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THE BULLETIN



**MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR
FOR 2021**



2020 AGM PRESIDENTS REPORT

I am pleased to submit my president report for this year, and what a year it has been. Cancelled travel, cancelled club and the state rallies, but at least we have been able to get out and about to some degree which has been good.

Early in the year the Queensland state rally was put back until next year, and after checking with our insurer we advised all clubs of their obligations with running club rallies.

It is great to see rallies are starting up again. I know that our club has an approved Covid Plan which was required to start up again.

It has been interesting looking at the Albany National rally LEOD figures, particularly the locality spending.

The Kimberley Shire did well, between Derby-West and Wyndham-East almost \$50,000.00, however I believe that we do need to simplify the travel to and from data collection.

There has been a lot of work gone into recording by members and the NACC secretary to compile the figures. The 117 pages of club spending does not have enough value for the work involved, however there is value in the Locality figures. This combined with the rally spend, in this case \$1,742,000 will have value.

Our involvement with RVCAL continues to be of great value for us due to our membership with NACC, this allows us access to people and ideas that can only help us to grow. **RVCAL** now brings together the **CMCA**, **NACC**, **ACC** and **ATRVC**.
(See Page 2 for definitions)

This year RVCAL has been involved with the following:

NSW tolls: NACC, ACC and CMCA under RVCAL had a meeting with TMR with some success but unfortunately the department left out motorhomes and campervans, so there is ongoing follow up. This was in addition to the NSWACC campaign at the state level and I want to thank them for their efforts in correcting this anomaly on tolls.

Leave no trace certification: looking at the idea of a certification put forward by RVCAL as a standard would give access to all members of the four organizations to a single certification which would have more credibility and more acceptance by authorities.

There is the idea of a joint rally in support of the bushfire victims, who have been greatly affected with Covid, and because of the delays may take away some of the significance of the event.

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Last March for example two of our clubs were stopped from using the showground at a place called Killarney which would have injected into the town in excess of \$25,000.

There has also been the opportunity for us to float or explore ideas with the view to exploring other organizations' experiences to see the value or practicality of those ideas.

In some areas of Queensland, we are having regional councils stopping caravan clubs from using showgrounds, citing different council regulations as well as the secondary use of trust land.

This was because of a letter from six caravan park owners, one of whom I drove up to have a meeting with, and while his park was nice it, like the other five could not have accommodated either club.

What I did have confirmed by the visit is his, and other owners' views is that when it comes to caravanners one size fits all which I attempted to explain is not always the case.

In my club's case we need an area where 60 to 70 vans could be parked, a hall that can seat upwards of 140 people with room for DVD and book library, kitchen area for morning tea prep, room for sewing, craft and music group plus an area for disc bowls.

I thank Barbara for the letters that we have put together to the SDRC as well as support letters to the show committees at both Killarney and Beerwah. The SDRC asked for a phone conference call with both Barbara and myself, and we are waiting to see what comes from these efforts.

I believe that amongst caravanners there are mainly three groups, family holidays where the caravan park is a big part of their destination and where they holiday three or more weeks a year, then there are the older groups who are not so much holiday makers, but travelers and are more on the road for up to twelve months and then there are clubs, and all groups have different needs and requirements, some of which caravan parks cannot, nor would they need to provide for.

With meetings that we have had I have been able to make good use of the LEOD, in particular the figures showing that over the years our clubs have spent almost the same in caravan parks as in showgrounds, along with the \$ value that we can inject into these smaller towns.

I will take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to all the committee for their work and support, particularly to Barbara Rutherford who is always there to help out and is a very great and valuable support for the CCQ and all its member clubs. I also want to thank all the partners who are always in the background offering support. I want to also thank the state rally committee for their work to date and we all look forward to rallying together in Pittsworth the second time around.

In closing I want, on behalf of Gayle and myself, to wish each and everyone of you a very Merry Christmas and a much improved and happy New Year and hope that it is a year close to the old normal.

Travel safe and keep well,

Adrian

- **RVCAL** - Recreational Vehicle Clubs of Australia
- **CMCA** - Campervan & Motorhome Club of Australia Limited
- **NACC** - National Association of Caravan Clubs
- **ACC** - Australian Caravan Club
- **ATRVC** - Australian Touring RV Club Inc

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

The Year in Review

This is normally the time of year I try to put together the "Year in Review" for publishing in "The Bulletin" but not so much to report on this year – "unprecedented times" seems to be the catchphrase that is being bandied around about the year 2020. But it did start off well with ...

