

Peninsula Caravan Club Inc.

Newsletter SEPTEMBER 2008



Roving Rally Report #1

This months Rally destination was at Crows Nest. The drive out along the D'Aguiar Highway is very pretty and green, with native flowers blooming everywhere. Upon our arrival we discovered Allan & Lorraine White had already been there a couple of days, with Bev & Eric Byng arriving before us on Wednesday. The caravan Park has new Managers who are very courteous and obliging, and were always on hand to make our stay as enjoyable as possible. We had a shower of rain towards evening which kept everyone in their vans.

Thursday Allan & Lorraine and later on Bev & Eric travelled into Toowoomba, while Peter & I checked out Crows Nest shopping centre. On their return it was like "show & tell" with Allan riding the folding bike he had purchased for Lorraine and Eric downloading the CD's he purchased at a CD & Video Sale at the Toowoomba Show Grounds. Our pyrotechnic Pauline arrived with hubby Kevin on Thursday and soon had us looking for wood to start up the fire, which we all appreciated in the evening when it got very chilly, it had been overcast and cold all day. We received a message advising Neil & Faye Bremner were at Yarraman, and would not be coming to the rally as Faye had hurt her knees; they had decided to return to Redcliffe after being away for some time. We wish Fay a speedy recovery. A big "Hello" to Jim & Bev Went we miss your charming company.

We woke up to sunny blue skies on Friday. Disaster was upon us Kevin had lost his glasses; a massive search went on all day until just before Happy Hour Pauline emerged from their van and shouted "I've found them! Where were they? We all chorused, under the bed," was the reply; lots of cheeky remarks were made. When we all gathered for Happy Hour it was my pleasure to induct David & Andy Hellewell into the Club & present them with their Membership folder. Congratulations to you both I hope you will enjoy many more rallies with us. Bev volunteered to take a photo for our records. We had a BBQ dinner and after some heavy rain, a few of us attended a meeting to receive details of the Bus Tour into Toowoomba's prize gardens & street parade on Saturday. Jill Quinlan is doing a report for the next couple of days, so I'll say cheerio for now; see you all at Lake Macdonald for the AGM.

*Regards June Crowe
Newsletter Editor.*



Roving Rally Report #2

Crows Nest was an experience with all of our five senses in overtime. Peter and I arrived at the pretty green park on Friday taking up a *prestigious* position on the hill next to our private bathroom, after checking-in and chatting for a while we sat back to watch a tourist bus driving around the park taking visitors to the restaurant when suddenly our prestigious position on Snob Hill quickly became renamed as Pooh Hill! The driver didn't see the septic tank cover and with a big bang and a thump it broke the cement cover resulting in aromas not pleasing to the nose wafting about the park and unfortunately they seemed to settle closely on Pooh Hill.

A tractor dragged the bus to safer ground so the owner could assess the damage. What could have been a sickly weekend turned out very well when he managed to get a cover from Toowoomba by late afternoon, once again Snob Hill was back on track with those on the lower levels a tad "envious" of our elevated position with views for miles.

Most of us enjoyed the storm on Friday night and we woke to a clear and hot Saturday. We departed the park right on 8.30a.m. With a most courteous and friendly driver, Kerry, who pointed out many items of interest as he drove us to and from Toowoomba and around the fabulous gardens.

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Taking in Queens Park, Laurel Banks Park, Picnic Point, the beautiful, scented gardens, a riot of colour with magnificent displays of Flowers it really was a day from a song, "It filled up our senses", gardens filled with perfumed flowers and blossoms in every colour Of the rainbow, pansies, clivia, wisteria & ranunculus of pink etc. The colours were amazing.



The champion garden had so many nooks, walkways, spots to sit in to take in the beauty that we could have spent hours there, Without seeing it all.



The parade was great to watch, particularly by those who had feasted on Big Dad's pies and seafood dishes which stopped them from running out and grabbing the fruit and veg from the floats as they passed by.



By 5p.m. we were back at the park where it was time to get ready for the dinner, again a meal that more than satisfied our sense of taste, roast beef, chicken, variety of delicious vegetables followed by "mmmmm" sweets. After dinner a fantastic lightening show, put on by Mother Nature, put a close to what was a great day out. Thanks go to Kerry the bus driver and the owners of the park for the Bus Tour and the Meal.

Sunday was a day to relax although some keen members headed out to look at lakes, wineries, museums, some even went back to Toowoomba, couldn't get enough of the gardens. Happy Hour saw us gather together where we managed to have a couple of drinks before the heavens opened, rain started lightly, little hail stones appeared which were the perfect size to pop in our drinks but it got heavier and heavier until most of us were huddled under the Byng's and the Crowe's awnings, treading water and trying to make ourselves heard above the thunderous noise of the hail storm.

After an hour of pounding the park was a carpet of white with rivers of water down the paths, getting back to our van was an icy shuffle resulting in feet like iceblocks. We were all very lucky and no caravan in the club or in the park suffered any serious damage. More rain and lightening continued throughout the night with the hail stones on the ground for many hours. Thanks to Kevin and Pauline who rang to see if we had all survived the storm.

