

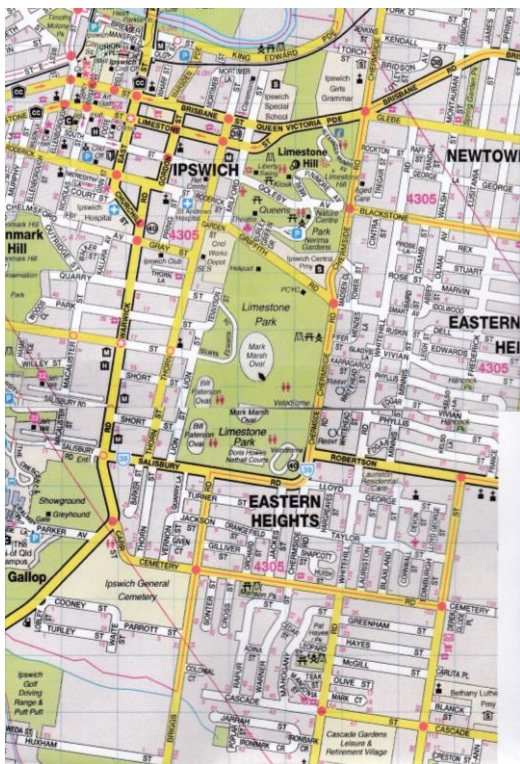
Peninsula Caravan Club Inc.

NEWSLETTER MARCH 2015

Next Month's Rally – Ipswich Showgrounds
81 Warwick Road, Ipswich, 4305 PH: 32811577
Wednesday 15th – Monday 20th April



DIRECTIONS: Make your own way to Ipswich. Follow Brisbane Road, go through to Queen Victoria Pde, into Limestone St (one way street). At 2nd lights turn LEFT- Gordon St, to end, then dog-leg RIGHT then LEFT into Warwick Road. Continue on to roundabout & into Salisbury St (3rd exit) ... Entrance to Showgrounds is JUST past roundabout on the LEFT.



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**SEE MAP: Please Note
Salisbury St. is the **ONLY** entrance**

If visiting on a Friday, stick around Top of Town for the Sunset Market from 3-7pm along Ellenborough and Brisbane St, with stalls selling fresh produce, handmade items and more.

TARP CARRIERS:

Tarp **IS** required for this rally.
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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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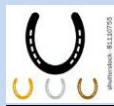
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ACTIVITIES for April

Organizers: Rod & Gayle / John & Helen



2:30pm - Horseshoe Throwing Practice & Sign-up

3:00pm - Horseshoe Throwing Competition

3:30pm - Mystery Event

7:30pm – Trivia (notebook/paper & pen required)



PLEASE ADVISE EDITOR OF ACTIVITY AND REQUIREMENTS IF ANY (eg. dress-ups/food/etc)
THAT YOU WISH TO GO IN THIS SPACE ----- Thank you.



ACTIVITY REPORT: *Barefoot Bowls, Sausage Sizzle, Pictionary*

Our activities started at an early Happy Hour. Carolyn Healy, from the State Rally Committee, gave us a talk on the forthcoming State Rally at Stanthorpe in September. There will be more newsletters coming out about it, and we can shortly register for same. It sounds like it will be a great State Rally, with so much being organised for that time.

Happy Birthday was sung to Linda, John H, and Chris, and Happy Wedding Anniversary to John and Helen H. The raffle was won by Bev and Eric (donated by Gay G).

The activity following was **Barefoot Bowls at the Canungra Bowls Club**, as arranged by Mick and Faye. Coaches were supplied by the Bowl Club, and they had their work cut out!! Not sure how many players understood what bias meant, and that they should aim to get nearest to **their** white jack, and not the one on the next rink, or past it into the ditch. Plenty of instructions being given, not only by the coaches, but by the 'would-be' bowlers, and a lot of very serious/worried looks. It was team against team, but anyone would have thought it was a round-the-world-trip for the prize!! (or a new van!)

