INFORMATION FOR RALLY FIRST TIMERS

PRIOR TO THE RALLY

* Be sure to book early for rallies as powered sites do sell quickly.
* Ensure gas bottles are full.
* Fill fresh water tanks.
* Empty grey and black water tanks.
* Check power lead is 15amp – 30m long. You can have your lead checked by the onsite Test & Tag Team for no charge at the rally.
* Check generator fuel.
* Pack wheel chocks - as the site may not be level.
* Bring a bucket to be used as a 'fire bucket'.
* Groceries – bring enough provisions for a couple of days, then buy local.
* Op Shops are a great place to get 'Ball' costumes.
* Include 'inclement' weather clothes in your wardrobe – just in case.
* Keep checking the Club's website under 'Events' for rally updates.

ON THE WAY TO THE RALLY

* Plan to use one of the nearby staging areas to avoid a lengthy drive on entry day. The staging areas provide an opportunity to meet other CMCA members prior to the rally. Check the list of staging areas on the Club's website and on *The Wanderer* flysheet.
* Make use of the RV Friendly Towns along your route.
* Arrive at the site as early as convenient but not before entry time.
* Have your CMCA membership card ready to hand to the Meet & Greet Team at the entry gate.
* Ensure that you have noted the route to be taken to enter the site. This is important as this route will have been approved by the local authorities.
* Be prepared to spend some time in a queue on the main entry day. At times there could be a significant number of vehicles lined up awaiting entry.

ENTRY DAY OF THE RALLY

* Entry day for First Timers is usually prior to the entry for general members. This allows First Timers to familiarise themselves with the site before the official programme begins.
* At the entry gate you will be required to have your CMCA membership card handy.
* Upon entry follow the instructions given by the Siting Team Members.
* At the gate you will be given a 'windscreen card'. This card contains information provided by you when you registered for the rally and assists the Siting Team to site you in the appropriate area. This card is to be displayed on your windscreen where it is visible from the outside.
* Once on your site, introduce yourself to your neighbours. They will quite likely also be First Timers.
* Connect your power, if on a powered site. Connect your power with a 15amp one only length power cord. No joining of cords is allowed; however, this can be permitted by using an electrical device (such as an Ampfibian) approved by Australian Standards and on the condition that the device is a least 300mm off the ground.
* Locate your nearest tap. No permanent connections to water are allowed as this will be a shared facility.
* If water pipes are not available, fill your 'fire bucket' with water and place it by the front left wheel.
* Your site number will be recorded on your windscreen card. Write it down elsewhere as you will need to quote it during the rally.
* Familiarise yourself with the location of the facilities and various venues. The centrefold of your Rally Programme will show these.

* Check the location of your nearest emergency assembly point, this will also be shown in your programme.
* All volunteers will be wearing Hi-Vis and/or coloured volunteer shirts. Should you have any questions regarding the rally, please ask them for assistance.
* Secondary/Towing vehicles may be parked with your RV providing it fits within the confines of the site. No secondary vehicles are to be parked in front of motorhomes. Vehicles may be parked next to the motorhome, and positioned with the nose of the car underneath your own awning. Towing (primary) vehicles for 5th wheelers and caravans may be parked in front of the unit with the hitch point directly behind the vehicle. There will be a designated car park area available for those not wishing to have their vehicle parked at their site. Vehicle movement around the site is to be kept to a minimum, please utilise Smiley Buses where possible.
* Certain rally sites do not permit vehicle movement around the grounds due to limiting conditions, in which case you will need to park in the designated car park if you intend on using your car throughout the rally period. The A-Z in the rally programme will specify requirements for each rally.
* There is no guarantee that you will be sited with friends. Vehicles sizes and particular member requirements make this difficult.

THE RALLY BEGINS

* Wear you membership cards and rally ribbons at all times during the rally.
* Attend the First Timers Meeting. This is your opportunity to get information on how to get the most from your rally experience.
* Thoroughly read your Rally Programme and mark the seminars and activities you would like to take part in, that way you will not miss out something of interest to you. The A-Z section of the programme will help you locate items.
* Make any bookings for tours, the craft barn and other activities that require bookings, early, as these often fill up quickly. Table bookings for the Ball usually open a couple of days before the Ball. Please check your programme.
* Morning tea is available daily. Bring your own cup/mug, biscuits are provided.
* Toilets and showers are provided onsite, but may not be available for the first day.
* Be sure to attend Happy Hours. This is a great opportunity to meet new friends.
* Use the onsite communications to keep up to date with what is happening and to note any changes to the Rally Programme. Check via the morning radio announcements (UHF Channel 20), whiteboards that are located around the site, speaking to fellow members and by visiting the Kea Information Office.
* Avoid listening to ‘rumours’, more often than not - they are incorrect.
* Travelling with a dog? Make yourself aware of the rules related to ‘Dogs at Rallies’, which can be found in the A-Z section of the programme.
* Please be aware that CMCA Rally Sites are 100% SMOKE-FREE environments. Members who choose to smoke will be asked to go outside rally premises.
* Remember that all Rally Volunteers are just that – *volunteers*.
* Should you be interested in joining the volunteer team at a future rally, observe what they do and complete a volunteers registration form available from the future rally stand in the trade area.
* Staff from CMCA National Headquarters can be found in an onsite office. They are there to assist you with any general CMCA questions you may have.