

Peninsula Caravan Club Inc.

AUGUST 2023 NEWSLETTER



Toowoomba Showgrounds

13-19 September, 2023

Glenvale Road, Glenvale 4350

Phone: 07 4634 7400

Location and History:

Toowoomba was officially declared a municipality in 1860. It is 125km west of Brisbane or 164kms from Redcliffe. It has been described as the 'Regional Capital of the Darling Downs' and 'The Garden City'.

It is home to hundreds of parks and gardens as well as the iconic Carnival of Flowers spring event. It is perched 600-800 metres above sea level on the edge of a plateau. Today Toowoomba is the largest inland settlement in Queensland and one of the largest inland cities in Australia.

Directions:

If travelling from Brisbane follow the Ipswich Motorway M2 westward then onto the Warrego A2 to the top of the Great Dividing Range. A reminder that the Showgrounds are on the western side of Toowoomba.

Things to do during the rally.....

- Visit Toowoomba's very impressive **Cobb & Co Museum**, home of the National Carriage Collection and its horse-drawn carriages. 27 Lindsay Street, located in TAFE Qld Toowoomba campus.



- **Picnic Point** at the top of the Great Dividing Range, 164 Tourist Road Toowoomba. The Café is open for breakfast till 11am and lunch serving meals and gourmet pizza with outdoor seating and panoramic mountain views.

- **Queens Park** is a heritage-listed botanic garden at 43-79 Lindsay Street, East Toowoomba. It was built from 1875 to 1970s. It also contains the Toowoomba Botanic Gardens. It was added to the Queensland Heritage Register. **Toowoomba's Carnival of Flowers runs from 1-30 September, a must see event.**



- **Laurel Bank Park** is a heritage-listed park at the corner of West Street, 50 Hill Street and Herries Street, Toowoomba City. It was built from 1904 to 1943. It features spectacular floral displays, croquet lawns, animal topiaries, thousands of petals and children's play area.

- **Grand Central Floral Parade**, (floats and street performers) Saturday 16th at 10.00am commencing in Herries Street through to Queens Park.

- **Table Top Mountain, Rangeville** [Parks by location \(tr.qld.gov.au\)](http://tr.qld.gov.au) is a 2km, Grade 4 hike located in the Table Top Bushland Reserve.. The hike should take around **1.25 hrs** to complete, lots of scrambling over rocks, I have heard, it's only for the fit and is quite demanding!



- **There are a number of bushwalks commencing from the car park of Picnic Point:**

Bridle Trail - 1564 m - Stevenson Street to Tabletop Drive (one way)

Pardalote Walk - 380 m - Tabletop Drive to Top of Fantail Walk (one way)

Entire Pardalote Walk - 1900 m (one way)

Firetail Walk - 2000 m (one way)

Fantail Walk - 850 m (one way)

The circuit around Picnic Point is a total of 5310 metres. There is a good map on a large board near the Car Park.

- **The Royal Bull's Head Inn** is an 1800s homestead with colonial-era displays. It is now a restored museum featuring period furnishings & décor 59 Brisbane Street, Drayton. 6 kms southwest of Toowoomba.
- **A Walk Through History - Toowoomba's Cultural and Legal Precincts** - This includes twelve historic buildings all of which are bounded by Neil Street, Margaret Street, Hume Street and James Street.

President's Report



It was another very enjoyable rally at Toogoolawah. We had 19 vans plus Rob and Di staying at Esk with the members enjoying magnificent weather.

A big welcome to our visitors Karin and Jim as well as Lyn and Terry. We hope you enjoyed your weekend and look forward to seeing you again. We also had Eric and Bev back after an extended absence.

We were placed in the 'back paddock' at the showgrounds which meant we were in a group by ourselves which was nice. The downside was it was a fair walk to the amenities!

