

Peninsula Caravan Club Inc.

NEWSLETTER: NOVEMBER 2013

Next Month - No Rally

MERRY CHRISTMAS
TO ALL OUR
CARAVANING FRIENDS



HO! HO! HO!

CHRISTMAS LUNCH is being held at **The Bracken Ridge Tavern**, Barrett Street, Bracken Ridge on 7th December. Please be there around midday to start at 12.30 pm. We are having a 'Secret Santa', so everyone attending please bring a \$5 gift.

Hi Fellow Members - A very sincere **Thank You** to all of you who contributed to, organized, or sent - emails/cards/flowers/my Wish Card /phone calls etc. These were so very much appreciated at the time of my op and since. I am feeling much better each day, and nearly 'human' again!! So hope to catch up at the Christmas Dinner. With Kindest Regards - **Gay** (Gibson)

Hi All,
I'd like to thank my fellow members for their Roving Reports/Activity Reports and Gossip Line snippets over the past year. It's always good to get others' views on things. We now have an orange itty-bitty bin for the Gossip Line, so all members can feel free to put their little bits & pieces in. Also any recipes, good wishes, etc, that are in it will make it into the newsletter. I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful & safe 2014. Safe Travelling.
Editor

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ROVING REPORT

Ken & Kim arrived on Wednesday (Ken's Birthday) and also brought their 2 puppies along for their first ever holiday. Terrible parents! Not realising that only one dog was allowed, they were lucky enough to be let in. Lesson – "Always read your newsletter".

Mick & Faye were next to arrive later that day. All shared a BBQ and a drink or two..... for Ken's birthday. Thursday, Ray & Jim, Doreen & Dave and Irene & Mick arrived. All enjoyed a long happy hour and then early to bed.

Friday morning, Dave and Debbie arrived early and everyone else gradually arrived. A few reversing skills were tested and a few marriages were saved by the helpers.

New perspective members, Loretta and Brian came along as friends of Doreen & Dave, and settled in very easily. Peter and June arrived but stayed in a cabin for the weekend which came in handy when it came time to put the desserts in a fridge.

For the first time in over a year the big tent was erected and everyone chatted and caught up.

Almost everyone walked over the road to the bowls club for dinner but decided it was too noisy to stay afterwards so came back early and sat around in the tent chatting and partying on.

Saturday morning Mary arrived AND didn't have a late note. Fred & Colette, Ron & Chris and Lorraine & Alan came along just for the day. Due to having to decorate your caravan for the Christmas competition, many of us had to shop for decorations whilst others enjoyed the beach etc. Keith and Bev arrived later in the day.

Black, black skies had everyone on the edge not knowing what to expect. The rain arrived but fortunately, no damage at our park was reported and we were all able to put decorations back up again and have a great night.

Everyone showed up for the AGM at 3 o'clock. John H resigned as Vice President and Colin was elected to take over as new Vice President. All the other committee members for 2013 are remaining in same position for another year. Fun was had by all at happy hour with Irene winning the raffle.

Happy Birthday to Ken, Doreen, Jim, Dave S, Colette, Macca (belated), Dave H. & Mike (absent). In November, Les & Bernie celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary, Doreen & Dave 47 years, and Lorraine and Alan 44 years. Congratulations and Well Done! Jim & Rae and Peter & June were presented with a certificate each for their 70th rally. As well, Elaine & Warren and Bev & Eric were presented with '10 out of 10 Rallies' Certificates. The committee put on an awesome dinner for everyone with platters of meat, chickens, salads and lots of desserts. YUM! YUM! YUM! Thank you all so much.

After dinner everyone walked around the caravans and had to write down who they thought had the best decorated caravan. AND THE WINNER WAS!!!!!!!!!!!! John and Vicki. Well done guys.

Then came the "How well do you know your partner quiz" WELL! some partners were shocked to find out they didn't know each other that well at all. Even after 47 years. John & Helen were the winners on the night.

Lots of laughs and a fun night was had by all.

Half of the rally slowly left for home before lunch, whilst others were staying on for another night or two.

Kim



Irene won the Raffle Prize.



'The Blind leading the Blind' but we did it YES we did it!!! and enjoyed getting together under the tarp for chats, etc.





Committee hard at work running the AGM.



Colin joined the team as Vice President along with Elaine, Eric, Rae and Les.



Les presenting Elaine & Warren and Eric & Bev with '10 out of 10 Rallies' Certificates



Rae & Jim and Peter & June were presented with '70 Rallies' Certificates.



"Happy Birthday" to Doreen, Dave S., Collette, Ken, Dave H. Jim and John M.
(hiding behind Jim, the candle lighter)



ACTIVITY REPORT

The cheap shops at Coolum were invaded on Saturday morning with people in blue and white shirts buying Christmas decorations for their vans.

