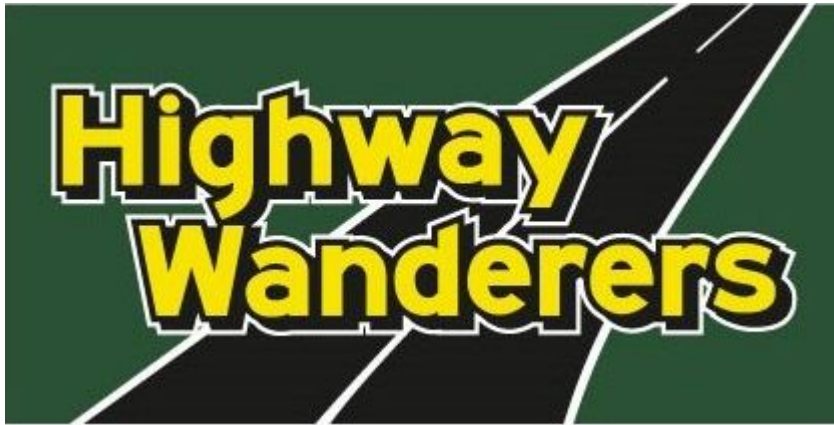




Your very own Highway Wanderers newsletter for April, 2019

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Bookings for our 25th Birthday Rally have re-opened. We have over 50 rigs attending. Please book directly via our website.



President - Jan Binskin

[Email Jan:](#)

Hi guys,

Another month has passed by and I am here back at computer. As many of you seem keen to have a program for our 25th I have published one in this newsletter for you to peruse. It is not set in concrete so if you have something you wish to do or suggestions for activities we are happy to try and include them.

I know there has been talk of a tag along of sorts for those travelling to Barcaldine and am sure those interested can get together at some time over the weekend. HW in the past have

been very good at spontaneous gatherings along the road and with these days of better communication it is much easier to meet up.

With weather always a big factor in holding events we are fortunate that at the Casino venue we have use of many indoor buildings for our activities.

Personally I am looking forward to catching up with all HW not seen for a while.

Our plans for this year are dependent on whether some roads will be open up north after all the rain. However, we are heading north to bottom end of cape and along the bottom of the gulf and up into maybe Arnhem Land giving the Explorer a good work out.

This is my last report as president of HW in the newsletter and both Dave and I are looking forward to a break from HW committee although we will be there to help out with gatherings and will catch up with many HW as we travel not to mention being at the CMCA rallies.

Travel safe as you all travel to HW 25th or other parts.

Jan

P. S. Nearly forgot this. If you only wish to attend the AGM please advise either myself or Suzi re entry to Casino Village. This is contrary to original info on HW Facebook as will be pleased to welcome you as visitor for meeting.



Secretary - Suzi Hardwick

[Email Suzi:](#)

Where are you all? We have just returned home from a week working at the International Festival of Speed held at Eastern Creek in Sydney. This is a classic motorcycle race meeting that attracts some very famous former international racers and is usually heaps of fun. Unfortunately this year the weather gods were not nice and it rained and rained and rained – so much so that the meeting had to be stopped on Sunday afternoon as the track became too dangerous. Australia really is a land of contrasts – we left a very wet, some might say drowned, Sydney and arrived home to water restrictions and no let up to the awful drought that has brought so much of the country to its knees

2019 HWW AGM

The 2019 AGM will be held during the 25th birthday celebrations at Casino Village – the meeting will be held at 10.00 am on Sunday morning, 5th May 2019.

The following Committee positions will be up for election at the AGM - President, Vice President, Treasurer and Membership Officer. For anyone wanting to know what is involved there is a document on the website which outlines the roles and responsibilities of each position - <https://www.highwaywanderers.net/index.php/business/item/342-hww-committee-roles-and-responsibilities>

OR – speak with one of the current Committee members who will be only too happy to answer your questions.

Please give serious consideration to standing for one of the roles and participating in the organisation of the chapter - without your participation the Chapter may well cease to exist.

The Nomination Form is on the HWW website ~ <https://www.highwaywanderers.net/index.php/business/item/451-committee-nomination-form>

Or, on the Facebook page – click on Files on the list on the left hand side of page and you will find the Nomination Form near the top of the list.

