

# Peninsula Caravan Club Inc.

## MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER



### Crows Nest Tourist Park

**19 - 25 April 2023**

**7558 New England Highway, Crow Nest. 4355**

**Phone: 07 4698 1269 (to make a booking)**

#### Location and History:

Crows Nest is a rural town and locality in the Toowoomba region. The town is located in the Darling Downs on the New England Highway, 158 kms from Brisbane and 43 kms from Toowoomba.

A plaque beneath the statue of Jimmy Crow on the Village Green in Crows Nest explains the town's name: "In the early days when teamsters visited this area Jimmy Crow, an Aboriginal named by early settlers, used a hollow tree as his gnyah. He was relied on for information and directions. This place was used as a camping place by teamsters and travellers and became known as 'Jimmy Crow's Nest' hence the name Crows Nest'." In 1969 Crow's Nest celebrated its centenary and Jim Crow's role in the town's establishment by commissioning a statue and memorial in his honour.

#### Directions:

Travel west through Caboolture on the 'D'Aguilar Highway, continue for 70 kms then turn left into the Brisbane Valley Highway, toward Esk passing through Toogoolawah, (take note as your coming here in August). Once you reach Esk you will turn right (west) onto Esk Hampton Road, continue west for around 30 kms where the road changes name to Perseverance Dam Road, continue west until you reach Crows Nest.



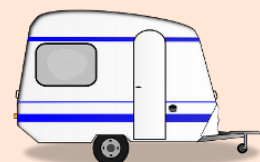
### Things to do during the rally:

- Popular places to visit in and around Crows Nest include the Grand Old Crows Nest Hotel, Cuckoo Clock Centre, Pioneer Village in Highfields, local wineries, Lake Perseverance, Cressbrook Dam and the deer farm right next door to our caravan park.
- Crows Nest National Park which is located 6 km east of Crows Nest. Some interesting highlights include Crows Nest Falls and Koonin Lookout. There are shorter walks to Bottlebrush Pool (2.7 km return) and Crows Nest Falls (2.1 km).
- Other attractions such as specialist nurseries, gourmet cafés, antique stores, weekend markets, historic railways, 4WD trails, fine art galleries and folk museums.
- Carbethon Folk Museum and Village on the New England Highway (Thallon Street), it currently includes more than twenty historical buildings.
- Peachey Distilling Company, south of Crows Nest, open Saturdays 11am - 3pm.



**Reminder—Rallies from March through to May** - all parks are expecting heavy bookings to continue as per last year and some popular destinations are filling fast. **It is strongly recommended that those wishing to attend, contact the caravan** parks on previously supplied details and confirm your bookings directly. Showground bookings the club has in hand.

Chris  
Rally Co-ordinator







## President's Report

Kilkivan bush camp is certainly a pleasant spot with generous sites in a bush setting. We had twelve vans with Dave and Andy arriving Saturday afternoon. Seven of us went for what turned out to be a very scenic drive to Wrattens National Park via Mt Mia with morning tea at Goomeri. Others went to Mudlo NP and as far afield as Gayndah. We welcomed Margaret as a new club member. The weather was hot and humid with many enjoying the swimming pool. The weather improved over the weekend and was very pleasant on Sunday afternoon. We had early morning fog one day, plenty of birds and the stars were magic every night.

**At happy hour on Saturday, I gave a run down on the results of the survey which is repeated below.**

Thank you to everyone who completed the survey. It gives a better idea of what you want and also changes some of the previous guidelines for selecting rally venues.

