow Mirrors? Actually, You Probably Don't have A Choice' sets out the requirements in regard to:

- **Field of Vision.** The Australian Design Rule 14/02 is the standard that sets out that a vehicle's external mirrors are required to meet. Taylor argues the standard is difficult to interpret and has diagram that may help to explain the field of vision needed by the driver when towing a caravan.
- **Rules and Regulations.** The driver must have an unrestricted vision down either side to the rear of the caravan or camper trailer and a clear view to see any overtaking or following vehicles.



- **The Fine.** Fines are applicable in all states and territories for non-compliance.
- **Mirrors When Unhitched.**
- **Rear View Cameras**

You can access the full details of the article at: <http://www.emag.gorv.com.au/>

The Queensland Regulations are included in the:

**Queensland Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995**

**Transport Operations (Road Use Management—Vehicle Standards and Safety) Regulation 2010**

## 24. REAR VISION MIRRORS

- (1) A rear vision mirror or mirrors must be fitted to a motor vehicle as required by this section so that a driver of the vehicle can clearly see by reflection the road behind the vehicle and any following or overtaking vehicle.

## SAFE TOWING

Are you about to set out on that long journey or do you just need to brush-up on the Queensland Regulations for safe towing. Why not visit the Department of Transport website at:

[Safe Towing - Department of Transport and Main Roads](#)

# Safe Towing All about safe towing

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## Tathra Beachside

Travelling to southern New South Wales? Tathra Beachside is offering accommodation specials for members and guests.

We are Tathra Beachside and we are a holiday park located on the far South Coast of NSW. You may have heard of Tathra from the recent bush fires in March, and to help the town of Tathra with its recovery, we would like to offer your members and guests a special promotion, stay three nights and pay for two, or stay seven nights and pay for five. We will be running this promotion until 1st September 2018.

Tathra is situated on the beautiful Sapphire Coast 2.5 hours drive from Canberra, 5 hours from Sydney and 7 hours from Melbourne.

**Address:** 2 Andy Poole Drive Tathra NSW 2550

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**Email:** [info@tathrabeachside.com.au](mailto:info@tathrabeachside.com.au)

**Web:** <https://www.tathrabeachside.com.au>

# UHF CB RADIO – WHICH CHANNELS SHOULD YOU USE?

The following article on the use and etiquette of UHF radios has been edited from:

‘Without A Hitch’ from the AL-KO website posted on 26 April 2015 at:

<http://www.withoutahitch.com.au/travel/uhf-cb-radio-communications-which-channels-australia/>

The UHF CB Radio is a must have in any tow vehicle. We look at which channels you should and shouldn't be using.

## WHAT IS UHF?

Simply put, UHF CB or citizen band radio is a two-way radio system that uses the 476.4250–477.4125MHz, radio spectrum for short-distance communications. It is divided into 80 channels for various uses. The service is for public access and available to everyone but not all channels can be used by anyone for just any reason – there are significant penalties for misuse of channels.

**For example, the Australian Government has legislated that channels 5 & 35 on the UHF CB Band are reserved for emergency use only**

As at January 2007 the maximum penalties for the misuse of the legally allocated CB emergency channels are for general misuse – if an individual 2 years imprisonment, otherwise \$165,000 (a \$220 on-the-spot fine can be issued in minor cases) or for interference to an Emergency call – if an individual 5 years imprisonment, otherwise \$550,000

## LEGALLY RESTRICTED CHANNELS

The following channels are legislated as a part of the ACMA UHF CB Class Licence.

**Channel 5 and 35:** are the designated emergency channels and are not to be used except in an emergency. To make an emergency call, switch your radio to Channel 5 with duplex on, if there is no response, try again with duplex off.

**Channel 11:** is the ‘call channel’ and is only to be used for initiating calls with another person, you should quickly organise another vacant channel to continue your discussion on.

**Channel 22 and 23:** are only to be used for telemetry and telecommand, packet data and voice transmission are not allowed.

**Channel 61, 62 and 63:** are reserved for future allocation and transmission on these channels is not allowed.

UHF’s distinct advantage over mobile phones is that it can work anywhere and requires little to no infrastructure to be in place. At the user end, all that is required is a basic radio set.

The key disadvantage is that it operates on a line-of-sight basis, and therefore has very short reach. Under normal conditions, you can expect a good signal over a distance of 5 to 8km; in a high position (such as a hill), this can be increased to up to 25km. The upside is that you’re always communicating with those who are in your immediate vicinity.

# UHF CB RADIO – WHICH CHANNELS SHOULD YOU USE?

## UHF CHANNELS

Each of the 80 UHF channels has the following accepted use:

**Channels 1-8 and 41-48:** Duplex channels (output).

**Channels 31-38 and 71-78:** Duplex channels (input).

**Channels 5 and 35:** Duplex channels strictly used for emergency communications.

**Channels 9, 12-17, 19-21 24-28, 30, 39, 49-60, 64-70, 79 and 80:** General chat channels, simplex use.

**Channel 10:** 4WD Clubs or Convoys and National Parks.

**Channel 11:** Call Channel used for locating friends – a general meeting point for when communications are lost or beginning, before moving to another channel.

**Channel 18:** Caravanners and Campers Convoy Channel.

**Channel 40:** Australia Wide road safety channel used primarily by truckies and oversized load pilot vehicles.

**Channels 22 and 23 (25kHz):** Telemetry & Telecommand used for automated data communications only.

**Channel 29:** Road safety channel Pacific Hwy, Pacific Mwy (NSW & QLD).

**Channels 61-63:** Reserved for future use.

## ETIQUETTE

It is important to remember that **channels 5 and 35 are strictly for emergency communications**, as emergency services monitor channel 5 for requests for help.

