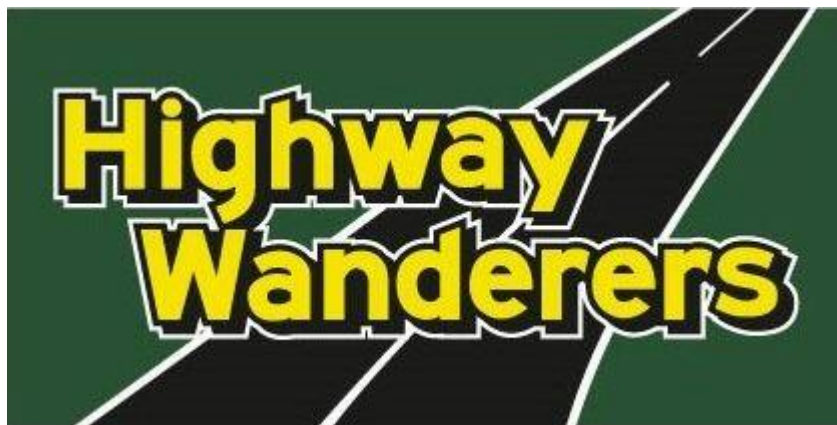




Your very own Highway Wanderers newsletter for
1 April 2020

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Committee Report for April 2020 Newsletter

Our committee has been relatively quiet this last little while. As you all know the 26th Birthday Bash at Rosewood has been cancelled due to Covid19. We are waiting on advice as to the status of the Gympie Rally. This is still some time off so fingers are crossed.

As we mentioned in the last Newsletter, the President and Secretary positions will be up for re-election at the Annual General Meeting to be held at Gympie. Neither incumbent will be seeking re-election, as they have served in excess of 5 years on committee. We encourage members to consider serving on the committee.

Your committee is bunkered down for the duration of this crisis. Reading the various posts on the weekly roll call, it would appear that all of our members have found a haven to sit and prop, and not travel unnecessarily.

There has been a lot of conflicting advice on social media. Please only heed the advice from official channels i.e. your local Health Departments and Government advisory notices. Remember to wash your hands and to use hand sanitisers. After this is all over we want to be able to spend time with our on-road family at Happy Hours.

That certainly lifted spirits. A great way to have a virtual Happy Hour. Any other of our talented membership are invited to do something similar.

Lastly as you may have seen in the last Committee Meeting Minutes our stock of polo shirts is very low. This gives us an opportunity to redesign our shirts. Rather than the Committee making the design decision we would like you, the members, to propose suggested designs.

The major colours are to be the Highway Wanderer Green, Yellow and Black and the design will also need to incorporate a pocket.

All design ideas are to be returned to the President at president@highwaywanderers.net. A decision on a final design was to have been made at the Birthday Bash. Under the current circumstances we will extend the closing date to 30 June. Put your thinking caps on and come up with a design.

Picture below - one of the Happy Hour's at 25th Birthday Celebrations at Casino 2019.



Don't forget the anniversary for our annual \$10 Administration Levy falls due on April 30 each year.

The following members' levy are due by April 30, 2020.

1026 11914 13934 13988 18414

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40079 41183 42457 44791

51193 51864 52448 54881 57334

60649 60806 60961 61400 61443

64313 66948 68999 69088

71168 71635 72195 74091 74964

76191 77348 77982

80821 82849 85451 87676

90815 91706 92900 93183 96238 96625 97645

101674 106391 106739 115465 115861

Please deposit \$10 into the Highway Wanderers bank account.

BSB: 084 536

Acc: 693 928 660

(If you have received an email advising receipt of your deposit, please ignore this request).

Queenslanders quarterly Lunch – Fitzy's Hotel – Loganholme.

Well the Cane Toads have had their second lunch get-together organized by our state representative Warren Bowles. We met at Fitzy's Hotel Roadhouse Grill on the Pacific Highway, on the south side of Brisbane, near Beenleigh.

the group of 18 present who were seated at the green/yellow/black decorated tables. He suggested that the Queenslanders meet on a regular basis rotating around to different areas to enable members to attend these get-togethers. Warren also suggested that we may be interested in spending a week away together.

