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I was one of four members of our motorhome club who were to be hosting a motorhome rally at a small seaside Community Hall recently. All the arrangements were going smoothly until we were regretfully informed by the local facility coordinator, that the council in charge of that district had received a complaint regarding motorhomes and caravans staying adjacent to the Community Hall. A previous motorhome group had used the site recently and it was during this time that the complaint was made. Consequently the Council stopped all overnight parking of motorhomes and caravans at this Community Hall site.

It is believed that the Council, in fact most councils are sympathetic for such use of community halls and other facilities, as we spend much needed money in the businesses in that community. This same sentiment was expressed by the local person we were working with for our much looked forward get together after Covid 19 lockdown.

This is one of the main reasons we as a motorhome group like to stay at these locations.

When our committee meets, this is one of the most important criteria for selecting sites. We like to stay in communities that have facilities where we can meet socially, go for walks, play disc bowls, purchase meals and donate money to any local need, for example local fire brigade etc.

We are finding it harder and harder to be allowed to stay in places that meet this criteria.

In our Australia wide publications there are often stories of sites being closed down because of complaints being made to local Shire Councils.

Because of the restrictions at the moment we as a motorhome group will most likely choose or be forced to travel throughout Tasmania, which is a good thing to help local communities survive.

So at the moment we are being asked by government and concerned community groups and businesses to support local.

And here is the conundrum!

We are continually being frustrated by authorities that stop this being part of the solution to the economic recovery for Tasmania!

We would love to travel to small towns that have a seldom or disused facility that we can use and help that community by way of buying food, fuel or making a donation to a worthy community cause.

Our motorhomes are self contained, we don't mind paying a small fee for the use of facilities and we don't cause any trouble for that community.

We would like the powers that be to please reconsider their regulations So that we can get out there and enjoy this wonderful state and contribute to the wellbeing of small communities.

Looking forward to meaningful discussion,

Yours Frank Smith

Sent from my iPad