

NEWSLETTER MAY 2014

<u>Next Month's Rally – Lake McDonald Scout Camp</u> ⁽Camp Cooroora' Collwood Road - PH: 07 54460131 <u>Wednesday 18th – Monday 23rd June</u>



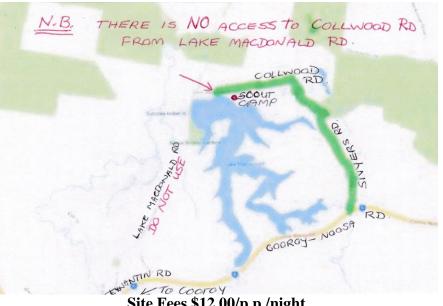
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Camp Kitchen

Lake Macdonald



Site Fees \$12.00/p.p./night



Don't forget some firewood.

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ACTIVITIES for June

Organizers: Ken & Kim / Brian & Loretta 2-4 pm A team activity. Everything is supplied, just bring your 'Sense of Humour' 6.30pm A 'Shared' meal of 'Soup and Pasta' Followed by Desserts. Please advise Loretta what you will be bringing. WE HAVE THE USE OF A KITCHEN

After dinner Anyone wishing to share a joke, story or a poem is invited to do so. Kim is bringing her PA System so we can all hear you.

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





Les inducting our latest members into our Club.

Yvonne & Noel

Carolyn & Ted

From Debbie H

My Travel Plans for 2014

I have been in many places, but I've never been in Cahoots. Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone. I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there. I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my children, friends, family and work. I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore. I have also been in Doubt. That is a sad place to go, and I try not to visit there too often. I've been in Flexible, but only when it was very important to stand firm. Sometimes I'm in Capable, and I go there more often as I'm getting older. One of my favourite places to be is in Suspense! It really gets the adrenalin flowing and pumps up the old heart! At my age I need all the stimuli I can get! I may have been in Continent, and I don't remember what country I was in. It's an age thing. They tell me it is very wet and damp there.



'Slow Travellers' --- Alan & Debbie Gone a bit grey since they went on this trip, eh! 2



ROVING REPORT

Wednesday we arrived to find the usual early birds, Eric & Bev, Warren & Elaine and Mick & Irene as well as Ron & Chris, George & Maryanne and Brian & Loretta already there & set up. It was a lovely grassy spot and we had the use of a room. We decided NOT to go out for our usual Wed night dinner but stayed 'home' and cooked or reheated left-overs. After dinner we met up in the room where Eric had put his heater to take the chill off the night. It was very pleasant and not as cold as we expected.

Thursday: Happy Birthday to me!!! More members arrived. I took a cake to Happy Hour & it went down well with wine, beer & spirits. Rod made his fire in his brazier, some enjoying it under the stars, others staying in the room with the heater again.

Friday: The last of the members arrived and we had a great turn-up with 22 vans. Some did the touristy drives to see the local area & Wyaralong Dam NOW over to Linda for the weekend report *Editor*

Friday night 29 club members walked down the road to the RSL for dinner. Everyone must have been happy with the meal as there were a lot of empty plates left on the tables.

Several people had tickets in the raffle and anxiously watched the winning numbers go up on the screen. Nobody had the lucky numbers.

Arriving back at the Showgrounds, there was a dividing of the groups with a few people sitting around a fire toasting marshmallows. The other group gathered in a little room with the heater.

Saturday morning started the day cloudy, but by 9.30am the sun was shining. At 9am we had a line of people waiting to pay their fees. Carolyn handed out free calendars while Diana sold us raffle tickets.

At 10am people were gathering at the Beaudesert Art and Information Centre for our Devonshire Morning Tea, but first the ladies had a good chance to check out the art and craft. After our morning tea we were treated to some bush poetry. We were then given our activity sheet with question to which we could find the answers around Beaudesert and the showgrounds. We formed in teams and set off for the day.

Cars full of people drove up and down the streets of Beaudesert searching for answers, stopping locals in the street, seeking answers to their questions and leaving locals wondering, "Who are these people".

Around the showgrounds we then walked - and walked - looking for those elusive answers to the showground questions. Much exercise was had by all. At 3.30pm all the answers were revealed with some heckling and moaning from the groups. Happy Hour and a well-earned drink with lots of discussion and laughter about the day's events.

