

Peninsula Caravan Club Inc.

FEBRUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER



Canungra Showgrounds

14-19 March, 2024

53 Coburg Road, Canungra 4275

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Location and History:

The quaint, country town of Canungra is located on the eastern edge of the Scenic Rim; the gateway to the Gold Coast hinterland and World Heritage listed Lamington National Park. In the 2016 census, the locality of Canungra had a population of 1,229 people. The township of Canungra (known as the 'Valley of the Owls') owes its existence to the early cedar getters and sawmillers and in the early part of the 20th century was home to the largest softwood timber mill in Australia. Today it is a popular drive for tourists travelling south from Tambourine Mountain.

Directions:

Canungra is 77kms south of the Brisbane CBD. Follow the M1 south to Exit 38 (Staplyton/ Jacobs Well Road) to the roundabout and under the highway onto the second roundabout and go straight ahead onto Stanmore Road. Then turn left onto Beaudesert/Beenleigh Rd (State route 92). Turn left onto Mundoolun Connection Rd/State Route 90. At Canungra turn right onto Kidston St becoming Lamington National Park Road. Then right onto Coburg Road and into the Showgrounds.

Things to do during the rally.....

1. Enjoy a cold beer and bistro-style meals plus take-aways at the historic **Canungra Hotel**, (pictured front page) rebuilt in 1937 after a fire destroyed the original Bellissima Guest House built by the Lahey pioneering, sawmilling family.
2. **The Outpost Cafe**, originally built in 1946, is renowned for its award-winning homemade pies.
3. Pick up a gourmet picnic basket, pizzas, cheeseboard and bottle of wine at **O'Reilly's Canungra Valley Vineyard** (852 Lamington National Park Rd, Canungra) to enjoy beside the Canungra Creek on their extensive grounds. It is open everyday for cafe meals plus their famous artisan O'Reilly's wine (including O'Reilly's Wine Paddles for just \$25)!
4. The **Shoe Vault** is a great place for women's and men's shoes with top brands from Europe, Italy and Brazil amongst their collection of handbags and jewellery.
5. **The 90 metre hand dug sandstone Lahey Tramway Tunnel** was cut in 1903 and used to carry timber from the mountain down to the town. It was closed in the mid 1930's and was reopened in 2001 for pedestrians and tourists. However recent safety concerns have led to the tunnel's closure, although you can walk to its entrance which is about 1km from town. During WWII the tunnel was used for storing ammunition for Canungra's Kokoda Barracks.



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Vice President's Report



It was a bit of a drive from Redcliffe to Tin Can Bay's Tourist Park (part of a chain of 'G'day' independent caravan parks) as the highway drive was a bit tedious. But it was worth it and not too many sandflies while we were there.

I was surprised to see how many members and visitors attended. Barrie and Barbara arrived very early on the Monday for a catch-up with old time friends from the park and for Barb to enjoy the all day use of the pool in relative peace and quiet. Six vans were set up by Wednesday. In total 23 vans attended the rally. We could not fault the caravan park staff who were very accommodating and obliging. The Country Club bus (a 28 seater) came in handy for our Friday night dinner with

a few of us opting to drive instead.

The activity was well attended, well organised and fun. Happy Hour's under two gazebos went well, however with the numbers in attendance, we could have definitely gone for three.

A short walk or bike ride from the Park was a walkway/bikeway which, in one direction, would take you 2kms to town and a bit further along to the dolphin feeding. In the other direction it was quite a walk to Crab Creek, roughly a 6km round trip. Despite carting our kayaks, the rain for the first few days put a stop to that. Many of us took a drive to Rainbow Beach and/or Maryborough.

Cheers

Noel

Treasurer's Report



Another successful raffle this month raising \$95.00 and thank you to Rod and Gayle. I'm sure Darryl and Barb will enjoy making jaffles.

Cheers
Ann





2024

March

Canungra
Showgrounds



April

Maleny
Showgrounds



May

Yarraman
Caravan Park



June

Warwick
Showgrounds



July

Kenilworth
Showgrounds



August

Lowood
Showgrounds



September

Gympie
Showgrounds



October

Samford
Showgrounds (AGM)



November

Suffock
Beachfront Holiday
Park NSW



**Denoted Dog
Friend**



Secretary's Report



Because of my horror of extreme heat and midges, it was with some trepidation that Tony and I set off for Tin Can Bay, only to find that both fears were unfounded. The sea breeze kept us tolerably cool for most of the time and the midges weren't too bad at all. It was wonderful to be amongst such great company once more and we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Some rain had us squeezed in under the gazebos at times, and because we had a great attendance (23 vans) this did get extra cozy.

The Tourist Park is well-appointed and very neatly maintained, with a very comfortable pool that some of us made good use of. Ian, Cathy and Carol kept us entertained with their "mystery" activity, but I was quite happy not to win the prize for the "biggest tosser".

