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NEWSLETTER April 2015

Next Month's Rally - Rathdowney Memorial Grounds
Mt. Lindsay Highway PH: 07 55441195 - 4287
Wednesday 13th – Monday 18th May



Shelter Shed with restored German wagon.



Mt. Lindsay H'way



Information Centre and Museum

Rathdowney is the small hub of the surrounding rural community. It's beginnings revolve around dairying and the timber industry. 'Rathdowney' was the name of the property that was settled by Thomas Lodge Murray-Prior in 1876. John Collins & Sons purchased Rathdowney in 1884; the township being developed about 1910. Rathdowney Showgrounds has stunning Mountain Views, and it is the gateway to the beautiful Border Ranges and Mount Barney National Park. There are many places to visit and explore around here, with magnificent scenery everywhere.

DIRECTIONS:

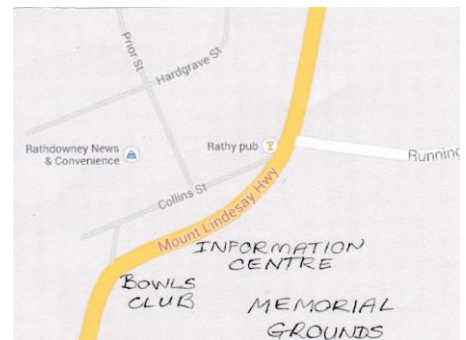
Take your preferred route to Mt. Lindsay Highway.
Through Beaudesert and follow on to Rathdowney.

*Entry to Memorial Grounds is past the Information Centre and turn LEFT onto dirt road beside Bowls Club.

\$20/pv/pn



Rathdowney in 1906



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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

ANZAC DAY



Lone Pine — photo taken 2015



The Nek — photo taken 2015



Anzac Cove — photo taken 2015



25th APRIL

I am not a badge of honour,
 I am not a racist smear,
 I am not a fashion statement,
 to be worn but once a year,
 I am not glorification
 of conflict or of war.
 I am not a paper ornament
 a token,
 I am more.
 I am a loving memory,
 of a father or a son,
 a permanent reminder
 of each and every one.
 I'm paper or enamel
 I'm old or shining new,
 I'm a way of saying thank you,
 to every one of you.
 I am a simple poppy
 a Reminder to you all,
 that courage faith and honour,
 will stand where heroes fall.

PAUL HUNTER - 2014



Anzac Cove – Aussie attack



*They shall grow not old,
 as we that are left grow old;
 Age shall not weary them,
 nor the years condemn.
 At the going down of the sun
 and in the morning
 We will remember them.*



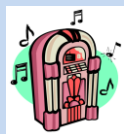
ACTIVITIES FOR May

Organizers: Elaine & Warren / Yvonne & Noel



2:30 pm - Afternoon Regatta

7:00 pm - Rock Night with a 'Surprise Guest'
Dress for the Occasion (if you wish)



Celebrity Heads

Check blackboard for times, please.



PLEASE ADVISE EDITOR OF ACTIVITY AND REQUIREMENTS IF ANY (eg. dress-ups/food/etc)
THAT YOU WISH TO GO IN THIS SPACE ----- Thank you.



ACTIVITY REPORT

2. 30: Everyone assembled for **horseshoe throwing** comp, practising till 3pm.

Rules were read out: Men had 3 horseshoes each, and women had 4 horseshoes each, plus the ladies were allowed to stand 1 metre closer to the target, which was a stick with a tennis ball on top. The competition was fierce. Irene was the first person to score a ringer, lots of shoes ended up in the car park and Caroline managed to get the furthest. No prize for that though. ☹️

Good fun was had by all with Irene winning for the ladies and Paul for the men. THEN

They had to play off for champion and it was a very close game of which Paul won, mind you his heart rate went up to 102. He was very pleased with his medal, which he wore for the rest of the weekend. Great activity from John & Helen. Thank you.