At 7.30pm and we were back again with more questions to answer also a table full of mix and match drinks to sample. The night was turning cool and some people kept warm by trying several of the drinks on the table, others retired to bed after our big day of events. We also had a visit from Andy Pandy who looked very warm.

Sunday morning we awoke to a cloudy and rainy day, with a lot of the caravanners leaving early. Everyone looked bright and happy considering how few bottles were left on the table from Saturday night.

Sour Post Script:-

On Friday night or Saturday morning, when we were all away from the showgrounds, a couple had their brand new table and chairs stolen from outside their caravan.

There was also a car driving around the showgrounds on Saturday night when we were all gathered in the room. Two men tried to speak to the driver of the car, but he sped off when approached.

We all came away to relax and enjoy each other's company and these incidents have been a reminder that we still need be aware that there are people who will take advantage of this. *Linda B*

Most of those left watched the 'Camp Drafting" in the showground's arena which was very entertaining. Especially for us city folk!

Monday more went home leaving only 5 vans and as it was cloudy we sat and read and enjoyed a lazy day. *Editor*



Gay giving Lyle her Birthday Scented Candle



Dave & Andie doing the Bridal Waltz



'Andy Pandy' in the onesy made, for her, by her daughter



ACTIVITY REPORT

The activities were a departure from normal practice in that the Activities started in the morning and then went on . . and on . . . and on.

The first stage was to lull members into a false sense of benign good will and relaxation. A visit to the Art & Crafts/ Information centre followed by a <u>cheap</u> Devonshire tea. The Arts and Crafts were indeed delightful, showing more inventiveness and variety than in similar places. The formal gallery was especially well curated with vivid pieces in a crisp, inviting setting. The Devonshire tea when served, though small, was simple and tasty.

A bonus was that one of the volunteers delivered three pieces of Bush Poetry that had modern topics such as cross-dressing - something that Banjo Patterson, even if he had thought of it, had never put to paper.

All very relaxed and convivial - but the organisers felt that the members should not experience too much of a good thing.

The **BEAUDESERT RECONNAISSANCE FRUSTRATING FACT FINDER MISSION**

At the Information Centre, Clipboards (nothing was too good for our club) were handed out to the self-selected teams, on which a sheet of questions about landmarks, facilities and services in *Beaudesert* were set on page 1 of the double-sided A4 sheet, while questions relating to the *Beaudesert Showgrounds* were on page 2.

The teams had to set out to find the answers using their powers of observation or problem-solving powers.

The organisers were stunned - no, disappointed - when the teams started raiding the Information Centre for answers, pamphlets and books that might hold the answers.

They should not have been - this was the Peninsula Caravan Club Inc. after all.

The Town Questions

Most of the questions were straight forward. However there was one *really* contentious issue.

Some Background Information:-

Some weeks ago the organisers, chauffeured by Les apparently, came out to Beaudesert to draw up the tasks. Rod, unable to suppress his puckish wit, suggested that they set a question that really did not have an answer.

"Oh you are a wag Rod", the others chorused, accompanied by gales of laughter. "What a hoot. Let's do it!"

The question was "What did the Post Office have in common with 'Alice In Wonderland""? Answer:- "Nothing"

So on <u>average</u>, each team spent 10 minutes trying every contortion of logic and language. (It got bigger just like Alice; the mail was often late so "I'm late, I'm late" just like the White Rabbit)

The team including the Hunters found out that the old post Office was on the site of the current RSL and so tackled the bewildered RSL staff about possible links. RSL Staff members looked at historic photos. Couldn't help them.

Another team went to the Historic Museum and pumped the staff about the Post Office (nothing) and the piece of machinery opposite ("What piece of machinery?" was the reply. You can't beat local knowledge). In fact locals in the street, when questioned by members, displayed an abysmal awareness of their own town.

Depending which entrance a team took to get into Jubilee Park, it took teams either 1 minute or 10 minutes to find "its" answer. So - the first part of the activity involved a lot of physical activity.

Everyone was moving all the time - and experiencing every human emotion - except joy.

Nevertheless, we got to know the rally's host town more intimately than perhaps any other.

The Showground Questions

People came back tired and hungry (how far could 1 scone, cream and jam take you?) and so most had a rushed lunch before launching on this second stage. It <u>had</u> to be simpler. Well not quite.

