

Peninsula Caravan Club Inc.

OCTOBER 2024 NEWSLETTER



Our Next Rally is Alstonville Showgrounds

14-19 November, 2024

6 South St, Alstonville NSW 2477

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Location and History:

The town of Alstonville sits amongst green fertile hills on the plateau 15 minutes inland from Ballina. Its historic buildings, classic Australian architecture, galleries, cafes and teahouses make it a popular destination for visitors.

The area is known for its rich red volcanic soil that produces avocados, macadamia nuts, tropical fruits and coffee. The surrounding hills are home to secluded waterfalls and lush subtropical parks and gardens. The Victoria Park Nature Reserve is home to one of the last remnants of the Big Scrub - a vast rainforest which once blanketed the region.

Directions:

Head South!

- ⇒ Get onto the M1 South towards NSW and continue towards Ballina until you reach the second Ballina exit.
- ⇒ Take the exit left to B60 Bruxner Highway Ballina/Lismore/Casino
- ⇒ Go right at the roundabout to follow the B60 towards Lismore/Casino/Alstonville.
- ⇒ Turn right onto Ballina Road
- ⇒ Turn right into Green Street
- ⇒ Turn left into South Street
- ⇒ Entrance in on the right.

Things to do during the rally.....

1. **Crawford House Museum** 10 Wardell Road Alstonville
Discover how rural families lived in the last century, or research your family history in this lovely Federation home.
2. **Summerland Farm - Aruma** 253 Wardell Rd, Alstonville
Summerland Farm is a beautiful macadamia and avocado farm set high on the hills of the Alstonville plateau overlooking the Ballina coastline.
3. **Victoria Park Nature Reserve** Victoria Park Ln, Dalwood NSW 2477.
4. **Minyon Falls Lookout** The view from Minyon Falls lookout is the best in the area. From the lookout platform you can admire not only the falls themselves and the valley beneath, on a clear day you might be lucky and see all the way out to the coast.
5. **Ballina** and the Coast. Swim, surf, fish, coffee etc.



President's Report



Welcome to the new club year and welcome and congratulations to the committee members for 2024-25. What a rally to finish and start the year with around 30 vans at Samford Showgrounds, the biggest rally we have ever had. A word of warning, if we are booked for a rally in a caravan park in the future, there may be shortage of sites so you will need to book early otherwise you may miss out.

The committee is already organising the Christmas Party, and we will need numbers so get your names to Josie as soon as possible.

I look forward to serving you as members of this amazing club for another year

Cheers

Barrie



Secretary's Report

Now that I have 12 months as secretary under my belt, I'm finding my tasks a little easier and thankfully also a little faster to complete.



2024

November



Alstonville Showgrounds

November (30th)

Christmas Luncheon
Beachmere

2025

January

Saturday 18 Picnic in
the Park

February



Mudjimba
Beach Holiday Park

March



Tyalgum
Showgrounds

April



Barambah
Bush Caravan and
Camping Park

May



Pomona
Showgrounds

June



Beaudesert
Showgrounds

**Denoted Dog
Friendly**



Our Samford rally was very successful with 29 vans in attendance as well as being joined by several day visitors. A total of \$7,537 was injected into the local economy. Three new members, namely Georgie, Dennis and Chris and Grahame and Helen were inducted during Saturday's Happy Hour and we also welcomed 2nd time visitor Carole. She has since been accepted as our 40th member. Les conducted his "Magical Mystery Tour" and while Tony and I piked out of the rainforest walk, we did enjoy the morning tea at the Café Lagarto. Paul, Vicky and Margaret's activity of "Who am I" was very entertaining and a nice way to occupy our Saturday evening. The Sunday night bar-b-que/dinner was held in the hall and was also well attended and enjoyable. Thanks must go to the Samford Showgrounds Committee for allowing us the use of the hall free of charge.

Despite it being a very hot day, I think the Special Meeting held with regards to an amendment of the Bylaws pertaining to pets provided a clear picture of the direction that our membership wished to take. The result of the secret ballot held was that 45 members voted for the motion to adopt the proposed changes, 7 voted against and 3 abstained. I will now update our Bylaws for John to include on the website.

The AGM also ran relatively smoothly. It was a bit of a learning curve for me considering that this was the first AGM I have ever attended in the role of Secretary. Hopefully I'll retain some pointers for next year's meeting. I've nearly completed the minutes and, following committee approval, they will also be available on the website.

