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Are you interested in becoming a Regional Delegate or Coordinator, or interested in organising a Rally or a Get Together for your Region?

Our Club will not survive into the future unless we have people willing to put their hands up.

Please feel free to discuss this with a Committee Member or email a message with your suggestions.

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We extend a very warm welcome to the following members who have recently joined or re-joined us:

Colin and Wendy de la Nougerede Terry & Elaine Sherlock Mark & Lesley Burich Peter & Joy Stirling John & Marj McGuiness Geoff & Caroline McKebery

Please take the opportunity to join one of our get-togethers soon and meet some of the characters that make up this club.

For Future Get Togethers see Pages 16-17 or log in to the website at <u>www.atrvc.org.au</u>

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Beautiful Beechworth



Mount Buffalo Chalet



Red Stag Deer & Emu Farm



Glenrowan & Ned Kelly Country

National Rally 2024

Registrations Are Now Open!

Myrtleford Victoria

16th to 26th April 2024

Tours to Tempt You!

Our National Rally Sub-Committee team has recently been working with Fallons Bus Group to plan tours for our members to really explore this beautiful area of Victoria.

We are well underway with planning some "cracker" locations and exciting itineraries.

TOUR 1

A day trip to Beechworth.

TOUR 2

A day trip to Mt Buffalo, a BYO picnic lunch & afternoon tea at the Red Stag Deer & Emu Farm.

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The Decor of yesteryear

Update from the Committee Room December 2023



Hello Members,

The Committee trusts you experienced a wonderful Christmas with family and friends. We wish you a heathy, safe & happy New Year and may 2024 see all your hopes and aspirations come to fruition.

As advised, the planning for our 2024 National Rally in Myrtleford, Vic, in April, is underway. The National Rally Sub Committee (NRSC) is the organiser of the Rally.

The members of the 2024 National Rally Sub Committee (NRSC) are:

Chair Aus 1088 Geoff Woodard 2nd Committee Person Aus 946 David Henley

Rally Organisers Aus 920 Malcolm & Wendy Carter

Aus 512 Graham & Micki Wade Aus 352 Neville & Bernadette Pitt

Many thanks to the members who have already registered for the National Rally. It makes it easier for the organisers if they know numbers as soon as possible.

The \$25 per person Rally Fee is due with Registration.

A Site Fee deposit of \$30 is due on 16th February, with the balance payable before 2nd April.

Please contact Secretary Geoff if you require a copy of the Registration Form or download it from the Home Page of the club website.

Look for the National Rally Information Page in this magazine to find out about the tours that have been planned. Wendy has, & will, be posting information on our Facebook Page.

There will be a National Rally Commemorative Club Shirt. The Order Form for the shirts will be emailed to all members in late January. The last day for orders will be 23rd February. The shirts are produced in Victoria so they will be picked up & delivered to members at the rally venue.

The 2024 AGM will be held via Zoom on Tuesday $10^{\rm th}$ September. Times will be advised closer to the date. Contact Ric if you would like to plan an AGM Rally or Get Together.

The WA Region will be hosting the 2025 National Rally & AGM in the Springtime. Many thanks to Ric & Fran Bennetts for travelling/crisscrossing the state to find the best venue!!



As announced on Facebook, the Committee has been advised that Harry & Carolyn Steinheuer have regretfully resigned from our club. Harry has advised that he has suffered from acute spinal degeneration for many years and following recent results, his neurosurgeon has insisted that they sell the caravan, & the golf clubs, & alter their life style to suit. Harry excelled in the role of MC at the Tamworth National Rally & was looking forward to repeating the 'performance' in Myrtleford. We will miss you Harry & Carolyn. Both hope to catch up with members whenever they are able to.

As continually advised, we need a volunteer to fill the role of Vice President until the AGM in September. The Committee should consist of 7 members but has been working with just 6. Please contact Secretary Geoff if you would like to volunteer.

We were very pleased to ratify four new Club Memberships at our meeting on 11th December & within a few days, we were very pleased to welcome two more Memberships. Welcome to you all.

Remember to hand out those club brochures. One new member picked up a brochure some time ago, found it recently & rang Membership Officer Kerry. Result – a new Membership.

Also remember to chat to your business contacts that are, even remotely, connected to caravanning, & they may express interest in advertising in The Traveller – just ask Malcolm & Wendy how they just happened to receive such an expression of interest. Hopefully the next magazine will have a new Advertiser.