Some people had started to decorate their vans when Coolum was hit by a thunderstorm. So the next activity was battening down in readiness for the storm.

Col then started a competition with the storm over the club tarp. Col won – by a raindrop.

After the storm's passing there was a flurry of activity by people decorating their van with Christmas decorations – adjusting and re-adjusting.

As we all walked around with pen and paper in hand going about our judging, it was noticed that a couple of people had tried to bribe the judges with chocolates in their display.

The final result was that **John and Vickie won**. – **Yes!** They did bribe us with chocolates but they also put in a lot of work into their display.

The next activity after dinner was to separate couples and get them to answer questions about past events that both couples should have known the answer to.

First couple up to see just how much they remember about their past was Enda and myself.

To the great amusement of the crowd, the answers we gave to the questions were as if we had never seen each other before – So, I have succeeded in keeping the mystery in the marriage, in fact by the end of the answers – my own life was also a mystery to me.

(It was all great fun – Enda is now thinking that marriage counselling may be the answer)

Next couple to get up were John and Helen and they were very impressive with their answers – they actually do know who they are.

It was then decided that the activity would take too long to have each couple come up and divulge their answers, so everyone else got to mark theirs in private.

Three couples in the end proved that they do know a lot about each other and got the same score.

Kim & Ken, Bernie & Les, John & Helen.

A play-off question was the decider – “What Was His Pick-Up Line?”



Winners – John & Helen

Great activities – Thank you activity organizers, Andy & Dave and Colin & Lyle.

BIRTHDAYS FOR NOVEMBER.

Collette, Jim, Ken, Dave S, Dave H, Doreen, Mike (not in attendance) and John Mac (John is an October birthday) “Happy Birthday was sung to all and each person was given a small cake with a candle.

Dave B. was called on to light the candles.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Doreen & Dave, Lorraine & Alan, and Bernie & Les (40 years)

Bernie wore her wedding veil and they danced to their wedding song “Can’t Take My Eyes Off You”.

It was like watching newlyweds dancing and necking on the floor.

RAFFLE. The raffle was won by – Irene & Mick – A framed picture of a green frog.

Linda B.



Happy Anniversary to Lorraine & Alan, Dave (YES ... that's Dave, The Shy Bride, in the veil) & Doreen. And our Virginal 'Hat Queen' in her Original veil from 40 years ago BUT 'missing-in-action' is her Sweet Les.



The winner of the caravan comp is:
Vicki & John



A Lovely meal from our Committee was enjoyed by all.



'LOVING COUPLE'
Winners of the quiz...John & Helen



PRESIDENTS REPORT

It really felt like summer holidays at the caravan park at Coolum, even including some afternoon storms. We put up our big tarp for the first time this year and put it to good use. A great atmosphere and also a great turnout. It was good to see so many members attending and was also good to see those who drove up for Saturday. Welcome to our visitors Brian and Loretta. Thanks to our activity organisers Dave and Andy and Col and Lyle, the Christmas lights looked great and the quiz was a lot of fun (no Enda your life is not a sham, it was only a quiz).

The AGM went smoothly and almost too quickly as I forgot to turn the page and see the remaining agenda item, the elections! Thank you to all who nominated to be on the committee and work for the benefit of all club members. Congratulations to our new Vice President, Col. Please think about offering to assist the committee members throughout the year. We are particularly looking for an assistant to our secretary, Elaine.

Thank you to John for his three year's service as Vice President. A big thank you to our retiring club photographer, Rae who has done a fantastic job of recording our activities for eight years! Don't forget to smile when Warren points his camera your way.

The year is just about done so time to party! I hope to see you at the Christmas lunch.

Cheers *Les*

RAFFLE ROSTER (prize value \$20.00+ tickets)

JANUARY 2014 ... Committee
FEBRUARY ... Ken & Kim
MARCH ... Eric & Bev
APRIL ... Alan & Lorraine

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

JANUARY 2014 ... Picnic in the Park, TBA
FEBRUARY ... Mick & Faye/ Enda & Linda
MARCH ... John & Helen / Mark & Diana
APRIL ... Mike & Judy / Robert & Lynda

If you are unable to attend your nominated rally, please swap with another couple and notify the Vice President (Colin Roles) **Note:** No activities Dec '13 & Jan 2014.



BIRTHDAYS for Dec.

23rd ... Irene
 24th ... Mick K



ANNIVERSARIES for Dec.

23rd ... Ron & Chris

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




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No Rally
(Xmas Lunch)

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TBA

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AND
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Show Grounds

OCTOBER - 
Lowood Showgrounds
Ph: 07- 5426 1385

NOVEMBER - 
Samford Scout Camp
Ph: 07- 3289 2599



SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hi Everyone,

It was nice to get back and catch up with everyone again. Unfortunately we had the stormy weather but of course this didn't stop us from carrying on with our activities and Happy Hours.