Some of the quotable quotes – from the Coach “If this was a proper game....” (I think every rule in the book was well and truly bent if not broken!!) ...Our team didn't even have a coach but still played very well.

The reasons for bad play – The breeze carrying the bowls and the sunlight and shade in the wrong place on the green - so hard to see properly.

Some not too bad shots, but others including our secretary – need to keep their day job!! We now know what – lead, second skip, jack, kitty and bias mean. And they are bowls not balls! Also a new ingenious way to measure the closest ball to the jack – by (barefoot–size 10.1/2) feet!!

After some very serious calculating, the winners were declared – the team of John and Helen H, and Doreen.

All in all, a most enjoyable and fun afternoon for the thirty or so players, and half a dozen spectators. Thank you – Mick and Faye – and also for organizing the coaches to guide and (try to) instruct us. They certainly contributed to the enjoyment.

This was followed by dinner at the Bowls Club. – sausage sizzle, rissoles, salads etc – well presented and enjoyed by all.

The game of **Pictionary** was organised by Mark and Diana for the evening. Some very odd/hilarious/rude and ‘not-looking-anything-like-they-were-supposed-to’ drawings!! And then trying to have their team mates guess correctly!! Once again, lots of laughter and most enjoyable evening. Five teams competed for the prize, but the team of Enda, Chris, Ron, John H, Helen H, and Rae, were too good for the rest of us. Thank you – Mark and Diana – much fun. And there was even discussion next morning of “*how could that drawing possibly be that*”!!

Gay



Some very serious bowling going on here, hey!

Then there was the 'foot-measuring' -- can't let the opponent have an extra point!



Faye & Mick were the Bowls Comp. Organizers

And the WINNING TEAM were John H, Doreen and Helen H



After the Bowls Competition we had a lovely meal of sausage sizzle with rissoles & salads at the Bowls Club --- very enjoyable, thank you .



4 Owls sculptured in a tree in the picnic shelter



HAPPY HOUR ON SATURDAY ----- What a turn-out!



Bernie & Les were quiet happy to share a pizza while



Brian & Loretta said "WOW, look what we got --- what whoppers"
(cop Brian's eyes ... he LOVES his food)



Pictionary WINNERS: Rae, Helen H, John H, Enda, Chris and Ron



Night Activity Organizers: Diana & Mark



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ROVING REPORT:

Wednesday - 5 vans arrived early. Canungra is a terrific venue. There were a few showers in the afternoon. After happy hour, it was decided to see what the menu was like at the local hotel. By all accounts, it was a lovely meal that also included a bottle of wine.

Thursday - 'Sheriff Eric' who was suffering "Man Flu," was kept very busy as 9 more vans arrived during the day. Some folk decided to check out the local area and Mt. Tamborine. There was lots of laughter and catching up with friends during happy hour. By the way, the Sherriff had set up the racing track for the boys – honestly, boys and their toys!!!

Friday - It was a little cool during the night, so it was like sleepy hollow in the morning – no one was eager to get out of bed. 6 vans arrived during the morning. There was a terrific roll up by the ladies for craft at 10am. (Thank you all). It was lovely to see some of the Husbands busy bringing tea/coffee to their wives during the morning. Thank you guys. A heavy shower around 11 am had the girls shouting instructions to their better half's to shut the windows and hatches. Rick bought along some wooden toy trucks that a friend had made, with money going to the Lions Club at Morayfield. 4pm – happy hour, everyone was in good spirits. A booking had been made at the hotel for dinner at 6pm. 36 folk (some walking others driving) all enjoyed the meal. A raffle organised by the Lions club for a \$40 voucher to spend at the hotel was won by one of our members - 'Lucky Diana.'

