

# Peninsula caravan clubing.

# NEWSLETTER - AUGUST 2015

<u>Next Month's Rally</u> – Kingaroy Show Grounds Youngman St, **KINGAROY 4610** Wednesday 16th – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September







Vineyards

Peanut Silos

The Peanut Van



THINGS TO DO AND SEE: Heritage Museum / Wineries Art Gallery – Local Arts & Crafts Mt. Wooroolin Lookout SITE FEES: \$25 /v/n







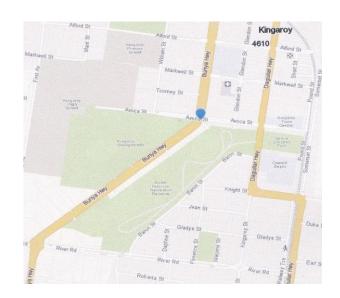
## DIRECTIONS:

Head northwest on **D'Aguilar** H'wy/17 Continue to follow D'Aguilar H'wy Turn **left** onto D'Aguilar H'wy /96 (D'Aguilar H'way/Kingaroy) Continue to follow D'Aguilar H'wy/96

LEFT into Avoca Street

Arrive at Destination: Youngman St

Showground, Kingaroy QLD 4610



#### <u>POST CODE – 4610</u> EMERGENCY DETAILS -FIRE OR MEDICAL

To seek urgent help, continual quick short blasts of a <u>whistle or car horn</u> (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



This was a very successful rally at *Laidley Showgrounds* with a huge space for meetings and lovely grassed areas with a view of hills. The Activities were all engaging with the **Disc Bowls** (*Gay* and *Linda* and almost every male organised this), though cut to 3 ends, still lasted 2 hours with Club members playing mind games with each other. The **Members' Trivia Quiz** - about the life histories of PCCI members - was an absolute revelation - perhaps long overdue. We had no idea what interesting lives people have led! The **Dinner at Eagle Rock Cafe** (great decor) led to good meals (supervised by **Paul** - he hardly sat down) then a **Karaoke** session where quite a few members "took up their beds and walked' to bop along on the dance floor.

**Paul and Vickie** supervised this event, despite the fact **Vickie** was so unwell and they had to rush up on a Saturday morning - and then drive back that night, once all the meals were finished. Thank you!

## Notice - Safety Talks At November Rally at Lake Dyer (Activities People Please Note Time)

The Committee has arranged for: Ron Chapman from Caravanning Queensland to give a talk on:-

<b>3:00pm, Saturday 14th</b> Ron has asked for P.C.C.I. Members to give him a List	<b>Example 7 Safety Tips</b> <b>November</b> at the <b>Lake Dyer Rally</b> Of Topics in this area they would like him to address. <b>President Les</b> <b>Laidley August 2015 Rally</b> and obtained these topics:-
<ol> <li>Metal Fatigue</li> <li>Tyre Pressure - under different conditions</li> <li>Wheel Bearings And Suspension</li> <li>Gas Certificates</li> <li>Electrical Safety         <ul> <li>Joining Electrical Leads</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Ball Weights - the maximum allowable weight to be placed on the tow ball</li> <li>Weight Of Van (G.M.V.) - maximum allowable total mass of a fully loaded motor vehicle, including the tare mass (mass of the vehicle) plus the load (including passengers)</li> <li>Age Of Tyres With Different Usage Histories</li> </ol>

This is my **last report** as **Secretary** for the newsletter before the Brackens go off to Victoria, or before our resignation (whichever comes first - our plans are in disarray). **Deepest Thanks** to **Bev** and **Elaine** who have agreed to be **Acting Secretary** for the months of **September** and **October** respectively.

## **Options For <u>New Secretary</u> - <u>Weekender</u> Compared to <u>Week-Longer</u>**

I have been canvassing P.C.C.I. members for a candidate to take on the role of Secretary.