I forgot to take our Christmas Decorations, so went to the shops and bought some more (as if I don't have enough at home already) and decorated our van only to have to pull it down due to the storm and I never decorated it again. Congratulations to those of you who did though. Picking a winner was very hard.

As I am Secretary again for 2014 I look forward to working with Les, Rae and Eric again as well as our new Vice-President, Colin. Thank you John for being Vice-President for the last three years. I'm sure you will miss it for a little while.

Many thanks Bev for your continued support through 2013 when I've needed it. It is always appreciated.

Congratulations to June & Peter and Jim & Rae on reaching their 70th Rally. Well done to all of you.

Congratulations also to Warren as he has taken over from Rae as Club Photographer. I know he will enjoy doing this.

Welcome to our visitors Brian & Loretta who assured me they really enjoyed the rally.

The total of the Shopper Dockets this month came to \$4412.00.

Everyone take care until next time. Cheers ***Flaine***



TREASURER'S REPORT

Coolum was certainly a rally of mixed fortunes.

Beautiful sunshine and then storms and heavy rain.

The tarp was most welcome and kept us nice and dry.

The raffle supplied by Robert and Lynda raised \$142.00, and was won by Mick and Irene.

Thank you all for the support over the last year, I look forward to being your Treasurer again for the next year.

Rae

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.

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Saturday is official Club rally day (Club shirt day)

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RALLY CO-ORDINATORS REPORT

Hi All,

Last rally for the year. I would like to say a big thank you to Debbie Smith for the venues she did for us for 2013 Thank You Deb. I will be bringing the sheet to the picnic in the park for February rally at Esk also will be sending out the sheet before.

Esk venue requires a deposit which is **your responsibility** to organise and pay and **your responsibility** to advise venue if you can or not come for any reason - your co-operation with this would be appreciated, at times not everyone advises me or the venue to their change of plans and it is **very important to do so** as the venue can use the spots. Looking forward to 2014. I believe we have some good venues to go to - swimming in the summer, fires in the winter.

Hope to see all at the Christmas lunch - if not - have a Safe and Holy Christmas.

That's ALL Folks Cheers *fetc*

Acting Rally co-ordinator Report

We had a very good turnout for Coolum Beach. I would like to thank everyone for their prompt replies for their booking it makes the job much easier. June & I enjoyed our stay in a cabin but we felt isolated from you all.

Congratulations to the newly elected Committee, we know you will do a great job.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Xmas & all the best for the New Year, keep safe on the roads.

Peter

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GOSPIP LINE



- Who was a prize stirrer and put someone's chair up a tree?
- Who drinks full glasses of pretend Baileys with half a piece of ice?
- Who reckons "Father O'Leary's" does the job and then complained of a hang-over?
- Who was the blushing bride with the 'up-lift'?
- Who had their meal first on her table – (normally last) & then spilt her glass of wine?
- Who forgot their specs & had to watch a DVD wearing prescription sunnies? This caused fits of laughter after the movie when turning to hubby to chat.
- Who only wanted to try the garlic prawns & while talking ate the whole plateful?
- Who forgot the code to the women's toilet & left a green patch behind the gas tank?
- Beware lone salt containers ... Beware ... napkins filled with salt!!!
- Who kept getting moved down the line while trying to get his dinner?

A big Thank-you to Rae for our Christmas gift of a 'Photos-of-the-year 2013' CD and little knitted Xmas stockings full of goodies. A lovely memento for all.

From All of the PCCI Members

ALSO AN EXTRA BIG THANK-YOU TO RAE FOR BEING OUR PHOTOGRAPHER FOR SO LONG. Great job ... Now you are a 'Photographee' not a 'Photographer'

LAYERED BEAN DIP

- 1 Can Refined Beans
- 1 Jar Salsa
- Mashed Avocado
- Sour Cream
- Paprika to sprinkle on top

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Diana



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Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year

A Christmas Poem

*I have a list of folk I know, all written in a book,
And every year at Christmas time I go and take a look,
And that is when I realise that these names are a part,
Not of the book they're written in, but of my very heart.*

*For each name stands for someone whose path touched mine, and
then,
Left such a print of friendship that I want to touch again,
And while it may seem trite of me to make this solemn claim,
I really feel I am composed of each remembered name.*

*So never think my Christmas cards are just a mere routine,
Of names upon a Christmas list, forgotten in between,
For when I send a Christmas card that is addressed to you,
It's because you're on that list of folks I am indebted to.*

*And every year when Christmas comes I realise anew,
The BIGGEST GIFT that life can give is MEETING FOLKS
LIKE YOU,*

*So may the Christmas Spirit that will live for evermore,
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