

Peninsula Caravan Club Inc.

Newsletter FEBRUARY 2008



_Hello to All. There will be no roving report for this month as our Rally to Lake MacDonald was cancelled due to wet weather etc.

A reminder to everyone to advise Mike of your attendance for the Rally at Cotton Tree Park, Maroochydore. Cost per night will be \$31 or \$186 per week less 10% Club discount. On behalf of all the Club members I would like to send a "Get Well" wish to Bev Byng.

It has come to my attention that our President Jim, with some help from Rae & Cyril, embarked on painting their kitchen. Guess who fell and finished up with as much paint on himself as he had on the ceiling. Luckily he didn't hurt himself, just made a mess, and gave Cyril and Rae a good laugh. I believe there will be photos to pass around at the next Rally.

Peter & I also used our time wisely. We are now the proud owners of a new colorbond fence & water tank.

I look forward to seeing everybody at Cotton Tree Rally in March.

Cheerio for now. June

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Sadly the last Rally was cancelled due to the weather, and the state of the ground at Lake McDonald. We have been very lucky with the weather in the past and it was unfortunate that we did have to cancel this time.

I am now looking forward to our trip to Cotton Tree in March, and will see you all there.

Jim.

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, and then please seek special dispensation From the Committee for that particular time."*

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2008 RALLY CALENDAR

MARCH 14-17
COTTON TREE 4558
(PH.1800 461 253)
BOOKED

APRIL 18-21
MT.TAMBORINE 4272
(PH.55450034)
BOOKED

MAY 16-19
MURWILLUMBAH 2484
(PH. 02 66722035)
BOOKED

JUNE 20-23
STANDOWN PARK
(PH.54865144)

JULY 18-21
ESK (Xmas in July) 4312
(Ph.54241466)
BOOKED

AUGUST 15-18
**KENILWORTH SHOW
GROUNDS**
(PH. TBA) 4562
BOOKED

SEPTEMBER 19-22
CROWSNEST 4355
(PH.46981269)
Carnival of flowers
BOOKED

OCTOBER 18-20 4570
TIN CAN BAY
(PH.54864411)
BOOKED

NOVEMBER 14-17



SECRETARY'S REPORT

The C.C.C.Q. has issued Membership Cards for all members. I handed these cards to members at our January get together, if you have not received yours, please catch up with me at the next rally.

Each card has a membership number - the numbers of the card issued to you will remain yours as long as you remain a caravanning member. PLEASE COMPLETE THE DETAILS ON THE BACK OF YOUR CARD.

Currently this card allows you a 10% discount at all Ozark Caravan Parks and further discounts are under negotiation. The web address for Ozparks is: www.ozparks.com.au and telephone number is 03 - 5983 0251.

A reminder to all members to sign the Attendance book on arrival after you have set up your van. This is important for insurance purposes.

Thank you, Joan.



RALLY CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT



Hi Members,

I was really sorry to cancel Lake MacDonald at the last minute, but due to worsening weather conditions, and advice received from Camp Cooroora Management I thought it would be for the best.

While I have your attention could I remind you of Cotton Tree, please let me know your intentions if you haven't already. I have to advise the Park of final numbers by Friday 29th.

Regards Mike Tracey Rally Co-ordinator.

Cost per night \$31 or \$186 per week less 10% Club discount

Cotton Tree Parade

Cotton Tree – Maroochydore – Sunshine Coast

Phone 07 5443 1253

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The Cotton Tree Caravan Park is set on 8 acres of manicured beach and riverfront land with numerous shade trees, making it one of the Sunshine Coast's most favoured camping and caravan park destinations. There is beach and river access from the caravan park. Every site has power, water, sullage, bitumen roads and curbing guttering. It has 3 large amenities blocks with laundries.

RAFFLE ROSTER

MARCH 2008.....RON & CHRIS VASYLI
APRIL 2008.....COLIN & JOAN CHADWICK
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BIRTHDAYS

2008, March

5th David Giles
6th Mary Huxley
9th Irene Budge
11th Joan Chadwick
18th Ken Le Cos
21st Peter Crowe
25th Chris Vasyli

ANNIVERSARIES

2008, March

12th Mike & Enid Tracey

DELL'S ACTIVITIES



Cotton Tree Meet in March is the weekend of St Patrick's Day So may I suggest a green weekend, with some good old Irish humour Saturday night after Irish stew.

