



Jayco Jaybirds SA

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From The Editor

Welcome to the Jayco Jaybirds SA club newsletter.

Many thanks this month to Syd & Les for their report on this month's rally and Phil and Pauline for the accompanying photos.

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Rally Information

DEC: 2-4TH AT WIRRINA COVE. (85582038) We currently have 13 caravans and 1 cabin booked for this weekend. At the committee meeting last weekend, it was decided that as our bank balance is looking very healthy, (mainly due to the dedicated team who manned the Jayco site at the last caravan and camping show. *Thanks to everyone who helped!*), that we could subsidize several events. The first is the Xmas show so if you are planning on joining us on the Saturday night you will need to **transfer \$15 per person** into the Jayco Jaybirds account by **Wednesday 23rd Nov** BSB 035087 A/C 152639 making sure you add your name to the details so Emma can keep track of payments.

Friday night will be Games, Cocktails and Nibbles, not necessarily in that order! No BBQ unless that is what you want to have, as usual everything is an option.

UP COMING EVENTS:

JAN: 14TH WELLINGTON HOTEL. As we don't have a rally, due to school holidays, we are again arranging for lunch at the Wellington Hotel in North Adelaide, This is central and everyone who went in July felt the meal was good. This again will have a subsidy of \$10 per person. Please confirm with me if you plan on attending asap so I can book the venue.

FEB: 3-5TH AT MILANG. (88232531) Just a reminder that I need to confirm our sites at least 4 weeks prior, so please let me know early. The club is planning on buying the BBQ meat for the Saturday night.

If for some reason you are unable to attend at the last minute please remember it is necessary for you to let me, and the park know about it. We need to be considerate towards the park management to maintain a good reputation.

Anne Holloway

Berri Caravan Park Berri

Jayco Jaybirds: Berri Rally, 4th to 6th November, 2016

Hello everyone,

As always Lesley & I, looked forward to catching up with the Jaybirds trend-setters, this time at Berri Caravan Park.

Due to our ongoing commitment to support the Australian Government, and all other beneficiaries of the tax system, we finished work early enough to allow us to depart late afternoon on Friday November 4th, and try to make it for happy hour.



Thanks to the strong Southerly which created a strong tail wind, we made good time, with little or no traffic to hinder our arrival just after 5pm. The Berri Caravan Park, has such great facilities, excellent clean amenities and well established lawns which provides dust free camping. I give it all the ticks, well perhaps one small issue ...those dam annoying mozzies, ok that's enough whining.

Fri Nov 4th Day 1. As usual Friday afternoon we circled around for the Happy hour, which extended for at least three hours, when suddenly some realised we need to eat. So it was decided the men would cook the BBQ



while the women arranged the shared salads etc. thanks to all who provided many variety of salads & nibbles. The BBQ cooking got off to a slow start, due to so many people who rocked up at the same time, to cook on the two electric BBQ's provided. We had wanted to sit under the paved shelter of the BBQ area; however this was occupied by several other campers, to our

disgust. Eventually we all made our way back to the camp, so we could satisfy our hunger. We ate plenty, drank some, and dribbled bullshit for a few hours, it's amazing how some stores can get stretched along after a few drinks, hey but it makes for a good story and laughter is good medicine. We finished up around 9pm, by then both Lesley & I had a donated enough to the mozzie blood banks and headed off, to bed down for the night.



Sat Nov 5th Day2. Great start with early fog on the water, for those who were up early and had taken the walk along the River's edge, a nice cool start to the morning, most did their own thing on Saturday looking around town, shopping

at the local market, or just chilling out in the caravan park. However if you were in the market to purchase property real-estate like Phil & Lin, then you headed off with your cheque book to see what high rise Penthouse you could inspect, in towns along the river Murray. Sadly Phil did not come across any which took his fancy...the search continues, stay tuned for their next property adventure.

