

Peninsula Caravan Club Inc.

Newsletter July 2007

Hi Folks,

Once again we had a very good Rally at Mudjimba, with 6 vans arriving on Wednesday. We set up in bright sunshine, but then the cold set in. All went to the R.S.L. for dinner, but left before the evenings entertainment started. The "Boys Downunder Show" was on. Mike did offer 2 members as volunteers to help with the entertainment, but sadly both declined. The thought of G Strings makes the mind boggle. We all returned to the caravan park and tucked up into nice warm vans.

On Thursday morning we woke to a cold sunny day, except for those sleep ins who didn't wake until 9.15 am. 3 more vans arrived and we all enjoyed relaxing and keeping out of the shade. During the morning while Mike and Enid were out shopping, someone borrowed the step from outside their door. The shoppers arrived home and went inside for lunch, after which they discovered that the step was missing. A short search followed after which the missing step was found at the door of another van, and of course it was quickly reclaimed. By 5.30 pm. Everyone was heading back to their vans as it was cooling down fast. Nice warm stews were the popular choice for dinner and tucking up in the warmth. Trips to the facilities were kept to a minimum. Friday morning saw some early risers waking to ICE covered cars everywhere, Proof that it really was "B" cold. 6 more vans arrived at different times during the day.

Happy Hour was spent in the last of the afternoon sun outside the Crowe's van. Bev supplied a big pot of yummy pumpkin soup for all to enjoy. This was much appreciated by all. Thank You Bev.

Saturday came – our Shirts on Club Day- the extra splash of blue met well with the Brilliant clear, albeit cool, skies above. The benefits of our being "in the Club" come to the fore on "Club Saturday". Socialising in the sun also brings out the inventive talent in some of us. This month Eric had produced the ideal length PEG PULLER, and for all those patriots wanting to fly the flag – the metal support bracket for attaching a flag to one's van.

2.00 pm saw us flurry around, not so eager for the Clubs General Meeting, but to find a place in the sun for what we knew was going to be a bit of a 'mouth marathon' while courageous Captain Kevin went through the umpteen necessary amendments to the Constitution. Kevin did emerge victorious in this issue as he has moved the Club quickly to take advantage of the Government's relaxation of Rules concerning the costly ongoing imposition of Annual Audits. The resultant Dollar value to the Club's 'bottom line' of income and expenditure is now so much healthier, that Captain Kevin and the Committee have proposed for this end of financial year, a 'Pay back' to members in the form of a subsidized end of year dinner at the rally scheduled for Tambourine, (and yes, even those unable to attend due to other touring absences will be catered for).

A little general discussion was held regarding nominations for the committee for the coming Financial/Club year. At this point it was observed by most that Jim was tearing away down the road in full flight. It was later revealed he had only left his 'nature' call till the last minute. However we do hope to see Jim's return to such nomination meetings and maybe lead the next charge – in whichever direction. Tom and Bernadette Fuller were welcomed to the Club as first time visitors.

Jim and Bev Went were inducted into the Club by Kevin and we welcome all to our Club.

The Raffle provided by Mike and Enid was drawn and the Winners were Kevin and Kerry.

The last 'Item' to be moved for the day was Captain Kevin and his podium as the latest arrival to this much in demand Caravan Park commenced reversing his R.V. into our sunny meeting Venue.

Who was it who was so engrossed in the meeting that she had a little Nanny Nap? My lips are sealed.

Given the much cooler evening weather, the mandatory Saturday Night's social festivities gave way to individual warm gatherings with those whose caravans sported an enclosed and heated annex for same and others taking advantage of the free bus to attend the R.S.L., where one lady was seen to be pulling interesting faces at other Members, and Colin acting as the waiter for the very harassed kitchen staff.

Due to these activities those of us who celebrated birthdays and anniversaries were fortunate enough to escape the mandatory line up and the revelation of one's increasing years. The contenders in attendance were, Les, Neil and Rae celebrating their birthdays, and Fred and Joyce celebrating their anniversary.

Sunday we awoke to much a changed weather day. Increased wind and the threat of the occasional light shower, but nothing really puts the damper on a Caravan Rally!

Even on a Sunday at the Mudjimba Caravan Park the flow of in and out traffic never seems light. If one is not waving and kissing goodbye to one traveler and kissing and hugging the new or latest arrival – all in a morning's work, isn't it June! Even if they do have Victorian number plates! Watch for the new Committee position of 'Official Club Welcomer'.

Sunday also saw a few of our less fortunate 'Happy Caravanners' heading home for the coming working week. One such early departure was Les and Lovely Bernie. We understand Les now spends a fair bit of time in INDIA. We could soon be looking at Les, somewhat more suntanned, complete with turban, and giving us the latest consultancy advice from the likes of Telstra and Optus.

In lieu of a sunny warm Happy Hour in the evening we were again treated to generous helpings of Eric and Bev's

hearty Pumpkin Soup, which was once again appreciated and enjoyed by all. Thank you both.

This report proudly supplied by Neil and Rae.