Monday was a day of departures for everyone except Allan and Lorraine, really a wonderful few days, although we were a small group we managed to have a large amount of fun, for those who couldn't make it look forward to seeing you at Lake Mac

Jill Quinlan...Roving Reporter

2008 RALLY
CALENDAR

OCTOBER 18-20
LAKE MACDONALD
PH.5442585 4563
BOOKED

NOVEMBER 14-17
TINCAN BAY 4570
PH 54864411
BOOKED

2009 CALENDAR

FEBRUARY
COTTON TREE
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MARCH
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OCTOBER
IMBUL-AGM
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BOOKED



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK:

Please remember that Membership fees are due by 30th September, 2008.
A.G.M 10.30am Saturday, 18th October, 2008 Lake MacDonald.

On the night of the AGM a roast meal and veggies will be provided by the Club, dessert will be a BYO to share - just a small plate will be sufficient. See you all there.

Please note the increase in club shirt price from \$30.00 to \$33.00. The club has not increased the shirt price to members in over three years although our supplier and freight costs have increased over that time. We trust that you will be understanding in this regard".

Kerry Keary

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – 2008

From the Vice President and Treasurer – Neil

It's at end of year and AGM time we get to make special mention of those people who give that bit extra to keep the Club wheels turning smoothly.

The State rally was held at Rockhampton this year and given the cost of fuel alone, it was great that our Club had good solid representation. Hats off to our President Jim and wife Rae - and always in the lead when it comes to travel afar - Cyril and Lil.

My further thanks goes to Kevin for holding the Club 'purse' for me during my absence from the Club since June whilst on our trip to Cape York. (Sorry Kev, your personal beer chits cannot be approved for reimbursement!)

I think it timely to say a particular thanks to Jim and Rae for their all-round input during the year, and my particular thoughts in this regard are for Rae as our Club photographer, maintaining the visual record for the Club: and Jim, hearty thanks for always having to lug the tarp and associated poles and thumpers.

AND lastly, special thanks to all of our great members for your continued loyal support of our yet 'young club'.

Regards

Neil Bremner

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES-FIRE RE MEDICAL

Continuously sound car horn, proceed in orderly manner to
The car sounding the horn bringing with you Fire Extinguisher
Water bucket &/or fire blanket – torch if at night.

Members who have current First Aid qualifications are to bring
Their First Aid Kit.

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RAFFLE ROSTER

OCTOBER.....Helen & John Hunter
NOVEMBER.....Therese & Arthur

*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 the list please advise
the Secretary – Kerry Keary*



ASSISTANT RALLY CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

Rally Report Crow's Nest; Well what can I say, the last rally for the Club calendar year. We had 8 vans in attendance only small but we had a very enjoyable time. Many Thanks to Mike for organising the bus trip for the Carnival of Flowers it was enjoyed by all. Although we had storms every night and even a hail storm on Sunday night[no damage done] which left the park looking like it had snowed, the hail was 2ins thick on the ground, we still had time to have our daily "Happy Hour". The Quinlan's were on "POO HILL" oops I mean "SNOB HILL"& they still wandered down to join us daily. I must say I have enjoyed being Mike's assistant for the year and would like to remind all to contact Mike A.S.A.P. regarding your attendance for Lake MacDonald for the A.G.M. it should be a good rally.

Lastly, June can take a big bow as she was President/Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer as well doing her own job for the news-letter.



Eric Byng, Assistant Rally Co-Ordinator



Kenilworth Show Grounds – August Rally 2008
President Jim & John Hunter 'Put another log on the fire'

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."

Sky Jump –Suttons Beach – 2008
Kevin Keary 'Our Hero'



CLUB SHOP	
END CAPS (DIRECTOR CHAIR)	\$ 1.50 EACH
TENT PEG PULLERS	\$ 5.00 EACH
MENS SHIRTS SIZES 'L' & 'XL'	\$ 33.00 EACH
WOMENS SHIRTS SIZES 12, 16	\$ 30.00 EACH
CLUB STICKERS	\$ 5.00 EACH



BIRTHDAYS – OCTOBER-2008

12TH.....Rob Howard
13th.....Murray Jackson

1st..... Therese Flynn
18th..... Diane Howard



ANNIVERSARIES

23rd.....Neil & Fay Bremner
26th.....Eric & Bev Byng



RALLY CO-ORDINATORS REPORT



OCTOBER RALLY 2008; LAKE MACDONALD

“Mike will send out a separate advice re the next rally.”



ACTIVITIES; *Bring your aprons & veg/peelers, also Baking Dishes for our Roast Night. 3 Roast meats Veg/greens to be supplied by the Club. BYO Desserts to be Shared – a small plate. BYO Drinks.*

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Wanted to buy / sell / give away

Ken Le Clos has the following items for sale.....

1. Clip on tow mirrors. The type with the two straps.
They are in excellent condition..... \$10.00
2. Single bar anti sway set with tow mount..... \$25.00
3. (Sold)
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Eric Byng has the following item for sale.....

One pair Digitech hand held UHF two way radios
(Transmit distance aprox 6 KLM's line of sight)..... \$20.00

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Fred McMillan has the flowing item for sale.....

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