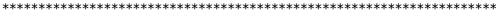
Friendship List Updates – thank you to the members who have advised Membership Officer Kerry about the changes to their contact details.

To our members who are unwell, we are thinking of you & your carers and send best wishes to you all.

We are all looking forward to meeting up with you in Myrtleford in April 2024.

Stay safe. Travel safe. Take care.

Wendy Abraham President





JURIEN BAY W.A RALLY 20TH November to 25th November 2023

Day 1 - The opening of the rally was at 3pm and was attended by 40 members. This was followed by a sausage sizzle, with Ken and Richard ably plying the tongs, and then dessert at 6pm.

Day 2 —We held our postponed Disc Bowls Championships, which was played under very trying conditions, with very hot and extremely strong winds. Even with these conditions, we had a good number of members vying for the trophy.





Gunter arbitrating on a very close grouping, to decide the winners.

The winners were Warren Everett and Mal Bruning, with the runners up Stephen Spiers, one of our new members, and John Vannereau, after some very close games.





Later in the day at Happy Hour, we were entertained by Hugh Robertson and his guitar. Later in the evening Lynette Everett tested us with quizzes and that was interspersed with jokes. Luckily the wind had dropped and it was a very pleasant evening.

Day 3 —Breakfast at the café adjoining the caravan park kicked off the day. They coped very well with all of us and there were no long waiting times to be served.

A very pleasant happy hour ensued by being entertained by Les Ritchin, singing all the songs that we know. Many of us joined Lynette in doing some line dancing.





Day 4 - Mal Bruning had us all enthralled watching him flying his model aeroplane. We were all holding our breaths as he landed his plane very successfully. Luckily no repetition of the crash from a previous rally. Luckily the wind had gone and it was not as hot.





Happy hour and the raffle draw. Many thanks to all our members who generously donated grocery items and prizes. There were enough goodies to make up 7 baskets for prizes.

That evening, it was off to the Jurien Bay Hotel for dinner.





Dining in salubrious surroundings.

Dog lovers relegated to the outer.

Day 5 – Geoff Kenward took some of our members on a Tag-a-long through the Lesueur National Park and to Sandy Cape. The members who stayed back had great fun playing Ladder Golf, Quoits and Klop. All the winners of the games were rewarded with chocolates. Happy hour was enjoyed under the olive trees and the closing of the rally. A planned BBQ did not come off due to the confines of the camp kitchen.



Ken closing the Rally

Day 6 – Most members got away quite early as there was a forecast for a very hot day in Perth.

Ken & Kerry Dymock

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Western Gums Tourist Park, Kyabram Rally by the Victorian Branch 20/11/23—28/11/23

Mon 20/11—All 13 caravans utilizing powered sites arrived today. We could not come in early as another Caravan Club was here and park had no vacancies. Included in our numbers was our President Wendy & Nigel.

Happy hour was really enjoyed under the large shady trees seeing that it was a 30-degree day.

We had our usual Sausage Sizzle. Sausage cooks David & Paul and onion cook Wombat did an excellent job.

Tue 21/11—A free morning to be enjoyed.



Fiska was to be played today under those trees but we had some showers so game was changed to Bean Bag Toss and relocated to the Camp Kitchen.

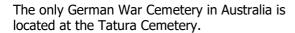
The winner was Paul Dadswell.

This was followed by Stewarts Scones with Jam & Cream, with Happy Hour immediately after.

All members returned after tea and had a game of Grocery Grab, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Wed 22/11—Our group went for a small drive across to Tatura where we visited the Wartime Museum, where we watched a video.

This internment camp held up to 8000 internees in the 7 camps in the group, with a large garrison involved.





Nearby town of Murchison also had 4000 Italian & Japanese internees and an Italian War Cemetery there.



We then had a very nice lunch at the Hill Top Golf and Country Club.

After lunch some people visited a couple of murals in the town and the War Cemetery on the way back to the Caravan Park.





After Happy Hour some members came back to the Camp Kitchen for a game of Card Bingo.

Thur 23/11—A free day. Some members travelled to Tongala a nearby town that has an Art Trail for the large number of murals throughout the town.





After Happy Hour we had "Bring a Casserole to share" for dinner at the Camp Kitchen.