- Up until Enda Bracken, the Secretaries have been *Week-Long Rally* Secretaries
- The only positive response has been from a *Weekender* member:- i.e. one that has a job during the week:-One that arrives at a rally on **Friday p.m.** (if lucky) or Saturday a.m. and is gone by Sunday p.m.
- This person will have to, during the week, fit the Secretary duties into whatever gaps the workplace allows
- This person will <u>not</u>, like *Week-Longers* be at the rallies for 5-7 *days* where experienced members can casually and gently remind that person of things that need to be done. Everything will be compressed.
- I have just finished a 2nd Draft of a now <u>40-page</u> Secretary's Handbook that has step-by-step instructions & is heavily illustrated with computer screenshots. But It Will Never be Enough! It Can't Be! Things Change.
- I have made it clear to the Executive that a *Weekend Secretary* should be <u>relieved of some jobs</u> (Shopper Dockets; Raffle Rosters) so that the Secretary can actually *enjoy the rallies*.
   People have *already* offered. **Bev** and **Elaine** have offered unstinting support. Two people have offered to take on the
- Shopper Dockets and email them to the Secretary so that the figures can be reported to the C.C.Q.
- A Member has offered to become "Apprentice Secretary" to "look over the shoulder" of the New Secretary.
- This is **wonderful** but the **General Club Membership** will also have to take a hand to ease things by:-
  - Filling In the Attendance Book <u>both</u> partners names; <u>both</u> signatures it is a <u>legal document</u> that protects you <u>both</u> if you both record both entries at Rallies and Picnic In The Park
  - **Fill in the Shopper Docket forms** or write them in their categories on paper to help the person who has to add them (2 lovely volunteers)
- If all members can do this, it will be so much appreciated. The Secretary at a rally cannot be a *walking office* or *pack-horse*. Members need be accepting of the possibility that what they may ask for something and *it will not be immediately available* and that they will have to later *email* this very busy Secretary asking for the item and when time allows, it will be *emailed* to them.

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Given Names	Enda & Linda	Les & Bernie	David & Doreen	Eric & Bev	Mick & Faye	Gay	Rod & Gayle	Paul & Vickie	David & Andrea	Ken & Kim	Allan & Debbie	Rob & Diane	John & Helen	Mick & Irene	Mark & Diana	George & Maryanne	John & Vicki	Brian & Loretta	Rick & Helen	Colin & Lyle	David & Debbie	Warren & Elaine	Ron & Chris	Keith & Beverley	Alan & Lorraine	Noel & Yvonne	Jim & Rae	Ted & Carolyn
Total Rallies	Who Cares?	71	38	06	14	15	19	21	38	12	29	43	52	23	16	21	51	12	17	27	33	46	55	8	46	10	83	8

#### These Figures Are Derived From The Sign-On Book Which Was Brought Home On Tuesday By Bev

## August 2015 Shopper Dockets (into Laidley's Economy)

Thank you to those P.C.C.I. Members who record their Expenditures.

Thank You To *Bev* for holding on to the Shopper Dockets Bin past Monday's a.m., and then sorting their categories - and adding them up!

The totals are:-.

SITE FEES (Showgrounds & Hall Hire)	\$ 1304.00
MEALS etc Dining Out	\$ 950.25
OTHER (General Expend)	\$ 1146.56
MAJOR SPENDING >\$200	\$
TOTAL	\$ 3400.81

Cheers Enda



WOW! And after 50+ years of 'Married Bliss' Rae & Jim still had happy smiles and twinkles in their eyes for each other, while they danced to everyone's favourite Romantic song ...... "Can't Take My Eyes Off You"



Gay & Linda presented Bernie with a Lovely Birthday Candle in a jar. "HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BERNIE"



1<sup>st</sup> time VISITORS: Trevor & Yvonne

# ACTIVITIES FOR September

Organizers: Helen & Rick / Lyle



3:00pm - Afternoon Games

6:00pm - Shared Casserole & Dessert Meal

7:30pm - Quiz





#### <u>CTIVITY REPORT</u>

The afternoon activity of Disc Bowls was conducted under blue skies by Gay & Linda with assistance from Enda, Les and Paul.

