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Newsletter July 2013

Next Month's Rally – GATTON SHOWGROUNDS

Cnr Woodlands Road & Golf Links Drive 4343

Ph: 07 5462 5103

Wednesday 14th – Mon 19th August



How To Get There:

From **Brisbane**, follow the **Ipswich Motorway** and follow **Toowoomba** signage, **exiting onto the Warrego Highway**. The Warrego Highway runs directly through the Lockyer Valley. Follow the signs to Gatton.

Proceed West on Warrego Hwy / A2 nearest town: **Gatton**

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Turn left onto Philips Rd. nearest town: **Grantham**

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Turn right onto East St. nearest town: **Gatton**

Turn left onto Spencer St. nearest town: **Gatton**

Turn right onto Golf links Dr. Arrive at destination.

The fertile **Lockyer Valley of South East Queensland** is home to the rich farming region of Gatton Shire, just **60 minutes from Brisbane**. Known for its spectacular scenic backdrop of steep hills and the mountains of The Great Dividing Range, **Gatton** is a fast growing region that has maintained its natural beauty and charm. In November 2009, Gatton became home to the Lockyer Valley Cultural Centre, a purpose built facility which houses a Library, Art Gallery, Function and Conference rooms, Visitor Information Centre and the Queensland Transport Museum - all this with the beautiful backdrop of **Lake Apex**. Take a walk around the lake, visit the **'Lights on the Hill' Trucking memorial**, and enjoy **bird watching** within the fauna sanctuary. Or, for an insight into the history of the town and the Gatton area, try visiting the **Gatton and District Historical Society Museum** which is located beside Lake Apex. The **museum is open every Sunday between 1.30pm. - 4.00pm**. There's so much to do here, including a highlight for **train enthusiasts** - the **Spring Bluff Railway**, a heritage listed site where you can relax and picnic in the landscaped gardens and learn about its colourful history. See the natural beauty of the shire at Lake Apex Park, a must for bird watchers and explore the **Aboriginal carvings** while you picnic **by Blackduck Creek**. Also visit Glen Rock, the new regional park, comprising of picnic and camping facilities, bush walks, and swimming just 30 minutes from Gatton. For those who relish **antique treasures**, then the picturesque **township of Withcott** has a number of shops to browse. From bushwalking on the scenic mountain trails and exploring heritage treasures, Gatton Shire is a great way to experience a beautiful part of Queensland's South East.

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ACTIVITY REPORT

Friday Evening – A large group of us ventured to the Royal Hotel at Yarraman for dinner. All meals were declared delicious after a fairly lengthy wait for some of the food. Good on the staff for being able to cater for such a bigger than usual Friday night crowd.

Saturday Night – Bring a Soup to share was the theme for Activity Organisers Vicki, Macca, Maryanne and George. The Club Room at The Caravan Park was a bustling Soup kitchen on Saturday afternoon, with enticing smells and joking plentiful. After an extended Happy Hour, the tables were laid for dinner which was served at 6pm. Many trips to the buffet were made to sample the delicious offerings. After dinner, Birthdays for Deb H, Enda, Maryanne and Rae were celebrated with party hats and cupcakes.

The Raffle organised by Irene and Mike was drawn by visitors Beverley and Keith with Rae and Jim taking home the lovely prize of acrylic drinks jug and matching glasses.

A change of pace then, with Helen H and Diana performing Gypsy dance from their recent re-enactment at the Abbey Medieval Festival. After their lively skirt twirling, foot stomping entertainment, members were encouraged to learn a circle dance with them. This was greeted most enthusiastically by nearly all members, and after sorting right feet from left (mainly Helen and Diana's!) we encircled the room accompanied by drumming from John H and Mark L (who had only been taught the rhythm that very afternoon).

Lyle and Col celebrated 40 years of wedded bliss with a turn around the dance floor to music performed by Macca. They were joined in dance by many other happy couples. Delicious desserts were then on offer to top up already bursting tummies. Recipes have been requested for some of the temptations!

Our very talented Musician then treated us to a night of song and entertainment with sing-a-longs and some musical skits. George excelled in his role of slow, lanky Joe! Col demonstrated an ability to speak at a rather high pitch as Sweet Sue while Diana had a deeper register for her villain. Dave B. portrayed Dolly Parton with uncanny resemblance. John H twisting like no other as Chubby Checker, Alan aka Elvis kept his blue suede shoes in pristine condition even when falling into Dolly's lap and Dave S. tiptoed beautifully through the tulips as Tiny Tim in their musical fiasco!

After calling it a night around 9pm, we retired to our vans still toe tapping from the most enjoyable evening. Having the use of the Club Room was a wonderful way to enjoy everyone's company in comfort.

Diana and Mark



Diana & Helen doing a 'Gypsy Dance'



Our very own Singer/Guitarist 'Macca' with his Music students, John & Mark.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank Enda for taking over as Editor in my 3 months absence. He did a great job AND, between you & me --- he really enjoyed the task !!!

