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Newsletter MARCH 2012

Next Month's Rally – Nambour Showgrounds Wednesday 11th to Monday 16th April 2012



Nambour is a thriving regional town nestled between the hinterland & the beach, just a short drive from Montville or an easy cruise to the beautiful Sunshine Coast beaches. Nambour has beautiful parks, a waterfall, the museum, the RSL Club. .

Directions: Travel Bruce H'way/M1. Take the exit towards Blackall Range Tourist Drive/ Tourist Driver 23/State Route 10/ Nambour Bli Bli Road. At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit onto Bli Bli Rd/Tourist Driver 23. At the lights turn left onto Coronation Ave. Take the 1st left on to Showgrounds Rd.

Requirements: Long leads, hoses + Y pieces may be required (It is Council requirements that leads are tested.)

Amenities: Showers & Toilets (if you own ensuite tents & portable toilets it is a good idea to bring them to use at night time)

Power & Water: Available (15 AMP leads & 10 AMP ext. & light leads)

Things to do: Big Pineapple Growers Market – Saturday 6.30 am Museums, Heritage, Cinema, Art Galleries, Sunshine Castle (Bli Bli) Bellingham Maize (Tanawha) Ginger Factory (Yandina) Fairhill Native Plants & Botanic Gardens (Yandina) Hotels, McDonalds, Ski 'N' Surf Cable Water Ski Park (Bli Bli) Wineries etc

Site Fees: \$11.90 per night per van. Money will be collected on Sat./Sun. Would you please have the correct money for payment. Thank you

Tarp will be required at this venue

Dog Friendly Venue

The Rally Co-ordinator will require your booking by 4th April.
Phone: 3888 1683. Mob: 0407 777 312.



Dog Friendly Venue
Nambour Showgrounds
 Coronation Ave
 Contact, Leigh Florence

EMERGENCY DETAILS -FIRE OR MEDICAL

To seek urgent help, continual quick short blasts of a whistle or car horn (3 seconds on/off). Upon hearing this members are requested to proceed in an orderly manner to the site of the whistle or car horn bringing with them mobile phone, fire extinguisher, water bucket, fire blanket, torch and first aid kit



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ROVING REPORT

We were very fortunate that the overcast weather held out for us to enjoy the 'Frog Racing' at the ever so green showgrounds at Canungra. This event proved so popular last year that it was resurrected for this month's rally.

Most participants were decked out in green to honour St Patrick's Day. Stewards, Dave Smith and David Broadley with their green berets and hair, scrutineers Debbie Smith and Doreen Broadley who did a fantastic effort recording race details and distinguished co-ordinator (shifty looking) race caller Les Brearley in his tartan hat, red hair, green vest and Santa Claus beard.



Each participant tried their best, what with tangled strings, frogs dallying in the long grass, backward hoppers or maybe they were a bit tipsy and unco-ordinated jockeys it was a very funny event. Our semi-finals saw Vickie, Doreen, Debbie and Bernie and Eric, John, Dave and Paul fight for the right to contest the grand final.



In the end it was won by John with *Sweet Colleen*, Paul, 2nd with *Luck of the Irish*, Vicki, 3rd with *Danny Boy* and Bernie with *Legless Murphy*. Our visitor Graham won the tipping contest.

We thank Dave and Debbie Smith and David and Doreen Broadley for their wonderful afternoon activity. Also thanks to quiz spokesperson, Doreen for the Irish Quiz after tea. Just goes to show we have a lot more to learn about the Irish or maybe we were just mentally exhausted from the afternoon. Thanks to everyone who participated.

Rob and Diane Howard



ACTIVITY REPORT

You are all invited to a Hawaiian Beach Party.

Time.....3.30pm Saturday

Dress...Hawaiian Shirt, Sarong, Grass Skirt.

BYO..... Hawaiian Cocktails, Drinks and Nibbles.

There will be Music, games and lots more...



The Apple Turnover Report

This months rally took us to Canungra show ground with a choice of three bakeries.

I had given some thought to trying all three however I didn't want people thinking I'm a guts.

The verdict

Where – Flessers Bakery

Size – A bit on the small side. They all seem to be smaller these days.

Pastry – Lightly brown but again a little soft.

Apple – Sweet

Cream – Fresh

Overall Rating – 7.5

See you next month at Nambour.

John



PRESIDENTS REPORT

We arrived at Canungra show grounds on Friday afternoon just in time to set up before happy hour which was in a fantastic undercover area. The show grounds are in a great spot surrounded by low hills with a creek and swimming hole nearby. A big welcome to Paul and Vickie who are our newest members to join the club. We also welcomed Graham and Julie back for their second visit and George and Maryanne for their first visit.

