

# Newsletter 12/05

#### Presidents comment.....

Well hello everyone, another year has flown by and we all, no doubt look forward to whatever the New Year brings, (well after we get over Christmas). This time round I find myself looking forward to the upcoming year with just a little more eagerness. Yes, I look forward to the restart of our club rallies with the happy "hello watchyabeendoin" calls and the further exposure of members hidden talents. NO Ken this does not mean that you can book us into Nimbin nudist camp! How does the President know its there I hear you ask.....I read about it once....many years ago.....honest! Oop's look at the time!

I have asked Keith to attach a draft leaflet that I compiled as I think that we should have something to hand out to prospective members. Please have a read and give me feed back. See you in the New Year, Kevin.

# ESK RALLY:

It's hard to think of anything this time of year. The holidays, the sun, the beach, the singing syrup, the odd Bollinger or two, the mindless consumption of food & what present are under the tree with ones' name on them are all that matters. So to contemplate something as serious as writing a newsletter is nigh on impossible.

Esk Caravan Park, 4312, was an absolute delight set amongst shady trees, a swimming pool & a well appointed camp kitchen with undercover BBQ area.

At dusk on Friday the Christmas lights on members vans came on which added a festive touch to the weekend. After dinner on Friday night, a casual get together in the BBQ area led to a hilarious game of charades, so a big thank you to Lesley & Nancy who came up with the idea.

Pre-dinner nibblies, provided by your management team were enjoyed between drinks late on Saturday afternoon before we all hotfooted it to the Esk 4312 RSL Sub-branch for our sumptuous Christmas Dinner. In keeping with the Christmas in November theme all members were decked out in Chrissie T shirts through to flashing earrings, Santa Hats & even reindeer antlers. Your scribe felt as though he had the whole damn reindeer on his head. On our arrival back at the said covered eating area, a salubrious array of desserts to seduce the most rigid dieter was laid out on the tables. A big thank you to all the ladies who took the time to prepare these dishes.

Santa (Denis) Claus took time out from his busy schedule to drop in for a few minutes. An unusual game of Pass the Parcel (for want of a better name) organised by Kathy & Dell, rounded off the evening with everyone in fits of laughter (I think it may have been what Jim was doing to the chook!)

Astute readers of this five minute silence will have observed the use of postcode numbers when referring to geographic locations, the reason for this is explained in the following report.

# **CCCQ MEETING:**

Darryl Devenny attended the CCCQ Meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> November, and at our Saturday afternoon gathering, Darryl gave members a report on that meeting, an edited version of his report has been submitted for the benefit of members.

Investigation by CCCQ Committee show that Caravan Clubs are not bound by WH&S regulations but suggest all clubs do a risk assessment at each rally for the own records. At the State Rally, one camper required an ambulance & confusion set in when mobile phones were out of range and unable to contact 000. However when 000 was contacted no one knew the postcode for the area & so delaying the dispatching of the ambulance.

Suggestion was made that each club endeavour to keep a first aid kit & a register of who holds a current First Aid Certificate.

One of the members reported that police arrived at her door after her front number plate was stolen; the offender had taped it over his plate & drove off without paying for fuel. So please check your plates......Darryl This writer would also suggest that the ignition key be removed before paying for fuel at the console, if the car should get stolen & they know where you live, they then not only have your car, they will, in all probability, have your house keys as well!

The Management Committee held a meeting on Saturday & ratified the purchase of the PA system that was used at various times during the rally.

#### JANUARY PICNIC:

Arthur Davis Park, Sandgate, 4017. **Date:** Sunday 22nd

Time: 11am

Arthur Davis Park is situated on Flinders Parade, Sandgate between Seventh & Eighth Avenue on the Brisbane side of the pool.

BYO food, drinks & chairs. It is not certain if BBQ facilities are available. Members may wear their Club Shirts if they wish.

# NEXT RALLY: 17-18-19 February, 2006 Destination:

Mooloolaba Caravan Park, Parkyn Parade, Mooloolaba, 4557. **Cost:** \$23.40 pv pn Members wishing to attend please notify our Rally Co-ordinator **no later than the first week in January,** to enable us to keep the booking.

# **RAFFLE ROSTER:**

February - Neil & Faye Bremner

### **BIRTHDAYS**:

December – Kevin White (15th) Chris Day (27th) Lillian Torrington (27th)

January - Peter Quinlan (7th) Lorraine White (8th) Nancy Groves (13th)

#### ANNIVERSARIES:

**December** – only one this month, Bruce & Frances Camiller celebrate another year of wedded bliss on the 18th **January** - Cyril & Lillian Torrington (3rd)

January - Cyril & Lillian Torrington (3rd) Peter & Jill Quinlan 16th John & Patricia Stroud (24th) Chris & Lesley Day (25th)



#### FROM SECRETARY BEVS' DESK:

Those members that have not provided the secretary their ICE (IN CASE OF EMERGENCY) contact details could they please do so at the picnic or via e-mail.

#### Club Shirts:

The following Shirts are for sale: Ladies size 16 Mens Medium Mens Large

Queensland Caravan Club has extended an invitation to any of our members to attend their January Rally at the Toowoomba Showgrounds. Official dates **14-15th January**, **2006** They have been given permission to arrive on Wednesday 11th January

Cost: \$12.00 pn. Pets permitted on leash.

#### National Rally 2007

Forbes Showgrounds NSW 28th December 2007 – 7th January 2008

Anyone interested or requires more information on any of the above items please contact Bev. (bynge@optusnet.com.au)

### MARSHALL LAW:

A man with one watch knows the time; a man with two watches is never sure.

Well your scribe has psyched himself up for the hustle & bustle of shoulder to shoulder shopping, with all the tinsel & glitter & the sounds of 'Hark the Herald' coming who knows where. There is nothing else left but the mindless consumption of Turkey & Fruit Mince Tarts..... Bring it on! **MERRY CHRISTMAS.** 

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