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From The Editor

Welcome to the Jayco Jaybirds SA club newsletter.

Following our recent AGM, Anne Powditch is now our Rally Coordinator. A big thank you to Anne Holloway for all her hard work and hours spent as our outgoing Rally Coordinator. Her contribution to the club has been enormous.

Many thanks to Peter and Pauline for their report on the Port Hughes Rally and some of the photos. Also thanks to Syd for some of the photos in this newsletter.

Keith Greenlees Editor (kagreenlees@gmail.com)

Rally Information

**1 - 3 June Nuriootpa \$35.00 PER NIGHT
(DEPOSIT NOW DUE)**

Currently 9 vans attending. If you haven't paid your deposit please phone the park on 8562 1404 to pay **urgently** to ensure your site is held. If you would like to join this rally please now book directly with the park and let me know so I can add you to the dinner booking.

Friday 1 June - Dinner is booked at "The Clubhouse" 45 MacDonnell Street, Tanunda @ 7 pm. This community club has good reviews. Unfortunately restaurants closer to Nuriootpa had multiple unfavorable reviews.

Saturday 2 June – The Barossa Tourism Association has provided me with some information on the Barossa's "Best Kept Secret" Foodie/wine tasting destinations (most I have never heard of). As the weather may not be the best for sitting outside our vans as a once off I am putting together a small Foodie Tour for those who are interested finishing with wine tasting at a Winery & Tapas bar.

Saturday night dinner is the usual shared winter warmer meal.

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**3 - 4 August Berri \$33.30 PER NIGHT
(DEPOSIT NOW DUE)**

One night's deposit is required. Please let me know if you will be attending this rally and phone the park on 8582 3723 to pay your deposit asap.



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: While in the Berri area it's a great opportunity to have a tag along rally and spend a few days at Katarapko National Park, Eckerts Creek area (no dogs allowed). If you are interested please let me know ASAP. I will then email out park and booking information to interested members. Sites are \$12.00 per night and some sites will hold multiple vans.

7 – 9 September Stony Creek Bush Camp, Wilmington

No deposit required. Please let me know if you are attending this rally.

5-6 October Coobowie \$27.00 PER NIGHT

No deposit required. Please let me know if you are attending this rally.



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: While we are down at the bottom of the peninsula for those who would like to experience bush camping I would like to add a tag along rally to a property called "Hillocks Drive" at Butlers Beach. The owners will reserve the site pictured above for the sole use of the club at \$22 per van per night. This site holds at least 10 vans and is dog friendly. However the only facilities are good quality toilets. Showers, Shelter Sheds, BBQ's and additional toilets are available at the shop/office



entry to the property. Brian and I can assist with lighting if anyone would like to attend but doesn't have 12V lighting. We can also share gas cooking appliances. Visit www.hillocksdrive.com for more information. I haven't seen this property. However it does have fantastic reviews online particularly on Trip Advisor. BYO fishing rod - the fishing is meant to be amazing.

**2 – 3 November Victor Harbor Beachfront Park \$29.00 PER NIGHT
(DEPOSIT NOW DUE)**

If you are planning to attend, again please let me know and pay your deposit urgently. Brian and I will be looking for snorkeling and kayaking buddies if you're keen.

**7 – 8 December Tanunda \$33.30 PER NIGHT
(DEPOSIT NOW DUE)**



Our Christmas show will be held on the northern side of town this year, and the committee will arrange a caterer to come into the park (work in progress). Please phone the park on 8563 2784 urgently as they are requesting your deposits. To start the process of getting catering quotes etc the committee really needs to know how many will be attending so please let me know asap.

After hearing your suggestions at the AGM my aim is to assist you to get as much use from your van as possible and the opportunity to use all those solar panels and gizmo's you spent your savings on at the same time catering for various camping styles. I love to hear about great places you have found that you think others will enjoy so send me your ideas, tell me which rallies you have loved the most and which you have not been so keen on, what facilities you like there to be at rallies etc. This will help me ensure the rallies are designed to cater for the members.



