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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 suggestion

Presidents Message September '26

Greetings one and all,

It was lovely to see you at our zoom AGM, unfortunately the sound did not meet expectations, so it will be back to the drawing board next year.

I will attempt to repeat what was discussed, so that you do not miss out on any information.

David, our treasurer, will be giving a summary of our finances and how the accounts function in an email. Please read and inform yourselves when it arrives.

There was no business arising from any of the reports, which you all received prior to the AGM.

The amendment to allow electronic ballots received 100% approval, so it will be incorporated into the Constitution. Thank you to Bev Parkinson and June Henley, for ensuring the postal votes were conducted as per our Constitution.

We had four vacancies on the Committee, Secretary, Vice President, Delegate Liaison Officer and Committee member. As David said in his report, without the executives, the Club fails in its legal obligations as an incorporated Body.

We are grateful to Jim Parker, who nominated for Secretary, Ric Bennetts who nominated for DLO and Gillan Kelly who nominated for Committee member. There were no nominations for Vice President, so sadly that position remains vacant.

Our thanks and appreciation go to outgoing Committee members, especially Geoff Woodard, who has borne the brunt of many challenges and dealt with business so efficiently as our secretary.

I was delighted to have a Vice President in Bev Parkinson last term, so thank you for volunteering, I'am sorry you were unable to take it further.

Thanks also to Fran Bennetts, who kept us informed, as she liaised with other delegates and relayed Committee decisions back to them. She has kept the position going, even through major health challenges.

Kerry, our membership officer, announced the winners of the Membership Challenge, they are Donna and Steven Hole, who nominated 3 new members, our congratulations to them both.

I had an opportunity to remind Club members of the value of wearing our Club colours, when on organised rallies or lunches. Many hours have been spent by your committees over the years, creating logos for pockets, colours, sourcing manufactures and providing them for members to buy.

Wearing the Club colours I believe gives us a sense of identity/belonging, it makes us visible, wherever we are, and of course is a great advert. My suggestion is that they be worn unless the organiser of your function decides otherwise. Thankyou to June Henley our current merchandise Officer.

The role of Distributor for the hard copy of the Traveller became vacant recently, as Wendy Abrahams was unable to continue, but she will keep going with the friendship booklet. Thank you Wendy.

Denise Bratley has volunteered to take over, a swift learning curve for her, and a big thank you from the Committee.

You will see an introduction from our new secretary as you read further into the Traveller.

In conclusion your new Committee is as follows:-

- President - Mary Claridge
- Secretary - Jim Parker
- Treasurer - David Henley
- Delegate Liaison Officer - Ric Bennetts
- Kerry Dymock - Membership Officer
- Gillan Kelly - Committee member

My thanks again to those who have put themselves forward to ensure the ongoing future of ATRVC.

Mary Claridge - President

Introducing our New Secretary

Hi, I'm Jim Parker

As the only nominee for Secretary, I now hold that position.

To introduce myself & give you a summation of my background.

I came to Australia from England in 1974, with a very young family, to give them a better life.

This has been a successful move & the young family having enjoyed themselves to such an extent, that they have given me 9 grandchildren!

I have worked in the Motor Trades, both in England and in Australia.

My work included driving a truck for a while before working for the Gov't at U.X.O (Unexploded Ordnance) Services.

I worked my way up the from Supervisor to Area Supervisor and then onto Manager, holding that position for several years.

On retiring, I had a need to keep busy, so I restored an MG sportscar & built a steam engine.

I lost my wife to cancer, but after a while found a lovely lady, Biddy, who also had lost her special one to cancer.

We travelled around for a bit & then decided to buy a caravan, then joining a caravan club made up of lovely people, the ATRVC.

The position of Secretary came up & I wanted to give something back to the Club. If certain positions are not filled, there would not be a Club.

I am looking forward to working with the President, Treasurer & the Committee members to help this Club progress.

I must congratulate Geoff Woodward, the outgoing Secretary, for the wonderful job he has done over his 5 year tenure. Well done.

Christmas in July Luncheon
Held at Graham & Micki Wade's, 15th July, Victoria

In Victoria over the last few years our July Rally was really struggling for numbers attending. Members were chasing the warmer weather, either being too wet and cold, and other various reasons.

So, this year it was decided to hold an extra luncheon in lieu.

With the generous offer from the Committee to donate funds, it was decided to cater for ourselves.