Nominations should be sent to secretary@highwaywanderers.net by April 21st.

GENERAL MEETING

As is our custom, the AGM will be followed by a General Meeting. Members who wish to have a motion discussed at the general meeting can send their motion to

secretary@highwaywanderers.net by April 21st.

25TH BIRTHDAY INFORMATION

It isn't too late to book if you haven't already done so – just head to the Highway Wanderer website and under members tab is where you will find the booking information.

This will be the biggest event for 2019 so it would be a pity for you to miss it!! The celebrations will commence on Friday May 3rd and continue over the weekend. There are lots of things planned and I'm sure everyone will have a fabulous time.

If you wish to arrive at the Casino RV Village prior to Friday May 3rd or remain after Monday May 6th, then you will need to contact the Village direct on 02 6662 1069 to make those arrangements. The cost for the additional nights is \$27.50 for a powered site per night and \$22.50 for an unpowered site which is the discounted CMCA rate.

BLAZE AID

Blazeaid are urgently calling for volunteers to assist as they currently have seven camps either operating or about to commence. If you are in the vicinity of one of the following camps then please give thought to assisting for a few days. Many HWW's have worked at Blazeaid Camps in the past and all speak highly of the incredible experience.

1. *RICHMOND 2019 – Queensland Floods - Camp Status:* STARTED 19 FEBRUARY 2019

Address: Richmond Freight Depot, Lot 69 Woolgar St Richmond

Co-ordinator: John Lillico: 0484 145 732

**2. CLONCURRY 2019 – Queensland Floods - Camp Status:
STARTED 20 FEBRUARY 2019**

Address: Lot 4 Miles Street, Cloncurry

Co-ordinator: Christine and John Male 0418 745 994

Email: blazeaid.cloncurry@gmail.com

**3. JULIA CREEK 2019 – Queensland Floods - Camp
Status: STARTING END MARCH 2019**

Address: TBA

Co-ordinator: Christine and Brian Carr 0428 984 117

Email: juliacreek.blazeaid@gmail.com

**4. WINTON 2019 – Queensland Floods - Camp Status:
STARTED 25th MARCH 2019**

Address: Winton Showground

Co-ordinator: Barry Thompson 0417 093 911

Email: blazeaid.barry@gmail.com

**5. BOOROWA 2019 – Flood damage from storm - Camp
Status: STARTED 5th MARCH 2019**

Address: Boorowa Showgrounds Ballyryan Road, Boorowa
NSW 2586

Co-ordinator: Jeanine and Gilbert Sims Gilbert 0439 574 707
Jeanine 0438 253 873

Email: blazeaid.boorowa@gmail.com

**6. TENTERFIELD 2019 – Camp Status: STARTING END OF
MARCH 2019**

Address: Tenterfield Showgrounds, 62 Miles Street, Tenterfield

Co-ordinator: Judy and Ed Bland - Judy 0427 614 546 Ed 0427 614 540

Email: tenterfield.blazeaid@gmail.com

7. *BUNYIP 2019* – Camp Status: STARTED 12th MARCH 2019

Address: Bunyip Showgrounds and Recreation Reserve

Co-ordinator: John Anderson 0412 382 184 Sue Anderson 0407 834 443 and

Assisting: Debbie 0408 368 361

Assisting: Jainee 0401 783 034

Email: blazeaid.bunyip@gmail.com

BEFORE ARRIVING: Please contact the basecamp a day or two prior to your intended arrival so we can plan ahead and discuss arrangements.

For more details on the above camps please go to www.blazeaid.com.au.

