

# Peninsula Caravan Club Inc.

## September 2019 News letter

WOODFORD SHOWGROUNDS

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Showground camping is subject to gymkhanas, shows etc. Great level sites well grassed. This spot is good for a base to drive to surrounding areas including wineries. Low road noise.

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Woolworths and IGA supermarkets within walking distance. Three bottle shops.

### **From Redcliffe merge on to M1**

From Caboolture travel west on D'Aguilar Highway to town of Woodford heading in the direction of Kilcoy. (Take exit 152 for State Rte 85 toward Kilcoy)

Just out of the main area of town the first road on your left is Neurum Road.

The Woodford Showgrounds is located on your right, as you turn into Neurum road you will see a yellow road sign and the entry to the grounds is directly opposite the sign.

These directions are for planning purposes only. You may find that construction projects, traffic, weather or other events may cause conditions to differ from the map results, and you should plan your route accordingly. You must obey all signs or notices regarding your route.

**Cost is \$15 per night/1, \$20.00 /night /2 per RV site.**

**Please have correct money in your envelopes to give to Kim**

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Sunset after a long day in the gardens

## Notice of AGM

The Peninsula Caravan Clubs Annual General Meeting will be held at our Woodford Rally on the 19-8-2019 at 1.00 pm. Location at the Show Grounds will be advised on the day.

### Important Notice for Woodford

**October Rally Activity Organisers** : John H. Rae, Elaine & Warren

With Halloween just around the corner we are using it as the theme for the October activities at Woodford.

There will be an afternoon activity which will be work organised around the AGM time to be advised.

The evening dinner, as usual, is being provided by the committee & will also have a Halloween theme so we would like everyone to come dressed for the occasion & decorate your tables.

During the evening we will also be having some trivia questions.

So get you thinking caps on & come up with a great costume.

See you at Woodford.

## **Rally Coordinators Report & Rally Information**

There was a good turnout at Crow's Nest Caravan Park this month. Many members sightseeing the fabulous Winning gardens and Parks around Toowoomba and the district.

Our next rally is at Woodford Showgrounds 16th to 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct.

**Cost is \$15 per night/1, \$20.00 /night /2 per RV site.**

Our November Rally is being held at Tweed Heads Holiday Park formerly Boyds Bay Caravan Park.

3 Dry Dock Road Tweed Heads Sth NSW 2486

**You will need to make your own booking, now, for the Rally.**

Dates between Wed 13th Nov to Tues 19th Nov.

\$40.00Per night / RV.

**Phone 07 55243306 to book your reservation.**

### **ATTENDANCE AT RALLIES**

If you need to change your attendance status to either cancel or now attend, please advise me personally. You can contact me either by email. [jhgnhunter@outlook.com](mailto:jhgnhunter@outlook.com) or

Text message mobile 0421 222 346. See you there.

Helen Hunter

Rally Coordinator PCCI

## **Secretary Report**

Five weeks between rallies was a bit long and we were all eager to get there. Some vans came on the new road and others tootled along through Kilcoy. Much improvement to the Caravan park with new owners. It was so stark to see just how dry it is out there. They need rain desperately.

As usual the members haunted the op shops and the bakery. Most vanners also took the opportunity to visit Toowoomba for the Festival of Flowers, both in the charter bus and in private vehicles. The winery restaurant was also popular as was the Best Country Garden at Haden. Two members bought lovely Coolibah Stumps for flower displays.

We all had a most enjoyable dinner on Friday night at the caravan park restaurant.

Twenty vans came to the rally and we all had a good time. Noel and I had to show Paul and Darryl how to play 500 successfully.

**This will be my last Secretary's report before retirement so I will keep it short. I hope someone steps up to take this on. I will offer them my total support.**

Rod J Goode

Secretary

## ACTIVITY REPORTER

**October—Ted & Carolyn**

**November— Ray & Sabina**

If you are unable to attend your nominated rally please get in touch with the next member on this list. Should you be unable to find a replacement from this list, then talk to SOWC

## ROVING REPORTER

**October—Brian & Loretta**

**November—Darryl & Barbara**

If you are unable to attend your nominated rally please get in touch with the next member on this list. Should you be unable to find a replacement from this list, If unsuccessful, then talk to SOWC

## RAFFLE ROSTER

Prize value \$20 + tickets

**October—Ken h**

**November—Trevor & Yvonne R**

**December—Committee**

If you are unable to attend your nominated rally please get in touch with the next member on the raffle list. Should you be unable to find a replacement from this list,

contact the Secretary, Rod.

