

# Peninsula Caravan Club Inc.

## Newsletter FEBRUARY 2010

### **Next Month's Rally - Bigriggen Bush Camping Park Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> to Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2010**

Bigriggen is set on 100 acres on hilltops & river flats, surrounded by National Parks, bordered by the Logan River & Burnett Creek. You can explore the Scenic Rim, nearby dam, swimming, fishing, bush walks etc

This will be bush camping – There will be **NO POWER & only tank Water**- you will need to bring your own container, plus drinking water. Amenities are above average with Hot & Cold showers. Hot water is 20 cents coin operated. Ample toilets (Septic System) Kiosk - open 8am to 6pm, camp fires (if no fire ban) Sorry no dogs allowed. Generators are allowed but require Hosts approval. No Eftpos or credit Facilities. Well grassed with shade trees. You may require levellers.

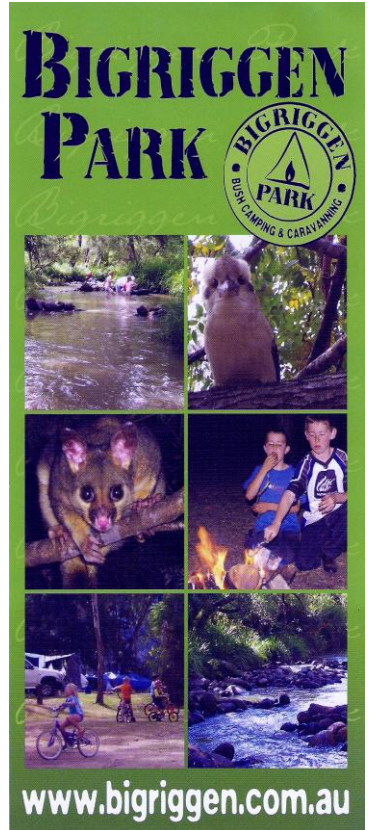
Cost: \$7.00 per Adult per night. Guests register at Kiosk on arrival.

The Rally co-ordinator will require your Booking by Fri. 5<sup>th</sup> March 2010. Please note you do need to advise Peter if you will or will not be attending the rally, thank you.

**Cyril's Reminder: THE TARP, DISC BOWLS, STOCK ETC, WILL BE QUIRED FOR THIS RALLY**

Carriers: Eric Byng, Peter Crowe, Kevin Keary, John Mackenzie (Stock) If you are not attending please arrange an alternate carrier ASAP.

**Directions:** (145 Klms from Redcliffe to Rathdowney) Travel over the Gateway Bridge & onto the Gateway Motor way. When you reach the intersection, with the Pacific Motorway it is advisable to move over into the right lane, as this lane runs into the left lane of the Gateway Motorway which continues on until it joins the Logan Motor way. Travel to-wards Ipswich, for about 2 klms. Then take the slip road on the left, & join the Mt Lindsay Highway, until you reach Beaudesert. Turn right at the traffic lights, continue onto Rathdowney. You drive through Rathdowney then take the first turn right after the school into Boonah/Rathdowney Road, after travelling 7 klms turn left into upper Logan Road approx. 600 mtrs turn right into Bigriggen Road, 2 klms of very good gravel road to park. Please note the road in, through private property is a public road and as such, all road rules must be obeyed. Speed Limit 40 klms. For those who travel through Brisbane. Travel over the Story Bridge, Through Woolloongabba on to Moorooka, Join the Mt Lindsay Hwy there until you reach Beaudesert, then on to Rathdowney



Bigriggen Bush Caravan Park  
Hosts: Guy & Debbie Macdonald  
196 Bigriggen Road  
Via Rathdowney. Qld. 4287  
Phone 07 5463 6190  
Email:camping@bigriggen.com.au

