

Peninsula Caravan Club Inc.

NEWSLETTER - MAY 2016

Next Month's Rally –Gympie Showgrounds

77 Exhibition Road, Gympie, 4570

Wednesday 15th – Monday 20th June



Steam Train – The Valley Rattler



Mary Street, Gympie

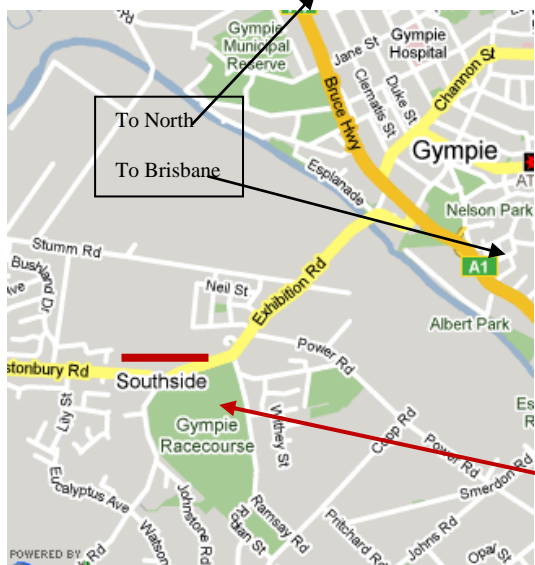


Pioneers Statue overlooks
Historical Mining Museum

Gympie's name derives from the Kabi (the language of a tribe of Indigenous Australians that historically lived in the region) word *gimpi-gimpi* (which means "stinging tree"). The tree has large, round leaves that have similar properties to stinging nettles. The town was previously named **Nashville**, after James Nash, who discovered gold in the area in 1867. The name was later changed to Gympie in 1868.

Graziers were the original European settlers. Subsequently, James Nash reported the discovery of 'payable' alluvial gold on 16 October 1867. At the time of Nash's discovery, Queensland was suffering from a severe economic depression. Nash probably saved Queensland from bankruptcy. A memorial fountain in Gympie's Park honours Nash's discovery.

DIRECTIONS:



ATTRACTIONS:

The Gympie Gold Mining and Historical Museum houses memorabilia from the early gold mining era, as well as displays showcasing military, rural, transport, communications, and steam development in Australia. The Wood Works Museum provides an insight into the timber industry and social history of yesteryear through About 15 minutes south-east of Gympie, subtropical rainforest and spectacular rocky creeks make the Mothar Mountain rock pools a popular retreat for locals and visitors. Crystal-clear water gently cascades over ancient granite outcrops at Woondum National Park.

Site Fees: \$17:00/v/n --- No gazebos needed!

**This is the showgrounds - Adrian McClintock Park
See page 7 for Market information**

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Activities

For June

Organizers: Vickie & Paul/ Debbie & Allan



2:00 - Bean Bag Toss

Dinner - Shared Casserole / Dessert Meal

Everyone, please bring either a casserole or dessert to share

There may not be a kitchen at Gympie, so you may have to make in your vans.



Night - Bingo



ACTIVITY REPORT:

Morning Damper Cook-off

The peaceful serenity & stillness of the country morning was suddenly interrupted by the shattering of timber & the crackle of the fire as preparations commenced for the great damper cook off. As usual men gathered to show their manliness swinging the axe.

Come competition time the roaring fire had been reduced to a heap of hot coals. There were twenty one entries at final count of various recipes ranging from plain traditional to spicy or sweet.

Most chose to use the main fire while others chose their own secret cooking methods. Cooking times also varied most took around 30 minutes. Rick, however thought he was cooking in a microwave & chose the quick 10 minute cook achieving what could be described as a crispy charcoal crusted damper which surprisingly tasted quite good



Then it was time for the critics to pass judgement. Well, it was like pensioner Tuesday with everyone keen to sample all of the offerings to make their selection.

The votes were tallied and the winners were Ted & Carol with their cheese & bacon damper closely followed by Shorty & Deb with their traditional damper. Well done & thanks to all who cooked.



