

Peninsula Caravan Club Inc.

Newsletter MARCH 2008



JUNE'S ROVING REPORT

Hello to All

This was our second visit to Cotton tree, Maroochydore and what a great turn out, a total of 18 caravans, a great start for 2008. Peter & I arrived on Tuesday, with Kevin arriving on Wednesday. Thursday we had another 8 caravans arrive by mid-day, Friday Mike & Enid followed by Mary Huxley and Tom & Bernie & our guests John & Helen Hunter attending their 2nd Rally. The Fab Four (Dell & Steve, Cathy & Dennis) arrived late afternoon. Our guests Vicki & John Mackenzie arrived at lunch time Saturday. The biggest surprise was the arrival of Kevin & Pauline late Saturday.

The weather could have been better, it was very windy & we had some heavy showers of rain. On Thursday afternoon we assembled to set up the "Tarp" – quite a challenge with the wind blowing. A big thank you to President Jim & his merry men & maidens, all was completed in time for "Happy Hour", some members returned to their vans for dinner while the "stayers" were amused by Kevin teasing Eric about all the extras on his new beaut caravan.

On Friday, early risers, Neil & Faye, Colin & Ron went fishing with Neil & Faye catching a nice bream for their breakfast. Late afternoon we assembled under the "Tarp" for a sausage B.B.Q, thank you to our cooks Steve & Dennis, also thank you to Mike & Enid for bringing the sausages with them on Thursday. The rest of the evening was spent enjoying our drinks & catching up on all the news.

Saturday everyone was up & about for Official Rally Day, attired in their Club shirts. Some members prowled the shops for "something green" for our St.Patricks celebration, while others prepared their Irish stew for dinner. Bev. & Eric returned home for a family celebration.

At approximately 3 pm we welcomed Dell's nephew Rick, who represented Aussie Renewable Energy Supplies, who advised the members on Solar panels & accessories. President Jim thanked Rick for his interesting comments & for attending the rally. (Sales Freecall: 1800 768 869 www.ares.net.au)

Ron & Chris Vasyli (who donated the raffle prize) sold all the tickets making a total of \$100.00. Our guest Vicki Mackenzie drew out the winning number, congratulations to Mike & Enid Tracey. Mike then handed out the Rally sheet for members to advise on their attendance for the April rally to Mount Tamborine, President Jim declared it was "Happy Hour", some members returned to their vans to change into "something green" for Dell's Activities evening, and to heat their stews etc. for dinner.

Unfortunately just as we were preparing to dine – down came the rain sending the members scurrying back to their vans, those of us who stayed enjoyed a night of good food, good wine, & good Irish jokes. Our thanks go to the joke tellers – Cathy, Mike, Jim & Neil. The biggest surprise of the night was the arrival of Pauline & Kevin White, passing through on their way to Burrum Heads. Another good night, big thank you to our activities girl Dell. My spies tell me Bev. & Eric returned to the park sometime around 12.30 pm.

Sunday saw the mass departure of caravans returning back home. We had three brand new caravans this rally. Bev & Eric Byng, Dell & Steve Lewis, & Bernie & Tom Fuller, have you guys won lotto or maybe rob banks in your spare time? Eric did you receive profits from the Dodgy Brothers?

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The remainder of the members went to the Markets or like Peter & I went out for lunch. Sunday pm we enjoyed a B.B.Q and then assembled at Bev. & Eric's caravan to pop champagne corks & celebrate the news that they were to become Grand-parents for the first time.

Our Rally Co-coordinator, Mike Tracey has asked me to remind you how **important it is to advise him if you will or will not be attending the Rallies**. Your co-operation would be greatly appreciated. It is my unhappy duty to report our Treasurer Darryl Devenny & his wife Sue have sold their caravan & will not be attending any more rallies. We wish you all the best in the future, we shall miss you. Peter & I will not be going to the next Rally, as our van is going in for repairs, so I will need a roving reporter please – have a go it's fun. Cheerio for now, hope to see you all at Murwillumbah in May.

June. Newsletter Editor.

2008 RALLY CALENDAR

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

Queensland State Rally 2008.

Rockhampton Showgrounds have been booked from Sunday 21st to 30th September, 2008 for the rally.

The State Rally official opening date is Wednesday, 24th September.

Newsletter and other information from the Secretary of Rocky 2008 will be sent to all clubs in due course.

CCCQ Membership Cards are currently being distributed to all members.

Full details of benefits of these cards will be released as it comes to hand.

