

Peninsula Caravan Club Inc.

Newsletter NOVEMBER 2010



Hello to All our Club Members & Visitors

A reminder there will be no newsletter or rally for the month of December 2010.

Our next function will be the Christmas Lunch to be held at the Sea View Hotel, Shorncliffe on Saturday 11th December 2010, commencement time 11.30 to 12 o'clock.

In January 2011 Club Members & Visitors are invited to a Picnic in the Park, Saturday 15th at 10AM, the committee will provide details at a later date.

I would like to thank the members who wrote reports for the Peninsula Roundup Newsletter; your assistance is greatly appreciated. Your input & advice is always welcome.

Thank you to all who donated the Raffle prizes. Many thanks to Rae for providing the photo CD's, a big thank you to all the Activity organizers who created so much fun. Special thanks to all the equipment carriers. Thank you to all our travelers who kept me up to date with their latest news. Finally - thank you to all our new members who chose our caravan club to join in 2010.

To All those members experiencing health problems we wish you all the best.

Newsletter Editor... *June*

VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT

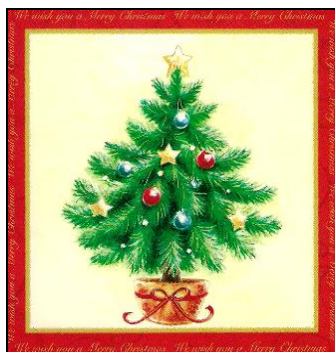
Hello all PCCI Members, Well we have come to the end of another year of our rallies. I think that we can all agree that it was a very successful year for our club. Despite the inclement weather that we had at Dicky Beach, we all managed to enjoy ourselves & one another's company. Our new larger tarp served us well on its first outing to a venue. Well done to all members that were involved in putting it together & to those members that donated some of the components for the tarp. Great Job!

Next year's rallies will mostly involve going to venues that we as a club have not been to before. We as a committee have checked them all out so hopefully you will enjoy having our rallies at them. It is pleasing to see that some of our newer members have taken on the responsibility of carrying parts of the tarp & other club equipment. Well Done!

Well done to this year's committee who have done an excellent job, in the absence of our President, taking care of our clubs affairs. As you all know Kevin has stepped down from being President, but he is still involved in our club, being a delegate to the CCCQ, along with David Giles. Neil Bremner will be taking up his duties as President from early December; I know that you will give him your full support. At least you will not have to put up with the Vice President harassing you all to do this or that, well someone has to it. Wishing you all Happy Caravanning in 2011.



Vice President PCCI... *Cyril*



The Committee & Editor send best Wishes for a very Merry Christmas To all Club Members, Associated & Social members; our Sponsors & Their Families & CCCQ Members

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ROVING REPORT:-

We arrived at the Dicky Beach Holiday Park; after setting up on our site we said "Hello" to the members who had already arrived then had lunch & a nanny nap. Secretary Bev had a new noisemaker to gain our attention to advise Happy Hour would be held at 4PM in the Camp Kitchen. The Byngs, Crowes & Sutherlands walked to the Surf Club for dinner & enjoyed a very nice meal & then back to the Park where we found the others sitting in Jim's annex, after a final chat we were off to our beds. We experienced very heavy rain throughout the night. Doreen & David enjoyed the company of their Grand-daughter Thursday night & Friday.

Friday we assembled to erect our brand New Tarp under Kevin's guidance, after a few hic ups with pole sizes etc all was completed in time for coffee time. Kurt & Margaret Clausen arrived to attend their second rally. Our members David & Andy Hellewell, who reside at Dicky Beach, arrived to visit at Happy Hour; Nancy Giles arrived in time to make the bed, & then she returned home to Redcliffe. Helen Williams also visited; Helen had to cancel when she fell & chipped a bone in her arm. Her son was Chauffer. Thank you to the committee, especially Bev, for providing the nibbles, meat & onions for the BBQ; also the cooks, BBQ cleaners & all the helpers. Thanks to Kevin for showing the 4WD towing CD & Rae's photo CD. We had more rain & gusty winds throughout the night. Saturday was another showery day. Our new visitor Jan Kostuch arrived & was welcomed by everyone. Sunday saw the usual exodus of vans returning home & the Stayers enjoying a quiet afternoon, some of us enjoyed another meal at the Surf Club. More very heavy rain & windy conditions throughout the night. Monday –more departures for home. See you at the Xmas lunch.