It was ladies choice to pick a male partners name from the hat. Round one eliminated players, leaving four couples to battle it out in the semi-final. It turned out to be a very challenging final for Kim & Colin and Loretta & Rick. Not to mention the occasional foot fault and unusual throwing technic by some. Congratulations to Kim & Colin for being the overall winners and thank you to Gay & Linda for this enjoyable and favourite activity. Happy Hour followed where Paul revealed some well kept secrets from our members past... Thank you Paul for some surprising revelations. Dinner and entertainment at the Hard Rock Cafe was a big hit, everyone enjoyed the excellent food, service and entertainment. This is a remarkable cafe for a small town which has been flooded twice. Everyone participated in the singing and dancing and Les had a taste of singing country (with a little persuasion) and will probably be a Karaoke regular from now on. A big thank you to Paul & Vickie for organizing this activity as your attention to detail assured the evening ran smoothly.

The raffle was won by George & Maryanne. Happy Birthday to Bernie and Happy Anniversary to Jim & Rae.

#### Cheers Debbie & Dave



So, which colour won? Photo finish to decide





Gay & Linda presented Kim & Colin with their winners' prize



Bernie ask Visitor, Yvonne, to draw the raffle

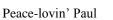


Members dancing up a storm



Line-dancing Queen, Carolyn, teaching the men to step it.





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'The King' put in an appearance



Bernie and Les, with Rose-coloured glasses



Resting on the Coke Cola stools were Mark & Dianna and Bernie & Les



May I

take your



Woman in Red, Gayle



Night Activity Organizers -Paul & Vickie



Don't just sit there, get up & dance, Man!

#### **NOVEMBER ACTIVITY at Lake Dyer.**

Could all members supply a toddler photo of themselves in a sealed envelope with their name on a piece of paper in the same envelope. This is going to be a guessing game.

Feel free to dress up or dress down in Xmas colours if you wish, for a games afternoon from 1pm till 3pm.

Photos can be given to Loretta or Brian at either of the next rallies or at Lake Dyer before Saturday.

Thanks Loretta and Brian.



To Faye & Mick (absent) A little birdie told me you had a better offer!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ALLAN H, Travelling around this wonderful country of ours. Keep enjoying your travels with Deb

Loretta & Brian



Les was the only member game enough to try Karaoke

TO THOSE WHO ARE THINKING ABOUT GOING TO THE NATIONAL RALLY IN CANBERRA IN 2016 -----

IT'S ONLY ONE YEAR AWAY

To all our members travelling overseas and around Oz, Drive safely, have a wonderful time and keep safe and well And show us all your photos when you come home.

To our friends who are not in the best of health – We wish you all well and that you are back caravanning with us soon. Best Wishes to you all.



# Peninsula Caravan Club Inc Annual General Meeting 2015

# **Change Of Time**

We have had a Request from **The Activities** people **Scheduled** for the **October** Rally at **Kalbar**. They indicate that it would be better for the **membership** to hold the **Activities at 3:00pm**. And Could We Change The Time of the **A.G.M.** to **1:30pm** ?

**NEW Annual General Meeting Arrangements** 

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2015,

1:30pm

*Kalbar Rally* at *Kalbar Showgrounds* Normal Agenda and Election of Office-Bearers

#### **ROVING REPORT**

**Wednesday:** Deputy Marshalls Col & Lyle finally arrived after initially going to the wrong venue. They arrived to find 1<sup>st</sup> time visitors, Yvonne & Trevor already setup and having a lovely nap whilst waiting for others to arrive. Ron & Chris, and Loretta & Brian were next to setup. We arrivals had only just put up our awnings when dark and ominous clouds appeared. You could hear the roar of the wind in the trees ---- awnings were promptly put down, windows closed, etc, for the storm which passed over in the blink of an eye. All awnings were left in as the wind continued to blast our vans, however by night it was pleasantly cool. Four vans cosied up for the first night.

**Thursday:** Saw the arrival of 7 more vans and stunning sunny blue skies – what a wonder to behold for an August day. We stripped to short sleeved shirts and/or tops. Most of us either walked to town or took a drive and at 4pm all gathered for a very extended and enjoyable Happy Hour in a 5 star shed. Rod was delighted to purchase bargain firewood from a travelling salesman only to discover that Rick & Helen had supplied 3 bags of wood from their property for the weekend. However with a very chilly 2 degree night any firewood was appreciated. Some of us so cold we didn't even venture from our vans during the night.

