

# COROMAL CAPERS



## COMING RALLIES

### SEPTEMBER NOWRA

Shoalhaven Heads  
September 1-2

OCTOBER  
MUDGEE  
Mudgee Tourist Park  
Sept 29-Oct 1  
(Long weekend)

NOVEMBER  
BATEAU BAY  
November 3-4  
(Annual General Meeting)

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## CLUB NEWS

### WEBSITE

The Constitution and Operational Procedures that were agreed upon at the June Special Meetings are now available on our Website.

<http://www.coromalcaravanclub.org.au>.

This site includes photographs from past and details of future rallies. Remember to check regularly for updates.

### EARLY NOTICE

The Annual General Meeting will be held during the Bateau Bay Rally on 3-4 November 2007. It will be held at the Blue Lagoon Resort. The exact date and time will be in the next newsletter.

### WELCOME

The club welcomes new members  
Bob & Zelma Jones,  
Doug & Sue Coates,  
Derek & Gwen Hale



### July/ August HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To our members who have a birthday during this period

July Lindsay Marshall 8th,  
Gloria Rollings 16th  
Ann Weal 22nd  
Kevin Cornell 29th  
August Jim Scott 3rd  
Sue Milne 13th  
Ron Weal 22nd

### NEW POSTAL ADDRESS

All correspondence to  
Coromal Caravan Club  
PO Box 4248  
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## ANNA BAY (JUNE LONG WEEKEND)

This rally will be known for the adventures campers had in getting to Anna Bay. A record number of vans were booked in, but several were forced to pull out at the last minute due to the weather conditions. In the end 9 vans (22 people, 2 dogs) made it and had a wet but fun filled weekend. Campers started to arrive early in the week, with most arriving on Friday with stories to tell. The last few arrived on Saturday with more tales.

To get to the site, many traveled through floodwaters and torrential rain and wind. One couple were a little late arriving as they needed the SES to remove power lines and trees from their driveway, so they could get their van out. During the weekend one couple returned to their home to check their garden & garage as it was flooded, then returned to rally.



The organized events, including a cruise to Tea Gardens were cancelled, but didn't stop the campers who were able to entertain themselves during the days. Most made it to Stockton Beach (site of our next rally) to view the "Pasha Bulker" which had run aground on Nobby's Beach.

The local shopping centres were also popular as they were warm and dry. The local Country & Western Festival was also on. Some of our members gathered tips from listening to the singing and watching the line dancers.



Saturday night saw everyone join in at the large Camp Kitchen area for a 3 course buffet meal, including entrees, soup, main dishes and desserts all provided and prepared by members. A sudden blackout, failed to dampen the spirit of the campers, good preparation for the Tag-a-long. Frank was surprised with a cake to celebrate his birthday, so much that he was singing along and looking around to see who's birthday it was..



Sunday was another wet day, so campers found activities to keep themselves warm and dry. Everyone returned to the campsite by 4.30pm to attend a special meeting to discuss our "Constitution and Operating Procedures" as well as a General meeting. (see club activities). This was followed by a communal tea and many stayed to watch a movie.

Monday, the final day of the rally, as a cynic would predict was dry and sunny, as members prepared to return home. Three vans remained on site, after the others departed mid morning. Those remaining welcomed Terry and Barbara who dropped in for a chat.

# CHRISTMAS IN JULY

## STOCKTON



The club celebrated Christmas in July at Stockton Beach Tourist Park.

We arrived on Thursday to find four vans already in place. Five vans gathered to re-initiate the tradition of the Happy Hour for the weekend. Happily, the tradition is well and truly in place and was successfully repeated on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings! Numbers swelled throughout Friday, Friday evening and even Saturday morning. The final count was 13 vans, 26 adults and 3 kids.



The muster on Saturday morning saw the usual indecision and eventual consensus as to the progress of the day. Gary (the Chef) Blinco and others remained to prepare the evening feast while the rest of the mob spread to the four winds. Wollombi was visited to check the access for El Presidente. He will not be impressed.