At 'Happy Hour' Birthdays were celebrated, with a cake each, for Elaine, Ron and Yvonne. Also Helen R and Diana who were absent. "Happy Birthday" to you all.



"Happy Anniversary" to Beverley & Keith who were also absent.

The Raffle Prize, donated by Yvonne & Noel, was drawn out by Irene and won by Paul & Vickie
Congratulations!

7pm it was Rod & Gayle's turn with **Cleudo** first.

There were 5 teams & each team had to work out who murdered who, with what, and why!

Who knows what 'Brave Bev' did, but she was the favourite person to be murdered.

Great game. **Team 2 won both games.**

Next it was **Mastermind.**

This game was all about colours, a lot of discussion went on in this game. A lot of fun with ORGY to finish!!

Winners were:

Game 1 = Team 1 : Game 2 = Team 5 : Game 3 = Team 1

Thanks Rod & Gayle

Doreen & Dave



What a determined look on Irene (Runner-up)



And Paul will not be out-shone with his winning shot



Winner – Paul & Runner-up, Irene receiving their prizes from Horseshoe Throwing Competition organizers, John & Helen.

Night-time activity, organized by Gayle & Rod.

Winning team of 2 Cludeo games – Rae, Yvonne, Noel, Dave, Andy and Di



Winning team of Mastermind Games 1 & 3
Doreen, Dave, Mick, Irene, Caroline & Ted



Winning team of game 2
Elaine, Lyle, Colin, Eric & Bev



ROVING REPORT

Wednesday. Five vans arrived today and set up on the top level at the Showgrounds. After Happy Hour the ten of us were able to get a Curtesy bus to take us to Brothers League Club where we all enjoyed our meals. One person (who I won't name) came back with a plate of ice-cream with caramel topping and that was enough for some others to follow suit. There were a few of us who passed on the ice-cream.

Thursday. Some members went driving and we had another five vans turn up. After Happy Hour we'd all gone in to have dinner when we heard the sound of fireworks. So we all went out to see a wonderful display as the sky lit up with all colours. After the excitement and dinner was over we sat outside for our supper until it got a bit cool.

Friday. Another five vans arrived throughout the day. We had a very small craft day this rally, one of the ladies went out, forgetting it was craft morning so we told her she had to bring her note. (*and she did!*)

Tonight most of us went back to Brothers League Club for dinner in two curtesy buses. There was a concert on at the Showgrounds and Di and myself went over for an hour and watched The Bluegrass music of The Hillbilly Goats. We both enjoyed what we saw and came away with two brochures about cruises with the Country Stars

We had four day visitors on Saturday. They were - Lorraine, John & Vicki and Secretary, Enda.

At Happy Hour, Les presented Ron & Chris with their **'50 Rallies' Certificate ... Well done** you two!

Saturday. Over to Doreen for her 'Activity Report'.

Sunday. I think most of us walked down to the Markets held in the lower section of the Showgrounds. Lyle and I went to the Doll & Teddy Bear show which we enjoyed, while others went driving or packed up to go home. This afternoon we had a bit of rain, for the first time with heavy rain during the night.

Monday. The end of another great rally and by midday there were only 5 vans staying on for an extra couple of days. It was a wet miserable day, but at least we had lovely warm days for the rally and the nights were not as cold as we were expecting.

flaine



Les presenting Chris & Ron with their
'50 RALLIES' Certificate ... WELL DONE!



Now, what shall we have for dinner ???



**DINNER ON FRIDAY NIGHT AT
BROTHER'S LEAGUES CLUB**



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Not far to travel to the rally this month with plenty of action at Ipswich Showgrounds. A few members 'went to the dogs', well, looked over the fence at the greyhounds racing. There was entertainment on Friday night. There was also a good market on Sunday morning and of course plenty of shops handy. We did well with the weather with only a light shower scattering us after Rod and Gayle's mind testing activity on Saturday night. Everyone enjoyed the horseshoe throwing with two of the ladies managing to get maximum points. The overall winner seemed pleased with himself with rumours going around he wore the medal to bed! Thank you to the activity organisers John & Helen and Rod & Gayle.