On Saturday morning eight members went for a short drive to the rail tunnel at Yimbun just south of Harlin. We misread the traffic signs and drove up to the gate about 150m from the tunnel so it was a very short walk! We walked through the tunnel and stopped to check out some very healthy looking cattle on the other side. Derek and Dave then arrived on their bikes having ridden the 12 km from Toogoolawah. We all travelled back to the 'Have a Chat Café' where we were joined by several other members for morning tea.

The afternoon activity was a croquet competition organised by Di and Rob. It was enjoyed by all, well done. Thanks also to Carol for organising the raffle. On a sadder note, a number of members attended the funeral of Ted Wynne during the past month. He will be sadly missed.

The committee have booked a caterer for the Christmas lunch at The Beach House at Beachmere. More details will be provided closer to the event. Toowoomba rally with the Carnival of Flowers should be a great weekend so hope to see you there.

**Cheers
Les**

Treasurer's Report



Thanks to Carol for organising this month's raffle which raised \$100.00. Our lucky winners this month were Dave and Doreen.

Just a reminder that payment for renewal of your Club membership is due by 30 September 2023. Preferred method of payment is by direct credit to the Club's Bank Account. If you wish to pay in cash, you can do so at the Toowoomba Rally. Details regarding renewal of your membership are contained in the email sent to all members on 10 August 2023.

**Cheers
Ann**

Booking Ahead for Mudjimba in November

November is looming and everybody who wishes to attend the November rally at Mudjimba Caravan park needs to book now.

If you do not book, you may miss out. Don't forget to tell them you are with PCCI.

Not sure if rates have changed but was \$59 Friday to Sunday, \$53 weekdays or \$356 for 7 nights.

The club is in the site 170 to site 184 area.

The rally is from the 15th to 21st November Ph: 5448 7157.

**Mick
Interim Rally Co-ordinator**



2023

September
Toowoomba
Show-
grounds



October
Samford
Showgrounds



November
Mudjimba
Caravan
Park



December
Christmas
Luncheon



2024

January
Picnic in the
Park



February
Tin Can Bay
Tourist Park



March
Canungra
Show-
grounds



April
Maleny
Show-
grounds



**Denoted Dog
Friendly**



Secretary's Report



We had 19 RV's which included our visitors Jim & Karin and Terry & Lyn at our August rally at Toogoolawah Showgrounds. We were also joined by Rob and Diane as day visitors with a total of \$4,284 being injected into the local economy.

The Annual General Meeting will be conducted at the Samford Rally on Saturday 21st October 2023.

The last day for Nominations to be received by the Secretary is Thursday 21st September 2023 as indicated in the Constitution 30 days prior to the AGM.

The nomination form is available on the club website in Members Only - Club Forms

Cheers
John

Constitution & By-Laws

Members are reminded of the following PCCI Constitution Rule 12 – Election of Management Committee

- (1) A member of the management committee may only be elected as follows:
 - (a) to serve as a member of the management committee, a member of the association (the 'candidate') may be nominated by one member of the association (the 'nominator'), and seconded by another member of the association (the 'seconder').
 - (b) the nomination must be: -
 - (i) in writing; and
 - (ii) signed by the candidate and the members who nominated and seconded him or her; and
 - (iii) given to the secretary at least 30 days before the annual general meeting at which the election is to be held;
 - (c) each member present at the annual general meeting may vote for any number of candidates not more than the number of vacancies;
 - (d) if, at the start of the meeting, there are no nominations for a specific position, nominations may only then be taken from the floor of the meeting for that position.
- (2) A list of candidate's names in alphabetical order, with the names of the members who nominated each candidate, must be communicated to the membership at least 14 days prior to the meeting.
- (3) If required balloting lists must be prepared containing the names of the candidates in alphabetical order.
- (4) If there are 2 or more nominations for a position:
 - (a) elections will be by secret ballot; and
 - (b) the chairman will call for at least 2 scrutineers.

Ladies of the PCCI

We would like to invite all interested club ladies to our gatherings on the first Tuesday of each month.

