

# Peninsula Caravan Club Inc.

## MARCH 2026 NEWSLETTER



Next Rally

### **Bigriggen**

**16-21 April, 2026**

**196 Bigriggan Road, Bigriggan (via Rathdowney) 4287**

**Phone: 07 5463 6190**

#### **Directions:**

- Take the M1 then switch to M2
- Take the Mount Lindsay Highway (State Road 13)
- Near Beaudesert follow the signs to Mount Lindsay Highway and to Rathdowney.
- 1 km south of Rathdowney turn onto Rathdowney-Boonah road for 7km.
- South onto Upper Logan road for 500m,
- Then right onto Bigriggan road. Dirt road.

When you arrive, park outside the boom gate and walk into the park to the office with your booking paperwork. They will give you a sticker for your vehicle windscreen and the boom gate code and direct you to our sites.

## Things to do during the rally:

- There is plenty of wildlife at Bigriggen Park including tree frogs, goannas, parrots, possums, bandicoots, wallabies and the elusive platypus.
- The Shed Olive Grove Cafe (open weekends 8am – 4pm) is right next to the campgrounds, It stocks a range of olives and locally produced jams and relishes. A cafe with homemade food, a quaint shop and olive trees. It serves light meals, cakes and Merlo coffee
- The local Rathdowney Markets is on every third Sunday of the month (Sunday 19 April)
- The Rathdowney Hotel a country pub with counter meals including pizzas and a beer garden
- The Maroon Dam is only 20 minutes from Bigriggen and is a water sport lovers playland and picnic area
- Mt Barney National Park is 11 kms south west of our camp ground. The Yellow Pinch track is a 2.1-km out-and-back trail. Generally considered an easy route, it takes an average of 53 min to complete. This is a popular trail for bird-ing, hiking, and walking, I believe the last third is a rocky, slower ascent.
- Moogerah Dam is a beautiful spot, 40 kms northwest of Bigriggen and close to Mt Alford.
- Just relax.....



## Vice President's Report



As you are aware President Barb was unable to attend this rally and requested that I stand in her stead.

We had a good turnout at Kilkivan with 18 RVs in attendance and a few members making a day trip which was obviously due to the exciting prospect of a General Meeting.

I would like to thank Karin & Jim for organising a great rally. Also, thanks to you & those who assisted with the cleanup Friday.

Friday Night most of us had pizza at the Fat Hen Café followed by a great guitar duo who played some country & easy listening music which was organised by Karin.

Saturday was filled with activity with another of Les's great Magical Mystery Tours to Kinbombi Falls then back to the Kilkivan Roadhouse Café for coffee. Let's not forget our activities organised by Dave B, Doreen, Dave H & Andy. Thanks to you all.

The main reason for the General Meeting was to vote on proposed changes to two by-laws to allow for Monday to Friday (Mid-Week) rallies to be conducted.

There were some discussions and clarifications of the proposed By-Law changes and after some minor amendments to the motion, which were approved by those present as they did not change the intent, the By-Laws were subsequently approved by those present and via proxy votes. The details of which will be provided to the membership separately by Secretary Josie.

A big thankyou to those who attended the Kilkivan rally and your participation in the General Meeting.

See you at Bigriggen.

Cheers

John

## Treasurer's Report



The Raffle conducted by Helen and John raised \$100.00.

Diana

## Rally Coordinator's Report



Well after a few hic ups at Kilkivan, I think we can all admit to a very successful rally despite a few showers of rain.

Thank you to everyone who pitched in and those who offered their help. It was much appreciated by me and Kilkivan management.

Now we look forward to Bigriggan Park. Thursday 16th to Tuesday 21st April.

196 Bigriggan road Rathdowney.

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The showers are timed and cost \$1 so make sure you have coins to cover your stay. There are 14 on the attendance sheet so far so let me know if you are coming.

If by chance you haven't booked yet, just book through the online site and don't forget to state you are travelling with Peninsula Caravan club. We are in section A. My site number is A9 which might help you identify the area for booking.

### **Friday during our 4pm coffee/happy hour session**

To add to the fun we are having an Easter bonnet competition. It will be judged in couples (we would hate the gentlemen in our group to miss out)

If you are a single please pair up with another single it should be loads of fun.

If anyone is interested in the paint by numbers I showed you at the Christmas party let me know and I will get them or you can get your own. The cost would be approx \$6. Let me know in advance. They are available at Kmart and Target.

