

MEMBER CONTRIBUTOR GUIDELINES



Thank you for your interest in writing for *The Wanderer* magazine. Our stories are primarily designed to inspire and inform fellow RVers with tales of reader travels from across Australia (and occasionally the world).

We are interested in first-person stories and photographs about your journey or a particular destination you loved. When thinking about a topic to write about, here are some things to consider:

- What made this destination so special?
- What did you see and do there?
- Can you describe the destination/journey in a way that will inspire others?
- Was there something funny or unexpected that happened along the way? (*Stories about when things go wrong can serve as cautionary tales and amusing anecdotes for readers.*)
- What are your top tips for anyone considering this journey/visiting this place?
- What inspired you to visit this destination, and who travelled with you?
- What sort of RV do you have and what type of travel do you enjoy most?

Our stories need to be about **800 words** and include a good selection of about **15 images** (with **captions**) that reflect the story.

Think about how you would tell a friend about your trip, including how it made you feel and any funny or interesting anecdotes along the way.

At the bottom, please include a brief '**Journey Planner**' paragraph about how to get to this place, any important information fellow RVers need to know (eg. don't attempt this road with a rig over 18ft), and a list of any relevant **websites** of tours you did or caravan parks/campgrounds where you stayed. We want to help readers have as great a trip as you did!

** Obviously, if you are writing a story about that time your brakes failed driving down from Cradle Mountain, these guidelines are not applicable! We respect your judgement.*

If you are not comfortable writing a feature story, that is completely okay!

We have a Q&A below that you can fill in and we will help shape your words into an inspiring story.

If you choose this option, please answer the following questions, but try to keep your response to no more than **800 words** in total.

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| 1. Member name and number | 7. What made this region so special/unique? |
| 2. Where have you recently travelled? | 8. What did you see and do in this destination? |
| 3. Who were you travelling with? | 9. Do you have any amusing or interesting anecdotes? |
| 4. What type of RV do you have? | 10. Was there anything that surprised or challenged you? |
| 5. When did you go? | 11. What are three tips you'd give to someone else travelling to this destination? |
| 6. Why did you choose to travel to this region? | 12. What is your verdict out of 10, and is there anything you would like to add? |

* You don't have to answer all of these questions, please choose those that are relevant to you.

Final checklist

- ☐ Your story/responses are in a word document and no more than **800 words**.
- ☐ You have included your full name and CMCA member number at the top of the story.
- ☐ You have included **about 15 good quality** images that are **captioned** so we know who is in the photo and where it was taken. The images need to be of high quality for reproduction in the magazine and should reflect the regions/places you talk about in the story or your Q&A responses.
- ☐ You have checked that place names and other details are correct (we will also fact check).
- ☐ You have given your work a good proof before you submit – makes our job easier!
- ☐ Send your story and images to **editorial@cmca.au**

*We will provide you with a draft layout to check over before publication. Please reply promptly with any changes.



Thank you for contributing to *The Wanderer*!

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