All of the Showground Questions required people to walk from site to site over the grounds. People were going up and down the grandstand steps counting them repeatedly - one set of steps to the same platform had 1 step fewer than the other. And what did "steps up to the landing mean? - did it include the step to the landing; did it just mean wooden steps or did it mean human steps.

The question "how many roller doors and windows" provoked uncertainty about whether we were looking for "roller doors and roller windows" (there were both) or "roller doors - and windows"

In any case what was a window?

- Something one could see through?
- Something that you could see through and open?
- Something you could see through but not open?
- What about glass panels beside glass doors?
- Something you can't see through but can open?
- Something that you can't see through, can't open but lets in light and air? A grill with blades?

The result was that any answer between ${\bf 7}$ and $\infty {\textbf .}$

Two people rode around the grounds on their mountain bike. One person drove around in his car dispensing gratuitous - and questionable - advice - - but then his team was over-resourced.

Another contention was what was meant by "*between Albert street and the horse stalls*"? The horse stalls were clearly on the <u>left</u> of the oval (clearly signed) but the question clearly implied the stalls were close to where the caravans were. These fixtures were actually cattle yards.

Eventually the torture was over. The answers were duly read out; protests heard and scores tallied up.

	Winners: Rob, Diane, Yv	Winners: Rob, Diane, Yvonne, Noel and Rick		
	Couple Working Alone:	Irene and Mick		
	Wooden Spooners:	Bev & Eric		
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INDUCTIONS:- President Les inducted to the august **Peninsula Caravan Club Inc** family, presenting them with Club paraphernalia and their PCCI badges. The Club welcomed by acclamation:-

- Yvonne and Noel
- Caroline and Ted

BIRTHDAYS: There was only one birthday person present out of several

Gay presented Lyle with a large scented candle on which 3 party candles were placed.

ANNIVERSARIES: Andie and Dave I dutifully performed the Anniversary Waltz with an exuberant Dave giving

Andie a twirl. He was either deeply in love or/and happy with his newly-acquired caravan

RAFFLES: The raffle was donated by Mark & Diana and won by Eric & Bev.

People retired to have their evening meals and returned at 7:30 for:-

THE COLLECTIVE NOUNSQUIZ

It is always a mistake to have <u>teachers</u> organise Activities. They want us to be <u>aware</u> of the <u>gaps</u> in our knowledge. They want the activity to be <u>educational</u>. They want you to <u>improve</u>.

So what better way than to have:- A COLLECTIVE NOUNS QUIZ? Brilliant!

The quiz achieved all the above goals. Every possible collective noun for every possible thing living or nonliving was placed in the 48 items.

The most relevant collective nouns would have been a **Confusion Of Caravaners** or a **Grump Of Gray Nomads**. Protests were futile as some had multiple applications. Nevertheless these 48 items exercised the minds and interest of all participants. It was totally involving and - well - educational.

The teams of Vicki & Paul and Linda & Enda came equal First

THE ALCOHOL RECYCLING ACTIVITY

This activity required that PCCI members bring any leftover alcohol of any kind, to a central place and to allow other members to taste it.

Members had to struggle with two foreign concepts:-

- That any member had any alcohol to <u>spare</u>. i.e. alcohol that they had <u>failed</u> to finish off
- That they then had to share alcohol

All members were stunned that, somewhere around their houses or vans, there indeed such items. Partners suppressed the urge to accuse each other of negligence and courageously joined in the spirit and brought the items to the activity. Looking over the shoulders of members, your reporter was able to count at least 37 containers of rums, liqueurs, cocktail mixes along with cocktail umbrellas and nibblies.

Perhaps it was because of the exhaustion of moving almost non-stop from 10:30 to 3:30 but people were <u>urging</u> others to sample their drinks. The following morning there were 8 bottles left. Very Impressive.

So really "Thank you" to *Gayle, Gay, Bernie* and *Rod* and *Driver Les* for organising a set of activities based on sound principles:

Keep Them Busy; Keep Them Thinking; Keep Them Moving; Ply them With Alcohol To Suppress the Aches and Rains and Make Them Sleepy. You can't go wrong - it's what we do with toddlers.