All members going to Gatton in August PLEASE NOTE NO TARP is required. Van Levellers are needed. Also Long Leads may be needed.

SHARED MEAL --- Doreen has ask if members could email her as to what 'Casserole' OR 'Dessert' they will be bringing. ALSO to ask that you prepare your meals in your vans as there is nowhere to do so at the venue.

The activity for Kilkivan will be "Knock Um Down" With Dave & Debbie not being able to attend are there any volunteers to help Mary on the day with this activity. If so could you please contact Mary ASAP & advise John Hunter. Thank you.

Someone left a black ladle in the kitchen at Yarraman -- OWNER please see Bev. Otherwise she'll keep it !! Ha! Ha!



Un-co-ordinated Members TRYING to learn to dance
By Dance Teachers, Helen & Diana
(I think they gave up First!)



Macca with Dolly Parton (a very buxom Dave B),
Chubby Checker (John H)

(Elvis) Alan, and Tiny Tim (Dave S.)



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

With Les away it fell to me to pick up the torch and become the acting president for the weekend. Not an easy task given the professionalism Les always demonstrates.

The weekend was a mix of weather conditions with some rain on Friday & Saturday and as usual Sunday was brilliant sunshine. A good day to head back to work & continue funding those who get to stay a few more days☺

The park had a good layout with lots of trees & a great clubhouse. The trees came in handy for shade when the sun was out but also for site identification. I'm sure you'll hear more about that later☺

As usual Friday night was pub night at the Royal Hotel in Yarraman and Saturday night we all ate well with a variety of warm soups & delicious deserts, just what you need on a cold winters night, a big thank you to all the cooks. Then we were all entertained by John Macca who as usual sang up a storm mixed with good humour. A big thanks to our activity organisers John, Vicki, George & Maryanne. Also special thanks to Helen & Diana for their gypsy dance display which included a half time exercise session to prepare us for desert.

Welcome to our new visitors Keith & Beverley.

A reminder that a couple of the committee positions will become vacant this year, one being that of Vice President. As I said at the rally we need people to get involved in the running of the club to ensure that it has a strong future. If you are interested please contact a current committee member & find out what is involved. I mean if I can do it anyone can.

Remember the AGM will now be at Coolum in November and nomination forms are available from Elaine.

See you at Gatton. Cheers John

RAFFLE ROSTER (prize value \$20.00+ tickets)

AUG 2013... Paul & Vickie

SEPT 2013... George & Maryanne

OCT 2013... Mark & Diana

NOV 2013... Robert & Lynda

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, contact the Secretary. And the Newsletter Editor. Thank you.

ACTIVITIES ROSTER

AUG 2013... Ron & Diane / Dave & Doreen

SEPT 2013... Mary Huxley / Please refer to Page 3.

OCT 2013 ... Paul & Vickie / Ron & Chris

NOV 2013... Dave & Andrea / Colin & Lyle

If you are unable to perform your Activity , please arrange a swap with another couple AND inform the Activity Roster Co-ordinator (John Hunter) & Editor. If unable to find a replacement from the list –contact the Secretary.



BIRTHDAYS in AUGUST

1ST ... Bernie Brearley

1st ... Robert Hadlow

11th ... Allan Howard



ANNIVERSARIES in AUGUST

5th ... Faye & Mick Falvey

8th ... Jim & Rae Williamson

21st ... Robert & Lynda Hadlow

Activity Organisers –Please propose a toast to Members Celebrating a Birthday or Anniversary at Happy Hour (Sat). It is entirely up to the Organisers what they wish to do.



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ROVING REPORT



Yarraman, the first time the club have visited this venue in the lovely South Burnett Region. Eric & I arrived and shortly after us came the usual 'early arrivals' Jim & Rae, Warren & Elaine, Colin & Lyle then Peter & June arrived. It was good to see Colin & Lyle back from their 3 ½ month odyssey and listening to Lyle it sounded BIGGER than Ben Hur. We all did the usual Wednesday night outing to the local pub for tea and for once June was not the LAST to be served - I think she may have finally got over the shock. As we got back from the pub the 'boys' had to watch the **State Of Origin** and luckily for us we had the full use of the club Room at the park, which was equipped with a big screen T.V. so the boys were happy. On Thursday Eric & I went to visit a very old dear friend who I call 'My Adopted Dad' and we arrived back, may I say, just in time for 'happy hour' and it was good to see some of the members, except those poor souls who still had to work, had arrived and it was catch up time in the club room.

Friday saw the usual exodus checking out the town and surrounds as we seem to do, and by Friday afternoon the rest of the members had arrived with the exception of our soon to be members Keith & Beverley. Friday evening saw John H. doing Les' job eg. Welcoming all and advising all of any new updates etc.

