



# THE BULLETIN

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT FEBRUARY 2020

Our new year and decade are well underway and I do hope that you all had a Merry Christmas and will have a happy and prosperous new year. Did you all survive the new year or sleep through it like we did?

The National rally has been and gone, though some members have only recently returned. You would have all run up thousands of kms and I guess spent thousands of dollars, and that you all enjoyed your time away.

Plans are well under way for South Australia's turn in MARCH 2022, in Barmera. We were down in that area early last year and it is a lovely location.

Our next major event is our State Rally in September now to be held in Pittsworth after negotiations failed with the Toowoomba Showgrounds, however the committee is in full swing and a very fruitful planning rally was held at the site between 30<sup>th</sup> Jan and 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

While on the subject of state rallies, the CCQ is giving the opportunity for members via an information request letter, to submit ideas and comments for your future rallies. We are asking due to the reduction in numbers of attendees at the last two rallies.

Showgrounds' hire agreement problems has been raised again and I have been in touch with QCAS'S new CEO with a letter outlining the problems that need to be addressed and am planning a meeting this month with him with the aim of getting a hire agreement that will suit both parties, including our respective insurance companies, as soon as possible.

Talking of insurance, the banking commission held last year has caused the insurance industry to look at some of their policies etc. hence the reason that KTA (RV insurance) can no longer

offer RV cover to other than to CMCA members. I have also been told that some insurers are dropping, or changing conditions with their RV cover, and that you may need to check out their respective PDS's.

The CCQ along with the CMCA were invited to a full council meeting with the Redlands Council to look at RV short stays in the area, and I would like to express my appreciation to Darryl Walters for his time and the presentation. It will be interesting to hear the outcome.

RVCAL is looking at a joint style rally down in southern NSW in the future to support the fire victims, however I am a bit concerned that attention has been taken away from our farmers still being affected with the drought. This will be discussed more in the next couple of months, but for now we can look at including these areas when we caravan as a means of support for these towns.

The NACC secretary/director along with the CEO from CMCA, representing RVCAL, had a meeting with NSW transport to discuss the NSW road tolls. While this is still ongoing there is currently an opportunity to apply for refunds if you have been on any of these roads since August, but you only have until 29<sup>th</sup> February. I hope that I will hear more when in Sydney next month.

Keep well and travel safe  
Adrian

# CARAVAN CLUBS OF QLD Inc.

## Year in Review – 2019

- In January 2019, CCQ President and Secretary met with Leanne Linard, Member for Nudgee in her office to discuss all things caravanning. Leanne had recently become a proud caravan owner and spoke enthusiastically about caravanning at a parliamentary meeting.
  - That same day, we had a look over Apollo Caravans at Northgate and had a meeting with the Marketing Manager.
  - At the AGM in May, Rob Poulter retired as Vice President after many years on CCQ Committee and Chris Lloyd from the Roustabouts Club was elected into the position. All other positions were unchanged.
  - Another successful Stand at the Caravan Show was held in June – thanks to the volunteers who helped man it.
  - Bob Barnett continued to assist NACC with the launch of the LEOD scheme.
  - Show Society Hire Agreements continued to present problems and advice was sought from our Insurer with talks continuing with QCAS (Qld Chamber of Agricultural Societies) to try to resolve the issue.
  - Annual donation made to RFDS of \$4320. Unfortunately, amount was down on other years because of no State Rally held in 2019 and the preference of some clubs to donate direct to RFDS and not through CCQ.
  - Alf Smerdon from the Toowoomba & Golden West Caravan Club continued to represent CCQ at meetings of the Toowoomba Regional Council RV Strategy Reference Group.
  - Several CCQ Committee attended meetings, alongside Toowoomba & Golden West Caravan Club and, later on, Queensland Caravan Club members, with CEO of Toowoomba Showgrounds and Pittsworth Show Society Management negotiating use of grounds for State Rally 2020.
  - CCQ was invited (and attended), along with Darryl Walters, President of the Explorers Caravan Club, to a meeting of the Redlands Council regarding sites for short term RV stays in the Redlands area.
  - President and Secretary attended a meeting with Scouts Queensland regarding the “Friends of Scouting” Scheme.
  - Committee met with representative of Ingenia Holidays regarding group bookings for Caravan Clubs in their parks.
  - CCQ supported Jayco member, Sharon Whitchurch-Bell, in application for grant to present Hypodrive educational seminars to caravanners.
  - Unfortunately, the CCQ lost one of its affiliated clubs with the winding up of the South East Caravan Club due to their inability to get a Committee together.
  - Several members of the CCQ Committee made the long trek to Albany for the National Rally.
- A quieter year than usual with so many away travelling but, with the wonders of technology, day to day tasks of the CCQ were able to continue ticking over.