### **The main points are:**

1. Members are generally happy to travel longer distances to a rally, up to a maximum of three hours travel.
2. We should keep half of the rallies at the current maximum travel time of two hours.
3. There was limited interest in 'buddying up' for longer trips to rallies. Individual members can arrange that if they wish.
4. For November and February, most members prefer to continue with coastal caravan parks at an average price below \$60 per night (for three nights). This may mean travelling a little further if closer venues are too expensive.
5. Showgrounds are the preference for venues (except November and February).
6. The survey question was not clear on the definition of a bush camp. The intention was no power or water. 40% of members were happy to go off power. So, we could occasionally add a bush camp as a rally venue but keep that to no more than one a year.
7. There was reasonable support for scout camps (with power and water) and caravan parks so they remain as options.
8. Venues with a mix of powered and unpowered sites are possible provided most members can connect to power. Best to avoid months when A/C are working flat out.

It is difficult to keep everyone happy all of the time, so the aim is to keep most members happy most of the time. Thanks again for completing the survey. This has enabled the club to look further afield at rally venues and add some new and interesting places to the rally calendar.

We need club members to check out new venues in the wider boundaries, so if you are tripping around, please stop in and have a look at possible venues. There is a check list available for things to look at available from our website under forms.

**Les**



Some of our members enjoyed a drive along Blacksnake Road, south of Kilkivan visiting our beautiful bushland and a café stop










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**2023**

**April**  
Crows Nest  
Tourist Park



**May**  
Biggriggen  
Caravan Park



**June**  
Dayboro  
Showgrounds



**July**  
Boonah  
Show-  
grounds



**August**  
Toogoolawah  
Show-  
grounds



**September**  
Toowoomba  
Showgrounds



**October**  
Kilcoy  
Show-  
grounds



**November**  
Mudjimba  
Caravan Park



**denotes Dog  
Friendly**



## Secretary's Report



We had 12 RV's attend our February rally at Kilkivan who reported \$3,454 being injected into the local economy.

The Committee and Newsletter Editor are currently reviewing the List of Duties for all portfolio positions. It has been some years since they have been reviewed and as with the review of the Constitution & By-Laws last year there have been a few changes.

Updating the List of Duties will give the current and future committee members a clear understanding of their roles and responsibilities.

**John**



## Constitution and By-Laws – Rallies

Members are reminded of the following PCCI By-Law 25

All members must ensure that all their equipment used at club rallies comply with the Government Laws, Regulations and Safety Standards.

- (a) Consequently, the association accepts no responsibility for non-compliance.



## Treasurer's Report

Derek and I were unable to attend the Rally however, I hear everyone had a good time. Bob and Kay conducted the raffle this month, raising \$55.00.

**Ann**

## Birthdays

for April

Best wishes to:



Yvonne, Helen R, Diana and Darryl

## Anniversaries for April

Happy Anniversary to Bob and Kay



## Raffle Roster

For April: Ian and Rhonda



## Activity Roster and Reporters

**April: Dress Up 70's style**

**Bring shared Finger-Food with a 70's theme**

**(savoury or sweet)**

Prizes and lots of fun

Organisers: Loretta and Brian and Pat and John



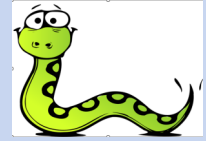


Evening dining at Kilkivan was bliss compared to the scorching hot days  
Friday night's BBQ and on Saturday, dinner at the Bush Bar were a success



# *Gossip Line*

1. Who doesn't know his left from his right and went the wrong way to Goomeri?
2. Who ran over a black snake on Black Snake Road?
3. Who has a shortened name of IGGY?
4. Who is the only male at the rally that doesn't do washing up duties? Shame, shame!!
5. Who likes winning the raffle, but finds it embarrassing - but thanks!
6. Whose name starts with "T" and is a great repair man?
7. Which two ladies love wearing their club shirts?
8. Who turned on the wrong tap, which was in front of him, and got wet!!
9. Who told everyone the answers in the Quiz?
10. Who doesn't like her real name of Bernadette?
11. Which two ladies bought 2 x 2 piece bathers for \$4.00 new?