Longstanding members Graham and Micki Wade generously offered the use of their facilities at their house.

At this luncheon we had 26 members in attendance plus 2 apologies. This was the largest number in attendance at any of our luncheons for many years.

Wendy ,Micki and Donna got together and worked out various meats, and vegetables. This was followed by a wide selection of deserts.

It was really great to be able to mingle amongst all members over an elongated period of time without the threat of taking too long in a hotel.

Between courses we drew the prizes that we purchased from the funds that the Committee gave us.

Graham was also very busy with his time, catering for us, making signs for entrance, parking and marking out parking bays to accommodate 12 cars and 2 caravans.

We thank both Graham & Micki for everything that they did for our club members.

This was a wonderful day and thoroughly enjoyed by all in attendance. We also thank the Committee for their generosity towards our members.

Desserts

Dining

Yarram Rally. Vic. 20/5/26-27/5/26

Unfortunately, this Rally had the least number of members in attendance in the 11 years that we have been delegates.

We had 4 powered sites and a 2 Bedroom Cabin booked. In total 10 members.

We are currently suffering from a number of hip and knee replacements, and members attending various forms of radiation procedures, Caravans taking a long time to be repaired, Mobile home breaking down in transit to rally, and other forms of sickness.

We wish all members suffering the above circumstances a very speedy recovery as we need you all back to join in our social functions.

Wednesday 20th May

Today we had all four caravans in attendance.
It was a bit unusual having such a small gathering for Happy Hour.

With reduced numbers in attendance no Sausage Sizzle took place. Six members visited the recommended Pizza Shop, whilst Wendy & Malcolm went to Dinner with their Grand Son and his wife and 4-year-old Great Grand Son, who travelled from Port Franklin.

Thursday 21st May

Today both Marya & Jan arrived. We now had all 10 of us in attendance.

Today was a free day. Members had the choice of travelling to Foster (50 kilometres), Sale (70 kilomertres).

Ladder Golf played in the afternoon. We had 2 games. The first one was won by John Dijs and the second one was won by Grahan Wade.

For Happy Hour and meals, we had the choice of a large camp kitchen which had Stove, 2 barbeques, fridge, which could seat about 40 people, with one side open but a fire pit just to the edge also under roof line. Wood was supplied.

Then on cooler afternoons and nights we had a smaller camp kitchen which was fully enclosed.

Friday 22/5/26

Today was also a free day.

In the afternoon we all had a game of Disc Bowls. This was also won by John Dijs. John and Malcolm were playing in the final with scores level one extra end had to be played and unfortunately Malcolm knocked the kitty out of bounds.

After happy hour tonight we were picked up by the courtesy bus for the Yarram Country Club. What a beautiful meal.

Saturday 21/5/26

At 10am today we left on an excursion to visit The Christ Church at Tarraville.

This church was built in 1856 and was built with no nails. It still has services there at irregular intervals over the year and it still does not have electricity. Lighting is by kerosene lamps hung from the rafters. Here we met Sandi Davie a local passionate tourist guide that explained everything to us.

From here we visited the Port Albert Maritime Museum. They had an extreme number of exhibits and displays for viewing.

Port Albert was first Settled in 1841 when a ship going from Sydney to Melbourne ran aground there. The permanent population there is approximately 300 people with many holiday houses in the town.

The fish & Chip shop is said to be the best in Australia. All 10 of us sampled their fish and Chips and we all agreed it was very nice.

On the way back to the Caravan Park we went past the Alberton State School Built in1858. In the 1860's when schools were numbered it got the distinction of "State School No 1". Being A in the alphabet.

Happy hour happened as per usual.

During Happy Hour we went and purchase 3 chickens and some vegetables and all ladies chipped in and cooked a lovely chicken dinner with sweets to follow.

Sunday 24/5/26.

Today we all woke up to a lovely Pancake Breakfast cooked by John & Rosemary.

Some members today visited Minnehaha falls, and the very beautiful Tarra Bulga National Park taking in the very narrow roads
.

After Happy Hour tonight the men cooked “Build your own hamburger” with fruit and ice-cream for sweets. It was really enjoyed by all.

Monday 25/5/26

After lunch we all visited the Alberton Cemetery with Sandi as our guide.

Here there is a plaque for a lady, that when she died ,was the oldest person in Australia, aged 111 years.

The first burial there was in 1823 but it was not a designated cemetery until 1846.