The Saturday night BBQ went off well, thanks to the warm weather and the new kitchen area, along with four new electric BBQ's, which only needed a



touch of the finger (hold for 10sec) to get them started, as I was informed by the knowledgeable Louise. The raffle draw went to Alan & Jan the winners of a tea towel, written on it was a Caravan poem, which Alan read to all of us with perfect diction.

The Saturday night shared salad BBQ was in full swing with everyone chatting and telling stories, knocking

back a few cold ones, while the girls too were sneaking in a lot more than the guys, judging by the ruckus on one end of the table, this could be heard outside some 70 meters away, it sounded like a pack of wild animals around their kill. This continued right up to 10pm when it was decided by the President, to call it a night and let the other campers in the park get some quiet time too.



Sun Nov 6th Day 3- Another great day with bright sunshine, our morning brekkie bacon and eggs with a cuppa was excellent, and I'm sure many others had a similar breakfast on Sunday. While many of us were also packing away their caravans ready for the trip home, except those who had an extended stay....lucky buggers!!

A wonderful weekend thanks to all who organised this event and many thanks to those who attended to make it memorable.

Unfortunately Lesley & I will not be available to attend the next rally at Wirrina Cove, but hope to catch up in January for lunch, and we look forward to the New Year.

Kind Regards,

Syd & Les





South Australia has its fair share of beautiful and unusual places for travellers who enjoy getting off the beaten track. Travelling essentials include a 4WD vehicle, off-road camper trailer or caravan and in some cases, a SA Desert Parks Pass. Here are two locations to add to your bucket list.

The Painted Desert



The Painted Desert in South Australia, also known as the Arckaringa Hills, is an ancient landscape of stunning beauty. The work of erosion over a prehistoric inland sea has created a geological wonderland that delights adventurers and photographers alike. The variation of colours over cliff and rock formations varies from yellow to brown, with all shades of orange and red, depending on the time of the day. Nature's panorama has been created by erosion over a period of 80 million years. Originally, the sediments of an inland waterway became covered by an enduring silica crust. Prolonged erosion has since broken through the crust in places to reveal a patchwork of the colourful rock strata that lies beneath. As is often the case, sunset or sunrise are the best times to experience amazing desert colours. Designated tracks and walking paths protect the fragile ground from excessive erosion that would otherwise spoil this unique and spectacular scenery. The best time to travel to avoid excessive heat or impassable tracks is from April to September. Nearby towns that offer fuel, food and accommodation include Coober Pedy, Oodnadatta and Cadney Park.

Dalhousie Springs



At the gateway to the Simpson Desert in the Witjira National Park lie 60 or so artesian thermal springs considered sacred to the Lower Southern Arrernte and Wangkangurru Aboriginal people. A clearly marked road leads to popular camp grounds and a swimming hole that's famous with outback travellers. Spring water bubbles up from deep underground, reaching the surface at temperatures ranging from 38 to 43 degrees Celsius. You can swim around the large pool until you find the water temperature you prefer. The water is highly mineralised and drinkable but is not recommended for its taste. There is nothing more amazing than an early morning swim surrounded by billows of steam – or relaxing tired muscles while you take in the evening colours of the Simpson Desert landscape, sipping your favourite beverage. Be careful not to spend too long in the water or dehydration headaches and nausea can result. Drink plenty of pure water and regularly dip in and out of the pool if tempted by the thought of a prolonged swim after a long desert drive.

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Upcoming Rallies - 2016

December 2nd - 4th Worrina Cove Holiday Park

Upcoming Rallies - 2017

January 14th	Lunch at The Wellington Hotel
February 3rd - 5th	Milang
March 3rd - 5th	Wallaroo
March 17th - 18th	Punyelroo (Swan reach)
April 7th - 9th	Laura
May 5th - 7th	McLaren Vale
June 2nd - 4th	Tanunda
July	Lunch instead of a rally
August 4th - 6th	Mount Barker
September 1st - 3rd	Barmera
October 6th - 8th	Middleton
November 3rd - 5th	Port Vincent
December	TBA

Booking into a Rally

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

- Advise Anne by email or telephone of your intention to participate **four weeks** before the rally date.

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- 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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