### **EMERGENCY PROCEEDURES-FIRE RE 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

**POST CODE – 4287**

## ROVING REPORT

Beachmere was the Clubs first rally for 2010. The Early Birds arrived on Wednesday - Peter, Kevin & Rob without their spouses, so it was something of a bachelor club for the first couple of days. Secretary Bev, along with Jim & Rae, the "boys" & Visitors, advised they all went to dinner at the Tavern & enjoyed a delicious meal. Beachmere may be a bit close to home but it is a very good venue—having a new amenities block & surrounding areas all newly landscaped, even though it was hot we always had a lovely sea breeze & it was very pleasant at night, sometimes a bit too breezy. We did have rain throughout our stay, but we huddled under the Tarp & kept on chatting & tipping etc. Thursday there were more arrivals, including John & Vicki -unfortunately they were in the flight path of the corellas & John spent most of his time washing the bird poo off his car- not a Happy Chappie! Friday 13 vans arrived including Cyril & Lil who gave me a ride, thus destroying Peter's "peace & quiet". The park Hosts presented us with a lovely fruit platter & pineapple juice on Friday evening. Kevin & Rob went home to collect their lovely wives & returned later on. At 10 am Saturday we received a visit from Ken McNab, his wife Dell & Trish from the CCCQ. Saturday pm saw the arrival of Mary with her son Scott. At this rally we had four visiting couples we do hope that you all enjoyed your time with us. Jim & Rae were leaving to travel to Stand-down Park then on to Bargara, we hope you had a safe journey. To the members & visitors who are not well, we wish you a speedy recovery & trust we will see you soon. Ron & Christine's son Mathew will be married early March, we would like to wish you a wonderful & memorable wedding day. See you at Bigriggen for more fun.

Roving Reporter

*June*



### RAFFLE ROSTER

**MARCH 2010.....David & Nancy Giles**

**APRIL 2010.....David & Andrea Wright**

**MAY 2010.....Rob & Diane Howard**

*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 please advise the secretary Bev by phoning 3869 0345*

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### ACTIVITIES ROSTER

**MARCH 2010.....D&N Giles**

**"TRAVEL THE LIONS ROAD  
BETWEEN RATHDOWNEY & KYOGLE"**

**APRIL 2010..... Kerry Keary/E.Byng/M&J Martin**

**"DISC BOWLS COMPETITION"**

**MAY 2010.....J&H Hunter/D&D Smith**

**"COUNTRY & WESTERN THEME"**

*Reminder: Activity Organisers to propose a toast to Members celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries at Happy Hour on Saturday*



Cyril's Photos- Lion's Road



## PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hello Members. Well Beachmere lived up to its 'relaxed' mantra and I think we all allowed the stresses of life to simply wash away.....well it did RAIN!

The park facilities are now one of the best that we experience and the managers Rod and Kate did all they could to ensure our stay was uneventful so Peter got to have a deserved holiday (well he did turn up without June!). The lions club also contributed which we have become accustomed too. Many thanks to all. We were privileged to have a visit from Ken and Trish of the CCCQ committee and Dell Kens wife to discuss topics that we had raised. It was good to verbally clarify what we were on about and the solutions were quick to follow. In fact the CCCQ had already implemented procedures that covered most of what we had raised. Many thanks for taking the time to visit.

A couple of the visitors observed that most of us were wearing our club shirts on Saturday and commented to me "That your members must have a lot of pride in their club". This is true and it is a grand sight. Whilst on this topic I remind all members that the 'official' club day for each rally is Saturday, (although By-Law rule # 8 states that it is Saturday and Sunday.) Members are also reminded of the expectation should you wish not to wear your shirt (generally in the common areas of the venue eg tarp, hall, or any other place as designated by the committee at the time) for any valid reason that this is covered in rule # 48. Put simply you are to request committee dispensation. To date there has never been a declined request. Please ensure that this courtesy is followed for future rallies. Of course if you are just around your own van or leaving the venue then you wear what you want. This has always been the case. See those attending Bigriggen.



*Regards Kevin*

## Tyre & Wheel Information

"All members are reminded that they should have their wheels on their vans balanced. An unbalanced wheel puts extra strain onto the vans bearings. Also you should be rotating your tyres by including the spare so all get similar usage. This can assist in prolonging the life span of the tyres. Lastly you should cover your exposed tyres (old piece of fibro is excellent) to the sun when the van is in storage. Many tyre failures are a consequence (over time) of not being protected whilst sitting at home waiting for the next trip."

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### Check Handbrake

Check for rust or corrosion where base plate fixes to A frame. Hand brake lever should move freely. Check condition of brake cable and pulleys.

### SECRETARY 'S REPORT

Hello Everyone, Once again we had a very good rally at Beachmere. One of our visitors went home Sunday morning and came back with his keyboard and entertained all of us who had stayed, Terry also joined in and a fun time was had by all. Allan & Deb called into Kilcoy showgrounds on their way home and the price for staying there is \$15.00 per van per night and this is effective from the 1<sup>st</sup> March, thanks guys. A reminder to all that Saturday is "official" Club Shirt day. Hope to see most of you at our next rally.



