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Peninsula Caravan Clubing.

NEWSLETTER - September 2014

Next Month's Rally – Lowood Show Grounds
12-14 Station Street, Lowood 4311
Wednesday 15th – Monday 20th October



Lowood Post Office

Lowood is a town in south-east Queensland. The town is on the Brisbane River, 66 kms west of Brisbane and 31kms (19 min) north of Ipswich and is situated in the Somerset Region. Lowood was established as the first terminus of the Brisbane Valley branch railway in 1884 and the town grew from the subdivision around the new station. The name is derived from the "low woods" of brigalow in the area, as opposed to the taller trees elsewhere in the Brisbane Valley. Lowood Post Office opened on 15 October 1888 (a receiving office had been open from 1884.



Railway Station

DIRECTIONS:

Make you way to Warrego Highway.
R at Blacksoil Road, into Brisbane Valley
Highway 17.

L into Forrest Hill – Fernvale Road toward Lowood.

R into Station Road (or see map of town)



\$15/per van/per night

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Jim and I arrived at the showgrounds to find Bev and Eric waiting for the caretaker to let him know where we were all to be parked. After getting our vans into position we started setting up. We were soon joined by Maryanne and George who were then followed by Elaine and Warren, then along came Loretta and Brian. We all enjoyed happy hour in the shed before heading back to our vans for dinner. Some hardy souls returned to the shed for coffee, it sounded as if they were having fun in spite of the cold.

Thursday dawned bright and sunny. The first arrivals were Debbie and Dave, followed by Noel and Yvonne. Then came Ken and Kim, followed by Rod and Gayle. Happy Hour was again held in the shed with plenty of catching up before heading back to the van for dinner. Once again a few brave souls braved the REALLY chilly night for coffee before heading back to our cold vans and bed. Some of us had removed our heaters in anticipation of warmer weather so we were all rugged up when we went to bed, cold noses were the order of the night.

Friday, we are sharing the grounds with the JAYCO Club, and there are already a lot of vans here, I think Skyhooks will be required to fit them all in. Elaine, Loretta and I had a crafty get together with visitors stopping by to see what we were up to, I must admit it was more talk than craft. King Richard and Lady Helen were the first arrivals followed by Col and Lyle with Bobby and their new little girl, Jessie. Mick and Faye were the next arrivals followed by Mick and Irene. After Happy hour, 20 of us went to the R.S.L. for dinner. A good meal with lots of talk made for a good night. The R.S.L. presented each table with a bottle of Red and a bottle of White which was enjoyed by all who partook. On our return some joined Rod at his fire, and out came the marshmallows to toast, which some did enjoy.

Saturday ---- see Activity Report

Sunday dawned overcast and windy, but Sheriff Eric had once again organised great entertainment, there was a gymkhana on the oval so some of us sat and watched the horses and riders go through their paces. Others headed into town for the markets, where some bargains were to be had. A rather depleted crowd attended Happy Hour in the shed, and once again after dinner we joined Rod at his fire with more toasted marshmallows on offer.

Monday dawned bright with a lot of activity as 7 couples packed up for a 9.00am departure for the State Rally at Nanango. Even a flat battery didn't hold us up. (Yes, it was me, thankfully there were Jumper Leads available and kind Gentlemen to get me going again. Thank you guys for your help.)

RAE



Jim & Rae joined Eric & Bev in the 75 Rallies' Club WELL DONE!



With Saturday in Blackbutt dawning sunny and warming up quickly after a chilly night, we were given a reprieve from wearing our blue Club shirts in exchange for dressing from head to toe in Black and White. The occasion? A Black and White Luncheon at Blackbutt Hotel organised by Bev and Warren.

Around midday a strange, pied assortment of people were seen heading downtown to the pub. Some rather stranger than others So strange it was suggested that no-one be seen going to the bathroom with certain dressed-up participants!

With the previous nights' dinner ordering history in mind, there was a rush to order meals, which trickled out two by two. However, to the lovely kitchen staffs' credit, all our meals were country sized and delicious.

Most of us returned to our vans after lunch for a rest before gathering at 3pm for some tricky Black and White quizzes with Marianne coming top of the class with 13 points.

'Happy Birthday' to Loretta and Bev. 'Anniversaries' celebrated were Ken & Kim, Rod & Gayle and Warren & Elaine. Congratulations to all. There was a special presentation this month with Rae and Jim being given their 75th Rally badges. The raffle was drawn by Helen R with Col and Lyle winning a fantastic Esky set.

With all the formalities taken care of, we relaxed into Happy Hour, promising to return at 7pm for a shared Black and White themed dessert. We had a variety of plates, including lamingtons & cream, Black & White Lolly Trees, Creamed Rice, and Plum Pudding, to name a few. Another brain workout with this evenings 'music quiz' from Warren being won in a tie by Elaine & Maryanne.

