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NEWSLETTER April 2014

Next Month's Rally – Beaudesert Show Grounds
41- 53 Albert Street, Beaudesert 4285-Ph: 0488 416 473
Wednesday 14th – Monday 19th May



Beaudesert Township



Wyaralong Dam

DIRECTIONS:

M1 South to Gateway Motorway – Take ramp to Gold Coast/ Brisbane Airport
Take ramp to M2
Take the 13 / Beaudesert ramp to Mt. Lindsay H'way
Continue after ramp onto Beaudesert Road / 13
Continue onto Mount Lindsay H'way
Continue onto Brisbane Street
Turn **left** onto William Street
Continue onto Albert Street Arrive at Destination

\$18.00 per van/per night

Please refer to Eric's report
as to leads, etc required.

THINGS TO SEE and DO:

Beaudesert means – 'Beautiful Desert'. Situated in the Scenic Rim in the Gold Coast Hinterland, Beaudesert is surrounded by wild and spectacular forests. There are many places to visit including Tamborine Mountains, Lamington National Park (& the Natural Arch), Mt. Barney, Mogarra Dam, Boonah and many more.
In Beaudesert, itself, there is an Historical Museum which has displays of vehicles/machinery & tools dating back to more than 100 years. The museum is opened daily in Jubilee Park. There is an Arts & Crafts Centre, which I'm sure the ladies will find inviting!

POST CODE – 4285

EMERGENCY DETAILS -FIRE OR MEDICAL

To seek urgent help, continual quick short blasts of a whistle or car horn (3 seconds on/off). Upon hearing this members are requested to proceed in an orderly manner to the site of the whistle or car horn bringing with them mobile phone, fire extinguisher, water bucket, fire blanket, torch and first aid kit

ACTIVITIES for MAY

Organizers: *Bernie / Rod & Gayle / Gay G*

Beadesert Reconnaissance Frustrating Fact Finder Mission

Meeting Time: 10.30 Saturday Meeting Place: *Beadesert Arts & Information Centre
Dick Westerman Park (Crn Mt Lindsay Hwy & Enterprise Drive)*

Why: *Devonshire Morning Tea - \$5.50 each*

After morning tea and inspecting the vast array of craft items; pottery; wooden toys; jewellery and edible goodies, your mission will be to form into teams of two or more in one car and the names of those in each team will be registered with your illustrious activity organisers.

You will then receive directions for your **Beadesert Reconnaissance Frustrating Fact Finder Mission** and your map.

You may enjoy the mission at your leisure but need to gather at camp at 3pm to submit your responses so that we can declare a winning team! **The judges decision is final!!!!!!**

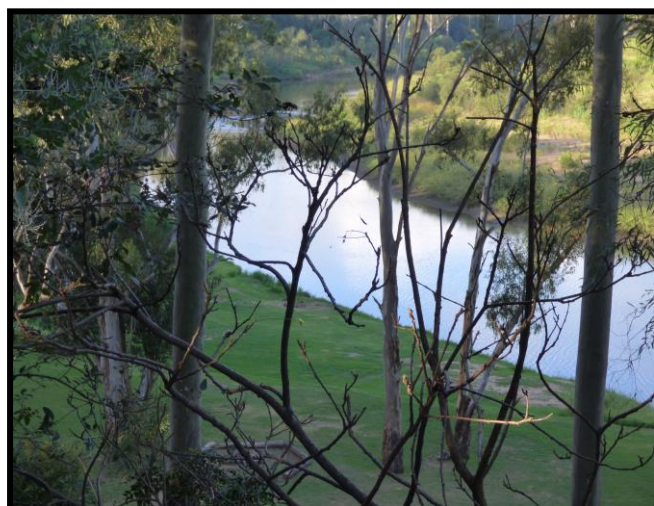
4pm – Happy Hour

7.30 – Mix & Match Quiz with Mix & Match Alcohol!

At the last rally, we enjoyed Gay's generosity of sharing a bottle of Chocolate **Port**, so we are inviting you to bring along any half bottles of "unused alcohol" in your cupboard (or buy something if you wish) to share. Think port/sherry/liquor/ANYTHING but – only if you want to!



