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**NEWSLETTER: OCTOBER 2013**

**Next Month's Rally – COOLUM BEACH CARAVAN PARK**  
**1827 David Low Highway Ph: 1800 461 474**  
**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November**



Coolum Beach Caravan Park



Walk to Beach



Mount Coolum

**DIRECTIONS:**

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**THINGS TO DO NEAR PARK:**

- Swimming / walking / relaxing at the Coolum Beach patrolled beach / Fishing
- Lawn bowls – Coolum Beach Bowls club only 50 metres from the entrance
- Walk to the top of Mt Coolum and see the spectacular views across the Sunshine Coast
- Boardwalk along the headland Bike paths
- Bingo Tuesday and Thursday mornings at the surf club
- Restaurants / cafes / clubs – including Coffee Club and McDonalds across the road,
- Coolum Beach Surf Club next door plus Coolum Beach Bowls Club

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## ROVING REPORT

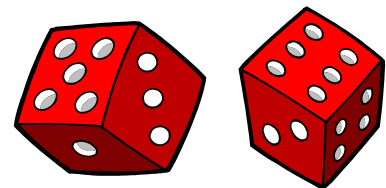
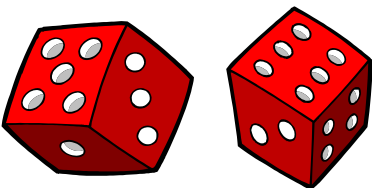
This month's rally was held at the Beerwah Sports Grounds. The occupants of 17 vans were in attendance as well as day visitors - Dave & Debbie, Mike, Judy & Fred, and Keith & Beverley. Also Robert called in briefly. Keith and Beverley were inducted last month, but received their badges at Saturday's Club meeting. Birthdays were celebrated by Rod, Mick, Beverley and Fred (in attendance) and also Rob, George, Rick, Di, Warren and Lynda (not in attendance). Celebrating their 4th Wedding Anniversary were Vicki and Paul, who not only won the woman of his dreams, but also the Raffle - a fire blanket - double winner Paul.

The weekend began with heavy rain on Friday night, however, a determined group of 8 went to the Beerwah RSL for their dining and musical pleasure. Music was provided by a 2 piece (drums and ukulele) Beatles tribute band. J.H. was happy to dance for our entertainment for a mere 5 cents. It was very hard to decide which was more entertaining. Saturday morning dawned, fresh and cool, ready for the week long Glasshouse Country Festival. Glasshouse Car Boot Country Market, Art Exhibition at Beerwah Hall, Landsborough Markets and Steam Train rides were some of the activities available during the festival. Nearly everyone went to lunch at the Beerwah Hotel. Ron very gallantly cut up Chris' food, but ended up eating most of it himself (Ron swears Chris encouraged him, as she really didn't like the food). Sunday morning arrived, as did Les just in time to bid a good number of us - 'Good bye'.

*Collette*



*Birthday Wishes to Fred, Rod, Beverley & Mick*



We all would like to wish Debbie and Alan (Shorty) safe travels on their extended trip south .... KEEP SAFE .... Looking forward to hearing about all you travels from time to time. Also to Mollie and Lilliegh, be good girls!



## ACTIVITY REPORT

Paul and Vicki organized the activity for this Month's rally. The theme was **Roaring Twenties**. Dress the part and come to the 'CASINO' at 6.00pm for a night of gambling. Bring a plate of 'TWENTIES STYLE' Cocktail nibbles. The men were dressed in suits, hats, braces and ties. The Ladies arrived with twenties style head wear, including headbands with feathers attached. Feather boas, beads and dresses of all different colours and styles of the era, making it a very colourful and exciting night. Helen had a long cigarette holder between her fingers and Dave B. had a small black water pistol in his pocket which he fired at Dave H. from the gambling table. (I hope I got the Dave's in the right order as I am still trying to place names to faces.)

The gambling hall was decorated with fairy lights, a spinning silver mirrored ball hanging from the ceiling, a flashing coloured wheel of different coloured lights, a sign "Private – poker room-member's only", playing cards and more. Green tablecloths on the gambling and food tables which contained a lovely sparkling table decoration placed in the middle with a variety of twenties nibbles placed around it.