*Till next time, Bev*

### ACTIVITY REPORT

On behalf of all those attending this rally I would like to thank Keith & Shaneen for all their work in trying to organise the Activity. Unfortunately after several visits & numerous phone calls the Bowls Club cancelled and another activity was quickly organised. Keith & Shaneen could not attend the rally but visited us on Saturday afternoon to organise a meal at the local Tavern for 44 people, our sincere thanks for your quick thinking, also to David & Andrea Wright. It was also a pleasant surprise when David & Nancy Giles arrived to join us all; we hope you all had a safe journey home. Thank you to David & Debbie Smith for donating the raffle –lucky winners David & Andy Hellewell – we raised \$102.00.

Reporter *June*

Debbie Howards little poem.....WHILE YOU'RE UP  
There was a big sexy man named Eric Byng  
His lovely wife Bev, took care of everything  
"While you're up" was his known cry  
Which members of the club would try  
But Bev told them all to "go sing"

FOR SALE: 2 sway bars with chains for hayman reece towing hitch, 250kg.capacity, as new \$70.00 neg. phone 32848345 ask for Tom.

Associate Members: A reminder that you are most welcome to attend a maximum of three Rallies per financial year.

### 2010 CALENDAR

**MARCH- Booked**  
**BIGRIGGEN PARK**  
Ph; 07 5463 6190  
Beaudesert, 4285  
Rathdowney

**APRIL- Booked**  
**WOODFORD S/GRS**  
Woodford -4514  
Ph; 07 5496 1294  
Mrs Margaret Ferris

**MAY- Booked**  
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**JUNE- Booked**  
**KILKIVAN/Bush camp**  
Ph; 07 5484 1340  
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Kilkivan-4600

**JULY- Booked**  
Esk Caravan Park  
Ph: 1800 462 375  
26HassallStreet,Esk  
4312 (Xmas in July)

**AUGUST-Booked**  
**GLENGARY**  
Educational Centre  
Ph: 07 5427 9176  
Lockyer Valley-4344

**SEPTEMBER TBA**  
Date to be announced  
State Rally,  
Toogoolawah-4313

**OCTOBER Booked**  
Kenilworth S/grounds  
Kenilworth - 4574  
Ph; 07 5446 0131  
Caretaker:  
Clem Hassall

**NOVEMBER Booked**  
Dickey Beach C/Park  
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**DECEMBER No Rally**

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FLAGS	\$ 15.00 EACH



### BIRTHDAYS




*March 1<sup>st</sup> Andrea Hellewell*  
*March 5<sup>th</sup> David Giles*  
*March 6<sup>th</sup> Mary Huxley*  
*March 9<sup>th</sup> Judith Martin*  
*March 12<sup>th</sup> John Hunter*  
*March 16<sup>th</sup> David Wright*  
*March 21<sup>st</sup> Peter Crowe*  
*March 25<sup>th</sup> Chris Vasyli*



### ANNIVERSARIES

*March 1<sup>st</sup> John & Helen Hunter*  
*March 11<sup>th</sup> Max & Judith Martin*  
*March 12<sup>th</sup> Mike & Enid Tracey*



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**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. If you are unable to wear your shirt for any Good reason, then please seek special dispensation from the Committee for that particular time."*  
 Saturday is official Club rally day.

**RALLY CO-ORDINATORS REPORT**

**Arrivals, Members:**

Wednesday –E&B Byng, J&R Williamson, P.Crowe, K.Keary, R.Howard  
 Thursday – P&J Quinlan, J&V Mackenzie, R&C Vasyli  
 Friday- C&L Torrington( + J.Crowe), A&D Howard, J&H Hunter, L&B Brearley, D&A Hellewell, T.Trowbridge & Marlene, D&D Smith, D&A Wright, M&J Zielke, , Kerry Keary & Diane Howard  
 Saturday- Mary Huxley & son Scott  
 Visitors, 4 Caravans **TOTAL= 21 Caravans + 1 Camper Van**

Hello Everyone thank you all for making the Beachmere rally very successful, a total attendance of 21 caravans and 1 Camper van, we had 2 cancellations. Being the first rally for the year I'm sure you will all agree it was great start for 2010. I thoroughly enjoyed myself, the park manager put all the caravans on site –which I didn't mind one bit! At this stage we have 17 caravans booked for Bigriggen. I will not be arriving until Friday, so Eric Byng, my assistant will be directing you where to park etc. It was pleasing to see you are willing to accept the challenge of no power & only tank water, also remember to save your 20 cents for the showers, levellers will probably be required. A little reminder about alcohol consumption, too much usually is too much!! Our club does have guidelines to adhere to. Look forward to seeing you in March.



