

# CARAVANSWEST

## Update News

For club Caravanners

[www.accwa.asn.au](http://www.accwa.asn.au)

Official Registered Name for:

Association of Caravan Clubs W.A. (Inc.)

August 2022.

### Presidents Piece August 2022

The delegates meeting held on 24th August was attended by 25 members representing 14 Clubs, all of whom spoke up about ACCWA topics and voted on the items as described in the minutes.

AGM 7th December in the "big" room with finger food and 4 persons per Club invitations.

\$20,826 expenditure of funds approved

Pingelly State Rally 2023 Oct 12-16 approved

Caravan driver's accreditation proposed

ACCWA caravan stickers proposed

Self-Contained RV sticker proposed

Delegates discussed then accepted the finance

expenditure proposals containing support for a First Aid course per Club.

State Rally funds supporting education courses in towing, weights, and caravan maintenance procedures.

Pingelly - what a great location in the Great Southern for our next State Rally. 2 hours from Perth.

*Never been before? - come to this one.*

*Music, meals, interclub events, and a cheap rally for all.*

The oversized clubroom, bar, and craft room in the modern timber building overlooking the grassed oval where all caravans

will be with a dump point close by and our own water distribution pipes for topping up, indoor courts, bowling and tennis and walk trails to town are all there.

Pingelly Shire has planned their flower festival the same weekend with crafts and activities for us to enjoy.

This is a great country town worthy of our support.

Start or end your October 2023 rally calendar at Pingelly.

(40 vans are committed through 2 clubs already)

Barmera South Aust March - April 2023

National Rally 2023.

If you would like to make contact with others attending

from WA why not meet on the AGM night on 7th

December at 6pm and plan your trip - at the RAAFA function room, Bull Creek.

Or email our Secretary, Richie and advise him so we can put you in contact with others from WA.

First Aid course/refresher.

ACCWA is promoting safety and treatment awareness of our members. All Clubs are eligible for this funding of 1 member attending a one-day course value \$179. It has not been arranged yet. Subject to numbers and which provider(s) would be engaged the expected time would be later this year. Locations may vary and providers may vary. ACCWA will coordinate attendees. Funding by way of reimbursement is available on request for recent member attendances.

Register your interest in the First Aid course.

Email Secretary Richie please.

St John First Responder app for phones.

At Albany, many members added this app to their phones.

The app can locate and show where defibrillators are near you. Plus give your GPS coordinates to authorities.

Many other helpful services are there - including First aid information. ACCWA supports downloading this app.

Are your Club contacts up to date?

Our website [accwa.asn.au](http://accwa.asn.au) shows all Clubs contacts so

please let Secretary Richie know of any changes.

Magazine distribution to Parks please.

Parks and visitors appreciate extra copies so please

always leave at least one where you travel to.

Our advertisers then get better exposure to their business

and services and other caravanners read about our

outings.

ACCWA Inc. Office Bearers;

Chair: Ashley Hams.

Deputy Chair: Max Cunnington

Treasurer: Graeme Foulds.

Secretary: Richard Palmer.

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Standing Committee Chairs:

Business Develop & PR:

Vacant.

Tourism & Public affairs:

Richie Palmer Acting.

New Clubs Development:

Richie Palmer.

Club Newsletter Editors are

invited to add the ACCWA

Inc Secretary and the

Magazine Editor Russell

McKinnon

[mckmedia@iinet.net.au](mailto:mckmedia@iinet.net.au) to

your mailing list for our

association Magazine.

Hope you are having fun out there on the road and driving safely.

The minutes contain an article about possible driver accreditation.

[http://www.aussielifeonwheels.com/April@2020\\_ALOW.pdf](http://www.aussielifeonwheels.com/April@2020_ALOW.pdf)

is a website with a comprehensive list of

items loaded - the example is

50kg over so what comes out?

Wildflower spring is here.

See you out and about in your club

rallies.

Ashley Hams President

### Caravan Maintenance

A lovely caravan, a great way to have a vacation...but it *must* be properly maintained to keep it in a good, safe and reliable condition

"Keep your 'van safe and legal"

"Keep the re-sale value of your 'van

high""Ensure your vacation goes as

planned!" You have invested a lot of

money in your caravan, and it is

important to protect your "second

home," by looking after it, and

*maintaining* it in good condition.

Maintenance - or rather, "*preventative*

maintenance" - is like a safety

inspection, and needs to be done on

a *regular* basis, so that your 'van will

not let you down on the road, or when

you should be relaxing in a park.



Eye Spy:

The most important consideration is that you and your family arrive *safely* at your destination and arrive *safely* back home. Looking after your 'van gives you the best insurance that it will not let you down.

Both your caravan *and* your tow-vehicle must be legal/compliant and in a safe condition. They must fully comply with all applicable *ADR's* (Australian Design Rules) and *Australian Standards*. If there have been any modifications to either the tow-vehicle, or the 'van, the compliance *may* now be invalid. If you are *not* mechanically knowledgeable and experienced, you should have an *accredited* automotive engineer or mechanic conduct the *technical* aspects of the maintenance and make any necessary replacements or adjustments.

*Only* licensed gasfitters and electricians are permitted to service gas and 250-volt ac electrical appliances and installations.

It is expected that all Dealers will supply *all* of the necessary information (in writing) for proper servicing and maintaining of their 'vans. If any information is apparently missing - or you do not understand something - do not hesitate to contact the Dealer who sold you the 'van.

(From Caravan Council Australia.)