

# Peninsula Caravan Club Inc.

Newsletter MAY 2010

**Next Month's Rally – Kilkivan Bush Camp**  
**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> to Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2010**



**Kilkivan Bush Camp** is nestled in the foothills of the Oakview State Forest next to Fat Hen Creek. Rossmore Park is known for its unspoilt tranquillity and abundant birdlife, two & half hours/ 224 kms from Brisbane, sealed road six kms off the Wide Bay Highway. Close by is the Prophet Gold mine where you can pan for gold. Mt. Clara copper smelter is up the road & you can visit the Fat Hen Farm (olives & crayfish) it is a short drive to the Mudlo Gap Conservation Park, Kinbombi Falls. Kilkivan has a good Butcher, Newsagent, Take-away, RACQ garage, P.O; Counter meals are available at the local pub. There is a Bowls & Golf club, in Goomeri visit Cheeseworld & browse "The Emporium" for country clothing. You will need **long leads & hoses**, the caravans sites are well grassed, good amenities with hot showers. **Pets** are welcome & open fires permitted, some wood is available or bring your own to help out. For those without a Caravan there are very basic huts, camp kitchen & shared amenities.

**COST per van per powered site: \$18.00 per night**

**The Rally co-ordinator will require your booking by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2010, thank you.**

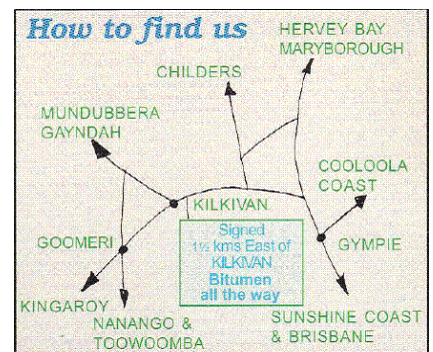
**Reminder: THE TARP & DISC BOWLS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THE KILKIVAN RALLY**

Carriers: Peter Crowe, John Mackenzie (Stock), David Giles, Dave Smith, Jim Williamson  
 If you are not attending please arrange an alternate carrier ASAP.

**DIRECTIONS:-** Travel on Bruce H'way through Gympie. Turn left 14km north of Gympie onto the Wide Bay H'way. Travel 38km then turn left onto Rossmore Road, 1.5km before Kilkivan. The Camp is a few kms from the turn-off on a sealed road.

**GPS Ref: 26 07 02.57 S 152 17 22.85 E**

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## **ROVING REPORT-Lake Dyer-Bill Gunn Dam**

**Thursday** Peter & I arrived at Lake Dyer Laidley on the heels of Jim & Rae, our visitors Warren & Elaine arrived on Wednesday & experienced a *very* cold night. Firstly I would like to congratulate the venue Hosts Donna & Herb Dunn for being very co-operative & a pleasure to work with, nothing was too much trouble for Donna. Rally assistant Alan White was kept very busy parking vans & connecting them to power & water. We all enjoyed Happy Hour in the winter sunshine catching up on the latest news.

**Friday** several more vans arrived including our President & his wife Kerry. After Nanna nap time we all gathered to erect the Tarp & sides. David Hellewell & David Giles bought their canoes to the rally, this venue provided the ideal place to paddle, the water being like a mill pond. Some members went into town to check out the markets, others enjoyed the view & lazing in the sunshine. Kevin provided the entertainment after dinner by showing the new venues & a travel story with the projector.

**Saturday** morning John & Helen went into town to book the Pub lunch for 12 noon. After showering, shampooing & shaving and all looking smart attired in our club shirts we set out to the Pub, where the staff were ready & waiting for us; our delicious meals were served promptly. Peter & I went for a drive with Mike & Judy Zielke to Plainlands & visited the Apolistic Church which their families had attended; the Church was very impressive with seating for 2000, the grounds were beautifully kept; we then ventured into the cemetery where Judy told Mike she was looking for a plot for him, he certainly knew a number of people who were already buried there, after arriving back at the park & a short rest we all gathered to participate in the Horseshoe throwing event, with Kevin & Kerry playing off in the final- Kevin being very macho won on the day! After dinner everyone, dressed up in their country western outfits, competed in the "guess the song" competition organised by Dave & Debbi Smith, which was won by Warren Sutherland, with close second John Mackenzie. The committee thanks Rob & Di Howard for donating the raffle prize which was won by Peter & me (2<sup>nd</sup> win in 5 years).

