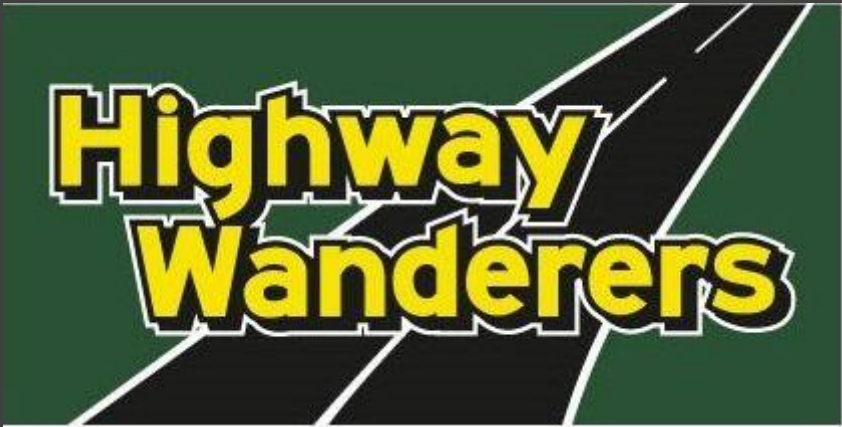




Highway Wanderers

Your very own Highway Wanderers newsletter
for December, 2019

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Committee Report for December 2019 Newsletter

Welcome to your Highway Wanderers Newsletter for December 2019. Full reports were presented at Elmore and more recently the last committee meeting minutes were published on our Facebook page so you are all up to date with committee deliberations.

Treasury:

July 1, 2019 – November 30, 2019

INCOME

Levy	\$1,140.00
Merchandise	\$1,039.00
Donations	\$100.00
TOTAL:	\$2,279.00

EXPENDITURE

PayPal	\$2.16
Merchandise	\$325.00
Donations	\$1,500.00
Member Event	\$1,210.85
General Admin	\$262.33
Website	\$173.08
TOTAL:	\$3,473.42

PROFIT / LOSS-	\$1,194.42
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LIQUID ASSETS

Balance in bank	\$5,068.51
Cash on hand	\$15.00
Balance in Paypal	\$1.82
TOTAL:	\$5,075.33

Merchandise SOH

\$668.00

Depositing Money:

We ask that if making a payment direct to our bank account, please put your surname and CMCA member number, this will make it easier to identify.

Membership:

Don't forget if you have changed your contact details, please email membership@highwaywanderers.net with the details.

New Members Joining & Admin Levy

Further to all member levies now being May 1 to April 30 each year, we have implemented the following for new members only:

Joining date	Levy	Paid to
1. From May 1 to October 30	\$15 (\$5 joining + \$10 levy)	next April 30
2. From Nov 1 to February 28	\$10 (\$5 joining + \$5 levy)	next April 30
3. From March 1 to April 29 30 + 1 year	\$15 (\$5 joining + \$10 levy)	next April

Maroochydore School

As previously advised, the Highway Wanderers have been allocated the week commencing December 14th at the Maroochydore School. Geraldine and Mal Beverley have agreed to act as the Camp Hosts for the week.

If you wish to participate then you must book your place by calling the school caretaker, Rob Cullen, on 0419 720 034 – only fully self contained motor homes are permitted to camp on the school grounds.

The following amenities are provided within the school grounds ~

✓ Dump Point

✓ Hot Showers

✓ Toilets

✓ Water

✓ Power is available for lights and refrigeration however air conditioners are not to be used!

For those members going to Maroochydore – have a great time!

Highway Wanderers 26th Birthday get together.

As decided at the General meeting at Elmore our next birthday bash will be held at Rosewood Showgrounds. We have made a booking at the Showgrounds for May 1, 2 and 3, 2020

We will make further announcements as time goes on.

In the meantime if you would like to help organise this weekend or if you have ideas for things to do at Happy Hour please contact

secretary@highwaywanderers.net.

For members that are unwell, get better soon. For members travelling this great country of ours, travel safely. Remember to check into Facebook to

see where your fellow members are. What ever you are doing enjoy everything to the fullest

Your Committee wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe New Year.



From your Committee

Pre Rally stay at Greens Lake

We arrived at Greens Lake on Tuesday 8th October to be greeted by Jo and Derek along with Ed and Chrissie, Jan and Dave and Mossy and Chrissie.



Peter's birthday on Wednesday 8th had me making "snow cakes" for morning tea. Other Highway Wanderers arrived. Pete Gallagher came in for the night and he and Jan and Dave Binskin left the next day to go into the Rally site to fulfil their volunteer roles. Eventually the gathering has gotten too big to continue mentioning names.

Our new Highway Wanderer recruit, John, made a beautiful savoury damper on the coals of the fire, which lasted less than 3 minutes, and the next day he did another one to have with jam and cream.