Eric was voted as best dressed man at lunch, with Lyle as best dressed female. Congratulations to you both for your imaginative, fearless dressing up! A fun day was enjoyed by all. Good work organisers! **Dianna & Mark**



We have the crazy members - Prisoner Lyle & The Ghost of Blackbutt, Colin

THEN – We have the more sensible ones – Irene, Faye, Mick F, Kim, Ken, Jim, Rae & Mick K.





Maryanne won the quiz run by Bev



Warren giving 'Birthday Wishes' to Loretta and Bev



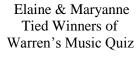
'Happy Birthday' to Carolyn (absent)



Gayle presenting the Raffle Winners, Colin & Lyle, with their prize. WOW! Just what we need!



Eric won the Best Dressed Man (Black & White theme)





'Happy Anniversary' to Gayle & Rod, Ken & Kim and Elaine & Warren



'Happy Anniversary' also to Linda & Enda and Di & Rob (absent)







PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Another fantastic rally or two, lovely venues (cosy), entertainment (equine gym karma), and company (everyone), apart from some over-dressed questionables at Friday's lunch (some cowboy squeezed my black butt?) The markets saw some happy shoppers. Congratulations to Rae & Jim clocking up 75 rallies attended. Although Eric tries very hard to look after ALL our power & water needs, we could all help when asked to bring long leads (and hoses). Another request deals with hygiene - mainly shared foods and beverages. As we have no shields over our foods like fast food outlets (cruise ships go even further) We should strive to always use clean utensils – no hands and no double - dipping, please consider others who's constitution may not be as strong. Lets all stay healthy so we can enjoy our rallies together. Saw a nurse's 'T' shirt – clean hands save lives! As we require the tarp at Lowood please advise me if you have any portions of the tarp assembly that you cannot transport to the venue – I will make other arrangements.

Christmas party will be on 6th December - so keep this date free!!

Standing in for Les Col (Vice President)

Colin presenting Rae & Jim with their 75 Rallies Certificate

Congratulations to you both - Well Done



RAFFLE ROSTER (prize value \$20.00+ tickets)

OCT ... Keith & Beverley NOV ... Brian & Loretta

DEC ... No Raffle

JAN 2015 ... 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

OCT ... Mick & Irene / Lyle / Mary

NOV ... Rob & Diane / George & Maryanne

DEC ... No Activity (Xmas Lunch)

JAN 2015 ... 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 October d 14th ... Rick k 18th ... Diane 1st ... Rod 5th ... Mick 5th ... Mick
7th ... John M'K
8th ... Beverley M
12th ... Fred
12th ... Rob
29th ... Lynda H
14th ... George
30th ... Noel

ANNIVERSARIES for October

16th ... Paul & Vickie 23rd ... Rick & Helen 26th ... Eric & Bev

Activity Organisers -Please propose a toast to

Members Celebrating a Birthday or Anniversary at Happy Hour (Sat).





2014 CALENDAR

OCTOBER - 🐙

Lowood Showgrounds Ph: 07- 5426 1385

NOVEMBER - Samford Scout Camr

Samford Scout Camp Ph: 07- 3289 2599

DECEMBER -

No Rally Xmas Lunch

2015 CALENDAR

JANUARY 2015 - 👺

Picnic-in-the-Park TBA

FEBRUARY -

Boyd's Bay C'van Park Ph: 07- 5524 3306

MARCH – 👺

Canungra Show G'rds Ph: 07- 5543 5904

APRIL - 👺

Ipswich Show G'rds Ph: 07- 3281 1577

MAY -

Rathdowney Show Grounds Ph: 07- 5544 1195

JUNE - 💥

Rocky Creek Scout Camp Ph: 07- 54941195

JULY - 👺

Dayboro Showgrounds Ph: 07- 34251137

AUGUST - 🐙

Mulgowie Show G'rds Ph: 07 – 5465 9127

SEPTEMBER - 🦃

Kingaroy Show G'rds Ph: 1300 0733901

STATE RALLY – STANTHORPE



Hi Everyone,

Another great rally as always. The usual dinner out on Friday Night was enjoyed by all, with one table being a little louder than the others, but they enjoyed themselves.

The black and white attire for Saturday's lunch was a great success. It always amazes me where people get their ideas. Congratulations to Eric and Lyle who were voted as having the best outfits. Thank you to Bev & Warren for their quizzes and to everyone for their black and white desserts for supper on Saturday night, although after the huge lunch at the pub I certainly couldn't eat much dessert..

Congratulations to Jim & Rae on reaching their 75th Rally with the club.

Monday morning saw some of us head off to the State Rally.

To those who headed off home or on trips, take care.

