



INTERNATIONAL SCOUT OWNERS' CLUB

VICTORIAN DIVISION Inc.

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VALE ELEANORA GREGORY

With much sadness I announce the death of a long time and very active member of the International Scout Owners Club of Victoria - Eleanora Gregory.

Elle and Ron have been long time active members of our group and attended most of our outings both in Victoria and interstate. They were also the trip leaders on one of the early trips to QLD that the Club attended when the QLD ISOC Club organised a 4WD trip with the Toyota Club at Kenilworth.



Eleanora's cooking skills in a caravan were legendary and so much appreciated by all. Her bread-maker would load up the generator (when we were free-camped) and we would all soon be able to smell freshly baked bread. Elle's slices, scones and cakes were mouth-wateringly tasty. We loved her sense of humour and the interest she showed in all of our lives. Eleanora was a staunch and loyal friend and her love and appreciation for her beloved, Ronald, was such a delight to see and an example for all of us.

The club has been in touch with Ron and offered our condolences to him and family. She will be sadly missed but we are thankful for her long-time presence in our Scout family.

2018 Newsletter Report

Over this last year I have tried to give members an informative newsletter that had info on the last meeting as well as what was coming up. I also find that there is much fake news on Fakebook re technical issues so have included topics on the mechanics of a Scout that I think may be of interest. We do have workshop manuals and parts books that we can send copies of a particular page if a member wants info, all they have to do is contact one of the executive. Generally I have included some pictures but in the current age if people just want to look at Scout pictures there are thousands available. All they have to do is ask mr google so where I think something may interest to some members I have usually included a link.

I did recently have a discussion with someone re caravans and if you are interested in buying one have a look at the "lemon caravans and RVs in Aust" site on fakebook [site will reopen in 7/1/2019]. There is around 115 manufacturers of caravans in Aust some building more than one brand and there is a lemon list of manufacturers on the site which at least gives a buyer the opportunity to research why a particular manufacturer is on the list. Yes, the mob who built my van are on the list and I know from experience that the manufacturers are really quite irresponsible with their load ratings and construction of the vans. Luckily I am bloody minded enough that I was able to get some satisfaction by getting problems fixed but it took about 12 months and lots of threats. There has been considerable pressure generated by the lemon fakebook site about the dodgy manufacturers, it has caused the manufacturers much grief, even causing some to fold or be even more dodgy, close and then reopen with another name. Some states have tightened up the oversight of the RV industry. Fred.

International Scout Owners Club Nationals.

Evans Head/Casino 14th to 28th May 2019.

Next year there will be approximately 8 vehicles heading to Casino for the IH Nationals being run this year by the NSW Scout Owners Club. There was a draft itinerary circulated at the last meeting and looks like the convoy will leave in early May 2019 and travel up through central NSW. It will consist of overnight stops at some caravan parks, some pubs and free camps. Travelling mostly through the smaller rural areas and towns with some 2 day stops to allow sightseeing. If you are interested in attending or want to join the convoy please contact me and I will put you onto the right person.