

Newsletter MARCH 2013

<u>Next Month's Rally</u> – <u>Wednesday 17April - Monday 22 April 2013</u> <u>FERRY RESERVE HOLIDAY PARK</u> Riverside Crescent, BRUNSWICK HEADS NSW 2483

Ph:- 0266851872







Directions:- 147 km, 1 hour 34 mins - courtesy of Google Maps - (Blame Them) Starting At Gateway Bridge Murarrie QLD 4172

1.	Head south-east on Gateway Motorway/M1 - Partial toll road					
2.	Take the exit onto Pacific Motorway/M1 towards Pacific Motorway/Gold Coast - <i>Entering</i> New South Wales					
3.	B. Continue onto Pacific Hwy/National Route 1					
4.	Continue onto Pacific Motorway/M1	4.2 km				
5.	Continue onto Pacific Hwy/National Route 1					
6.	6. Take exit Brunswick Valley Way towards Billinudgel/ Ocean Shores /Tourist Drive 40					
7.	At the roundabout, take the 1st exit onto Tweed Valley Way					
8.	. Turn right onto Brunswick Valley Way ;					
•	Go Through 2 Roundabouts					
	✤ At the 1st roundabout, take the 3rd exit onto Old Pacific Hwy	240 m				
	✤ At the 2nd roundabout, take the 1st exit onto Riverside Cres	180 m				
9.	9. Turn right to stay on Riverside Cres: Destination will be on the Left					
	Arrive Ferry Reserve Holiday Park					

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:-

Crystal Castle - *81 Monet Drive Mullumbimby* - 5 km west of Brunswick Heads -the magical gardens of mystic statues, walk the ancient labyrinth, and marvel at the exquisite jewellery, crystals, books and treasures on offer.

Tropical Fruit World - *Duranbah Rd, Duranbah* (off Tweed Valley Way) - 20 mins north of Brunswick Heads - a farm with more than 500 varieties of delicious fruits, tractor tours, plantation safaris, mini train rides, jungle riverboat cruise, treasure island, fauna park and fruit tasting shows. Open daily 10am-4.30pm.

Macadamia Castle - *1699 Pacific Highway Knockrow* -21 km south of Brunswick Heads. Has Animal Park, Café, Nut Bar, Fine Food section and Retail store.

ERIC WILL SEND OUT AN <u>EMAIL</u> AS TO WHETHER <u>THE TARP</u> IS NEEDED OR NOT AT FERRY RESERVE - CLOSER TO THE DATE

<u>POST CODE</u> – <u>2483</u> EMERGENCY DETAILS -FIRE OR MEDICAL

To seek urgent help, continual quick short blasts of a <u>whistle</u> 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



Good weather at last!!!

Great to see and hear that everybody was happy to be away in their vans and meeting up with other club members.

Friday all members were well-behaved - bar some - but no names will be mentioned in this report, but I am open for bribery and corruption.

Out to dinner at the **Beerwah RSL** club via their courtesy bus. Food was delicious but for someone a <u>long</u> wait (did the cook have to go out and catch the fish?). All in all a good feed was had by all with one member winning a *meat tray*.

Glorious sunshine again on Saturday and we all welcomed its return.

It was noted that most vans were snug next to their respective slabs but one did leave a little to be desired (a huge gap in fact), but everybody was happy and that is good.

After the activities - which were a hoot - our newest members **Kim** and **Ken** were welcomed in to the club by **Elaine** and the birthday people sang to – those *donuts* made a nice fit for the candles.

After a meal together more activities which made us all think very hard.

Did **Simon** and **Sabrina** win the *Australia* section?, they certainly were a winning combination - and thanks to **Bev** for inviting them into our group.

Rover Rick Reporting

A Small Report Regarding The "Welcome Bag" Gifts.

As the **Club Co-coordinator** for the **National Rally**, I would like to thank firstly **Lyle** for coming up with the idea of the **pegs** and **Rae** for doing the **sullage socks** and **Eric** for putting **the magnet backing** on the pegs.

I would also like to thank the following:-Rae, Jim, Col, Lyle, Gay, Helen R., Vicki G., Paul, Elaine, Irene, Mick, June, Mary for helping with putting everything in the bags.

As the saying goes "Many Hands Make Light Work" which was true - - it did not seem to take too long.

Well Done Guys! Bev



The Welcome Bag Team





PRESIDENTS REPORT

Unfortunately we were not able to make it to Gowinta, I hope that you all had a good time. At least it was not as wet as Cotton Tree. Welcome to our new members **Ken and Kim Hickson**.

We also say **goodbye** to **Kurt and Margaret Clausen** who have decided to leave the club to pursue other interests. Hopefully we will see them as visitors at some time in the future.

I have not had much of a response about a proposed 'tag a long' this year. If you are interested then please let me or one of the other committee members know.

