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OCTOBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

Next Month's Rally –Mudjimba Beach Holiday Park
3/35 Cottonwood St, Mudjimba, 4564
Wednesday 16th – Monday 21st November



Directions: Head north on M1 towards Sunshine Coast
Take 70 ramp to Buderum / Mooloolaba
Continue after ramp onto Sunshine Motorway / 70
Take 70 / Sunshine Motorway ramp to Maroochydore / Noosa Heads
Continue after ramp onto Sunshine Motorway / 70
Take ramp to 6 / David Low Way
Enter Roundabout – take 3rd exit onto David Low Way
Turn right onto Mudjimba Beach Road
Turn right onto Conebush Street
Turn left onto Sundew Street
Turn right onto Cottonwood Street Arrive at destination

THINGS TO DO: Lovely pool, bring your cosies!
Beach and Bush Walking
RSL
Fishing
Sunshine Plaza Shopping Centre



Site Fees: \$ 36 /v/n Remember to book yourselves in and say you are with the PCCI so you can be put with the group.

Please read Rally Co-ordinator's report

TO GAZEBO CARRIERS: ALL GAZEBOS NEEDED AT MUDJIMBA.
IF YOU CANNOT MAKE THE RALLY, PLEASE ARRANGE FOR SOMEONE ELSE TO TAKE YOURS.

POST CODE – 4564
EMERGENCY DETAILS -FIRE OR MEDICAL
To seek urgent help, continual quick short blasts of a whistle or car horn (3 seconds on/off). Upon hearing this members are requested to proceed in an orderly manner to the site of the whistle or car horn bringing with them mobile phone, fire extinguisher, water bucket, fire blanket, torch and first aid kit

MY REPORT ON NATIONAL RALLY IN CANBERRA by Bev



When we left home we were a bit apprehensive of this trip which we had planned to take for 3 months. Our first night was at Red Rock [no not where the chips are] Caravan Park, just for the night - nice spot though. Thank you, Rick, for the suggestion. We drove to Kempsey and stayed at another caravan park and went to Slim Dusty Museum and did the tourist drive - stayed here for 2 nights.

We then arrived in Taree and stayed at the show grounds where there was a horse riding competition for the week-end. A lovely spot, did the usual tourist bit and stayed for 3 nights. We then drove to Maitland to the showgrounds, also very nice spot. We saw the jail where Ivan Milat stayed until the jail was closed, very spooky. My computer decided to have a bad 'senior moment' so we took it to first to Optus which they fixed. Then it still was acting up like a spoiled child so off to a computer shop and thought 'this is not going to be good', but luckily it was. It needed a new charger, cheap as chips, so back in business again.

We stayed there for 3 days and the morning we decided to leave it rained so glad we decided to move on. Our next stop was at Goulburn where we thought we could stay at the showgrounds but they are closed now so off to find a caravan park. Most were booked out as there was going to be a Space Convention on the week-end and also lot of caravaners heading to Canberra so we found a caravan park where we could stay for 2 nights. Let me tell you, 2 nights were more than enough, raining and bitterly cold the rain was heavy as.

We went to the info centre and were told we could go to a historic town called Braidwood where we could stay at the showgrounds, so we headed off there. A huge spot with over 100 spots but we were the only ones there except for a bus which the council were trying to get rid of. We drove into the town of 'Braidwood' which the whole town is listed as historical and we were told people who live there are not allowed to change anything without written permission, but it is a very lovely little place. We walked the town and were told that markets were going to be there on Saturday. Off we went again, but not a very big market but I still managed to buy some books. After 3 days we set off for Canberra about 52 kms away and we arrived approx 10.15 on the Monday morning and what a surprise to see this area is so big it has parking for over 800 vans. We got to our spot fairly quickly.

SO NOW THE RALLY BEGINS

After registering and handing in our club banner, we took the rest of the afternoon to check out everything and at 7pm we all found ourselves seated in a huge room for the opening ceremony, etc. There was no walking in with club banners, etc, they were all hanging like they do at state rallies. We were all welcomed by the Chairman of the rally and given a quick talk on what to expect, etc.

The rally was opened by the Acting Chief Minister Andrew Barr M.L.A., then one member of each club was asked to come forward and stand all together. There were 621 clubs with Queensland having the most with 219 and only one other club from Queensland had one member attending besides us. There was then a lucky site draw which was done every night but you had to be there to win. Unfortunately, we did not win at all. Then there was a wine and cheese 'meet and greet' and a chance to catch up with friends. There were so many people to try and find whom we knew and by this time we were so tired decided to call it a night.

I will not bore you with the day to day stuff, just to tell you what was happening and what seminars and exhibitors were there.