During the lunch Rita promoted the **26th Birthday Rally** to be held for four days from 30 April, 2020 at the Rosewood Showgrounds, Queensland.

As Queensland does it BETTERER than Victoria, we had an 'honest' quiz, with a Kit Kat prize:-

Most years of membership in attendance – Geraldine and Mal Beverley 2007

Oldest Member – Leo Bauer – 78 years

Youngest Member- Liz Timewell- 51

Newest HW member – Rose Calder- August 2019

Lowest CMCA member no - Georgina & Roy Coalter – 26 650

Highest CMCA member no – Rose Calder- 113 367

Most financial HW members – Leo and Joyce Bauer – 2022

Travelled farthest today – Brett & Liz Timewell – Kalbar 90 kms.





PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY ROLES

As previously mentioned, Hans and Suzi will not be seeking re-election for their respective positions at our next annual general meeting.

It is important for any prospective candidate to be conversant with the CMCA Blue Book (Chapter & SIG Information Guide) in particular, the section on Office Bearer Duties (page 10).

As a preliminary and to help members who may be thinking of standing, the current executive committee has put together the following:

PRESIDENT

- Nurture a safe, respectful and inclusive environment
- To oversee all areas of the chapter
- Offer leadership, encouragement and support to committee members to help with their duties; and to chapter members to instigate and be involved in chapter activities
- To be decisive when required
- Ensure members are informed of decisions on a regular basis
- To be open to member communication
- Initiate and moderate committee and general meetings

SECRETARY

- Assist the President and the committee in their duties
- Prepare and distribute documents in a prompt manner such as agendas and minutes of committee and general meetings i
- Handle chapter correspondence in an effective and timely manner.
- Attend & participate in committee and chapter meetings in person or electronically
- To be open to member communication
- To delegate where appropriate to encourage a wider spread of work amongst members

Did you know!!

Toblerone chocolate

This legendary Swiss chocolate is just as famous for its delicious taste as it is for its very unique shape. Most assume the triangular chocolate bar is supposed to emulate the Swiss alps. But the reasoning behind the design was actually more about function than honoring the famous mountains of Switzerland.

If you simply push at the top of the triangle, inwards towards the rest of the chocolate bar, it breaks off very easily and without you getting smudged chocolate all over your fingers.

Bobby pins

Usually when you see (or sport) a hairdo where bobby pins are involved, the slight curve at the end is facing upwards. Most people are in fact so used to using them that way, it looks right to us. Perhaps the curve is there as an aesthetic touch? Nope, it actually serves a purpose.

Takeaway cup lids

There is barely a more straight forward purpose for anything than for takeaway cup lids. Anyone knows they were invented to keep the content hot, and to make sure it doesn't spill when you take your coffee to go. But there is a lesser known third purpose.

Each lid is designed to be used also as a coaster. They have special ridges up top that can hold the base of the cup in place perfectly. Pretty clever!

Tic Tacs

Wow. Turns out we've been eating Tic Tacs wrong this entire time. No, you're not meant to violently shake the tiny container in the hopes of a mint finally getting through that tiny opening. You're supposed to do as in the picture here below.

The small indentation on the lid of the package is not there just to keep it firmly sealed. It also functions as a dispenser. So turning the little box upside down (while still closed) should dispense you the one mint you need.

Softdrink cans

Using a softdrink can is pretty straightforward, but that doesn't mean there aren't some hidden features most have never noticed. Such as the tab that enables us to open the can in the first place. Yes, its indeed there to open the beverage. But it's also there to keep the straw in place, and prevent it from floating up and out of the can.

These days however, most people have more awareness of the damage straws do to nature and wildlife, and a softdrink is just as tasty without them.

Stanley knives

Most Stanley knives have a plastic cap at the end, and that's not just for looks. It serves a pretty clever purpose. The lid can be pulled off from the knife frame, and used to break off the top of the knife blade. But why would you want to do that?

Because it's the equivalence of sharpening a kitchen knife with a sharpening

Glass beer and softdrink bottles

Ever wondered why bottles are designed with a narrow bottle neck up top? It's not only so the opening will be a comfortable size for a person to drink from.