**Sunday** the weather changed & became very cloudy as the workers packed to return home; when all good-byes were said and the Mackenzies finally "left the park" the remainder settled down for a rest. I'm still in keep fit mode so with Lorraine joining me we walked across the damn wall to the golf club & were back in time for Happy Hour in the Hellewell's annex. Monday Peter & I went to Esk for the night then returned home on Tuesday. To all the members who are not well we wish you all the best & to all the travellers keep safe "On the Road". I hope to see you at Kilkivan for the June Rally.

*Roving Reporter.....June*

**A drunken staggers into a Catholic Church, enters a confessional booth, sits down, but says nothing. The Priest coughs a few times to get his attention but the drunk continues to sit there.**

**Finally, the Priest pounds three times on the wall.**

**The drunk mumbles, "ain't no use knockin, there's no paper on this side either".**

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## PRESIDENTS REPORT

From this year your committee decided that we would make the State rally the only rally for the month of September in the hope that it might entice many more members to become part of this wonderful experience. Over the past 4.5 years I have heard many excuses why one does not want to go. In fact early in the piece I was one of them saying that "I will not go because there will be too many people and it will be too crowded." I now know that although there are around 300 vans (or 600 people) in attendance it never feels crowded. There is always something organised so you never get bored. Whilst I am on the subject of organised activities I am very impressed with what the Toogoolawah group have arranged. Just think what it must have taken to organise such a variety of differing tours especially when all of them travel well away from the venue! I say well done everyone!!! So I simply ask that you give serious thought to attending as you may just come away eager to attend the next.

Cyril, Peter and I went on another venue appraisal mission the other week. We visited Dayboro show grounds, Rocky Creek scout camp (Landsborough) and Beerwah sports ground. All have been approved as inclusions into our 'Approved venue list'. All have their pluses and minuses but for me Beerwah had to be the stand out with magnificent new facilities and well maintained grounds but in saying that the scout camp was a close second. You would not know that Landsborough Township is only 3.5 KLM'S away!

Peter is presently heavily engaged in the pre booking process of the 2011 venues which throws up all sorts of challenges. Unfortunately we will be considering alternate venues for two that were originally approved as a consequence of the venues indifferent and somewhat disappointing treatment. But when one door closes another opens and we will just find a better place.

We have received a very generous donation of further equipment for the proposed new larger tarp. Ron and Chris Vasyli have donated 8 adjustable aluminium poles, a 12' brand new ridge pole and a large tarp that may be utilised for an end. Also John and Vicki Mackenzie donated approx 7 large round tent pegs (very similar to what we presently use). With these donations we are close to having all the equipment required if we go ahead with the larger tarp and so the cost will be much lower. (The poles alone that Ron & Chris donated would have set us back around \$116.00 alone). Many thanks to the Vasyli's and the Mackenzie's.

The end of this club year is just a short 4 months away. This signifies the end of this present committee's term. Please give some thought to nominating for a position that you would like to give a go. If you have already decided please submit your nomination now. Nomination forms will be issuing with the next minutes.