Saturday – Some of us woke to the smell of bacon and eggs wafted through the camp this morning – it was time to get up. There was a lot to see this morning - local markets, car boot market, orchid show, book sales etc – members were eager to get bargains, and some came back with treasures! Carolyn Healey came around 3pm and gave an enthusiastic presentation about the coming State Rally in September. Carolyn said she would be delighted to see a 'Sea of blue shirts from our Club at Stanthorpe'. Happy hour followed around 4pm, then members were off for a game of Bare Foot Bowls and a Sausage Sizzle meal at the Canungra Bowls Club. (see activity report – what a laugh). 7-30pm back at camp, a game of "Pictionary" was the entertainment for the evening. A lot of fun and heckling.

Sunday – while some members starting heading home after a full weekend and happy memories – others were staying on to enjoy a relaxing time until Wednesday morning – (what a life some folks have).

Carolyn and Ted.



Our 'Craft Morning' under way with our 'Boss', the Lovely Carolyn, ironing. Rae was deciding which fabric to use and the rest of us were busy talking (oops! I mean cutting) After all, we were on 'piece rates' – NOT!

After Diana flung a bug onto someone else's plate she won the Lion's Club raffle (at the Pub) of a \$40 voucher to be spent there. 😊 Do you think she told hubby, Mark, that she won't share it with him???? 😊



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We had a very peaceful venue at Canungra Showgrounds. It may be that I have an attraction to the area from my younger days when the 'gang' would head up the mountain to O'Reilly's for bush walking, the border track, the Stinson wreck, Luke's Buff, the Lost World (took us three attempts to get there). And of course we had to stop at the Pub for a beer on the way there or the way back or both. I digress. Fantastic activity of bare foot bowls. I am sure everyone enjoyed that. And dinner was a bit more than a 'sausage sizzle'. After a walk in the dark we had Pictionary. That was a lot of fun. Well done to the activity organisers, Faye & Mick and Dianna & Mark.

A short report this month as I am writing this in Geelong after having flown to Melbourne drove to Geelong and then attended a committee meeting till 9:30 pm.

We would like to see a few more members so if you know of anyone who might be interested then invite them to come along and check us out. Also, if you have any more suggestions on talks that you think would be of interest to members then let one of the committee know and we will see what we can arrange. Even better if you can suggest somebody to give the talk.

I hope to see you all at Ipswich.

Cheers

Les

RAFFLE ROSTER (prize value \$20.00+ tickets)

APR ... Noel & Yvonne

MAY .. Dave & Doreen

JUN ... Ron & Chris

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, Enda.

ACTIVITIES ROSTER

APR ... Rod & Gayle / John & Helen

MAY ... Warren & Elaine / Noel & Yvonne

JUN ... Keith & Beverley / John & Vicki

If you are unable to attend your nominated rally, please swap with another couple and notify the Vice President, Colin.



BIRTHDAYS for April

1st ... Elaine

20th ... Yvonne

9th ... Ron

21st ... Helen R

22nd ... Diana



ANNIVERSARIES for April

26th ... Beverley & Keith

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

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

The **Canungra Showgrounds** was a great venue with large shelters and a great swimming hole and numerous bird life which the Brackens enjoyed thoroughly. *Thank You* Eric.

The Activities were also engaging, stimulating and - for some - deflating.

Congratulations to Faye & Mick and the Diana & Mark for an entertaining Saturday

RALLY ATTENDANCE TOTALS TO DATE - These Figures Are Derived from The Sign-On Book.

A Reminder:- Members When Signing The Book, Count The Days They Are At A Rally.

This includes the morning you leave.

This is in case you get injured as a result of PCCI members' (or your own) actions or equipment in the packing up/driving out process - which may not be covered by the Venues' Public Liability Insurances.