Jo had us all laughing when she decided that Derek needed shaving. We really thought for a moment that she was about to use a cut-throat razor on him!!

While we were at Greens Lake we were lucky enough to have Maxine Robinson and Rob Turner who were in Melbourne from Perth for various commitments hire a car and drive up to Greens Lake to visit us. They are just a terrific couple who make everyone feel happy. Unfortunately Jo and Derek could only spend a short amount of time with them as they had to go to the Rally site for their volunteer commitments.



Happy hours each day have continued with the circle getting bigger and bigger – which is the norm for Highway Wanderer gatherings. The fire has been a real asset to keeping us all warm.

Peter has had his guitar out and Michael Gold, his ukulele.

We are all looking forward to getting into the Rally site to catch up with more of our Highway Wanderer family members.

The weather here has been varied from sunny days, to windy to rain but we have all enjoyed the happy hours and the company of others.

Trish Jackson

NEXT TIME SEND A SMOKE SIGNAL

Two new hunters decided to separate to increase their chances. "What if we get lost?" says one of them. "Fire three times up in the air, every hour on the hour" says the other. "I saw it on TV." Sure enough, one of the hunters gets lost, so he fires three times up into the air every hour on the hour.

The next day the other hunter finds his friend with the help of the Ranger. "Why didn't you do what I said?" asked the hunter. "I did! I fired three times up into the air every hour on the hour, until I ran out of arrows."

Q. What is the color of the wind?

A. Blew.

The “Husband of the Year” award goes to this guy:



Good luck getting back in the RV with her after this!

ELMORE RALLY

The Rally had everything as far as weather goes. Hot, cold, wet and windy.

Happy hours were held between Horror and Chris Wilson's motorhomes. Most times chasing the shade. We celebrated birthdays and we had the usual music entertainment and as usual drew a few neighbours, which I believe most became members.



The pink day (McGrath Foundation) was a huge success, including Dave Binskin and others diving into the pond. Hope the lice have cleared up now Dave?



The theme was Down on the Farm and at the ball night there was, as usual, a huge variety of costumes. A great night, shame it gets wound up so early.



We wound up the rally with the General Meeting and BBQ. Once again, thanks to all the helpers, cooks, shoppers etc.

Highway Wanderers - SA State Rep Peter Jackson

During the General Meeting at Elmore, Dave Binskin spoke of the need for more members to become involved in the activities of the Highway Wanderers to ensure the continued strength of the group.

I suggested that one way to achieve this would be the appointment of State Reps. They could be provided with the contact details of the members in their state to facilitate arranging state based get-togethers.

I have been a member of the CMCA since 1998, been inaugural member of the Whyalla and Eyre Wanderers chapter and was one of the two who formed the Peninsula Yorkeys Chapter prior to joining the Highway Wanderers 5 years ago.

Anyone who is S.A. based or travelling thru please contact me if you are interested in a get-together at a location to be decided and central to those interested persons. Maybe a luncheon to kick things off? Look forward to hearing from you cheers Jacko.

Peter Jackson – Contact . Mb: 0418 896 226

Hello from the great state of Queensland. My name is Warren Bowles and have been caravanning for twenty years. I am your Queensland rep please feel free to contact me, I am here to help. Mobile 0457 571 343 or via email at Hughes-bowles@bigpond.com

Hello everyone, Louise Filer here I'm the WA state rep. We live in Wandí. Steven and I travelled for 15 months to different parts of Australia in our silver airstream with lots of Betty Boop on and in it. We have met lots of beautiful Highway Wanderers and hoping to meet lots more. If you are travelling to WA please look us up, we would love to meet you, we have room for people to park, or even just for a hello and a cuppa.

To all WA highway wanderers, hope we can make a regular get together. Safe travels and take care Louise - 0412 160 013

Kerry Newton here – my number is 0419 799 731 or email
newton.k@bigpond.com

I believe HW, John Cole will take on Railton CMCA camp host soon
so ask members in or visiting Tasmania to contact me with the aim
for a few days visit to the camp with preferred dates.

Looking at choice of dates and venues in new year. As Tasmanian
people it's a long way from Penguin to New Norfolk.

Hi, I would like to introduce myself, my name is Margaret Apps,
preferred to be called Maggee. I am the "HW" state rep for NSW. My
hubby, Paul & I have a house in Windsor NSW, it is rented out. We
are in our 6th year as fulltime nomads, notice I omitted the word
"grey" (love l'Oreal). We intend to stay on the road as long as health
is kind to us. We travel with our "pooch family" Tarko chihuahua 13,
Dd a mixer 11 & Chilly chihuahua 3.

Oh, I nearly forgot, a lot of you will know me as the Can Lady. I
collect & recycle cans & bottles. I have on occasion been spotted
nearly arse up in the bin...

