



# Time to welcome the campervans!

- **800 RVs in Albany for CMCA National Rally: 25 Oct - 1 Nov**
- **Venue: Centennial Park (East).**
- **RVs will slowly begin arriving in the region soon.**
- **800 RVs will park at venue over a 3 day period: (23-25 Oct).**
- **Expect traffic delays along North Rd and Lockyer Ave.**

## Please be patient! Let's welcome our CMCA visitors!

Let's all warmly welcome the members of the Campervan & Motorhome Club of Australia as they celebrate their 30th National Rally in Albany next month.

The CMCA is the largest RV club in the southern hemisphere with more than 65,000 members.

Between 25 October and 1 November

2015, Albany's Centennial Park will be home to more than 800 RVs.

Let's all extend a warm welcome to the CMCA visitors.

This is a great opportunity for us to showcase Albany to people from all over Australia.

Businesses are also encouraged to

prepare for extra visitors.

The Amazing Albany CMCA Rally is supported by the Perth Convention Bureau, the Great Southern Development Commission, the Department of Regional Development through Royalties for Regions, Tourism Western Australia and the City of Albany.

**PUBLIC EVENTS:** the Rally is for CMCA members but there are some public events:

**Public Open Day:** 31 Oct 9am-3pm

**Trade Display Section:** 26 Oct-1 Nov

**Town Square markets:** 28 Oct 10-2pm

### NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

27 October: 6pm

Public committee meeting dates at [www.albany.wa.gov.au](http://www.albany.wa.gov.au)

### ROAD WORKS

Gravel Road Maintenance

Gnowellen, Kojaneerup, Palmdale, Mount Pleasant, Youngs, Sleeman, Bornholm

Bitumen Road Maintenance

Wellstead, Elleker, Gledhow, Robinson, Yakamia, Lockyer, Mira Mar

Road Sweeping

CBD, Middleton, Mount Clarence, Mount Melville, Centennial, McKail, Orana

Rural Drainage Maintenance

Belmore, Morley, Sleeman, Dawson, Lilydale, Thompson.





CMCA rally manager Vince Calleja with volunteers Eleanor and Paul Scully from Brisbane. Picture: Shannon Hampton

# RVs to rumble in for rally

**Shannon Hampton**

More than 800 recreational vehicles are expected to visit the Great Southern in coming weeks in preparation for the Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia's 30th National Rally in Albany at the end of the month.

The CMCA is the largest RV club in the country and organisers have given early warning to residents to expect minor traffic disruptions with the increase of motorhomes on the roads.

Although visitors are already here, the City of Albany expects the majority of vehicles will arrive between October 23 and 25, and begin parking at Centennial Oval.

Residents should expect long queues on North Road and parts of Lockyer Avenue on those days; however, the City is expected to implement traffic management to ease congestion.

CMCA Albany rally manager Vince Calleja said the event would not only provide an economic boost for Albany — in

the region of \$1.5 million to \$2.5 million — but would prompt valuable word-of-mouth promotion of the region.

"We will have all these ambassadors who are going to go away and talk about Albany and their experiences in Albany," he said.

Albany Mayor Dennis Wellington said he hoped the community would extend a warm welcome to the visitors.

"This is a fantastic event and a great opportunity for Albany to showcase our wonderful region to people from

all over Australia," he said.

Mr Wellington has also encouraged local businesses to prepare for extra visitors to the city.

While the CMCA rally is for members only, there will be a public open day on October 31 from 9am to 3pm, a trade display from October 26 to November 1 and town square markets on October 28 from 10am to 2pm.

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# Campers' visit a boost for businesses and community

Around 220 members of the Australian CamperTrailers expect to spend an estimated \$50,000 in and around Gulgong this week.

The far-flung camper trailer owners usually convene via internet and occasionally for smaller weekend getaways.

But once a year, members from all over Australia gather for a national meet, each year in a different town.

"We try to go to small communities that can benefit from having a couple of hundred people in town for a week," said Kevin Phillips, of Carwoola, near Queanbeyan.

Mr Phillips said the group is expected to spend a combined \$50,000 in the region on camping fees, food and petrol, and shopping in local businesses.

Gulgong Showground was chosen as the venue for the 11th meet because it was big enough to hold 100 camper trailers, with power, good drinking water and showers and toilets available.

"We also need to have a group of local people to help us and we found that in the Show Society, the Showground Trust, the Chamber of Commerce, the Prince of Wales Opera House and the Holtermann Group," Mr Phillips said.

Since the meet opened on Sunday, the visitors have been busy exploring Gulgong and the surrounding area, enjoying guided tours of the Prince of Wales Opera House and Henry Lawson Centre and a special performance at the Opera House by Gulgong MADS.

The meeting also features sessions on

everything a camper trailer owner could want to know, from what you need for "freedom camping" (camping away from areas with power supplies), camp cooking, travelling with dogs, camper maintenance to first aid travel kit necessities.

But for many of the camper trailer owners, who have travelled from as far away as Adelaide, the main attraction is the opportunity to meet with fellow travellers.

"Some really good friendship are made at the meets," said Jason Cox of Kirrawee, Sydney.

"I think a lot of it is the camaraderie that everyone shares, and getting together with people you may only see once a year in a place that at another time you might just pass through."



Jason Cox of Kirrawee, Sydney, Carol Sanderson of Stockton, Rob Sanderson of Stockton, and Kevin Phillips of Carwoola at the Australian CamperTrailers national meet at the Gulgong Showgrounds.



David Cook of Cherrybrook, Jim Roche of Douglas Park, Nigel Welsh of Hornsby, Mal Lacy of Millthorpe, Anna and Des Matejka of Sydney, Craig Quinn of Forestville, David and Joy Wilkinson of West Pennant Hills and 'Beery' of Bateau Bay.

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