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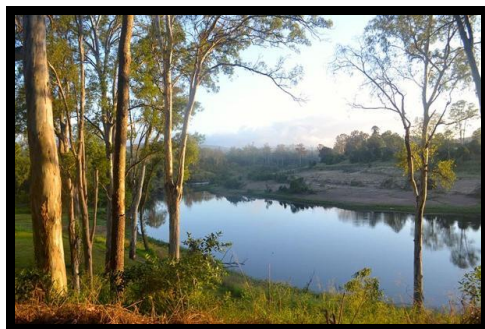
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NEWSLETTER - MAY 2015

Next Month's Rally – Baden-Powell Scout Camp, Samford
68 Cash Avenue, SAMFORD 4520 Ph: 07-3289 2599
Wednesday 17th – Monday 22nd June

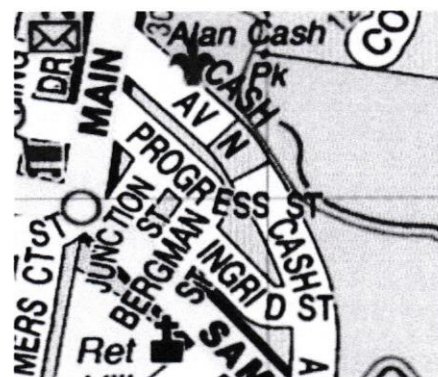


Baden Powell Scouting park consists of 56 hectares of natural bush land in the beautiful Samford Valley and bordering the [Brisbane Forest Park](#). Included within the grounds are accommodation blocks, camping grounds, 15 mtr heated swimming pool, dam, abseiling tower as well as walking trails of various grades throughout the park. The [Queensland Branch Heritage Museum](#) is also located at Baden Powell Park (please inquire about open times). Access to site is only available via Samford Road and Cash Avenue

DIRECTIONS: Follow Samford Road to Samford, Enter round-a-bout, take 3rd exit into Main St., Then R into CASH St (2nd on R) Enter at Gate 3 --- Eric will have sign up.

Caretakers: Debra & Kendall

\$16.50/van/night
Must bring long leads & water hoses
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ACTIVITIES FOR June

Organizers: Vicki & John / Beverley & Keith



12:00 – Lunch at Samford Valley Hotel
 3pm - Presentation by CCQ President and Secretary
 4pm – Happy Hour

7pm – Music Quiz, followed by ‘Sing-a-long’ with Macca



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

Our Activity team of Noel & Yvonne and Warren & Elaine filled our Saturday with creativity, fun and laughter. We started at 2.30pm for an afternoon Regatta. Captain Noel instructed us to form teams of 3 ladies and 3 gentlemen to a table which contained, sheets of cardboard, lengths of thin wood, fluro paper, streamers, whistles, balloons, coloured corrugated cardboard in different shapes, scissors, blue tack & glue. Captain Noel also instructed us to select a Captain. We had 30 minutes to build and name our sailing boat.

Able Seaman Yvonne, Elaine and Warren stood by to help the Captain with anything that was required including the judging of the sailboats and the Race.

As the 30 minutes came to a close, everyone rushed to put the final touches on their vessels. The Captains then selected their race team. All aboard and ready to go, we were instructed to sail past the Judges to be awarded points for construction and design of our sail boats.

Beautiful Bodacious Boofheads, Ship Shaped (who had AUS 125 on their Sail and Newport Aust 2015 on the stern), Trinity & HMS Peninsula all lined up at the starting line. Before the race commenced, Captain Noel gave instructions that the person in the front of each boat had to wear a blindfold. This was not good news for Beautiful Bodacious Boofhead whose sail was erected sideways and their navigator was positioned behind the sail.

With a lifebuoy on hand, Captain Noel sounded the starting signal. As the contestants past the finish line they were awarded points from 5 to 1 for their finishing position. The Captain totalled up the points and announced “Ship Shaped” as the winner (maybe it was that winged keel that gave them the advantage). The winning race team of Ken, Eric, Les, Judy and Helen were presented with their medals.

At “Happy Hour” we celebrated Debbie S & Lyle’s birthdays followed by Andy & Dave’s Anniversary. The raffle prize donated by Dave & Doreen, was drawn by one of our visitors, Judy, and won by Paul who had pre purchased his ticket at the Ipswich rally, he was on a roll after winning the Ipswich Horse shoe throwing activity and raffle at Ipswich. Dave & Doreen had generously donated a second prize which was drawn by visitor Anne and won by Dave & Andy. It was a lovely warm blanket which they said would have come in handy on some of the past cold nights, but are sure will come in handy in the future as well as a fire blanket. *(we hope they won't need the fire blanket --- but they are so good to have. Ed)*

At 7.00pm we returned to join together in a “**Rock Night**” which started off with a Celebrity Heads game of Rock Stars and followed by a fabulously entertaining performance by none other than the King, “Elvis Presley” alias Warren. His guitar playing, hip swinging performance was cheered by all with one audience member removing her bra and throwing at her Idol. The best dressed male was won by John Hunter who also was dressed as Elvis and Bev in a lovely red & black outfit.

