

V.I.C. Information Sheets

In order to help to ensure that the Visitor Information Centres (VICs) at RV Friendly Towns are familiar with CMCA and our requirements, we have developed a descriptive brochure that will be distributed to all these VICs.

Chapter Members are particularly asked that during their travels they call in at RV Friendly Towns and friendly CPs to fly the CMCA flag and let them know that we care.

The Board, John Osborne, Rally Manager Kay Small and I look forward to seeing you at Port Macquarie and to meeting those attending the Chapter Representatives Forum.

Vincent Moran N14036.
Director

have a ball of fun. A notice, and request to register, regarding this event will be in the June *Wanderer*. I ask members of Chapters in and around the Newcastle area to assist with the running of this tournament. Please contact Colin Thompson at NHQ to indicate your interest ph (02) 49 788 788 or email colint@cmca.net.au.

Safaris:

The Club has moved to initiate Member safaris.

The first is currently in the planning stage and further information should be available at the Port Macquarie Rally.

Chapter Forum:

I trust that you have all received the Summary Notes from the Tasmanian Rally and that you will be represented at Port Macquarie on Wednesday 13th October, at 10.30am for the Forum and a light lunch.

Please advise Colin Thompson at NHQ of your two representatives' ability to attend ph (02) 49 788 788 or email colint@cmca.net.au.

Chapter Profiles:

Chapters who have still not yet sent their 'Profiles' in to NHQ are asked to do so by the end of July. These documents provide valuable information for the volunteers manning the Chapter Stand at our Rallies.

New Benefits:

As mentioned at the Tassie Chapter Representatives Forum, our Director Ken Kipping is working hard in the background on gaining new benefits for Members. We hope to have some exciting news for you at the Port Macquarie Chapter Representatives Forum.

Bruce Reimers Q45236 has been working on a coin operated water dispenser which has now progressed to the prototype stage and the first machines will be available in the field very shortly.

At the same time, Keith Moxham has taken it on himself to attempt to untangle the legal and insurance webs that will enable a NZ style POPS (Park On Properties) network to be established right across Australia. Keith hopes to be able to commence a trial of sites in Victoria before very long. This, added to his very active role as Vic State Representative, is keeping Keith on his toes.

Chapters:-

The Chapter Quilt project still needs some Chapters to complete their quilt squares and to provide their logos to Karen Griffin to be incorporated in their Chapter Banner to help complete the presentation of the Banner Parade.

Any inquiries in regard to this project should be directed to Karen on 0417 526 090.

The Chapter Quilts, which are on permanent display at NHQ, will be displayed at the Port Macquarie Rally.

New Chapters:

The Board has resolved to amend the *Chapter Information Guide* ('The Blue Book') to read 'A Chapter may be formed with as few as ten (10) supporting Club Members (comprising of 10 qualifying vehicles).

Lobbying:

The continuing representation of the Club and its aspirations at various levels of government included the following recent activities –

- Local Government Association conferences in SA and NSW. (Qld & WA in August)
- Camping & Leisure Shows in Sydney and Perth with Brisbane also later this month.
- Presentations to Victorian Regional Councils
- Public meetings at Grafton (NSW) and Warwick (Qld)
- Tourism Vic and three other relevant Government Departments (including at Ministerial level)
- Economic Development Conference held in Cairns Qld
- Combined Councils in WA
- Representations have also been made to at least three Shadow Ministers in NSW
- Formal submission has been made to the Qld Inquiry into developing rural and regional communities through grey nomad tourism.

Motouring Australia:

Also during last month the meeting of the members of MoTOURing Australia was held at NHQ. As you will recall, these members are the NACC (National Association of Caravan Clubs), ATMCC (Australasian Touring Caravan, Motorhome & Camping Club Inc), ACC (Australian Caravan Club Limited) and CMCA.

This meeting was very fruitful with all members anxious to promote a similar way of life for all their members.

The agreed goal for MoTOURing Australia is '**to enhance the freedom of choice in places to stay**'. We believe this is the most important benefit we can provide our current and future members and we will continue to work collaboratively to achieve this common goal.

Rallies:

You will know by now that the next National Rally is due to be held at Port Macquarie (NSW) from 11th to 17th October 2010.

This Rally incorporates the Annual General Meeting. Please also urge your Chapter members to carefully consider the nominees for directorship and to VOTE. Nominations have been called and their details will be published in *The Wanderer* in August.

Of course, those nominations and details will also be on the Club Web Site, so there is no reason for Members not to inform themselves.

Following Port Macquarie will be the 25th Anniversary Rally at Deniliquin, NSW. 11 – 17 April, 2011 and then the National Rally at Kalgoorlie in WA 10 – 16 October 2011.

Lawn Bowls:

Prior to the Port Macquarie Rally the Club will launch The Inaugural **State of Origin Lawn Bowls Competition** at the Tomago Bowling Club (near Newcastle NSW).

This is obviously an experiment to gauge just how much interest there will be. We know that there are many Lawn Bowlers in the Club and the intention is to organise a tournament that will bring them together to demonstrate their skill and at the same time

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Please read this at your next Chapter Meeting.

Board:

Since we arrived home from the Tasmanian Rally the Board has been involved in a constant stream of Club activities.

Very importantly, the Directors and senior management locked themselves up for two days in April to examine the Club's position and to develop a Strategic Plan for the next five years.

This workshop meeting, which took place in Sydney, was attended by all Directors and our CEO John Osborne. The Club's General Manager Richard Barwick and our in-house accountant Graham Tricker were also present for the first day. Ken Kipping acted as facilitator and, as he is experienced in this capacity, his preparation for and conduct of the workshop meeting was very much appreciated and resulted in an excellent exercise.

Subjects covered included:-

- Club Growth – in membership, revenue, administration and premises
- Management and staffing
- Rallies – locations, content, pertinent legislation and regulations
- Lobbying – restricting legislation, volunteers and activity
- Communications – printed, such as The Wanderer and The Wanderer's Mate; electronic, such as the Web, GeoWiki and the Forum.
- Developing affiliations with kindred organizations in New Zealand, Europe and North America
- Volunteers – in all their various applications
- The environment and the Club's responsibilities
- Member Benefits – RVFTs, Dump Points, low cost overnight parking and much more.

The session finalized what might be termed as a Five Year Mission Statement –

To grow Member benefits by protecting and enhancing the freedom of choice in places to stay at the lowest possible cost and to respond to the needs of the growth in Membership.

The May Board Meeting was preceded by a full day presentation from the NSW Anti-discrimination Board on the subject of equal employment opportunities (EEO), prevention of discrimination and harassment and associated subjects.

Following the Board Meeting was a meeting of the PAC (Professional Advisory Committee), at which the Club's activities are the subject of discussion along with advice from the Company Solicitor and Auditor.

The week concluded with the twice yearly meeting of the State Representatives. It had certainly been a full week of intense activity.