All out on 'Pensioner Tuesday'



The Winners were Ted & Carolyn (in their Masterchefs' apron) Organizers Mick (L) and Faye, Brian & Loretta (R)



The winning damper before it was tasted ... looks good & tasted even better. Well done!

Afternoon Bocce

The heat of the day was only matched by rising in expectation of the coming Bocce competition. As we arrived we all chose a slip of paper that had the name of the 2 member team to which we would belong. There were 36 players in 18 teams, time for the competition to begin. There were enough bocce balls to run 4 games with the winner progressing to the next round. Conditions varied with some playing on mostly grass with others having to contend with grass, dirt & rocks not to mention the hilly terrain. But we all were having a good time with plenty of laughter. As the sun was setting finally we got to the last 2 teams the Eels – John MacKenzie & Ron and the Wonderers – Rick & Margaret. It was a hard fought battle with no quarter given, with the Eels victorious in the end. Thanks to Brian & Lorraine and Mick & Faye for a great day of activities.

John H



Spectators watching a game of Bocce underway



Winners - Macca and Ron (EELS)
Organizers, Mick & Faye and Loretta & Brian



Andy & Dave



Faye & Loretta with Birthday Girl, Lyle



Also to Debbie S
and
Yvonne R (absent)



Line Dancing on Sunday morning



for your great activities
Mick, Faye, Loretta & Brian



ROVING REPORT:

Allawah scout camp lived up to its reputation, a pleasant camping ground in a very beautiful spot on the Brisbane river. Peace and quiet, native birds & spectacular scenery!

A few early birds arrived on **Wednesday**, Eric & Bev, Gay, who was so excited to be 2nd to arrive for the 1st time, Warren (minus Elaine, who was visiting a friend), Lyle & Colin, Noel & Yvonne, Ray & Jim plus a few others. They were all well set up when we arrived around lunchtime

Thursday. A great job by the Sheriff & his deputy to fit everyone in, in an orderly fashion, given the hilly terrain. All enjoyed the usual meet & greet at happy hour (with some staying up late to settle in) & others still

to arrive well into the evening.

Friday saw a stream of happy campers arrive and set up. Others went off to explore Ipswich and surrounds, some got lost but eventually found their way "home" again. Thanks to Tom Tom.



Some enjoyed the local latte hangouts.

A couple of piscarian enthusiasts tried their hand at dangling their rods, only to attract the local snapping turtles! No fish for dinner!

A now large group expanded the circle at happy hour and a few tall yarns were told and appetites whetted for the forthcoming events to be held on Saturday, starting at 8 am.

The resident pyromaniacs were in their element collecting fuel for the cook off in the morning.

Saturday saw even more vans arrive, bringing the total to 24, with the camp well and truly bursting with vans & four wheeled vehicles it looked like Northlakes car park on Saturday mornings! But with hoses! Before 8am the camp cooks were up and at it, stoking the fire, mixing their "secret" damper recipes, and generally getting into 'My Kitchen Rules / Masterchef mojo.'

10 am the competition was hotting up, not to mention the kitchen !

All up 21 dampers were created, ranging from exotic, olive & tomato, and a little unusual (milo), to fruity & down to earth true blue Aussie, plain flour water & salt, varieties.

The judges were almost swamped by the unofficial "tasters" who swarmed the tables like a plague of ants until nothing but crumbs and a few burned offerings were left!

Ted was the outright winner, his cheese & bacon damper claiming the Masterchef apron. Several others were worthy of honourable mentions, but unfortunately yours truly was too busy stuffing her face with damper & golden syrup to get their names! (sorry)

A great enjoyable activity, thanks to all concerned.

Note re next time, perhaps we could wait till all the dampers are cooked, judged on appearance, taste etc, then voted before the tasters are let loose!!! Perhaps categories too, original, fancy, novice. (Just an idea). A camp oven communal dinner would be great!

After our carbohydrate comas had worn off, we assembled on the hilly village green where a huge gathering was divided into teams, for a pleasant game of bocce. Much hilarity ensued with play-offs by the winning teams, who were awarded chocolates & soft drinks!!! No diets today! Another great activity, good job all.

