



# 19<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL CARAVAN CLUBS RALLY 2025

MUDGEE, NSW

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[www.19thnationalcaravanrally.org.au](http://www.19thnationalcaravanrally.org.au)

The Australian Rural Education Centre  
267 Ulan Road, Bombira NSW

Monday 29th Sept. to  
Tuesday 7th Oct. 2025

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## Our Numbers are climbing

We now have less than 14 months to go and have received 302 registrations. The breakdown of units is:

ACT 6; NSW 98; QLD 101; SA 38; VIC 41; & WA 18.

This includes 12 children who will be located on sites next to each other.

At our last count, we will be welcoming 154 'First Timers' to our national rally and it is our sincere wish that you will enjoy your time immensely. Hopefully, the experience will also encourage you to register for the 20<sup>th</sup> National Caravan Clubs Rally, in Victoria.

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## Get to Know your Neighbours

Some people have asked if it is possible to be grouped together with their friends. Unfortunately, this request is impracticable due to the large number of vans arriving at the same time. There will be many times that you and your friends can gather together, in particular, during day or night-time events.

For some single 'first-timers', it may feel slightly uncomfortable if you're not with your group of friends. However, it is also nice to meet others who have come from other parts of our country and are interested in meeting people from other clubs.

We would like to suggest that you participate in Tuesday's **Meet Your Neighbours** (30<sup>th</sup> September). Whether it's during morning tea or 'happy hour'. Please plonk your chair and table out into the middle of your street and introduce yourself to people who are camped near you. If this feels too daunting, ask some friends to join you in your street and then you can also meet your neighbours, at the same time.

*My wife just turned to me and said: "I was talking to you and you yawned six times, am I boring you?"  
I said: "Those were not yawns. Those were six unsuccessful attempts to speak"*

## Entertainment for – Tuesday 7th Oct.

Hit the dance floor and ‘give it your all’ by dancing up a storm on your last night of the rally. This two are a vocal duo providing entertainment for our age group.

### Wayne Parkinson

Wayne is a founding member and guitarist of The Jumpin’ Jukebox group. An all-around entertainer, whose energy as a performer has him bopping and rocking to your favourite Rock N Roll, Country and Old Time Favourites.



### Michelle Robinson (Parkinson)

With a showbiz background performing with the Young Stars Talent Team, Michelle is a pocket rocket who lends her talents to the great songs from the ladies of the Rock N Roll Era and beyond. Shell is also a founding member of The Jumpin’ Jukebox group.

Taking requests is an important part of their show, and they take pride in the fact that they never do quite the same show twice. Their main goal as performers is to entertain, and they always go that extra mile to make every occasion a memorable one.

## Enjoy the rally with your pets

When attending the national rally with your furry friend, proper etiquette is essential to ensure a harmonious experience for all attendees. Here are some important tips to keep in mind:

- **Keep Your Dog Under Control:** Always keep your dog on a leash (no longer than 2 metres) and under control during the event. This ensures safety and prevents conflicts between dogs. The exception to this rule is if they are in the designated enclosed ‘Dog Run’ area, where you can let your dogs run off their leash. Dogs must not be left unsupervised in this area.
- **Respect Personal Space:** Just like humans, dogs have boundaries. Allow other dogs to approach or retreat as needed. Pay attention to signs of stress or discomfort in other dogs.
- **Clean Up After Your Dog:** Carry waste bags and promptly dispose of any messes your dog makes. Keeping the venue clean shows respect for the environment and other attendees.
- **Mind Noise Levels:** Excessive barking or noise can disrupt the event. Bring toys or treats to keep your dog engaged and distracted as needed.
- **Follow Event Guidelines:** Each dog-friendly event has specific rules. During the national rally, pets are not allowed in the pavilions, event rooms or outside eating areas. This includes ‘morning teas’ and ‘happy-hours’, without the express permission of all participants.





## For those who enjoy their Craft

What better way is there to meet new people than to have a yarn, with members of other clubs, whilst helping produce worthwhile items for those in need.

There will be a couple of these craft gatherings where people can meet, complete some craft items, exchange ideas and possibly learn other skills.



### Where will these items go?

Firstly, all items will be donated and no items will be sold. The majority, if not all items, will be donated to needy people in the Mudgee area. Some of organisations that have asked for donations are:

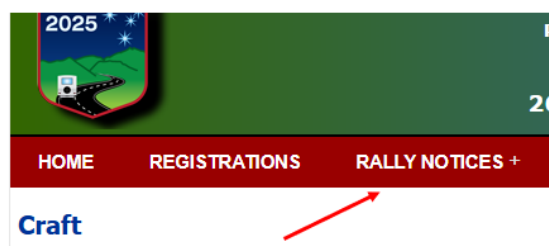
- Barnardos, Mudgee are dedicated to supporting vulnerable children, youths and their families to recover & thrive. Some of these maybe youths fleeing from a toxic environment or are domestic violence victims. A lot of these people arrive with no belongings and our donations can greatly assist.
- Country Women's Auxiliary have requested some beanies, gloves and shawls.
- Whiddon Pioneer, Mudgee is a residential aged care home. Some of their residents don't have family to assist them and the home would be grateful to receive some shawls, beanies, gloves if any of these items were available.