People found to be misusing these or any other designated channels can face hefty fines.

Once communication is established, it's accepted that both parties continue on another channel to free the channel up. If they're taking place over a short distance, these 'one on one' conversations can continue on any of the general-use channels.

It's important to understand that *all* communications on every channel are public. Anyone within range of you or a repeater that you're using can hear you and join in. For the most part, users are well behaved and respect the rules, but you may encounter trolls who want to cause trouble or new users who are unaware of the etiquette.

UHF radio is a great way of staying in touch with your convoy or just to see who's about.

Most importantly, it is a vital link to the outside world when things go wrong. If you're after an easy digest quick reference guide why not download our [Ultimate UHF Cheat Sheet](#).

<http://www.withoutahitch.com.au/travel/uhf-cb-radio-communications-which-channels-australia/>

Further information maybe obtained from the Australian Communications and Media Authority web site at: <https://www.acma.gov.au/theACMA>

# LAKE MACDONALD SCOUT CAMP CLOSURE

## Scouts to take hit over camp takeover

- The Gympie Times
- 11 May 2018
- STUART CUMMING

SUNSHINE Coast Scout leader Rob Cullen says his organisation will take a financial hit when Seqwater takes over its Lake Macdonald camp during a dam wall rebuilding project.

But the Scouts Queensland Suncoast region commissioner was convinced a temporary move from Camp Cooroora would benefit the wider Noosa and Sunshine Coast communities.

“To what extent they will require the land we don’t know,” Mr Cullen said.

“We are going with it as if they are going to take the whole lot.”

Seqwater wants to use the site for about two years while it rebuilds the Lake Macdonald dam wall.

It wants the Scouts cleared out by February next year.

“Even though it is disappointing, we acknowledge these things need to be done,” Mr Cullen said.

He said the camp was busy nearly every weekend with a mix of Scout and Girl Guide camps or caravan, pony and four-wheel-drive clubs.

Losing that income stream for two years will have an impact on the movement.

“It’s like starting a business from scratch again.”

He said the change would disrupt youth activities but it wouldn’t stop them. Activities will be moved to other camps at Dunethin Rock and Landsborough where possible.

Mr Cullen said he expected a meeting would be held before the end of the month to confirm plans for the takeover.

“I’ve got to acknowledge Seqwater has given us a long lead into this.

“They have been very respectful of Scouts.”

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THESE THINGS NEED TO BE DONE

## Victorian State Caravan Rally

This year's Victorian State Caravan Rally will be held in Wodonga, 11-14 October 2018. If any members are traveling in that area (or from NSW would like to travel just over the border) an invitation is extended to them to attend. A registration form and Rally program are attached. Visitors must be members of a caravan club affiliated with the NACC.

**Jen Lowe (secretary):** [admin@accvic.org.au](mailto:admin@accvic.org.au)

# SALUTARY WARNING

## CAMP HOST

### ARE YOU CONSIDERING BECOMING A CAMP HOST?

You should read the article in the:

**Association of Caravan Clubs of Victoria and Their Members Inc.  
Newsletter of May 2018, Page 10 before considering becoming a  
Camp Host.**

It recounts the horrific experience of a couple who were Camp Hosts at camp-ground in Western Australia. They recounted : “In hindsight we were not aware of the potential risks we placed ourselves in, nor the questions we should have asked!”

The questions that they have now identified are:

- “ Who are you hosting for and do they offer a comprehensive induction process?
- What training is provided?
- In the event of an emergency what processes and practices are in place such as muster points, evacuation procedures, safe exit paths in the event of fire, contact numbers?
- Are your roles and responsibilities as Camp Host clearly defined?
- What’s your level of authority and how are you identified?
- Is there a protocol/procedure manual provided?
- What support is provided to ensure you are in a safe, (sic) working environment?
- What about your accountability whilst hosting?

#### **BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY**

**What level of insurance cover does the Host Program provide to you in the event of an incident?”**

Perhaps there are other caravanners who have encountered similar problems while being Camp Hosts at a campground in Queensland. Got a story? Then pass it on to the CCQ Secretary.

Camp-grounds may be owned by local councils, sports clubs, recreation grounds, showgrounds etc.

# CCQ SUPPORTERS

## What defines a Supporter of the CCQ

The Supporter must make an ongoing commitment to the CCQ, e.g.

- Regular annual support of State Rallies by way of presenting a seminar, donating a prize or other tangible items or in-kind support.
- Offer ongoing discounts, through the Management Committee of the CCQ, to its Affiliated Club Members for goods and/or services.
- Offer other tangible support to the CCQ Management Committee and its members to assist in the operation of the Association and its Affiliated Clubs, e.g. Website and IT Support.

SUPPORTER	CONTACT	OFFER
Best Water Filters	Colin Hopgood <a href="mailto:colin@bestwaterfilters.com.au">colin@bestwaterfilters.com.au</a>	Discount to Members and Support of State Rallies with donation of prize
Caravanning Australia	<a href="https://caravanningoz.com.au/">https://caravanningoz.com.au/</a>	Caravanning Australia magazine supplied free to clubs . Listing of all Australian caravan clubs contact details.
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Renovo Australia	Neil McAllister <a href="mailto:renovo@bigpond.com">renovo@bigpond.com</a>	10% discount on all products including already discounted kits. Members need to enter the discount/ coupon code 4213 near the end of the checkout process.
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