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MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER





Warwick Showgrounds

Rally 13 -18 June 2024

Kingsford Street, Warwick 4370 Phone: 0476 122 942

Location and History:

Botanist Allan Cunningham ventured on to the Darling Downs in 1827 and discovered a gap in the Great Dividing Range. The rich grazing land was like gold to the settlers, who were eager to make their fortune in a new land. Warwick (called the Rose city) became a municipality in 1861 and is now the second largest city on the Darling Downs. Warwick is perched on the banks of the Condamine River and is well known for its rodeos, roses and sandstone heritage buildings. It has a population of 12,000 plus. Warwick has some of the most fertile farming land in the Darling Downs. Corn, sorghum, oats, wheat and barley thrive throughout the year. Summer (January to March) is the time to visit to see sunflowers. The Warwick Saleyards is one of the largest selling centres in regional Queensland.

Directions:

Warwick is roughly 155km (2hrs drive) southwest of Brisbane, 189km (2½ hrs) south of Redcliffe and 85km (1hr) south of Toowoomba in the Southern Downs region.

The main highway south west of Ipswich is National Highway 15 travelling south west to Warwick.



Things to do during the rally......

Long Neck Farm Café and Farm Stay - 2006 Inverramsay Rd, Goomburra (20 minutes drive north). Known for its Alpaca and Ostrich Stud (free entry), Gift Shop and Café. An opportunity exists for a booking of members interested in a visit and light meal. Please contact Barbara Ri soon if you are interested, email richardson.barbaraf@outlook.com. (In the evenings, wood fired pizzas are available Friday and Saturday.)

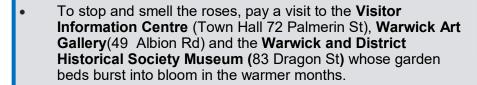


 Mary Poppins House, (right) Is a heritage-listed structure that was once the home of PL Travers, the author of *Mary Poppins*. Guided tours are by appointment only. The house is spotted just minutes from Glengallan Homestead (15 minutes north).



 Australian Rodeo Heritage Centre: Warwick is rodeo territory, and this attraction expertly captures this slice of local history and culture. A barrel-load of exhibits feature along with live rodeo demonstrations and much more.

• **Abby Boutique Hotel,** (right) 8 Locke St, Warwick. Bookings are essential for this Restaurant. Dining for 2 or 3 course meals from Wednesday - Sunday evenings.







President's Report



After chilly mornings Yarraman certainly put on some really good weather for our twenty-eight vans. This would have to be our largest rally ever. With this many vans we felt that the local pub would not be able to handle this many people for our usual Friday night dinner. A few of us did manage to book tables at small restaurants in town and we all had a pleasant evening.

It was great to see Bev and Eric back at a rally and to see Shorty drop in for a visit on Sunday although he suffered an angina attack with all the excitement, we wish him a speedy recovery.

Saturday's Happy Hour saw the induction of Gavin and Rosemary and Graham and Leanne. Dave and Doreen were presented with their 100th Rally attendance badge and certificate.

Saturday night dinner was very successful with a large range of delicious foods to select from - no-one went hungry! Unfortunately Hannah had a fall on her way back to the van and hurt her back. We hope she recovers soon.

To close off the weekend, Sunday evening found us huddled around the fire pit prior to the barbecue tea.

Cheers **Barrie**

Vice President's Report



As members of our Club, everyone takes a turn on either an activity roster or a raffle roster (occasionally both if our club numbers are low). The Activities and Raffles are designed to ensure that all members participate in these entertaining events. All members at the rally are expected to attend as part of our Saturday afternoon official gathering day.

Activity and Raffle Rosters are drawn up at the end of each year and can be found on the Peninsula Caravan Club website. If you do not have access to the web then please ask for an emailed copy from the Secretary.

Raffle prizes can be anything up to the value of \$20. The Secretary can provide you with raffle books.

Activity Rosters are usually performed by two couples working together. This can be done in many ways e.g. two couples working together or one couple on an activity and the other providing support by supplying the cakes for Birthdays and Anniversaries at Happy Hour. On odd occasions one couple has held an afternoon activity and the other a night activity, but this is rare. It is entirely up to you how you wish to proceed. Activities can be anything! A few examples are: easy level physical activity, a dinner with or without a theme, a quiz, a dance night, celebrity heads - anything your imagination can conjure up. The club also has access to a bingo and card set, disc bowls, projector and screen. These can be borrowed at any time for the occasion.