The Irish frog races were great fun with freshly named Irish frogs. There was a bit of competitive spirit around with several members taking the opportunity for some practice before lunch. The main event was great with many members joining in the Irish theme. Congratulations to John Hunter who won the final and a big thank you to the Four Dees (Dave and Debbie and Dave and Doreen) for organizing the activities and arranging for the rain to hold off until 15 minutes after the final race! A great rally with plenty of “variety” in the activities! Thank you to those present who donated \$103 to the Variety charity.

Five of us lined up Monday in bright sunshine in the oval for the 9:00 am start to our adventure in Northern NSW, but more of that elsewhere. Thanks to Colin for supplying some leads that were ‘tested and tagged’ for the trip.

Looking forward to seeing you all at Nambour.


Cheers

Les

*  **Dog Friendly**


2012 CALENDAR

APRIL- Booked 
Nambour s/grounds
Contact, Leigh
FLorence


MAY-booked 
Lake Macdonald
Ph 5442 5285

JUNE- booked 
Imbil, Borumba Deer
Park
Ph 5484 5196

JULY- booked 
Nanango C&M Park
Ph 4163 2322

AUGUST-booked 
Rathdowney s/grounds
Ph 5544 1195

SEPTEMBER- 
State Rally-Beaudesert

OCTOBER-booked 
Kenilworth s/grounds
Ph 5446 0131

NOVEMBER-
booked 
Crow's Nest C/Park
Ph 4698 1269

DECEMBER-
No Rally
(Xmas Lunch)



SECRETARY'S REPORT

We had another great at Canungra Showgrounds and it was good to see so many members attending. We welcomed our new members Paul and Vicki and also first time visitors George and Maryanne. Unfortunately we had more rain than we would have liked, although we did have some nice sunny times as well.

Thanks to Debbie, Doreen and the Daves for our Saturday activity of frog racing which was enjoyed by all and the Irish quiz after tea. We also had a CD by an Irish comedian to give us some laughs. Thanks Bernie. We were then treated to some great music and singing from a couple of fellows with the Variety Bash who set off on Sunday morning on their way to the Townsville/Tully region

On Sunday night Les showed us some great photos from their trip to South Africa and Vicki brought along a movie.

Look forward to seeing everyone at our next rally, until then take care

Cheers

Elaine



TREASURER'S REPORT

Thanks to everyone for another great rally at Canungra last week and to all who supported our raffle. We raised \$100.00, it was won by two of our lovely visitors Graham and Julie. We hope you enjoy your gift. Thank you to Mary for organising the raffle.

Dave Broadley took up a collection for the Frog Racing. The organisers bought two Lotto Tickets for a prize. (sorry I do not know the winners name) The profit left from that purchase was \$0.70c

Also another welcome to our newest members Vickie & Paul Grieve. I am sure you will have lots of fun on our rallies.

Hope to see you all next rally.
 Take care

Cheers

Vicki Mac

ACTIVITIES ROSTER 2011

April – Hawaiian Beach Party
H Hunter, J MacKenzie, L White

May – Drag Racing – Gold coin donation
E & B Byng, J Kostuch and L Singh

June -

RAFFLE ROSTER (prize value \$20.00+ tickets)

APR 2012 – Gay Gibson

MAY 2012 - Peter & June Crowe

JUN 2012 – Kurt & Margaret Clauson

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

APRIL



BIRTHDAYS



Elaine Sutherland 1st.
June Crowe 6th
Ron Vasyli 9th



ANNIVERSARIES

Peter & June Crowe 8th

Activity Organisers – Please propose a toast to Members Celebrating a Birthday or Anniversary at Happy Hour (Sat).



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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. Only the officially sanctioned shirt is acceptable as stated by the Committee.

Saturday is official Club rally day (Club shirt day)



Welcome Paul and Vicki

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RALLY CO-ORDINATORS REPORT

Well, I think we are off to a good start for 2012 with yet another great venue at Canungra Showgrounds. The torrential rain on Wednesday did not deter the early birds from travelling and by Saturday a total of 18 vans had converged on the showgrounds. Even with a number of other clubs visiting at the time, there was still plenty of room for everyone. The large covered area proved to be an ideal spot with the weather conditions as they were.

Welcome to new visitors George & Maryanne. Hope you enjoyed your first rally. Congratulations to Paul & Vicki on becoming members. Apologies from Gay, Kurt & Margaret and Colin & Lyle who all had to cancel unexpectedly.