After Happy Hour tonight we had Chicken & Vegetable Soup and Bread Rolls, followed by ice-cream and topping. Once again it was really scrumptious.

Tuesday 26/5/26

This morning, we went to see a visual presentation of the 27 murals spread around the town once again organized by Sandi

Yarram was named the town with the best murals both in 2020 and 2021.

Each of the murals had a story attached to them. Some of the shops paid for the murals attached to their buildings. The presentation was run by the biggest benefactor to the exercise and another committee member of the organization.

What wonderful stories attached to all of these murals acknowledging various local members of the community.

Mural representing School Kidnapping in 1976.

Happy Hour happened as per usual.

After Happy Hour we were picked up by the courtesy bus of the Alberton Hotel. Once again, the meal was very nice.

Wednesday 27/5/26

The weather today was very kind as it had been raining most of the night but it stopped when it was time to hook up.

Thank you to all members attending for your contribution to make the Rally the success that it was.

Until we meet again at our next club function travel safe.

Wendy & Malcolm Carter

Lynbrook Hotel Luncheon, Vic. 10 June 2026

At our luncheon today we commenced with 16 members and 4 visitors in attendance. We had late apologies from 4 members due to medical reasons. By the end of the luncheon, we finished up with 20 members.

Welcome to Peter & Ilse, Brent & Debbie, and also to Rosemary, John's partner, into the ATRVC family.

Unfortunately, doctors, specialists and health get in the way of us all being able to get together as friends, from having a good time.

We have had a previous luncheon at this hotel so we knew what to expect and once again it did not disappoint.

Being a buffet, we had about 50 choices of soups, and main courses, and about 15 choices of dessert.

Most members, like me found it difficult to make one choice, so we had about 6 different mini courses for main course followed by about 4 different desserts.

As our last rally we only had 10 members in attendance, we had the opportunity to catch up with members that we had not seen for a while.

As most members know we had 2 extremely long-standing members pass away in the last two weeks and it was good to be able reminisce on old times shared with both Val and Ken. Val's funeral was held about 10 days ago and Ken's funeral is to be held next week. Some of us will be attending to represent our Club.

We hope to see more of our members, less sickness, at our next Luncheon on 15th July, being Christmas in July, and our next Rally on 3rd September – 10th September.

We thank the Committee for their contribution towards these events.

Like a kid in a lolly shop, too many choices!

Malcolm & Wendy Carter

The Ultimate Rig

Xmas in July Lunch at the Woodvale Tavern WA. 22/7/26

A good roll up of members for Kylie & Geoff's Xmas in July Lunch.
A superb venue with efficient staff & lovely food, which was enjoyed by all.
Most attendees were sporting Xmas themed clothing & accessories.

This is the Exit!

The Entry

Kylie, Lunch organiser

Luncheon Crown Hotel, Lilydale. Victoria 12/8/26

We thank Steve & Elaine Nichols for recommending this hotel for our luncheon this month.

A very nice central location for our members to travel to, seeing that our members reside in all areas of metropolitan Melbourne and surrounds.

It was great to catch up with some old members who have been on sick leave for over 12 months. We wish then continued good health so that they can participate in upcoming Rallies and Luncheons
.
We had 14 members in attendance with 4 apologies because of sickness. We wish these members a speedy recovery so that they can attend our A.G.M. Rally on 3rd September at Swan Hill.

The menu choices were very extensive and well priced.

The meal was very nice and scrumptious which was enjoyed by all in attendance.

The hotel was very considerate as we were there for over 2 hours enjoying the fellowship of members
.
We do apologize as there were no photos taken.

Malcolm & Wendy Carter

Luncheon Willowbrook Rallyat the Berrigan Bar & Grill,

38 people turned up for a most enjoyable lunch & get together, organised by Marlene.
Food & service exemplary & all enjoyed the occasion.

Lunch organiser Marlene

AGM Rally Willowbrook Farm, Neergabby, WA 5-11th Sept

15 Vans with 27 people attended the AGM Rally at this beautiful location.

Day 1

Some members arrived the day before & the arrivees on this day experienced cloudy & uncertain weather.

The Rally was opened by Geoff, in lieu of organiser Ric, as he was on his way to the E.States.

The gathering on the 1st day

In the evening we took & ate our own meals in the Shearing Shed

Day 2

Continuing the tradition of the previous owners, the Managers provided Scones & Cream for the caravan park campers.