Peter

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### GOSSIP LINE

- Who offered to share everyone's chips at the Tavern on Wednesday night?
- Who missed their wives on Wednesday & Thursday nights- yeah right!
- Who arrived without his food & had to go grocery shopping?
- Who was washing his car at night after coming home late?
- Who were trying to do the twist in rubber soled shoes?

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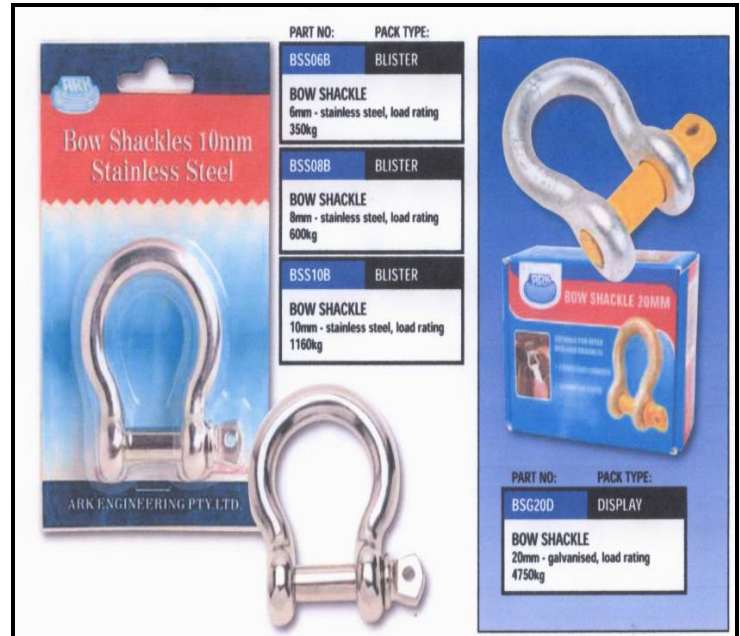
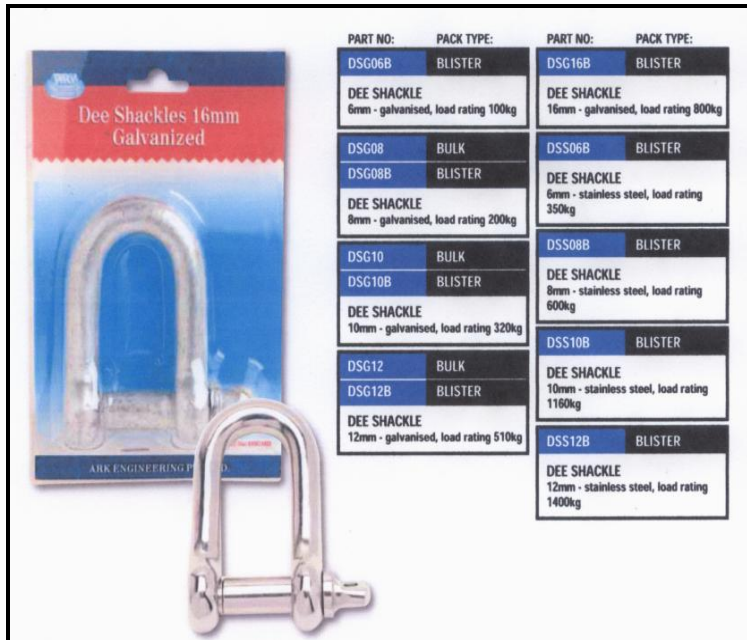
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Photo of June, Lorraine & Peter taken at Pittsworth State Rally 2009, in the Caravan & Motor Home magazine No.138



## GIVEN ANY THOUGHT TO THIS???

Do you know the load rating of your 'D' shackle that connects your vans safety chain to your tow vehicle???. The shackle must have a load rating equal to or greater than the chain. Simply thinking that your 'D' shackle diameter being the same as your chain is ok is not always correct as it depends on the load rating. In most instances there will be no load rating stamped on the shackle. Also many 'experts' will tell you a galvanised shackle is stronger than a stainless one. Have a look at the below charts and see that this supplier documents that their stainless way outperforms galvanised. These are sold at any Super Cheap store. 12MM diameter is the min you should be using. At least you have documented evidence of the rating of the shackle.....



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