

ROYAL FLAIR NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2020



G'Day Royal Flarians and welcome to our November 2020 newsletter.

It's November and nearly Christmas and it only seems like yesterday I said it. Covid 19 has affected us all in one way or another, but, in the best Aussie tradition we have all overcome our problems to our best ability. As I write this it has been announced that the Vic / NSW border will reopen on 23rd November, and, let's hope that remains. Daniel Andrews (Vic Premier) announced today (8th November) that the 25klm and so called "ring of steel" has been deleted and we can at least travel around Victoria. To all those who sent me best wishes due to my recent operation on my back, a big thank you! All is going well with the back and there is only a minor problem with left leg and surgeon on review tells me that it should settle soon, but I still get days of bad pain and another MRI due soon.

With restrictions being lifted many will take the opportunity to get away at long last. If you have not used your van for some time please check everything out carefully before you head off. For example, check water tanks, gas bottles, lighting, TV and above all if you haven't had your van serviced for some time get your brakes and bearings checked. The last thing you need is a problem after setting off on that much need trip at last.

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MESSAGE FROM BILL DERALAS.

Hi Royal Flarians! We are back up and running production at our factory and everything is in full swing. Covid 19 has had problems as you know, and, this includes our suppliers of parts who are also back at work and now catching up with what we need to build vans.

Sales have certainly increased, and, this is mainly due to those who have chosen to spend money they would have spent on overseas travel. With increased sales this means we at the factory are working hard to fulfil all orders, but we will not be rushing any jobs as we want to ensure that each Royal Flair van leaving here has been through our top Quality Assurance procedures.

For those already out there with new vans please remember that if you have a warranty issue, please contact the dealer you purchased it from first. If for any reason you feel you are not happy, please lodge a warranty claim on our web site. The claim form can be found under "Customer care" section.

Coming up soon I will have some exciting news for all members so keep your eyes open. Meanwhile I wish you all safe travels when you are back on the road, and, I hope to see you all at our get together at Nagambie Lakes next April.

Cheers and keep safe!

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G'DAY FROM DOWNUNDER TASSIE (AKA OVERSEAS)

It's always great to read the posts where club members are travelling to and seeing the pics on the club FB page – although I must admit to a bit of jealousy sometimes at the great locations !!

A bit about us

We've been members of the RF club for about 2 years now, although we've had our 22' Royal Flair Grandiose van for 7 years (we like to say that it's a "limited edition" as it is our understanding that RF only made 5 vans with this model name. This is our first caravan and we ordered it in 2012 at the Melbourne Leisurefest show after a convincing sales pitch from Bill , and took delivery in May 2013.

Since then we have done a fair bit of travelling within Tassie and have also ventured to the "big island" twice, to places like Broken Hill, Whitecliffs, Longreach, Agnes Water, Charleville and numerous other locales in between.



Abbotsford Bend on the Murray River.



Silverton Hotel near Broken Hill

To start our first mainland sojourn in 2014 we stopped in Melbourne for a few days to catch up with relatives and do a TowEd towing course since we were still pretty new at the whole caravanning thing. We highly recommend doing a towing course as you get the correct info from the experts and get to put it into practice. Techniques for reverse parking the van and tackling small round-a-bouts with a large van have been particularly useful.

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**One proud reverse parker
(she got it first try !!)**



Tasman Peninsula near Port Arthur

It was our plan to head to WA in August this year, but like many, our plans got scuttled by the virus. We are tentatively looking at re-scheduling to Feb/Mar 2021, meaning we might even be able to come to the Nagambie gathering – fingers crossed.

