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COMING EVENTS

November 21-23
WILBERFORCE
Butterfly Farm
Annual General Meeting

December 12-14
STOCKTON
Stockton Beach
Christmas Rally

January 23-26
OBERON
Jenolan Caravan Park
Australia Day Long Weekend

February 20-22
To be announced

CLUB NEWS

Welcome to the following new members
David Jenkins & Stephanie Theunissen
Robert & Margaret Clark
Robert & Jeanette Noack
Gary & Diane Brunton

“Experience the Club’s Lifestyle
Discover The Freedom & Friendship”

REMINDER

The 2008-09 Annual General Meeting will be held 22nd of November Rally at Wilberforce.
All positions will be declared vacant so please think about joining the Committee.

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COROMAL CARAVAN CLUB NEWS

Annual General Meeting

The Coromal Caravan Club's Annual General Meeting will be held at 11am on Saturday 22nd November at the Butterfly Farm. All positions will be declared vacant.

Four of the existing office bearers (Treasurer, Secretary, Rally Coordinator and Editor) will not be nominating for their positions and one general committee member (assistant Rally Coordinator) will not be able to nominate as he is now an associate member.

If you feel you can help with the running of your club you are urged to nominate for one of these, or any other position. If you feel that you are not quite ready to hold one of the senior positions, then you should consider nominating for a general committee position to get the experience to nominate for an office bearer's position in the future. Completed nomination forms must be received by either handing to Ben or posting to our mail box to arrive by close of business on Thursday 13th November

The Coromal Caravan Club's Major Fund Raising Raffle for 2008.

The Annual fund raising raffle is on again. First prize is a week at East's Caravan Park at Kiama and there will be several other prizes.

Tickets will be available at the next rally for \$2 each. Ian has tickets, please contact him on IanW@coromalcaravanclub.org.au

Request for Coromal Caravan Photographs.

I recently received a request from Darren Raven of Coromal Caravans in Perth looking for photographs for a slideshow of their products. If you can help, please email myself, Ben or Frank and we will put together a collection to send to them .

Dear Sue

Firstly congratulations on a wonderful looking website, I've had a wander through and everything looks good.

I have recently been given some new projects and I am obtaining photos and images of our Coromal product (recent if possible).

What I am doing with these images is creating presentation slideshows of all our Coromal product Princetons, Lifestyles, Excels, Corvairs, Silhouettes, Pioneers and even some previous models like the ever popular Seka or Capri.

We have a fair amount of product shots though unfortunately we do not have a large enough image gallery of lifestyle shots like people enjoying themselves or 3 Coromals in a row down the hwy or in caravan parks etc, Therefore I am contacting our Clubs to see if You have some good quality Hi resolution images we can use.

In the slideshows they will be broken up with a mixture of features for our products and images of caravans and scenery etc. any photos and images you provide that we use will have your website displayed at the bottom so when people visit our dealerships throughout NSW and when they are at caravan shows they can view our product slides and see your website down below. From this you will gain exposure to anyone looking at a Coromal product and hopefully increase your memberships throughout the year.

I thank you in advance.

Kind Regards

D Raven

Darren Raven
Sales and Marketing



Wellington Rally 27-29th September 2008 Wellington Caves Caravan Park

The long awaited start of the first Coromal Caravan Club Tag-along had arrived. Vans gathered throughout the weekend in preparation for the big day on Monday. Also in attendance were 3 visitors and their partners and families.

The plan for the weekend was to keep it simple with plenty of time for final preparation. Many took the opportunity to tour Wellington and surrounding areas such as Burrendong Dam. Others travelled to Dubbo to visit the Caravan & Camping Show to do their final shopping.



The usual Happy Hour was held within the park, surrounded by wildlife of the area. Everyone then headed for “the Lion of Waterloo Hotel” built in 1842 (oldest licensed hotel this side of the Blue Mountains). All enjoyed a traditional Roast Meal and great company. This was despite the power failure, which was repaired by our willing band of workers, This was so they could watch the League Semi-finals in the sitting room.



On Sunday it was very quiet with little activity. A game of golf was arranged on the nearby course and laughter from this could be heard throughout the camp. Many went for a walk to the Japanese Gardens or to the Caves.



A Camp Cookout was arranged for tea. Ron had the fire going early and we all sat by the fire entertained by singing and story telling.



It was an early night as everyone was keen to be ready to join the TAG -ALONG. This commenced at 9am with a gathering of vans and a photo shoot in the Caves Car Park.





COROMAL CARAVAN CLUB TAG-ALONG 2008 FROM 29th September to 24th October

The Tag along started with a Rally at Wellington and finished 28 days later at Goulburn. Along the way there were stops for one or more nights at Cobar, White Cliffs, Mutawintji, Silverton, Tibooburra, Broken Hill, Copi Hollow, Mungo Mungo, Buronga, Swan Hill, Barmah, and Beechworth. The number of vans taking part varied (between 7 & 17) as members joined and left the group, to do their own exploring or for other commitments. All types of Coromal vans took part and there was interest in comparing the pros & cons of each.