Well done Activity organisers, a fabulous time was had by all.

FAYE & MICK



Ship builders busy at work



Showing off their skills

Captain Noel
and
Able Seaman Yvonne
Cast a critical eye over the
contestants' works of art.



Sailing On The Palen



All teams, blind-folded and ready to race



And The Winning Team was:
Les, Ken, Judy, Eric & Helen H



Boys and their toys



ELVIS



Dinner at the Bowls Club



ROVING REPORT

Wednesday:

Lyle and Col arrived just in time to feed their furry babies and join the other 8 early birds to walk over to the Rathdowney Pub for dinner. They sent the staff into disarray as they had just sent staff home. Fortunately, two other ladies who had gone there to have a catch up and a few quiet drinks ended up giving up their time and helping out.

Thursday:

A tad cold and icy wind made it a lazy day for everyone. Happy hour was also cut short when the sun went behind the mountains. Everyone braved going into the small room later but also made sure there was a heater going as well. "A bottle of rum would have been better", that may have also helped everyone sleep a bit better as it was a freezing night. 1deg someone said.

Friday:

Once everyone thawed out 5 ladies sat in the room and did craft. Maryanne joined in by doing sketching. All the other members arrived gradually except Enda and Linda who came on Saturday. Ken and Kim down-graded to a tent as their car was in for repairs and were determined they weren't going to miss another rally. Happy hour and then a one minute walk to the Bowls Club where everyone was served a baked dinner and apple crumble and custard. We all sang happy birthday to Lyle and headed back to camp. Some went to bed, others watched the footy or went to the little room for more chatting And laughter.

Saturday:

Woke to a delightful 15degs. Ken arranged a 4 wheel drive tag along which headed off around 8am with Mick, Faye, Gay, Dave, Andy, Doreen, Dave, Debbie and visitors Richard and Judy. All looking forward to their journey. Camp all of a sudden became blissfully quiet. Ahhhhhh! A few members went for coffee whilst others rested or read. Tag alongs arrived back around 2 looking tired, happy and each carrying a pumpkin. All said they had a fabulous day. Afternoon activities began at 2.30 and everyone had a ball making their sail boats. Winners were Ken, Helen, Les, Judy & Eric. Good teamwork everyone. At happy hour it was Dave & Andy's wedding anniversary and Lyle & Debbie had birthdays in May. 7pm brought out some rockers and even a punk rocker whom someone asked if she was a hooker. Elaine you looked awesome. John and Helen looked fabulous and John won best dressed male and Bev won the ladies. Everyone had a turn at Celebrity Rock Heads and the room was filled with so much laughter. Soooo much fun. Oh yeah! Elvis made an appearance much to the delight of everyone especially one crazy fan who just couldn't contain herself so took her bra off and threw it at him. Those who weren't there, I'm sure I don't have to tell you who I'm talking about. "BB". I suppose it could have been worse. She could have thrown her undies. lol. Organizers for the activities did an absolutely fantastic job. Thank you Noel, Yvonne, Elaine & Warren alias Elvis.

Sunday:

Lots of happy campers headed home after morning tea.

Kim & Ken



*Birthday Girls,
Debbie and Lyle*

AND

*"The SweetHearts"
of the month,
Andy and Dave*





PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I think it is beautiful country around Rathdowney. It would have been nice to have spent some more time looking around, but other things dragged us away. I did go on the drive to Queen Mary Falls and the 14 creek crossings on the Condamine River. A very pleasant few hours particularly as I was in the back seat enjoying the view with Dave S driving. Thanks Dave.

Welcome to our visitors Patrick & Anne and Richard & Judy. We hope you enjoyed your weekend. Another fantastic activity Saturday afternoon where we used our imagination to build, decorate and 'sail' a boat around the tennis court. That was followed up with the 50's night and celebrity heads. Warren was fantastic as the 'special guest'. Well done to our organisers Yvonne & Noel and Elaine & Warren and to those who dressed up on Saturday night.

Next rally we will have some representatives from the Caravan Clubs of Queensland to give a short talk and chat with members. That will be Saturday afternoon.

I hope to see you at Samford in June.