Through sponsorship of CCCQ, Oz Parks are offering 10% discount at any of their parks to a maximum of \$25 per stay.

Thank you, Joan.



RALLY CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

WELL MEMBERS WE HAD A GOOD TURNOUT AT COTTONTREE WITH SOME 18 VANS IN ATTENDANCE WITH 3 BEING BRAND NEW.

MANY THANKS TO TOM & BERNIE, STEVE & DELL AND ERIC & BEV FOR SHOWING US ALL YOUR NEW VANS, THEY ARE JUST LOVELY AND I'M SURE WILL GIVE YOU MANY YEARS OF JOY DURING YOUR TRAVELS.

THANKYOU TO ALL THOSE WHO ATTENDED FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND CO-OPERATION IT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

JUST ANOTHER QUICK REMINDER ABOUT OUR APRIL RALLY AT MT.TAMBORINE AND THANKYOU FOR YOUR EARLY RESPONSE. SEE YOU ALL AT MT.TAMBORINE, HAVE A SAFE JOURNEY EVERY ONE

REGARDS MIKE TRACEY RALLY CO-ORDINATOR

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

RAFFLE ROSTER

APRIL 2008..... MARY HUXLEY
MAY 2008..... COLIN & JOAN CHADWICK
JUNE 2008..... MAX & JUDITH MARTIN

Should you be unable to take your turn when allocated please arrange with the following members to take your place and vice versa.

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CLUB STICKERS	\$ 5.00 EACH

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello to All from Cotton Tree, Maroochydore, This was our first Rally for the 2008 year, as Lake MacDonald was a no show. It was good to see such a great Turn Out a total of 18 vans, well done everyone. Prospective members John & Vicki Mackenzie, John & Helen Hunter nice to see you all, Welcome visit from David & Andrea Hellewell hope to see you again in the future.

I think Lotto is being won in our club & no one is saying, with the arrival of Bev & Eric, Del & Steve, Tom & Bernie sporting brand new Caravans, congratulations and Happy & safe Caravanning to you all.

The big surprise was the arrival of Kevin & Pauline, who were passing through on their travels. It was great to catch up and know they are enjoying their travelling honeymoon. Good Luck to them.

I have checked out information re CPR course – no longer done by the Ambulance. It was suggested we should purchase a CPR pool sign which we can take to each rally. Club member Mary Huxley & Enid Tracey said they have had CPR instruction.

That's it from me; see you all at Mount Tamborine in April.

Jim.



DELL'S ACTIVITIES

Please bring along your favorite games, jigsaw, scrabble, cards, Board game, etc

Saturday the Glow-worm Caves open at 10 am for those who would like to visit. At 3pm a game of botchy, please bring any sets of ball you have. There are some Wineries on the mountain, Cheese Factory & gift shops in the "Gallery Walk".

See you there.

Dell. Activities Organizer.



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BIRTHDAYS

APRIL 6th June Crowe
APRIL 9th Ron Vasyli



ANNIVERSARIES

APRIL 8th June & Peter Crowe
APRIL 26th Christine & Murray Jackson

A reminder for the Esk Rally – It will be Christmas in July – the Caravan Park will provide a traditional Christmas Meal for \$16 per person – more information later.

Also please sign the Attendance book on arrival after you have set up your van. This is important for Insurance purposes.

OUR COMMITTEE CONTACT DETAILS

President	Jim Williamson	3284 9648
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Newsletter Editor	June Crowe	3496 2245

HOW TO REMOVE STICKERS EASILY FROM VAN.

The following is the most effective way to completely remove the sticker and its glue residue.

- 1) Ensure the sticker that you wish to remove is warm/hot. Either leave the van in the sun for an hour or use your wife's hair dryer (guy's unless you have one of your own!!!)
- 2) Peel the sticker off.
- 3) Use a clean rag soaked in 'White spirits' ensuring that you turn the rag constantly so that you are not reapplying the stuff you are removing. It is a good idea to have a number of rags ready.
- 4) The glue residue will come off easily once the 'White Spirits' has had chance to get into it.

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.

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Caravan Electrical Loadings

Do not overload your caravan electrically it is dangerous.

Most caravans have been wired to have an electrical loading of 15 Amps. This is allowable if you use a 15 Amp supply lead (large earth pin) and connected to a 15 Amp supply.

If you only have a 10 Amp supply you must reduce your electrical loading accordingly. If only 10 Amp supply is available, arrangements must be made to modify the 10 Amp supply point so that it is able to accept your usual 15 Amp extension lead. The 15 Amp lead is still required to plug into the supply point on the side of the caravan.