During the night activities, Eric and Rick introduced a spontaneous activity. The **Starsky and Hutch Impersonator Activity**. On Friday night, a table and chairs had been stolen from one of our vans.

While the Saturday night activities were being conducted, a light coloured car drove through our caravans slowly. Eric and Rick attempted to get him to stop so they could question him. He hurriedly drove off.

Beaudesert: The Town That Has Got Everything - And If It Hasn't, Will Take It.

- is not a label the town would want. A pity - it is a beautiful town with lovely facilities. The locals we met were very obliging. It was a great setting for our activities. Hopefully it was just a hiccup in the town's life.

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Devonshire Tea at the Arts & Craft Centre



The Bush Poet



Getting started on the Frustrating Fact Finder Mission



The winning team with Bernie & Gay : Debbie, Dave, Yvonne, Noel & Rick



Winners of the night quiz: Enda & Linda (back) and Vickie & Paul (front)



The 'Wooden Spoon' Winners Eric & Bev with Bernie



PRESIDENTS REPORT

Beautiful Beaudesert was our last rally and it lived up to its name with a number of members going for short drives through the green countryside. A big welcome to our new members, Noel and Yvonne and Ted and Carolyn. The activity kept up to its name with the "frustrating" search for things around Beaudesert and the show grounds. Some easy to find and some not so easy. Everyone enjoyed themselves and Dave H got plenty of exercise riding his bike around looking for the van with the "spending the kids inheritance" sticker. We enjoyed our drink sample in the evening and I didn't realise that there were so many different collective nouns. Thank you to our organisers, Rod & Gayle, Gay and Bernie. Also thanks to Rod again for arranging the fire.

One downer on the rally was that somebody stole a table and chairs that were sitting outside one of the vans. So a reminder to us all to be conscious that other people can be around our vans and to lock up our valuables.

Dave & Debbie and Dave & Doreen have had a couple of issues on the start of their trip to north Queensland so we hope things go well from now on. Jim and Rae are going fine and are starting to turn towards home.

Our next rally is at Lake Macdonald I hope to see you all there. Cheers Les

<u>RAFFLE ROSTER</u> (prize value \$20.00+ tickets)

JUNE ... Mick & Faye JULY ... Jim & Rae AUG ... John & Vicki SEPT ... Rod & Gayle

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, Elaine.

ACTIVITIES ROSTER

JUNE ... Ken & Kim / Brian & Loretta JULY ... Rick & Helen / Fred & Colette AUG ... Paul & Vickie / Keith & Beverley SEPT ... Bev B / Warren/ Alan & Lorraine

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

BIRTHDAYS for June 4^{dh} Helen H 10^{dh} Gayle 4^{dh} Ted 20^{dh} Eric 6^{dh} Kim 30^{dh} Dave B 7^{dh} Gay G	UltraTune Auto Service Centres
ANNIVERSARIES for June 4^{th} Mick & Irene 6^{th} Mike & Judy 14^{t} Dave & Debbie 22^{nd} Noel & Yvonne Activity Organisers –Please propose a toast to Members Celebrating a Birthday or Anniversary at Happy Hour (Sat).	 Log Book Servicing Brakes & Suspension EFT Tuning & Repairs Air Conditioning Fleet Care Strathpine 3205 5311 Northlakes 3491 8222



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AUGUST - Pomona Show Grs. *Ph: 07-5485 2331*

SEPTEMBER - Blackbutt Show Grs. Ph: 0401 282 424 AND State Rally - Nanango Show Gds

OCTOBER - Lowood Showgrounds Ph: 07- 5426 1385

NOVEMBER - Samford Scout Camp Ph: 07- 3289 2599

DECEMBER -No Rally Xmas Lunch

2015 CALENDAR JANUARY 2015 - Picnic-in-the-Park TBA

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MARCH – Canungra Show Gds Ph: 07- 5543 5904

APRIL - Ipswich Show Grds Ph: 07- 3281 1577

MAY - Rathdowney Show Gds Ph: 07- 5544 1195



Hi Everyone,

Another great rally with some lovely weather was enjoyed by all.

Many thanks to Bernie, Gay, Rod and Gayle for Saturday's activity. Not only a lot of fun, but some good exercise for us as well.

Welcome to our new Members Noel and Yvonne and Ted and Carolyn.

