

# Peninsula Caravan Club Inc.

## Newsletter November 2007

### JUNE'S ROVING RALLY REPORT.

The November Rally was held at Thunderbird Park, Mt. Tamborine, lovely shady trees, open fires allowed, bush walks & Kookaburras that find something amusing at 4 am. President Jim & Rae Arriving on Wednesday, with 9 vans arriving on Thursday at various times of the day. The gravel road & trying to make our vans level was a challenge, but that's what caravanning & camping is all about.

After setting up & having a "Nanny Nap" we all met to erect the "TARP", when this was completed & after much advice from the ladies & a final check from Capt. Kevin the 'TARP' was then decorated with Xmas lights. With the arrival of night it looked truly magical, like "Fairyland", well done everybody.

Friday AM we saw the arrival of our guests John & Helen Hunter and David & Andrea (Andy) Hellewell. I'm afraid the "2 black crows" upset their neighbour, when reversing into our campsite we came into contact with the hook that was holding the awning rope & broke a bungee clip. I hope we have been forgiven.

Late afternoon we welcomed Dell & Steve in convoy with Cathy & Dennis, followed much later by Nancy & David who arrived in the dark, although David assured us he left when it was daylight, something to do with Nancy's directions. Prior to "Happy Hour" our park Manager, Dallas arrived with a BBQ for our use, and 3 free bags of firewood, and asked if there was anything else we needed to make our stay more comfortable. What a nice couple Dallas and his wife Pam are, very helpful & caring Park Managers.

Much laughter was enjoyed while listening to Dell's stories about their travels, and she advised not to take a caravan down the Dorrego Highway. Some members had a BBQ, while others ate in their vans.

We had some rain at 3 am (according to Rae) and woke to more showers Saturday morning. The weather cleared, and I observed Steve having his breakfast with the Lorikeets. Some members visited the "Gallery Walk", while others visited the Wineries, Cheese factory etc, and Mt. Tamborine village for supplies. Jim & Bev Went returned with the lovely Kerry & we all retired to our vans after lunch for early showers and a rest.

The park Manager, Pam visited the "TARP" and introduced her beautiful baby daughter, Morgan. Pam advised us that Morgan would be the judge of our Xmas Light Competition, and that this would take place while we were at dinner. Our guest Helen was asked to draw the winner for the Raffle (prize donated by Lorraine & Allan White) and much to her surprise, drew out her own number. Therese & Arthur arrived to join us for the evening, thanks Guys for coming. The members went back to their vans to change for dinner.

We all met at 6.30 pm looking splendid in Xmas shirts & pretty frocks, special mention to our President's wife, Rae who looked like "Merry Xmas" in her red frock & gold, sequined, Santa hat. On arrival at the Cedar Creek Restaurant we were shown to our decorated tables, when everybody was seated we were served some pink champagne (supplied by our Club) to help jolly along the evening. I'm sure all the Members would agree it was a delicious dinner followed by some "yummy" desserts.

We discovered it was the Carver Chefs 16<sup>th</sup> Birthday & sang our rendition of "Happy Birthday" for him. With the meal coming to an end, we were startled by the clanging of a cow bell. Who should make a grand entrance, Mrs. Claus dressed in sexy red shorts & tight Xmas shirt, hair in golden curls, followed by not ONE but TWO Santa's (although one resembled a sumo wrestler - I'm glad she -oops- didn't fall over). Lots of laughter and heckling followed, with Mrs. Claus nearly knocking some people out, with her strenuously throwing packets of sweets from her basket, especially the couple trying to enjoy a quiet romantic dinner in the corner. Well Done to Dell and her Helpers, it was a great finish for 2007.

I believe Mrs Claus & her Santa's were asked to make an appearance for the campers, and that Mrs. Claus was told she had a cute "Tush" (I had to clean that up), and would she like a ride home, I can't repeat her answer.

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**2008 RALLY CALENDAR**

**FEBRUARY 15-18**  
**LAKE MacDONALD** 4563  
(PH.54425285)  
**BOOKED**

**MARCH 14-17**  
**COTTON TREE** 4558  
(PH.1800 461 253)  
**BOOKED**

**APRIL 18-21**  
**MT.TAMBORINE** 4272  
(PH.55450034)  
**BOOKED**

**MAY 16-19**  
**MURWILLUMBAH** 2484  
(PH. 02 66722035)  
**BOOKED**

**JUNE 20-23**  
**STANDOWN PARK**  
(PH.54865144)

**JULY 18-21**  
**ESK (Xmas in July)** 4312  
(Ph.54241466)  
**BOOKED**

**AUGUST 15-18**  
**KENILWORTH SHOW GRDS**  
(PH. TBA) 4562  
**BOOKED**

**SEPTEMBER 19-22**  
**CROWSNEST** 4355  
(PH.46981269)  
Carnival of flowers  
**BOOKED**

**OCTOBER 18-20** 4570  
**TINCAN BAY**  
(PH.54864411)  
**BOOKED**

**NOVEMBER 14-17**  
**MUDJIMBA** 4564  
(PH 1800 461 475)

Upon our arrival back at the "TARP" we were met by park Manager, Dallas. Our President Jim thanked him for making us feel so welcome and for judging the Xmas light competition. Dallas explained it was their baby daughter, Morgan who chose the winner. Honourable mentions went to Jim & Rae and Cyril & Lil for their efforts. The winner was our Activities girl, Dell and husband Steve. Well done! (I'm not sure how you will share a week-end for two, with your neighbours). Congratulations to everyone who decorated their vans, I believe the other campers in the park also enjoyed the lights. The open fire had been lit, and after saying Good Bye to Therese & Arthur and wishing them a safe trip home, some members settled around the fire, while others retired to their vans. We all agreed it had been a great night.