Each member of the Caravan Club received a large decorated lolly bag containing 20 gambling chips and some lollies. Paul started the night off by announcing that we all had 20 chips to play with and we were not allowed to give our chips to anyone else. The limit of 5 chips per player per game to be placed on the gambling table. This was a fabulous idea as everyone attending joined in and had a wonderful time. After counting our gambling chips at the end of the night, Andy won with 43 chips and was presented with a treasure chest filled with goodies including card games and chocolates.

A big thank-you goes out to Paul and Vicki for a really enjoyable fun night that everyone was included in.

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

At Happy Hour we celebrated the members that have their birthdays in October by each of them holding a piece of birthday cake with a candle in and singing the happy birthday song. Thank-you to Chris & Ron for doing the birthdays, especially with your broken wrist, Chris ... we all hope you are all mended soon.

### RAFFLE

The raffle prize was provided by Helen and John and won by Vicki. It was a bottle of wine and a fire blanket that was wrapped up beautifully including red ribbon. Vicki was pleased with the fire blanket as she did not have one in her van. In case of a fire, this will save her from having to use the bottle of wine to put it out.

### FAYE



**"Ladies and Gentlemen, please place your bets"  
calls Croupier Paul**



**Our 'Hat Queen' Bernie in her  
Twenties creation ... Very nice!**



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I had a split rally this month. We took the van up on Wednesday. I flew to Perth on Thursday for a conference and Bernie went back up on Thursday night. I arrived back late Saturday night and drove up on Sunday just in time to see a few of you going home. We came home Monday. A little complicated but still fun! Looks like I missed out on a good night Saturday night and there were still a few 'gold' coins lying about on Sunday.

Next month is our AGM and I encourage all of you to attend as it an important part of being in the club. We have received nominations for all positions which is great. If you are interested in joining the committee next year but are unsure as to what is involved then offer to be an assistant to one of the current committee members. All club members are welcome to attend the committee meetings to find out a little more about what goes on.

I hope to see you all at Coolum for a sea side rally.

Cheers

Les

### RAFFLE ROSTER (prize value \$20.00+ tickets)

**NOVEMBER 2013 ... Robert & Lynda**  
**JANUARY 2014 ... Committee**  
**FEBRUARY ... Ken & Kim**  
**MARCH ... Mick & Faye**

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.

### ACTIVITIES ROSTER

**NOVEMBER 2013 ... Dave & Andy / Colin & Lyle**  
**FEBRUARY 2014 ... Mick & Faye / Mary**  
**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 (John Hunter) Note: No activities Dec '13 & Jan 2014.



### BIRTHDAYS for Nov.

1<sup>st</sup> ... Colette  
 12<sup>th</sup> ... Jim  
 13<sup>th</sup> ... Ken  
 21<sup>st</sup> ... Dave S  
 22<sup>nd</sup> ... Dave H  
 24<sup>th</sup> ... Doreen  
 25<sup>th</sup> ... Mike Z



### ANNIVERSARIES for Nov.

5<sup>th</sup> ... Doreen & Dave  
 9<sup>th</sup> ... Lorraine & Alan  
 10<sup>th</sup> ... Bernie & Les

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




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## 2013 CALENDAR

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**DECEMBER** –  
No Rally  
(Xmas Lunch)

## 2014 CALENDAR

**JANUARY** -   
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**FEBRUARY** -   
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**MARCH** -   
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Lake McDonald  
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**JULY** -   
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**AUGUST** -   
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**SEPTEMBER** -   
Blackbutt Show Grs.  
Ph: 0401 282 424

**AND**  
**State Rally – Nanango  
Show Grounds**

**OCTOBER** -   
Lowood Showgrounds  
Ph: 07- 5426 1385



## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hi Everyone,  
I hope you all enjoyed the Rally at Beerwah. We are now on our way home and left Charleville on 21<sup>st</sup> October. We certainly have enjoyed our trip from the last rally, on to the National Rally and from there our travels with Bev & Eric to Longreach and down to Charleville where we spent five days with our friend Irene, and it was here Bev & Eric took a different route to us. Really miss their company. Take Care and will see you at the next Rally.