Please supply your own stew as some may prefer another meal. Everyone knows at least one Irish joke. Looking forward to seeing you all for our first club meet.

Dell.



EMERGENCY PROCEDURES AT RALLIES - FIRE OR MEDICAL

Continuously sound car horn.

Proceed in orderly manner to the car sounding the horn bringing with you Fire extinguisher, Water bucket &/or fire blanket – torch if at night.

Members who have current First Aid qualifications are to bring their First Aid Kit.

POST CODE 4558 (Maroochydore – Cotton Tree Park)



This is a report I received from Neil & Faye Bremner...

In late January and early February, Faye and I drove down to Newcastle for a short visit to see our daughter and her husband. There was much merriment, overindulgence in drinking and fine wines and Oops, no that was not the reason for our visit and not the essence of our story now..... **Caravan parks and places to stay on the way.**

On this occasion we did the trip without our caravan as we actually stayed with Helen and Scott. However, we'll mention later a couple of choices for 'parks' near Newcastle (if you're interested). Of particular interest to Faye and me when driving down was the number of caravans on the road. It was still late January and there were a few 'vans' of the tourist type coming and going. Later, into the second week of February, the increase of the 'retiree movement' of touring rigs was clearly evident. The grey power hibernation period was at an end and again we were taking our share of the tourist routes.

If your travels take you to the Newcastle part of the map and you would be looking to park the van, (as we did on the occasion of Helen's wedding in 2006) the 'park' across the Hunter River opposite the city, the Council park at Stockton Beach, was found to be popular and recommended. A good ferry service is provided to the City. There is another at Tomago, which is just off the Pacific Highway on the northern approach to the City. Again we found it OK and particularly good for storing the van for a couple of days.

On our return trip to Brisbane we broke the trip by staying overnight at Coffs Harbour. There is any number of resort' style accommodations on the northern approaches to Coffs. We stayed at the Aqua Luna and for the extra \$20 this was far superior to the old 1950's style motels in the town.

As we are always on the lookout for parks to check out, we headed for Iluka. This place is off the main highway, quiet, yet has all the 'mod' facilities of a regular town, various styles of accommodation, offers fishing, and ocean and river views. Iluka is on the northern side of the Clarence River and opposite Yamba. If you want the brighter lights, then go to Yamba by all means, but for the quiet relaxing week away from it all there are a couple of 'parks' to chose from.

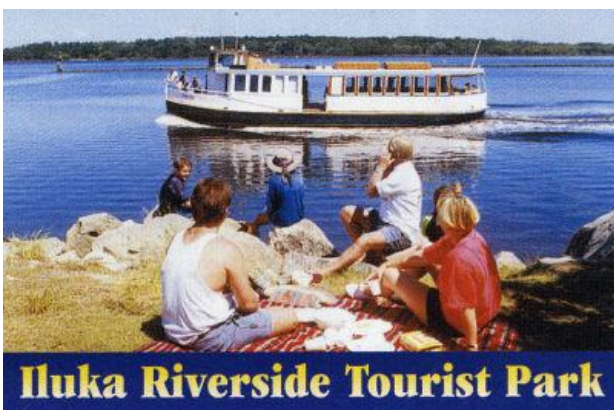
The Council runs the ILUKA **"RIVERSIDE" TOURIST and CARAVAN PARK**

And National Parks and Wildlife operates **Woody Head Camping Area**. The latter requires self sufficient stays as there are no powered sites. We reckon it would be heaven to try it for a few days – a real 'get away from it all' experience. There's spacious van sites, adequate facilities, kiosk, both calm water and surf swimming and fishing.

The Riverside Tourist Park is more the conventional caravan park. It is situated on the river with many sites facing onto the river front. These river facing sites were \$25 night. Facilities are generous with many barbeques and shelters. It is closer and within walking distance to the township which has everything to offer.

Unfortunately we did not take any photos, but we've tried a couple of scans from brochures.

Lastly, we'd mention that it is pleasing to see the increasing number of rest stops now appearing on the Pacific Highway and the continuing improvements to the Highway itself.



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