Reporter: *June*



ACTIVITY REPORT:-

Our final rally of the year at Dicky Beach on the Sunshine Coast was very successful and a fitting end to the year despite the overcast conditions. A bbq lunch provided by the Club was followed by the evening's main entertainment 'A Photographic Quiz with a Twist'. This went down well with all members remaining 'high and dry' (well we did enjoy some refreshments) under our fabulous new 'bigger and better' tarp.

Les and Bernie Brearley were our hosts and shared with us an assortment of photos from their travels far and wide. These photos were the basis of our quiz. Five tables assembled, namely The Magnificent Six, The Super Six and the Super Seven (not a very imaginative bunch) and the Inspirationalists (aka The Rum Guzzlers).

From India we saw the temples, the Taj Mahal, cows and monkeys, and pigs grazing at the tip, as well as viewing the mind boggling transportation system and perilous hillside housing structures. In Australia from the 12 Apostles (less 4) in Victoria, Kata Tjuta (Mt Olga, NT) to camels on Cable Beach, Broome (WA), and the questions kept coming. Lollies were rewards for imaginative answers or for those that could not 'contain' themselves. 'Big Baby' photos from our Club's First Anniversary (nice costume Eric) and 'toilet' meetings amused the crowd.

The quiz ended in a draw so a tie breaker (or Crocodile Quiz) was conducted between the Super Seven and the Magnificent Six teams. The rest of us all knew that the giant crocodile photo was from Normanton, the home of the purple hotel; the creature was approx 28 feet long and was shot in 1958 by Krystina, a lady croc hunter (naturally). Congratulations to John and Vicky, Dave and Nancy, John and Helen and Kevin on their win.

We thank Les and Bernie for arranging such a relaxed and entertaining activity. Also a big thank you to Rae for her knitted red Christmas stockings and the Club's yearly CD. We were blessed! The rain held off till almost the end of the night with all occupants snug and secure under the new tarp.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas; keep safe and happy, see you at the next rally in 2011.

Reporters: *Diane and Rob Howard.*





A report on the Pancake cook-up. We all met under the new Tarp for this event.

Several people bought their pancake mixtures and set to work cooking. Thank you to David G. who rescued my pancakes from the B.B.Q, he had the right equipment to turn them over. They did taste OK too.

Helen had a big jug full of mixture and cooked her pancakes in frypans, they were appreciated too. We had a good choice of toppings, maple syrup, fruit & cream, and even lemon juice and sugar, (My favourite). All who indulged enjoyed their morning tea and the compliments were freely handed out.

Thank you to Eric, who supplied his B.B.Q. for cooking the pancakes on. Finally thank you to all who supplied the mixtures, and to those who bought along their appetites, it was a fun event.

Reporter: Rae Williamson

Travel News - Are you there yet?

10th November Mike & Enid Tracey returned home to Clontarf, after being on the road since last April. Mike's comments "We're tired and glad to be home. Sill in recovery mode will catch up soon.

17th November Deb and Shorty; we are both well and are at Macedon in Vic. We are going to New Zealand tomorrow to see my dad as he is not well, he has bone cancer. Flora is coming with us as well.

We ran into Ron and Chris, they joined us for a few days at Mildura. When we return to Aus we are going across to SA. I will send another trip report when we get back from NZ.