As I mentioned last month it would be good to get a few more members, so if you know of people who may be interested in joining then invite them to come along to a rally and see how much fun we have.

I hope to see you at Rathdowney in May.

Cheers

Les

RAFFLE ROSTER (prize value \$20.00+ tickets)

May ... Dave & Doreen
 June ... Ron & Chris
 July ... Rob & Di

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, Enda.

ACTIVITIES ROSTER

May ... Warren & Elaine / Noel & Yvonne
 June ... John & Vicki / Keith & Beverley
 July ... Ted & Carolyn / Bernie

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



BIRTHDAYS

7th Debbie S
 15th Lyle



ANNIVERSARIES

7th Andy & Dave

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

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

The **Ipswich Show grounds Showground** from its position on the high ground has one of the more sweeping vistas looking both northwards to the Brisbane TV towers and south to the border ranges with a variety of choices in attractions, just a short trip away for members. *Thank You Eric.*

I was re-introduced to the charms of horse-shoe throwing which I last did (once) in Laidley in the Spring of 1967. neither occasion has proved to be good for the ego. – nevertheless, thank you to the activities organisers.

I have to apologise for the Brackens' short attendance at Ipswich, as we had to look after a cousin who had come out of an operation, was staying with us and required 2-person handling.

RALLY ATTENDANCE TOTALS TO DATE

These Figures Are Derived From The Sign-On Book Which I Bring Home On Mondays.

Given Names	Total Rallies
Enda & Linda	15
Les & Bernie	67
David & Doreen	36
Eric & Bev	86
Mick & Faye	12
Gay	12
Rod & Gayle	16
Paul & Vickie	18
David & Andrea	37
Ken & Kim	8
Allan & Debbie	29
Rob & Diane	41
John & Helen	49
Mick & Irene	22
Mark & Diana	13
George & Maryanne	18
John & Vicki	49
Brian & Loretta	8
Rick & Helen	16
Collin & Lyle	23
David & Debbie	30
Warren & Elaine	42
Ron & Chris	51
<i>Keith & Beverley</i>	7
Alan & Lorraine	46
Noel & Yvonne	7
Jim & Rae	79
Ted & Carolyn	6

Congratulations to Chris and Ron upon receiving the **50th Rally Certificate** at the Ipswich rally.

Sadly, I left the *badges* near my keyboard just before I was about to leave for Ipswich because I was side-tracked looking after our patient with a deeply personal activity. I will give them to Chris and Ron this week.

The practice I have adopted is to present *50th Rally Certificates* on the rally **after** the 50th rally. This is because the certificates are, of course, pre-printed with the start and end date (in the case of Chris and Ron - *April 2005 – March 2015*). It was possible that the certificate could have been ready for them in *March* (their 50th) - and through some crisis/festive occasion, they may not have shown up in March - making it necessary to **reprint** with a new date.

This way the 50th Rally month dates are in stone and the certificate needs to be printed with the accurate dates only **once**. (The certificate is laminated at the local Post Office. It has to be left there for a couple of hours until they get time to do it.)

There are **two** member vans whose **50th** is only **one** rally away - and whose **certificates** are **two** rallies away.

April 2015 Shopper Dockets (into Ipswich's Economy)

Thank you to those PCCI Members who attempt to split their spending into categories. It enables an accurate reflection of the benefit we bring to a community and is a powerful argument to convince Local Authorities to put more Grey Nomad Facilities into their areas.

Thank You To Elaine for holding on to the **Shopper Dockets Bin** past Mondays a.m. and to **Bev** for adding them up for Ipswich. The Brackens will **never** be able to stay past Monday mornings (and in some case Sundays) because of obligations to other organisations.

