

## ROYAL FLAIR NEWSLETTER – MAY 2021



**G'Day Royal Flairians and welcome to our May 2021 newsletter.**

**Only a matter of weeks and it will be winter and many will be heading north for some warmth. Make sure you do all the necessary checks on your van before heading off and don't leave it until the last minute. If you need a part now is the time to try and order it as manufacturers are still trying to catch up on orders due to Covid 19.**

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## CONGRATULATIONS ROYAL FLAIR CARAVANS - THE PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN:

Congratulations to Bill Deralas and the Royal Flair team on winning the “Peoples Choice – Manufacturer Of The Year Award 2020”. Although the award was 2020, due to Covid 19, it was only presented very recently just prior to the Caravan Super Show in Melbourne.

Bill and Royal Flair have also made some changes to their pennant flags and they now display a photo depicting 30-years complete with a photo of Bill’s late father Peter, the founder of both New Home Caravan which later became Royal Flair Caravans. A very fitting tribute to a great man of the caravan industry.



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## **NAGAMBIE GET TOGETHER:**

Our April get together was a great success and we raised \$2500 for Brain Cancer Research.....THANK YOU everyone who purchased raffle tickets and bid for the many items on auction.

Our next get together?? Some asked if could have another one this coming October. As you know Bill Deralas contributes a lot of money towards our get togethers and it is not fair to ask of him twice in one year, or is it right to ask our sponsors to do the same.

Having said that, and, bearing in mind we have several people who have either just taken delivery of their new vans, or are about to, I am, with Bill's approval, happy to arrange a smaller get together this coming October which will be on the 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> (Friday, Saturday and Sunday. However there will be no catering and you must supply all your own meals and pay as usual for your power sites. The Conference Room will NOT be available also. We can have Happy Hour and the BBQ's near the conference Centre are available. We can also go to the Royal Hotel as a group one evening if you wish to. I am yet to finalise costs of sites with the park and will let everyone know when I find out.

With registrations for both this October and October 2022, the park has made some changes which I have to adhere to. I will need the both names of those attending (ie: Sally and Bill Bloggs) and will also have to supply a home address. The home address is confidential myself and the park. Instead of a van registration I will now need the registration of your motor vehicle instead. As before I will also need a mobile number, email address and the dates you are arriving and leaving. Please message or email me if you would like to come this October. We will allocate sites as best we can.

Our get together in October 2022 has been set for 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> (Friday, Saturday & Sunday). In regard to costs we won't know until at least march 2022 but I will keep everyone posted.

In regard to sites for 2022 we will allocate sites as you may have had before. For those who have not attended before preference is given to regular attendees.



and Ray's 29<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, so a double celebration day.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Sue Gent who won our Mother's Day photo competition. Your prize is on its way. It was also Sue

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### **NEW HOME CARAVAN RENOVATION:**

As mentioned previously we have two members who have purchased second hand New Home caravans and restoring them. New Home caravans was the original name of Royal Flair and Rick & Julieanne Smolenaers are progressing well with their one. Rick has rebuilt the brakes, is fitting new wheel rims and stripes on the outside and inside has completed wiring of the 12 volt and 240 volt system and various other features. We have included some photos for you to see.

With the help of Royal Flair we hope we can obtain an original New Home sticker for him as well.

There is also another New Home being renovated and we hope that at one of our get togethers we will be able to see and admire them.

Great work so far Rick and Julieanne.



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#### **ON THE ROAD WITH A PLAN:**

**Sue Gent who won our Mother's Day competition is currently on the road travelling around south west Queensland. Their plan is to in the near future travel and work around Australia, so they are putting their Royal Flair van to the test first and have sent a couple of photos.**

**We wish them well with their forthcoming adventure on the road and look forward to some of their travel and working photos.**

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**KIA ORA AND G'AY:**

**A big G'Day to our Kiwi friends across the water in New Zealand! Very recently I discovered we have a Royal Flair Dealer and agent in New Zealand, so a big welcome to Brian Anderson of Levin RV situated at Levin.**



**Levin is the largest town and seat of the Howowhenua District in the Whanganui region of New Zealand's North Island, and is located about 95km north of Wellington.**

**Brian and his team have been selling Royal Flair Caravans for two and a half years now and he really loves both the product and the quality of Royal Flair Caravans. He has a number of custom built vans on order currently for customers and also stock Caravan builds and is very busy with sales as there is a shortage of vans over there due to Covid; a similar situation to what we have here in Australia.**

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Anne and I had the opportunity to visit the Caravan Super Show at Sandown in Melbourne and caught up with Bill and the crew at the Royal Flair Caravan stand.



We were thrilled as were many of the visitors to the stand to see a fantastic range of vans with the Piazza and Raptor as the favourites amongst many. It was also great to see the award presented to Royal Flair which, being the “peoples choice” is a magnificent achievement.

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OK, that's all for this issue. Next issue will be our winter one and, at this time, Anne and I don't know if we will escape the cold for warmth as it will all depend on Covid issues around Australia. Until then, safe travels to everyone, and please remember our sponsors listed below and support them at all times.

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