Servers for tonight



Fri 24/11—Bit of a drizzly day which put some members off our visit to the renowned Kyabram Fauna Park. Some members came just for the nice morning tea.

Our last 3 members in the cabins arrived today.



Lucy & David looking at the Meercat.



In the afternoon we had our Disc Bowls competition. As there were limited entries, we played singles. The winner was John Dijs and runner-up was David Sinderberry.

After Happy Hour for dinner, we had "Build your own Hamburger," followed by Fruit & Ice Cream.

Sat 25/11—Pancake morning. John has excelled again. Toppings to choose from were Maple Syrup, Lemon Juice, Jam, Fruit & Ice Cream.





Prior to Happy Hour, we had a group discussion about Myrtleford National Rally to bring all members up to date.

For tea we had BYO meat with a salad to share.

Sun26/11—A free day in which to prepare for our feast.

The ladies had a working Bee in the afternoon making a multitude of salads.





The Ladies preparing the feast and laying out of tables.



Prepare yourself for a choice of 8 chickens, Ham on the Bone, and a choice of salads but save some room for sweets!





Before sweets, presentations were made to all of the winners of the games. Draws were done for our Kris Kringle presents.



Now for the Men's turn! The cleanup crew









Contestants for 'Best Dressed' - L>R Table 1, 2 , 3

Mod 27/11—A free day. One job that took place was to check out the new flag pole.



Tonight was our banquet night, where we ate all the food that was left over from our Christmas Dinner. Plus, some sweets brought by members.

We would like to thank all members for your contribution to make this Rally the success that it was.

We wish all Club members a Very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year when sharing the festivities with your Family & Friends.

Looking forward to catching up with you all in 2024.

Xmas Luncheon at Golden Ponds, Baldivis. WA 5th Dec

The Western Australian region celebrated their Xmas luncheon at the Golden Ponds Resort in Baldivis.

49 members sat down to a choice of a 2 or 3 course luncheon.

The Xmas hamper was won by Beryl Bassula.

Second and third prizes were won by Denise and Anne.







Wishing all members a safe and happy Xmas and a healthy new Year.

Colin and Lorraine Ralston the Luncheon Organisers





What! You ate how much?

SNAKES: What to Do and NOT DO

DO NOT try to catch, kill or identify the snake!!! This is important.

In hospital we **NO LÓNGER NEED** to know the type of snake; it doesn't change treatment.

5 years ago we would do a test on the bite, blood or urine to identify the snake so the correct anti venom can be used.

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Read that again- one injection for all snakes!

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3000 bites are reported annually.

300-500 hospitalisations

2-3 deaths annually.

Average time to death is 12 hours. The urban myth that you are bitten in the yard and die before you can walk from your chook pen back to the house is a load of rubbish.

While not new, the management of snake bite (like a flood/fire evacuation plan or CPR) should be refreshed each season.

Let's start with a Basic overview.

There are five genus of snakes that will harm us (seriously)

Browns, Blacks, Adders, Tigers and Taipans. All snake venom is made up of huge proteins (like egg white). When bitten, a snake injects some venom into the meat of your limb (NOT into your blood).

This venom can not be absorbed into the blood stream from the bite site.

stream from the bite site. It travels in a fluid transport system in your body called the lymphatic system (not the blood stream).

Now this fluid (lymph) is moved differently to blood.

Your heart pumps blood around, so even when you are lying dead still, your blood still circulates around the body. Lymph fluid is different. It moves around with physical muscle movement like bending your arm, bending knees, wriggling fingers and toes, walking/exercise etc.

Now here is the thing. Lymph fluid becomes blood after these lymph vessels converge to form one of two large vessels (lymphatic trunks) which are connected to veins at the base of the neck.

Back to the snake bite site.

When bitten, the venom has been injected into this lymph fluid (which makes up the bulk of the water in your tissues).



The only way that the venom can get into your blood stream is to be moved from the bite site in the lymphatic vessels. The only way to do this is to physically move the limbs that were bitten.

Stay still!!! Venom can't move if the victim doesn't move.

Stay still!!

Remember people are not bitten into their blood stream.

In the 1980s a technique called Pressure immobilisation bandaging was developed to further retard venom movement. It completely stops venom /lymph transport toward the blood stream.

A firm roll bandage is applied directly over the bite site (don't wash the area). Technique:

Three steps: keep them still

Step 1 : Apply a bandage over the bite site, to an area about 10cm above and below the bite.

