

# WELLINGTON times

## Happy campers hit town



Towns like Wellington can learn lessons from listening to those in the know about the world of caravans and campers according to Rob Sanderson who is the organiser of the eighth Australian Camper Trailers Group National Meet which is at the Wellington Showground this week.

"We will be talking with your mayor about the facilities that are needed by camper trailers and caravaners and how also groups like us give back to the local community through investment in your local shops, petrol stations and service clubs" he said.

Almost 300 people will stay at the showground and explore Wellington and surrounds.

"Our people come from all over the nation," he said.

Joy Wilkinson from Pennant Hills in Sydney said she was having a great time in Wellington as the weather looked grim.

"It's all part of the experience. We are here for a good time," she said. Robyn Graylin agreed.

"It's very pleasant looking out on the country here," she said.

The group will be using the showground as their base for about a week as they catch up, host workshops and explore the area.

Wellington Council Tourism, Promotions and Media Liaison officer Sharon Frogley said it was great to be able to welcome such a large group of people to Wellington.

"We have been working with the organisers for more than one year now and it is exciting that the event is now so close," Mrs Frogley said.

The official opening of the event took place on Sunday evening.

During the week the group will host a number of in-house workshops as well as a trivia night on Tuesday.

"Wednesday has been set aside as the group's community day and on this day we have organised for a few local stall holders to set up a small market at the showground," Mrs Frogley said.

"Lions, who are hosting the event, will also cook a breakfast for everyone on this day and have lined up some entertainment for Wednesday night.

"Information bags will also be given to each camper trailer as they arrive and will include a treasure hunt which is aimed at encouraging members to visit local businesses, attractions and to generally find out more about Wellington."

The visit is also believed to have a strong impact on the local economy.

"Last year the camper trailer group held their national meet at Baradine where they believe they would have spent more than \$30,000 in the community," Mrs Frogley said.

"They also host an auction and fund raise during the stay. This money will then be donated to Lions to distribute to worthy causes in the community.

"I believe this is a great thing for Wellington and encourage residents to truly welcome the group into our community."

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