*Bye for now.....Kevin*

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## ACTIVITIES ROSTER-2010

**JUNE: - J&R Williamson/T.Trowbridge/L.Torrington  
SOUP KITCHEN & DAMPER**

**JULY: - Mary Huxley/K&P White/M&J Zielke  
VISIT LOOKOUT/ Morning Tea or Picnic Lunch**

**AUG:-J&V Mackenzie/R&D Howard  
SPICKS & SPECKS (To be confirmed)**

**Reminder-Activity Organisers are to propose a toast to  
Members celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries at Happy  
Hour on Saturday.**

## RAFFLE ROSTER-2010 (value \$20.00)

**JUNE: - Mary Huxley**

**JULY: - Kevin & Kerry Keary**

**AUG:- Mike & Judy Zielke**

**If you are unable to attend your nominated rally  
please get in touch with the next member on the  
rally list. Should you be unable to find a  
replacement from the list please advise the  
secretary Bev by phoning 3869 0345**

## 2010 CALENDAR

### **JUNE- Booked**

**KILKIVAN**  
Bush camping  
Ph; 07 5484 1340  
Rossmore Rd.  
Kilkivan-4600

### **JULY- Booked**

**ESK CARAVAN PK**  
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26 Hassall St Esk 4312  
*(Xmas in July)*

### **AUGUST-Booked**

**GLENGARY**  
Educational Centre  
Ph: 07 5427 9176  
Lockyer Valley-4344

### **SEPTEMBER**

*Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> 2010*  
35<sup>th</sup> State Rally,  
Toogoolawah-4313

### **OCTOBER Booked**

Kenilworth S/grounds  
Kenilworth - 4574  
Ph; 07 5446 0131  
C/taker Clem Hassall

### **NOVEMBER Deposits**

Dickey Beach C/Park  
Ph; 07 5491 3342  
Beerburum Street  
Dickey Beach, 4551

### **DECEMBER No Rally**

With reference to **Toogoolawah State Rally** to be held from Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2010 the **Rally Registration Form** is now available for completion & payment which should be posted to the Treasurer/Registrar, Bob Barnett, 22 Emerson Crescent, Brassall, Qld 4305. Receipts will be issued. There is a discount for payment of your fees by 30<sup>th</sup> July 2010. This info was forwarded to all members & visitors 11/5/2010

**SECRETARYS REPORT** (there will be no report as Bev is "On the Road")

**TREASURERS REPORT-** I would like to report the raffle drawn on Saturday made a profit of \$85.00....*Regards... Vicki*



### **SATURDAY NIGHT ACTIVITY at Kilkivan Rally**

The entertainment will be a "Soup Kitchen" The soup will be supplied; all you need is your plate and spoon....*Rae.*



### **BIRTHDAYS**

4<sup>th</sup> June...*Helen Hunter*  
13<sup>th</sup> June...*Andrea Wright*  
14<sup>th</sup> June...*Faye Bremner*



20<sup>th</sup> June...*Eric Byng*  
29<sup>th</sup> June...*Tom Fuller*



### **ANNIVERSARIES**

6<sup>th</sup> June...*M&J Zielke*  
14<sup>th</sup> June...*D&D Smith*  
23<sup>rd</sup> June... *D&A Wright*

Who said you would catch "Red Claw" in the lake - after three days not one?  
Who sat his wife in the front of the canoe to do all the paddling, while he bludged in the back?

Who said she couldn't wipe Macka's backside?  
Who visited the cemetery to look for a plot for her other half?  
Who couldn't start their vehicle because the battery was flat?



At some show grounds we will need to 'piggy back' water from one van to

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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. If you are unable to wear your shirt for any Good reason, then please seek special dispensation from the Committee for that particular time. Saturday is official Club rally day.

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## ACTIVITY REPORT

PCCI Club activity day. Date~ Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2010. Location~ Lake Dyer/Bill Gunn Dam