The highlight of the weekend was the Christmas in July feast; words cannot do justice to the delicious fare. Gary prepared a two course meal cooked in a web-bers and his van oven, with roast pork, ham, beef and chicken, plus a selection of vegetables and greens followed by Christmas pudding, custard and ice cream. This was followed by our first foray into Bingo....an event to be remembered.

Sunday morning saw a good number ferry over to the city to catch the famous tram (and the rocking van!) on the city tour, and to visit the markets and the antique supastore.



A great weekend!

Hopefully the causeway will be cleared by Wollombi.

Thank you Ben, Gary and Frank for providing this information and photographs.



## HINTS AND TIPS

A handy addition to the flap that covers the under bench basket is a spring loaded strut. The strut will keep the flap upright whilst accessing the basket and then holds the flap firmly closed when not in use. Refer to images.

Should you want to install one of these struts, they are readily available through Caravan Repair Centres or Camec.

Note: When drilling holes. do not drill thru flap top.



To mount, your hole centres should be 150 & 168 mm from the hinge face into the bench. The hole centres should be 52 & 68 mm from the hinge into the flap. Note **DO NOT DRILL THRU FLAP TOP**. Utilise short screws also so as not to damage laminate top



Top Cover Flap Strut For Under Bench Basket.



Note that the screws aren't too long, as you will blister the flaps laminate if you screws are too long.

**DO NOT DRILL THRU THE FLAP TOP.**

Note: Should the strut you have obtained differs from the illustrated one, you'll need to figure out your own measurements.

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### USEFUL WEBSITES

NSW State Association of Caravan Clubs

[www.caravanclubsnsw.asn.au](http://www.caravanclubsnsw.asn.au)

Has a list of Caravan Clubs and contacts in NSW as well as news on National & State Rallies,

Go See Australia

[www.goseeaustralia.com.au](http://www.goseeaustralia.com.au)

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## WANTED

( request received by Elizabeth)  
Wondering if you could help.

We owned a Coromal, but had an unfortunate accident recently and it rolled (on the gravel section of the Roper Highway NT).

Would you know of, or does your newsletter have, any listing of people wanting to sell their Coromal?

We are after an off road poptop - preferably single axle. (for example Pioneer Corvair PC511 or similar).

We live in Brisbane but are happy to drive interstate for the right van. We are checking the local caravan sales yards also, but thought dedicated Coromal people may be a better source.  
Kind regards.....Keith

From: "Keith Adams" <[kladams@optusnet.com.au](mailto:kladams@optusnet.com.au)>

### CARAVAN SHOWS

#### DUBBO

Caravan, Camping & 4WD Show  
Dubbo Showground  
6-9 September 2007

Visit <http://www.ruralscene.com.au/>

#### PENRITH

Caravan, Camping & Holiday Expo  
Penrith Panthers  
14-16 September 2007

Visit <http://penrith.supershow.com.au>

#### SOUTH COAST

Caravan, Camping & Holiday Expo  
McKay Park, Batemans Bay  
9-11 November 2007

Visit <http://southcoast.supershow.com.au>

### RECOGNISING A STROKE

Three simple steps you can perform  
that may help.

- 1 Ask the individual to smile
- 2 Ask him to raise both arms
- 3 Ask the person to say a sentence

IF THE PERSON HAS ANY TROUBLE  
WITH THESE SIMPLE TASKS,

**CALL AN AMBULANCE  
IMMEDIATELY,  
DESCRIBE THE SYMPTOMS  
TO THE DISPATCHER**

A woman came home, screeching her car into the driveway, and ran into the house. She slammed the door and shouted at the top of her lungs,

"Honey, pack your bags. I won the lottery!"

The husband said, "Oh my God! What should I pack, beach stuff or mountain stuff?"

"Doesn't matter," she said.

"Just get out"