So keep an eye on HW's fb page for events I will post from time to
time, one might take your fancy.

Your NSW State rep

Maggee... 0417 773 065

I joined the CMCA on the 20th of March 2014, picked up my new motorhome on the 27th and two days later I was on my way to the 28th Anniversary Rally in Robinvale. Due to my ignorance on how to get my fridge working and anything to do with AVAN motorhomes, within 24 hours of being at the rally I had met Pete Jackson who got my fridge working and Bill Brady who got everything else working but totally confused me when he started to talk about solar and batteries.

Another day into the Rally and I came across a large group of people listening to some live music. This turned out to be another typical Highway Wanderers happy hour. I joined in and joined up straight away - it was all down hill from then on.....

Nearly five years later, I'm still in the same motorhome with the fridge working fine, a better understanding of solar and batteries and a honorary degree in the design and uses of dump points.

I mainly travel solo to the northern states during the winter months although Liz will usually spend a week or two up in Townsville and

during the summer months we camp in Nunawading, Melbourne with Liz's sons Sam and Liam.

We are looking forward to catching up with fellow HW's living or visiting Victoria. Don't forget our first lunch in a couple of weeks (details in this newsletter).

Michael Gold - 0408 698 695

Highway Wanderers travelling in WA - would you like somewhere safe and secure to park that is an easy half hour drive to Mandurah, Fremantle and Perth and only minutes off the Kwinana Freeway?

Our property is located in Wandí – there is an area in the front of the property that is large enough to comfortably accommodate big rigs that all Highway Wanderers are very welcome to use.

Just contact Betty (Louise) Silver on 0412 116 013 to organise your spot.



A big thank you to Rita Goebel for assisting the Chapter by maintaining the Calendar of events.

6 to 8 December, 2019

70th National Cherry Festival, Young, NSW.

Town Hall, 205 Boorowa Street, Young.

Street Parade, Christmas Street Market, cherry pie eating championships, cherry pip spitting competition, live music, drum and pipes bands.

Contact: <http://nationalcherryfestival.com.au/>

27 December 2019 to 1 January 2020

Woodford Folk Festival, Qld.

87 Woodrow Road, Woodford.

Camping available on site. No pets.

More than 400 acts – concerts, dance, indigenous performances, theatre, comedy, street performances, visual arts and sustainability forums.

Contact: <https://woodfordfolkfestival.com/>

28 December 2019 to 3 January 2020

Taste of Tasmania, Princes Wharf, Salamanca Place, Hobart.

Food and Wine Festival

Contact: <http://www.thetasteoftasmania.com.au>

No camping. No pets.

28 to 31 Dec, 2019

Falls Festival, Lorne, Vic

Music festival – indie, hip hop, electronic, blues & roots, dance, comedy, theatre, circus,

Camping available

Contact: <https://www.fallsfestival.com/lorne>

8 to 12 January, 2020

Parkes Elvis Festival, NSW.

Annual Music festival.

Rock n Roll dancing, Swing, Boogie Woogie, Elvis tribute artists competition, Elvis movies, Busking, Trike adventures, Markets.

Contact: <http://www.parkeselvisfestival.com.au>

10 to 11 May 2020

Henry Hoke Festival (Part of South Australia's History Festival – theme 'Change')

Terowie, S.A.

This festival celebrates the many astonishing achievements of a little-known inventor who lived in the small outback town of Hoke's (hoax) Bluff.

Contact: (08) 8203 9888

SMART DOGS

Two women that are dog owners are arguing about which dog is smarter.

First woman: "My dog is so smart, every morning he waits for the paper boy to come around and then he takes the newspaper and brings it to me."

Second woman: "I know.."

First woman: "How?"

Second woman: "My dog told me."

HIS WISH WAS GRANTED

There was an RVer named Chris from Mansfield who stumbled upon a Genie in a bottle who granted him one wish.

Chris said, "I want to explore that other part of Australia, Tasmania in my motorhome, but I can't afford to send it there by ship. So my wish is that you build a road from the coast of Victoria to Tasmania.

The Genie replied, "I'm sorry, but that is too difficult. The length and the depth of the ocean would make that task impossible even for a Genie like me. So you must make another wish."

Chris quickly replied, "Okay, I never could understand women. I want to know "how do they think and what do they really want?"

The Genie paused for a moment, deep in thought, and then replied, "Do you want that two lanes or four?"

VICTORIAN SUMMER GET-TOGETHER

All members are welcome to enjoy a summer get-together in Melbourne on Thursday, January 9 at

Young & Jackson Hotel, corner of Swanston & Flinders Streets starting at 12:30.

Please let Michael Gold know you are attending by emailing mgoldmedia@yahoo.com.au by December 9.