- At the end of January, a very productive rally with members of the Toowoomba and Golden West and Queensland Caravan Club (host clubs of 2020 State Caravan Rally) was held in the Pittsworth Showgrounds – venue for the Rally. Then, with the uncertainty of the times, a decision was made in March to postpone the Rally until September 2021.
- As the pandemic took hold and we were all bunkered up in lockdown, Clubs cancelled their schedule rallies and meetings. The CCQ Committee continued to meet via ZOOM – a challenge to start with but we soon learnt our way around it (thank goodness for tech-savvy grandchildren I must admit!)
- The Annual General Meeting, scheduled for May, was eventually held in November via ZOOM with the same Committee re-elected until, hopefully, we can hold a face-to-face AGM again in May 2021.
- The CCQ was excited to release a YouTube Video in May "Joining a Caravan Club" in an effort to attract membership of its clubs. We are very grateful to Chris Lloyd, CCQ Vice President, for his expertise in putting it together.
- The main issue that has kept the CCQ busy this year has been trying to negotiate with relevant local councils and government departments regarding allowing caravan club rallies to be held in Showgrounds. This has entailed lots of emails back and forth with councils and government departments, telephone calls and a teleconference with one council. Unfortunately, and very frustratingly, not much has been achieved to date except for promises to keep the CCQ in the loop as they try to have relevant laws updated. We can but try **and will keep trying** until a sensible resolution is found. At its recent committee meeting, the CCQ agreed we make an approach to Chambers of Commerce in an effort to get them behind us as it is the businesses in these regional towns that miss out on clubs being turned away.
- Feedback was sought from Clubs about the future of State Rallies – in particular, how often they should be held. It would seem most feel they should be held annually except for the year of the National Rally.
- It was with regret that the CCQ accepted the resignation of two of its clubs in 2020: Adventurers Caravan Club and Gumnut Caravan Club. We thank the members of those clubs for their past support of the CCQ and wish them well in their future endeavours – hopefully, they will consider joining one of the CCQ's other affiliated clubs.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members a very Happy Christmas and a Bright and Healthy New Year in 2021. Let's hope we can all put COVID 19 behind us and life can get back to normal so that we can go about enjoying our club rallies and caravanning in general.

Barbara

CCQ ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Caravan Clubs of Queensland Inc. held on Tuesday, 3 November 2020 via ZOOM.

The meeting was attended by the Committee and delegates from eight clubs.

The main business of the meeting was to elect the CCQ Committee for 2020/2021.

Election Summary:

- President: Adrian Skinner (QCC)
- Vice President: Chris Lloyd (Roustabouts)
- Secretary: Barbara Rutherford (QCC)
- Treasurer: Les Calvert (Bayside)
- Committee: Mark Brookfield (Family), Pat Mander (QCC)
Dennis Williams (Jabiru)
- Editor: Barry Roberts (Kookaburra)
- Webmaster: Bob Barnett (Kookaburra)

RVCAL - Serving Australia's RV Community

Originally established in 2007, RV Clubs of Australia Limited, formerly known as MoTOURing Australia, aims to ensure the best legal and political representation can be achieved on behalf of its members.

Members

Campervan &
Motorhome Club of
Australia Ltd



www.cmca.net.au

National Association
of Caravan Clubs



www.nacc.asn.au

Australian Touring
RV Club Inc



www.atrvc.org.au

Australian Caravan
Club



www.australiancaravaclub.com.au

Board of Directors

- ⇒ Kim Atkinson
- ⇒ Vince Calleja
- ⇒ Eleanor Scully
- ⇒ Rin Klasen
- ⇒ Sandra Sampson
- ⇒ Graham Humphreys

Representing an ever widening demographic, RVCAL is best positioned to represent the interests and opinions of Australia's RV tourists to all levels of authority and industry organisations, to ensure the freedom of choice to stop overnight wherever we want, at a reasonable cost.

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FOREWORD FROM THE CHAIR

RV Clubs of Australia Limited (RVCAL), formerly MoTOURing, was established in 2007. The organisations that came together to form RVCAL are aiming to collectively represent more than 620,000 travellers in a market that is growing rapidly. This figure embodies a substantial majority of our domestic RV tourists and the extended drive tourism market in Australia.

The organisations that make up RVCAL are:

- Campervan & Motorhome Club of Australia Limited ABN 16 095 568 157
- National Association of Caravan Clubs Limited ACN 141 272 844
- Australasian Touring Caravan, Motorhome & Camping Club Inc.
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Representing an ever-widening demographic, RVCAL is best positioned to represent the interests and opinions of Australian RV tourists to all levels of authority and industry organisations, to ensure the freedom of choice to stop overnight whenever we want at a reasonable cost. RVCAL aims to ensure the best legal and political representation that can be achieved on behalf of its Members.

The Board is aware of the responsibility it has to strategically plan for the future success of RVCAL. This Strategic Plan will consider ongoing actions as well as the development of new goals and objectives.

Yours sincerely

Garry Lee

Chairman on behalf of the RVCAL Board of Directors.

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OUR VISION

Be the respected national peak body representing the Australian RV travelling public.