**Friday:** One by one we slowly emerged from our warm, heated vans (just a tad toooo chilly for us) to another beautiful sunny 24 degree day. A further 8 vans arrived with Les & Bernie being the last arrivals at nightfall. Once again some went for a drive whilst others strolled/drove to town for the Friday morning markets. At 2pm a few of the ladies ventured to the '5 star shed' for an afternoon of craft, while Colin & Dave S played Backgammon and of course Happy Hour was another fun hour or 2. Colin welcomed visitors Yvonne and Trevor to the club. As another chilly night descended some of us opted to stay in the warmth of our heated vans, whilst others sat before Rod's impressive fire whilst yet again others decided the '5 star shed' was a warmer option than the fire. You got it – another 2 degree night.

**Saturday:** Another slow start as many of us feared facing the frosty morning but once we emerged (again to a magnificent 24 degree day), many of us gathered for a combined morning tea where our aspiring chefs shared their culinary arts with yummy offerings. Again some of us strolled to town, some of us had visitors, whilst others took a drive to take in

surrounding areas. Our last couple to arrive were Paul & Vickie who had decided on just a day visit. Our first activity began at 2pm so, on that note, I will finish my report for Saturday and leave the rest to the Activity Reporter.

**Sunday:** Fortunately the night was a lot milder so quite a few of us ventured out of our vans earlier (well, at least those who did not need to recover from Saturday's night fun). Vans began to disperse at an alarming rate which left us with only 12 vans.

Cheers Yvonne (& Noel)

**Sunday Continued:** As Yvonne & Noel had to go home, I have taken over her report. Another beautiful day with a few clouds coming & going. After dinner it was back to the 5 star shed where 2 games of cards were played. Dave & Doreen and Dave & Debbie at one table and at our table, Les helped Yvonne R with a game of 'May I' (1<sup>st</sup> time for them both).... They couldn't quite grasp the concept of the game which was good for me as I won hands down, with Colin coming a close 2<sup>nd,</sup> with Gay coming 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Monday:** We awoke to heavy fog which lifted very quickly to a lovely day. Unfortunately, after a lovely morning tea of more home baked goodies .... Loretta baking her yummy Anzac Biscuits in their van, we had to set off for home, leaving only 4 vans to carry on. *Editor* 



Magnificent blue sky, but cold nights so not many went to Rod's fire this time, probably because of the smoke LOL





#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We were a little late this month arriving in the dark on Friday evening. However it was a warm welcome around the fire and in the impressive hall at Laidley. Thanks to Col and Ken who helped us set up in the dark. Welcome to our visitors Trevor and Yvonne. We hope that you enjoyed the rally and will come back again. A great afternoon playing disc bowls and a fantastic evening at the Eagle Rock Café. Fantastic to see everyone up dancing. Thanks to our activity organisers, Gay,Linda, Paul & Vickie.

A big thank you to Enda for his work as Secretary for the past year. He has put a lot of effort into getting into the role and also making it easier for the next person to take on the task. He has bought his experience in dealing with difficult issues and his level head to the committee, both of which have been of great value. And of course his sharp wit lightens up any meeting. We are sorry that you and Linda will be leaving the club, you will be missed. We wish you all the best for the future.

As I mentioned at the rally we are looking for nominations for committee positions that become vacant at the AGM. Actually, all committee positions become vacant at the AGM so we need nominations for them all. As the current President and Secretary will not be continuing on committee next year we need nominations from different members for at least these two positions. In addition there is a need for assistants for the committee members to help when necessary and to fill in when the committee member is away. It was good to see the visitors at our committee meeting at Laidley, finding out how the committee works and how they might be able to help the running of our club. You can obtain nomination forms from Enda and the forms must be back with Bev, who will be filling in for Enda, by Saturday 19th September.

We will begin our travels early next week. We hope that you all stay happy and healthy until we see you in December.