## ACTIVITIES ROSTER

**October— John H**

**Rae W**

**Warren & Elaine**

**November—Yvonne & Noel W**

**December—Committee**

If you are unable to attend your nominated rally, please swap with another couple and notify the

Vice President, Mark



**Brian & Loretta**

**Congratulations on completing 50 Rallies**



**Rob & Diane**

**Congratulations on completing 75 Rallies**



### **Activity Report**

Saturday morning saw the early birds up at the crack of dawn and assembled in the designated area by 8 15 and ready to board the bus for our "magical mystery tour" into the vast metropolis of Toowoomba for the spectacular and aptly named Carnival of Flowers.

The bus was filled to capacity and all up over 40 people, about a dozen from our club, ventured off for a day of glorious sightseeing through the countryside & suburbs of Toowoomba. Over hills & down dales we travelled to reach the first of several outstanding domestic prize-winning gardens, each in their own particular category. We were stunned by the all native plant garden, at high fields, with weeping grevilleas of every shade, shape & form, banks of annuals and mature trees all resplendent despite the drought!

Back on to the bus and off again to the next garden with amazing understory planting, sculptured trees and manicured lawns & several garden "rooms" were to be admired & enjoyed in each garden, different from the previous ones in every colour & aspect. The second place winning domestic garden was huge, more than an acre of pristine lawns, tiered gardens complete with ferns, orchids, waterfalls & fishponds and Seiko the 'watch dog'. Ornate gazebos & beds of annuals in the shape of Australia with the different states & even a kangaroo for the International visitors. This immaculate property also had an impressive, large collection of classic cars, from a T model ford or two to a Cadillac, mustang & corvette to name a few, also on display were the owners impressive display of motoring trophies, he was a champion saloon racing car driver! Even had a mini jeep car complete with Golden Fleece petrol pump for the kids!



A complete set of several early transport dioramas were also included in one area, great for visiting school kids & tourists, proudly made by an elderly gentleman standing nearby.

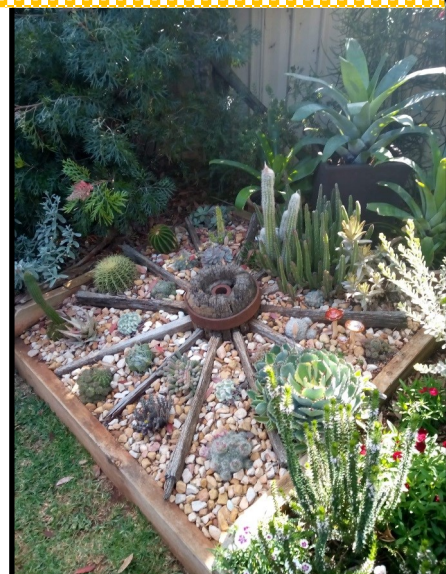
Several gardens had large displays of succulents & cacti as well as clivia of every colour, orchids, annuals & perennials all a riot of colour & feast for the eyes.

Our next stop was the spectacular queens gardens, it did not disappoint.

Every flower of every colour was planted in perfect harmony or to astound with vibrant contrast in layered beds or under huge shady trees, a place to sit in the shade & relax, watch children play or just contemplate the universe!! If that's your thing?

Azaleas & rhododendrons were in their glory as were the wisteria, roses & flowering blossom trees in majestic springtime beauty. Cool areas were planted with orchids, ferns, clivia and pansies, all manner of shade loving plants.

We also visited laurel bank gardens, to wander & enjoy & have a bite to eat or sit & listen to the free concerts or jazz groups playing at various locations throughout the amazing gardens. We visited the grand champion garden, on acres of land, this truly was a majestic work of art, with formal gardens, sweeping lawns & terraces, shady ancient avocado trees forming a natural shaded area for ferns, clivia and quiet areas to sit & rest, artworks & mosaics were scattered throughout this magnificent garden and it was bordered by a large chicken run & numerous vegie gardens. It was not hard to see why this was the standout winner!!!!



