

Peninsula Caravan Club Inc.

NEWSLETTER - November 2018

THE PENINSULA ROUND UP

Christmas Luncheon



To be held

At

Brighton Bowls Club

147 Northcote St, Brighton QLD

On

Saturday 8 December 2018

Come dressed in your Christmas garb and get a present from Santa

Lunch will be paid for by the club.

(This is for Financial Members and Associate Members)

Bring along a present to the value of \$10 marked "Male" or "Female" for each person.

Secretary 's Report for Coolum Rally November 2018

Coolum Beach Holiday Park was a mixed experience. Lovely days, no wind, and reasonably warm to hot. Great walking, swimming and bicycle riding weather. The two op shops were raided of course. Because the park is 40 metres from the beach a lot of healthy activity was noted. 14 vans and more visitors on Saturday. Had to put up the gazebo's (luckily) and we sat and enjoyed happy hours therein.



Saturday night was Fantastic! We were seated about to start our Committee Dinner for the 13th birthday of the club when the heavens opened up. The gazebo's roof filled with water, which probably saved the whole thing being swept away.

The gentlemen of the club emptied the roof and the deluges absolutely soaked everyone. We held on, and we continued to hold on, until a break. The first prize for wet t-shirt was claimed by many.

Had to laugh as it was funny. It will not be forgotten.

The expenditure at Coolum Beach was \$2353.00 accomm. \$1437.00 dining, \$1789.00 other. **TOTALING \$5579.**

Rod Goode

Secretary

Activity & Roving Report November 2018

The weather decided to play games with us all at Coolum Beach. Warm and windy, windy and raining, warm sunny days, etc. I cannot remember how many caravans were at the rally, but there were certainly about 20. Friday night several members went to the local RSL for dinner. Except for Rae. Her passcode for the gate to get out would not work and so she came back to the gazebos and socialise with those of us who stayed behind.

Saturday saw some members go to discover the area. There were some who went walking and others took their cars. The day was very inviting. Then things warmed up.

The 2.00pm AGM started early without warning. I arrived at 2.10pm after having a swim at the beach to find the meeting almost over. After the meeting, we had a short break and then we played a common-sense quiz. Seems a lot of us do not have common-sense except for Noel who won the quiz.

A game of "How well do you know the Club's Members?" or "Likes and Dislikes". We had to write down five likes and dislikes that we have. Then when a person's list was read out, we had to guess which member it was. It seems we do not know other members as well as we think we do. Gayle took out the prize for this quiz.

Well done, Warren and Elaine for the fun activities. It was a shame that Eric and Bev could not make it to the rally.

Saturday night we all settled under the gazebos to enjoy a lovely dinner supplied by the club. This was severely disrupted by very strong winds and pelting rain. Many members got rained on from the overflowing guttering and water being pushed from the roof. At least the weather was warm and many laughs were had by all.

Newsflash

Some great news.

The other states and the NACC have seen the benefits of the LED project which was developed here in Queensland. This can be seen as a feather in the cap of the CCQ as leading the way in looking after the benefits of the affiliated clubs.

The NACC have developed an on-line version of the Locality Expenditure Database to be used by all affiliated clubs throughout Australia.

Details will be released by the NACC in the coming weeks.

Fuel costs will be recorded in the new database.

Secretaries and coordinators are asked to consider this and take necessary steps including informing their members.

Cheers

Bob

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“On behalf of all members of the Peninsula Caravan Club, I would wish to apologise for comments published in our Newsletter regarding Jabiru Caravan Club.”

Paul Grieves
Present

Rally Coordinator's Report

Hi everyone,

Thanks to all who made Coolum another great rally. We were lucky with the weather except for Saturday night but what an experience.

See you all at the Xmas party.

Loretta and Brian

PLEASE NOTE: ROD HAS LOST HIS PHONE

Hi All,

Please contact me on private email, club email, home phone or Gayle's mobile. (0417690041)

I am in touch with private email constantly.

Cheers

Rod G

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Greetings from the tropical north,

As Workforce Manager for the Arafura Games I am currently engaging volunteers for the 2019 Arafura Games to be held in Darwin, 24th April to 5th May 2019.

May I advertise this unique opportunity through your networks and to your members?

The 2019 Arafura Games will include athletes from 40 countries competing across 18 sports held in Australia's northern most capital Darwin. Requiring more than 1000 enthusiastic volunteers this will be an amazing experience and cultural exchange for athletes, spectators and volunteers alike.

We are currently working on volunteer incentives, this may including discounted parking for interstate volunteers, RV and caravan travellers.

I look forward to hearing from you and providing more information regarding this opportunity and benefits to your members, feel free to check out the event website <https://arafuragames.nt.gov.au/> , in particular see the 'visit us' tab on the main page for a taste of what Darwin has on offer.

