

ROYAL FLAIR NEWSLETTER - 2020



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

At the time of writing this some of us are in lockdown and others lucky enough to have some freedom. Where it all eventually ends we don't really know. So, enough about the virus and on with the news. First up we have some exciting news from Bill Deralas.

ROYAL FLAIR ANNOUNCES A NEW SITE TO CELEBRATE 30 YEARS OF LUXURY CARAVAN DESIGN

Driven by an undertaking to continually innovate and push the boundaries of design, Royal Flair have built a reputation as one of Australia's premier luxury caravan companies. It is this desire to innovate that has led to a long held dream in the Deralas family to build a new state of the art factory complex. Situated conveniently down the road from their current location in Epping, the new site measures 2600 sq ft and encompasses an array of exciting features.

ADVANCED MANUFACTURING AND RESEARCH FACILITY

Over the last 30 years, Royal Flair have built their reputation by placing great emphasis on interior detailing combined with a 'naturally luxe' approach to function and design. The patented skydeck of the hugely successful Piazza series is just one example where they have thought outside the box to deliver unparalleled luxury.

The new complex will provide space for the design team to create more innovations like this, whilst also ramping up production and keeping up with the huge increase in orders witnessed over the last 12 months.

A LUXURIOUS SHOWROOM

For the first time, Royal Flair will have a showroom complete with all the trimmings that you would expect from a luxury design company. Customers will be able to bask in the comfort of the air conditioned club lounge, relaxing and sipping their latte's while they peruse the new designs.

SERVICING, REPAIRS AND INSURANCE WORK

Royal Flair will now be able to handle servicing, repairs and insurance work all in house, providing customers with the extra piece of mind that their purchase of a lifetime will be looked after by the same company that created it.

This is great news for all Royal Flair owners and those thinking about either upgrading or know friends who would just love to have a Royal Flair caravan.



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Work in progress and the area looks absolutely great. We will keep you all posted with updates.

NAGAMBIE 2021 GET TOGETHER:

April 16th to 18th is the weekend for our get together at Nagambie Lakes Leisure Park at Nagambie (Victoria). We are hopeful the dreaded virus situation will not prevent it from happening this time. We have just over 60 vans registered so far. There have been a couple of cancellations due to ill health and sale of a van, so we have a few spots only left. If you would like to consider coming please either email or message me asap as we have several new members and some already want to come.

It is “registration only” and no deposits are required until two weeks prior to the event. You may arrive early and leave later if you wish. We have a lot planned with great entertainment, fancy dress on the Saturday night, raffles, auctions and a host of other events which we will tell you about in future newsletters.

Previous years have been a great success and with just over 60 vans registered this will be our biggest ever!

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TASSIE GET TOGETHER 2021:

This years' Tasmanian get together was a great success and thanks to Donna and Martin Bullen for organising it as usual, and here is their report.

“Well, the Tassie Rally has come and gone. It was a great time of fellowship, catching up with old friends and making new ones. Besides the Tassie Flairians attending, this time we had some of our mainland compadres. It was great to have Gay & Brian, Lindsay & Jeff and Martene, Nathan & family join us.

Thanks again to Bill Deralas and Royal Flair for sponsoring the Friday night BBQ, it was well appreciated.

On Saturday afternoon we saw the competitive streak come out in some Flairians during a game of Disc Bowls (like lawn bowls but with frisbees). There were very interesting tossing styles and some “debates” as to who had the closest which was the disc closest to the jack. All in the name of fun, of course !!!

There were numerous spontaneous gatherings, large and small, where experiences, advice and stories were shared. Cheers everyone and don't forget to visit us in Tassie one day.

Martin & Donna



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OUR CLUB FACEBOOK PAGE:

A couple of members have asked what is to happen with our facebook page with the news that facebook is cancelling out some organisations and clubs. As far as we know this will not have any affect on our club page.;

KIDZ CORNER:

If your children have a little story with a couple of photos about a trip in your Royal Flair caravan, please message me. We have had a couple and they were well received by everyone.

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THANK YOU:

A big thank you to a couple of members who help out in our club. Col Ongley who keeps us up to date with stats on our membership state by state. I think Victoria is still in the lead.

Colin Mallett who is our technical answer person and his wife Linda who are continually helping out with answers to some questions asked on our page.

Also, a big thank you to members who, while on the road and come across other Royal Flair vans and take time to tell them about our club and how to join.

ROYAL FLAIR WEB SITE:

The Royal Flair Caravans web site is going through some upgrades and on it there will be provision for owners of Royal Flair vans to put in reviews what they think about their vans. Feel free to use it.

WARRANTY CLAIMS:

If you have a warranty claim please always consult your dealer first. Also please fill out a warranty claim form. This can be found on the Royal Flair Caravans website under "Customer Care".

Also Royal Flair like other manufacturers are still having a problem obtaining parts trying to catch up due to closures over the Covid virus lockdowns. Please be patient.

A GOOD TIP FROM OUR TECHNICAL ADVISER:

Our Royal Flair Technical Adviser, Colin Mallett, came across a problem recently, and, if you like others use a stainless steel clothes line attached to your awning, be careful! This is what can happen. Over to Colin:-

"If you use a stainless steel clothes line be very careful and read all the instructions carefully. When you fit a kit to your awning bars first you need to make sure you do not tighten the stainless cable, as this damages the awning alignment and can aid in troubles putting you awning away. The safest procedure is to always remove the washing line before travel.

There has been a case where the washing line was left on the van but not tensioned, and, this broke at the rear end whilst driving on a freeway 100 kms per hour. This resulted in a 17 ft 8mm stainless cable breaking at the rear end and whip lashed against the side of the van. Thank god no vehicle was in the inside lane.

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Windows damaged and the door dented and creased insurance is fine but never drive with a stainless cable attached to your awning as this reflects not only in damage but warranty in regard to your awning and van, so, take it off every time I feel for the people who made a silly mistake, but, take this on board and save yourself big problems.

Cheers and keep safe on the road. Colin.”

OK folks, that is our February issue. Apologies for delay but I Have been up against it as explained on our facebook page. Let me know if you will have anything for our March issue as soon as you can. Cheers and keep safe and enjoy your Royal Flair travels. JOHN

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