A big thank you to **Enda** for filling in as Newsletter editor for **Lyle** while she and **Colin** are tripping around. Enda will need **volunteers** for **roving reports** <u>*etc*</u>, so please help where you can.

We have a committee meeting coming up this weekend. If you have any issue to raise then please let one of the committee members know.

Our next rally at **Ferry Reserve Park, Brunswick Heads**, promises to be a good one in an area where were have not been before so we are looking forward to it and hope to see you there.

Cheers Les

RAFFLE ROSTER(prize value \$20.00+ tickets)(Roster Swap Made on 21 March 2013)April 2013Richard & Helen RoederMay 2013Fred Krebs & Colette SheppardJune 2013Enda & Linda BrackenJuly 2013Mick & Irene KerwoodIf you are unable to attend your nominated rally please getin touch with the next member on the raffle list.Should you be unable to find a replacement from this list,
contact the Secretary.

ACTIVITIES ROSTER

April 2013Bernie / Fred & Collette; /JimMay 2013Alan & Lorraine / Allan & DebbieJune 2013Mike & Judy / George & MaryanneJuly 2013Peter & June / Warren ; Bev BIf you are unable to perform your Activity Duty, pleasearrange a swap with another member(s).And Notify John Hunter (Activity Roster Coordinator). andEnda B. (Acting Editor)Should you be unable to find a replacement from this list,contact the Secretary.

BIRTHDAYS APRIL:- Elaine Sutherland 1st (yes the April Fool of the group - her words) June Crowe 6th Ron Vasyli 9th Helen Roeder. 21st Diana Linnett 22nd. ANNIVERSARIES APRIL	Utrafice Outo Service Centres Log Book Servicing Brakes & Suspension EFT Tuning & Repairs Air Conditioning Fleet Care
Peter & June Crowe. 8th	Strathpine 3205 5311 Northlakes 3491 8222
<u>Activity Organisers</u> –Please propose a toast to Members Celebrating a Birthday or Anniversary at Happy Hour (Sat).	



2013 CALENDAR

JANUARY-Picnic in Park TBA

FEBRUARY-Cotton Tree C/Pk Ph 1800 461 253

MARCH-Gowinta Farm Ph 5494 0365

APRIL- Ferry Reserve Hol/Pk Ph 02 6685 1872

MAY Kilcoy S/Grounds Ph 5422 4900

JUNE- Glengarry E/Centre Ph 5427 9176

JULY- Yarraman C/Pk Ph 180002880560

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)



SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hi Everyone,

Although this rally was smaller than usual, we all had a good time and some wonderful sunny weather for a change. Many thanks to **Mick & Irene** who organised the activities for Saturday afternoon and Saturday night. Also to **Gay** who stepped in at the last minute to help them with the **disc bowls**.

It was also nice to have a young couple from Germany join us for the activities, although I do wonder what they made of us with green hats etc for **St. Patrick's Day** in the afternoon, then that night, **Easter Bonnets** because of Easter falling before our next rally.

It was my pleasure to induct our newest members into the club. Welcome **Ken & Kim Hickson**.

Total for the Shopper Dockets this months was \$2387.

Colin and **Lyle** - I hope you enjoy your travels and keep safe for the next few months. Also hope everyone else from the club who is travelling at the moment are keeping safe and well.

Until next month, Everyone take care Cheers

Elaíne



TREASURER'S REPORT

A very successful weekend at Gowinta Farm. What a lovely spot for a restful getaway. **Colin & Lyle** raised **\$89.00** on the raffle which was won by **Paul & Vickie**. On Saturday night 20 of us played a game arranged by **Mick and Irene**.

19 of us actually gambled away our hard earned 40c but **Rick** had the big win of **\$8.00** which he kindly donated to the club, all in 10c pieces. *Thank you* **Rick**.

See you all at the next rally.

Rae

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)



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RALLY CO-ORDINATORS REPORT

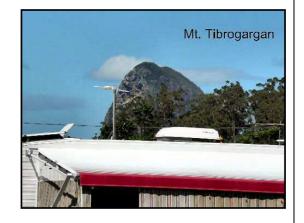
Hi Everybody,

Well the weather "Gods" were definitely shining on us this rally, with 12 vans in attendance we still had a good time. I must congratulate **Mick & Irene** on their activity.

They did a splendid job by themselves, their partners were absent but they had **Gay** to help them.

I will be sending out the **sheet** for **Ferry Reserve** on the **5th April** and <u>need your reply by the 12th April.</u>

And on that note I want to remind you all that



- If you are unable to attend, *after you have said <u>you will</u>*, I need to know <u>no later than the *Tuesday*</u>, or
- if something crops up while we are <u>at</u> the rally, I still need to know <u>if you are or not coming</u> and
- if we are at Caravan Parks, the Parks' Offices need to be informed as well.