A GOOD TURN-OUT AT ALLAWAH SCOUT CAMP

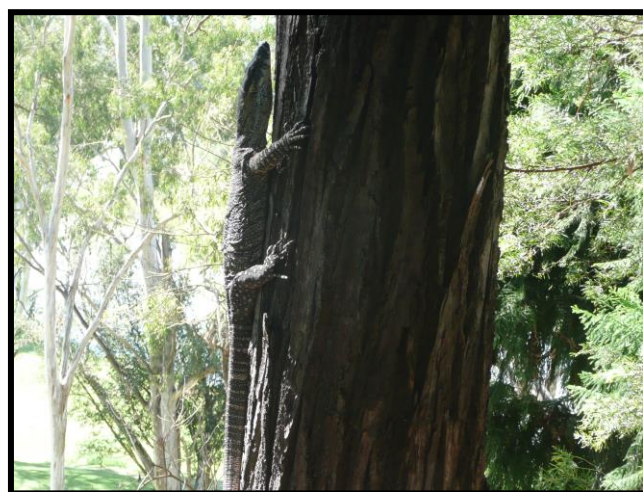


BREMER RIVER FROM CAMP



BIRTHDAY GIRLS – Elaine, Diana & Helen R

Also, 'Birthday Wishes' to Ron (absent)



HOW'S THAT FOR A GOANNA?

AND 'Anniversary Congratulations'
to Beverley & Keith (absent)





ACTIVITY REPORT

2 pm Saturday afternoon the troops gathered with much enthusiasm & baited breath to participate in Saturdays activities. Dave & Deb and Dave & Doreen, the four D's, had devised a four part set of activities for all concerned.

The troops were divided into 5 pre- selected groups, teams 1,2,3,4,5 with elected team leaders.

Enthusiasm waxed and waned as the list of participants on each team were read out, spouses and couples forcibly split up (with the exception of George & Maryanne) & all manner of exclamations were heard to be mumbled as each group went to its designated corner (or table)

Game 1 the so called , "Transportation Game", caused much consternation - with the " brains trust" hovering and watching all teams closely in case of any enhancing (cheating) of members in transporting objects from one table to another using only the " tools" provided! **Team 1** were **the winners**, scoring a total 5/5points.

Game 2 was " Raise the bridge" which tested the engineering skills of one and all and was a hint of what was to come! With much huffing and puffing & much debate **team 2** were the **winners** eventually scoring the maximum 5/5 points.

Game 3 the "Robot race" proved to be the most challenging for all, with the exception of a couple of engineering types! Who had an obvious unfair advantage!! ?

Fortunately a "cheat sheet" could be obtained if the teams were unable to solve the puzzle of how to make a robot that could roll uphill, from a piece of wood, wire, plastic, and elastic bands within 20 minutes! The cost of the sheet was minus 2 points! And the **winners** were **team 5** with 5/5-2

The Grand Finale was the "Quiz" **game 4**, consisting of 9 questions - which tested the memory and mathematical skills of all involved .

Most questions were relatively easy- regarding imperial measures and pre - decimal and decimal currencies with a bit of mathematics and algebra for good measure!

The **winning team 4** (although at a disadvantage with one man down, due to the loss of George, (who had to retire and sit this one out) still managed to score an impressive 8/9 only losing one point for making their Yorkshire pudding without egg (not acceptable according to the adjudicators) no culinary license allowed!

Bragging rights went to the **overall winners** - team 2 who scored 21points

Runners up were - team1 who scored 20

Third place went to - team4- who scored17

Followed by - team 5- with14

And the wooden spoon went to - team 3- with 12

After so much "Brain drain" and sweating it out under the hot tin roof in our " blueys ", all were parched with tongues hanging out and cheered when happy hour was announced and soothed our frazzled brains with a few light refreshments & much chit chat regarding team pros & cons.

As evening rolled on an enjoyable meal was shared by all with casseroles, mashed potatoes, rice & curries, bread & salad followed by Apple pie with custard! (So much for the diet!)

A campfire & yarn, complete with toasted marshmallows and yummy chocolate port (thanks Gaye) capped off a most enjoyable day & night.

Activities reporter *Gayle*



DINNER TIME !!! YUMMY CASSEROLES



How should we do this then????



Self-propelled ROBOTS racing to the finish line.



Just a couple of our COOKS
And
BOTTLE -WASHERS (Tea-towel men)



CAMP FIRES ----- THE WAY TO END A GREAT DAY !!!!



PRESIDENTS REPORT

Allawah proved to be a nice quiet spot for our first visit. The place was looking green after the recent rains and a recent mow. Welcome to our visitors Ted and Carolyn. The activity organisers did a great job with the IQ tests which keep everyone amused Saturday afternoon. And of course the cooks kept up the high standard with the shared meal in the evening. Thanks to Dave & Debbie and Dave & Doreen. Also thanks to Rod who made sure we had a nice fire to sit around each evening. I think we will be back to Allawah sometime in the future, but I am not sure about the Karalee Tavern.