The other purpose (which bottle designers clearly failed to inform the masses of), is encouraging people to hold the bottle there, and not lower down – which is where most of us hold them. Holding the bottle at the bottle neck will prevent your hands from warming up your cold beverage before you can finish it.

Pasta spoons

The claw shape on the rim of pasta spoons is there for obvious reasons, it's to get a better grip of that slippery pasta. But what about the hole in the middle of the spoon? Opinions are divided on the purpose of this one.

Some say it's to drain any excess water when serving up the pasta. But others say it's to measure the perfect serving size of dry pasta, before even cook it. Perhaps both these usages are correct.

Women's blouses

Buttons are there to keep your clothes shut, that much is obvious. But ever wondered why buttons on most women's shirts and blouses are on the left? Since most people are right-handed, it actually makes more sense to put buttons on the right.

The reason for the left button placement goes back to history. A hundred or more years ago, women who could even afford buttoned blouses had maids dressing them. So the buttons were placed to the right for the maid facing the women she was dressing.

Car windows

You may not notice this until you're stuck in traffic, but have you ever thought about those black dots all along the edges of your car windows? It could be just a cool design, but it's unlikely that car manufacturers would spend so much time and money adding something with no use.

These funky little dots are known as frits, and they do indeed have a specific purpose. When your car's temperature goes through extreme fluctuations, the

Microwave windows

We mentioned black dots on the rims of car windows, but what about those dots that are all over the front of our microwave? According to microwave manufacturers, this is a protective mesh screen that's designed to keep the microwaves inside the unit.

In a nutshell, the holes are small enough to block the waves from escaping the microwave, but big enough for you to see through the window. Keeping these waves inside the microwave is the key to ensuring that your food cooks properly.

Cold beverage bottles

Considering it's not the most attractive color, why is brown such a popular choice for these bottles? There's a very good reason for this, and it has nothing to do with aesthetics.

Brown glass, especially of the darker variety, keeps out the UV rays that can alter the color and taste of the beer. However, there was a shortage of brown glass during World War II, so manufacturers started using green glass, which proved to be just as effective.

Round light bulbs

Before we all converted to spiral shaped LED bulbs, most light bulbs were bubble-shaped for reasons most of us have forgotten about.

Mainly, this had to do with the fact that light bulbs were originally hand-blown, which made them round by default. But there are also practical reasons, including the need for the filament to be equidistant from every surface of the bulb. The easiest way to achieve this was to make the bulb a perfect sphere.

Wine Drone - The Real story

were to remain in our stateroom on the Diamond Princess for the next fourteen days he took to posting/ranting.

Amidst all our phone calls/ messengers etc we received a phone call from Australian wine company asking us if we wanted to take advantage of some wine specials. We had a good laugh re how it could be delivered to the ship hence DB posted that we had received wine from Naked Wines by drone with an accompanying photo of him masked sitting on bed with bottle of red wine.

Well what a story which travelled all round the world to newspapers

UK, USA etc. not to mention the Australian media. Further photos were taken from Facebook of myself with a bottle of champagne won earlier in the cruise in a trivia quiz.

We first heard of the international coverage when fellow HW Roy rang to say he had been speaking to his sister in Ireland who had seen the article on the front page of the paper and asked if he knew the couple who had the wine drop on the ship!!!

Some classic comments from those who saw it on Facebook including many high profile media reporters are as follows.

“What type of drone was used for the delivery.”

“How did it land on the ship?”

One reply “they had a balcony.”

“Take a photo of the boxes the wine came in.”

“How did the drone get through Japanese air space?”

“As long as the drone now stays on the ship I guess there is nothing wrong with this.”

NOBODY CHECKED WITH US THE VALIDITY OF THIS STORY

First how big would this drone have to be to carry what became two cartons of wine that is 24 bottles.

Coastguard circled the ship plus navy plus many helicopters and lots of media in helicopters and many with huge long range lenses so how could it have got past this security.

Finally DB put a post to the effect as do people still believe in fairy tales. However the media from both overseas and Australia continued to report on the drone drop.

On a phone call with a well known radio personality requesting an interview re this we had to ask “Did you really believe this and it seems they had so DB couldn’t resist and yelled out Got Ya.

Our wine deliverers were the bar staff of the Diamond Princess!!!

