

Newsletter July 2006

Hi Folks.

I am pleased to be reporting to you that we have just had another successful rally, this time at Standown Park, Kia Ora. This was a lovely peaceful park, and we were welcomed by the owners Rod and Pam, who only opened the park at Easter, and still have some work to do before all is as they want it.

We had 17 vans in attendance, with the early birds arriving on Wednesday and the last arriving on Saturday. It was nice to see Merv and Nancy arrive after their time away, also Cyril and Lill home from their travels.

VISITORS

Max and Judith Martin Colin and Joan Chadwick Mary Huxley, who arrived in her new vehicle, and is in the process of having it fitted out.

On Saturday afternoon we were visited by the President of CCCQ, Ken McNab, and his wife Dell.

Once again we had a great rally, with this being the first time we had our activities affected by rain. On Friday evening we had a communal byo BBQ around the camp fire, with salads being shared. This was a good night with all who attended enjoying themselves. After the meal and all were sitting around the campfire having a tinnie or two, Mike Tracey made a very special presentation to Jim, The parcel was beautifully wrapped in newspaper, and well taped up. By the time Jim discovered his very special "Guitar", the whole crowd was having a lot of fun, and of course Jim being Jim, he had to hammer out a "Tune" or two for all to enjoy. Thank You Mike, the guitar is great and is now hanging in pride of place in the lounge room at home.

Saturday afternoon saw a gathering at the campfire, and Ken McNab spoke to those in attendance. He also answered some questions from the members. It should be reported here that the CCCQ were a great help when it came to setting up our club, their advice was very helpful to the committee at the time.

After our visitors had left, President Kevin took the floor and proudly unveiled our new Club Banner, which really looks good. The final design is great and stands out when hung on Kevin's annex. Well done to all it was a great final choice and thank you to Kevin for all the time and effort he put in to get the banner done. A special Thank You to all who made donations towards the cost of the banner. After we had seen the banner, Kevin then produced the first draft of the flag that is being proposed for members to

fly on their vans. At this time there is a problem with the blue colour, but the idea is good and the sample flag did look good flying on Les and Bernie's van.

While we were at the meeting, we were all teased and tantalized by the aromas emanating from the camp ovens sitting beside the fire. Rod was in the process of cooking our evening meal. It was interesting to watch and we all learnt a few things about camp oven cooking.

At 6.00 pm. We all started arriving at the campfire tables and chairs in tow, when Rod made an executive decision and moved the dinner under cover of the big shed area that is still a work in progress. We all fitted in really well along with a few other Park Visitors and enjoyed a great dining experience. The food tasted as good as it had smelt and was enjoyed by all.

After we had all eaten, Bernie read a couple if special items, then announced that it was Les's birthday and proceeded to show us what Les would look like in a few years when he was older, grey bearded, bald and blind. A definite sight to see. After this Bernie surprised Les with Birthday Cake and candles, Les had a lot of trouble with the candles, they refused to go out, even stomping on them didn't work.

Bernie then opened her bag of tricks and gave hats to everyone who had missed out at Imbil. President Kevin did look good in Blue. After the fun we retired back to the campfire, but soon after the threatening rain started and all called it a night.

On Sunday the exodus started with some reluctance on the part of some of the members. Those were the lucky ones, the rain came down quite heavily on Sunday night. After Monday only 1 van remained, even Jim and I piked out and left a day early.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well, after much time, discussion and effort put in by many I was proud to display the actual banner to the mob at Standown Park. In fact it came in quite handy as an umbrella to keep the rain off! The members present were quite impressed. Ken and his wife Dell McNab (Ken is president of CCCQ) called in to the rally and they were impressed with the venue. Ken gave a talk and asked for questions of which a number of the committee members took the opportunity to do so. I also showed off two sample flags that I had been working on. I offered them to the gathering and Les almost knocked me down in the rush to get one. He will fly it at every rally they attend so that members get to see it. All present agreed that I should continue with this project and if I can get the colours darker or perhaps more vibrant then members will purchase them and at \$6.50 each they would be good value.

RALLY CO-ORDINATOR

The Standown Rally was another huge success and from every member and guest present ALL felt it to be an excellent venue to attend and a venue that was a must to return to. The park was a leisurely 2-hour drive from Deception Bay and an extremely relaxing place to visit and as one member said on their survey "5 days was just not enough".

Our next rally is at Dicky's Beach Caloundra on the 18th to 20th of August and if anyone else is wanting to go should contact the park direct on either PH: 07 5491 3342 or email them on info@dicky.com.au and let them know that you are with the club. A \$50.00 deposit will be required A.S.A.P. The daily rate is \$28.00 per dbl per night. The address is Beerburrum Street, Dicky's Beach **4551**

At Standown I asked the members to vote on a change of dates for our November Rally from the third weekend to the fourth weekend as the Imbil Venue are hosting a biker get-to-gether and 1000 bikers are already booked for the weekend. All present agreed that it be better to postpone for one week rather than rather than put up with naked geriatric biker "ladies" running around the place on their Harley's

Rae's Ramble

Why is abbreviated such a long word?

BIRTHDAY'S in AUGUST

Bernie Brearley 1st Enid Tracey 12th Jill Quinlan 30th

ANNIVERSARIES in AUGUST

Darryl & Sue Devenney
Jim & Rae Williamson
David & Nancy Giles
Ken & Julie LeClos

6th
8th
10th
23rd

RAFFLE ROSTER AUGUST

Darryl & Sue Devenney

A REMINDER

I have been asked to remind all caravanners to remember to lower one corner of your annex when it is raining. If you forget to do so you may have a problem with the annex collapsing under the weight of the water building up. It happened to some of us at Standown Park.

SEPTEMBER RALLY

15TH, 16TH and 17th MUDJIMBA BEACH CARAVAN PARK Cottonwood Street , MUDJIMBA. **4564** Phone (07) 5448 7157 Fax (07) 5448 7157 Web site. www.maroochypark.qld.gov.au/caravan_camping2.html

A quandary.

If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, then what is baby oil made from?

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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 Dicky's Beach Post code **4551**.

Rae