

ROYAL FLAIR NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2022



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G'Day Royal Flarians and welcome to our October 2022 issue of

THE FLARIAN

Hi everyone, hope you are managing to keep dry and warm, and if you are travelling please keep safe if you are in flood affected areas. Please look out for pot holes so you don't damage tyres and above all please take note of warning signs.

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NAGAMBIE:

After a lot of hard work I was more than saddened that there was no choice but to cancel our annual event. I had put a lot of work into it and sometimes had to go without work at home to ensure it would be great for everyone. I did not do it alone but consulted with our other Admin John Haber and with consultation with local police there was no other choice. Despite comments by the park that it may have been ok from late Friday on, I could not see that happening, and, from videos and photos you have seen on our club page you will understand. There were four of us there on the Thursday morning and I am sure they too will agree it was the best thing to do. While we are only a private club and not owned by the company, your Admins owe you a duty of care at all times, so I hope you understand. To those who have suffered damage during the floods our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Moving forward there is good news ahead for our next get together and details follow after these articles.

HAPPY MEMBERS:

Ian and Erika Pope have thoroughly enjoyed travelling in their van and after a long road trip it needed service plus a few other items. Ian was more than delighted when he picked up their van and here are his comments.



“I picked up our RF from Epping as we had just returned from a 20,000 kilometre half lap and needed warranty general service and some extras fitted. We booked the van in with Mark and picked it up on the day after he advised it was ready. Every item was attended to plus more. I wanted to point this out as Bill was there on the day and today and our van was the first they did all this additional work on in a service. It shows that if one goes to the trouble of booking a service direct then the end result will be exactly what they want. The sad thing for me was I saw some new designs at the factory that really took my eye”.

Ian Pope

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WARRANTY DEPARTMENT IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Due to excessive heavy rain Australia wide some roads have turned into bad condition especially with pot holes resulting in some vans, as well as vehicles being damaged in the spring / chassis area.

If you have experienced this it does come under an insurance claim and not warranty as some are already aware. You should call your insurance company who will advise on what procedure will take place. Also, if you have extra roadside cover, your roadside provider usually arranges for the van to be towed to an authorised repairer, and if you have top cover arranges accomadation.

Pot holes are everywhere, and, if you watched TV news recently you would have seen some 30 vehicles including vans on the side of the Hume Freeway in Victoria with split tyres and rims and chassis damage. Care should be taken when there is water over the road as in many cases there are pot holes under the water.

IT'S BEEN BUSY IN THE DERALAS HOUSE:

I have to say that since I have known the Deralas family I like many others have found them to be a very caring and generous family. They are supportive of various charity organisations, sporting clubs, our club and take great care of their employees.

On Friday 14th October Bill and son Peter managed to raise over \$10 thousand dollars in the fight against children's cancer. Not only did Bill walk over hot coals but alongside his son Peter, he also completed the walk over shards of glass. It was a truly an eye opening experience with so many wonderful humans working to support an amazing cause. It was also a real treat for the family to catch up with TikTok royalty @scottscotto aka @lukeandsassyscott.

Well done Bill and Peter and congratulations on a great achievement.

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HAPPY 21ST RAQUEL DERALAS:

From all our members we wish Raquel a very happy 21st Birthday. It was another great day for the whole family with lots of hugs and well wishes from everyone and a great celebration.

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OUR NEXT ANNUAL GET TOGETHER:

Unfortunately, as you all know there was no choice other to cancel our annual event at Nagambie due to floods in the area. Your welfare come first and we were not prepared to risk any of our good members ending up in trouble. That aside we have looked around everywhere for a place that has a hall we can use if the weather turns and have found a place for all to enjoy.

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Since we have been having our events inland for some years now we thought it might be time for a sea change, and, we are confident we won't be hit with a Tsunami (lol).

Our next event has been set for March 17, 18 & 19 next year at Beach Park Tourist Caravan Park at Cowes on Phillip Island (Victoria). This park is part of the Kui Parks group who are one of our sponsors. My wife and I have stayed there before and enjoyed it plus it had a great review in the Whats Up Downunder magazine a few years ago. It is located on the beach, on shore fishing is ok and the township has a lot to offer visitors. There are 46 power sites but no ensuite sites. Cost of a power site is \$41.10 per night comparable to Nagambie whose 2023 prices were about \$60. There are also cabins available. **Preference will, in fairness, be given to those who missed out on our Nagambie event, so, if you want to come along please either message or email me.**

Royal Flair Caravans have generously hired the local Anglican Church hall for our Saturday night event and we extend thanks to Bill Deralas for his generosity. The hall has a commercial kitchen, a great stage area which Ron Sinclair will like, and, chairs and tables are better than we had at Nagambie. It is about 3Klms from the park and we suggest car pooling in view of we don't want anyone exceeding .05.

Deposits will be due before 10th February 2023 but, please do NOT call the park as yet until we advise to do so. We will also need to know size of your van as the sites vary at this park. If you want to arrive early and leave later this may be possible but will depend on existing bookings the park has at the time.

We will have further details as they become available.

OK folks, that is all for now. If you are travelling please keep safe, watch roads carefully especially for those dreaded pot holes. Please do not venture anywhere near flood areas and keep radios etc monitored for warnings. If we receive any they will as usual be posted on our club facebook page. Cheers everyone! John.

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