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11 – 12 January 2019 “Sounds by the River” Concert Mannum



ESPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: I am currently working on this and will send out more information and ask for expressions of interest so please start to give it some thought. I currently have dog friendly grass sites on the fairway (beautiful surrounded by palms) held at the Mannum Golf Course and will have access to presale concert tickets. Golf Course provides cheap dinner Friday night and big cook up breakfast on the Sunday morning (we will need it), gold coin donation bus to and from the concert, cost price drinks in the bar with dance floor following the concert. Toilet facilities only no power. Golf Club is very happy for members to leave their dogs in the van to sleep while at the concert but keep in mind it may be very hot and we will have no power or air-conditioning. Dog minding for the weekend may be a better option. Concert is held on the park right on the water's edge with food vans, wineries, breweries etc. Previous concert line ups have been Shannon Noll, Adam Brand, Russell Morris, John Farnham, Jimmy Barnes, Suzie Quatro. The promoters have said we will be the first to know the 2019 lineup so we can be ready to purchase tickets when available.

We have very few numbers booked in for the rallies above. To be fair on the parks we need to confirm numbers so please let me know asap which rallies you will be attending. I understand for some due to work commitments etc this can be difficult. It is really important as a club we maintain a good reputation with parks and this means them not holding onto sites that end up unused.





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**Midyear lunch
Saturday 7 July 2018 @ 12:00
Jungle Bistro at the Kent Town Hotel
76 Rundle Street, Kent Town**

**\$10 deposit per head to be paid to club
account by 23/06/2018**

Following the lunch if anyone would like to continue on enjoying the great company of other Jaybirds follow the boardwalk through the jungle canopy to the Rooftop Bar with huge footy screen and a great vibe.
See current Bistro menu attached to this newsletter



Port Hughes Rally Report Port Hughes Foreshore Caravan Park

We are now in May and the rally is at Pt. Hughes Foreshore Caravan Park. It is a very nice setting over looking the water. Some arrived on Tuesday and others Wednesday and Thursday and the rest on Friday. The weather was nice up until about 1.30am Friday morning when we all had our sleep interrupted by very strong winds that made the vans rock and roll.



Awnings were shaken to their core, the rain started then came the hail. You couldn't hear yourself think. By day light it had calmed down and the water had dried up quite quickly, leaving us to chat about that storm. The rest of the weekend the weather was good and we all did our own thing, whether it was going for drives or trying our luck fishing off the jetty. Some of us would have been out in Pauline's brother's boat but he realised once we were ready to go fishing he had left the boat keys at home and there was no spare. Andrew did not live this down the whole weekend, as everyone kept reminding him.



All in good fun and he's going to get more spare keys cut. Some of the ladies were down in the camp kitchen doing craft, while Dean and Bev were out organising a Quiz Night for us on Saturday night. The Quiz night went well and we all had fun. Looking forward to more in the future. On

Friday night the dinner was at the Pt. Hughes Tavern and the meals were nice. Tom and Lou had a seafood platter for two and it was massive, every body looked as it was brought to the table and so did they. Over all a good weekend was had, and we now look forward to the next one. See you there. ☺



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Upcoming Rallies - 2018

June 1st - 3rd Nuriootpa

July 7th Lunch at the Jungle Bistro (Kent Town Hotel)

August 3rd - 5th Berri

September 7th - 9th Stony Creek

October 5th - 7th Coobowie

November 2nd - 4th Victor Harbor Beachfront Caravan Park

December 7th - 9th Tanunda

Booking into a Rally

If you wish to participate in any rallies, you will need to :

- Advise Anne Powditch by email or telephone of your intention to participate **four weeks** before the rally date.
a.bpowditch@gmail.com
Phone: 0427 181829
- ALSO, should you wish to arrive earlier or depart later than the dates booked by the club, you will need to communicate DIRECTLY with the caravan park concerned to discuss your dates of arrival and departure. Could you please also let Anne know that you have done so?

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