The rest of the day was free for Club Members to do their own thing.

Day3

After morning smoko, it was off to visit the 'Local Goat' (farm) in Coonabidgee.

The owners, Julie & George, gave a talk on their farm history, the cheeses & Gelatos produced & offered tasting plates.

The sales counter was then opened & purse strings loosened.

Day 4

It was off to Limestone Park, Beermullah, in the morning, for the Clubs AGM, followed by Lunch and for those interested a tour of the gardens & aviaries.

Limestone Park Gardens & Aviaries

Les

Wendy & James

Wendy & James ran the quiz at Happy Hour, followed by Les, our resident crooner.

Day 5

Disc Bowls were played in the morning, with Kerry & Leon coming out as winners by default, as Les (who was playing well) knocked the kitty out of the ring!

There were many spectators barracking for their respective partners/teams, although the dogs seems nonplussed!

After Disc Bowls, a few members left the rally, due to other committments.

In the evening we went for dinner at the GinGin Hotel.
Service & food was excellent, and was well worth the visit.

Day 6

A free day to roam at will. Some went to local eateries & breweries & others to wander coastal environs.

Happy hour at 4.30pm & a recap on the days activities, followed by more entertainment from our resident crooner, Les.

The rally was then closed.

But....all was not finished....after eating their respective dinners, a number of members returned to the Shearing Shed for board & card games.

Happy & safe travels & see you at the next rally or Lunch - The Editor

Sarina and Finch Hatton Showgrounds gathering, Qld 31st Aug to 11th Sept

Members arrived over 3days due to prior commitments. Later that evening,Monday, we had soup and desserts, followed by a briefing of the coming activities.

Tuesday

A short drive to Hay Point coal terminal lookout, one of the largest coal facilities in Qld. A great day to visit with clear skies and no fog.

We travelled through a few of the surrounding beaches, then a BBQ at Sarina beach.

Chocolates went well at card bingo with all the Turkish Delights going…..none left for me.

Wednesday

More sightseeing of beaches that Mackay and Sarina have to offer.

Lamberts Lookout was the perfect spot to view the passing whales, just a short distance from us. We were lucky enough to see a couple that were near the tour boats in the area.

Back to the harbour for a drive out along the kilometre break water to marvel at the $$$$ tied up to the pylons in the protected area.

Lunch time saw the salt water theme continue where an excellent fish and chips meal was served at the Mackay harbour.

After lunch saw us along the precinct on the Pioneer River where the Leichhardt Tree is located. A bit of history here.

Thursday

Off to the Field of Dreams parkland where the Sarina Sugar Shed was our destination. This is a very informative tour/tasting of the processing of cane to fine sugar. Plenty of toothaches in this place. Bob had a crack at the FAIRY FLOSS, first time in over half a century.

Lots of laughs and frivolity later that evening with our favourite grocery grab. A very busy day indeed.

Friday

Barefoot bowls at Sarina Bowls Club with Trevor organising the teams. Winners were Sandra and Jen.

Asian food lunch at the clubhouse was a winner.

Saturday

Games day. Disc bowls was a tight affair with a play off and Kerry and Wayne were the stars on the day.

Ladder golf with a 3 way play off was very entertaining and Anne eventually came away with the win.

Finska produced a scattered game as the pitch was immaculate paspalum and very compact resulting in big distances between the pins. Jeff prevailed the winner.

Sunday

Happy Father's Day to all the Dads.
Change of venue to Finch Hatton Showgrounds and set up camp. Off to the Criterion Hotel at FH for Father's Day dinner.

Monday

Travel to Eungella Chalet for morning tea. We were first in so had beautiful views of the valley and where the hang gliders launched from.

Off to Broken River for views over the valley and a BBQ lunch and a chance to see a platypus in the wild

A bit of " plan B" as the bbqs at Broken River were OOO, so back to a lookout to do the cooking on one that worked.

At the rear of the Showgrounds was where we had happy hour on Cattle creek, great spot.

Tuesday

Off to Finch Hatton Gorge for a walk up the hill to the Cascades, a series of waterfalls with spectacular views.

Bit of a trek for us oldies.

Back at the Showgrounds for a pizza lunch and the hookup for the AGM. Thanks Jeff and Jen for organising the equipment

Wednesday

Morning tea at GREENMOUNT HOMESTEAD in Mackay, with a guided tour of the heritage listed site.

