



19TH NATIONAL CARAVAN CLUBS RALLY 2025

MUDGEE, NSW

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The Australian Rural Education Centre
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Monday 29th Sept. to
Tuesday 7th Oct. 2025

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The Number of Registrations is looking Positive

We are pleased to inform you that the interest in the national rally has grown considerably. The registrations are flowing in and we are very close to our target.

There are still people who have submitted a registration form many months ago and have not made a payment. We do understand that some of you may have health issues and some may be waiting for the money from the Nigerian Prince, but please be aware that if no deposit has been made then your registration is not counted at this stage. If you have changed your mind and don't intend to come, our registrar, Bev Wood, would appreciate hearing from you. Contact details are 0411214272 or registrar@19thnationalcaravanrally.org.au

Please remember to use your unique ID code when you make a payment. This helps to identify you easily. Your ID code is the first four alpha letters in your surname plus the four numeric digits that were sent to you in response to your online registration. If you cannot find that information, please contact our Registrar, Bev Wood.

The 3rd Installment is now due.

If you haven't already paid the third installment, it was due on 30th September 2024. Please remember that the entire cost must be paid by 30th June 2025. No 'rally' payments will be taken at the national rally. Partial payments do not secure your site.

NO 'day/night visitors' will be allowed at the national rally except for special guests, such as sponsors.

Number of Rallies Attended

Of those who have registered, there is an astounding number of people who have attended ten or more national rallies. We are surprised to note that there are seven member units that have attended 15 or more national rallies. We are looking forward to welcoming these people to another national rally and hope that they enjoy this rally just as much as the others.



Vans arriving on Monday 29th September will enter via **GATE C**

Gate **A** is only used by members of the Men's Shed and should never be used by members of the caravan clubs. Gate **B** will be closed on the first day (29th Sep) but can be used for the following days, to exit and re-enter. The three gates will have signs indicating which gate should be used. More, explicit information will be issued next year.



Postage for Souvenir Shirts

Unfortunately, the cost of postage has increased by 40 cents and it now costs \$11.30

Drag Racing Competition – previously mentioned in newsletter #7

Have you selected your 'Hot Wheels' car yet? The Editor's granddaughters have put these two cars through some tests and think that Nanna's Dodge may have more horsepower than Pop's sports car.

There will be no Pit stops so make sure your tyres are OK and engine tip top. Good luck to everyone at Mudgee. \$2 to enter your car.



Nine Nights of Live Entertainment

The 19th National Rally committee are pleased to advise that they have selected all performers for our live entertainment. Performance Agreements completed and we are thrilled to give a tick to another task. We hope that our caravan club members enjoy our selection. The details for the next two nights will be announced in the following newsletters.

Introducing ERROL GRAY – The Backyard Balladeer

Errol will be performing at the national rally. With his acoustic guitar and politically incorrect Aussie sense of humour, Errol Gray has his audiences in stitches with his irreverent songs and stories that reflect everyday situations and misfortunes that happen to us all. His cultural classics have been brightening up peoples' lives for over 20 years.

ERROL has released 10 studio albums, a "live" dvd/cd set, 2 Best Of albums and written 3 books. His autobiography



Stories of my Life, the hilarious **Once Upon A time in a Caravan Park** and his latest, **Brain Farts and Thought Bubbles**, a collection of Errol's bush poems and song lyrics.

These days, just like the grey nomads he often writes about, he travels the country in his caravan and performs at festivals, country halls and at Happy Hour in caravan parks. On the musical spectrum, ERROL has been described as somewhere between John Williamson and Kevin Bloody Wilson, but definitely without the profanities. Or as some people have described him, "the bush poet who sings."

The NRMA is very proud to support the 19th National Caravan Clubs Rally in 2025.

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Seminar - The topic is **Understanding Hypnosis: A Gateway to Enhanced Well-Being**

This seminar will be conducted by Brian Lorenz who is a Master Coach and Trainer in NLP and Hypnosis. This thought-provoking seminar will be held on Friday afternoon, 3rd October.

In the quest for greater well-being and balance, many retirees are discovering the transformative power of hypnosis. But what exactly is hypnosis, and how can it benefit you in retirement? You're invited to explore this fascinating practice and how it can enhance your life. This two-hour seminar is designed to illustrate the benefits of hypnosis and is not a 'show' designed to embarrass or humiliate unwitting participants.

Please familiarize yourself with our website

www.19thnationalcaravanrally.org.au

If you wish to find a topic, which appeared in a previous newsletter, it may be easier to find the topic on our website.

If you wish to be sent a previous newsletter, please don't hesitate to contact the National Rally secretary - 0422714168.



19th National Caravan Rally Fee	Un-Powered Site	Powered Site
	\$460.00	\$560.00
Payable in accordance with the schedule below:		
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

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

Places to see on the Road to Mudgee

For those of you who are travelling from distant locations, we recommend visiting **Broken Hill** and surrounding places. This is a frontier mining town in the far west of New South Wales, in the Australian outback. It's worth spending a few days there.