Bio Magic, Kui Parks, Yass Valley, book discussion groups, Heating Vans, Best Filters, CIL Insurance, Hayman Reece, Bbq Galore, Wide Loads, Water use, Square dancing, Hema Maps, and the usual

morning & afternoon teas, craft & cake decorating, bead making, lawn bowls, a book stall (for a gold coin donation you could purchase a book and naturally I bought a few), disc bowls, golf days. There mini buses to take people because it was fair walk at times.

In one of the main buildings there was a kitchen set up where you could get a cooked breakfast and a cold or hot lunch. There was also an onsite restaurant for dinner every night unfortunately we never got to go as it was so popular, but not to worry, we never went without also the meals were very reasonably priced \$12.00-\$15.00 (that is why it was popular)

THE ENTERTAINMENT EVERY NIGHT:-

Hit parade 4 piece band with guitar instrumentation, 2 male & 2 female lead vocalists. Playing all mixes of music.

Frankly B Paverty Bush Band the usual bush band music very popular in Canberra.

Annie & the Armadillos mainly jazz and blues and Annie on vocals.

Shortis and Simpson, singers, composers, political satirists and cabaret artists.

John Williamson ---- no explanation needed here ---- Saturday was his night.

Queanbeyan Players Theatre Group ---- mainly musical and drama.

The Second Movement Band that plays The Beatles, Rolling Stones, Kinks, Searchers, Turtles, Neil Diamond, Everly Brothers, Elvis and many more.

Last night Canberra Brass Band ---- no explanation here.

On Monday night was the big monster raffle draw with over 50+ prizes donated but again we never won.

Tuesday night last and final night the shopper docket draw 3 prizes of 3 big hampers - once again no luck. We heard from Ian Sharpe, President of the Canberra Caravan Club who thanked his committee and each and every one of us for attending and told us that 621 vans were in attendance but I must say we didn't feel as if we were too close to the next van. Also certificates were awarded to members who have done 10-16 national rallies. There were 2 couples who have done 16 rallies which equates to 48 years, then from then on down to 10 and all in all there were 34 members who had these rallies I do not believe we will not be in that list.

Finally it was announced that the 17th National Rally will be in Albany in Western Australia but in October not September. We have paid our deposit so hopefully more of you will consider this.

There were plenty of tours on offer :-

Nooks and crannies of Parliament House, Hot Air Balloon rides, Snowy Mountains Extravaganza, The Alpine, The Snowy Hydro Scheme, Kosciuszko National Park with plenty of photo stops, Yarrangobilly Caves for a hot lunch then on to Gundagai for the 'Dog on the Tucker Box' where we had supper, then back to Epic at 8.00 p.m. A big day, I must say.

We went on this tour for my big 70th birthday and what an experience. The only thing that disappointed me was no snow only little patches here and there but the caves were unbelievable and I thought we both would not be able to cope with the small places but I must say we are both glad we did it and cannot wait to show photos, would do it again in a flash.

The Government gave all caravanners passes to ride the local buses for free which take you everywhere you want to go and they were well used.

There were a lot of winery tours and city tours and all the main attractions of Canberra nearly every day, so no reason to get bored.

On a sad note, I forgot to pack Eric's drag cars so he could not compete, maybe next time.

Final sum was not totalled up last night - we will find out in the future.

Almost forgot the donations to RFDS and also to Snowy Mountains Chopper was \$8,000.00 +

Last, but not least, I hope I have not bored you with this report but there was so much to see and I could go on forever.

We had to leave Epic this morning [Wednesday] and move on so we are staying in a caravan park on the border of NSW & Canberra then on to Victoria and beyond.

Hope you all stay safe and well until we see you all again.

Cheers

Bev & 'The Still Sheriff', Eric.

Activities



For November

Organizers: Helen & John / Vicki & John



3pm – Golf Chipping and Putting Game



ACTIVITY REPORT:

After the AGM we all moved over to where Carolyn, Ted, Chris & Ron had set up 2 tables for a game of **“BATTLE OF THE SEXES”**. We were put into teams of Ladies ‘GALS’ and Men ‘GUYS’ Hanging from the roof above each table were metal pipes (from wind chimes, I think), the Gals was a DINGER and the Guys was a DONGER.



DINGERS

On the wall were lists of ‘Over-lapping’ words and the object of the game is that when a question was ask, by Ted, a team member had to hit the dinger/donger as soon as someone in their team had the answer. They were supposed to know the line and position of the word before hitting the dinger/donger.