Our next luncheon will be held at 11.30am on Tuesday, 5 September at **Sea Salt and Vine Café**, Reef Point Esplanade, **Scarborough**.

Male members are also welcome however it is recommended they be seated at a different table. You'll need to make your own booking. 😊



Ladies if you are interested please contact Helen now on: jhgnhunter@outlook.com so booking numbers can be confirmed.

Our third get-together in October will be confirmed at the Scarborough gathering.

(Please note that this is not an official club event)

Cheers

ALL BRAND
— CARAVAN SERVICES —

RACQ
Approved
Automotive Repairer

**ALL YOUR CARAVAN REPAIRS
UNDER ONE ROOF!**

- Solar Panel and Equipment Sales
- Caravan and Motorhome Services
- Hot Water Systems
- Roll-out Awnings
- Insurance and Warranty Repairs
- RWC and Gas Certificates
- Fridge Repairs
- AC Repairs

📍 101 Connaught St, Sandgate 🌐 www.allbrandcs.com.au ☎ 07 3869 2969 ✉ info@allbrandcs.com.au

Birthdays for September



Best wishes to

Carolyn, Ian, Loretta, Jan, Bev and John D.

Anniversaries for September



Carol and Michael, Gayle and Rod, Josie and Tony,
Barbara and Darryl and Diane and Rob

Raffle Roster

For September - Bill and Jan (Toowoomba)

For October- Dave and Doreen (Samford Showgrounds)



Rosters Reminder

If you are unable to attend a rally that you are rostered on for the Activity or Raffle, please get in touch with members rostered in future rallies to arrange a swap. Up to date lists are available on the Website under Members Only / Rosters. Or alternatively contact our Vice President.

Activity Roster and Reporters

September Organisers: Rick and Helen & Noel and Yvonne

The Activity will be 'Play in the Petals'
at Toowoomba Showgrounds

Starting time: 3.00pm. Members just turn up ready to use their imagination.

October Activity Organisers: Paul and Vicky & Barrie and Barbara (Samford Showgrounds)

Friday night Dinner at the Exchange Hotel



Bike Riding Enthusiasts

Bike riding at Toogoolawah was very popular. There were several rides across the weekend.

The first ride saw the three amigos (Noel, Derek and Gary) back together again. The ride was along the rail trail to Harlin, a round trip of 32ks. Most of the ride was on fairly even ground, only becoming difficult when you leave the trail and ride on tracks or dirt roads. One hill was quite challenging and saw one amigo dismount from his mighty steed for a more sedate walk to the top.

Forgetting the hills, it was a pleasant ride taking in the scenery, watching cattle relaxing in paddocks enjoying the good life. There was a tunnel along the way that became popular with both riders and the tag along drive stopping for a look. (Ride two saw Noel retire with a tyre de-laminating. An unusual event, one wonders if there was an ulterior motive?)



The second ride saw John (and his new bike) join Derek and Gary for a ride to Esk, around trip of 38ks. Much the same terrain and scenery as ride one only this time there was a strong head wind that played heavily on their endurance. Still coffee and cake were enjoyed to give them extra energy for the ride back.

Ride three on Saturday saw Gary and John retire leaving Derek to take two Dave's for a ride to the tunnel and back. Derek stayed strong with a solo ride around Toogoolawah on Sunday.



Sunday also saw Loretta and Brian join in with a ride around the Showground with a newly acquired bike.

There were many sore muscles and general aches and pains due to not riding for a long time. The most common comment was "my bum hurts" and "I'm not doing this s#!t again". Given the banter the rides were enjoyed by all.

Well done to Derek for organising the rides and keeping everyone interested

Heritage Listed Yimbun Railway Tunnel - Drive and Walk



This 100m concrete lined, disused rain tunnel just south of Harlin was finally completed in 1910 and closed in 1993. The line transported materials and equipment for the construction of the Somerset Dam from 1935 to 1959 and led to new prosperity for the line and district.