Shopper Dockets for this month came to \$3511.00

Cheers until next rally

Elaine



TREASURER'S REPORT

Another good club rally, enjoyed by all.

The Raffle, done by Rod and Gayle, was won by Col & Lyle, and raised \$75.00 Thank you to all who supported the raffle.

Membership fees are due by the 30th September. If you have not yet paid your fees contact me and I will give you the information you need to pay your Membership.

I would like it to be known that when at showgrounds or venues, where I need to collect the Rally fees, I will be collecting them between 9.00 and 10.00am at my van. If there is any change to this it will be announced at Happy Hour on Friday. If you will not be on site at that time arrangements can be made for payment at another time.

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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ACTIVITIES FOR October

Organizers: Mick & Irene / Lyle / Mary



3 pm ... AGM ----- 4 pm ... Happy Hour

Committee Dinner – Please come dressed in your Halloween costumes. (if you wish to dress up) After Dinner Come along for a night of entertainment and fun.

PLEASE ADVISE EDITOR OF ACTIVITY AND REQUIREMENTS IF ANY (eg. dress-ups/food/etc)
THAT YOU WISH TO GO IN THIS SPACE ------ Thank you.



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RALLY CO-ORDINATORS REPORT

Firstly, I would like to apologise for all being so cramped as it was not our fault, a mistake was made in the booking. First we had some issues with power and water. When members are advised to bring long leads this also means long water hoses as a 1 x 20metre lead is not enough. You need a min. of 2 x 20 meter leads. Most time we do not need them but you can leave one at home if you do not want to carry it until asked to bring them, this applies with water hose. Now, I would like to thank Colin, Rick & Noel who helped with electrical leads, especially Colin for checking out my 15 amp. Power Box. and Rick for suppling serviceable safety tag. Without Noel's 30 meter lead there would have been some without power. When told you are plugged into the power box please do not use heaters &fans as they will trip the box then no-one will have power. Next, your water supply is mainly to the members who arrive Thursday & Friday as by then most of the water connections have all been used, so if you still want to use your showers a 1 x10 meter water hose will make water to your van a little bit hard as then we have to find some members who have extra hose to connect you. It is your responsibility to make sure you have enough equipment as it makes my job easier. Next item is regarding a request put in about a tag-along to be organised at this time. I do not have the time. My feeling are if you would like to do a tag-a-long, you plan a trip to where you want to go then stand up at morning tea/happy hour and tell everybody what you want to do and see who is interested in going. If you get 4 or 5 interested you can then organise the accommodation by making phone calls for over-night stops and then make an itinerary as to the places you wish to go. Do not expect others to entertain you as we have enough trouble getting members to take up a Committee position as everyone as "been there done that" – that was in another time! If you want you club to continue running you need to stand up and be counted. Remember, it is not the committee's job to entertain you and remember it is **YOUR** club. Also, volunteer to be a committee member's assistant to find out what is really entailed in the job, then maybe you will re-think your attitude at being on the committee.

Sorry about my little grip but I felt it was needed to be said. I feel we need some members to get more involved instead of the same ones all the time.

I will be sending out the sheet for Lowood on the 2nd of October and I NEED your replies by the 9th October if you have not already marked the sheet. Lowood is making a meal and I believe they do a breakfast but I will send out an email confirming this probably Friday. The cost of the meal is \$15.00 per person but not sure of cost of the breakfast. I will confirm breakfast by email.

Your Grumpy Sheriff ---- You are NOT ---- Editer



Eric

MENS SHIRTS SIZES	\$ 33.00 each
WOMENS SHIRTS SIZE	\$33.00 each
JACKETS	\$35.50 each
SLEEVELESS SHIRT	\$25.00 each
CAPS	\$18.00 each
CLUB STICKERS	\$ 5.00 each
FLAGS	\$17.00 each
VAN FLAG HOLDERS	\$ 5.00 each
T/BAR HITCH HANDLES	\$10.00 each
TENT PEG PULLERS	\$ 5.00 each



Who, at the RSL said (in a bossy voice) "Hey, don't you go in there before me" & then had to apologise when he realized they weren't members of our club ... WOOPS!

Who, at the RSL, went to the bar & ask would they put the TV on so he could watch the footy?

Who likes to get tipsy on 'free' wine?

Who got chatted up by a local cowboy at the pub?

Who had a local cowboy run his fingers through HIS hair?

Who argued they only got 5 raffle tickets but actually got 6?

Roving Report from State Rally at Nanango

22nd September - 28th September 2014.