The fire was stoked & poked throughout the day to make for another enjoyable evening. Following our formalities, Birthdays & a Special Anniversary, we were treated to 'around Oz in 80 days' slide show by Les & Bernie, a great evening with a good crowd. (Rod was thrilled when he won the raffle too.)



Sunday. A great show of interest at 9.30 for morning after exercise classes, um ... line dancing lessons, great to see so many enthusiastic boot scooters up & at it!! Good job, Carolyn & Ted. Some could have, & would have, danced on into the sunset, had you not had to leave early. It was a slower start for many, or pack up & hit the road for others who haven't given up their day jobs yet! Except for one couple who reluctantly had to stay another night. *Photo to come, oops! Ed*

Bush walks, newspapers or coffees by the river were the order of the day for those that remained. Another happy hour or four around the campfire was enjoyed until late. New grandparents, Loretta & Brian, showed off their new photos of one week old baby Harriet with wind, the image of her pop!, only a little more hair!

Monday the wagon train continued to trail off into the sunset with just a few stalwarts remaining to stoke the fire. A great end to a great rally once again.

Your 'not so foreign correspondent' *Gayle*

*Harriet Joy
"Welcome to the World"*



President Ken presented Ron & Chris with their **60 Rallies** Certificate
AND
CONGRATULATIONS --- WELL DONE, BOTH COUPLES

Jim & Rae with their **90Rallies** Certificate



The "TWINS" & friends out for Friday night dinner at the Karalee Tavern



LINE DANCING



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Thank you everyone who came to line dancing on Sunday morning, you all seemed to have a great time.

June rally - Elaine will be taking the dancing, so bring along your dancing shoes. Also a **BIG THANK YOU**, to MR. MUSIC - Warren for coming up with the music for us. Cheers..... Carolyn ☺☺

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Another very enjoyable Rally at Allawah Scout Camp.
Welcome to our new members Barrie and Barbara, Graham and Wendy and Margaret.
Thanks to the Camp oven cooks for their efforts.

Warning to others. "Don't get in the way of free food and Caravaners".

And, uphill Bocce is always good fun.

Ken

Caravanning Tips:

If you need to release the ropes on your awning in a hurry due to bad weather this is probably the quickest way I have seen.

Simply wrap the rope around the drum of the awning and pull the rope back through the eye of the rope and slide a tent peg through the loop and tighten the rope.

To release the rope just pull the peg out and the rope falls free. So simple. Thank you again, Ted.

Ken welcomed new members
Graham & Wendy,
Barbara & Barry
and Margaret
Graham was
thrilled to get a
'real' name badge



RAFFLE ROSTER (prize value \$20.00+ tickets)

JUNE ... Lyle & Colin

JULY ... Bev & Eric

AUG ... Kim & Ken

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 ... Vickie & Paul / Debbie & Allan

JULY ... Debbie & Dave / Doreen & Dave

AUG ... Di & Rob / Gay / Lyle

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



BIRTHDAYS for JUNE

2 nd ... Margaret	4 th ... Helen H
4 th ... Ted	6 th ... Kim
7 th ... Gay	10 th ... Gayle
20 th ... Eric	30 th ... Dave B



ANNIVERSARIES for JUNE

4 th ... Irene & Mick	14 th ... Debbie & Dave
22 nd ... Yvonne & Noel	

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

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NEWS FLASH. Change of date of Celebration Cruise & extra night.



Due to school holidays the price of the original cruise, three nights Sept 30 - October 2, that was being considered has almost doubled in price! So change of plan. Gayle found the following, better value too!

NOW Saturday October 8 - Wednesday October 12

The cruise will now be 4 nights Brisbane – Whitsundays - Brisbane, with P&O Pacific Dawn, visiting Airlie Beach & ocean cruising. Price is still \$499 p/p with the extra night! The link is [cruiseabout](#). Cheaper for triple or quad share.

Hope lots of people can make it, it should be fun & relaxing, no cooking, setting up or driving involved! Just unpack once, sit back & enjoy!!!! Use the long term car park at the port too.

Everyone will have to book early, as it seems P&O are different to other cruise line, who drop their prices closer to departure.