OUR MISSION

Promote the interests of the RV movement in Australia.

- Provide a united voice on a range of matters that directly affect RV owners.
- Liaise with and educate government, industry and communities about the benefits of the RV industry.
- Work for freedom of choice as to where RV owners can stop over or stay somewhere that is a fully equipped site with modern amenities or a minimal low-cost parking area, and to work with government, industry and communities to pursue this.

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OUR CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTORS

Continue the Promotion of Freedom of Choice for the RV travelling public.

- Supporting road safety awareness through communication and education of individual RV travellers. This will drill down to something as simple as having sufficient rest areas for the travellers.
- Enhancing the communication between RVCAL, the member clubs and the individual members so that the information sharing process is successful. The messages to our stakeholders, governments and industry must be clear and consistent.
- Be aware of issues that may be detrimental to our individual members and the RV lifestyle enabling a considered, timely response.
- Encourage a collaborative team approach to assist, facilitate and grow the safe 'slow' road-based tourism in Australia.
- Enhance a positive advocacy, and communication between all levels of government, industry and tourism organisations.
- Quadruple bottom-line accountability: Economical, Social, Environmental and Sustainability.
- Ensure our members are aware and understand the Strategic Plan.

STRATEGIC PILLERS

- Membership
- Communication
- RV Lifestyle
- Road Safety

MEMBERSHIP

- Increase membership and/or participation of other RV Clubs in Australia who presently aren't part of RVCAL.
- Work with our current caravan, motorhome and other RV Clubs to be more inclusive and involved in the development of RVCAL.
- Develop a strategic marketing campaign to all RV owners in Australia, explaining the benefits of belonging to an RV Club.

COMMUNICATION

- Improve RV traveller engagement to ensure shared information is disseminated through all possible mediums.
- Engage with key stakeholders, including government, to share the RVCAL message.
- Promote road safety and etiquette.

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Strategic Plan

RV LIFESTYLE

- Identify and share new experiences for the consumer.
- Encourage environmentally responsible RV travel.
- Promote the benefits of self-containment.
- Reference economic growth to the tourism sector, especially the value-added benefits of RV travellers.
- Maintain and develop our members' freedom of choice by engaging with government at all levels, focusing on legislation, compliance and tourism development.
- Seek to improve and facilitate better communications with tourism operators to identify touring route opportunities to provide more slow travel choice for our members.
- Promote the fact that the RV lifestyle can add years to your life.

ROAD SAFETY

- Work with key stakeholders, including government and media, to encourage and facilitate safe RV travel.
- Enhance RV drive tourism road and safety education through the proper use of rest areas.
- Ensure governments understand the necessity of rest areas to ensure that our members are not travelling when tired.
- Encourage government to allocate necessary funds towards new, and enhancing existing infrastructure, such as rest areas, bridges and additional overtaking lanes on roads.
- Ensure that manufacturing, warranty and compliance is in accordance with Australian Standards at all times.
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Update from AGM and Board Meeting 28th October 2020

1. **AGM** - meeting was held on 28-10-2020 at 10.00am EDST via video. In attendance list:- Adrian Skinner (CCQ); Ray Swift (ACT); Peter Hillas (ACCVic), Bob Williamson (ACCSA); Rin Klasen (National); Nick Busuttil (NSW); Rob Taylor (ACCVic President); Derek Atkinson (WAACCI); Graham Brown (ACCSA President); Glen Arkinstall (NSW President)

Membership of the NACC is limited to the president of each state association. Individual club members cannot be members of NACC.

For the AGM, each state association president is invited to attend and only they (or their nominee) can vote at the AGM

The only change to the Directors/Alternate Directors was the appointment of Rob Taylor for ACCVic as alternate director for Peter Hillas.

Positions on the Board of Directors include Adrian Skinner (Chairman); Ray Swift (Treasurer); Rin Klasen (Secretary/Public Officer).

2. **Board of Director's** - meeting was held on 28-10-2020 at 10.30am EDST via video. Those attending this meeting were as listed for the AGM. Whilst only Directors or Alternate directors attend Board meetings, as a courtesy to those state presidents who have attended the AGM, they are invited to join the Board meeting.

3. **National Rallies**

Spending figures for the 17th national rally in Albany have now been distributed to each state association for their information. As a matter of interest, over \$1,700,000 was spent in getting to/attending and getting home from the rally. This figure comes from information supplied by club members and is most likely very conservative since many members did not complete expense sheets.



The 18th National Rally planning is progressing well, and monthly newsletters are now being circulated to all affiliated club members. Registrations are now open with over 225 club members registered so far. There is a special web site for the 18th National Rally. This can be accessed from the NACC web site nacc.asn.au or direct at <https://www.18thnationalcaravanrally.org.au/welcome.php>

The hope is that when Covid-19 restrictions are lifted, that more club members will register to attend what is shaping up to be a great national rally.