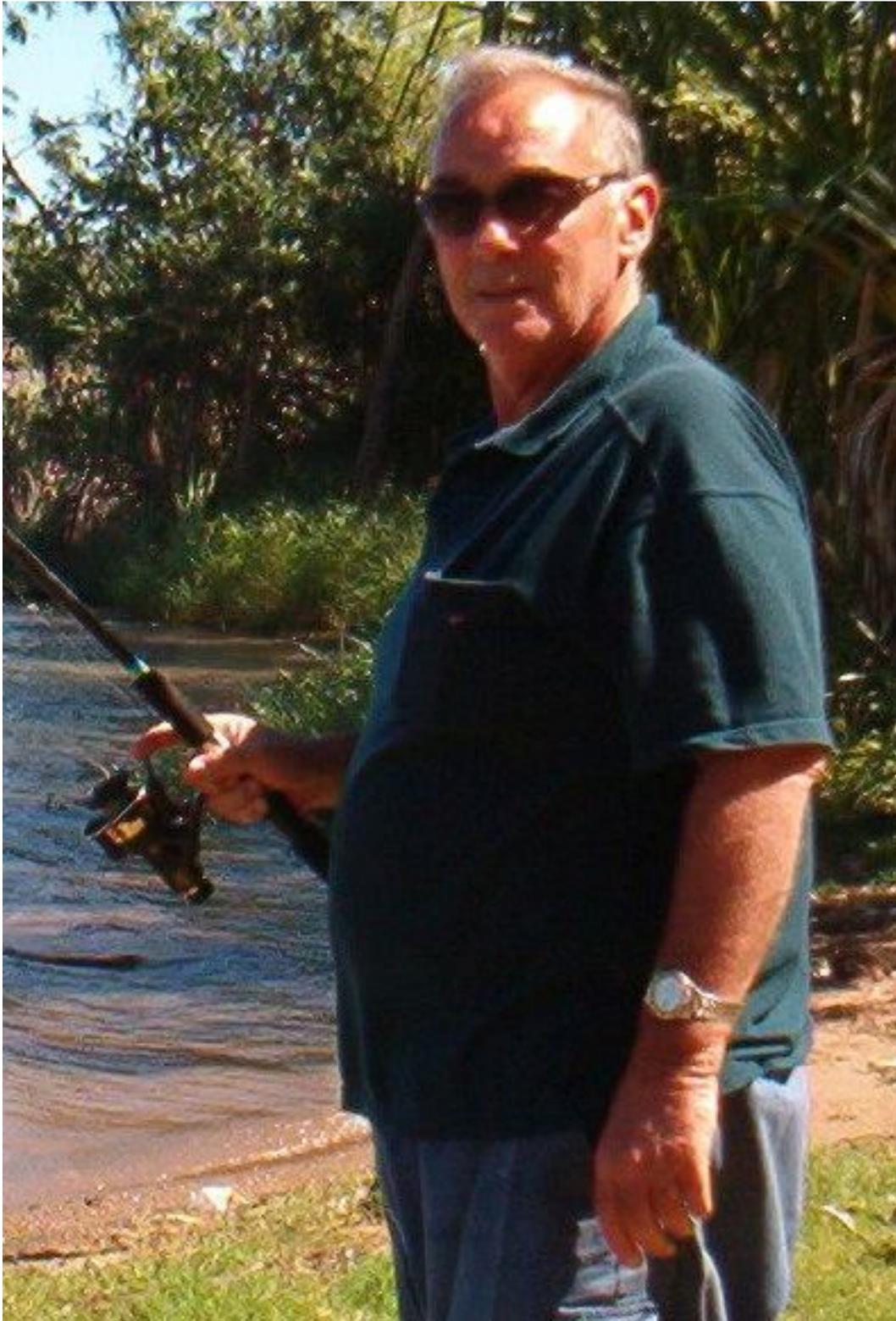
The third Tassie rally is planned for 12-14 Feb 2021 at Ross in central Tasmania. We were very fortunate this year as we got the rally in just before the lockdowns. We had 8 vans and 12 in 2019. There are a few more Tassie club members now, so we are hoping for a good turnout in 2021. As in the past RF will be sponsoring the Friday night BBQ and we are grateful for their support. You big islanders are most welcome to join us if you can get down here. A tip for when you come to Tassie, allow plenty of time, it's a small island but there's bucket loads to see and do.

Well, that's just a short update from Tassie. We'll see you on the road

Martin & Donna

OK, That's it from me for our November issue. A couple of folk recently asked why I have never put up a photo of me as they don't know what I look like. Well, I can think of one person who will say "just as well we don't" (lol) There are some photos of me I would not put up as many would probably unfriend me, but this is best I can offer. Cheers and keep safe and enjoy your travels. Please also remember our sponsors listed below and remember to support them at all times both during your travels and while at home.

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