Given Names	Total Rallies
Enda & Linda	14
Les & Bernie	66
David & Doreen	35
Eric & Bev	85
Mick & Faye	11
Gay	12
Rod & Gayle	15
Paul & Vickie	17
David & Andrea	35
Ken & Kim	8
Allan & Debbie	29
Rob & Diane	40
John & Helen	48
Mick & Irene	21
Mark & Diana	13
George & Maryanne	18
John & Vicki	48
Brian & Loretta	7
Rick & Helen	16
Colin & Lyle	22
David & Debbie	30
Warren & Elaine	42
Ron & Chris	50
Keith & Beverley	7
Alan & Lorraine	45
Noel & Yvonne	6
Jim & Rae	78
Ted & Carolyn	5

Congratulations to **Chris and Ron** for reaching the **50th Rally Milestone** at Canungra. The Ipswich rally will have special significance for you.

Other Business

Carolyn Healy - Address About The 2015 State Rally

We were fortunate to be addressed at 3:00pm on Saturday on the topic of The 2015 State Rally by **Carolyn Healy** (President of the 2015 State Rally organizing team).

The **39th State Rally** is being held **21st – 27th September 2015**.

She spoke passionately about the efforts of 4 clubs to make this as attractive and accommodating of all tastes as possible.

PCCI members are encouraged to read the past State rally 2015 newsletters to keep up to speed on what has happened so far in the planning process.

It is not a long journey for PCCI members and it might open your eyes to the full bloom of "Caravan Culture".

If you have not received - or have deleted - the past State Rally 2015 Newsletters, please contact Enda on

enda.bracken@bigpond.com

(To prevent endless "replies" on the one topic cluttering up the PCCI GMail.)

March 2015 Shopper Dockets (into Canungra's Economy)

Thank you to those PCCI Members who attempt to split their spending into categories. It enables an accurate reflection of the benefit we bring to a community and is a powerful argument to convince Local Authorities to put more Grey Nomad Facilities into their areas.

Thank You To Elaine for holding on to the **Shopper Dockets Bin** past Monday a.m.. **Elaine then added them up for me when she got home on Wednesday.**

SITE FEES (Showgrounds)	\$1,793.00
MEALS etc Dining Out	\$1,229.00
OTHER (General Expend)	\$1,827.00
MAJOR SPENDING >\$200	\$235.00

Cheers,
Enda

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2015 CALENDAR

APRIL - 
Ipswich Show G'rds
Ph: 07- 3281 1577

MAY - 
Rathdowney
Show Grounds
Ph: 07- 5544 1195

JUNE - 
Samford Scout Camp
Ph: 07 – 3289 2599

JULY - 
Dayboro Showgrounds
Ph: 07- 34251137

AUGUST - 
Laidley Show G'rds
Ph: 07 - 54651284

SEPTEMBER - 
Kingaroy Show G'rds
Ph: 1300 0733901

STATE RALLY – 
Stanthorpe

OCTOBER - 
Kalbar Showgrounds
Ph: 07-54646769

NOVEMBER - 
Lake Dyer C'van Park
Ph: 07 - 54653698

DECEMBER –
No Rally
Xmas Lunch

JANUARY 2016 – 
Picnic-in-the-Park

FEBRUARY 2016 –
TBA

MARCH 2016 –
TBA

APRIL 2016 –
TBA




“Happy Birthday”
Linda, Chris and John H



“Anniversary Wishes” to
Helen & John H



Happy  th Birthday to Andy.... We all hope you had a very memorable ‘Special’ day! (absent)

“Happy Birthday” to Vickie G (absent)



TREASURER'S REPORT

Our sheriff has once again arranged a great venue. The raffle supplied by Gay was won by Bev and Eric, and raised \$100.00. Once again, Thank you for your support The weekend's activities were a lot of fun too, and I am sure enjoyed by all.

Rae



Gay presenting Bev with her raffle prize which was drawn by Carolyn Healey

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-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

Hi Everybody, Hope you all enjoyed Canungra. What a beautiful spot amongst the hills and peace and quiet with the birds singing in the morning. I thought the cost per van was very reasonable. Next time we go there we should be able to hook almost everybody up to water if you have long hoses, now that I know where the tap is.