The NSW association has accepted the invitation to conduct the 2025 19th national rally and a committee has been formed to get the planning underway. Committee members are Chairperson - Frank Smalley; Treasurer - Ann Carragher; Assistant Treasurer - Damian Stewart; Ground Manager - Glen Arkinstall; Entertainment Coordinator - Nick Busuttill. The AREC site at Mudgee has been selected for the rally with dates set from 10/10/2025 to 20/10/2025. Pencil that date in your forward planners!

In 2028, the 20th national rally will be hosted by the Victorian association and believe it or not, but they have already started some preliminary work planning that event. Well done ACCVic.

4. *RV Clubs (RVCAL)*



Since the last update, two meetings of RVCAL have been held. One on the 24th June and the AGM and Board meeting on 18th November. Both meetings have been conducted via video which is proving useful as it saves time and expense travelling to Brisbane.

RV Clubs has a new web site www.rvc.net.au where you can download a copy of the Strategic Plan 2020 – 22. This web site is under construction and will be improved with further information available of interest to club members.

At the June meeting, the Australian Caravan Club were officially accepted as members of RVCAL and we are delighted to have them back.

5. *RV Clubs Rally*

The original concept of holding a combined rally on the South Coast in early 2021 to support the bushfire communities, has run foul of the Covid-19 restrictions and has now been postponed to possibly 2022 depending on the conditions at that time.

6. *Correspondence*

Just for interest, the NACC correspondence between March 2019 and March 2020 totalled 205 inward and 185 outward items. Covid-19 has kept things a bit quieter for obvious reasons.



7. *Financial Reports*

Treasurer Ray Swift tabled the financial reports covering the period 1 Feb 2020 to 30 September 2020. Income was \$6951.86 while expenses were \$7,317.89 leaving a balance of \$13,324.10

8. *Introducing a Director – Ray Swift (Treasurer)*



Ray Swift represents the ACT association and is a member of the Canberra Caravan Club. Ray has been actively involved with the national body since the early 1980's, prior to the formation of the NACC as a company. He was appointed as a Director of the newly formed NACC Ltd in 2010 and as Treasurer in March 2012.

Ray continues to hold the position of Treasurer and provides the Board with accurate and timely information on financial matters.

Many club members will remember Ray as Chairman of the organising committee for the 16th National Rally in Canberra. Ray, along with fellow Canberra club members delivered an excellent rally which, despite the weather, was a great success.

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Rin Klasen
Company Secretary/Director.



18th NATIONAL CARAVAN CLUBS RALLY
Riverland Events Centre, Barmera SA
28th March - 7th April 2022 (10 nights)

Registrations for 18th National Caravan Clubs Rally 2022 now being accepted at:

<https://www.18thnationalcaravanrally.org.au/>

You may register online or by downloading the PDF form. The form should be downloaded, completed and posted to the respective address as indicated on the form.

QUEENSLAND STATE CARAVAN RALLY 2021

PITTSWORTH

16th—22nd September

The 2021 State Caravan Rally will be held at the Pittsworth Showground.

Host Clubs: Toowoomba & Golden West Caravan Club Inc.
Queensland Caravan Club Inc.

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CARAVAN SHOWS 2021

Let's Go Gold Coast Caravan & Outdoor Expo

5th - 7th March

Metricon Stadium, Nerang Broadbeach Road, Carrara

[2021 Let's Go Gold Coast Caravan & Outdoor Expo - Caravanning Queensland
\(caravanqld.com.au\)](http://caravanqld.com.au)

2021 The Let's Go Brisbane Caravan & Camping Supershow will return

2nd - 7th June

Brisbane Showgrounds, 600 Gregory Terrace, Bowen Hills

[Enquiries: info@caravanqld.com.au](mailto:info@caravanqld.com.au)

[2021 Let's Go Queensland Caravan & Camping Supershow - Caravanning Queensland
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IVORY'S ROCK CARAVAN PARK AND CAMPING GROUND

A new facility for campers and caravanners offering a spectacular nature-based experience – with WiFi – will open in the Ipswich region.

Operators of the Ivory's Rocks Caravan Park and Camping Grounds said it was the first private facility of its type to open in Queensland in 20 years.

It is part of Ivory's Rock Conventions and Events which is set on a 600ha property near Peak Crossing, 20km south of Ipswich.

The campground, which can host 200 visitors per night, is taking bookings from 27 June and will operate from Thursdays to Sundays.

Call: 07 3077 9668

Web: <https://ivorysrock.org.au/>

Email: enquiries@ivorysrock.foundation

Upcoming Events - Outback Queensland 2021

Here are a several web sites to access for Queensland outback events in 2021

<https://www.outbackqueensland.com.au/events/>

<https://www.thegreynomads.com.au/events/queensland/>

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