Well we even made ABCs media watch.

All stay safe



NEWS

Inventive Aussies stuck on coronavirus cruise ship in Japan get their wine club to bring them two cases of booze delivered by DRONE

By Sahar Mourad For Daily Mail Australia
February 8, 2020 at 5:54 AM · 5 min read

JUST FOR LAUGHS

Getting Forgetful

things down so they don't forget. They went home and the old lady asked her husband to get her a bowl of ice cream.

"You might want to write it down," she said. The husband said: "No, I can remember that you want a bowl of ice cream." She then told her husband she wanted a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream.

"Write it down," she told him, and again he said: "No, no, I can remember: you want a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream and a cherry on top.

"Write it down" she told her husband. Again he said: "No, I got it. You want a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream and a cherry on top."

So he goes to get the ice cream and spends an unusually long time in the kitchen, over 30 minutes. He comes out to his wife and hands her a plate of eggs and bacon. The wife stares at the plate for a moment, then looks at her husband and asks: "Where's the toast?"

Hungarian Goulash recipe for DreamPot

Ingredients

2 tablespoon oil
2 tablespoon margarine
1 kg steak cubed
½ plain flour
2 large onions
1 tablespoon paprika
2 carrots cut chunky
2 potatoes peeled and cut chunky
1 beef cube
2 tin tomatoes
1 tablespoon tomato paste
1 bay leaf
Salt & pepper
½ cup sour cream

Directions

Heat oil and margarine in large pot.

Toss beef in seasoned flour then add meat to the pot & brown well.

Add paprika with the water, stock cube and remaining ingredients except the sour cream. Ensure there is just enough water to go about $\frac{3}{4}$ the way up the side of the meat.

Bring to boil stirring frequently to ensure it doesn't burn on the bottom and then lower heat to simmer gently for 15 minutes with the lid on again stirring frequently.

Boil up enough water to fill the small pot.

Transfer both pots into the insulating chamber for minimum 3 hours, preferably 6-8 hours.

If you want, you can cook the rice or fettuccine in the water pot.

Depending upon whether you want rice or fettuccine with your meal, you will need different times.

For the rice: For the absorption method: About an 1 hour before serving you start by re-boiling 3 cups of the water and then adding 2 cups of rice and reboil hard for 1 minute before returning to chamber with the goulash placed back on top.



"He just stares at his RV in some love trance. Maybe one day he'll actually drive it."

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.





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YES, we are so Pet Friendly
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Royal Flying Doctor Service

Dear Highway Wanderers

These past few weeks have been among the most difficult we have all experienced.

As a valued Flying Doctor supporter I wanted to reach out and update you on the evolving Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation. Please know that with your support the Flying Doctor is determined to do all we can to tackle the biggest health challenge of our time.

I know you will be facing individual challenges too, and I hope that you and your loved ones are working through this as best you can.

RFDS is committed to the health and wellbeing of our people and our communities, and as a valued supporter I hope that we can continue to look after each other.

I personally thank you for your continued support during these uncertain times.

What we've done

It is thanks to support from our generous supporters like you that we have been central to supporting the State and National COVID-19 efforts. As a snapshot:

- Nationally we have **transported more than 40 confirmed COVID-19 patients** via air and on road along with many suspected cases. We are preparing for this number to rise in

- To support **Infection Control** we have been working hard to secure protective equipment such as gowns and face masks which are in short supply. RFDS has received some government support with 25,000 additional face masks to be shared across our services.

- Our **500 Patient Transport crew members in Victoria** are on the frontline supporting patients in rural and metro areas, as well as supporting Ambulance Victoria.
- We established a **RFDS COVID-19 Response Team** and are working closely with government and health authorities, to ensure we reach those in need.
- **Mental health clinicians** were deployed to bushfire affected areas in Gippsland, and we will continue to provide support throughout this pandemic. These communities need us now more than ever.

What we're doing

Our health services are essential to the community and we are committed to maintaining these services – and ramp up where required – to meet this new challenge.