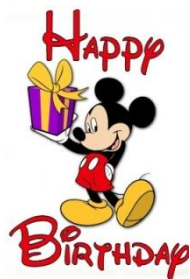
Kind Regards

Jason

Arafura Games 2019 Organising Committee

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BIRTHDAYS for DECEMBER

No birthdays this month

ANNIVERSARIES for NOVEMBER

13th ... Brian and Loretta

*Activity Organisers –Please propose a toast to Members
Celebrating a Birthday or Anniversary at Happy Hour (Sat).*



As this is the last newsletter I will be sending, I must thank all those who made my task easier. Being a newsletter editor is no easy task and I hope that you will all get behind Diana and give her the same help you gave to me. For those who did not give any help, please consider that Diana will be doing a VOLUNTARY job to keep you all informed and cannot pull information needed out of the air.

RALLY CALENDAR

**DECEMBER -
8TH Christmas Lunch
Brighton Bowl Club**

**JANUARY – 19th
Annual Picnic
Jamieson Park
8 Reef Point Esplanade,
Scarborough**

**FEBRUARY – 13-18th
Mudjimba Caravan
Park
Ph:**

**MARCH – 13-18th
Kenilworth Show
Grounds
Ph:**

**APRIL – 24 – 29th
Allawah Scout Camp
Ph:**

**May – 15th – 20th
Kilcoy Showgrounds
Ph:**

**June – 12th – 17th
Beaudesert
Showgrounds
Ph:**

**July – 17th – 22nd
Kilkivian Caravan Park
Ph:**

**August – 14th – 19th
Blackbutt
Showgrounds
Ph:**

**September – 18th – 23rd
Crows Nest Caravan
Park
Ph:**

**October – 16th – 21st
Woodford Show
Grounds
Ph:**

This December is your chance to witness one of the best meteor showers of 2018 – the Geminids.

ON 14 DECEMBER, the Geminids meteor shower will light up the skies with one of the most spectacular displays of [shooting stars](#) to be viewed from Earth [this year](#).

Professor Alan Duffy, an astronomer at Swinburne University in Melbourne and lead scientist of the Royal Institute of Australia, said the Geminids will be “one of the best meteor showers of the year”, due to the sheer number of possible meteor sightings throughout the event.

“At its peak, you will be able to see up to 120 shooting stars an hour – that’s two per minute!” Alan said.

The Geminids meteor shower occurs at a similar time each year, when Earth passes through a cloud of debris from a parent Asteroid, named the 3200 Phaethon. Alan explained that the Geminids meteor shower is particularly unusual as it is “formed from an asteroid and not a comet, as is more standard for meteor showers”.

Another factor that separates the Geminids from many other meteor showers – such as the [Perseids](#) and the Lyrids, which have been around for thousands of years – is that it is a relatively new phenomenon, observed for the first time only 150 years ago. This is because the orbit of the debris cloud (along with the parent asteroid, Phaethon) is rapidly shifting over time. As its trajectory wobbles around the Sun, the centre of the Geminids orbit is moving closer to Earth with each year, which is why it has become more visible in the last century and a half.

Fear not, however, as according to Alan “there is no real threat or chance of the meteor shower [colliding with Earth](#)”.

Emerging out of the constellation Gemini (hence the name), the Geminids are generally very bright, and travel at a medium speed – perfect for viewing. This year, the maximum point of the shower also conveniently falls a day before the [Moon](#) reaches the first quarter, so the best time to view the shower will be after the Moon has set (after midnight, wherever you are), when the moonlight will not interfere.

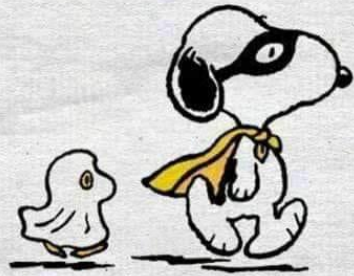
The prime viewing time favours star-gazers in Australia and the Americas, however the shower should last around 24 hours, allowing people from all around the globe to get a glimpse.

For Australians, the maximum is forecasted to occur on Friday, 14 December at 11:30pm AEST, 10:30pm in QLD, and 8pm in WA.



A note from Eric:
"hi Rod, Sorry I am NOT on
the committee I never said I
would take on the job of rally
co-Ordinator so the club needs
to get someone else.
We will not be around.
Eric "

Being a little weird is just
a natural side-effect of
being awesome.



Melbourne Cup Luncheon at Redcliffe



BUNDABERG 41ST STATE RALLY REPORT

The 41st State Rally was a huge success with 10 vans & 19 PCCI club members participating.

Upon arrival on Monday we were greeted by none other than Fred Flintstone, Alias Paul Brealey (who also likes to dress up like his brother), at the front gate. Members of all the Caravan Clubs worked like a well-oiled machine marshalling us all into the University Precinct with precision, parking approx. 125 vans in one day. Special thanks to Kevin Day & his team.

Like everyone on arrival we registered at the office where we were greeted by Bev, Lyle, Faye and Elaine. All working tirelessly registering & handing out welcome bags with assorted brochures and gifts from fellow clubs & participating vendors.

After settling in it was time for happy hour & a BBQ that afternoon catered by the Bundaberg Lions Club allowing club members to meet & mingle.