*Barbara*



## Locality Expenditure Online Database (LEOD)

As of 13 January 2020

### Club Summary Expenditure Reports

<b>Years</b>	2019			
<b>States</b>	QLD			
<b>Club</b>	Clubs in this State			
<b>LGA/s</b>	All LGAs across Australia			
<b>Localities</b>	All Localities			
<b>Venue/s</b>	All Venues			
<b>Participating Clubs</b>	31			
<b>Events</b>	327	<b>Max</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>Avg</b>
<b>Vans</b>	4890	94	1	14.95
<b>Localities</b>	159			
<b>Local Government Areas</b>	49			

<b>Venues</b>	<b>Visits</b>	<b>Site Expenditures</b>
Caravan Park	112	\$192,595.00
Free Stay	8	\$0.00
N/A	2	\$0.00
National Park	1	\$264.00
Other	33	\$29,539.00
Scout Ground	8	\$9,162.00
Showground	163	\$201,853.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$433,413.00</b>

<b>Expenditures</b>	
Fuel	\$164,811.00
Major	\$78,813.00
Meals	\$321,005.00
Other	\$319,918.00
Site	\$433,413.00
Tours	\$3,130.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,321,090.00</b>

<b>Expenditures</b>	2014	\$824,823.00
	2015	\$1,362,998.00
	2016	\$1,194,448.00
	2017	\$1,268,326.00
	2018	\$1,444,052.00
	2019	\$1,321,090.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,470,332.00</b>	



## Update on 2019 Activities

1. AGM and Director's meeting were held on 21-10-2019 at the 17<sup>th</sup> National Rally in Albany. It was very pleasing to see the state association Presidents from QLD (Adrian Skinner); NSW (Bruce Harris); SA (Graham Brown) and WA (Kevin Forbes) in attendance.

NACC Directors elected for the next 12 months:-

Adrian Skinner (CCQ) (Chairman)  
Nick Busuttill (NSW)  
Peter Hillas (ACCVic)  
Ray Swift (ACT) (Treasurer)  
Bob Williamson (ACCSA)  
Derek Atkinson (WAACCI)  
Rin Klasen (National) (Company Secretary)

One new Alternate Director was appointed. Kevin Forbes (WAACCI)

2. At each Director's meeting, an update is provided on the progress of the upcoming national rallies. The 2019 National Rally is now done and dusted with 380 vans in attendance. Feedback has been positive especially the siting of vans on the first day with almost no delay getting to the correct site.



Expense totals for the rally have not yet been provided. Unfortunately, Derek Atkinson who was responsible for this task has not been well but hopefully figures will be available by the next Director's meeting in March. Once figures become available, they will be published for all state associations.



The 18th National Rally will be run by ACCSA (South Australia) and they have selected a site in the Riverland district at Barmera and will hold the rally from 28<sup>th</sup> March to 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022. Planning is well underway for this event and the hard-working committee meet regularly to ensure the myriad of details are kept up to date.

There is a special web site for the 18<sup>th</sup> National Rally. This can be accessed from the NACC web site [nacc.asn.au](http://nacc.asn.au) or direct at <https://www.18thnationalcaravanrally.org.au/welcome.php>

There is a copy of the video which was presented at the Albany rally on the web site just in case you missed it. Registrations are now being taken and to date 118 vans are registered.

The 2025 National Rally will be run by the NSW Association and they are now calling for club members to express their interest by February 2020, when a committee will be formed.

So, pencil in the dates now and plan other activities around them!



3. Two NACC Directors (Rin Klasen and Nick Busuttill) attend the RV Clubs Australia (RVCAL) meetings which are held bi-annually. The RVCAL AGM and Director's meeting was held on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019 with an earlier meeting held in June.

Due to the meetings being held in Brisbane, it was decided to replace Nick Busuttill as the NACC Alternate Director with Adrian Skinner, as Adrian is only a bus ride away from the meeting venue.

Craig Humphrey, chairman of the Australian Caravan Club tabled a formal request to have ACC become a member of RVCAL and this was agreed by the Directors. It is great to have ACC as part of RVCAL. They have approximately 2700 vans in their club so bring a very powerful voice to the table on behalf of caravanners.



With the resignation of Garry Lee as Chairman of CMCA and RVCAL, Kim Atkinson was elected as the new Chairperson of RVCAL. Kim is also the chair of CMCA.

The group benefits enormously from the financial and top-level support which the CMCA provides. As a forum to share ideas and keep the lines of communication open, RVCAL is working very well.

One item which is being addressed by RVCAL is the question of Leave No Trace/Self Containment. From feedback at Local Government Area meetings, there is interest in a group such as RVCAL developing a professional, acceptable policy which LGA's can adopt as a template for use by RV travellers. If an agreed policy can be developed that would be a big step forward on a "touchy" subject.