Where do I start! Lyle asked me at Blackbutt rally [actually Eric volunteered me which he did once before, but that is another story] The night before we left Blackbutt Eric told all that they needed to up by 6.00am so that we all could leave together, poor Brian & Loretta, they normally only have their first coffee at 9.00am, but we all left the showgrounds at 9.00am on the **Monday**. When Eric & I arrived we were first in line but we were sent to the oval and the others went elsewhere but there was a mistake and we joined the others so we were all together - all 7 of us. We were placed near the main hall as our Club was doing morning /afternoon teas. The opening ceremony was conducted and Colin & Elaine were proudly our flag bearers. That evening we had a meet and greet sausage sizzle and entertained by local musicians who were very good. That must have been pretty good as Warren & and even Eric got up and danced along with Col & Lyle & Loretta but NO Brian.

<u>Tuesday</u></u>. Elaine started her job as co-ordinator for the morning/afternoon teas. Loretta, Eric & I did the afternoon shift. After the teas there was a seminar about South Burnett Region and Lyle won a prize, which was a hamper of goods from the area valued at \$30.00 - 3rd time lucky for her as she won the raffle and the best dressed female at our rally. We all decided to go to the R.S.L. for dinner by courtesy bus (some drove) and a very nice meal was had by all. It worked out quite well as it was my birthday that day so I enjoyed my birthday among friends.

<u>Wednesday</u>. Most of us went out exploring and doing our own thing Col & Lyle did the afternoon teas. There was line dancing happening and Elaine, Loretta and Irene went and boot scooted the afternoon away. We gathered under our awning for happy hour but there was an incident and the "BLUE ANGELS" did our thing which we do best by helping out someone in distress.

<u>Thursday</u>. Colin, Loretta and Brian went on a bus trip of the local wineries for the day and they all enjoyed their day out and the rest of us did our thing as per usual sight-seeing, etc. One lady stayed to dog-sit her 2.

<u>Friday</u>. There was a dog show on but not part of the rally and Irene had to check it out as she was having withdrawals as they didn't bring Tuppence. The drag racing was on and Eric did our club proud, he was in the final and him and a gentleman called Allan had the best of 3 runs Eric won the first Allan won the 2nd but Eric went to sleep for the 3rd and Allan beat him but he did us proud and there is always next year.

Saturday. Last day! Didn't the week flew by quickly. The markets were on which were well patronised by all, plenty of home cakes, plants, lucky raffle ticket and even one of our sponsors Frohlies Meats were there selling their meat. which was also well patronised. QLD Fire & Rescue did a fantastic display of what to do in case of fire – an excellent display which all should have made the effort to go & watch. We all got ready for the closing ceremony Colin was the flag bearer for this, in time for the monster raffle draw, shopper docket and first registration draw. First up was the monster raffle and first Brian & Loretta won a T.V. Aerial. Then Mick & Irene won a B.C.F. voucher which considering there were 41 prizes we did ok. Our donation for the rally, bat light & 2 camp tents lights were won by a Masonic Club Member. After all the ceremonies we had our happy hour, then time for dinner. All during the rally there were seminars by South Burnett Tourism, Springers, Biomagic, Telstra, Cequent Towing solutions, Cil insurance, Q'ld Health, Kingaroy Kitchen, Hannamay Park with their Alpacas & Goomeri Cheeseworld. I must say the Kingaroy Kitchens (Endeavour Foundation) was a must to visit and their biscuits are very 'moorish' and we were told that all of us at the rally bought most of their stock so they were very happy about that. Also there is the visit Kingaroy peanut van. I noticed a lot were buying plenty of cheese from Goomeri - me included. The entertainment was excellent every night and I was told it was all local talent.

Sunday. Mass Exodus. Stanthorpe next year - cannot wait.

Cheers Bev



What goes on at State Rallies – stays on State Rallies I DON'T THINK SO!!!!!!

Who got wine-wet when someone knocked her wine over onto someone else?

Who went to the wrong dump point?

Who sat opposite wife at dinner so they could play footsies?

Who locked hubby in their van, went out & didn't answer her phone OR text messages?

Who, after sucking on the 'GREEN' stick wouldn't go for a drive until she kissed all the men in our club?

Who went for a shower & took deodorant instead of body wash? --- hand wash comes in handy!

Who got into trouble for not having his badges on?



OPENING CEREMONY



TRACK RACING EVENT (Eric on left)



Loretta & Brian on THE WINERIES TOUR





FLAGS OF Q'LD CARAVAN CLUBS



Elaine & Loretta 'LINE-DANCING'



CLOSING CEREMONY and THE NEW NAME 'CARAVAN CLUBS OF QUEENSLAND'



I'd like to thank the lady who found my club badge and gave it to another of our members.

Lyle

AT NANANGO STATE RALLY



To the **Qld Fire & Rescue** crew for their fantastic display of what could so easily happen to any of us. Worth watching.



OIL AND WATER DON'T MIX

Elaine with her 'Certificate of Appreciation'





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