Eg: LINE 1 -- PLUTOTEMARROWINTERUG --
 LINE 2 -- MARGINGERBREADOGNOME -- Positions were NOT marked to make it harder

Question --- A vegetable? Answer --- Line 1, Position 8 --- MARROW

If the line/position or answer was incorrect, it then got thrown to the other team to answer. There were many protests which were adjudicated by Ted (and he didn’t back down --- He was Law!) Ron was the scorer and didn’t he cop it when he gave the Guys an extra point. After 4 games with 1 point scoring, we then had a double-point score which the Guys caught up to the Gals and the final scores were:

GALS – 49 and GUYS – 40

A big ‘Thank You’ to our Activity Organizers
 Ted, Carolyn, Chris & Ron

Lyle



DONGERS





ROVING REPORT

Our October rally at Beerwah Sportsground in the Sunshine Coast hinterland proved to be an enjoyable rally and being just a short drive for most of us, was an extra bonus. About 20 vans were in attendance and the weather proved fine throughout, though a little windy. A good turn up at the hotel on Friday night saw plates of plentiful food for diners. It was a satisfying way to start the weekend.



Beerwah Sports Ground Camp site



Dinner Friday night

Many walked into town and some drove to nearby towns such as Landsborough and Maleny. What a wonderful scenic drive up to Maleny, the small town with the most cafes open all weekend! Looking forward to the rally there in August 2017.



Saturday morning Carolyn held her 'Line Dancing' class which was enjoyed by those who attended.

Jimmy joined the other dancers



AGM in progress

On Saturday, our AGM was held at 1.00pm and we congratulate all for such a quick and well run meeting. Almost all office bearers were returned and we thank them sincerely for their dedication and time taken in running such a great club.

President: **Ken Hickson**
 Vice President: **Colin Roles**
 Secretary: **Elaine Sutherland**
 Assistant Secretary: **Faye Falvey**
 Treasurer: **Rae Williamson**



L-R: Rae, Ken, Elaine, Faye, Colin, Brian & Loretta

Outgoing Rally Co-ordinator: **Eric Bing** ‘The Sheriff’ was thanked for his marvellous effort and long-running management of our on-site placements and for all the forward planning that goes into securing future rally venues for the calendar. Well done Eric.

New Rally Co-ordinators: **Loretta and Brian Purtell** were welcomed onto the committee and will do, I’m sure, a very good job in the future.

We must not forget to say thank you to **Warren** who tirelessly works as our official cameraman and is always there with the camera to capture our special club moments.

Thanks also to **Rae and Jim** for being our club delegates at many official CCCQ meetings and now we welcome **Graham and Wendy** as our future club delegates.

The afternoon activity of “Battle of the Sexes” was a riotously funny and very enthusiastically played. Thanks to Carolyn and Ted and Ron and Chris. Go the girls!!

Happy hour proved popular as we lounged in the beautiful afternoon sunshine, sipping cool refreshments, whilst congratulating the following people:

October **Anniversaries**: Vicki and Paul and absent members: Helen and Rick and Bev and Eric.



Paul & Vickie resting up before their Anniversary the next day.



Also to Helen & Rick and Bev & Eric (absent)

October **birthdays**: Diane, Rob, Noel, Beverley, Barbara, Warren and Rod

The wonderful little cupcakes were a delight.

Vickie & Paul, I apologize, on behalf of the Organizers, for your Anniversary not being celebrated on the day but I don’t know what happened (it was noted in the last N/L)



To absent members – Mick F, Rick and John Mac



Our raffle was well patronised and thank you to Allan and Debbie for the raffle prize, which went to Yvonne and Noel.

Visitors, Judy and Richard, were welcomed and Larry & Sandra were inducted as members. Mike and Judy were welcomed back as Associate Members.

Our club provided us with an enjoyable BBQ, salad and sweets for Saturday evening. So thank you to all the workers for an excellent spread. It was a very convivial atmosphere and what a great way to end a busy and fun filled day.

Sunday saw quite a few members leave as ‘work calls’ on Monday - but some lucky ones stayed on for another day or two of relaxation and good company.

Roving reporters **Rob and Diane**

Other presentations were awarded to John and Helen for **60** rallies, Well done!



and four couples shared the most attended rallies in the year (**10**), Brian and Loretta, Jim and Rae, Elaine and Warren (also Eric & Bev-absent)



President, Ken, presenting their Certificates



Ken inducted new members, Larry & Sandra into the club and Welcomed Judy & Mike back as Assoc members

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We had our AGM on Saturday and I am your President for another 12 months along with Col as Vice President, Elaine as Secretary, Rae as Treasurer, Brian and Loretta as Rally Coordinators and Faye helping out as assistant Secretary. Thank you all for your attendance and support and looking forward to another year of Rallies together.

A special thanks to the Sheriff, our retiring Rally coordinator, for a job well done over the years.

Plus a thank you to Lyle, our newsletter editor, and those who helped out during the year either with activities, running the raffle or just helping out.

Welcome to our new members Larry and Sandra along with Mike and Judy and to our visitors for the weekend Richard and Judy.