Dave & Debbie and Dave & Doreen are off on a trip to north Queensland. We hope they have a great trip and look forward to hearing the stories when they return.

I meant to mention the defibrillator at the rally. A quick look seemed to show prices starting around \$2,500. We have not heard from the CCCQ as yet as to what price they may be able to get them for. So hopefully we can provide you with some more information at the next rally.

We have a few members with recent health issues and we wish them all a speedy recovery.

I hope you all have a happy and safe Easter and I look forward to seeing you at our next rally at Beaudesert Showgrounds.

Cheers

Les

RAFFLE ROSTER (prize value \$20.00+ tickets)

MAY ... Diana & Mark

JUNE ... Faye & Mick

JULY ... Rae & Jim

AUG ... Vicki & John

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, Elaine.

ACTIVITIES ROSTER

MAY ... Rod & Gayle / Bernie / Gay G

JUNE ... Ken & Kim / Brian & Loretta

JULY ... Rick & Helen / Fred & Colette

AUG ... Bev / Warren / Alan & Lorraine

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



BIRTHDAYS for May

3rd ... Judy

7th ... Debbie S

15th ... Lyle



ANNIVERSARIES for May

7th ... Andy & Dave

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



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Ph: 0437 390 862

AUGUST - 
Pomona Show Grs.
Ph: 07-5485 2331

SEPTEMBER - 
Blackbutt Show Grs.
Ph: 0401 282 424


AND
State Rally - 
Nanango Show
Grounds

OCTOBER - 
Lowood Showgrounds
Ph: 07- 5426 1385

NOVEMBER - 
Samford Scout Camp
Ph: 07- 3289 2599

DECEMBER -
No Rally
Xmas Lunch

2015 CALENDAR

JANUARY 2015 - 
Picnic-in-the-Park
TBA

FEBRUARY –
TBA

MARCH –
TBA

APRIL –
TBA



SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hi Everyone,

Another enjoyable rally over and I'm sure all who attended had no complaints about the venue. It was so peaceful and most of the time the weather was great. But next month will definitely be time to bring out the winter woolies, as six of us who stayed a couple of days longer, found out on Tuesday night. It turned so cold, but naturally it didn't stop us from enjoying our after dinner chat.

Thanks to Dave & Doreen for Saturday's activity and also the cooks for the delicious casseroles we shared on Saturday night, not forgetting the men who did the dishes afterwards.

Our Shopper Dockets this month came to \$2,489.

For those on the sick list, we hope you are well soon and those who are travelling, take care.

Cheers Until next month
Elaine



TREASURER'S REPORT

Hi All,
The raffle, organized by Lorraine & Alan, took \$77.00.
It was run by Bernie as they couldn't attend.
Thank you to all.
Editor



John & Helen won the Raffle

REMINDER

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ROVING REPORT

Wednesday: A great roll-up for the first day, maybe 10 vans. We are thinking there will be no more as some missed a couple turn offs and are still lost. Does Eric do this on purpose to keep the numbers down? (*NO – it was I, The Editor, who left the Jayco sign in the directions ... SORRY!*) Beautiful day, good happy hour. Maryanne showed off George's most famous photograph. Good to see Colin looking so well. Later that night our resident pyromaniac lit a fire which drew all around for a very pleasant night.

Thursday brought a few more vans in. Another warm and sunny day.

Friday: Andy & Dave arrived in their new caravan --- very nice, too. 4 Clubbers went down to Beaudesert to check out the place for their activity next month. What are we in for??? A small group went to College's Crossing Café' and some to the local Woolies. Visitors, Ted & Carolyn arrived for their 2nd rally with us. Rick & Eric, with supervisor, Colin, fixed new pipes on Georges' van. Hot work on an even hotter afternoon. Happy hour a little crowded but nevertheless enjoyable.

A small group went off to the Karalee Tavern for dinner. Then the campfire attracted many, thanks Rod. Some singing from the neighbours on the lower terrace.

Saturday: Paper boy, Rick, did the rounds giving people their newspapers he'd gone & bought for them. Bernie collected the camp fees, another opportunity for a communal chat. Afternoon activities by Dave & Doreen with Dave & Debbie helping them out (thanks, guys!) What a hoot! Gourmet dinner that night was enjoyed by all.