Shopper docket total for this month was \$3702.00

Take Care and see you at next rally. Cheers Elaine



Hey! What answer did you get????

TREASURER'S REPORT



The Raffle, donated by Dianna & Mark, raised \$95.00 and was won by Bev & Eric.

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 Everyone,

I hope you all enjoyed Beaudesert Showgrounds. I would like everyone for your cooperation with parking where I asked you to park. The next rally at Lake McDonald Scout Camp cost \$12.00 per person/per night and I will be sending the sheet out 1st June and would like you reply no later than the 8th June. This applies to all who have not signed the sheet.

Also you will need <u>LONG LEADS IF YOU DO NOT HAVE LONG LEADS YOU MAY NOT HAVE</u> <u>POWER AND YOU WILL NEED LEVEL BLOCKS.</u> Also there is a fire pit if you want a fire you will need to bring your own timber as you cannot burn the timber that is there as that is for the Scouts use. Hope you see you all next month just remember it will be cold.

Cheers Eric





A Good Turn-up at the Showgrounds

Rod makes a Great fire

Hi All Members!

Last rally we were discussing the idea of starting up a 'craft' morning for those who are interested. Bring along your knitting, crocheting, etc, whatever you like to do & have a chat.

Those who would like to be taught a craft or help others, please come along. We were thinking of maybe Sunday, but as a lot go home then maybe Friday afternoon we are open to suggestions. Irene will bring some wool, needles & crochet hooks next rally, but if you have your own then bring it along. Anyone wishing to crochet or knit a teatowel to hang up, bring a terry- towelling tea-towel next month & I will take them home and overlock the ends & bring them to the following rally for you to do.

Do NOT forget the cuppa????

MEN you may join us (we are not a sexist club) bring along a board ... chess/ backgammon/cribbage/mastermind/ or whatever !!! and find a partner to beat. (or try)



SUGGESTIONS WELCOME





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GOSSIP LINE Who was it that said she would get a divorce if she was married to HIM ?????? Who backed the caravan by himself? Who had a "luvly" birthday? How many men does it take to change 2 bulbs? A lot! Who was spotted having a drink for the 1st time since he joined the club? Who was riding around on his bike pretending to be collecting rally fees and also got Caught? Who was holding his mobile case and ask loudly "where's the case"? Who did not buy any raffle tickets? Who put her Candle upside-down on her Cake? Should have gone to 'Speck-Savers' Who was it that couldn't find the loo and got Caught short? Who didn't like to go too close to vans while looking for the sticker in the quiz, for fear of disturbing the occupants who may have been having an afternoon *****? Who was the person seen 'skulking' back to their van after morning tea on Sat, with an empty toilet Cassette? Who offered to buy a bottle of 'Vintage' gin, which was found to have a Bottled in 1978' on the label? How many members imbibed a little too much from the 'open bar' on Sat night & woke with sore heads and parched throats ??? Who was resplendent in their new "Kung Foo Panda" onsey? How many were seen circling the van with the sticker "spending the kids inheritance" on the back and still could not see it? Who were the unlucky couple who had a rude awakening when they returned to their van from the fire on Thurs night to find water pouring out 4 their NEW van flooded, due to a faulty toilet hose fitting. Then, on Sat awoke to find their brand new Camp chairs, complete with side tables ϕ eskies gone along with their new roll-up aluminium table?



'Open Bar' on Saturday Night

A way to use up 'left-overs' Rae & Jim's Travels.

Since I last wrote, we have seen and done some absolutely amazing things. We have seen the Bilbies, the Stars, The secret US Air Force Base remains all in Charleville.

ANZAC Day in Yaraka was absolutely amazing, a great experience to remember.

We have seen the Dinosaur footprints, and the Australian Age of Dinosaurs, the Waltzing Matilda Centre and much more in Winton. For a small town there is so much to see.

Longreach was worth the visit, we went

on the Cob & Co Stage Coach, The Sunset Cruise on the Thomson Belle, and did the Australian Stockmen's Hall of Fame. Enjoyed it all.

We are now in Barcaldine for a few days before heading towards Sapphire and then Rocky before heading to Standown for the dedication of the Memorial they have there.

Will see you all in June.

Rae



Already hard at work ... We aim to win!!!!! AND THAT THEY DID



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