The club's new committee consists of Barrie as President, Gary as Vice President, myself as Secretary, Ian as Treasurer and Rod as Rally Co-Ordinator. With the support positions of Newsletter Editor being filled by Les, Webmaster by John and CCQ delegate by Noel. (Contact details available below). A committee meeting will be held as soon as possible after the return of some travellers.

Yesterday Tony and I met with Rick and Helen at the Beach House, Palm Lakes Resort, Beachmere in order to check out the facilities and to make an assessment of any extra requirements we'll need to make our Christmas Lunch on the 30th November a success. I did have some concerns regarding the accommodation of possibly 20 more people than last year, but we agreed that, with moving some furniture around, we should be able to seat nearly one half of this number inside, meaning there will be plenty of shade for those we will need to seat on the veranda.

Secretary's Report (cont.)

I've noticed in the past that some members find it too noisy to sit in an enclosed area, so I think this will probably be an ideal solution. Tony will be bringing his trailer with the extra tables needed and, depending on how well they scrub up, I think we may have enough extra chairs as well. However, we will need some members fitter than us to volunteer to carry these up the stairs. This will mean you need to be at the venue around 10.00am before our 11.30am start to assist with the setting up. Further information is available on another page, and I urge you to make your payment and booking as soon as possible, so that we have an idea of numbers.

Instead of closing with a reminder of an item from the constitution or bylaws I'm making a couple of observations.

The first being that it is a requirement as per bylaw 47 that, unless you have a dispensation, member must wear their Club Shirts at all 'official' club gatherings and any other designated club activities, gatherings or functions as stated by the Committee.

The second being that I've heard several members remark that they don't know their password to access the members section of the club's website. As I know that John is very diligent in his job of contacting new members to arrange this, it can only be because the password has been forgotten. I'm sure that a quick word with John to discuss a new password, would solve this problem and result in a new world of information such as Rally Calendars, Meeting Minutes and the Activity Roster being opened to you.

Hope to see many of you at Alstonville

Cheers

Josie

Treasurer's Report



I trust that all members enjoyed their Pizza on Saturday night. The club members consumed 35 pizzas and 15 garlic breads.

Thanks to Mark L for conducting the raffle this month. It was won by Paul and Vickie G. The raffle raised \$145.00.

Cheers,

Ian

Our 2024 AGM on Saturday



Congratulations to our new Committee for 2024 / 2025



Barrie (President), Josie (Secretary), Rod (Rally Co-ordinator), Ian (Treasurer) and Gary (Vice President)



Great to see such a good rollup of members at our AGM

PCCI Ladies, Partners / Friends Get-Together

It's that time of year again, the spring racing carnival, and the race that stops a nation. So, dust off your glad rags, don a hat or fascinator if you wish, and hopefully pick a winner 🐎 or two!

Over the past few years a few of the PCCI members & friends have gathered together to celebrate the Melbourne Cup and enjoy a pleasant day out at the Dolphins Leagues Club. All members as well as partners and friends are welcome.



Melbourne Cup Day -- free entry

Dolphins Leagues Club

Cnr. of Ashmole Rd & Klingner Rds. Redcliffe

Tuesday November 5th from 10-30am

Café with wood fired pizza oven, a la carte restaurant and bars will be open. Onsite TAB, ATM as well as Dolphins \$1, \$2 & \$5 sweeps available, so bring some cash, you may even pick a winner 🐎 🐎 🐎 or three!!!

Make sure you TEXT Gayle on 0417690041 to book if you wish to attend.

Hope to see you there.

Regards Gayle

TERSE VERSE

The caravanners stood at the pearly gates,
their faces were sad and old,
they humbly asked the man of fate
for admission to the fold.

"What have you done" St. Peter asked,
"To gain admission here?"
"We were on the committee, sir" they said,
"For most of this long year."

The gates flew open sharply
as Peter pressed the bell.
"Come inside and take a harp -
You've had enough of hell!"

Birthdays for November



Best wishes to

Pat, Dave S, Dave H, Doreen, David C, John and Bill

Anniversaries for November



Congratulations to:

John & Pat, Doreen & Dave and Bernie & Les

Raffle Roster

for November will be:

David & Dimity



Rosters Reminder - Very Important *

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

Activity Roster and Reporters

The November Activity at Alstonville will be:

Mystery Team Games

Organisers: Bernie and Les

Members are invited to the

PCCI CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

On Saturday 30 November at 11.30AM

at "The Beach House"

Palm Lake Resort Beachmere Bay,

194 Bishop Road, Beachmere

Off street parking and Elevator available.