Step 2: Then using another elastic roller bandage, apply a firm wrap from Fingers/ toes all the way to the armpit/groin.

The bandage needs to be firm, but not so tight that it causes fingers or toes to turn purple or white. About the tension of a sprain bandage.

Step 3: Splint the limb so the patient can't walk or bend the limb.

Do nots:

Do not cut, incise or suck the venom.

Do not EVER use a tourniquet

Don't remove the shirt or pants - just bandage over the top of clothing. Remember movement (like wriggling out of a shirt or pants) causes venom movement.

Australian snakes tend to have 3 main effects in differing degrees. Bleeding - internally and bruising.

Muscles paralysed causing difficulty talking, moving & breathing. Pain

In some snakes severe muscle pain in the limb, and days later the bite site can break down forming a nasty wound.

Allergy to snakes is rarer than winning lotto twice.

Final tips: not all bitten people are envenomated and only those starting to show symptoms above are given antivenom.

Originally posted by Deniliqiin RFS



YOUR REAL TOWING CAPACITY MAY BE WELL BELOW WHAT THE SALESPERSON TOLD YOU.

GOT A RAM, SILVERADO, FORD OR SIMILAR LARGE TOW VEHICLE WITH 4.5 TONNE TOWING CAPACITY – IT MIGHT PAY TO CHECK AGAIN.

MANY LARGE TOWING CAPACITY VEHICLES ARE BEING SOLD BY UNEDUCATED SALESPEOPLE AS HAVING 4.5T TOWING CAPACITY WHEN THE VEHICLE LEAVES THE YARD WITH ONLT 3.5T TOWING CAPACITY.

I had an interesting conversation with Ben Mears of Mobile Weight Check in Brisbane Qld. who reports having found an increasing number of vehicles towing above the vehicles real towing capacity due to the tow ball / hitch rating.

Many Rams and other large vehicles only had a 50mm tow ball and were towing vans heavier than 3,500 kgs.

Jason Fothergill of Weight Safe in Hervey Bay Qld has also reported recently finding more vehicles that are towing beyond their towing capacity.

The 50mm tow ball is ONLY rated to a maximum of 3,500 kgs, as is the DO35 and most other tow couplings / hitches.

Remember also if your tow vehicle is rated at or over 5,000 kg GVM then the 50 tow ball will also start derating in towing capacity on a sliding scale and no longer be rated at 3,500 kgs.

More on our web site: - https://www.truckfriendly.com.au/the-50-mm-tow-ball/

If you want to tow a caravan, horse float or other large trailer over 3,500 kgs you will need to upgrade the tow ball / hitch to a 4 or 5,000 kg rated hitch. A 70mm tow ball may be required or other larger rating hitch.

What rating tow bar was fitted also, can be a concern as the actual towing capacity of any vehicle is that of the lowest rated component. The vehicle itself, the tow bar, the tow tongue, and the actual ball or hitch.



50/70mm ball combo

Having a towing capacity upgrade while keeping the same 3,500kg rated tow bar still leaves you with 3,500 kgs towing capacity and not any upgraded value. If any of these components is rated at only 3,500 kgs then the whole vehicle towing capacity is rated at 3,500 kgs and not above.

Your insurance will also be voided.



Jason at Check Weight also reports, "Only weighed a new van yesterday, ATM of 3T, lady had a Prado with 2.5T BTC.... Caravan sales told her she's fine to tow it.... So, disappointing they can get away with this..."

Robert Pepper Automotive Journalist also reported on a case recently where a caravan with a 4t ATM weighing 3,700 kgs was sold to someone with a vehicle with only 3,500 kg towing capacity.

I was told by a Ford Ranger salesperson the Kerb weight included driver and passengers. – Total B/S.

It was reported that two caravans were sold by the same dealer in WA that had so many extras added to the van that they ended up with approximately 450 kgs on the tow ball and were therefore illegal to drive on the roads from the dealer.

While many vehicle and caravan salespeople do the right thing, they are being let down by so many uneducated or shonky salespeople not advising the customers of the correct facts on vehicle weights and towing capacities.

IT IS TIME THE GOVERNMENTS STEPPED IN AND STARTED LEGISLATING AGAINST THE CUSTOMERS BEING TOLD INCORRECT INFORMATION BY UNTRAINED SALES STAFF. TRAINING ON VEHICLE WEIGHTS SHOULD BE COMPULSORY BEFORE THEY CAN GET A VEHICLE SALESPERSONS LICENCE.