The PCCI-ers **continue** to spend after we have left, so the thoughtfulness of these lovely members is appreciated

The totals are:-

SITE FEES (Showgrounds)	\$1,280.00
MEALS etc Dining Out	\$1,048.00
OTHER (General Expend)	\$1,680.00
MAJOR SPENDING >\$200	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$4008.00

Caravanning Publications

This club receives only 10-12 copies of publications. When I get them, I will leave them out at the rally and members are asked to pass them on to other members when they are finished with them (they came to my address this time - - hooray!)

Cheers,
Enda

*  **Dog Friendly**

2015 CALENDAR

MAY - 

Rathdowney
Showgrounds
Ph: 07- 5544 1195

JUNE - 

Samford Scout Camp
Ph: 07 – 3289 2599

JULY - 

Dayboro Showgrounds
Ph: 07- 34251137

AUGUST - 

Laidley Show G'rds
Ph: 07 - 54651284

SEPTEMBER - 

Kingaroy Show G'rds
Ph: 1300 0733901

STATE RALLY – 
Stanthorpe - 

OCTOBER - 

Kalbar Showgrounds
Ph: 07-54646769

NOVEMBER - 

Lake Dyer C'van Park
Ph: 07 - 54653698

DECEMBER –

No Rally
Xmas Lunch

JANUARY 2016 – 

Picnic-in-the-Park

FEBRUARY 2016 –

TBA

MARCH 2016 –

TBA

APRIL 2016 –

TBA

MAY 2016 –

TBA

THANK YOU

I would like to thank all members who donated to my door knock appeal for the Children's Hospital. I appreciate your support and I know the hospital will appreciate it as well. Once again, a **BIG thank you**.

Cheers

BEV



Good
friends
make
bad days
a little
more
bearable.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Another good rally was enjoyed by all who went to Ipswich. Plenty of exercise going to the toots, unless you were lazy like me and drove up and down the hill. The raffle supplied by Noel & Yvonne, raised \$89.00 and was won by Paul and Vickie. Once again thank you all for your support.

Rae

Yvonne, Paul, Vickie & Noel

Paul & Vickie with their prize



Yes, we see your medal, Paul!



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.

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Our Club took over 'The Heights' at the Ipswich Showgrounds

Practicing for the Horseshoe Throwing Competition



Friday's Happy Hour on the lush green grass



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RALLY CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

Hi all,

I hope everyone enjoyed being in Ipswich heights. Most of you had left before the cold winds came, which is an indication as to what winter may be like. I hope I was helpful in getting your exercise by walking up the hill to the amenities ... just looking after your health and you keeping fit. Our next rally is to Rathdowney. For all who are interested in the meal cooked by the Bowls Club on the Friday night, I will be in touch with them and then I can advise you all regarding cost. I will be sending the sheet out on the 2nd May and can you please advise me if you are or are not coming by 9th May. Also can you also please advise if you will be coming to the dinner, as I will need to know the numbers when I book it. It is not worth them doing it if we do not have the numbers. Can you let me know as soon as you read the newsletter then I can book the dinner. Hope to see all there and remember to bring your "woollies"

Sheriff Eric

This has nothing to do with Eric's report (our Rally Coordinator) I just needed a space to insert it.



These 2 items I saw on the internet and thought some members may be interested in checking them out.

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R – Space-saving Telescopic ladder – good for caravans.



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GOSSIP LINE

- Who got a 'hot flush' when they saw a member in a flannelette shirt?
- Who was going to eat his ice-cream with a fork?
- Who could FINALLY make a cup of tea now the stunned bird she was caring for flew away?
- Who couldn't do the 'Mastermind' game because he is coloured blind?
- Who were the 2 (man & lady) who slipped onto their butts going down the hill to the loos?
- Who went AWOL just before Happy Hour & had a search party out looking for him?

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