## Northern Rivers Caravan Club Inc



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The Northern Rivers Caravan Club Incorporated was formed in 2001, and is always happy to welcome new members. To become a member, you must own a towable unit, either a full, a pop-top, a wind-up or "A" frame caravan, or a 5<sup>th</sup> wheeler, and be over 18 years of age. We have excluded motor homes, tent camper trailers and camper vans from membership, since our Club is primarily, a Caravan only Club. In rare circumstances, where members of long standing cannot tow any more, the Club may allow them to change to a motorhome or campervan, and so remain members. Current membership is made up of mostly mature couples who mostly live in various locations, as far north as the Gold Coast, and as far south as Grafton.

The Club has a rally once a month usually on the second full weekend, at various interesting venues, mostly within 200km of Lismore. The organised section of these rallies starts on Thursday or Friday, and finishes on Sunday mornings, but most members like to arrive a few days early, and some stay on longer. Occasionally we have a longer rally covering more territory, and staying at more than one venue. We call these 'roving' rallies. Members, on a volunteer basis, choose and organise venues, and activities for rallies. They can be held at caravan parks, showgrounds, scout camps or bush locations; it depends on the individual organisers. Activities over the weekend can include games, visits to places of interest, day trips, campfires, sing-a-longs, dining out, communal meals, etc.

As well, for those few who choose to attend, there is a State Rally held once a year in March, and a National Rally every 3 years.

We like new people to come to three of our rallies, not necessarily consecutively. By your third visit we hope you have got to know, and become friends with, many of our members, and you would have had time to see how the Club's activities are directed towards fostering togetherness, and happy times. During the third rally you attend you can, if you wish, fill out an application form for membership. This is then submitted to the Committee for approval. On acceptance, a joining fee (payable once only, and being for the cost of your Club flag, and other presentation material) along with the annual membership fee is to be paid to the treasurer. The amount of these fees is determined by the members. Annual membership fees thereafter should be paid by 1st July each year.

To retain membership it is necessary to attend four (4) rallies in a financial year, but if you cannot manage this in any one year, circumstances, such as travel, sickness, or family problems, etc. will be taken into account by the committee.

If you would like to attend one of our rallies please contact one of the Club's executive or, if you know any of our Club members, speak to them instead.