- The **delivery of medical clinics** will become more challenging but this work must continue. We are also looking at ways to use our capacity to **provide 'fever clinics'** (testing clinics) across the country.
- We are **expanding our telehealth program** (connecting patients to health services via a customised video call platform) so that more people can receive the care they need when face to face consultations are not possible.
- Our network of **medical chests** across rural and remote Australia, stocked with important pharmaceuticals to treat and stabilise patients, supports both COVID-19 and ongoing medical needs.

It is a challenge every day – but one that we know we need to tackle to support the vulnerable and those in need. Many of our clients live in areas where medical resources can be hard to come by at any time – let alone through a health pandemic – so we need to ensure we can still deliver services and let them know that they are not alone.

Supporting each other

Please do know that your support is incredibly valued and we cannot thank you enough during these challenging times. All administrative staff are now working from home, but please know that we are still available to take your call on 1300 669 569.

The need for our services has never been higher. As resources across the country become further stretched, we will continue to work hard to get the most out of what we have, and ensure that we are there for anyone who needs the Flying Doctor.

pressure but they are unwavering in their desire to care for our most vulnerable. I know that they are thankful to have you standing by their side.

Thank you and take care.

Yours sincerely,

Scott Chapman
Chief Executive
Royal Flying Doctor Service Victoria

PS. As an advocate for health equity and community healthcare, I strongly encourage you to take heed of the public health advice to ensure hand hygiene, social distancing, cough etiquette and to stay home and avoid unnecessary outings. These are simple measures to contain the spread of the virus. And they really do make a difference.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS (we decided to publish these events with the up to date information we have at time of printing)

April 2 @ 10:00 am - April 5, 2020 @ 4:00 pm

The Man From Snowy River Bush Festival POSTPONED

Corryong Recreation Reserve, Corryong, Vic. 3707

Bush poetry, street parade, Rock concerts, cattle dog championships, talent quest, busking, ute muster. RV camping available

Cost \$65.00

Contact: Phone 02 6076 1992

April 3 @ 6:30 pm - April 12, 2020 @ 10:00 pm

Parrtjima Festival, Alice Springs, Northern Territory

Parrtjima has been rescheduled to 11-20 September 2020! Rescheduling this amazing event is a fantastic result, and we can't wait to light up Alice Springs in

Larapinta Drive, Flynn, Alice Springs. 0870

The first authentic Indigenous festival of this kind, featuring Australia's biggest light show installation, stretching over 2.5 kilometres of the iconic MacDonnell Ranges.

Cost: Free

Contact: Phone 08 8999 5256

April 9 @ 5:30 am - April 13 @ 11:59 pm

National Folk Festival, Canberra, ACT CANCELLED

Exhibition Park, Cnr Flemington Rd & Northbourne Ave
Mitchell, Canberra 2911

Enjoy live performances from local and nationally recognised folk bands and singers, market stalls, circus performers, roving musicians, instrument making workshops, kids areas and much more.

Cost: \$68

Phone: 02 6262 4792

May 5 @ 12:00 pm - May 25 @ 11:59 pm

Captain Cook 1770 Festival

We regret to advise that the *1770 Festival* in 2020 has been cancelled.

40 Captain Cook Drive, Seventeen Seventy, Queensland. 4677

The festival includes a foreshore re-enactment event at dusk on Friday, two full days of entertainment at the SES Grounds on Saturday and Sunday. Live performances, market stalls, Indigenous dancing, amusement rides, and fireworks on Saturday night.

Contact: 07 4974 7570

Cost: Free

May 23 - June 2, 2020

Casino Beef Week

Casino Beef Week will have to be POSTPONED until a later date due to be early September depending on the Australian Government Health Department

An authentic country experience for the whole family, with over 100 vibrant events to enjoy.