The beautiful old buildings can be explored with a volunteer guide, who has a wealth



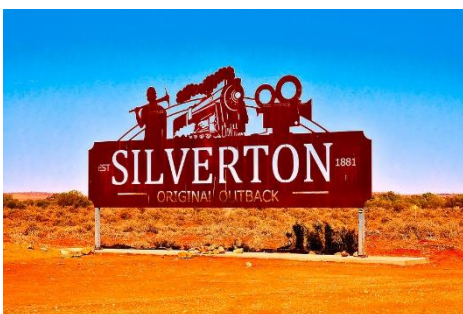
of knowledge. Bookings can be made at the Tourist Information Centre. Overlooking the town is the Line of Lode Miners Memorial with all the names of miners lost. This is very moving. Also up there is The Big Bench, which you can sit on and look over the town below.



At The Silver City Mint and Art Centre there is an abundance of unique items for sale. As you wander through, you will come onto a boardwalk where you view the magnificent Big Picture. This acrylic painting of Broken Hill is 100 metres in circumference and 12 metres high. It was painted by one man, Peter Anderson (Ando) and is an unbelievable achievement and a 'must' to see.

Close by is the Sulphide Street Railway Historical Museum where you can walk through old trains and see memorabilia and reminisce about your youth. A short drive takes you to behind the stone facade of the restored former Bond Store. This is Broken Hill's must-see mining museum. The Albert Kersten Mining and Minerals Museum displays information on how the world's largest deposit of silver, lead and zinc was formed here in Broken Hill. It also houses a collection of Dolls and Bear on Display.

There are also plenty of Art Galleries to explore including Pro Hart's with his quirky painted cars too. You can do a tour at the Royal Flying Doctor Service where you will learn the importance of this service.



A drive up to The Living Desert State Park will amaze you with 12 Sandstone Sculptures. This is the most photographed site in the Australian Outback. Plenty to see and do in Broken Hill.



Silverton is a small village 26km north west of Broken Hill. Stop for a drink and meal at the original Silverton Hotel where you can see a display of photographs from various movies shot in the area - Razorback, Mission Impossible 2, Mad Max 2 and Priscilla Queen of the Desert. The Mad Max Museum is a tribute to the movie showcasing a huge display of props, life size characters and photos. Scattered around the village are cars which have been painted and also John Dynon Art Gallery. He specializes in painting Emu's, Flowers and Dunny's.

Mundi Mundi Plains

A short drive out of town is the Mundi Mundi Plains. From the top the view is spectacular of vast plains stretching as far as the eye can see. On a clear day you can see the curvature of the earth.



Menindee Lakes

These lakes are 115km south east from Broken Hill. It is a haven for water birds of all kinds. There is plenty of room for camping. Check road conditions but we believe the road is currently being sealed. Kinchega Woolshed which was built in 1875 of corrugated iron and river red gum is a must see. The historic Woolshed is a vast and very well preserved

classic piece of Australian pastoral heritage. Inside you'll see wool presses and tables, machine room and an original steam engine as well as sweating pens. Six Million sheep were sheared here - an amazing feat.

"The trouble with quotes on the Internet is that you can never know if they are genuine"

Abraham Lincoln



Dog Etiquette

Please be aware that you pets are welcome to join us at the national rally. However, proper etiquette is essential to ensure a harmonious experience for all attendees. This information was included in the previous newsletter (#8). You can access this information by opening up the website and selecting **Rally Notices**. Then find this topic by select **Notices/Pets**.



Line Dancing

Please join Bev for some fun and exercise. We have added another two line-dances onto our website – **Sh Boom** and **Break My Stride**. All the dances have been selected for beginners.

There is absolutely no need to just sit and watch. It doesn't matter if you can't get every step. It also doesn't matter if the majority of people are facing the opposite way to you – Oops!. Have a laugh and keep going.



First Aiders

We are pleased to inform you that we have received correspondence from twelve people who are willing to assist with First Aid duties. We will still be interested in hearing from some others which will ease the burden for the First Aiders. If you have the qualifications, we would be very grateful to hear from you.

Anyone who holds a First Aid Certificate current in October 2025, please contact Anne Carragher secretary@19thnationalcaravanrally.org.au

Merchandise

Ladies' shirts are \$40 and men's shirts (with pockets) cost \$42. Souvenir badges cost \$8

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Meeting the Neighbours

Over the years, it has become a national rally tradition to gather at street breakfasts. However, early morning weather at some rally locations can be a bit nippy.

The committee feel that this may be so at Mudgee and suggests get-togethers may be more enjoyable during morning teas and / or happy hours.

We noticed in Barmera, that others preferred to invite their neighbours to participate in a game, such as Finska or quoits. Whatever your choice, please enjoy the company of your neighbours.