The convoy proceeded to the small town of Pinnacle to sample a Pinnacle Pub Pie for lunch, a must for all who venture this way.

Thursday

Many workers supplied the big breakfast of bacon, eggs, tomatoes, baked beans and onions on toast.

The show society supplied the stainless steel bbq, what a brilliant cooker. They also made the hall available at no cost, thank you for your generosity.

The afternoon was filled with card games, disc bowls and finski followed by our last happy hour.

Xmas lunch has been set for 9/12/26.

Friday

In the morning, in light showers the packing up was completed and the long trek to home and further destinations completed.

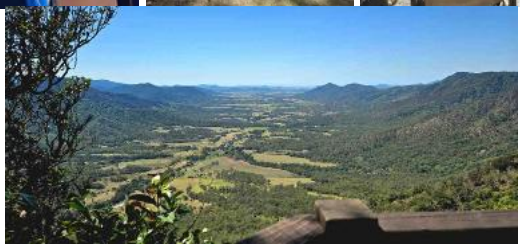
Thank you to the 17 participants who made the get-together a success.

It was sad to have a couple of late scratchings due to other commitments.

Best wishes from Noeleen and Lyle.

Misc. Rally Photos

Sugar Cubes Art, Mackay



Swan Hill Rally 3/9 - 10/9, Vic.

Thursday 3rd September

Today we had 22 of the 24 members expected to arrive today. Unfortunately, one couple had a bereavement within their family and were unable to attend.
What a lovely Caravan Park and they have allowed us the sole use of an extremely large “barn” decked out as a “camp kitchen”. We really rattle inside as when we visited here about 4 months ago.

The park were decking it out to conduct a debutante ball.

Today was a free day.

Tonight, we broke from tradition and had Quiche and salad, followed by Ice Cream & topping replacing our usual Sausage sizzle with onions.

Finals football followed on the large screen television, sitting in the lounge chairs provided.

Friday 4th

Everyone went to Nyah West Golf Club.

We had our first excursion today it was at the Nyah West Golf Club.
No, we didn’t play traditional golf, as no members carry their clubs. It was “disc golf”, played with special Frisbee’s, they had raised buckets with hanging chains to guide the frisbee into the bucket.

What a challenge especially with the wind playing havoc. 9 holes with the longest being 150 metres down the fairway and around trees.

When finished all 22 of us were greeted with a huge variety of sandwiches, cakes and slices for lunch. Absolute country hospitality at its best.

On the way back to the caravan park about 12 of us visited a display of 300 Ford Tractors of all different shapes, sizes, and age.

Some of the 300 Ford Tractors on display.

Tonight, after dinner we had a game of Card Bingo.

Saturday 5th

Today we visited The Pioneer Village. We had a 2-day pass for the viewing of the village.

Some members went for a free car ride.

Some of the old shops that had been relocated from around the district.

There was also a 1-hour paddle Steamer ride on the “Pyap” at 2.30.

After the boat ride, we went back for Happy Hour, followed by a Sausage Sizzle with Onions and sweets, so that we could be back in time for the sound and light show viewing being, based on the Murray River and how it has progressed since the explorers.

It was good value for $75 per person.
On arrival back at the caravan some watched finals football again.

Sunday 6th

Swan Hill market was the favourite attraction this morning.

This was followed by a Father’s Day lunch at the Swan Hill R.S.L. which was a very nice meal.

This afternoon we had a game of Disc Bowls, which was won by Lynton Oakes who defeated David Sinderberry in the final.

Tonight, for dinner we had lovely soup and bread rolls followed by sweets.

This was followed by a fun game of Grocery Grab that generated many laughs.

Monday 7th

Most people travelled to Lake Tyrrell at Sea Lake. This is the largest Salt Lake in Victoria. This time of the year it is usually quite a vivid pink, but this year it was totally covered in water with the excessive rainfall. You could still see the pink toning's.

We had lunch today at the Sea Lake Hotel and whilst here we had John and Denise join our group for the next two nights.

When we arrived back at the caravan park, Helen & Jeff were there as well. This gave us our full number of 28 people to view the A.G.M.

After Happy Hour, we had a lovely dinner, with most members helping out with Build you own Hamburger.

Tuesday 8th

As we all know the AGM was held today. This was by far the best venue that we have had with excellent wifi through the park.

After the AGM, many ladies prepared our fresh vegetables for baking.