Ian, Noel, Yvonne, Loretta, Brian, Bernie, Rod and Les walked this tunnel trail and were joined by bike riders Dave S. and Derek.

Saturday's Activity - Croak Eh!

The afternoon activity was conducted on the 'lawns' in front of our vans. Luckily the chilly winds died down and sunshine took hold. We had apologies from our fellow organisers Bob and Kay as Bob is recuperating from a knee replacement.



The area was colourfully set up - thank you to Brian and Dave B.- with hoops and flags to guide the participants through the course.

Two teams of two people played off at a time, each having to remember to follow the colours, first red then yellow, green then blue.

Players struck the ball alternatively assisting their team member though each coloured hoop.

Once completed, the ball had to be hit back over the starting line.

There was plenty of encouragement from the sidelines, along with cheering and clapping with each team's win. Team Dolphins (Karin and Ian) Team Goannas (Cathy and Tony) composite teams of (Debbie and Rod) and (Helen and Gary) making up the semi-finals.



First round play Mark and Lyn



Dave B and Bernie not too happy about that shot

Croak Eh! continued

An exciting game ensued with Karin and Ian & Helen and Gary through to the Grand Final. A thrilling finish it was! Congratulations to Team Dolphins, Karen and Ian for your agility and skill throughout the four games you played.

Trophies were awarded and chocolates too, to the winning teams. Well done to everyone who participated in the spirit of the game. A good afternoon was had.



Gary and Helen were Runners Up in the competition



The winning team Dolphins - Ian and Karin with organisers Rob and Diane

Happy Hour Celebrations



Happy Birthday wishes to Ann, Tony and Bernie

Below left: Happy Anniversary to Faye and Mick

Below right: Carol presented to Dave and Doreen their lucky Raffle prize



Les congratulated Dave H and Andy on their 100th Rally Attendance

Gossip Line

- Who was not happy to see their van sprinkled with little insects after its inaugural drive to the rally?
- Who bravely brushed off the dirt and continued on with the afternoon activity?
- How many jam and cream scones were eaten by members at the 'Have a Chat' café?
- How many drove their vehicles to the amenities block over yonder paddocks?
- How many forgot to add a collection bag to the end of their black hoses whilst at the rally?
- Who said they'd rather be a 'flathead' than a 'fathead' during the games?
- Who pulled their water hose off the caravan before turning the tap off?
- Who turned the coffee machine on instead of the heater? Which member doesn't know the difference between a coffee maker and an oil heater?
- Who sabotaged their bike tyre to get out of more rides?
- Who refused to use the heavy roller for the activity?
- Which raffle winners were otherwise occupied while the raffle was being drawn?
- What club does not need fire starters as they have their own fire bug?
- Who lost at Croak Eh! and still got a chocolate prize?

Caramel Fudge

Ingredients:

150 gms unsalted butter

500 gms brown sugar

1 tsp. vanilla essence

125 mls milk

400 gms can sweetened condensed milk



- Line a small square baking pan with baking paper. In a heavy based saucepan over medium heat add, unsalted butter, brown sugar, vanilla essence, milk and the sweetened condensed milk.
- Stir to combine until the butter and sugar has completely melted. Then **continuously stir** over medium heat for 15 minutes in a heavy based saucepan, it will stick if you do not continuously stir it.
- After 15 minutes take it off the heat and continue to stir it for a further 10 minutes.
- Transfer the fudge into the small square lined baking pan, put it into the fridge for at least 6 hours before slicing.

(Recipe compliments of Mark)

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



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



Cheers Diane

CLUB SHOP

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

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE CONTACT DETAILS

Email address: peninsulacaravanclub@gmail.com

Position	Name	Mobile
President	Les	3269 0396
Vice President	Mick	0488 575 577
Secretary	John	0481 753 275
Treasurer	Ann	0401 365 145
Rally Co-ordinator Temporary	Mick	0488 575 577
Newsletter Editor	Diane	0421 968 155
Website	John	0481 753 275