

BAYVIEW CARAVAN OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

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Secretary Membership Report

27th October 2016

We have 151 members who have paid this year for the 3 year membership period which is good. However, on the database, there are still 34 members who paid last year but have still not re-joined for the 3 year membership plan. Some of these may have moved on and we haven't caught up with that ... and we won't unless a new owner moves into their van, or on to their old site with a new van so please be alert as to what is happening in your neighbourhood. If someone leaves the park that you know about, please let us know and we then we can at least keep our records up to date. Similarly, if you get a new neighbour, let us know. When you meet them, you can tell them about the Association or we might be able to target them directly if we know about them.

If you do the sums, that leaves a further 117 caravans on the park ... some of these may be Darwin owned, some may be empty sites and for the others, we may have their names registered as old members and they may well have moved off long ago so that's a lot of potential owners that we could have joining us. So the figures add up to exactly 50% of owners as Association members right now!

There is quite a lot of caravan movement at the moment ... we have seen three vans taken off just this week and there are half a dozen sitting in the car park either waiting to go on or waiting to be sold and from now on, until the end of the season, we won't see many people around so there's not a lot we can do to drum up membership at the moment, but please do be aware of changes around your area and do let us know – even if 3 or 4 people tell us the same thing, it doesn't matter!

So come the Spring, we will aim to have a new membership drive for these 'missing people' so that we can have more than 50% membership and therefore be a realistic force.