We had a greater number of visitors than usual on this rally, namely Graham and Leanne S, Des and Alice Y and Gavin and Rosemary P. I hope they enjoyed our company. Members and visitors injected the healthy total of \$8,379 into the local economy.

A meeting of the committee was held during the rally and has given us some follow up tasks to undertake. The minutes will be published on the Club's website very shortly. A suitable date for a **General Meeting** was arrived at and is scheduled to be held on **Saturday the 20th of April at the Maleny rally**. I'll be asking members who have something they would like included on the agenda to provide me with the relevant information in writing no later than fourteen days before the meeting.

Our current membership numbers, 28 Ordinary and 1 Associate member. It will grow very shortly as we process membership applications from Lyn M. and Terry K., Anna B. and Grahame N., Tony and Tanya F. and John L. who will be included on Margaret B's membership number. I also expect to process a resignation in due course.

Two of our member families suffered bereavements recently. Rob and Diane's sister-in-law Debbie Howard passed away on 7th February. She, together with her husband Allan (Shorty), were very long-standing members of our club. Mick F's sister passed away on the 16th Feb. Our thoughts are with both Rob, Diane and the Howard family, as well as to Mick and Faye and their family, at this sad time.

I've received lots of correspondence from the CCQ recently:

- A notice regarding the Annual General Meeting of the CCQ which will be held on Saturday, 16 March 2024 at the Salisbury Senior Citizen's Centre, 87a Cripps Street, Salisbury. It will be preceded by a delegate's meeting.
- A request for help at the 2024 State Rally to be held in the Rockhampton Showgrounds from 20 - 26 July 2024 (6 nights). It will be hosted by the Capricorn Caravan and Camper Club. They are a relatively small club and would very much welcome input and involvement from other clubs and/or individual club members. They will be seeking help with Marshalling, Entertainment, Activities, Stalls, Craft Demos, Meet and Greet, Gate Security, Daily Newsletter, Water hook ups etc. If you have any ideas or a planning to attend, please let me know.

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Josie's Report continued...

- A request for clubs to consider donating a raffle prize for the Monster Raffle to be held at the State Rally in Rockhampton, proceeds of which go towards the annual donation to the RFDS. This will probably be an agenda item for the ordinary meeting in April, so please get your thinking caps on.
- A request to consider providing volunteers to assist in manning a CCQ stall at the Brisbane Caravan Show in June. Volunteers would be asked to commit to a two-hour shift and our club would need to be prepared to man the stall for either a full 8-hour day or a half day. This means that if our club makes this commitment, we would need to provide either 8 or 4 volunteers. The CCQ wants to make a decision at the delegates meeting in March, so I will need to know soon if we have any interest.

Just a reminder that Local Council Elections will be held on the 16th of March, the Saturday of our Canungra rally, so those planning to attend might wish to cast an early vote. Details of all early voting centres are available on line.

Finally, I would like to remind you all that, as Covid appears to be very prevalent again, we need to encourage safe food preparation and distribution practices at our rallies as well as - dare I say it- consider being less free with our hugs.

As our numbers are to increase shortly it might be timely to revisit our constitution's description of membership.

CLASSES OF MEMBERS

- (1) The members of the association shall be divided into the following classes: -
 - (a) Ordinary.
 - (b) Associate.
 - (c) Social
- (2) Ordinary members:
 - (a) shall consist of an eligible adult with a recreational vehicle (RV) such as a Caravan, Campervan, Camper Trailer or Motorised Van; and
 - (b) (b) the number of ordinary members shall be limited to a number to be decided, revised and or changed at an ordinary general meeting provided all ordinary members have due notice of the meeting in writing; and
 - (c) (c) written advice to the Secretary by ordinary members is required in the event of extended touring but will retain their full membership.
- (3) Associate members must have been ordinary members; and
 - (a) due to their changed circumstances are unable to continue to attend rallies with an RV but wish to retain their connection with the association; and
 - (b) the number of associate members shall be limited to a number to be decided, revised and or changed at an ordinary general meeting provided all ordinary members have due notice of the meeting in writing; and
 - (c) upon written application associate membership will be considered and they shall have all the rights and privileges of ordinary members, with the exception of voting rights.
- (4) Social members:
 - (a) are potential ordinary members awaiting an ordinary membership vacancy; and
 - (b) the number of social members shall be limited to a number to be decided, revised and or changed at an ordinary general meeting provided all ordinary members have due notice of the meeting in writing; and upon written application social membership will be considered and they shall have all the rights and privileges of ordinary members, with the exception of voting rights.

The By laws relating to membership states:-

5. In accordance with Constitution Rule 4 (2) the maximum number of member RVs shall be forty (40).
6. A member RV consists of up to two adults with both adults holding voting rights.