**Action**~ whilst sitting around & talking someone shouts "ok you lot off to the pub". Ahhh! I love the sound of that. It conjures up all sorts of connotations about lazy afternoons watching sport or fraternising with great friends or even dining out. Lunch at the Royal Hotel Laidley suited us to a tee. Great food, good service & cold beer. What more can a man want. Ok keep it clean. After lunch we gathered at the club house (tarp) for horseshoe throwing organised by John & Helen Hunter. Everybody signed up & the fun began. It all started going to plan, but to score a point was proving to be more difficult than was expected, much to the delight of the other competitors. In the second round we had one standout female that scored big with one throw. Well done Kerry. After the third round the stewards reduced the comp as the light was starting to fade & they wanted to finish before midnight. Kerry was crowned the winning lady & a three way play off was needed for the men. Kevin (our illustrious president) was crowned the winning man. He also became the overall winner. This just goes to show that men are better than women. (Footnote~ stewards are totally confused re lab tests D.N.A. test looked like something from another planet. Well done Kevin & Kerry. Next it was into the clubhouse for a quick Country Music Quiz courtesy of David & Debbie Smith. Dave played a bit of the music & the first hand up had to identify the music. After fifty tracks it became a two horse race between Macka & Warren with occasional answers by others. NEVER HAVE SO MANY KNOWN SO LITTLE ABOUT SUCH A TOPIC, Back to the quiz. The atmosphere became electric. Who was going to win? Fifty questions later these two were neck & neck. First Warren got one right then Macka. Will anyone crack under the pressure? YES!!!! It happens Macka finally cracks & Warren wins. Phew, what a relief. It the day hasn't ended yet, Terry, John & Macka (who has suitably recovered from the previous ordeal) serenade us late into the evening. Great music guys. What a great day! Thanks to all.

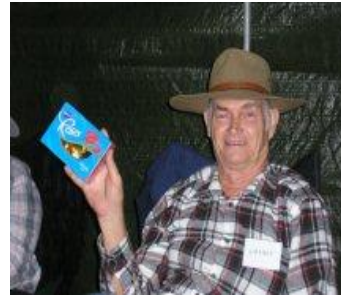
*Activity Reporter... Dave.*



Horseshoe Throwing Competition



Winners Kevin & Kerry



Quiz winner - Warren



Peter with Award

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## RALLY CO-ORDINATORS REPORT

**Arrivals;** *Wednesday*-W&E Sutherland, *Thursday*-J&R Williamson, P&J Crowe, D&A Hellewell, R.Howard  
Visitors D&D Broadley, *Friday*- A&L White, K&K Keary, D&D Smith, M&J Zielke, T.Trowbridge & M.Ball, D&N Giles, J&V  
Mackenzie, D&R Howard, J&H Hunter, Cancellation – J&A Nelson.

Hello fellow caravanners another successful rally with 15 caravans attending Lake Dyer.

