



“Where East meets West” - The 77th CMCA Chapter.

Annual Report 2006

It gives me much pleasure to present the first Annual Report for the Dalrymple Drifters Chapter of the CMCA. The Drifters were formed on 5th January 2006 at a rally meeting at Sidmouth. Since that time we have gained a few members and lost a couple. June 2006 was a said time for us with the passing of our Treasurer Quade.

The Chapter, has in my opinion gone from strength to strength, with us now after a basic 12 months of operations firmed up with a membership of 19 rigs. There are a couple of interested parties who may join our ranks – time will tell. But again, in my opinion, “small“is beautiful.

When our Chapter was formed we had a nucleus of some 5 rigs that transferred from the Island Wanderers. Perhaps they came with preconceived ideas, perhaps they didn't. Our membership increased with the majority of our new members not having prior time with another Chapter. This I believe has been a monument to our success. Bright new ideas, some experiments etc have been beneficial in all aspects of the Chapters short life to date.

The winter period has been hard on some of us with a number of our members moving ”north” for those months – but then isn't that what motor homing is all about. The majority are back with us for the Tassie Summer period. No doubt some will again travel in 2007 and we wish them “safe travel”.

A special thanks to Secretary Deb and Vice President Barry for their help during the year. Thank you to all members who have equally shouldered the needs of running the Chapter throughout the year, many of us have required to understand the procedures of parking, checking in etc at rallies and that learning curve has commenced. It is a team effort and as a team we will succeed. Don't forget 2008, at George Town, will see us hosting the Tassie Combined Chapter Rally. Thank you to Committee Members who are standing down this year and all the best to those seeking elections for 2007

The successful establishment of our Chapter colours which the majority of members have purchased is a testament to your commitment. The recent purchase of our “decked out” mascot, “Tassie Dalrymple” also adds to that pride.

Our finances are healthy and as we move towards our second year of operations I consider that “all is well” within the Dalrymple Drifters. Again thank you all for a wonderful year and Sue & I wish you a Merry Christmas, Safe Travel and we look forward to spending time next year with you all.

Thank you

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