So get in early, it may help to check with RACQ or travel agents re discounts too?

Hope this helps, it's about 18 weeks away so you CAN afford it! **From Rod & Gayle**

We just booked \$479 pp, but rod just read [sale ends May 31!](#) Didn't see that myself!

There were still heaps of cabins available. Perhaps it will still be around that price? (added extra)

From Gayle



SECRETARY'S REPORT

As Elaine is away I'll just put that the 'Shopper Dockets' amounted to \$2,657.38

We hope you are enjoying your stay and we'll see you at a warmer Gympie.

The Gympie Museum Markets are held on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday of each month beside Gympie's beautiful **Lake Alford**, which can be accessed either Southbound on the Bruce H'wy or Brisbane Road, Gympie. Enjoy live music whilst browsing through extensive markets with everything from bric-a-brac to fresh produce.



Damper for lunch



Les showed his photos of his & Bernie's latest trip around Oz



All are welcome to join us on Friday morning at 10.00am for a Cuppa, craft or to play a board game (or teach another member) a new one --- Bring along your favourite! See you at our



Chat & Choose



- *Who fed the biscuits & pesto to the grass?*
- *Who can't tell her left foot from her right foot when walking backwards?*
- *Who was so excited to be 2nd to arrive at the rally?*
- *Who was cranky cos he didn't take his 'chill pills'?*
- *Who was the man, who after his shower said "that shower made me feel like a new women"?*
- *Who carries an external hard-drive with her all the time?*

And one missed last month

Who was given spinach & feta savouries, thought they were apple & put custard on them?



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DECEMBER – No Rally
Xmas Party -- TBA

2017 CALENDER

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TBA 

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MAY - 
Toogoolawah
Show Grounds
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TREASURER'S REPORT

Another Great Rally with lots of fun and laughter.
The raffle done by Rick and Helen raised \$101.10 and was won by
Rod and Gayle.
Thank you all for your support. **Rae**



New member, Margaret, with the help of Rick, drew out the winning raffle prize that was won by Gayle & Rod A Head Light & torch to walk Suzie!

'THE' PHOTO



And it's NOT a Craptiva
This time, YAY!

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 all,

Did I not supply some beautiful weather and crisp nights. What can I say about Allawah Scout Camp - it was just a beautiful setting and I hope I did not cram you all in too tight. I would like to thank Colin for his extra long leads he bought, which was a great help because some of you still only turn up with 1 lead. My first gripe - I thought I sent emails out about taking our own rubbish home, but found that somebody decided to leave their rubbish for me to take home, as there is no rubbish collection at this venue - NOT HAPPY JAN! Second gripe – Wednesday, cleaning up to come home, ladies toilet little surprises for me to clean up when rubbish was supposed to go home with you - NOT HAPPY JAN! that is all my gripes. Next rally is at Gympie Showgrounds & the cost is \$17.00 per night/per van. Firstly, this venue is a horse training track **every day** from 5am till 9am. They are allowing us for the first time to bring your small dogs, so **under no circumstances can you take your dogs anywhere near the horses** between the times I have said, even if your dog loves horses, as these horses are very skittish and I have been told by the Racecourse Secretary that if you do take your dog anywhere near the horses you will be asked to leave the grounds and that means your van too.

As we have not used this venue before - same old thing - **long leads and water hoses.**

The gazebos are **not** required for this rally and remember it will be cool.

Hope to see you all at Gympie

Sheriff Eric

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When you start on a diet, the first thing you lose is your patience.

In youth, the absence of pleasure is a pain; but in old age, the absence of pain is a pleasure.

A man and his ever-nagging wife went on vacation in Jerusalem.

While they were there, the wife passed away. The undertaker told the husband, "You can have her buried here in the Holy Land for \$150 or we can have her shipped back home for \$5,000.

The husband thought about it and told the undertaker he would have her shipped back home.

The undertaker asked him, "why would you spend \$5,000 to have her shipped home when you could have a beautiful burial here, and it would only cost \$150?????"

The husband replied, "Long ago, a man died here, was buried here, and three days later, rose from the dead. I just can't take that chance.

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