These can be done anytime your heart desires.

See you there.

Karin



## Secretary's Report

Hello Everyone

Another great rally under our belt. We were very well entertained by a Country Music Duo, a very informative movie, and the wonderfully challenging Frog Race. The club injected \$6,878.72 into the Kilkivan economy.

The general meeting held on Saturday was called to seek membership approval of a motion to amend the Club's By-laws to allow for an occasional Monday to Friday rally, with the official "Club Day" to be determined by the committee.



This necessitated an addition to the rules describing Saturday as the official "Club Day" in by-law 9, and the inclusion of an exception to the "Third Saturday/Sunday" in by-law 24.

The meeting was attended by 37 members and, as well, I had received 9 proxy voting forms. Karin, in her position of Rally Coordinator, spoke to the motion, describing the difficulties she was experiencing with booking coastal rallies for November and February. A few members asked questions regarding the proposed changes and a few also spoke against the motion, pointing out that a Monday-to Friday rally could exclude members who work, as well as members who have other types of commitments during the week.

The vote was taken via a show of hands which would be carried if 75% of the votes cast (including proxy votes) were in favour. This meant that the motion needed to receive no less than 35 votes in the affirmative. The result was 45 votes For and 1 vote Against and the motion was carried resulting in the following amendments to the By-laws:

A change in By-law 9 from:

9. The official Club Name Badge must be worn at club rallies on the official rally days of Saturday and at State and National Rallies and any other official events as required. [For club uniform application, rules 8, 13 and 47 refer.]

to:

9. The official Club Name Badge must be worn at club rallies on the official rally day of Saturday, or in the case of a Monday to Friday rally, on a day nominated by the committee, and at State and National Rallies and any other official events as required. [For club uniform application, rules 8, 13 and 47 refer.]

and a change in By-law 24 from:

24. The association will normally meet on the third Saturday/ Sunday weekend of each month, excluding the months of December and January, in accordance with constitution rule 2 (a), unless there is a necessity to change due to a site being unavailable or a special event such as the Mother's Day weekend or the Caravan Show or the like.

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I will be updating the By-laws to reflect this change shortly.

Our membership stands at 39 with three couples now on the waiting list.

Regards

Josie

**2026**

**April**

Bigriggen  
Camping &  
Caravan park



**May**

Tyalgum  
Showgrounds



**June**

Yarraman  
Caravan Park



**July**

Barambah  
Bush Camp



**August**

Imbil Camping  
Retreat



**September**

Laidley  
Showgrounds



**October**

Samford  
Showgrounds



**November**

Alex Beach  
Cabin and  
Tourist Park



**December**

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In amongst the trees at Kilkivan



## Birthdays for April

Best wishes to

**Derek, Chris R, Trevor, Yvonne W, Darryl, Helen R and Dianna**



## Anniversaries for April

**Dennis and Chris**

## Raffle Roster

for April will be:

**Margaret and John**



## Rosters Reminder

An up-to-date copy of the roster is available on the Website under Members Only/Rosters. If you are unable to attend the rally that you are rostered on for the Activity or Raffle, please get in touch with members rostered in future rallies and arrange a swap. Once a swap has been arranged, please advise our Vice President so that the roster can be updated.

***Please ensure that you advise the Vice President of your proposed activity at least one month prior to your allocated rally.***

## Activity Roster and Reporters

The April Activity will be

**Mystery Musical Guessing Game and  
Evening Presentation on the Penguins and Albatross  
in the Subantarctic Islands**

**Organisers: Les and Bernie**



# Gossip Line

- Instead of making the earth move, which husband allowed the awning to fall on his wife's head?
- Which two club members spent two hours doing the train puzzle?
- In the frog game who said "Mark got so worked up he thought he might croak"?
- Who only came third in the frog race and so not in a "usual" position?
- Who was heard mumbling "I don't like team games" when the team did not win?
- Who pretended to be a horse in the frog race and asked to be whipped close to the finish?
- Which club member has a new nickname "Mad Pinball Wizard"?
- Who never eats cheesecake because cheese and cake don't go together?