We then were transported into the city at 3 pm to see the "Carnival of flowers" street parade with dozens of colourful floats, brass bands, dance schools, armed services, emergency services, sporting groups and an amazing array of ethnic groups in traditional dress & playing traditional music, showed the true meaning of multiculturalism. 1 1/2 hours went quickly and the troops had been instructed to meet back at the bus after the parade, which we dutifully did and waited, the driver & hostess were nowhere to be seen! We started to take bets as to which pub they might be frequenting when they finally appeared and off we set on the final leg of our journey towards Crows Nest & home. A few minutes later we were delivered to yet another two prizewinning gardens!!! Each special & quirky & as individual as the owners, lovingly tended for many years by their caretakers. A credit to each & everyone of them, hours, months & years of hard work proudly on display by these dedicated green thumbs, some well into their 80's.

The bus trip home was quiet, like toddlers who missed their nap, catching 40 winks before a belated happy hour! Many contemplating what wonders they could do to their own gardens if they only had time!

I must also mention the country garden winner which I visited the day before at Hadan in the midst of drought stricken paddocks a small oasis appeared flanked by olive trees & lovingly tended for 15 years by the owners, it was a riot of colour & passion for plants. With banks of petunias & annuals in huge ancient timber water troughs & ancient tree stumps turned into organic planters cascading blooms of every colour, shape & variety it was a miracle to behold the work of these humble country folk. Plants of all varieties flourished under their care. Bravo to all!

Meanwhile back at the ranch at 3pm approximately 30 members gathered for a game of disc bowls. Ray & Sabina played well for their first ever attempt at disc bowls.

Vicki thrashed the A... off president Paul, much to the delight of everyone present!

Barbara R outshone a few by playing extremely well!

Ray & Dave B played off in the finals, and the winner was Ray. Congratulations well done.

A few recalcitrant members refused to participate, unfortunately this seems to be a growing trend. Thank you to Vicki & Paul for organising the activity.

Birthdays & anniversaries etc were celebrated later in the evening with all gathering after dinner to enjoy a refreshment or two & share their experience of the day. All round a most enjoyable day.

Gayle McHutchison



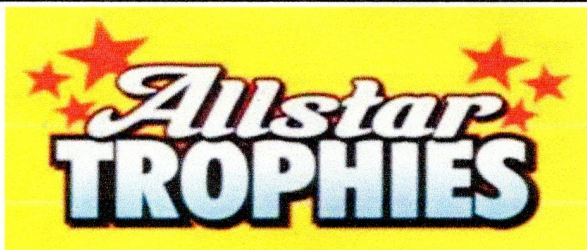
**Just how Dry it was.**

**Important Date Claimer!!**

**CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON: Date: Saturday 7th December**

**Venue: Moreton Bay Boat Club**

**Time: 11-2**



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Sometimes the excitement is just too much



That Glow must be my wonderful Hubby coming.



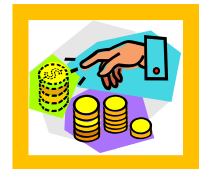
Blast from the past catching up with Mary a member from years ago.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Love these rallies where I don't have to collect fees. However membership fees are due and many have paid. Thank you. The raffle by Les & Berney and won by Ken & Kim raised \$80.

See you at Woodford for our next rally and the AGM and free dinner.

Kim



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**Dog Friendly**

**October –** 🐕

Woodford Show Grounds

**November –** 🐕

Tweed Heads Holiday Park

**December –** 🐕

Christmas Party  
Morton Bay Boat Club

**January-** 🐕

Picnic in the Park

**Febuary** 🐕

Jacobs Well Caravan Park

**March–** 🐕

Imbil Caravan Park

**April -** 🐕

Boonah Show Grounds

**May -** 🐕 🐕

Pomona Show Grounds

**June-**

Lowood Show Grounds

**Friday Night Dinner**



## September Roving Report for Crows Nest

The rally at Crows Nest Caravan Park was a bit different from usual in a few ways. There seemed to be quite a few members who didn't bring their vans. Then there was the all-day bus trip to the Carnival of Flowers in Toowoomba that took quite a few members away on Saturday which necessitated some small alterations to our usual Happy Hour activities in the afternoon. Many members enjoyed the convivial atmosphere as they came together on the Friday night for dinner at the park



For the ones who did not attend the bus trip to Toowoomba on Saturday, there was disc bowls in the afternoon and the comp was keenly contested. Overseen by Vickie and Dave and Doreen the rink was laid out in a nice sunny sport and everybody played four ends for the first round. Then the semi's were played and the final was between Dave Broadley and Ray McDonald with Ray the victor in the end. A shout out to Gay who could not attend due to an unfortunate fall. We send our best wishes for a good recovery Gay. It was very pleasing to see Warren and Elaine attend the rally if only for a short time, welcome back.