Happy hour as per usual, followed by a very nice roast Chicken and vegetables, followed by Peach and Coconut crumble with ice cream.

Wednesday 9th

In the morning we had Pancakes for breakfast, with a choice of Jam, Ice Cream, Maple syrup, Fruit and or lemon and sugar.

We thank John, Rosemary & Steve for all of the preparation.

We had a game of Fiska after lunch, which was won by David Sinderberry.

This afternoon and evening we had to forgo our lovely Barn for our sole use, as the park had a school group needing to use it. In compensation they gave us 4 bottles of wine, which we did not have any trouble disposing of.

The weather was warm enough to have happy hour outside, out of the wind, but we relocated our dinner to the Swan Hill Club.

Whilst here, we had many games of Table Tennis and Pool on the tables that were in the room.

Thursday 10th

Unfortunately, all good things have to come to an end and we must all go our separate ways.

We wish all of our members safe travelling until we meet again on 14th October, at Sofia's Restaurant for our next Luncheon, and if you are not there, then at Kerang Holiday Park on 20th November for our Christmas Rally.

We greatly appreciated the subsidy that we received for the committee for this Rally, as it was put to good use.

Malcolm & Wendy Carter

Hydrogen Cooking Stove Uses 100 ml Water and 1 kWh for Hours of Flame

Greenvize's single-burner unit costs $1,128-1,610 while producing hydrogen from water through built-in electrolysis.

Your electricity bill keeps climbing while you're just trying to cook dinner, but Greenvize's hydrogen stove promises a radical solution. This Indian startup claims their plug-and-play unit consumes just 1 kilowatt-hour to deliver six hours of cooking time—compared to induction cooktops that devour 9-12 kWh for the same duration. The efficiency numbers sound too good to be true, which means they probably deserve some serious scrutiny.

How Water Becomes Your Cooking Fuel

The system splits water molecules in real-time using built-in electrolysis technology.

The magic happens through a proton exchange membrane electrolyzer integrated directly into the cooking unit. Add 100 milliliters of distilled water, plug into any standard outlet, and hydrogen generates instantly when you turn the knob. Unlike induction cooking that demands magnetic cookware, this system works with your existing pots and pans—no expensive replacements required

Commercial Kitchens Get the Real Benefits

Hotels and community kitchens see the biggest efficiency gains from the technology.

"While both induction stoves and the Greenvize hydrogen cooking system use electricity, the efficiency, flexibility, and real-world usability are fundamentally different—especially for hotels, community kitchens, and high-demand cooking environments," explains founder Sanjeev Choudhary. Pair it with rooftop solar panels and you've got completely off-grid cooking that doesn't depend on LPG delivery trucks or grid stability.

The Price Reality Check Hits Hard

Premium positioning at $1,128-1,610 limits immediate market appeal despite efficiency claims.

Here's where enthusiasm meets economics: the single-burner model costs ₹105,000 ($1,128), while the double-burner reaches ₹150,000 ($1,610). That's serious money for unproven technology, especially when reliable induction cooktops start around $100. Greenvize offers customizable storage systems for hydrogen generation during off-peak hours, but you're looking at even higher upfront investment.

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Early Adoption or Expensive Experiment?

The technology aligns with India's Green Hydrogen Mission but faces adoption barriersShould you mortgage your kitchen for hydrogen cooking? Probably not yet—unless you're running a commercial kitchen where that 90% efficiency translates to meaningful operational savings. The technology works as advertised, producing only water vapor while releasing oxygen into your kitchen gadgets. For most home cooks, though, this feels like paying Tesla prices for grocery store transportation. Wait for the market to mature, or jump in if you're committed to bleeding-edge clean tech and have money to burn.

Annemarije de Boer - Gadjet Review

What the 3-3-3 Rule Means

I most certainly haven't used this rule, especially when travelling t'other side...but as I get older....maybe!

Take a long time to cross the Nullabor!

What the 3-3-3 Rule Means

- 300 Miles/482km (or ~3 Hours): Limit your daily drive time. Towing a caravan is tiring and heavy, so short drives prevent driver fatigue and leave you with energy.
- 3:00 PM Arrival: Get to your camp before late afternoon. This gives you daylight to park, level your van, and connect power or water without stress.
- 3 Nights Stay: Remain in the same spot for at least three days. This cuts down on packing up constantly and gives you time to actually relax and explore.