As an added precaution, do not use a double adaptor or power board to facilitate the use of two (2) appliances simultaneously as this could cause an overload.

To help you work out what combination of appliances are rated at see below table. Any combination of appliances can be used as long as the total does not exceed the rated supply (i.e. 10 Amp or 15Amp depending on power lead).

Do not forget to include the electrical loading of your air conditioner, if you have one, as this is generally a constant load.

<u>Appliance</u>	<u>Watts</u>	<u>Amps</u>	<u>Appliance</u>	<u>Watts</u>	<u>Amps</u>
Lights (1)	40	0.166	Lights (3)	120	0.50
Refrigerator		0.650	Toaster	1000	4.00
Kettle	2000	8.000	Kettle	2400	10.00
Microwave		5.000	Frypan	1350	5.60
Television	83	0.350	Heater	1000	4.00
Fan Heater	1200	5.000	Fan Heater	2400	10.00
Air Conditioner		7.700	Hot Water System		2.75
Bread Maker	480	2.000	Desk Fan	31	0.13
Steam Iron	1440	6.000	Water Pump		0.20
Washing Machine	360	1.500			

Note all the above ratings are based on 240 volts {for example fan heater 2400 watts divided by 240 volts = 10 Amps}

If you have appliances with a similar description to the above, but with a higher or lower rating, use the figures for your appliances when calculating your total loading. For example, there are (2) ratings above for 'Kettles' and 'Fan Heaters' so you will have to check the ratings for these items. If checking the rating of your other appliances is not easy, then use of the above figures will give a good approximation of your total load.

Ohm's Law:- Volts = Amps x Resistance (ohms)

Power (watts) = Volts x Amps

Amps = Power (watts) divided by Volts (This is the most important calculation as it will give you the ability to avoid overloading your van)

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HINTS AND TIPS

- 'Just in case" box. Purchase small plastic box from Crazy Clark's and insert duplicates of water connections, washers, light bulbs for van inside and outside etc.
- Place non-skid rubber matting in all cupboards. Stops items sliding.
- Laminate a departure and arrival check list.
- Cordless drill to lower and raise stabilizers. Saves 45% of time to manual winding.
- Velcro ties on awning arms when travelling. Prevents it from being sucked open.
- Battery packs (super cheap 17amph or 24amph) to run van lights. Will also jump start car and run shower pump and portable fluoro lights.
- Power wheel to move van around. (Super cheap \$99.00)
- Slit 25mm clear plastic hose and place over pop top lifter inside van. Hang wet tea towels etc on it. No rust.
- Use click type hose joins to connect water hose when put away. No leaks into boot.
- Use three separate thicknesses of timber for van levelling. Can obtain timber from discarded piles at building sites.
- Use plastic crates inside van boot to store items. Crate does not go all the way to floor so can store items under.
- Tow ball reversing aid. Saves marriages!
- Turn van fridge on min two full days before putting anything in it. It will operate better when loaded.
- Use coupling lock when van not connected to car.
- Shade cloth is easily sewn and makes excellent sun shades for awnings. Purchase from most hardware stores.
- Purchase two small walkie talkies. Indispensable for reversing assistance.
- Use Marvin wood polish for wood surfaces and Mr Sheen for laminate. Cleans, Protects and shines.
- Use small plastic shelves that have legs that fold down on kitchen benches. Thus doubling bench storage space. Purchase from Dollars and sense at Peninsular fair.
- Use calico bag for plastic bag storage. Holds up to 30 plastic bags.
- 1ltr and 1.25ltr soft drink bottles make excellent water bottles for fridge door.
- Heavy duty vinyl sewn into rectangle makes excellent gas bottle protector.
- Glue small 'T' level onto drawbar for ease of setting up. To ensure accuracy before gluing place small round level that you get with van into fridge freezer. Level van with this then position 'T' level on draw bar. Wherever it is level that is where you glue it.
- Do not leave rubber backed mats on vinyl floor covering. The rubber will turn the vinyl brown. Similar comment for spare tyres.
- Stock van with its own cutlery, melamine dinner setting, sheets, towels, cooking pots and pans, cooking utensils etc. You don't run the risk of forgetting something.
- Stick plastic hooks inside van for keys etc.
- Suction hooks for outside of van to hold small items.
- Basket or tray to make carrying food, utensils, dishes etc to & from BBQ/camp kitchen.
- Take old magazines to replace one's you may take from park collections.