Later all the clubs got together for the opening ceremony and the raising of the club flags. There was some concern as to what jokes Col would say however he did keep to script.



Tuesday morning began with people attending art and craft classes, Drag racing registration, practice heats & then the finals.



Tuesday night we were entertained by the Bundaberg Brass band in the main hall. A great night.

On Wednesday more workshops & seminars were held including Bio magic, Stroke foundation, Saturn Antennas and Police just to name a few.

Wednesday night was Trivia night & the club was represented by a women's team the "Lady Blues"& the men's "Peninsula Peanuts".

Thursday afternoon's Happy hour (3 hours) was provided by the Local Jayco's dealership in their brand-new facility across the road which was enthusiastically attended with lots of food and drinks for all to enjoy.

Friday saw the disk bowls competition conducted with most clubs represented however our club did not feature in the finals. Bev & Eric also celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary, congratulations to them both. Friday night was fancy dress Hawaiian themed night with all members dressing in their finest.





The market day held on Saturday had a wide array of items for sale and some bargains were to be had. Our Market Stall raised \$487 to donate to RFDS. Finally, on Saturday night it was time to say goodbye with a celebration Dinner, show and dancing. A Great meal was provided by Meals On Wheels. Every night we had entertainment supplied by Pete O'Brien including Ariana Brogden a name not to forget and on Saturday night Elvis even made an appearance.



Throughout the week members went out to visit the local attractions including the famous Bundaberg rum distillery, Bagara Beach, Kelly Beach, The Hummock, Port of Bundaberg, Woodgate Beach etc.

A big thank you to our fellow club members, Col as State Rally President and Elaine as Secretary. The co-ordinators- Barrie organised the Breakfast, Sausage Sizzle & Dinner, Barbara looked after the Programme booklet. Eric & Warren, Hall set up, Bev & Lyle did the welcome bags and Mick & Faye organised the exhibitors. Nida held Quilling classes throughout the week which was enjoyed by all who took part.

Once again, we wish to congratulate our Club members for playing such a large part in making the State rally possible. It was a huge success and we should all be proud of their efforts.

Next year there is the National Rally in WA. so, no State Rally will be held until we meet again in 2020, possibly in Toowoomba.

Cheers

John& Helen

Col and Elaine would also like to thank everyone who helped make the rally such a success by being there to help out whenever needed. A Great team effort.



PLEASE NOTE:

There is still one committee position to be filled and one other position. Please give consideration to putting your name forward for the following positions:

- Rally Co-ordinator**
- Photographer**

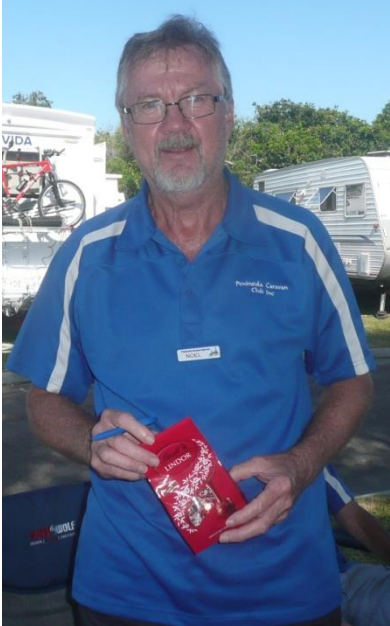
It is your club and it needs members to put their hands up.



Old age is golden, or so I've heard it said,
 But sometimes I wonder, as I crawl into bed,
 With my ears in a drawer, my teeth in a cup,
 My glasses on the table until I get up.
 As sleep dims my vision, I say to myself:
 Is there anything else I should lay on the shelf?
 The reason I know my youth is all spent?
 Is my get-up-and-go has got up and went!
 But, in spite of it all, I'm able to grin
 And think of the places my getup has been!

November Rally in Photos







PENINSULA CARAVAN CLUB INC
 Recognition of achievement
 Congratulations
 Rod G. and Gayle McH.
 100% attendance - 10 out of 10 rallies
 2017-2018. Ah yes!
 10. All Done!

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 Colin and Lytle Robb
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 10. All Done!





And Queen and Princess of the night!!

Close to the ground sniffing out the good bits

Gossip Line.



- Who doesn't write negative newsletter articles any more?
- Who was trapped in the caravan park on Friday evening so ate in.?
- Who were the two ladies who were drenched on Saturday night with their phones in their pockets?
- Who won the wet t-shirt competition on Saturday night?
- Who had an extra bed in their van and whose husband was told to sleep in it?
- Who created a spectacle of herself by wearing her dress inside out?
- Who didn't need a tractor to get their van in or out?
- Who did not once step onto the beach?
- Who learnt how to use a gas stove at a ripe old age?
- Who's wife could not believe that her husband won the common-sense quiz?
- Who was wearing a new fashionable straw hat that folded down over the ears?
- In the Likes and Dislikes quiz, who disliked Paul?

Please advise me if there are any omissions/wrong information in this newsletter so I can make corrections - Editor.

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