Cheers

Les

RAFFLE ROSTER (prize value \$20.00+ tickets)

JUNE ... Chris & Ron

JULY ... Di & Rob

AUG ... Bernie & Les

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

JUNE ... Vicki & John / Beverley & Keith

JULY ... Carolyn & Ted / Bernie

AUG ... Vickie & Paul / Gay / Linda

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



BIRTHDAYS for June

4th ... Helen H

4th ... Ted

6th ... Kim

7th ... Gay

10th ... Gayle

20th ... Eric

30th ... Dave B



ANNIVERSARIES for June

4th ... Irene & Mick

14th ... Debbie & Dave

22nd ... Yvonne & Noel

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 **Rathdowney Showgrounds** is a picturesque setting with clear vistas and a seemingly continuous supply of birdlife occupying the oval. It is incredible that it has been 3 years when we were last there! The bucolic setting was only briefly but violently disturbed by the urging of our boat building/racing teams and the Rock heads activities that managed to both spur and frustrate all participating. Congratulations to the perpetrators of these activities.

GUEST SPEAKERS AT THE SAMFORD (JUNE) RALLY

At Baden- Powell Scout Grounds at **Samford** we will be having two (2) sets of Speakers:-

- **3:30 pm Friday afternoon on 19 June 2015** -

A speaker from **RV Solar Supplies** - who will give an unbiased (one of the conditions of his engagement) on the various forms of solar panels available for caravans, motorhomes etc. He addressed the CCQ Delegates meeting this month and he is the sole company endorsed by the Solar Council to make such presentations.

He will be permitted to distribute brochures on his products only at the end of his presentation

- **3:00pm Saturday 20 June 2015**

The **President** and **Secretary** of **Caravan Clubs of Queensland Inc** - will make a presentation of the role of CCQ in the lives of Caravan Clubs and the role it plays in advocacy upon particular issues

RALLY ATTENDANCE TOTALS TO DATE

These Figures Are Derived From The Sign-On Book Which Is Brought Home On Mondays.

Given Names	Total Rallies
Enda & Linda	16
Les & Bernie	68
David & Doreen	37
Eric & Bev	87
Mick & Faye	12
Gay	13
Rod & Gayle	16
Paul & Vickie	18
David & Andrea	37
Ken & Kim	9
Allan & Debbie	29
Rob & Diane	41
John & Helen	50
Mick & Irene	22
Mark & Diana	13
George & Maryanne	19
John & Vicki	49
Brian & Loretta	9
Rick & Helen	16
Colin & Lyle	24
David & Debbie	31
Warren & Elaine	44
Ron & Chris	52
Keith & Beverley	7
Alan & Lorraine	46
Noel & Yvonne	8
Jim & Rae	80
Ted & Carolyn	6

John and Helen Hunter have reached the first of many achievements in their (*sigh!*) **sunset** years.

The rally at Rathdowney has marked their **50th Rally**. This is an impressive performance and commitment for a member van where **both** members have been in *full-time* work while racking up the attendances. **Congratulations!** They will receive their recognition at the next rally.

May 2015 Shopper Dockets (into Rathdowney's Economy)

Thank you to those PCCI Members who record their spending - it creates an accurate reflection of the benefit **PCCI** 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 Mondays a.m. and to **Bev** for adding them up for me.

The totals are:-

SITE FEES (Showgrounds)	\$1,125.00
MEALS etc Dining Out	\$1120.50
OTHER (General Expend)	\$1263.50
MAJOR SPENDING >\$200	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$3509.00

Sunday Mail Article About "Nanna-Vans"

In a newspaper market where sales and advertising are in decline, it takes a particular brand of marketing genius to **alienate** and **infuriate** a section of the customers who still actually like to purchase and enjoy **holding** a newspaper in their hands - and who have the time to do it. You will all have received by email from me the original article (Thank you Loretta) and the C.C.Q. response which is quite biting and well-argued.