Cheers **Elaine**

Well, we had another fabulous rally. Sat night was a real 'blast' enjoyed by all. The shopper dockets came to \$2,552.74

See you all at Coolum. **Lyle** (for Elaine)



**Lunch at Beerwah Hotel**



## TREASURER'S REPORT

A very successful rally at Beerwah with great entertainment enjoyed by all. The Raffle done by John & Helen raised \$79.00. Thank you all for your support.

A message to all.

When at showgrounds etc. and I need to collect the rally fees, unless otherwise announced I will collect the money between 9.00 and 10.00 am on **SATURDAY** morning. If you will not be at the venue at that time let me know and arrangements can be made for early payment.

**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. 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-ORDINATORS REPORT

Hello to All

We had another good rally at Beerwah Sportsground, with 16 vans, 4 day visitors on Saturday, one cancellation and 3 non arrivals. My apologies for not being "Out and about" but I thought it best to keep my "Man Germs" to myself. She who knows best said the Roaring 20's night was a great success. A reminder to carefully check the attendance sheet when it is sent to you, if you have put your name down to attend the next rally and your circumstances change, please notify me (or Eric on his return) ASAP. The Caretakers and Park Managers are not happy when they have to turn other caravans away and we have members who do not arrive.

I would like to thank everyone who helped me to set up /pack up, also many thanks for cleaning the awning, it was greatly appreciated. The next rally in November at Coolum will be the last one for this year; it will also be the AGM. Looking forward to seeing you there...keep safe on the roads. *Peter (Assistant)*

Hi all,

Hope you had a good rally. We were thinking of you. We are in Charleville, then off to Cunnamulla, St. George, then on to Goondiwindi, then where ever the van leads us. We leave Warren & Elaine to-morrow as they head home, they have been company and good driving "buddies" and yes Elaine did drive as did Bev, well done girls. Thank you to Peter & Alan for doing my job. It is good to know that you have someone who you can rely on to take over for you when you want a break.

Take care & safe travels

Till we see you again. *Eric*

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**GOSSTP LINE**

- Who took over 2 hours to set up his Caravan?
- Who has a chair that is 'too nice for her'?
- Who were the man & woman who had cold showers – but NOT together as they are married to different people?
- Who wanted to charge a 'toll' for people to walk through their camper-trailer instead of walking around it in the rain ?



- Who got the BIGGEST & BESTEST 'doggy' cuddles ever from Molly ?
- Who went driving with a flask of wine in their car door pocket, thinking it was water?
- Who showed off her black undies while changing in her annexe? (& gave the geriatric men a thrill)
- Who got in trouble 3 times for talking at the wrong time? We do love the sound of your voice, though!
- Who backed into a white post?
- Who went 'off her nut' when her hubby told her he'd dropped HER mobile in the 100?
- Who were the only ones wearing their badges on Friday arvo .... **NEW Members !!!!!**

**NOMINATIONS FOR 2014 COMMITTEE:**

- |                        |        |
|------------------------|--------|
| President ---          | Les    |
| Vice President ---     | Colin  |
| Secretary ---          | Elaine |
| Treasurer ---          | Rae    |
| Rally Co-ordinator --- | Eric   |

**ALL AGREED**

**ALL MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE:** AGM is at 3.00pm on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November  
 A separate notice will be sent to all members.

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## 15<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL CARAVAN RALLY – ROCKHAMPTON 2013.

Jim and I left a week early and headed to Rocky where we stayed with relatives before going into the Showgrounds on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> Sept.

After lunch I went to the Office to help with the sign in process, and we were kept busy with the workers who were on site early getting the grounds ready for the influx of Caravans. Once again it was great to meet so many people we have met over the last 5 State Rallies.

On Sunday some of the Queenslanders started arriving, and we were kept busy in the office getting them all signed in.

The bulk of the Caravans arrived on Monday with the 1<sup>st</sup> van arriving outside the gates at 2.30am. they were certainly the early birds of the Rally. By mid-morning the Caravans were lined up 3 deep at the gate waiting for their turn to be taken to their sites, the rally Marshalls were certainly kept busy and of course after setting up they all headed to the office to sign in. The rest of the Peninsula Vans had arrived just before lunch and were spread all over the showgrounds.

