

Newsletter August 2006

Hi Folks.

I am pleased to once again be reporting on another successful Rally at Dicky's Beach. There were a few problems caused by the office staff, but they only added to the success of the Rally, when the members were able to rise above the problems. Ken was the most disadvantaged in that he actually had to move his site twice, but with help from the members, the second move was carried out without too much trouble.

The park itself was very nice, even if the sites were a bit squeezy and uneven, but being such a great bunch of people everyone ignored the problems and got on with the job of having a great time.

We had 17 vans in attendance, with the early arrivals turning up on Thursday, and most of the remainder arriving on Friday and our Captain arriving on Saturday morning.

Happy Hour on Thursday and Friday nights was spent at the Camp Kitchen, catching up with friends. Some retired to their vans for dinner while the rest of stayed cooking and eating our meals, and of course socialising a bit longer.

On Saturday afternoon, the Committee Meeting was held, with all members invited, it was pleasing to see all members attend the meeting, and their input is welcomed by the committee.

The raffle supplied by Daryl and Sue was drawn at the meeting and was won by Peter and June Crowe.

After the meeting we again met at the Camp Kitchen for Happy Hour, followed by dinner and then the evening's entertainment. While we were waiting for everyone to arrive for the evening's fun and frivolity, some very lucky people were entertained by some very good Pole Dancing, (no it wasn't Jim). It may be possible that our Pole Dancer will be available to give lessons at future rallies.

Once all had arrived at 7.00 President Kevin and Secretary Bev inducted Colin & Joan Chadwick and Mary Huxley into the club and presented them with their Membership packages. Welcome to the club.

Bernie ably assisted by Les then came into her own. Birthdays were celebrated, and the Bridal Waltz was danced by those celebrating anniversaries.

This was followed by a very well organized Trivia Quiz on travel. This was eventually won by the Road Runners. During the questions there was a lot of frivolity and heckling, and much advice of the wrong sort was offered, but of course this was ignored.

A special note to those certain people, there is no town with the name of Johnstone anywhere in Australia. (I checked in the Post Code list).

Congratulations to the winners, their chocky frogs didn't last very long.

At least 1 other park visitor enjoyed our fun, she managed to answer questions on her way to the toot. Les did reward her with a lolly.

On behalf of the members present I extend congratulations to Bernie and Les for a terrific night's entertainment, we all enjoyed ourselves and managed to learn a bit more about this great country of ours.

After the night's entertainment was over, some of us stayed a bit longer for a little more Happy Hour before retiring for the night.

Sunday morning saw the start of the exodus. The stayers joined Kevin and Kerry for Happy Hour at the Millard. There were some very interesting conversations and discussions, with much laughter. We then adjourned to the camp kitchen for dinner where the fun and laughter continued.

Monday saw the exodus continue, with only a couple of vans staying longer.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIIP FEES

The annual fees of \$40.00 per van are now due.

For those in attendance, Rae will be collecting fees at Mudjimba, on Sunday 17th September at 9.00 am. Fees may be paid in October at Bongaree, time and place to be advised.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi Everyone,

I know that there are some confused members out there who are wondering why we hold committee meetings that include all the members, even though general members do not have any voting rights. The simple answer is that it cuts down the total meeting time for the rally. As you may remember in past times the committee has had its meeting and then we have called a general members information meeting where I advised all that attended what the committee had decided, on your behalf. By including all of you into the committee meeting you get to participate and give your opinions and hear what we decide. So no second meeting! Presently the committee meets every second rally and in the new year the committee may try one meeting every three rallies. Lastly, you do not have to attend these meetings if you do not want to, it is completely voluntary.

See you all at Mudjimba. Kevin.

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

I will be emailing you all with a nomination form for the A.G.M. within the next few days and I would like all to give serious thought as to the make-up of the new committee, the nomination form needs to be signed and back to me no later than the last week in October.

Also, if you can not attend when it is your turn for the raffle please contact the next person on the raffle roster list or contact me to make alternate arrangements.

RALLY CO-ORDINATORS REPORT

Well once again we had a very successful rally with 17 members in attendance. From the survey results for Dicky Beach the response was that the park was nice and the amenities very good. The bad side was the sites unlevel in some cases very unlevel and the management seemed to have a fair bit of trouble in where to place people and this resulted in musical vans, mine being one on more than one occasion. I would like to thank all those wonderful members who helped me relocate as if ti wasn't for you Julie and I would have packed up and moved on. MANY THANKS ONE AND ALL.

Our next rally will be held at Mudjimba on the Sunshine Coast on the 15th, 16th and 17th of September. Sorry NO DOGS. The address is Cottonwood St. Mudjimba **4564** Phone 54487157

Web site:

http://www.maroochypark.qld.gov.au/features2.html

I know from the great response that we will have almost a full turnout for this rally and I would like to thank you all for making my job so much easier and so rewarding.

So for those who will be joining us have a safe trip up and we will see you there and for the rest we are all hoping to see you in October at Bongaree on beautiful; Bribie Island on the 20th, 21st and 22nd of October. I would ask that all members thinking of attending in October could you please let me know A.S.A.P., by email or phone this will greatly help me with numbers when I confirm with numbers on 14th September. I will also need arrival and departure dates.

DON'T FORGET this will be a VERY special rally as it will be 12 months ago, yes that's right, 12 months that we had our very first rally together, so with this in mind I am hoping for a 100% turnout, lets see how close we can get on this memorable occasion. Once again I am sorry but NO DOGS allowed here either, BUT I promise November will be different. See you all very soon

Ken

SICK PARADE

Merv Groves and Sue Devenny have had their operations and both are now on the road to recovery. Get well soon folks. Our thoughts are with you both, and we will see you at a rally soon.

HAT & COAT RAFFLES

A reminder to all members that, the Hat and Coat raffles are continuing. These raffles will be drawn at the A.G.M. You still have time to buy your tickets, which are available at each rally. The **Coat tickets are \$10.00** each and you can buy tickets in the **Hat for \$5.00** each. Come and see me, I will sell you as many tickets as you would like.

Rae's Ramble

The quickest way to double your money is to fold it in half and put it in your pocket.

BIRTHDAY'S in SEPTEMBER

Nancy Giles 9th
Bev Byng 23rd
Lesley Day 30th

RAFFLE ROSTER SEPTEMBER

Jim and Rae Williamson

OCTOBER RALLY

20^{TH,} 21ST and 22ND October Bongaree **4507** (Bribie Island) Ph 3408 1054

This will be our 1st birthday, so be prepared for some fun and games.

A quandary.

Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are flat?

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A message to all members, If you have any news, information or tips that you would like to see in the newsletter, contact me and I will see if it can be included.

Signing off now, see you all at Mudjimba Post code **4564**.

Rae