### Our Latest Pattern

Sue Tipton, our Craft Coordinator, has not only knitted these lovely gloves but has supplied this latest pattern.

You can find the pattern on our website. Simply open the website [www.19thnationalcaravanrally.org.au](http://www.19thnationalcaravanrally.org.au) and then open **Rally Notices** tab and select **Craft**. Click on the link for the relevant craft pattern.



If you wish to have a PDF print of the pattern, please email Sue on [claremont163@gmail.com](mailto:claremont163@gmail.com)  
If you wish to speak to Sue about any patterns, please include your phone number and request a call from Sue.

Bev Wood is keen to welcome others to join her in the line dancing. The dances will be 'Beginners' dances and you will be shown a few basic steps.

In saying that, it usually does take a while for the brain to synchronise with the feet. Therefore, we will be adding a few dances and videos on our website. These are for anyone who wishes to practise prior to arriving at the rally.



Line dancing is a form of dancing in which dancers are arranged in lines, facing the same direction. Dancers move in unison, usually to country music and do not come into physical contact with one another during the dance. Anyone can join a line dance just by knowing a few simple steps.

It is an excellent dance for someone without a partner. There is absolutely no need to sit out line dances anymore!

During the next few months, steps to some of the dances will be included in our newsletters and some demonstrations will be added to our website.

'**Yes Sir, That My Baby**' is our first dance. The steps are below. Start practising!

- Swing right foot forward then back. Swing left foot backwards and then forward (Just like you would do in the Charleston)
- Repeat these steps again
- Right foot – step, lock left foot behind, step right again then hold
- Left foot – step, lock right foot behind, step left again then hold
- Step with the right foot then hold, left foot then hold, right foot then hold
- Make a ¼ turn to the left and hold

The video, showing this dance, has been inserted on our website. If you are interested, please find the video by:

- opening our website [www.19thnationalcaravanrally.org.au](http://www.19thnationalcaravanrally.org.au)
- move the cursor to **Rally Notices** and it will open the drop-down menu
- select **Notices** then find **Rally Activities**
- the **Rally Activities** box will show the **Line Dancing** activity.



### **First Aiders Wanted**

We will require more people to help out during our national rally. If you have the qualifications, we would be very grateful to hear from you.

Anyone who holds a First Aid Certificate and it will be current in October 2025.

Please contact Anne Carragher [secretary@19thnationalcaravanrally.org.au](mailto:secretary@19thnationalcaravanrally.org.au)



## What's your route?

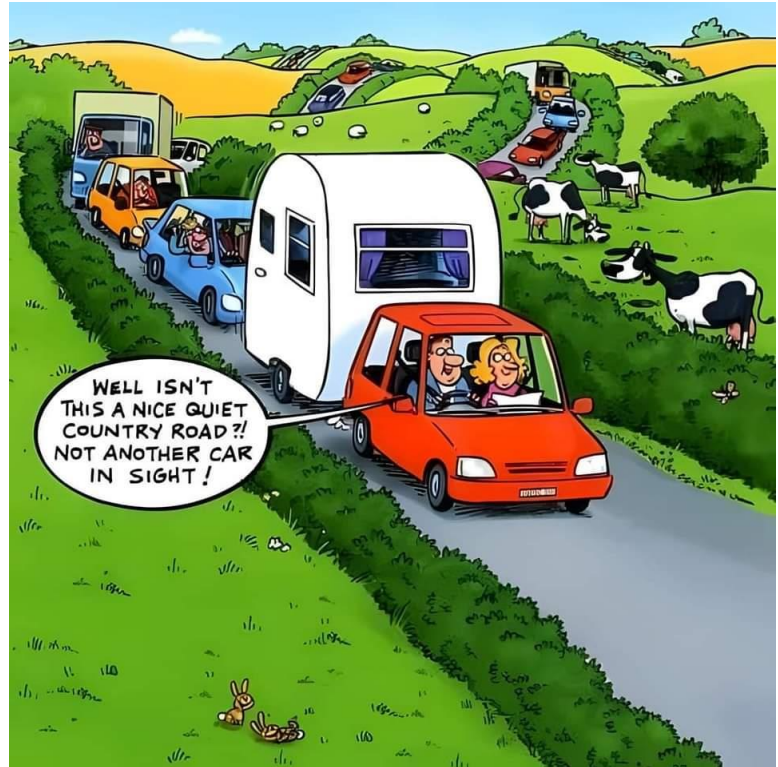
Which way are you going and where from?

How far do you plan to travel before you reach Mudgee?

Are you planning on taking the long route to Mudgee or taking your time before returning home?

Are there special people who wish to visit or special locations that you wish to see during your journey?

Please share your plans if you wish.



## Snowy Mountain in Spring

Spring in the Snowy Mountains means warmer temperatures, sunnier days and an even greater chance to experience what this unique part of Australia has to offer.