Next rally is Ipswich Showgrounds. It may be a bit hot during the day but cooler at night as there is no undercover for us to use. **The tarp will have to come**, so if you are carriers of any of the tarp equipment could let Colin know that you will be bringing it or pass it to somebody who will be coming. *(and let him know)*

I will be sending the sheet out on the 4th April and I would like you all to let me know if you will or will not be coming by the 10th the cost is \$20.00per night per van.

Hope to see as many as possible at Ipswich next month.

Sheriff Eric



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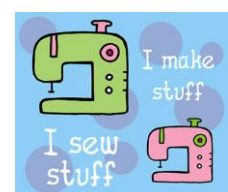
- Who were the ladies enthralled & entertained by tales of German Backpacker Gods & Scandinavian Backpackers cavorting in the nuddy at the showgrounds amenities block?
 ...Unfortunately they had left the previous day.
 - Who wanted to know what the difference was between the 'Men's Shed' & 'Prison'?
 - Who brought a praying mantis into the van on his head & didn't know it was there?
 - Who forgot to fill the van water tank before setting up?
 - Who was it that told others he had scored during an afternoon of bowls?
 - Who said the 3 positions in bowls are :- Lead, Skip & Jump ?
 - Who took it upon themselves to hook into water & not leave a free tap for others to use?
 - Who kept sitting right on the edge of his chair to get a reaction from the others?
 - Who has 'Man Flu' AGAIN?
 - Whose voice was outdone by a cockatoo at Happy Hour?
 - Who was in "Marriage Heaven" when his wife awoke with laryngitis?
 - Who walked out of the hotel with his "free" bottle of wine wrapped in 'her' jacket?
 - Who calls himself 'Twinkle Toes' & says he dances like a 'Giselle'?
 - Who has travelled the circumference of Aust. For 3 years without a tested electrical cord?
 - How many does it take to light the birthday candles?
 - Who, in Pictionary, read "Lift Off" as "Left Turn" and thought he'd won?
 - Who said to a Pictionary Organizer "Am I coming round the corner with you"?
 - Who got confused with the bias on her bowl & said "you put the big thing inside" ?
 - Who were the couple who came to the afternoon activity after it was all over?
 - Who got their dinner last at the pub, it was a vegetarian dish with added protein in the form of a bug? She flicked it off the plate straight onto the person sitting behind her's plate ☹️
- THEN SHE WON THE RAFFLE PRIZE ☺️**



CRAFT AT IPSWICH

Thank you ladies for your help last rally with the 'welcome bags project.' We achieved a lot. I would love to see you all again at Ipswich - please bring along your sharp scissors and any material you may have, for a 10am start.

Thanks. Carolyn



Have you checked your tyres recently?

This is a warning to those of you that have not checked your caravan tyres recently.

RACQ - Tyres can deteriorate with age. Even a tyre that's been sitting as a spare wheel for years, that's never been used and has plenty of tread could be ready for retirement.

Heat, sunlight, ozone and other environmental conditions can all cause deterioration of the rubber compounds. In service this can lead to tyre failures.

Some industry experts suggest that worn out or not, a tyre may have passed its useful life after about five to six years.

A production date code is usually moulded into the tyre sidewall.

I had looked at my van tyres some time ago & noticed that the production code indicated that they were produced in 2006. The code below indicates that the tyre was produced in the 26th week of 2006 (2606).



As usual I gave this some consideration trying to decide which tyre which branch etc. I could not decide so will give it some more thought & would leave it until later.

This proved to be the wrong & potentially dangerous decision as we found out returning from the February rally at Boyd's Bay.



Lucky we have a dual axle van and were close to the Yatala exit so were able to get off the highway & change it safely. No damage to the van or rim but needless to say the next week I purchased five new Dunlop SP175 tyres.

So I would suggest if you have not checked **ALL** your tyres for wear & age recently you do so as soon as possible.

Safe caravanning.

John & Helen

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