Contact: 02 6662 8181

Cost: Free

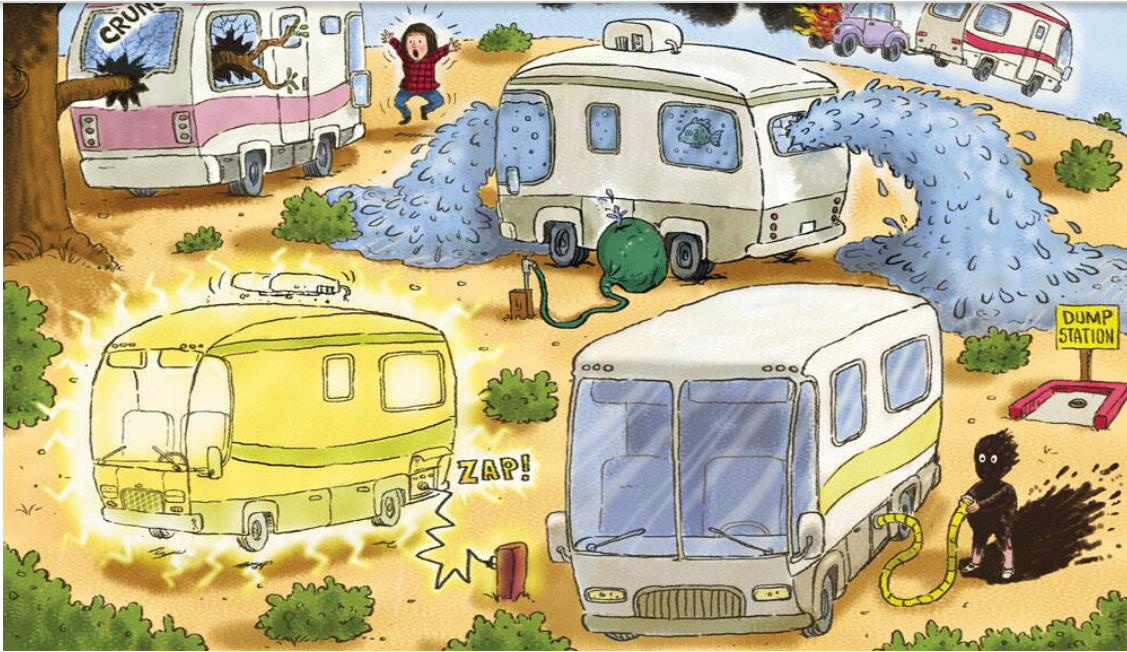


Enjoy reading Evelyn and Andrew's travelling news for February 2020

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And also read their March 2020 happenings.....

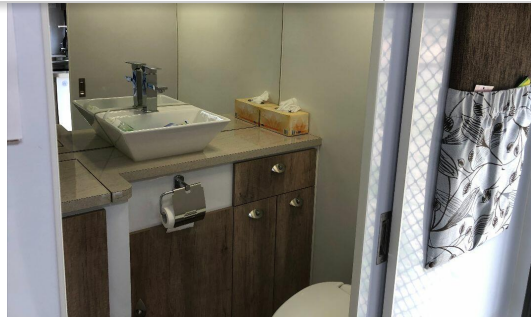
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2015 ROYAL FLAIR CARAVAN Designer Series DS 21-2 NSW Rego to July 2020, Island Queen bed, Full Ensuite, 184 litre Telford 3 way Fridge, 3 x Gas and 1 x electric hot plates, Microwave, BBQ. CD/Radio with both internal and external speakers, LCD/DVD Combo television – 12v/240v, 2 x 95 litre fresh water tanks, 1 x 95 litre grey water tank, Gas/Electric Hot Water system. 2 x 9kg Gas Bottles, 1 x 130 watt Solar panel with regulator, 2 x 100 amp batteries, Genius battery management system, LED lighting throughout, Gas and Smoke Detectors, Factory fitted Diesel Heater, Dexter Sway Control System. Plus too many extras to list. Beautiful van in excellent condition.

\$55,000.00 ono - Phone 0419 443 179





5 litre Dream Pot for sale.

Bonus loaf tin

\$100

Pick up Wollongong NSW

My sister in law is no longer using her dreampot. Personally I love mine and even bought one for my daughter. I'm giving our members first bite.

Michelle De Rooy

Wollongong, NSW

For Sale: 2 early bird Xmas Release Gympie Muster 4 day adult tickets for \$738.00 for

I believe the name on the ticket can be changed to the new purchases name.

These are popular tickets, get them while you can. The only reason they are for sale is we have other commitments and unfortunately cannot make it and would like to see them go to that special someone else.

If interested, contact Geoff on 0412302881

FOR SALE

Hose Bags



\$21 including postage

Electrical Bags



\$14 including postage

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).

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 May 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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Travel safely Derek and all who travel with you.