Day 2 Tuesday was busy with the start of the tours and lots of seminars, craft lessons and other and entertainment available for those who wanted to indulge. Each day there was a vast choice of things to do with line dancing, Drag racing, Disc Bowls and many other choices available. There was something for everyone.

The opening ceremony was held on Tuesday night with the main hall being a very colourful place with so many different Club shirts. The Banners and Flags were already hanging in groups from the roof, and there were a lot of them too. We were welcomed and then a representative from each club entering the hall carrying a flag with the club name on it. Les had that Honour for us. After the official welcome and the opening ceremony, we were entertained by Rheanna Leschke & Co. a family group of father and 2 daughters who were very good.

Wednesday dawned bright and sunny, and again there was plenty of choice of activities to fill your time. I even went to Bingo, didn't win, but enjoyed myself.

Wednesday night was to have been the highlight of the trip for some of us with a trip to the Rodeo and dinner at the Great Western Hotel. This turned out to be the disappointment of the trip, about 400 people booked, and travelled to the pub in buses, and then the wait began. The Pub was not geared for the crowd, and the venue was not as we expected, it was old and rather run down and in need of some tender love and care. The service was appalling; people waited up to 3 hours for a meal, then came home having not eaten, believe it or not, the pub had even run out of steak and were offering chicken at the end of the night. The pub had been told of the numbers expected, but were just not prepared for the influx. We did not stay for the Rodeo part of the night, we were on the first bus back to the showgrounds, and I believe the Rodeo was a farce, with just a couple of bulls being ridden, then kids on poddy calves riding. I think everyone who went was disappointed. Jim went to get some drinks and was charged \$22.00 for 2 cans of Jack Daniels and cola, other people paid very high prices for their drinks too. Jim and I went back and went to the hall to watch the finish of the entertainment Flashback Duo with Julie Paris, who was enjoyed by all.

Each day was full of activities for all to choose from with different entertainment each night. Jim and I went to the hall each night and enjoyed the entertainment on offer.

The areas of the showgrounds were marked with a letter of the alphabet, and each area had a Street Host, who was there to help those in their area. The Street Hosts put on street Sausage Sizzles, Breakfasts and lunches, which got everyone together and we all got to meet the other campers in our area.

We Peninsula people did our own thing, with drives around Rocky, Bus trips, Craft and Seminars being attended at different times. I spent a bit of time in the office folding some of the 10.000 raffle tickets.

October 1 was the last day, with a lot of activities still available. An Oktoberfest was held in one of the pavilions, this was enjoyed by all.

At 6.00 pm we all assembled in the hall for the drawing of the Monster Raffle, a total of 144 prizes. **I** was lucky and won 2 prizes, and **Les** won 1 prize.

This was followed by the closing ceremony, during which a donation of rugs, beanies, teddy bears and knitted clown was handed over to the Red Cross for distribution to those who need them in the Rocky area. The big donation of the night was to the Flying Doctors, which is the charity of choice for C.C.C.Q. the cheque handed over was for \$20,000.00. An amazing amount, which was gratefully accepted by the R.F.D.S.

After the speeches, the National rally flag was handed over to the organizing committee from Canberra for the 16<sup>th</sup> National rally to be held there in 2016.

Our club had mixed success, with **Warren and Elaine** winning a lucky van prize.

**Eric** is now the National Champion Club Drag Racer. He was a late entry, and surpassed in his endeavours, defeating all before him. Well done Eric we are proud of you.

George was not well during the rally, it was thought that the weather was affecting him, but that was not so. **George** was taken to hospital where they it was discovered that he had an abscess and was operated that night to clear the infection. George and Maryanne were bought back to Brisbane by Care Flight, and their car and van by RACQ.

A National rally is an experience worth trying, and Bev & Eric and Elaine & Warren have already registered for the **16<sup>th</sup> National Rally in Canberra**.

The next State Rally is to be held in Nanango in September 2014. I can recommend that you attend, it is well worth the experience. Jim and I have been to 5 State Rallies and 1 National Rally now and have enjoyed each one.

**Rae**

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