Till next month

Eríc B.





GOSSIP LINE

WhO broke their awning stay *before* they had even left their yard. Who did *not* have T.V. reception *again*.

Who took June's clothes airer thinking it was his

Which two ladies were caught out swearing - which is unlike them.

Who went into Mary's camp site, thinking it was his.

Apology From Our Photographer:

I have to apologise to everyone,

I ran out of batteries in my good camera, so turned to my new back-up one, but a problem has arisen:-I have not yet worked out how to put the photos onto the computer, so do not have the photos from Happy Hour and the evening festivities to send to you for this Newsletter. Rae



Members In A Frenzy



Cooler Heads At The R.S.L.

PLEASE NOTE: ACTIVITIES FOR FERRY RESERVE HOLIDAY PARK

□ Saturday Afternoon:

□ Saturday Evening:

Organised Tourist Drive in Local Area and Afternoon Tea Court Jester Game CARAVANNERS NEED TO BRING NOTHING BUT THEIR CARS FOR THE LOCAL DRIVE

- AND THEIR PERFECTLY-FORMED BODIES FOR THE COURT JESTER GAME

No, no... This isn't gossip.

It's the truth.



Peace-Loving Disc Bowlers Invaded By Leprechauns



Disc Bowls Winners Ron, Col and Lyle -With Organisers Mick and Irene



Sabrina & Simon, Ginger Pickers & Disc Bowlers Supreme From Germany



Sabrina & Simon - Our Own "Fine Cotton" Scandal Only The Trained Eye Could Spot The Bev - Eric Deception

ACTIVITY REPORT - MARCH 2013 RALLY ACTIVITIES

On Saturday afternoon everyone assembled to play **disc bowls**, **Irene and Mike** having organised a "**Round Robin**"

This was played out in blazing sunshine and after three or four games each (and two and a half hours later) the final winners were; **Lyle**, **Col** and **Ron** - by one shot over the 'stand ins' for **Bev** and **Eric** - **Sabrina** and **Simon**, who kindly took their place, after Eric had injured his back. Sabrina and Simon hail from **Germany** and are travelling around the world, - and at present picking ginger at a nearby farm.

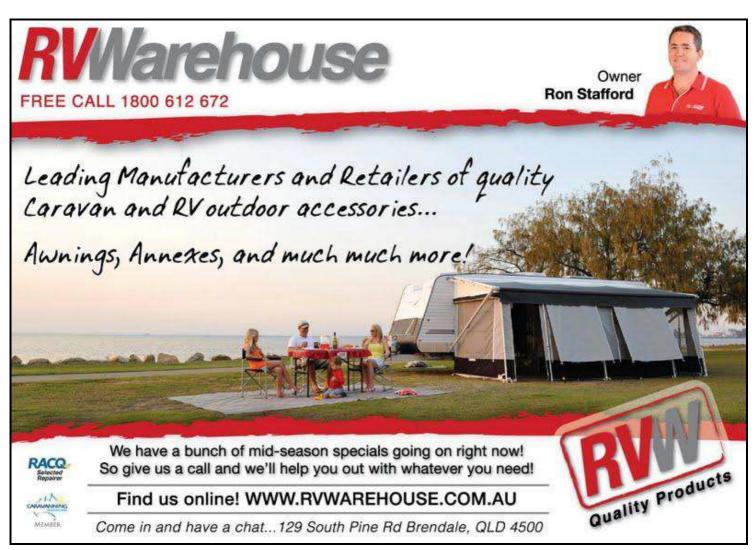
The four **birthdays** of the month were celebrated with a **Hotcross Doughnut** during 'happy hour'

After we had all eaten dinner together in the shed, a game of chance was played - Keep/Lose - where the collected money in the Bank went to the overall winner - Rick, who kindly donated his haul to the club.

Congratulations to those who wore their Easter Bonnets.

A few Irish jokes were told in the interval and then we all had to put our thinking caps on for **Irene's** quiz of **20 Questions** each on **"Australia"** and the **"U.K." Rae** won, and - on the **"U.K."** - **Bev** won.

Mary H



THANK YOU FROM THE ACTING EDITOR

This is my first Newsletter. I must thank Editor **Lyle** for coming over to train me in the dark arts of editorial work. She was so enthusiastic that it was (almost) infectious - - - (but then she was *leaving*).

I must thank the **Executive Reporters** (President **Les**, Secretary **Elaine** [who also helped me with updated rosters & lists], Treasurer **Rae** & Rally Co-ordinator **Eric** and National Rally Co-ordinator **Bev** and **Photographer** for sending in their monthly reports and photos so promptly.

I also must thank the **"Volunteer" Reporters** (Activity - **Mary**, Roving - **Rick** and Gossip- **Bev** reports) who supplied me with reports the day they got back.

They did their part - I promise to get better at this.

Enda

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