It has been a concern for many years and the industry itself has done 'bugger all' about it, so self-regulation is NOT working.

An Australian wide recognised training course should be compulsory for sales staff who sell cars, caravans, horse floats and other vehicles. Dealers also need to step up training for their staff or the dealership's reputation will suffer.

It will always be 'buyer beware' and as I have stated many times the buyer should educate themselves so that they can tell fact from fiction. However, the salespeople should be a trusted source of information and sadly they are letting the industry down badly.

You are welcome to send this to your local media and politicians.

I and others have had enough.

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It is requested that you please submit your copy as early as possible.

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Membership Challenge

CLUB AIM:

Every Member to introduce one new member per year.

(Singles, Couples and Families are all welcome)

"There will be a prize of FREE MEMBERSHIP for ONE YEAR, for the most introduced between the 2023 AGM and the 2024 AGM!"

Recruitment List to-date:

Colin and Wendy de la Nougerede referred by Warren & Lynette Everett

Terry & Elaine Sherlock referred by Stephen & Lorraine Spiers

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Geoff & Caroline McKebery referred by Maureen & Hugh Robertson

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PLEASE REMEMBER

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Wear a mask if unsure.

Covid19 is in the community. It may one day be contained or be less aggressive if it is not allowed to spread.

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Recipe Corner

Bubble n' squeak ● 15-20 minutes



This is filling, healthy, and makes a great one-pot dinner for potlucks or camping. It is as easy as can be, fairly inexpensive, and uses only 4 ingredients.

Ingredients:

- 1 small head of cabbage or 1/2 large head, chopped
- 5 medium potatoes, sliced in bite size wheels
- 1 or 2 Polish or Kielbasa type sausages (all kinds I tried were great, even bulk sausage!)
- 1 cup water

Directions:

In a large pot or frying pan, layer chopped cabbage, potatoes, sausage, then repeat until all ingredients are used. Add water, cover, and simmer until cabbage and potatoes and sausages are cooked; probably about 15 or 20 minutes.

Servings: 4 to 6 big servings, 8 to 10 small

Prep Time: 5 to 10 Minutes

Cooking



Automatic Trailer Hitch of the Future



Unveiled at the Las Vegas Convention Centre Last year, Modal has introduced OneHitch, an innovative automatic hitch mechanism designed to streamline the process of connecting an RV or trailer without needing the driver to even get out of the car.

Designed to be mounted on the trailer tongue, OneHitch consolidates the coupling, electrical, and safety chain functions into a single integrated solution. Modal claims that this device eliminates the hassle associated with hitching and even suggests it might save your marriage too. There's probably some truth in that.

OneHitch manages all lighting, braking, charging, and data connections bidirectionally with the trailer. It incorporates a built-in safety cable system to ensure a secure attachment between the trailer and the tow vehicle. Initially tailored for the USA market, the product is slated for launch in 2024, with specifications provided in the old British Imperial System of inches and pounds.

The current design accommodates a 2-5/16" ball size, offering a standard capacity of up to 8,000 lbs (3,628kg) and a heavy-duty capacity of up to 11,000 lbs (11,339kg), compatible with both flat 4-pin or 7-way blade (USA style fittings).

Will we see them in Australia? Probably not anytime soon. Made as a solution for Electric Vehicles, as we all know, Australia is a bit behind the game in that department. OneHitch is currently being produced for the USA market so we'll let them try it out first, hey?

For more information, visit www.mod.al/onehitch

Jokes

My friend asked me where he could meet women who scream loudly in bed.

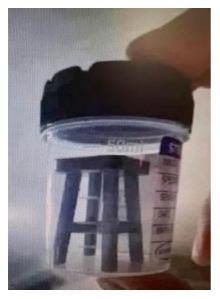
I took him to a maternity ward!

I took my son out for his first pint—He didn't like it - I had it.

I then got him a Carlsberg, he didn't like it—I had it.

It was the same with Guinness and Cider.

By the time we got down to the whisky, I could hardly push the pram.





The local Nursing home had a garage sale and I got this cool gravy boat just in time for Christmas for 50c.

It appears that my Doctor has no sense of humour

I had the rudest, slowest, nastiest cashier today.