## **Medical Information**

### **Toowoomba Hospital**

Pechey Street, Toowoomba 4350

Phone: 07 4616 6170

## **Club Shirts**

Members are expected to wear their Club Shirts at "Official" Club gatherings and any other Club Activities, gatherings or functions as stated by the Committee.

**Saturday is official Club rally day (Club shirt day)**

## **Reminder**

If you are unable to attend your nominated rally, please get in touch with the next member on any of the lists. Should you be unable to find a replacement from these lists, please contact our Vice President, Mick.



## MEMBERS MEDICAL INFORMATION

It has been recommended that members have a Personal Medical Record and details displayed in your RV to assist Ambulance staff etc. in case of an emergency.

This information should include any medical conditions, medications and In Case of Emergency (I.C.E.) contact/s.

This information can also be stored in your smart phone for access at any time or any place.

**To access the Medical Information section on your smart phone**, navigate to your Contacts List and locate **Your** name then **Select** it. This may need to be done through **Settings** on some phones.

Your details will now be displayed select **Edit** to start updating then scroll down until you locate **Edit Medical ID** (iPhone) or **Medical Info** (Android) or like then **Select**.

Now complete any appropriate sections e.g., Medical Conditions, Medical Notes (Medications), Blood Type & ICE (In Case of Emergency) contact/s. You will also need to scroll down to Emergency Access (iPhone) & select **Show When Locked**. then select **Done** or like to save.

This information can then be accessed if required by selecting **Emergency** from your Passcode screen. No passcode is required.

Cheers  
John



## EMERGENCY ACTION

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 where available.

**For the Emergency Help Line—Dial 000**



## Activity Report for Kilkivan Bush Retreat

The Saturday activity of Disc Bowls took place a little later in the day than usual, due to the extreme heat. Fortunately, some large trees and two Gazebo's provided shade. The ground posed a slight challenge, with long grass impeding some play. A smaller attendance at this rally allowed for 8 couples to battle it out in good humour.



The final came down to a play off, between Marg and Bob and Bernie and Tony, with Marg and Bob being the final victors.



Activity organisers were Rod, Gayle, Debbie and Dave  
Congratulations to winners Bob and Margaret



Saturday activity continued.....

An evening Quiz was conducted by Rod with his wealth of trivia questions. After leaving his original



selection of 100 questions at home, he quickly pulled together another list to keep everyone guessing. The Masters of the Trivia Quiz were Darryl and Barb. Congratulations to all.

### Debbie



Congratulations to Raffle winners - Rod and Gayle - being presented by Kay and Bob

President Les congratulates Margaret our newest member  
Welcome Margaret!







Happy Birthday wishes to **Andy and Jose**, congratulated by Dave, Debbie, Rod and Gayle  
(Absent were: Vickie and John)



We were spoilt once more by Josie's wonderful apple pies - delicious!  
Tony and Cathy would surely agree



## Ideas for April Rally - 70' Theme

Some forward thinking by Loretta with some suggestions/illustrations to help you 'dress up' for the activity on **Saturday 22nd April**. The 70's were a time where you could be a hippie, into disco, neither, or both. Paisley print shirts and dresses, flares, bell sleeves, mini-skirts, maxi dress, boho, floral prints, leather knee-high boots, platform heels, disco sparkle, safari suits, psychedelic colours, long hair, sandals and hippie beads, take your pick.



## Note from your Editor

All the old club newsletters going back to the first in October 2005 have now been published onto the website.

If you have **any photos / gossip** from Rallies or articles that you wish to have published, please email them to me at [robdi19@hotmail.com](mailto:robdi19@hotmail.com)



Cheers Diane

## CLUB SHOP

Men's Shirts	\$35		Club Stickers	\$5
Women's Shirts	\$35		Flags	\$17
Jackets	<del>\$47.50</del>		Van Flag Holders	\$5
Sleeveless Shirts	\$25		Towbar Hitch Handles	\$10
Caps	\$18		Tent Peg Pullers	\$5

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