



Campers' Collective

When a web-based enthusiasts group got together for a rally, CTG went along to share the fun.

A weekend split between torrential rain and magnificent sunshine hosted a Victorian meeting of the Internet-based Australian Camper Trailers Group (ACTG) at Carters Beach, near Strathmerton, Vic, in August.

Luckily, craftily, we forewent the bitter and sidled in to the sweet like a cat into a blanket.

Our Saturday morning arrival was heralded by thinning clouds and the sound of mud sloshing over the camper trailer in great brown undulations. Rain from the night before had made a playground of the normally solid 3km approach through the Barmah State

Forest, and both the Hyundai Terracan and the Cameron trailer ambled comfortably through the sandy muck.

As we emerged to stretch our legs and survey the beach, Sarah and I were greeted heartily by our hosts, Rolande, Ron and Kevin. Ron and Kevin are two of the four owners of the club. The rain the night before had dampened spirits as much as canvas, but the fresh day brought scores of koalas, warm fires and the chance for all to finally gather in the flesh and exchange camper trailer stories.

This was the first Victorian meet of the ACTG; a national gathering several weeks earlier had attracted 100 people in around 30 trailers. The group plans to have at