*Editor's note: thanks to the contributors to Gossip Line this month: More next month please!*

## Ladies of the PCCI

We would like to invite all interested club ladies to our next gathering on

**Tuesday 7 April from 10.30 am**

The venue is **The Coffee Club Anzac Avenue Mango Hill.**

(NB this is NOT the Coffee Club at North Lakes)

Ladies, please text Gayle on 0417 690 041 if you wish to attend

***(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.



Great campfire.  
Thanks Rod

## Friday Night— Pizza and Music



Mike leading the way to the Pizzas

Pizzas ordered



Pizza in the oven



Chris is ready for the country music



## Les's Magical Mystery Tour

20 Members in six cars headed off on a very pleasant Saturday morning for the 30 min. drive to Kinbombi Falls. We stopped at the free camp area adjacent to the falls. That looked like a good spot for a night or two if you are travelling in the area. There were three access trails to the falls, two of which had a lot of stairs. The third was to a lookout platform which also had some stairs. After the recent rains the falls were flowing and we spent an enjoyable half an hour there before heading back to the Roadhouse café at Kilkivan. We were joined there by Carol and Georgie and we all managed to find a seat out the front. Turned out to be a good cafe and the service was great. That was assisted by Bernie ringing them up a few days beforehand and they arranging extra help.



You might have to zoom in to find Warren !!



Lynne, Bernie and Darryl at the Lookout



I think we can tick that one off as a successful LMMT.

Cheers  
Les

Nice free camp area



## Saturday Afternoon Activities

This month's activity was Relay Frog Racing consisting of 9 teams of 4 Jockeys, each team had one race.

It was frustrating and hilarious when frogs flipped and went sideways. Some just couldn't get started.



The Ladies Teams were up first



The Mens Teams get into the action

There was a semi final then final, the winning team consisted of Jim, Mark, Darryl and Trevor.



Everyone seemed to have a good time and surprisingly not much cheating.

There was plenty of coaching from the sidelines in the semi final

## Saturday Afternoon Activities



The Winning Frog Racing team: Trevor, Darryl, Mark and Jim with organisers Doreen and Dave



Vice President John running the General Meeting assisted by committee members Josie, Dianna and Karin

Gazebos put to good use for Happy Hour and the General Meeting



## Saturday Afternoon Activities



Happy Birthday to Josie, Andy, John and Helen with activity organiser Dave.

Congratulations to Dimity and David and Helen and John on their anniversaries.

Also to Tony and Tanya who were not able to attend.



A happy Darryl and Barbara after winning the raffle. Thanks to Helen and John for organising. The raffle raised \$100 for our Club.

## Bonus Saturday Evening Activities



Video of Len Beadell "In the Bush too long". The last great Australian explorer. Born 1923, died 1995. Played this video in the caravan park room who also supplied the inflatable screen. Lasted 1.15hrs. Some may have slept through it but most appeared interested at this Australian part of history.

### Len's Major achievements

- Designed and built over 6,000 km of roads through the outback, often in totally unmapped terrain
- Constructed the Gunbarrel Highway (one of the most famous desert tracks in Australia)
- Opened up vast areas of the Western Desert for surveying, scientific work, and defence purposes
- Built airstrips and surveyed remote areas for atomic and missile testing programs. Maralinga was the site in South Australia where the British government conducted nuclear tests in the 1950s and 1960s. Len Beadell played a key role in providing access to these remote sites.

I purchased this video from Anne Beadell (Len's wife) after having read his books. I rang her up and mentioned how much I enjoyed Len's book that I was wondering if she had put all his videos on a DVD (Len was deceased). Surprisingly she said that she had and would post it to me from Adelaide. The video covers Len's surveying of Woomera and the Maralinga A bomb sites, aircraft landing strips and making associated roads which includes the Gunbarrel, Anne Beadell and Connie Highways covering thousands of kilometres of desert roads. Anne has since passed away.

I enjoyed the DVD. He had a great sense of humour.  
David and Andy



The music was restful on Friday evening.



The burgers were a mouthful on Saturday evening.

## MEDICAL INFORMATION

**Boonah Hospital (Approx 30 mins)**  
11-17 Leonard Street, Boonah Qld 4310  
Phone: 07 5463 3300 Open 24 hours

**Doctors @ Kooralbyn**  
Billabong Shopping Centre, 2 Salisbury Avenue, Kooralbyn 4285 ,  
Ph: 07 5544 6231 Open Mon—Fri 8:30 to 5:00 pm

## 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)**

**For your Club uniforms please contact our Secretary, Josie, who will provide details of what to order and where to obtain your uniform.**



## 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](mailto: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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