I only have space to note some of the highlights as everyday there was new sights to see or do. Here are just some of the most talked about activities.



White Cliffs: including a visit to a dugout home and guided tour of Paroo Darling National Park, The day ending with a game of bowls using paddy melons as balls.

Mutawintji: aboriginal art work, the natural bushwalks and a desert storm.

Tibooburra: where we spent 4 nights, with several staying at Dead Horse Gully. A Bush Ball was held among the granites. Other activities included a visit to Cameron Corner and drives in the area.

Copi Hollow: The stay at Copi Hollow, an oasis in the desert and tour of Kinchega National Park.

Mungo Mungo: Seeing the Great Wall of China at Sunset with a full moon rising above the wall

Murray River: including paddle steamer rides,

Beechworth: including a Night Tour of the Asylum, breakfast at the Bakery and Town bus tour, wine tasting, driving in snow in contrast to the desert of previous days.



The Tag-along enabled the participations to share the outback experiences among a group of friends. Thank you to all for its great success

Comments include

It's given me the confidence to do more bush camping
I've learnt a lot about the outback and its landscape & life



GOULBURN RALLY October 24-26th 2008

The end of the Coromal Caravan Club Tag-along



There was excitement at the South Goulburn Caravan Park as campers who had driven down waited for the those in the Tag-along arrive, after their month on the road. Time was spent setting up interlaced with tales of the trip. This was followed by Happy Hour and tea, finishing with a quiet evening.



Saturday started with morning tea and signing-in, ideas, tourist information was handed out and discussion about the various activities available. All campers decided to go their own way. Some toured the local markets, tourist spots, museums, shopping, or rested during the day. We all met back at camp for Happy Hour (summoned by the horn at 5pm, a Tag-along tradition). Then it was off to the Goulburn Soldiers Club for a farewell meal. This was followed by supper and time to reflect on the last month. Everyone gave their thoughts on the trip and how much they had learnt and the confidence they now had to do further exploring off the main track.



Sunday, saw the camp in a hive of activity as all prepared for the final parting and the trip home. A communal breakfast was held in the camp kitchen and final speeches were made. There were presentations to the organisers and appreciation to all who took part and how the participants all helped to make it a success. A final reminder that the Annual General Meeting will be held at the next Rally.



During the morning the campsite slowly emptied as people left to return to the “Real World”, talking about further longer rallies in the future.

Check out the Official Website of Coromal Owners Club of Victoria

<http://home.vicnet.net.au/coromal>

This Melbourne based Club formed in August 2008 and welcomes owners of Coromal caravans from metropolitan and country locations to share enjoyable caravanning experiences in this wonderful land of ours.

Visitors to this site are invited to browse the content of its pages and make enquiries as relevant.

Our Tag-along has a mention in the November issue of their e-newsletter.

3- 1-1 SCONES

3 cups self raising flour
1 cup cream
1 cup lemonade
Pinch of salt

Sift 3 cups self raising flour, add pinch of salt.

Make a well in the centre; pour in cream and lemonade.

Mix to a firm dough.

Roll out to 2cm thick and cut into shapes with cutter.

Arrange on oven tray close together (touching each other), glaze tops with milk.

Place in oven – above the centre - and bake at 220°C for 10-15 minutes or until golden brown. To test, sides of scones should be set.

Cool on cake cooler.

AUSTRALIA'S OUTBACK TRIVIA

No part of Australia is further than 1000 kilometres from the sea.

A kangaroo's tail does not touch the ground when it is hopping at speed. The animal only uses the tail to balance its jumping efforts, and to rear upon when stopped

The oldest skeleton found in Australia was at Lake Mungo in New South Wales. It is believed to be 38,000 years old and is the skeleton of a female.

The portable beer cooler, or as it is known in Australia as the 'esky', was invented in Australia in the 1950's, and has become extremely popular all around the world.

The first Australian Aboriginal word in the English language was "kangaroo" and was used by Captain James Cook. The original spelling was "kanguroo".

The so-called 'dingo fence' in Australia is the longest fence in the world, and is about twice as long as the Great Wall of China. It has a gate every 19kms along it's length.

95% of the world's opals are dug up in Australia, and also the biggest opals outright. (The record holder being 6.8 kg!)

The wine cask, the ubiquitous plastic bag full of wine contained in a cardboard box, was invented in Australia in 1967.

OLD SUPERSTITIONS

Australian settlers and convicts early last century believed a person or animal bitten by a snake would die around sunset.

Wattle blossoms bought into a house brings bad luck, it is widely believed in many parts of Australia.