Saturday saw all organising their soup for our activity which was a very good idea as the weather was quite chilly at times plus the occasional shower which never dampened our spirits - we are a pretty resilient lot. Sunday saw the 'workers' packing up to go home, and as I said to Paul "you need to keep on working so that us retirees can still do our caravanning". Then, after 'Happy Hour', it was decided to have the rest of the soup that was left from the night before and it was enjoyed by all. We had a very good assortment of soups. Mick & Irene decided to go home early because of the weather but Irene, you should have stayed until Tuesday as the weather was a glorious winter's day - plenty of sunshine. Wednesday was *quite chilly* I believe some-one said 3degrees but still a nice sunny day as we all had to pack up to go home and for those of us who had ensuite, they were appreciated especially at night. It was nice that Peter & June and Col & Lyle stayed until Wednesday .

Looking forward to Gatton as the club has not been there before.

Cheers

Bev.



**Vickie with Happy Birthday People
Mary-Anne, Rae & Enda**



Jim won the raffle ---- once again! (Lucky guy!)




"Please, Sir, I'd like some more"

*  *Dog Friendly*


2013 CALENDAR

AUGUST- 
Gatton Show Ground
Ph 5462 5103

SEPTEMBER- 
Kilkivan Bush Camp
Ph 5484 1340

National Rally- 
Rockhampton

OCTOBER- 
Beerwah Sports Centre
Ph 0433 543 781


NOVEMBER- 
Coolum C/Pk
Ph 1800 461 474

DECEMBER-
No Rally
(Xmas Lunch)

2014 CALENDAR

JANUARY - 
Picnic In The Park
TBA

FEBRUARY- 
Esk Caravan Park
Ph 07 5424 1466

MARCH - 
Mudjimba Caravan
Park
Ph 1800 461 475

APRIL - 
Allawah Scout Camp
Ph 07 3202 1431

MAY - 
Beaudesert Show
Grounds
Ph 0488 416 473

JUNE - 
Lake McDonald
Scout Camp
Ph 07 5446 0131



SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hi Everyone,

With mixed weather of very cold, overcast, sunny and a rainy day to top it all off, I'm sure we all enjoyed another rally with our friends. Saturday was wet and miserable, perfect weather for our Soup Night. So many soups to choose from, plus the lovely desserts as well. Thank you to John "Macca" for providing us with another great night of entertainment along with some help from Dave B, Dave S, John H, and Alan which gave us all a great laugh. Thanks also to John and Mark and especially to Diana and Helen for giving us a wonderful display of dancing.

Welcome back to Keith and Beverley on their 2nd visit and **congratulations to Eric and Bev for reaching their 70 rallies.**

Our Shopper Dockets this month amounted to \$3933.41

I look forward to seeing you next month at Gatton. Until then take care.

Cheers



TREASURER'S REPORT

Once again another great Rally at Yarraman.

Mick & Irene did the raffle which raised \$99.00 and was won by Jim. Thank you all for your support.

Once again it is time to pay our Membership fees. These are due by the 30th September. I will not be at the next 2 rallies, so Vicki Mac will be standing in for me. Vicki will be collecting site fees at Gatton as well as Membership Fees and Raffle monies.

Thank You

Rae

REMINDER

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RALLY CO-ORDINATORS REPORT

Hi All,

Another good rally in Yarraman - the weather was not too bad - some rain, (and sunny days) but did not dampen our enthusiasm. I do not know what Dave H. & Dave S. had to say to the Caravan Park Manager to be put so far away from the rest, but good exercise.

I will be sending the attendance sheet for Gatton showgrounds for the 14th-19th August on the 2nd August and please advise me by the 9th August.

Remember to bring long leads & levellers.

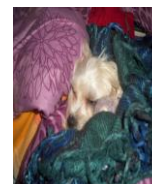
The weather will still be cold.

Oh No, not another cold one!

Till the next rally stay safe & well.

Cheers.

Eric



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GOSSIP LINE

- **Who** was the person that, when told their site was passed the big tree, passed the first big tree they saw, parked the van and set up, **then** discovered there were **site numbers** at the front of each site - and they were on the **wrong** site?
- **Who** didn't get **free** gravy on their meat at the pub on Friday night? – there must be someone who didn't hear this very sad story.
- **Who** dressed like a dog for dinner on Friday night because a certain someone wasn't with him for dinner?
- **Who** was the happiest of people to see a certain couple back from their long holiday?
- **Who** had to wait and wait and wait until at last for their meal arrived while their chicken was killed, pluck, cooked, had prayers said for its dear departed soul – and then reluctantly served.
- **Who** was it that thought he was getting an invite back to a lady's room only to find they meant the *club* room at the caravan park where everyone else was meeting?
- **Who** was the first to race up and grab their dessert before everyone else?
- **Who** had to throw their body in front of the desserts to protect them from a crazed group racing up with bowls in hand?

For further information on any of these stories – I can be bribed with chocolates and red wine

Linda B.



Elaine presented
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