Sunday: Many went home today. Rain started & stayed for the whole day so many books were read. Left-over casseroles went down well for dinner.

Monday: Still raining and more caravans pulled out.

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RALLY CO-ORDINATORS REPORT

Who did not enjoy Allawah because Bev & I did, so we hope you all did so as well. Beautiful little spot which I think we will be going back to. Next rally is Beaudesert Showgrounds cost per night is \$18.00 per van per night, I will be sending the sheet out on 29th April and please advise by 6th May if you have not already signed the sheet but please also let me know if circumstances change and you cannot attend. I would like to thank all who used the chairs for putting them away when finished, it saved me the job. Remember it may be cold so be prepared. Remember to bring long leads, long water hoses and Y piece and short piece of hose as these are needed to join van-van. Hope to see you all at Beaudesert.
 Cheers **Eric**



Butter wouldn't melt in their mouths!
Yeah, right!



Friday night at Karalee Tavern



The RVers Prayer

God bless our traveling home,
and guide us where ever we roam.

Help us find the roads we seek,
and please don't let the plumbing leak.

Save us, please from engine trouble,
and mechanics who would charge us double.

As we travel on our way,
bless us with sunshine every day.

And while you're watching over all,
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GOSSIP LINE

- Who emptied his neighbours' caravan boot out before he realized he was at the wrong Van?
- How many men forgot to take their tablets?
- Who ordered 2 morning teas for her hubby, at the Café, so had to take her's home for later?
- Who got a dog bowl given to them at the Café when, in reply to Millie's being told she was lovely, said 'Thank you'?
- Who, after owning their van for 8 years, still doesn't know where the crockery cupboard is?
- Who was walking around in her pink dressing gown (again), but this time had a broom ... was she intending to ride it?????
- Who walked into next doors' Van?
- Who said he gets 'Moon Burn' as bad as he gets 'Man Flu'? OH NO !!!!!!!
- Who was #51 at dinner on Friday night at the Tavern, but had to wait until after #54 was served to get his meal?
- Who cooked all 3 meals of the day & ate it all at breakfast? WOW what a feast!!!
- Who got 'told off' by a dog for sitting between it's Mum & Dad at the camp-fire?
- Who was overheard at dinner still recounting their points in the IQ competition?
- Who questioned the judges as to who won when they thought THEY had?
- Who were the pyromaniacs? --- but the camp fires were certainly enjoyed by all ... thank-you!
- What has the word 'COUTH' got to do with the rally????? (Ask Diana)

FUN FUDGE CARAMEL TREASURE

from Doreen

250g packet Plain Sweet Biscuits
 125g Unsalted Butter, melted
 395g can Sweetened Condensed Milk
 ½ cup Dark Choc Chips
 Cocoa Powder for dusting

Preheat oven to 150C/130C fan-forced
 Grease an 18cm X 28cm slice pan.
 Line Base & sides with baking paper, extending paper 2cm above edges.

Using a food processor, process Biscuits until fine crumbs. Add Butter & process until just combined. Transfer to bowl. Stir in Con. Milk & Choc. Chips. Spoon mixture into prepared pan. Using wet hands, press mixture firmly into pan to level. Bake for 40 – 45 mins or until golden and just firm to the touch. Cool completely in pan. Dust with Cocoa Powder. Serve cut into 24 pieces.

Rae's & Jim's Travels

Jim and I are now in Charleville having arrived this morning. We will be here at the Bailey Bar Caravan Park for the next 5 days. The fun starts tomorrow when we are off to see the Bilbies, then Thursday we go to the Cosmos Centre and of course are hoping for a fine clear night for that.

We will be meeting up with other Push to the Bush people on Sunday 19th before heading out to Yarakah for ANZAC Day staying for about a week. After that our plans are still undecided, but I hope we can get to see all that is on my Bucket list.

Will be home for the June rally.

See you all then. **Rae**

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from Doreen

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Add to 1 cup Brown Sugar and mix
Add 1 Egg and mix
Add 1 teasp Vanilla, 2 tabsp Cocoa, 1 cup S.R.Flour and ½ cup Coconut

Spread into a greased slice tray and cook 20 – 25 mins in a moderate oven.

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1 cup Icing Sugar, 1 tabsp Cocoa, 1 teasp Instant Coffee.
Mix with 1 dessertsp Melted Butter and 1 ½ tabsp Boiling Water ICE while hot.

WHO HAD TO BE TOWED UP THE DRIVE WITH ERIC'S BIG TRUCK ON TUESDAY?????

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