FUNNIES FROM OUR FACEBOOK GROUP

This one is from Maxine Robinson:

A man staggered into a hospital with a concussion, multiple bruises, two black eyes, and a five iron wrapped tightly around his throat.

Naturally, the Doctor asked him, 'What happened to YOU?'

'Well, I was having a quiet round of golf with my wife, when at a difficult hole, we both sliced our golf balls into a field of cattle...

We went to look for them and while I was looking around I noticed one of the cows had something white at its rear end.'

'I walked over, lifted its tail, and sure enough, there was a golf ball with my wife's monogram on it - stuck right in the middle of the cow's fanny.

Still holding the cow's tail up, I yelled to my wife, 'Hey, this looks like yours!'

'I don't remember much after that'

And one from Jo Tremain

I am proud to announce that I am taking on a brave new adventure. In order to bring in a little extra money.

I will be selling adult toys for those of you who need a helping hand or it just ain't what it used to be 🙄

I hope no one is embarrassed to order them. Discretion is guaranteed!! I have all kinds, sizes, colors and styles according to your needs.

I haven't had the luxury of trying these out myself but I have faith and would stand behind them 100%.

Hit me up anytime. Everything I have is listed below & more if needed

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Wheelchairs, canes & walkers, scooters, knee, wrist & elbow braces, plantar fasciitis braces, blood circulating machine thing, crutches, shower chair, ice packs, heating pads etc etc.

What was your dirty mind thinking?



If you are on Facebook you need to be in the Highway Wanderer Facebook group!

Andrew & Ev Verschaeren's latest travel news

October 2019

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/71ca162dd954f0c9a63f7f295/files/3a4fd305-5bcf-4e42-b9ce-b0fcc1a0c5e3/October_News.01.pdf

November 2019

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/71ca162dd954f0c9a63f7f295/files/98144245-7fc4-4d67-aab9-b2b93714b769/Nov_News.pdf.

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Phone Ray 0416 224 539 or Helen 0415 66 44 22 or
email helrayzers@live.com for details and account number.

(For the person who thinks the hose or the lead are included - they are not).

Letter of Introduction & Promotion Offer

We would like to introduce ourselves and our exceptional campground, Goomeri Caravan and Bush Camp. We opened in 2015 on our tranquil 300 acre farm, 3kms out of Goomeri. Alongside our camp kitchen, we have our amenities with hot showers, toilets and laundry. Our campers constantly rave about our amenities – they are new and well maintained, and cleaned to a high standard, which our campers appreciate. We are situated 1.7kms from the highway entrance along an all-weather road, so the setting is peaceful and secluded abundant with wildlife.

Please see our attached flyer for the details. If you have any queries, we are always happy to take your call and assist you.

We look forward to hosting you.

Ron and Carol O'Connell

Owners – Goomeri Bush

info@goomeribushcamp.com.au - www.goomeribushcamp.com.au -
0418 734 060

Click on link below to see flyer.

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/71ca162dd954f0c9a63f7f295/files/8d9f2630-fc6c-44eb-b8d6-ad2f55fe7c8a/Camp_Kitchen_Flyer_v4.pdf

We have received an invitation from Deniliquin BIG4 Holiday Park. They have discounts for groups. Their campsites cater for Delux Ensuite Sites, Family Ensuite Sites, Riverfront Powered Sites and Powered Sites. Don't have a van, they have various sized villas.

big4deniliquin.com.au

Ph 03 5881 1131

email - info@big4deniliquin.com.au

Do you have something to sell or a story to tell.

**Please forward to
newsletter@highwaywanderers.net**

**All submissions for the next newsletter
must be in by 27 January 2020.**

Member's Blogs

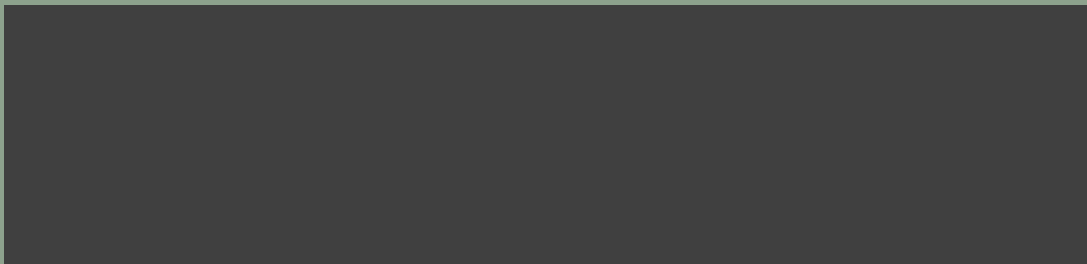
[Jo and Derek \(on leave at the moment\)](http://v2.travelark.org/travel-blog-entry/joderekononhome/1/1553818063)

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

[Michelle and Rob De Rooy](http://robbiebago.blogspot.com.au/)

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