

Peninsula Caravan Club Inc.

Newsletter 04/06

Beachmere revisited.

Having thought about it, I'm in two minds about Beachmere, I can't decide whether –(you know what two minds is, that's like watching your Mother-In-law drive your new Mercedes over a cliff) sorry I digress. I can't decide whether I like the place or loathe it. The only difference that one could feel was, apart from the smoother ride into Beachmere, was an increase in the phlebotomidae family; sandflies to you and I dear reader. In parts of Africa, South America & Asia it carries the protozoan parasites causing Kala Azar, Oriental Sore, Oroya Fever & Espundia. Now there's a word to put fear into the hearts of the bravest of men – Espundia, and if that hasn't made you have a cup of tea and a good lie down then I suppose nothing will.

Most, if not all of the 16 members that attended had arrived by Friday afternoon and a couple early on Saturday morning. We had 3 visitors to our rally, Neil and June Voucher (their 1st visit) Chris & Ron Vasyli (2nd) and Ron and Carolyn Whybird (2nd). On Friday evening saw us all fighting for space on the park's BBQ and having a catch up with members.

Saturday was noticeably cooler after the previous day's summer temperature of 30 degrees. The committee met at 10.30 am and ended abruptly at 12.15pm. An informal gathering of members around the covered BBQ area, complete with a smorgasbord of folding chairs, began at 4.00 pm. President Kevin advised members of the progress of our club banner and stickers, also the costs involved. Kevin asked members to consider standing for the next year committee as well as what form and venue for the AGM.

The raffle supplied by Bruce & Fran raised \$87. and was won by Christine Jackson.

At 5pm members hurried off to prepare for the Lions BBQ at the community hall on the beachfront, so after a few snags, a couple cans of the singing

syrup, a glass or two of the red, we sauntered back to our aforementioned gathering point. Bernie, our Activities Co-ordinator, organised an excellent evening of entertainment, starting with an invitation, to the four couples celebrating their anniversaries in April, to the bridal waltz, complete with bow ties for the grooms and veils for the brides. After watching Marion & Dave, your scribe felt he was watching an episode of Dancing with the Stars. Speaking of TV leads me into the next item that Bernie put together, Celebrity Heads, where three couples sat facing the masses and had names of famous couples printed on cards above them. The three couples then had to guess who they were, by asking questions of the audience. I think most members got coerced into having a go before we broke up around 10pm. Bernie, ya did good.

On a quiet Sunday morning, many members departed but quite a few stayed on until after the Anzac Day Holiday. The friendly game of Bocce between Dave, Marion, Averil and yours truly, turned into the World Series by Monday. Most of the gang present had a go and took to the game enthusiastically; more so as the afternoon wore on with that collection of beautiful sounds of aluminium cans crushed underfoot, the opening fizz of a full one and the tinkle of ice in a glass.

Report from Rally Marshal:
I would like to invite any member male or female who is considering taking on the position of Rally Co-ordinator and who would like to get some experience with this position before the A.G.M. changeover, to please contact me at your convenience to arrange a meeting to give a rundown of what would be needed. If you are then elected to this position I will be available to help you out for the time you feel it is needed

This is an overall view from the members who replied to my Rally Destination Report Card.

- 1) Directions = Excellent
 - 2) Initial Perception upon arrival = Good
 - 3) Ease of site access = Fair to Good
 - 4) Size of site= Good
 - 5) Amenities setup = Good
 - 6) Amenities cleanliness = Good
 - 7) Friendliness of Park = Good
 - 8) Worth Nightly rate = Yes
 - 9) Club use this park again = Yes
 - 10) Dislikes= Too many sand flies, lots of bat droppings
 - 11) None other than thanks to committee for a job well done.
- Rally Co-ordinator.

MARSHALL LAW;

The penalty for bigamy.....two Mothers-in-law.

BIRTHDAYS:

Kerry Keary	9th May
Christine Jackson	14th May
Mike Tracey	22nd May
Steve Lewis	24th May

ANNIVERSARIES:

Kevin White & Pauline Miles	10th May
Merv & Nancy Groves	14th May
Kevin & Kerry Keary	23rd May

RAFFLE ROSTER:

Peter & June Crowe

NEXT RALLY: 19, 20,21st May,
Bo rumba Deer Park,
1133 Yabba Creek Road, IMBIL 4570.

JUNE RALLY: 16,17,18th June,
Crows Nest Qld 4355.

It is with regret that I inform you that I have resigned from the Club; therefore this will be my last newsletter.

I hope you have enjoyed my ramblings as much as I have had from putting them together. The biographer Lytton Strachey wrote, "no good letter was ever written to convey information or to please the recipient, it may achieve both results incidentally, but its fundamental purpose is to express the personality of the writer." Perhaps he may have been right.

Keith

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