If you have any specific requirements i.e. hall, gazebos etc, please contact the Rally Co-ordinator.

When you have decided on an Activity, please notify the Vice President of the activity name so that it can be upgraded on the list and so that I can notify the Newsletter Editor (this information is required no later than one month before your activity).

PLEASE NOTE: If you know you will not be at a rally that you have been rostered on for, it is your responsibility to swap with another member rostered on for that year. Start with a couple rostered on the month after you. Please advise the Vice President of any changes made.

Cheers **Noel**



2024

June Warwick Showgrounds



July Kenilworth Showgrounds



August Lowood Showgrounds

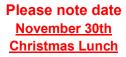


SeptemberGympie
Showgrounds



October
Samford
Showgrounds (AGM)

November
Alstonville
Showgrounds NSW
(west of Ballina)





Denoted Dog Friend



Secretary's Report



Yarraman, even though a little chilly, was a most enjoyable rally and I was very impressed with the facilities that the park owners offered us. The friendly and efficient way our group booking was dealt with was also appreciated. We certainly made good use of the "club house" with kitchen facilities, ample tables and chairs, heaters for the chilly nights and a table tennis table for our more sporting members.

A very big thank you needs to go to Rod and Gayle and Warren and Lynne who organised the camp oven/shared meal activity. It was a great success, made even better by the comfortable facilities. The most impressive feat in my mind was Jim's camp oven bread rolls. A Sunday evening barbecue which seems to be becoming a regular event at rallies found us once again in the club house. It was also most enjoyable and very well attended.

We had a record number of attendees and welcomed back some long-time members including Eric and Bev. Trevor and Yvonne spent several nights in a local motel in order to join us, and Allan (Shorty) also visited for a day. It was good to see Barrie in better health and hope that Barb will also be able to join us again very soon. A record amount of \$9,423.73 was contributed to the local economy.

New visitor Bruce was also welcomed to the rally. As it was their second visit, membership applications were given to Peter and Joanne as well as Barry, Hannah and Anna. They were subsequently approved, and this brings our current membership to 36 with 1 associate.

The committee held a meeting on Friday morning and the minutes will be placed on the website in due course. One item brought up at the meeting was that the club's AGM is only four months away and as committee members are due to retire at this time, I urge members to consider the possibility of putting their hands up to indicate their interest in taking up a suitable position on the committee. This would allow for some time to shadow the current office bearer. In view of this, I have included Sections 11 and 12 of our Constitution explaining this process.

MEMBERSHIP OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- (1) The management committee of the association consists of a President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer and 1 committee member and;
 - (a) the 1 committee member shall hold the Rally Co-Ordinators portfolio,
 - (b) the management committee may from time to time appoint individual members or a subcommittee to assist with a specific project or task,
 - (c) members assisting the committee in accordance with Rule 11(1)(b) above will not be formal management committee members and will not have voting rights on the management committee.
- (2) A member of the management committee must be a financial member of the association.
- (3) At each annual general meeting of the association, the members of the management committee must retire from office, but are eligible, on nomination, for re-election.
- (4) Term of office of positions on the management committee is to be decided from time to time by the members at a general meeting.

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ELECTION OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

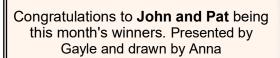
- (1) A member of the management committee may only be elected as follows: -
 - (a) to serve as a member of the management committee, a member of the association (the 'candidate') may be nominated by one member of the association (the 'nominator') and seconded by another member of the association (the '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.

Cheers **Josie**

Treasurer's Report

This month's rally at Club, which is evider

This month's rally at Yarraman was the largest I have attended since joining the Club, which is evidenced by the amount the raffle raised - \$150.00.