Why People Use It

- Less Stress: Rushing causes accidents and arguments on the road.
- Safety: Being off the road early avoids driving in the dark or missing wildlife hazards.
- Better Photos & Trips: It leaves time for evening light, hobbies, or local sightseeing.

O-Boy … When it's time to be rescued

While travelling in remote Outback areas will always have an element of risk attached to it, the advance of emergency communication technology offers some peace of mind … but only to those who use it!

Perhaps in an effort to persuade more travellers to take advantage of satellite devices and to have them on hand when they are actually needed, Belgian entrepreneur Hadrien Dorchy has come up with the nifty-looking O-Boy satellite-connected rescue watch.

When not required for summoning emergency help, the watch just sits on your wrist telling the time!

However, if the user gets in trouble, the O-Boy comes into its own. If the wearer just wants someone to come and pick them up, they press a button on the side of the watch five times consecutively.

It tells the time … and could save your life. PIC: O-Boy
This activates its GetMe service, in which a prewritten message and the user's current GPS coordinates are sent via satellite to up to four personal contacts.
In the event that the user is injured or in a bit of a pickle, they press the button eight times and this activates its RescueMe service which sends an SOS signal with GPS coordinates to the closest emergency rescue station.
The watch can also be used just to let someone know where the wearer is at at all times. Pressing the button for 10 seconds at the start of their outing activates the watch's TrackMe service, in which it transmits the user's current GPS coordinates to up to four contacts at 5, 20 or 60-minute intervals.

The O-Boy is dust-proof, shock-proof and waterproof. One charge of its lithium battery should be good for at least seven days of standby use, or the sending of a minimum of 48 messages.

Designers say it does not have to be paired to a smartphone in order to summon help. A Bluetooth smartphone connection is only required when initially selecting the four contacts and composing the GetMe message, via an app.

The O-Boy is still in the development phase but is expected to self for approximately US$405 assuming it reaches production.

A subscription will also be required.

Caravanning made easy … but could it ever become too easy?

The way grey nomads travel Australia has been transformed by technology in recent years … and that evolution is only gathering pace.

California-based smart caravan company Skydream, for example, is set to introduce its next-generation intelligent electric caravan to Australia later this year, promising to bring a new approach to modern outdoor living.

Another web page states : Skydream Officially founded in 2024, SkyDream is a China-based company that has raised 80 million yuan (roughly $11.6 million) to fund its RV goals. Much of that funding comes from investors like Lion City Capital, Guoke Jichuang, and Tengye Venture Capital, with several other partners signing onto the project. Those backers have allowed the company to build its one-of-a-king intelligent RV prototypes, with the first model making its debut at the 2025 Düsseldorf Caravan Salon in Europe.

It all means even ‘traditional’ caravan jobs like hitching and unhitching could soon become a thing of the past.

The company says that the caravan is built around three core technology pillars, which it describes as – Intelligent Mobility, Intelligent Energy and Intelligent Living.

The future is here ... and it's a lot easier than the past. PIC: Skydream
The Intelligent Mobility system is designed to make towing easier and safer. Twin electric drive motors help reduce towing effort and improve stability, while advanced vehicle control technologies minimise trailer sway. Once at the campsite, one-touch hitching and unhitching and intelligent parking simplify the entire setup process.

Skydream’s Intelligent Energy system combines a high-capacity 30-85 kWh lithium iron phosphate (LFP) battery with advanced energy management to support extended off-grid stays. The system also enables external power supply, allowing users to charge electric vehicles or provide backup power when needed.

Inside the caravan, Intelligent Living brings smart home technology into the travel experience. An integrated control system replaces conventional switches and multiple remote controls, enabling users to manage lighting, air conditioning, entertainment and other functions through voice commands, mobile app, tablet or centralised control panel. One-touch scene modes allow the interior to adapt seamlessly for work, relaxation or sleep.

“Skydream was founded to transform the caravan experience through technology,” said a company spokesperson. “Our goal is to help people set off with confidence, tow with ease and settle into camp effortlessly … without compromising between breathtaking destinations and the comforts of modern living.