Lunch will be a starter of finger food followed by a main course of baked ham and roast chicken, roast potatoes and a selection of cold salads, followed by a selection of desserts.

BYO DRINKS



The lunch cost of \$35 per person will be subsidised by the Club at the rate of \$20.00 per person. Cost of the lunch therefore is **\$15.00 per person**

Please note that this must be paid by 11 NOVEMBER to secure your booking.

Payment can be made by direct deposit into the Club's Bank Account :

Peninsula Caravan Club

NAB Bank BSB: 084 034 ACC: 737026782

Use your surname and then your membership number in the reference box and then please email to confirm payment and to let Josie know if you have any special dietary requirements.

There will be a secret Santa gift for each person.

Your gift should be to the value of \$10 per person.

Please indicate if your gift is for a male or female.

Friday Night's Dinner at the Hotel



Saturday Morning Activity Les' Magical Mystery Tour (LMMT)



A noisy bunch of walkers checking the information on the 'Quiet Place' sign!!

It was a beautiful morning when eight cars headed off to Mt Glorious. The Goat Track was closed however we enjoyed the sound of bell birds as we drove up Mt Glorious road and parked at the Maiala day use area.

24 of us headed on the 1.8 km walk through the rainforest. As well as the magnificent rainforest vegetation we saw paddy melons on the side of the track and heard whip birds and cat birds. Chris M was fascinated by the different fungi growing on the logs.

By the time everyone had completed the walk the members were spread out so the lead car and the tail car formed a very small convoy on the way back towards Samford and the café. I assumed that everyone made it there as there were no reports of members being lost. The Lifestyle Centre car park was packed as was the café and the last few people just managed to squeeze in. After an enjoyable morning tea we made our way back independently to the showgrounds. Another successful LMMT.



Les' Magical Mystery Tour (LMMT) (cont.)

A big group met at the café.



Choosing a camera angle to get everyone in was difficult.

Sorry Brian and Loretta !!



Happy Hour Celebrations



**Above: Celebrating October Birthdays:
Gavin, Barbara Rich., Carol, Mike,
Rod, Noel, Diane, and Rob, with Paul
standing in for Rick**



**Left: Wedding Anniversaries - Eric and Bev,
Paul and Vickie and Rick and Helen (Vickie
and Rick not present at time of photo)**

**Below: Quiz winner Bev with organisers
Vickie Marg and Paul**



Happy Hour Celebrations



**Above: Barrie welcomes new club member
Georgie, Helen & Graham and Dennis &
Chris**



**Left: Mark presents the raffle prize to
winners Vickie and Paul**



A new subcommittee?

A Great Rally



**Pizza for dinner.
Thanks committee!!!**



*Selfie King strikes
again!!!!*



**The General
Meeting before
the General
Meeting**

Gossip Line



1. Who tried juggling a glass on a chair ledge and was most surprised by smashing sound?
2. Whose electric jug put the power out twice on Thursday night?
3. Who declared loud and clear to all that they had checked all their appliances and they had nothing on!
4. Who was the kind Santa banana man?
5. Who made an on the spot decision at the AGM?
6. Who forgot her toothbrush and paste and had to go back home to get them?
7. Who picked mushrooms off the oval and ate them. He survived.
8. Who saved the day by getting a TTennis net and put two hall tables together, when Bruce had to take his TT table home early.
9. Who is Blond and devotes 5 week days playing Table Tennis and tennis.
10. Who makes the best caramel slice in SE QLD?
11. Who had his early life anecdote censored on Sat evening and was omitted?

Reminders

- **Ladies, partners / friends Get-together**—Tuesday 5 November (Melbourne Cup Day) please contact Gayle very soon if you plan to attend.
- **PCCI Christmas Luncheon** deposit payment into Club account by 11 November and advise Josie of any dietary requirements
- **Mudjimba** rally in February 2025, don't forget to book in soon.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Ballina District Hospital

78-92 Cherry St, Ballina, NSW 2478
Phone: 02 6620 6400 Open 24 hours

Alstonville Medical Centre

15 Bugden Ave Alstonville NSW 2477
Ph: 02 6628 3101 Open Mon-Fri & Sat morning

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
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 lesbernie@bigpond.com



Les

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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