Birthdays for June



Best wishes to

Helen H, Gayle, Warren, Barbara Ro, Eric, Dave B. and Rosemary



Anniversaries for June

Congratulations to

Grahame & Anna, Dave & Debbie, Mike & Chris, Derek & Ann and Noel & Yvonne

Raffle Roster

for June will be

Bill and Jan



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 June Activity will be two-fold

A Quiz

and a game called

Higher/Lower

Organisers: Darryl and Barbara



Friday Happy Hour



Lunch / Dinner at Farmhouse Coffee Lounge Café

This quaint and homely Yarraman café provided a peaceful ambience for our members to enjoy their lunch or dinner on Friday.



With our record number of members and visitors attending the Yarraman rally, some chose to go out for lunch and others to dinner on the Friday.

A Walk on the Wild Side







Some took a drive to the Palms National
Park, south west of
Yarraman

Small in size, but big in nature, this tiny patch of remnant rainforest is filled with impressive piccabeen palms, towering strangler fig trees, bunya pines and hoop pines and rich in birdlife.

I DON'T MEAN TO INTERRUPT PEOPLE I JUST RANDOMLY REMEMBER THINGS & GET REALLY EXCITED

Does this ring a bell?

Saturday's Happy Hour







(Top left) Congratulations to **Doreen and Dave** on being presented with their 100th Rally attendance certificate and badges.

Congratulations to John
L. (above) and couples
(left) Gavin and Rosemary and Graham and
Leanne being
welcomed by President,
Barrie as new members
of the Club.



Milestone birthdays for Darryl, Trevor and Cathy, alongside Yvonne R., Lynne and Debbie being congratulated by Gayle and Rod

Saturday's Happy Hour continued.....





Vice President, Noel congratulates **Karin and Jim** on their Wedding Anniversary (pictured above)

(On the right) also celebrating their Wedding Anniversary, were **Gary and Wendy**.





For some, Saturday's visit to the local bakery is a must.

Seen here members enjoying the sunshine and their special treats.

Saturday's Activity at Yarraman Camp Oven - Hot Pot Dinner - Shared Meal

(Organisers: Rod and Gayle and Warren and Lynne)



Well the weather gods were in our favour, as Saturday we were blessed with beautiful sunshine and no wind so the camp oven enthusiasts could proceed with the task at hand of preparing the fire pit. The Yarraman caravan park had great facilities which included a 4 metre fire pit and next to it a large communal room with heating to have our shared meal.

The variety and effort that many people put in to feed the masses was truly amazing! The day started with the usual pyromaniacs in their glory, tending the fire under the watchful eye of self appointed fire warden Rod, assisted by Tony with his trusty shovel and many (CFA) volunteers.



To make the necessary gourmet camp oven dinners and slow cooked meals it was decided to move Happy Hour forward to 3pm. We were fortunate there was no wind as the 60 or so people were seated around the fire pit in a large circle. Certainly the most people I have seen at a rally. Soon after the formalities many retired to their vans to prepare their evening contributions whilst others tended to the fire and camp ovens.

At 6pm sharp the fabulous array of food started to arrive and all were seated at the assembled tables and chairs (thanks Tony) with some out under the verandah. It was an orderly mob that circled the central tables loaded with tasty soups, bread rolls & casseroles, with a few as always, having to wait patiently until last.











An amazing effort was put in by some people. Gourmet Graham's 30 odd Guinness & Stilton pies! (Made a very nice entree for some.) Dozens of freshly baked dinner rolls were a hit, as were the traditional camp oven casseroles and baked jacket potatoes and even a 'special' secret spiced paella!

Many opted for the safety of slow cooker meals (in case of rain). These were all enjoyed with gusto, from the gluten and dairy free Guinness casserole, to the wide variety of chicken, lamb, beef, sausage and veg casseroles. No one starved!!!!!!

After a small hiatus desserts were served. Again an amazing array of deliciousness was laid out for all to enjoy. These included two huge Tiramisu desserts, a gallon of fresh Fruit Salad with custard, two fabulous Apple Crumble tarts, a Berry Rice Pudding, with cream, custard or ice cream, chocolate Black Forest and Chocolate Mud birthday cakes and a tray of delicious Caramel 'mushroom' tarts.









The diets started the next morning!
Well done to all the fabulous cooks out there.