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Barium	-	What doctors do when patients die
Benign	-	What you be, after you be eight
Caesarean Section	-	A neighbourhood in Rome
Cat scan	-	Searching for Kitty
Cauterize	-	Made eye contact with her
Colic	-	A sheep dog
Coma	-	A punctuation mark
Dilate	-	To live long
Enema	-	Not a friend
Fester	-	Quicker than someone else
Fibula	-	A small lie
Impotent	-	Distinguished, well known
Labour Pain	-	Getting hurt at work
Medical Staff	-	A Doctor's cane
Morbid	-	A higher offer
Nitrates	-	Rates of Pay for Working at Night, Normally more money than Days
Node	-	I knew it
Outpatient	-	A person who has fainted
Pelvis	-	Second cousin to Elvis
Post Operative	-	A letter carrier
Recovery Room	-	Place to do upholstery
Rectum	-	Nearly killed him
Secretion	-	Hiding something
Seizure	-	Roman Emperor
Tablet	-	A small table
Terminal Illness	-	Getting sick at the airport
Tumour	-	One plus one more
Urine	-	Opposite of you're out

We've just come back from a holiday in Spain.

My wife didn't really enjoy it, because everyone could speak English and all the food was like the stuff we eat back at home.

She said, "Next time, I want to go somewhere where they eat weird shit and you can't understand a word they say."

So I've just booked us a fortnight in Scotland.

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15th December	15th February	15th April
15th June	15th August	15th October

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Email to : **traveller@atrvc.org.au**

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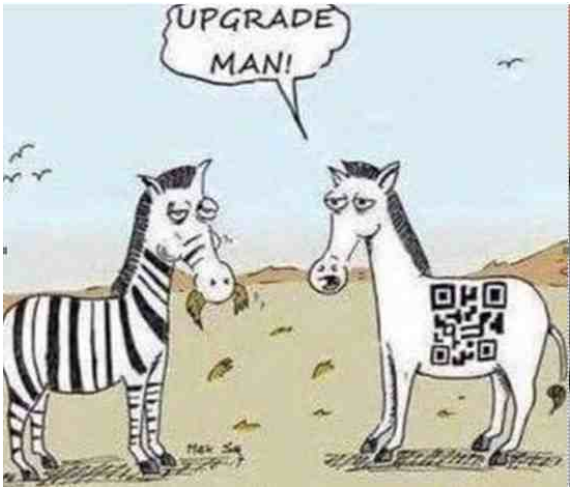

We extend a very warm welcome to the following members who have recently joined.

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

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 2026 AGM and the 2027 AGM!"

List to-date:

Leaderboard

Australian Touring RV Club Inc.
Get-Together Schedule 2026

Luncheons-contact the relevant organiser for Location and/or to register/book in.

Western Australia	20th Oct	**Luncheon with Geoff & Denise** Pasta in the Valley 2931 West Swan Road, Caversham Meet at 11.30am-Ring Geoff on 0439785682 to confirm attendance
Western Australia	Nov 22 To Nov 28th	**Rally down South with Dennis & Beth** DENMARK RIVERMOUTH CARAVAN PARK Cnr Hollings Road and Inlet Drive (1km from Town Centre) www.denmarkrivermouthcaravanpark.com.au Tel No : 9848 1262 **ARRIVE SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER and LEAVE SATURDAY 28 NOVEMBER** Members will be required to contact the park themselves to make a booking. When making the booking, the park requires half the total cost up front, the number of people, if people have a dog & total length of caravan. **NOTE**: vans 27 feet upwards sites are limited, some sites ready booked. If you are planning to book, book soon. Once those sites are booked there are no other sites available. When you have made your booking with caravan park would you please let Beth know either by phone or email: Beth: 0448 791 048 Email: bethjoyhall44@gmail.com
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Western Australia	1st Dec	**Christmas Lunch with Warren & Lynette** RAAFA Centre, 2 Bull Creek Dr, Bull Creek Starter and main menu in a private function room. Arrive at 11.30Am. for a chat. Cost will be $55.00 Per. Head, for a two course Christmas menu. There will be Christmas cake with an Xmas greeting to the ATRVC. For dessert, further details and menu to follow for your selection.
Qld	9th Dec	**Christmas Lunch** Aspley Tavern, 1378 Gympie Rd, Aspley Arrive 1130/1200 hrs Wear something Red

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Western Australia	10th March To 17th Mar	**Rally with Robyn @ Bremer Bay Beaches Tourist Resort** 333 Wellstead Rd, Bremer Bay I have made a booking for 15 powered sites. Pet friendly. We don't have to finalise until a month before the arrival date Powered site $40.30 Unpowered $30.30

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