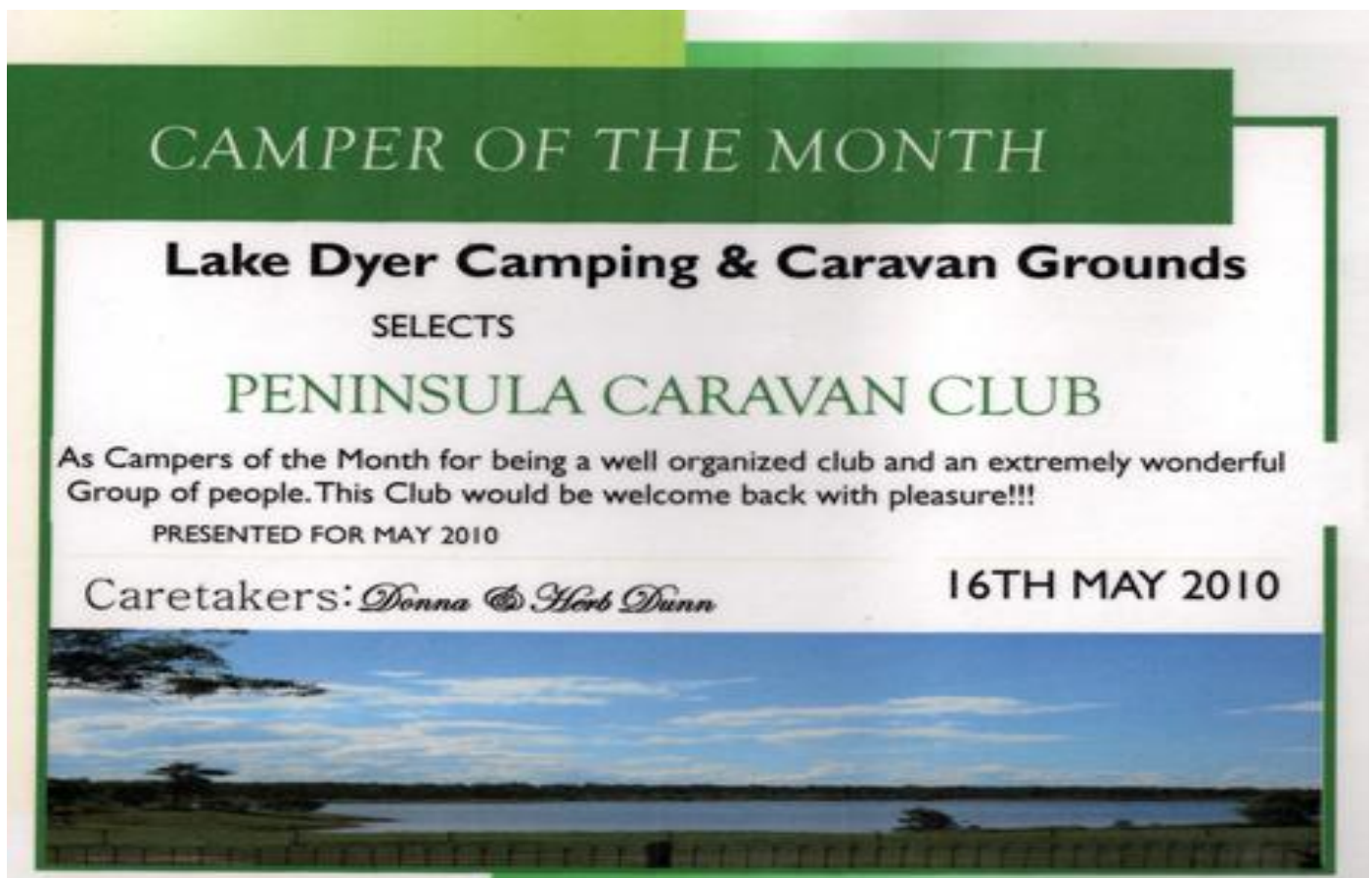
The venue was small but very picturesque & peaceful. We shared the park with another Club and campers so it was fully booked, and it was a bit crowded. This situation was eased by the wonderful co-operation from the Caretakers Donna & Herb Dunn who provided us with long power leads & water hose, Donna also gave us the key to the handicapped shower & Toilet for our exclusive use & even went into town to collect the newspapers on Saturday & Sunday mornings, then delivered them to our vans.

On Sunday when I answered the knock at the caravan door there stood Donna & Herb who presented me with a "Camper of the Month Award" for the Peninsula Caravan Club & a box of Hazelnut Chocolates – sorry Kevin we scoffed them at Happy Hour. Good Caretakers make rallies most enjoyable I'm sure you will all agree. I would also like to thank Alan White for all his hard work in parking the vans & connecting power leads, water hoses etc.

I am looking forward to seeing you at Kilkivan Bush Camp.

*Regards.....Peter*

**Members and their guests attending our rally venues are expected to respect others property and in particular never drive over the power leads and water hoses regardless of the circumstances.**



## Travel Tales.

There are quite a number of our members "On the Road" at present. The Bremners & Traceys have reached Mt. Isa, Alan & Debbie Howard were at Monto, Bev & Eric Byng were at Cloncurry and Ron & Chris Vasyli are leaving on the 16<sup>th</sup> May for Goondawindi, Dubbo onto Pt Augusta etc, they will be away for 6 months or more. Alan & Lorraine White are heading for Longreach & will meet us at Toogoolawah State Rally in September.

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