4. The national public liability scheme is now into its second year and the renewal process which commenced in mid-April went smoothly with all certificates in place for 1 July. Fortunately, we have not had any claims, and this certainly helps to keep the premiums to a minimum.
5. The national Locality Expenditure Online Database (LEOD) was officially launched at the March Director's meeting. Since then there have been many changes and improvements made to the guides, user manuals and reports. Bob Barnett from CCQ has been most supportive of the transition to the online product and the NACC has benefited from his experience and feedback. The national rally in Albany will record their results in the LEOD and as noted earlier, reports will be provided to state associations when available.
6. Minutes from the NACC Board meetings are now being made available to all state associations on a confidential basis. While NSW has requested an option to publish the minutes to all club delegates, this has not been approved by the Directors as it is not permitted under the Corporations Act. This news flyer is designed to provide information to affiliated club members in a readable format and covers the work which the NACC is doing on their behalf.



7. The NACC received notice in November that the existing arrangement, where affiliated club members could access Ken Tame insurance, will cease on 31/12/2019. The original agreement was made and published in September 2013 at the Rockhampton national rally. Due to changes emanating from the Banking Royal Commission, the Insurance Council of Aust. has developed a code of conduct which prevents the NACC from being party to an exclusive agreement between Ken Tame and the CMCA.

Six weeks prior to renewal, those affiliated club members will be notified that they cannot continue to access the Ken Tame insurance unless they are members of CMCA.

Quite a large number of affiliated club members are already members of CMCA and as a goodwill gesture, CMCA have offered to waive the \$16 joining fee for any affiliated club member who currently holds Ken Tame insurance wishing to join the CMCA so they can access the Ken Tame insurance.

The NACC are very disappointed that this arrangement has come to an end and unfortunately, despite enquiries, we have not been able to interest another insurer to offer a similar product to Ken Tame.

8. State Associations that publish newsletters/bulletins are free to use any/all of the items in this flyer. Spreading the word about what the NACC does for caravanners is appreciated.

Issued 15/12/2019

Rin Klasen  
Company Secretary/Director.

## ROAD SAFETY SURVEY

The CMCA have been awarded a grant of \$1.1m to implement a road safety education campaign for RV travellers. In discussions with Richard Barwick (CEO of CMCA), he would like to see as many RV travellers as possible benefit from this grant.

As a first step, affiliated club members are being encouraged to complete a simple survey which will inform how and where the grant money will be directed. The link to the survey can be found at [Road Safety Survey](#)

Through RV Clubs Australia, affiliated club members will be kept informed when the RV Road Safety education program is being rolled out.

I would encourage as many affiliated club members as possible to complete the survey. It only takes a few minutes to complete and is anonymous. Your support in distributing the survey link would be appreciated.

Regards,  
Rin Klasen

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Below is an article from the Choice website that was featured in the Bulletin some time ago.

<https://www.choice.com.au/transport/cars/general/articles/lemon-caravans-and-consumer-rights>

## LEMON CARAVANS AND THE LAW

By: [Andy Kollmorgen](#) and [Kate Browne](#)

### UNSAFE TRAVELS

**Last updated: 29 April 2019**

A number of unhappy caravan owners have contacted CHOICE in recent years with reports of major faults that make the vehicles unsafe to use, and many have struggled to exercise their right to a resolution under Australian Consumer Law.

Instead of refunds or replacements, they've been given the run-around by an industry that appears to bypass the law with impunity, leaving many caravan owners out of pocket and out of options.

- [Tips to help avoid a lemon RV or caravan](#)
- [Case study: A road to nowhere](#)
- [Fighting back on Facebook](#)
- [A growing industry, but at what cost?](#)
- [Dodgy vans on the road](#)
- [A self-regulated industry](#)
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- [Consumer rights – good in theory, hard in practice](#)
- [Where to next?](#)

# ENGINEERING DESIGN OF CARAVANS

Do you want or need to know much more about the engineering that goes into the construction of a caravan? The Caravan Council of Australia could probably answer just about any question you could pose. Check out the list of topics below or visit their website and click on Technical Articles for some great reading.

## CARAVAN COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA TECHNICAL ARTICLES

[Caravan & Camper-Trailer Axle Alignment \(Click to download the PDF\)](#)

[Caravan & Camper-Trailer Wheel Off-set \(Click to download the PDF\)](#)

[Caravan Tare Mass - GTM - ATM - Ball-loading \(Click to download the PDF\)](#)

[Check-List - Used Caravan \(Click to download the PDF\)](#)

[Tyres \(Click to download the PDF\)](#)

[Caravan & Trailer Handling & Stability Issues \(Click to download the PDF\)](#)

[Caravan Inspection - Basic \(Click to download the PDF\)](#)

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[Caravan Towing Test - Theory - Answers \(Click to download the PDF\)](#)

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[Caravan – Pre-Delivery Inspection \(Click to download the PDF\)](#)

[Towing Caravans for Rec-reation \(Click to download the PDF\)](#)

**Caravan Council of Australia Website:** <https://www.caravancouncil.com.au/technical-articles>

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**PRESIDENT                      VICE PRESIDENT                      SECRETARY                      TREASURER**  
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