Birthdays for March

Best wishes to

Andy, Vickie G, John H and Josie



Anniversaries for March

and best wishes to

Helen and John, Tony and Tanya, David and Dimity

Raffle Roster

for March will be:

Jim and Karin



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

The March Activity at Canungra will be:

Quoits

Organisers: Rob, Diane, Yvonne and Tony



Friday's Dinner at the Country Club



It was pleasing to see so many 'old' and new members plus our visitors attend the regular Friday night dinner at the local establishment in town



Friday continued.....



Happy Hour under the gazebos



David's mate 'Kookie' joined us



Gossip Line



- Which Club member head butted another Club member's awning arm then on the way down head butted the Member's car as well?
- Who was the gentlemen who took a selfie of himself instead of the dinner table crowd?
- Who raced down to the IGA after she heard that yellow seedless watermelon had the same power as Viagra.
- Who locked themselves in their van, developing leg cramps in the knee trying get out?
- Who is the visitor who can make the BEST sausages you've ever tasted? (The 'woosses' only tasted the plain sausages!)
- Who enjoyed the food at the Country Club so much that they went back the next day?
- Which couple bought oysters at the waterfront fish shop (which must have made them somewhat 'ill' because they slept in the next day).
- Who made a romantic river cruise on Sunday evening. (Age shall not weary them!)
- Who went walking into town and came home very wet from the rain?
- Who is this unidentified new species of flora or fauna found only in Tin Can Bay?
- Who wasn't allowed to feed the dolphins bread?
- Who bought the yummy fruit cake to morning tea?



Ladies of the PCCI

Unfortunately this notice may be too late for the date but a reminder that we will be recommencing our Ladies get-togethers on the first Tuesday of the month.

Ladies, hope you will have enjoyed the coffee/ morning tea/lunch on Tuesday 5 March.

The venue this month was **The Belvedere Hotel**, Woody Point Esplanade from 10.30am for coffee or staying on for lunch at 12 noon.

New members please be aware that we endeavour to hold these gatherings on the first Tuesday of each month at a variety of venues.

Please text Gayle on 0417 690 041 to advise your attendance.



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

Friday Afternoon's Mystery Activity - The Stubby Catch



Faye has her eye on the ball and it's looking good to go in the stubby holder

The Saturday activity "The Stubby Catch" was thoroughly enjoyed by all who went to the rally. We had many encouraging comments afterwards. It was a team of husband and wife, which could be challenging.... but all worked out well. We had the top 6 teams who scored the most in the final but it ended up in a draw, so.....
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Having every confidence in this catch above

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with two teams Loretta and Brian and Warren and Lynne there had to be a play off. After the round they were still equal so we kept on playing till one team was in front. Which was Loretta and Brian. We also had a prize for the biggest 'tosser' and that was Darryl as he was giving instructions to 'poor' Barb on how to play the game, really!! A very entertaining afternoon.



Many thanks to our activity organisers: Carol, Cathy and Ian

And the winners on the left, were **Brian and Loretta** (at each end) pictured with game organisers Carol, Ian and Cathy

Congratulations on the right to Runners Up **Warren and Lynne** our newest members



Darryl and Barb, below centre, were our Raffle winners. Many thanks to Rod and Gayle



A very Happy Birthday to **Faye**, above centre, for the month of February (Absent were Mark, Michael and Paul)



President, Barrie, welcomed our two newest members to the Club,
Dimity and David C and Lynne and Warren



The Club welcomed many visitors for the weekend at Tin Can Bay. They were:
Des & Alice, Terry & Lyn, Tony & Tanya, Gavin & Rosemary (unwell so not in the photo),
Leanne & Graham, Anna & Grahame with President, Barrie

Loretta's Anzac Biscuits

Ingredients:

1 cup Plain Flour
1 cup Sugar
1 cup original Rolled Oats
1 cup Desiccated Coconut
115g Butter (half cup)
1 tablespoon Golden Syrup
2 tablespoons boiling Water
1 level teaspoon Bi-carb Soda



Method:

Put the first four dry ingredients in a mixing bowl and mix.

In a microwave safe jug, melt butter and syrup, then add boiling water.

Next add bi-carb soda. (This will froth up so be careful it does not overflow.) Pour this over the dry ingredients and mix well.

Pre-heat oven to 180 degrees.

Pour spoonfuls of mixture onto a baking paper lined tray. Shape into balls and press down with a fork.

Bake for approx. 10 minutes or until golden brown.

The biscuits will be very crunchy if left in too long.

Cool on a rack.

(Thank you Loretta)



A beautiful reminder of Tin Can Bay

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Canungra Town Medical Centre

14-16 Christie Street Canungra

Next to the new IGA

Phone: 07 5620 0010

Beaudesert Hospital

64 Tina Street, Beaudesert.

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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.

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)

CLUB SHOP

Men's Shirts \$35

Women's Shirts \$35

Jackets ~~\$47.50~~

Sleeveless Shirts \$25

Caps \$18



Club Stickers \$5

Flags \$17

Van Flag Holders \$5

Towbar Hitch Handles \$10

Tent Peg Pullers \$5

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



Diane

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.

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