I guess it's my own fault for using the self checkout lane!



What does it mean when this light comes on?



The most expensive vehicle to operate in 2023

You are invited to contribute your Hints and Tips. Any topic is acceptable.

Please email the Editor at traveller@atrvc.org.au

Future Rally Details

Myrtleford Tuesday 6th – 13th February 2024

Location Myrtleford Showgrounds,

109 Odonnell Ave., Myrtleford.

Powered Site \$20 per Night.

No Cabins available.

Advise vicdelegates@atrvc.org.au or phone 0409-352-515

We would like as many as possible to go.

No activities will be undertaken.

No Rally Fee to be charged.

It is to complete planning for National Rally in April.

(As advised at Christmas Rally in November).

The <u>Get Together Schedule</u> is incomplete, as the required information has not been sent through in time for inclusion into this edition.

Australian Touring RV Club Inc. Get-Together Schedule 2024

<u>Luncheons</u>—contact the relevant organiser for Location and/or to register/book in.

Western Australia	February	Luncheon with Alan & Beryl Details TBA
Victoria	6th Feb To	Rally at Myrtleford Myrtleford Showgrounds This is a working bee for Victorian Members
Western Australia	March	Rally with Dennis & Beth Possible Manjimup Area
Victoria	13th March	Luncheon @ 12 Noon Location TBA
Western Australia	April	Luncheon with Hugh & Maureen Robertson Details TBA

Victoria	16-26 April 2024	ATRVC National Rally Venue Myrtleford Showgrounds 109 Odonnell Avenue Myrtleford Vic. 3737
Western Australia	May 7th to May 12th	Rally with Robyn at Big Valley Campsite Margaret River P/Site \$42 / Single powered \$32 2P unpowered \$32 / Single unpowered \$20 Need numbers by late Jan 2024 15 Powered sites booked Phone 089757020
Victoria	May 22	Luncheon @ 12 Noon Location TBA
Western Australia	June	Luncheon with Gordon Nunn Details TBA

Western Australia	July	Rally with Geoff & Denise (Station Tag along) Details TBA
Victoria	17th July to 24th July	Rally Location TBA
Western Australia	August	Luncheon with Geoff & Kylie Details TBA
Victoria	21st Aug	Luncheon @ 12 Noon Location TBA It is expected that Club AGM will be held by zoom on 10 th Sept
Western Australia	September	AGM Rally with Mary & John
Victoria	5th Sept To 12th Sept	Rally Location TBA

Victoria	16th October	Luncheon @ 12 Noon Location to be advised
Victoria	20th Nov To 27th Nov	Rally Location TBA
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Western Australia	December	Luncheon with Colin & Lorraine Details TBA

Western Australia	October	Luncheon with Les & Jean Details TBA
Western Australia	November	Rally with Ken & Kerry Details TBA

ATRVC Merchandise Officer

As of 1^{st} January 2024, Brenda Goodall will be taking on the role of Merchandise Officer.

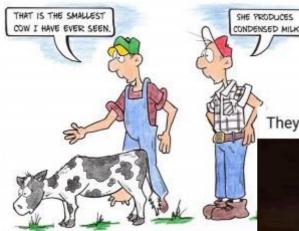
The Committee would like to sincerely thank Colin Ralston for his dedication in the role of Merchandise Officer. Colin has held the role since January 2018.

NEW Merchandise BANK ACCOUNT:

Bank: Bank West

Name: Brenda Goodall

BSB: 306 453 Account: 0898541



The tortuous path to dating & hookups has been streamlined for the computer literate.



Australian Touring RV Club

Club Merchandise



Men's Polo Shirt Grace Portland 1225 \$40.00



Grace Fairlady 1220 \$40.00



Iron on Cloth Badge \$5.00



Heavy Duty Stadium Jacket \$70.00



JB Polar Fleece Jacket \$40.00



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Stubby Holder \$6.00

Club Decal sheets
1 large badge & 2 smaller
badges.
\$10.00 per sheet.



JB Polar Fleece Vest KB 30V \$35.00

EFT: BSB: 306 453 Account: 0898541 Reference is your surname and membership number.

Orders to merchofficer@atrvc.org.au

Phone: **0423 288 559**

Contact Merchandise Officer to obtain postage costs.

Cheque or money order payments—please phone for new account name and postal address.



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