It was very nice of Mike, Judy and Fred, together with Ron & Chris to arrive on Saturday to celebrate Fred's Birthday. Hope Fred had a great day and thank you Mike & Judy for a lovely morning tea. Saturday was a busy day with Frog racing, dinner and the evening was completed with the bonus of entertainers from the Variety Club.

See you all at Nambour.

Cheers

Debbie



GOSSIP LINE

Who

- Had a lovely walk in the rain on Thursday.
- Got a flat battery in his car
- He who owns a ford had his alarm go off.



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A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

This is a long Newsletter as I have included the report from the members road trip following our last rally, I am sorry for the late publication as I was waiting for all reports.

We had another great rally at Canungra.

Shorty and I are now at Texas enjoying the sunshine and absence of rain, we will be heading south towards Inverell next week.

On a very sad note my lovely Guide Dog Flora was put to sleep yesterday as she had a tumour on her spleen and internal bleeding. This was a great shock and not expected. I was absolutely devastated yesterday (another reason for the late newsletter). She will be cremated and laid to rest at the Remembrance Wall at Guide Dogs Queensland.

Until next Month

Deborah

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On the Road

On Monday morning five vans lined up for the 9:00 am start to our road trip. We had Warren and Elaine, Eric and Bev, John and Helen, Enda and Linda and Les and Bernie. The first day was to Mt Warning and it started out with blue skies. We travelled via Nerang and after one 'pit stop' arrived at Mt Warning just on lunch time, local time. Once we left the Sunshine State the weather closed in a bit with a couple of light showers. After setting up we piled into two cars and went for a drive around Mt Warning in fine weather, although clouds were covering some of the mountain peaks. It turned out to be



a great drive through rain forest on back roads, to Clarrie Hall dam and views over the Tweed Valley and occasional views of Mt Warning. Arrived back just in time for happy hour, initially under a shady tree then under an annex as the rain started.



There was enough rain overnight to sink any prospect of the adventurous few climbing Mt Warning, so we packed up and left just after nine. It was fine with occasional showers as we headed off along the road to Nimbin. There were certainly plenty of 'pot' holes approaching Nimbin and a few larger ones leaving as Warren discovered. We stopped at the village of Goolmangar as Warren had a flat tyre on the car. After changing the tyre we had some 'friendly' locals complaining about us stopping on the grass verge of the road!



Arrived at Lake Ainsworth and what a great spot we had looking out over the lake. After a couple of light showers the weather cleared and it was a fantastic afternoon. We explored the beautiful coast line then had a swim in the lake before happy hour followed by a walk to the local bowls club for a \$10 steak. A great day.



The next day we went our various ways to Byron Bay and Ballina checking out the local attractions including the Ballina Maritime Museum and Macadamia Castle. We had showers on and off throughout the day but still managed to start happy hour looking out over the lake, but had to move under an annex when the rain started. It was great weather for ducks a couple of which joined us under the annex. There was plenty to do in the area and all had an enjoyable day.

It was an overcast day as we lined up to depart from the coast at Lennox Head to the mountains at Jackadgery. The trip was about 190 km. We stopped at the small village of Ulmarra for morning tea. This used to be a busy river port on the banks of the Clarence River. A few purchases were made before we continued past

Grafton and headed up the Gwydir Highway reaching the Mann River caravan park just after twelve. It was a spacious park with plenty of shade trees, but they had difficulty dealing with a bunch of 'boatees' wanting to buy lunch and five caravans arriving at the one time! Welcome to the country. After setting up a few brave souls went for the drive up to Gilbert Range national park followed by a 3.5 km forest walk. The views were great and the walk very nice, although there were a few too many leaches. The drive back was through clouds some of the time and it started to rain just as we arrived back at the caravan park. There was a camp kitchen at the caravan park and it was very pleasant sitting there for drinks and barbeque dinner with the light rain falling on the tin roof.

Everyone was lined up at nine for the 180 k drive back to the coast at Nambucca Heads. Had a slow drive for some kilometers stuck behind a guy towing a caravan!! Magic day at Nambucca with blue skies and great views of the coast and mouth of the Nambucca Rivers. Some went for a swim at Shelly Beach which is a nice cove protected from the prevailing winds. We had happy hour overlooking the blue ocean then drove down to the river and had fish and chips for dinner. This was followed by apple crumble and custard under the stars cooked by Bev and Eric.



Saturday was another beautiful day where we went our separate ways exploring the local attractions. This included Scotts Head, Bowraville, Macksville, museums and of course the local shops. We all went to the RSL for dinner which was a great spot overlooking the Nambucca River for a memorable evening to finish off the trip.

We went our separate ways on Sunday, with some returning home, some making their way further up the coast and some staying on for another day. It was a great trip with great company!

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