Cheers,

Enda

*** Dog Friendly
2015 CALENDAR**

JUNE - 🐶

Samford Scout Camp
Ph: 07 – 3289 2599

JULY - 🐶

Dayboro Showgrounds
Ph: 07- 3425 1137

AUGUST - 🐶

Laidley Show G'rds
Ph: 07 – 5465 1284

SEPTEMBER - 🐶

Kingaroy Show G'rds
Ph: 1300 0733901

**STATE RALLY – 🐶
Stanthorpe - 🐶**

OCTOBER - 🐶

Kalbar Showgrounds
Ph: 07-5464 6769

NOVEMBER - 🐶

Lake Dyer C'van Park
Ph: 07 – 5465 3698

DECEMBER –

**No Rally
Xmas Lunch**

JANUARY 2016 – 🐶

Picnic-in-the-Park

FEBRUARY - 🐶

Ferry Reserve
Caravan Park
Ph: 02 – 6685 1872

MARCH - 🐶

Kenilworth Show G'rd
Ph: 07 – 5446 0131

APRIL - 🐶

Fernvale Sports G'rd
Ph: 07 – 5427 0206

MAY - 🐶

Allawah Scout Camp
Ph: 07 – 3202 1431

JUNE - 🐶

Gympie Show G'rds
Ph: 07 – 5482 9537



**“Rock” Night Organisers
Warren (L) & ‘Pink Punk’
Elaine with Dress-up
Winners –
John ...AKA ‘Elvis’ & Bev**



Col playing ‘Celebrity Heads’... and more contestants – Helen H, Faye & Mick



TREASURER'S REPORT

Another very successful rally with great activities and entertainment. The raffle supplied by Dave and Doreen raised \$100.00. Dave was smart and sold tickets last month, to those not attending Rathdowney. Absent members, Paul and Vickie, were the winners of the mystery prize. Dave and Doreen had supplied 2 prizes. The 2nd draw was won by Dave and Andy. Thank you to all for your support.

RAE

*Dave & Andy will be cosy
with their new ‘blanky’*

*Hope they'll never need the
fire blanket, though !!!*



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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Judy & Richard



“Welcome to our visitors”
 and



Patrick & Anne



The Line Dance under way



Our “Guest Artist” - ELVIS and his Punk Rocker Chick

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RALLY CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

Hi All,

Rathdowney turned out to be a beautiful spot for us, the weather was good to us and quite a few people did some tripping around the area. Margaret from the Bowl's club put on a fabulous meal for us, which was enjoyed by all. There is one thing I need to mention and that is, **I need to know if you are coming or not coming by the date which is on the sheet** because some venues need to know and also I need to know for power and water spaces, etc. I do not need to know the day we go away as it is too late then -- **unless it is an emergency.**

I will be sending the sheet for Baden Powell Scout Camp on the 5th June and I would appreciate your reply by 10th June, as I need to let the camp know by then as to how many will be coming. The cost is the same as last time which is \$16.50per van per night. **PLEASE PAY AS YOU ARRIVE**

Stay well and see you then.

Cheer

Sheriff Eric

Friday Happy Hour at Rathdowney Showgrounds --- another awesome venue !

THANK YOU, ERIC





Our Sheriff became a Saint at dinner on Friday night at the Bowls Club BUT --- he came good once again with entertainment at the Pony Club



The Tag-alongs at a lookout on their day trip



Dave looking at the fog at Carr's Lookout

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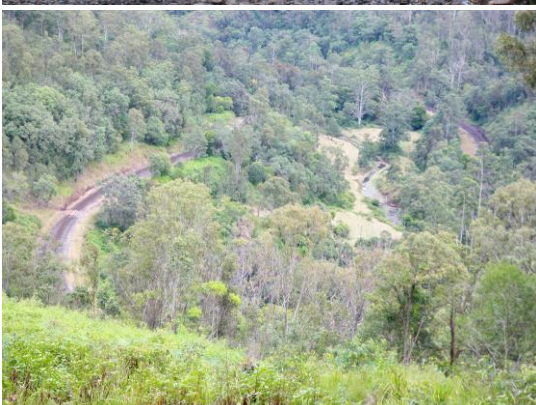
- Who was the female who came into the male ablutions, while a man was showering & swiped the last toilet roll? She refused the offer of shampoo & conditioner!
- Who was seen sweeping while his wife was at Craft?
- Who was the lady wearing 'Hot Pants'?
- Who locked his keys in their van AGAIN?
- Who introduced Bev to a young man at the pub as his mother?
- Who wore their sunnies into the room & wondered why it was so dark?
- Who fell over the base of the rock? AND who couldn't find her to pick her up in the dark?
- Who told the waitress his orange wasn't ripe, but ate it anyway?
 She came back with another slice on a serviette for him.
- Who's water kept popping off their van?
- Which lady had the table moved to her, as it was easier then moving her to it?
- Who offered beer glasses with a bottle of wine?



Creek Crossing



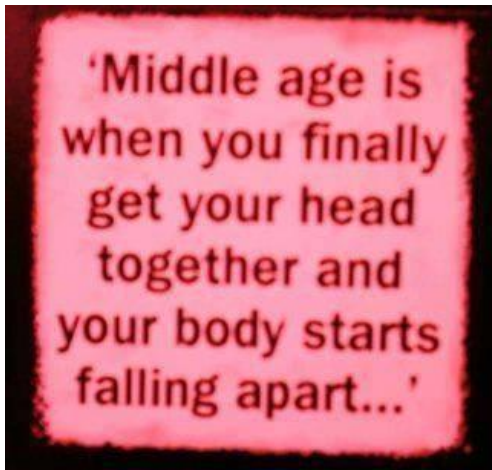
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