Apology. I have to send a special apology to Cyril and Lil, as I goofed in the last newsletter. The June Raffle was supplied by Cyril and Lil. Sorry folks this was unintentional.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well you could certainly pick the Queenslanders at Mudjimba rally as I believe that we were the only one's there! The Southern mob were certainly arriving in their droves. Some waiting outside whilst we were packing up. Shame they did not lend a hand, especially on Monday morning when Kerry and I and a few other members had to pack up in the rain!!!! I found that I knew a few more of the Queens language than I thought!!! Well we are running down to our AGM planned for our rally in September and by now you will have received the updated nomination forms, so have a serious think of what you can offer the club and have a go. We need the nomination forms all signed by the respective people by Nambour rally. Our November festivities are coming along for our Mt Tamborine rally and the Cedar Creek Lodge Restaurant will cater for us in their Ivory Jacks room. Please respond to my e-mail regarding attendance ASAP as we have to get our booking in as soon and as accurate as possible. Mike put out the 2008 calendar and apart from two minor changes is looking great. There is a couple of new exciting venues to look forward to. You will all receive a copy in due course. June Crowe won the "funniest thing done at a rally" award for this rally, (I am laughing even as I type this) and I know that some more detail will be contained in the roving rally reporters comments. You really had to be there and witness it!! I understand that the women on the receiving end has commenced counselling and may never be able to enter a van park again. June you make it all worth while!!! See all attending at Nambour show grounds.

Kevin.

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. Members were also told, if they were unable to wear their shirt for any good reason, they needed to seek special dispensation from the Committee for that particular time."

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Hi All, Just a reminder to all that you must sign the book as some of you forgot this month. The nomination forms for your new Committee have been emailed to all and please take the time to fill them in and bring them to the next rally or email them to me, remember it is your Club so please think about your next Committee as you know it is Kevin & my last term of office. See you at Nambour.
Bev

RALLY CO-ORDINATORS REPORT

Well what a great few days we had in Victoria. Well the weather was certainly from Victoria and even the Victorians were whinging about the cold and frosts. I guess we'll have to put down Mudjimba as one not to forget because of the cold. I must thank you all for your support. We had 18 vans in all including our new visitors Tom and Bernadette Fuller who were most welcome.

Just one point to make after the weekend. We do need to realise how busy these parks can get in the winter months with the influx of Southern visitors as I mentioned in my first attendance form in February. Hence we need to be committed to the dates we lock in well in advance. With many happenings during our stay I'm sure someone else will mention them in this Newsletter. In the meantime stay healthy and we'll see you at Nambour Show Grounds in August. I will send you all a separate advice and directions very soon.

Regards Mike and Enid Tracey.

DELL'S ACTIVITY REPORT.

Alas Dell will not be with us in Nambour, but in her stead, I will be running a Bingo Game for all on Saturday Night.

It has been suggested by Kerry that we all bring a Crock Pot, Stew or Casserole for Dinner on Saturday night. For another shared meal. This has proved popular in the past and will give all a chance to enjoy the Gastronomic Delights. So please bring along your contribution.

BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST.

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| 1 st | Bernie |
| 11 th | Allan (Shorty) |
| 12 th | Enid |
| 29 th | Kevin |
| 30 th | Jill |

ANNIVERSARIES IN AUGUST.

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| 6 th | Darryl and Sue Devenny |
| 8 th | Jim and Rae Williamson |
| 10 th | David and Nancy Giles |
| 23 rd | Murray and Christine Jackson |

RAFFLE ROSTER.

The raffle from August until the AGM will be the BIO MAGIC goods that were donated to the Club. These will be the only tickets sold at the Rally in that time. Your support will be appreciated. Can we please have a volunteer for the next two rallies for the ticket sales. Just advise Bev upon arrival at the venue that you are willing to offer some of your time for this important issue. A different person for each rally would be good to spread the load.

NEXT RALLY

The next rally will be held at the Nambour Showgrounds Post Code **4560** on the 17th, 18th and 19th August. Combined Crock Pot, stew, Casserole Dinner Saturday Night, followed by Bingo. Mike will be in contact with all of the details.

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IN A TOWN FAR, FAR AWAY A MESSAGE COMETH

Hello Peninsula People

Thought we would let you know how we are coping in the

Tropical North the last month or so. It has been icy cold, snow at times over the cane fields, it takes a lot of strength to cut the cane so Peninsula Southerners can enjoy a rum, scotch or beer whilst relaxing at Mudjimba or some country resort.

We are in a very pretty caravan park & have only a short distance to the Pub, Hairdresser and Food, who needs anything else? Alas no bakeries, Eric where are you??

It is amazing how quickly the day goes when you only have a caravan & annexe to look after, other people are here for the crushing season so everyone is out and about quite early in the mornings, sometimes even before the sun has risen! Being on the land has brought many changes for me, early to bed, early to rise and would you believe Peter works on a farm on Rise and Shine Road here in the North? Yes that's true Kevin.

Seriously we are enjoying the change in lifestyle, it is very different living in van as opposed to holidaying in one but we have both managed to stay married and better still stay together. Early days yet we can hear you saying.

We have missed the rallies however, hope you are still having a good time & that everyone is well, look forward to the Newsletter so we can see what you have all been up to since we have been gone.

Cheers Jill and Peter

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