The birthdays and anniversaries were celebrated on Saturday evening. We sang Happy Birthday to Loretta for her birthday on Friday. We were thinking of Bev whose birthday was on the 23<sup>rd</sup> whilst she and Eric enjoy their extended holiday interstate. September was a busy month for celebrating the anniversaries of Gayle and Rod, Ken and Kim, Diane and Rob, Trevor and Yvonne, Elaine and Warren and Darryl and Barbara though not all could attend the rally. Loretta and Brian received their 50<sup>th</sup> Rally badges and Diane and Rob their 75<sup>th</sup> badges.

Saturday and Sunday saw numerous couples travel under their own steam to places beyond the town. Some had their own itinerary to sightsee the Carnival of Flowers. Others visited local sights like Lake Perseverance and Cressbrook Dam, cafés and restaurants. One thing that was very evident was the dryness of the countryside. Bring on the rain and soon!

Most people had left by the Monday morning but not Loretta! She was still in party mode with her friends staying for a while longer. To the marauding magpie who attacked all and sundry in the park, we were glad to see the back of him as we left for home.

See everyone in Woodford in October.





## BIRTHDAYS for October

Rod G, Mick F, John M, Beverly M,  
Rob H, Rick R, Barbara R, Di H,  
Warren S, Evon A, Noel W



## ANNIVERSARIES for October

Graham & Evon A.  
Trevor & Yvonne R.  
Helen & Rick R.  
Eric & Bev B.



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



## GOSSIP LINE

Which lady member was heard apologising to the park manager for being in the wrong place because her husband doesn't listen only to be told he was in the right place?

Who was attacked by a large carnivorous magpie? (Others did not fare so well).

Which female member has broken gender rules by emptying the toilet cassette? i.e. "The walk of shame"

Gossip line has heard a whisper that Father Ted has morphed into Sister Ted??

Whose Wife had to have a afternoon rest on the **Cold Hard Concrete** with the **Ants Nipping at her Delicate Skin**, because her husband disappeared with the caravan key for over 3 hours.

Who needs a GPS when Navigating?

Who had to say Sorry many times over the 4 days?

Who was locked out of there van all afternoon because someone went for a drive and forgot to leave the key?

Who was offered the use of a bed in another van but declined to make her partner look bad? PS (I'm going to dearly pay for this).

Who was heard offering bribes, kickbacks and trying to get side bets going and ended up winning the disk bowls competition. (maybe we need a stewards inquiry into the winner)

Who went for a dip in the dam, with no water?

Who was beaten in the first round of disc bowls by his wife? Not amused.

Who pulled out of the charter bus to make it easier for the organisers?

Which woman emptied their waste cartridge on her birthday?

Who is the only woman to empty their cartridges each rally?

How many husbands decided not to go on bus tour?

Who went bush bashing ending up in Esk?

Who had a big root in the back of their car? "WHAT THE"

Who hasn't paid their club membership yet?

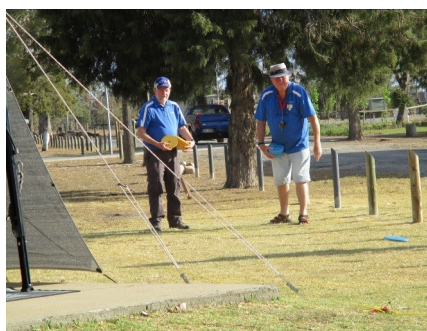
Who should have used a napkin at the Friday night dinner?

What seems to be the popular month for weddings in our club?





# Saturday Disc Bowls Competition



## CLUB SHOP

- MENS SHIRTS SIZES \$32.00 each
- WOMENS SHIRTS SIZE \$32.00 each
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- T/BAR HITCH HANDLES \$10.00 each
- TENT PEG PULLERS \$ 5.00 each

Ray being the winner with Dave in second place.

*\* Pls refer to gossip line re :- winner ???*

**REMINDER:** Members are expected to wear their Club Shirts at "Official" Club gatherings and any other designated Club Activities, gatherings or functions as stated by the Committee. Only the officially sanctioned shirt is acceptable as stated by the Committee.

**Saturday is official Club rally day (Club shirt day)**



The pace at disc bowls was just to much for some

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*To all our friends having little ops and tests done.  
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*Get well real soon.*



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