

## CUSTODIAN NEWSLETTER

### Welcome to 2024 Volume 2 Edition 4

#### In this edition: what is that Custodian Folder for?

If you have been a custodian at one of our RV Parks or caravan parks before you will hopefully be well aware of the Custodian Folder!

We have put together a folder that remains at each park. In this folder is a range of resources to assist you with your day-to-day activities at the park. This is a vital information source for you and is also a critical resource for the hand-over process to the next custodians.

It is hoped that custodians will add site specific information to this folder over time, thus helping future custodians in their roles. Examples of this might include local member contacts, local contractors, site specific information such as problem areas within the park when it is wet, garbage bin cycles, where to leave bins for collection, weed spraying program, maintenance of equipment and when this was undertaken, updating the equipment register, local visitor centre contacts, etc.

The custodian folder has a number of sections:

- Park operational rules
- Emergency management plan
- General rules of park for handout to guests
- CMCA SCV Policy and Leave no Trace
- CMCA Policies and Procedures
- RV Park Custodian Administration Procedure
- RV Park Custodian Training documents
- Custodian reimbursement claim forms
- Equipment register and operation manuals
- Custodian newsletters and other guides

Each new custodian should take some time to look through the park folder when it is handed to them, to ensure that they are familiar with the particular park. If it is not offered to you on handover, please ask for it (we have found folders hidden away in the equipment shed where it is of no use to anyone).

If material is missing from the folder or you think it needs updating to reflect changes at the park, please advise NHQ so that we can rectify this situation.

#### Emailing to and from the iPad

A message from Emily: please remember to check the iPad emails regularly on the home screen, this is our primary form of communication to all our RV Park network.

Look for this icon on the screen:



#### Bundaberg mower

The ride-on mower died at Bundaberg, and after a few weeks of local CMCA members helping out with mowing at the RV Park, the new mower was delivered to the park yesterday.



Figure 1 Bundaberg's new 21/42 Rover mower

#### CMCA NYNGAN VAN PARK

With new management has come the opportunity to make a name change to the caravan park at Nyngan. It will now be CMCA Nyngan Van Park and signage and promotion will now reflect this change.

A big thanks to Col Burgess (N83353) who was staying at the caravan park at the time that guests were notified the park would be closing. He contacted Sean at NHQ and suggested we contact the owner to negotiate an arrangement to keep the park open.

The rest, as 'they' say, is history.



Figure 2 Col & Eva Burgess (N83353) and Nikkie at Nyngan

### Custodian Profile

Brad and Cindy Simons (T140039)

Brad and Cindy joined the Club in March 2024 and saw an opportunity to help as Custodians at Railton whilst staying there.

Cindy said, “we are from Launceston, and we were working ourselves into the ground paying bills and not living life, so we decided to sell up the house and cars and we bought a bus!”



Figure 3 Brad and Cindy Simons (T140039)

“We are about to embark on a 10-year trip (hopefully) around our beautiful country to work and then adventure on our days off. We are travelling with our two cats who stay inside watching the world go by.”

“Learning to be a CMCA custodian gives me something to do while Brad is doing his shutdown jobs” Cindy added.

Cindy is currently helping at Railton and then will take over full-time from John Hammond in mid-April. “We will see how we go, haha. Everyone I’ve met seems lovely and are all happy 😊 why wouldn’t we be! We are looking forward to meeting other members on our travels.”



Figure 4 Brad & Cindy's home on wheels, Mercedes 0303 V8 diesel

### Custodian vacancies for 2024

Please see below for our most urgent custodian vacancies.

In order of urgency:

- Geeveston TAS: 1<sup>st</sup> May – 31<sup>st</sup> May
- Ingham QLD: 15 May – 3 June
- Innisfail QLD: 15 May – 23 June
- Humpty Doo NT: 31<sup>st</sup> May – 30 June
- Penola SA: 30 June – 10 August

If you can assist with any part of these vacancies, please contact Emily at [emilyking@cmca.au](mailto:emilyking@cmca.au) or call her on 02 4978 8788.

Sean will be taking several weeks leave from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April to undergo a hip replacement. We wish him all the best and expect a spring in his step on his return.