2019 EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

There are a number of events already planned for 2019 that may be of interest to members –

Man from Snowy River (Corryong Vic) 4th ~ 7th April 2019

Dirt N Dust Festival (Julia Creek Qld) 12th ~ 14th April 2019

The Grey Mardi Gras (Cobar NSW) 12th ~ 15th April 2019

Stone the Crows Festival (Wagga NSW) 19th ~ 25th April 2019

HWW 25TH Birthday Celebration (Casino NSW) 3rd ~ 5th May 2019

Music in the Mulga (Eulo Qld) 16th ~ 20th May 2019

Australian Motorhoming Lions Club Challenge 25th ~ 26th May 2019

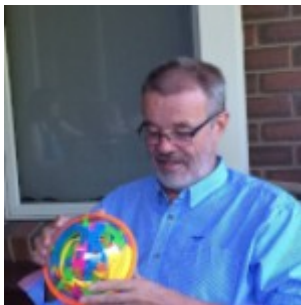
That's all from me for this month – to those who are celebrating birthdays, I hope you have a fabulous day and celebrate well with family and friends. To those who are currently unwell I hope you have a very speedy recovery.

Travel safely and keep smiling (it makes people wonder what you've been up to)!!

Hope to see you all in Casino!!

Cheers,

Suzi



Treasurer - Hans Dusink

[Email Hans:](#)

Where is the time going, Easter is around the corner and Stone the Crows in Wagga is on us. Only a short time later it is our 25th Birthday Bash in in Casino. It looks like a good number of us will be gathering there.

Linda and I escaped our Maryborough Cabin over the last few weeks. Our trip took us to Tailem Bend and then to Loxton. We met up with Pet-els at a lovely property and then on our last night Jo and Derek joined our party. We then moved on to Kaniva where we left the Motorhome with friends while we took the Toad back to Maryborough to fulfill a couple of appointments before heading back to Kaniva to meet some of our Geocaching family to tackle some of the sand tracks in the Little Desert. Our Suzuki has never been in 4WD and I have never driven in the sand. A

experience well worth the effort. As always it is better with friends.

Now the reason that you all eagerly await my report: the financial position. We are a strong chapter and we have a healthy balance with which to serve you - the members.

HIGHWAY WANDERER'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -22/3/2019

INCOME STATEMENT

INCOME

Membership Levy	1375.00
Unknown Deposits	0.00
Clothing	400.00
Badges	0.00
25 th Birthday	1337.10
Stickers	0.00
Raffles	-500.00
	2612.10

EXPENDITURE

Functions	0.00
Rally Functions	275.00
Gifts	112.00
Administration Expenses	257.99
Paypal Fees	119.88

Cost of Sales	20.23
25 th Birthday Expenses	1337.10
Badges	83.55
DEPRECIATION	2205.75
SURPLUS	406.35

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash at Bank	8467.19
Fixed Asset (WDV at 30/6/2017)	391.60
Clothing Stock (New)	2573.20
Total Assets	11431.99

Club Funds

Opening Surplus 30 June 2018	6677.74
Accrued Expenses	4347.90
Current Surplus	406.35
	11431.99

Linda and I look forward to catching up with you at Stone the Crows or Casino, or both. Travel safe everyone.



Membership - Trish Gallagher

[Email Trish](#)

Well the time has come, my very last newsletter as a committee member. Both Pete and myself have had a colourful and exciting 8 years being part of the best group of people, many of you have become lifelong friends.

Our 25th Birthday celebration is looking like a great weekend. All things are now in hand except the promise from Mother Nature to provide good weather (i speak to her daily) . At this time we have 55 vehicles booked, there will be information re entry times etc. posted by our President and Secretary so I will not go into that.

One of the most important things is our AGM and election of officers, what was the call to arms "Your country needs you".

Yes we need you to stand up and put your hand up. You do not need any formal qualifications, just the willingness to get in there for a few hours during the month, sometimes it is only a chat over a couple of ales to get things done. Please contact Suzi re this, put in a formal nomination or discuss with her any other options.

Once again thanks for the memories.

Mother Hen



Merchandising - Petels

[Email Peter](#)

I will be at Stone and Crow's and Casino for the Birthday celebrations and will have the full range of HWW gear available for sale.

Look forward to catching up with everyone soon.

Peter



Social Media and Communications Officer - Jon Burns

[Email: Webmaster](#)

Thanks to Jo Tremain for Authoring this month's Newsletter.

I hope she will continue to apply her skills in this role, and receives member support.

It has come time for me to resign after 6 years as Social Media and Communications Officer. I hope I have served you well over that time and look forward to having more free time to enjoy our travels.

Today at the bank, an old lady asked me to help check her balance. So I pushed her over.