You can take the chair lift from Thredbo, 1930 metres up to Eagle Nest. Then take the walk along the boardwalk to Australia's highest peak, Mt Kosciuszko at an impressive 2,228 metres above sea level. This walk is 13km return from the top of the chair lift. As well as spring flowers and a fabulous view you may see snow above the peaks.



Drive along the Alpine Way from Jindabyne to Lake Crackenback where there are quirky sculptures, then onto Wildbrumby Schnapps Distillery for a tasting followed by Khancoban and enjoy the many historic and scenic pit stops along the way. Or from Jindabyne along the Snowy River Way which leads to historic town of Dalgety, perfect place for lunch and a stroll along the Snowy River. You will need a NSW National Parks pass and check with the local Information Centre on road conditions as some are not suitable for caravans.



### The 3<sup>rd</sup> Installment is due soon.

If you haven't already paid your second \$170 then it is due on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024. Please remember that all money must be paid by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025. No 'rally' payments will be taken at the national rally.

<b>19<sup>th</sup> National Caravan Rally Fee</b>	<b>Un-Powered Site \$460.00</b>	<b>Powered Site \$560.00</b>
<b>Payable in accordance with the schedule below:</b>		
After Registration Acceptance	\$50.00	\$50.00
Second Payment by 30th September 2023	\$130.00	\$170.00
Third Payment by 30th September 2024	\$140.00	\$170.00
FINAL Payment by 30th June 2025	\$140.00	\$170.00

#### Payments by Cheques or Money Orders

Cheques / money orders should be made out to: **NSW Assn of Caravan Clubs**.  
Please post them to 47 Emily Street, Mount Druitt NSW 2770

If paying by EFT, bank details are: **BSB: 112879, Account: 416061843**

#### Register Online

Open the website - [www.19thnationalcaravanrally.org.au](http://www.19thnationalcaravanrally.org.au)  
Select the **Registrations** page and then select **Register Online**

If you have forgotten your rally ID code or require some assistance, please ring Bev, our registrar, on 0411 214 272

#### Souvenir Shirts

Men's and ladies' shirts are now available in sizes M to 5XL for men. No S sizes left. Sizes 12 to 22 for ladies. No size 10s left.

All men's shirts have pockets and are priced at \$42. Ladies' shirts are slightly fitted and cost \$40. Some ladies may prefer to order the buttoned shirt for themselves.

Shirts have been designed in NSW's colours of dark blue, light blue and white. The red has been added to represent the Waratah, which is the floral emblem of NSW.



Souvenir badges cost \$8. Postage is \$10.90 for any item under 5kg weight.

Please contact Anne Carragher if you wish to order any merchandise.  
[secretary@19thnationalcaravanrally.org.au](mailto:secretary@19thnationalcaravanrally.org.au)



## Take the NRMA with you wherever you go!

### The NRMA is very proud to support the NSW Caravan Association Rally in 2025.

From legendary roadside assistance to accommodation at our holiday parks and resorts, we're the perfect road trip partner. You can hit the road with peace of mind knowing you're covered by Australia's largest network, and you can save along the way too, thanks to My NRMA. Whether it's filling up at Ampol, grabbing a takeaway coffee or stocking up on snacks at Woolworths, your membership



provides all kinds of discounts, while helping us make a difference in communities across Australia.

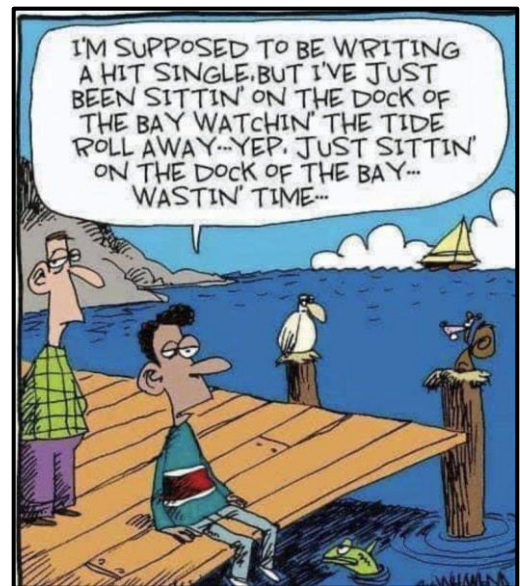


Wherever your journey takes you, take the NRMA with you. You can access all the benefits at your fingertips by downloading the **My NRMA app**. Otherwise, visit our website for more info and to check your roadside assistance cover, [mynrma.com.au](http://mynrma.com.au)



We have heard whispers that some clubs have a strong desire to take home that 'disc bowls' trophy. Good luck to all those who are practising and hopefully you will select the winning couple from your club.

We will also need umpires, from those clubs who wish to participate.



### Interested in attending the National Rally but No Van?

Camplify is a company that hire out caravans and motorhomes. To find the right van that suits your needs, open Google and type in [camplify.com.au](http://camplify.com.au)

The main screen will appear and type Mudgee in the appropriate field. This will display vans that are situated close to the Mudgee area. Then choose the date.

