

ROYAL FLAIR NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2021



G'Day Royal Flarians and welcome to our April 2021 newsletter.

It's Autumn and the leaves are showing their beauty as we head towards winter. We have just concluded our fifth annual get together at Nagambie Lakes Leisure Park with 48 great Royal Flair vans attending; our biggest annual event yet. What a great time we had and a big thank you to Bill Deralas and family who again provided for the fantastic Sausage sizzle, Saturday night dinner and a Sunday brekky like you have never seen before!

Thanks also must go to our catering ladies, Claire Cooper and Sharyn Southorn, who, as always manage with a big smile to add to our waist line with those fantastic meals. A big thank you also to Fireman Ron (Ron Sinclair) and the great Dave Proust (Prousty) from Whats Up Downunder for fantastic entertainment on the Saturday night.

Also a big thank you to Colin Mallett for his very interesting talk on safety and repairs to caravans on the Saturday morning. A lot of knowledge was gained and everyone was impressed with his talk.

Thank you also to those who helped me with setting up the chairs and tables in the conference room, and, also helped on the Sunday morning to put them away again and help clean up. This was a big help as in previous years it has been a bit of a struggle.

When will we be doing this again?? As you know we held this event in April as we could not do it as we usually do in October due to the Covid restrictions last year. We will, all being well, have our next one in October 2022 and we will advise dates soon. Some have suggested we have another one this coming October, but, please bear in mind Bill and Royal Flair put a large amount of money into the event each year and also it would not be fair to ask our sponsors to donate twice in a year. Also, there will be a new form of registration for our annual event and we will advise this later.

Having said that we might consider a smaller get together this coming October, but, with some changed conditions. If we do, it will give our newer members who are about to take delivery of their new Royal Flair vans to meet up and see what Nagambie is all about. Apart from paying for your sites you would be expected to bring your own food, eat either at your van or with groups or perhaps meet up at the local pub one night. There would not be any raffles or auctions and I am sure we could provide our own entertainment of sorts during Happy Hour. We will keep you posted on this either via our facebook page or newsletter.

This year we raised money for Brain Cancer Research and thanks to all our sponsors who very kindly donated prizes for auctions and raffles we raised \$2,500 for this very much needed research. THANK YOU EVERYONE! Those of you who attended heard Theresa Proust speak about brain cancer and the battle her husband Dave, who entertained us on the night, is going through.

For those who could not be with us this is why Theresa is at the fore front of raising much needed funds for this disease and this is what she says.



“Prousty is a comedian and bush poet and I am his long suffering wife of 40 years. We meet Billy and Angie from Royal Flair Caravans on the set of Whats Up Downunder, in Nagambie more than seven years ago. We connected with them straight away and have formed a wonderful friendship that will last many years into the future.

Exactly 3 Years ago Prousty was diagnosed with a Glioblastoma grade 4 brain Tumour, this is a terminal disease! It absolutely devastated our whole family. He was a very fit and healthy 59year old, (or so we thought) he still played competitive sport, ate a healthy diet and kept an eye on his weight.

How do you tell your kids you are going to die??? We have adult 6 children, 4 partners and 10 grandchildren. An emergency family dinner was called! No excuses. I won't go into detail but you can imagine the night with lots of tears, some laughs and a hell of a lot of noise. When everyone left, Prousty turned on the TV and it was the NRL Mark Hughes Foundation Beanies for brain cancer fundraiser launch. The next day I purchased 22 beanies, I had to do something, we need to find a cure!

Suddenly we were thrown into a downhill spiral, where trips in and out of hospital became our normal. He had an operation to remove most of the Tumour, which was followed by radiation and chemotherapy, regular MRI and blood tests and hundreds of doctor's appointments. After about a year things where going well as he responded to treatment and we just lived life to the fullest.

In June last year we did a few episodes with Whats Up Downunder on a fabulous trip along the South coast of NSW. Unbeknown to us at the time the Tumour was growing, there had only ever been one, and all of a sudden there was also another one growing.

This news rocked our world and meant more chemotherapy and radiation, which is ongoing and as I am writing this he is taking his morning Chemo tablets.

We purchased our Royal Flair Razor XT in December 2019 and we absolutely love it. I do all the driving now and it's definitely made easier by having a solid and luxurious caravan behind me.

Over the last few years we have raised money for MHF and also the Cure Brain Cancer Foundation. Raising awareness and funds for research is fundamental to finding a cure for this hideous disease. We would really like to thank all those wonderful people we met at this year's Royal Flair Nagambie gathering and also to Billy and Angie for organising the event.

Thanks also to those who purchased raffle tickets and bought the auction items and a special thank you to the sponsors for donating them. Therese Proust & Prousty (telling me what to write)"

Thank you Theresa and our thoughts and prayers are with the Proust family.

As mentioned earlier we will continue our great get togethers. Putting them together plus our monthly newsletter is not an easy task and I do appreciate the help everyone gives me. At our April get together there was a lot of help and some came forward with other forms of assistance.

John and Leanne Haber have kindly offered to become additional Admins for our facebook page and I thank them for their offer. Our membership numbers are growing and at present we have 635. While some other caravan clubs charge as much as \$50 a year our club membership is FREE to all Royal Flairians.

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