Congratulations to the four Couples who attended 10 out of 10 Rallies for the year. Congratulations to Helen & John on receiving their '60 rallies' certificate. Well done!

Caravaning Tips.

I have always had trouble rolling up the zipped Canvas windows on our annex and our camper trailer when we had that particularly if they were wider windows and keep it neat. But if you use a pole or broom handle to roll the flap around it is much easier and you just slide it out when after you tie it off at the top.

A lovely photo of everyone at dinner on Friday night



RAFFLE ROSTER (prize value \$20.00+ tickets)

Nov ... Yvonne & Trevor

Dec ... No Raffle

Jan 2017 ... Committee

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

Nov ... Helen & John / Vicki & John

Dec ... Barefoot Bowls at Xmas Party

Jan 2017 ... No Activity. Picnic-In-The-Park

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



BIRTHDAYS for November

12th ... Jim

13th ... Ken

21st ... Dave S

22nd ... Dave H

24th ... Doreen

25th ... Mike



ANNIVERSARIES for November

5th ... Doreen & Dave

10th ... Bernie & Les

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

ROVING REPORTER

Nov ... Di & Rob

Dec ... No N/L, report in Jan by Editor

If you are unable to attend your nominated rally, please swap with the next person on the list. If unsuccessful, THEN see the Editor.



ACTIVITY REPORTER

Nov ... Doreen & Dave

Dec ... As above


If you are unable to attend your nominated rally, please swap with the next person on the list. If unsuccessful THEN see the Editor.

*  **Dog Friendly**

NOVEMBER -  
Mudjimba C'van Pk
Ph: 1800 461 475

DECEMBER -
No Rally - Xmas Party
Brighton Bowls Club

2017 CALENDAR

JANUARY 
Picnic-in-the-Park
TBA

FEBRUARY - 
Dickie Beach C'van Pk
Ph: 07 5491 3342


MARCH - 
Nambour Show G'nds
Ph: 07 5476 2948

APRIL - 
Sommerville C'van Pk
Stanthorpe
Ph: 07 4681 4200

MAY - 
Toogoolawah
Show Grounds
Ph: 0427 807 550


JUNE - 
Nanango Showgrounds
Ph:

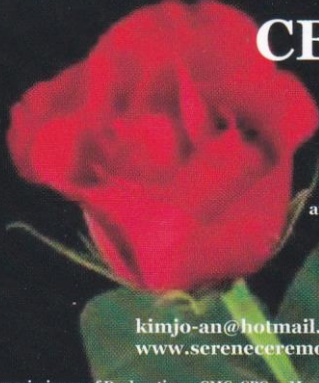
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AUGUST - 
Maleny Showgrounds
Ph: 0428 916 570

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OCTOBER - 
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TREASURER'S REPORT

Another good rally, though we could have done without the cold winds. The raffle was done by Shorty and Deb and raised \$115.00. Noel and Yvonne were the lucky winners this month.

Once again thank you all for your support.

Rae.



Irene drew out the winning ticket which was Noel & Yvonne's



Men are great barbeque cooks



"Tucker Time"

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.
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SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Hi Everyone,

As I start my 5th year as Secretary I would like to thank Faye very much for being my Assistant this past year. I don't think she realises what a marvellous help she has been. Thank you for staying on with me again this year, Faye. Knowing you have other commitments away from the club I really do appreciate your help.

As for the mix up with the AGM Agenda, what can I say! I was still in holiday mode and besides it gave us all a good laugh. It also proves that I am human and do make mistakes.

Shopper Dockets for the month were \$3492.00

Cheers
Elaine

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RALLY CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

Hi everyone,

Hope you all enjoyed the Beerwah Rally. We had some strong winds at times and it was cooler than expected at night, but at least no rain.

The next rally beginning Wednesday 16th November is at Mudjimba Beach Holiday Park, Cottonwood Street, Mudjimba. 07 54487157. You are required to ring and book for yourselves and will be asked for a \$30 deposit. We have negotiated a 20% discount for the club. The cost is \$36 per night. If you stay for a week it will be \$232. Please mention you are with the Peninsula Club when you book so we are hopefully all in same area.

Gazebos are required at this rally. This venue is dog friendly and there is a swimming pool. The beach is only a short walk away. There is a dump point also at the park.

A big thankyou to Eric and Bev for all the rally Co-ordinator work over the years and helping us to slowly transition into the job. Hopefully you will still be available to help park members like us who need assistance.

Thanks Elaine for organising the pub outing on Friday night at Beerwah. If anyone is interested in organising the Friday night out at Mudjimba Rally, just let me know. I will ask the Park Managers about their recommendations. See you at Mudjimba,

Loretta and Brian

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