I spent a week in hospital while we were at Mildura with chest pains, all is OK



BBQ Lunch on Saturday



Rae telling a tale or two



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2010 CALENDAR**DECEMBER (No rally)****2011 CALENDAR****JANUARY** 🐶

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Arthur Davies Park
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Date 15th January 10am**

FEBRUARY (no dogs)

**Noosa River C/Park
Munna Point
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MARCH 🐶

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Ph: Ivan-0428 916 570**

APRIL 🐶

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Ph: 07 5544 1142**

MAY 🐶

**Blackbutt S/grounds
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Ph: 0428 90 334**

JUNE 🐶

**Pomona S/Grounds
Contact-Peter Travers
Ph: 0408 714 924**

JULY 🐶

**Ivory's Rock
Conference Centre
Peak Crossing, Ipswich**

AUGUST 🐶

**Samford S/grounds
Contact- P&T Clifford
Ph: 07 3289 7057**

SEPTEMBER 🐶

**Kalbar S/grounds
Contact - Betty
Ph: 07 5464 6769**

OCTOBER 🐶

**State Rally
Maryborough**

NOVEMBER

**Mudjimba Caravan Pk
Contact-Greg & Janine
Ph: 1800 461 475**

DECEMBER**No Rally****SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Hi All, Another good rally to finish the year off, just a reminder to our newer club member & Visitors to sign the attendance book on arrival for insurance purposes.

To all who will be attending the Christmas lunch on the 11th December I need to know you choice of meal by the 9th as I need to inform final numbers to the hotel.

We will be having a "Secret Santa" please bring a gift for both male and female to the value of \$5.00 ea and wrap in male/female paper.

Information re the Picnic in the Park in January 2011 will be forwarded in the New Year.

I would like to thank all of you for your good wishes for my health. If I do not get to see you all, Eric & I wish each and everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy Year.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Another great wet rally had by all. Helen & John raised \$100.00 from the raffle, which was won by Warren & Elaine. Well done again everyone.

I would like to once again thank everyone for supporting our Raffles this year. This year we have raised \$904.10. Well done everyone.

Thank you to everyone who made a gold coin donation for the Tarp site, please refer to Peter's email Friday 26th November.

I would like to thank all our wonderful club members for another enjoyable year of rallying around. I would like to also thank all the Ladies who are supporting me in my new JOB as your AVON Lady. It is very much appreciated.

Please check out our new sponsor RV Warehouse, Brendale (page 5) for your needs.

I wish everyone a Happy & Safe Christmas & New Year.

Regards.... *Vicki Mac*



Who had a new noise maker to gain our attention?

Who arrived in a 24ft Retreat Caravan? **Who** sold their Pajero for a Prada?

Who produced a fly paper to hang in the New Tarp?

Who said our newsletter was only fit to wrap up fish & chips?

Who went to visit Lil & after some considerable time returned with a spring in his step?

Who saved all the washing up for his lovely wife to do?

Who purchased a new TV antenna?

DECEMBER: XMAS LUNCH: 11TH/ 11.30-12am
Seaview Hotel, Shorncliffe (op. St.Patricks School)
ACTIVITIES ROSTER-2011

JANUARY: PICNIC IN THE PARK (15th/ 10AM)
Arthur Davies Pk, Sandgate

FEBRUARY: K&K Keary/K&S Hambleton
NOOSA RIVER FERRY TRIP – DINNER (PM) RSL

MARCH: Eric Byng /D&D Smith/Lil Torrington
MOTORBIKE RACING - WITH A TWIST

RAFFLE ROSTER- 2011 (prize value \$20.00+ tickets)

JANUARY: Committee

FEBRUARY: Warren & Elaine Sutherland

MARCH: David & Doreen Broadley

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, please advise the Secretary Bev Byng by phoning 3869 0345

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BIRTHDAYS

27th December Lil Torrington
2nd January Vicki Mackenzie
7th January Peter Quinlan
8th January Lorraine White
18th January Marlene Ball



