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Greetings everybody, I cannot believe that we're already in the 3rd month of the new year and it's the first newsletter I'm managing to produce. I actually feel a bit embarrassed but it's been quite a busy start to the year. I hope everybody had a great Christmas / New Year and holiday period.

We had a lovely turnout of members at Bazely Beach at the end of Jan. The weather was great and the daily tea and scones even better. The usual supplied Sat evening braai was well attended and we interacted and socialized with the other park residents.
This park is always a winner and well managed.

From Bazley the Downs' and Rowlands' headed off into the rural Transkei for 3 weeks and had a great time, saw a lovely part of our country and ticked off a few bucket list items.

On our return, we pulled in to Ifafa for a day or two prior to the River Valley getaway. Excuse the pun but it was a shocking experience with serious problems with the power with me, Chris and Doep each getting badly shocked just trying to plug in.
We measured a full 220v from the caravan chassis to ground. This could be lethal. When we called park management, we were informed that they knew there was a big problem but not a word of warning was given. We were advised to wear shoes – unbelievable – and nobody seemed too concerned. And the plumbing when you showered ????? . Not a caravan was in the park. We packed up in the dark and moved across to Bazley.

I will be writing to Ifafa management for further feedback but until I'm satisfied that this park is safe to visit, Freewheelers will not camp there for members safety.

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River Valley was poorly attended for a number of various reasons with only 4 of us there. However sometimes a smaller group is quite nice and one gets to know your fellow campers better.
The park is very neat and tidy, the ablutions spotless and the pub meals great.
However a bit of a disappointment with the turnout but perhaps it was too close to the Bazley and Umtunzini getaways??

Many thanks to Lyn Smith for managing the members list for both River Valley and Umtunzini in my absence.

Umtunzini .

A number of members will be heading for Umtunzini at the 24/25th March weekend. With the 21st being a public holiday, a few are making it a long weekend with others taking the gap to go for a full week.

It has been well publicised that members must book their own campsite etc .

We'll just play it by ear as to what we may do communally , but I'm sure, if nothing else, the odd communal braai and socialising will happen. Some of us are slumming it in tents.
Look forward to seeing many of you there. .

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Mozambique.

A few of us are heading for Moz near the end April for 2 weeks and all looking forward to it. Hopefully the tourists are again appreciated so no hassles as previously suffered.

Next getaway – end May .

This first quarter of the year is a bit messed up with River valley maybe a bit soon, Umtunzini maybe too far for some plus needing individual bookings, the upcoming Easter school holidays, the 27th April - 1st May very long weekend etc etc so I'm proposing that our next official getaway to be at the end of May – the weekend of the 25/26th. Also after pay day??
What say you all??

I would also like to propose that we try somewhere different like Scottburgh or Rocky bay ??

BUT I need at least **10 COMMITTED** members before I can try and do a group booking with discounted rates. PLEASE let me know soonest.

I won't be able to liaise with either park without members' commitment.

Enjoy the April holidays whether camping or not and for those on the road, safe travelling.

Look forward to seeing you all soon.

Cheers

Larry

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Another grandchild to Billy and Charmaine Cameron.

Congratulations to their daughter
Carmin and husband Kelvin
on the birth of their daughter " Chardonay"
on 28th Feb 2018.





Get well soon.

Des Warrington, Bruno Zattara and Tracey Ramsaroop are having some medical difficulties so we send our best Freewheelers wishes and hope you get better soon.

QUICK GLANCE GUIDE TO FREEWHEELERS GETAWAYS

WHERE	DATE
Umtunzini	21 – 25 March 2018 Cost : R180 pn (3 pax)
Scottburgh/Rocky Bay.??	24 - 26th May 2018 Cost : TBA .

Until Next Time ……Keep on Freewheeling!!!

LARRY

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