Have you booked for our 25th Anniversary Rally yet?



HIGHWAY WANDERERS 25th ANNIVERSARY BASH MAY 3-5 2019 CASINO

EVENTS PROGRAM

FRIDAY 9-12 entry

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| 1pm | IT help desk at clubhouse |
| 2pm | Disc Bowls at disc bowls court |
| 4pm onwards | Crazy Hat Happy Hour at BBQ hut with gourmet sausage sizzle. Entertainment by vocalist.
BYO nibbles and drinks |

SATURDAY OPTIONS

- | | |
|--------|---------------------------------|
| 7.45am | Happy Golf with residents \$2 |
| 9am | 8 Ball or Darts in green hangar |
| 9am | Craft in BBQ hut |
| 10am | Morning Tea at BBQ hut BYO cups |

1-3pm	Fun Games
2pm	“Cultural” Walk through Casino with many old watering holes to visit.
4pm	Happy Hour in BBQ hut. BYO drinks and nibbles and own dinner – bbq, gas hob and microwave available.
7pm	Trivia Night in clubhouse BYO drinks and nibbles. Teams of max 6 persons. Tea and coffee available BYO cups

SUNDAY 9am sign on AGM and morning tea BYO cup

10am AGM

1pm onwards	Finals of games and awards ceremony
4pm	Happy Hour BBQ hut BYO drinks and nibbles Entertainment - vocalist
6pm	Camp oven dinner followed by Jam session

MONDAY

8.30am Pancakes in BBQ hut. Tea and coffee available.

TRAVEL SAFE

There are various BlazeAid camps around at the moment and volunteers are always needed now and in the future. <http://blazeaid.com.au/current-camps/>

There is a BlazeAid camp in Boorowa NSW that opened early in March. The camp was set up to help restore farm fences after a storm went through in February. The storm cell, not unlike a tornado, according to the farmers I have spoken to, ripped a path across the countryside. Some farms reported well over 100mm of rain in 40 minutes.

What followed was flooding as the paddocks already hydrophobic from the prolonged drought could not soak up the volume of surface water caused by

the downfall.

The flooding has washed trees, branches and general detritus across the paddocks loading up fences and pushing them over. Some fences have to be dug out from under the detritus. Some can be repaired and some have to be completely replaced.

The BlazeAid camp is in the showgrounds, very close to the main street of town, and has plenty of space for caravans and motorhomes. Lots of power, water, toilets and hot showers. A hall with kitchen provides the facilities for meals and meetings etc.

Local service clubs are providing dinner 5 nights of the week and on weekends the camp either goes out as a group to a club or pub for a sponsored meal or cooks in the hall. A cooked breakfast is available every morning and the volunteers are provided with the makings for a healthy lunch to take out to work. Some farmers provide lunch and or morning smoko and that's always a favourite and gains bragging rights by the receiving team.

Boorowa has a very supportive community and the camp has been extremely well supported by their unwavering help in setting up and maintaining the camp. Nothing is a problem for them.

There is a job for just about anyone, no matter that you don't have experience. Check out the BlazaeAid website for more info and remember to contact the camp coordinators before arriving at any of the camps.

You will never never know if you don't give it a go. New experiences await you.

Travel safe, stay well.

Tim The Tourist - Highways of Australia

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My dog used to chase people on a bike a lot. It got so bad, finally I had to take his bike away.

To read [Ev and Andrew's Blog for March 2019](#) please click on the link and a PDF copy will open in another window.

Why is Peter Pan always flying? He neverlands.

Member's Blogs

[Jo and Derek](#)

<http://v2.travelark.org/travel-blog-entry/joderekononhome/1/1553818063>

[Tim the Tourist](#)

www.time4tour.com

[George and Brigitte Prince](#)

www.laughter4wellbeing.com

[Michelle and Rob De Rooy](#)

<http://robbiebago.blogspot.com.au/>

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Hi fellow HWW. Anyone travelling through Katherine, NT to Perth this year?

I'm needing to get a Thermomix to Perth, but don't trust any freight company or Australia Post with such a fragile item. It will be securely packaged and boxed for transport.

Can you help please?

Liz Timewell - trippingout1@hotmail.com or 0437 590 000

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