



# Camaraderie at Copeton Waters, NSW

Members of the not-for-profit online Australian CamperTrailers Group came together for their annual meet.



For three years now, the Australian CamperTrailers Group, based online at [www.campertrailers.org](http://www.campertrailers.org), has organised a national meet at Copeton Waters State Park, just outside of Inverell, NSW.

A sprawling green expanse, the Copeton Bay camping area is the perfect place for both large groups and secluded camping. With powered sites right next to unpowered sites, and the dam just down the hill surrounded by stacks of eerie white boulders, kangaroos and cattle, the serenity is great.

This year, 57 camper trailers arrived in early October for the meet, with 150 happy campers spread over grassy knolls and under shaded trees. When yours truly finally arrived on the Thursday afternoon, after most of the attendees had already braved a week of beautiful weather and relaxing while the apostlebirds screeched and hollered, I was cordially greeted by the organisation's founders, Rob and Carol Sanderson, Kevin Phillips, and Ron Dickson.

And no wonder this group has the vitality and strength that it does, with de

facto leaders like them. A group isn't a group without members, and Copeton would not have been possible had not the other several dozen travellers made it. But I have to hand it to these guys for all the thankless work they continually do on the group's website, and the gentle but firm hand they lend to the forum. They have helped to define the shape of the group as much as its members.

Although there were fire bans earlier in the week, I was treated to a veritable smorgasbord of friendly fire pits on Thursday night, and no shortage of