Sunday's early birds enjoyed a cuppa under the "TARP", while others packed up for the trip down the mountain. After many Hugs, Kisses & "Seasons Greetings" were exchanged the remainder of us settled down for a quiet Sunday afternoon.

Monday morning the "TARP" was packed away for the last time in 2007. Another 5 vans departed for their homes, leaving Jim & Rae, Peter & June and guests David & Andy, who all left on Tuesday. We were all in agreement it had been another great Rally.

I would like to wish our sick friends a speedy recovery; I wish Darryl & Sue, Ken & Julie successful moves into their new abodes. Thank you for your email Jill & Peter & all the best to our travellers.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish all our Club Members & their Families, a very Merry Christmas & a Happy & safe 2008 – HAPPY CARAVANNING!

Cheerio to All. June.

**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."*

**BIRTHDAYS I**

DEC.15<sup>th</sup> Kevin White  
DEC.23<sup>rd</sup> Arthur Cutler  
DEC.27<sup>th</sup> Lil. Torrington

2008  
JAN. 7<sup>th</sup> Peter Quinlan  
JAN. 8<sup>th</sup> Lorraine White  
2008

FEB.10<sup>th</sup> Cyril Torrington  
FEB.12<sup>th</sup> Alan White  
FEB.19<sup>th</sup> Joyce McMillan  
FEB.28<sup>th</sup> Denis Brennan

**ANNIVERSARIES**

DEC.23<sup>rd</sup> Ron & Chris Vasyli  
2008  
JAN. 3<sup>rd</sup> Cyril & Lil Torrington  
JAN.16<sup>th</sup> Peter & Jill Quinlan  
2008  
FEB.25<sup>th</sup> Allan & Debbie Howard

**RAFFLE ROSTER**

FEBRUARY 2008.....RON & CHRIS VASYLI  
MARCH 2008.....COLIN & JOAN CHADWICK  
APRIL 2008.....MAX & JUDITH MARTIN

*Should you be unable to take your turn when allocated please arrange with the following members to take your place and vice versa.*

## ACTIVITIES CO-ORDINATOR REPORT

I would like to thank you all for your support throughout the year. A special thank you to Rae, Jim, Nancy and Fred while I was away, and Kathy for being there when I got stuck for ideas. Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

Dell.

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### PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hi everyone,

Here it is time for me to report on the Rally at Tamborine.

First of all I have a few Thankyous to send out.

Firstly to Dell, who put a lot of time and effort into the visit from Santa, Sumo Santa and Mrs Claus. I hope all enjoyed the surprise visitors. I would like to Thank Steve, Cathy, Rae and Dennis, for their help and support given to Dell.

Secondly Thank You to Nancy for the Birthday Cake, it was very enjoyable and a big surprise.

Lastly I would like to thank all Members and visitors for making the weekend so successful.

The coloured lights and decorations really created the Christmas atmosphere.

Congratulations to Dell and Steve, the winners of the Christmas Light competition, Cyril and Lil's reindeer and lights, and Rae's Christmas Tree, were worthy of the titles of Highly Recommended runners up.

I would like to wish all members a Merry Christmas, and a safe and Happy New Year.  
See you all in the 2008.

Jim

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

**DECEMBER – XMAS LUNCHEON;** Lunch & Drinks at Redcliffe Leagues Club at 11.30 am on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> (re Bev's email)

**JANUARY 2008 – 'SAUSAGE SIZZLE';** There will be a BBQ in the park opposite Morgan's at Scarborough on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2008. The committee will supply Sausages, bread, onions, spread & sauces. Members are required to bring Salads, Plates, cutlery, drinks & chairs perhaps sun screen & Hat. This will be our first outing for 2008, hope to see everybody there.

**FEBRUARY RALLY 2008 – LAKE MacDONALD;** our activities for our February Rally at Lake MacDonald will be as follows  
Friday evening – "TRIVIA"  
Saturday –BBQ at 6.30 PM followed by a 'TALENT QUEST' at approx. 7.30 PM (all entries must be in by 10 AM Saturday)  
Please don't be shy – Anything Goes!

Regards, your activities co-ordinator, Dell.

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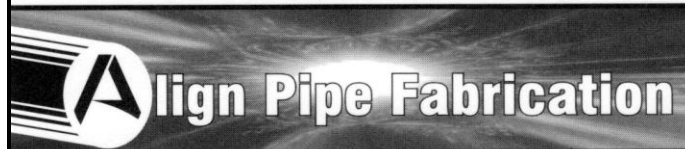
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