The organisers Rod, Gayle, Warren and Lynne decided to award three prizes, which were won for:

- The most effort dozens of dinner rolls -Jim & Karin (closely followed by Graham's mini pies).
- ♦ The best camp oven meal Silverside with horseradish sauce - 1st time visitor Bruce.
- Best dessert Apple Crumble tarts dessert queen Josie.



These were chosen by a show of hands from all present. A great effort by all and a very enjoyable day and evening.

Gayle McHutchison



Gossip Line

1. Who fell instantly in love with her beautiful big eyes and her forward advances at the fence at the top of the paddock? Our camper says he's not eating steak ever again.



- 2. Who were the Tour de Yarraman contestants who pulled out on the Blackbutt leg?
- 3. Who inadvertently put instant coffee into his casserole instead of smoked paprika? Nobody noticed!
- 4. Who makes the meanest buns ever?
- 5. Caterpillar Tractor company has kindly allowed us to use D1, D2, D3 and D4 to distinguish our four Dave's in the club.
- 6. Who made the most delicious camp oven potatoes in foil?
- 7. We are a very lucky club to have such nice, caring members!
- 8. Who would make a better table tennis umpire than a player?
- 9. It will be very competitive to get a seeding of the club's TT players.
- 10. Who made the most delicious silverside in his camp oven (with horseradish white sauce) drool!!



Ladies of the PCCL

We would like to invite all interested club ladies to our next gathering on **Tuesday 4 June**

The venue is the **Moreton Bay Boat Club at Scarborough**10.30am for Coffee or 12noon for Lunch
(They do have a pensioner special menu on Tuesday)

Ladies, please text Gayle soon on 0417 690 041 as a booking is essential

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

Male members are also welcome however it is recommended that they make their own arrangements





Beautiful rural Yarraman

Sunday Evening BBQ







Proving popular on a Sunday evening was a warming BBQ which was well attended by members. A great way to end the weekend.



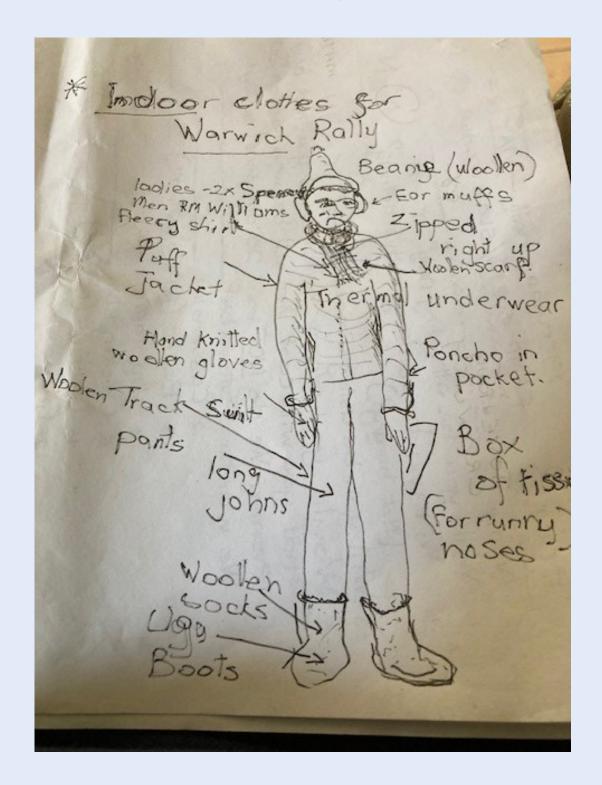




For some it was beanies, jumpers, ugg boots and the odd blanket. Just wait till Warwick!

Could be standard dress for the June Rally in Warwick Don't say you weren't warned!

An artists interpretation



MEDICAL INFORMATION

Warwick Hospital

56 Locke Street, Warwick 4370 Phone: 07 4660 3908 Open 24/7

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)

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CLUB SHOP

| Club Stickers | \$5 |
|----------------------|------|
| Flags | \$17 |
| Van Flag Holders | \$5 |
| Towbar Hitch Handles | \$10 |
| Tent Pea Pullers | \$5 |

| Men's Shirts | \$35 |
|--------------------|---------|
| Women's Shirts | \$35 |
| Jackets | \$47.50 |
| Sleeveless Shirts | \$25 |
| Caps | \$18 |

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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