Cheers

Les

#### **<u>RAFFLE ROSTER</u>** (prize value \$20.00+ tickets)

SEPT ... Carolyn & Ted OCT ... Debbie & Dave NOV ... Andy & Dave

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**

SEPT... Rick & Helen / Lyle OCT ... Ken & Kim / Di & Rob NOV ... Loretta & Brian / Irene & Mick

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







SEPTEMBER - W Kingaroy Show G'rds Ph: 1300 0733901

STATE RALLY – 🖗 Stanthorpe - 🖗

**OCTOBER -** W Kalbar Showgrounds Ph: 07-5464 6769

**NOVEMBER -** ¥ Lake Dyer C'van Park Ph: 07 – 5465 3698

DECEMBER – No Rally Xmas Lunch

JANUARY <u>2016</u> – **W** Picnic-in-the-Park

**FEBRUARY -** Ferry Reserve C'v Park Ph: 02 – 6685 1872

MARCH - Kenilworth Show G'rd Ph: 07 – 5446 0131

APRIL - Fernvale Sports G'rd Ph: 07 – 5427 0206

**MAY** - Allawah Scout Camp Ph: 07 – 3202 1431

**JUNE** - **W** Gympie Show G'rds Ph: 07 – 5482 9537

JULY - Woodford Show G'ds Ph: 0437 390 862

AUGUST - Six Mile Creek Country Retreat Ph: 07 – 4630 3351

SEPTEMBER - Boonah Show G'ds Ph: 07 5463 4080 NATIONAL RALLY CANBERRA



TREASURER'S REPORT

A fantastic weekend, Saturday Night was a lot of fun enjoyed by all who went out for Dinner.

The Raffle supplied by Les and Bernie raised \$88.00 and was won by Maryanne and George. Thank you to all for your support once again. *Rae* 



Maryanne & George won the Raffle Prize

#### **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)



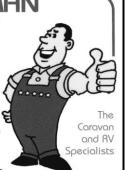
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#### **CLUB SHOP**

MENS SHIRTS SIZES	\$ 33.00 each
WOMENS SHIRTS SIZE	\$33.00 each
JACKETS	\$35.50 each
SLEEVELESS SHIRT	<mark>\$25.00 each</mark>
CAPS	\$18.00 each
CLUB STICKERS	\$ 5.00 each
FLAGS	\$17.00 each
VAN FLAG HOLDERS	\$ 5.00 each
T/BAR HITCH HANDLES	\$10.00 each
TENT PEG PULLERS	\$ 5.00 each



GOSSIP LINE

Who was heading to Beaudesert instead of Toowoomba to get to Laidley? Who told her hubby he didn't fill the gas bottle but found SHE didn't know how to use the stove? Who is the lady who asked where do you get milk from? Who was it who got Cranky when hitching up their Van to leave? Who was dancing with a Coke Cola Chair at the end of the night ..... so so sad !!!! Who thinks his eggs will fly out of the pan if he takes his eyes off them while they Cook? How many does it take to lose a game of Cards? How many people were in the Viscount Van trying to tune a TV? Who had dangly bits hanging from their TV?





#### **RALLY CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT**

First of all I would like to thank you all for the warm welcome to us both when we turned up at Laidley, from the U.S. Wasn't Laidley showgrounds and their facilities fantastic? I would like to thank Les for doing the sheet as part of my job and secondly I would like to thank Colin, our V.P., as deputy sheriff and his side kick, Brian, in parking your vans. I think I might have to watch my position as your Sheriff as we may have a couple of contenders here, as I got the feeling they loved the feel of the power!

Now for more serious business for our next rally to Kingaroy there is no gazebos required as we have the use of a hall, the cost is \$25.00 per night which includes the cost of the hall. Next thing is, those who are going to the State Rally, from Kingaroy, I will be leaving on Sunday and driving to Allora which is this side of Warwick and staying at the showgrounds overnight. It is \$15.00 per night and will make it a short run to Stanthorpe next morning. So if you wish to join me, please let me know then we can hopefully be near one another at the State Rally. If you are not going to Kingaroy and going to the State Rally then we will wait for you until 10.00a.m. on the Monday. If something happens and you are running late please phone me on my mobile 0421274206 and we will have a great State Rally, and remember it still could be cold. Stay well and see you then

Cheers Sheriff Eric

 SHERIFF ERIC ALWAYS GIVES US EXTRA ACTIVITIES TO WATCH (even farmyard animals to see)

 Saturday's
 Gymkhana
 Roosters and a Resident Pig













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