ANNIVERSARIES

23rd December Ron & Chris Vasyli
3rd January Cyril & Lil Torrington
16th January Peter & Jill Quinlan

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

REMINDER

“Members are expected to wear
their Club Shirts at “Official”
Club gatherings and any other
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RALLY CO-ORDINATORS REPORT

Arrivals:-

Thur; B&E Byng, J&R Williamson, W&E Sutherland, D&D Smith, C&L Torrington, J&P Crowe, K Keary
D&D Broadley, R Howard

Fri; D Giles, M&J Zielke, L&B Brearley, visitors K&M Clausen, J&V Mackenzie, J&H Hunter

Sat; visitor Jan Kostuch

Cancellations; T.Trowbridge, P&J Quinlan, H.Williams, M.Huxley

Hello to Everyone; Dicky Beach was the last venue for 2010 and proved to be another successful rally with 20 vans originally booked; unfortunately we had 4 cancellations. Luckily we decided to take the brand New Tarp for a trial as the skies were overcast, with rain & blustery conditions. I'm sure all those attending the rally approved of the New Tarp & agreed it was a good investment for the club.

Once again I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support throughout the past year, especially my assistants Eric & Allan who helped to park the vans.

The next rally destination in February 2011 will be Noosa River Caravan Park, Noosaville, I will send out more information closer to the rally.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas & a safe & Happy New Year.

Cheers...Peter



CAR TROUBLE - A blonde pushes her BMW into a gas station. She tells the mechanic it died. After he works on it for a few minutes, it is idling smoothly. She says, 'What's the story?' He replies, 'Just crap in the carburettor!' She asks, 'How often do I have to do that?'



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I have been using this product for many years on the van and my boat trailer and it has worked exceptionally well. You can source this stuff in a small and normal size spray cans from Queensland Diesel Spares and Repco.

T/V ANTENNA'S

I cannot recall one piece of equipment that causes more frustration to vanners than the humble T/V antenna. We are overloaded by numerous retailers telling us that their example is the 'best' and there are I am sure many vanners that have a number of antenna's sitting in a cupboard at home gathering dust because the claims just did not match up with the performance. For the purpose of this article I am not going to discuss the Winegard antenna. In my opinion the biggest mistake that vanners make is purchasing an antenna that will work well at one location but poorly elsewhere. There does not appear to be any 'money back guarantees around' and you only find out the limitations of your new purchase at the next stop! No one antenna will deliver 100% reception clarity simply because of the varying transmissions that are encountered in Australia. However what I have found is that there are two that seem to perform well. These are the rod and bar one supplied from Dick Smith electronics. This is a small version of the normal household antenna. The other is a 'phase link' type which is simply two horizontal aluminium panels with four horizontal small flat rods in front. (Some older versions like mine have round rods at the rear as well like the household antennas). This is the type I have and there are several members in our club that have similar versions as well. Generally reception from both of these in the variety of locations that we have encountered has been acceptable, especially digital. Now whilst on digital. The old analogue service is being progressively shut down so if your T/V is the old analogue type then you should be carrying a set top box (or a new digital T/V) as almost in every occasion the television stations are already broadcasting in digital. Ok so when was the last time you serviced your antenna? Never I hear you say and so you wonder why you do not get good reception! Remember that the T/V signal is very low power and any resistance will disrupt the flow. Aluminium will corrode especially if joined by a dissimilar metal like a mild steel screw. You should observe where the antenna cord is connected to and dismantle all connections from there to the bars on the antenna. Using sand paper and steel wool clean all and reassemble then spray with Lanotec. Also how corroded is the connection end on the antenna wire? I replace mine every couple of years as they are cheap and do corrode. If you do have problems and you are using those pre-made T/V fly wires that connect your T/V to the wall outlet, be suspicious of them as they are massed produced and do regularly fail. Making your own is the best advice I have been given.

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