

Peninsula Caravan Club Inc.

SEPTEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER



NEXT RALLY

Samford Showgrounds

15 - 20 October 2026

40 Showgrounds Drive, Highvale 4520

Phone: 0450 882 842

Location and History:

At Samford, the Showground is situated approximately 25km northwest of Brisbane city and 9km from Samford Village.

A picturesque and hilly area, Samford was first settled in the mid 1850s and is now a place many hobby farmers call home, being one of the closest semi-rural acreage townships to Brisbane.

Directions:

The Showgrounds are just 10 minutes from the heart of Samford Village.

Following Mt Sampson Road (State Route 22) to Samford Village. Turn right into Gibbons Rd, turn left onto Mount O'Reilly Road then right onto Mount Glorious Rd.

Turn right into Showgrounds Drive then turn left into VITO ROSSO Drive. Showgrounds are on the left.

Camping Fees of \$16 per person per night can be paid via EFT into the Club's Bank Account or by cash to Diana, Karin, or Josie on Thursday.

A reminder that the AGM is on Saturday afternoon.

Things to do during the rally.....

- Follow a leafy forest trail alongside bubbling streams to reach the calm, clear rock pools of **Cedar Creek** – one of the best swimming holes near Brisbane. Pull up at Andy Williams Park for easy-access rock pools or follow the creek upstream to discover larger falls and deeper swimming holes. Keep your eyes peeled too, if you're lucky, you might spot a platypus gliding through the water. How to get there: Cedar Creek is around 20 minutes from the village centre. From Samford, drive north along Mount Samson Road, then turn left onto Cedar Creek Road and follow the signs to the creek.
- **Samford Conservation Park** is a sprawling pocket of native bushland packed with ways to get outdoors. Hit the shared trails on foot, two wheels or horseback (dogs are welcome too, as long as they're on a leash). As you wander, listen for the chorus of birdlife and keep an eye on the treetops, lucky visitors might even spot a koala dozing in the eucalypts. Good to know: There's limited drinking water available, so bring your own, especially on warmer days.
- Jump on your bike and roll through a slice of north Brisbane history along the **Samford Valley Rail Trail**. Following the route of the old Ferny Grove Line - which once ran all the way to Dayboro via Camp Mountain - this former railway corridor has been reimagined as a scenic cycling path stretching 8.3 kilometres from Ferny Grove Railway Station towards Samford. The trail winds through Samford Forest before opening out to rolling farmland at the base of Camp Mountain. Along the way, keep an eye out for the memorial cairn marking the site of the 1946 railway disaster. Good to know: The trail is mostly flat and sealed, making it ideal for families, casual riders and e-bikes.

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2026

October 15 – 20th

AGM Samford
Showgrounds



November 19 – 24th

Alex Beach Cabin &
Tourist Park



**December 5th
Christmas Lunch**

The Sands
Restaurant,
Scarborough Bowls
Club



2027

January 17th

Picnic in the Park



February 15 – 19th

(Mid Week Rally)
Big 4 Maroochy
River Park



March 18 – 23rd

Crows Nest Tourist
Park



April 15 – 20th

Rocky Creek
Scout Park.



May 20 – 25th

Borumba Deer
Park



June 17 – 22nd

Standown Park
Caravan Park



July 15 – 20th

Blackbutt
Showgrounds



August 19 – 24th

Kadanga Bowls Club



Secretary's Report:

Greetings Everybody



Another great rally under our belt. The weather was fine though a bit chilly on occasions. Laidley was decked out in its finery for the Spring Festival.

A very special thank you must go to Jim and Karin who looked after us in the Showgrounds Hall and to Rick, Helen, Mike and Chris who kept us entertained with their great activity. Jim and Karin also conducted the raffle which was won by Mike and Chris and raised \$85. A total of 15 vans attended, and we were joined on Saturday by Diane H. I must mark this as the very first time as secretary that I have received expense totals from everyone! A big thank you! The total of our spend in Laidley came to \$5329.

Thank you to everyone who has paid their Membership Fees and a reminder to those still to pay that they are due by the 30th of September.

Karin and I conducted an informal vote at Laidley regarding the provision of a Domino's Pizza Meal after the AGM at Samford. The result was that nearly everyone present agreed to swap the pizza for a barbecue meal of a beef burger with salad and onions and/or (for those of us with bigger appetites), a sausage with slaw in a roll. Paper plates and disposable cutlery will be provided. BYO drinks.

Happy travelling

Josie

CONSTITUTION

PENINSULA CARAVAN CLUB INC

1. NAME

The name of the incorporated association (in these rules called 'the association')
Is - **PENINSULA CARAVAN CLUB INC**

2. OBJECTS

(1) The objects of the association are –

- (a) to promote and develop Recreational Vehicle (RV) fellowship and to provide social enjoyment for the members, by means of social gatherings, outings and other joint activities, and to specifically arrange and provide Ten (10) RV rallies per annum, to various venues;
- (b) to liaise with like clubs, and provide authorisation for members to attend State and National RV rallies throughout Australia;
- (c) to welcome eligible people who have like interests in recreational living;
- (d) to be a non-profit organization;
- (e) to do all such lawful things helpful in attaining the above.



Rally Coordinator's Report:



The rallies get better and better. This one at Laidley will go down as our best yet.

Thank you everyone who dressed for spring. The winners of the spring dress up were Trevor and Gayle. They looked fantastic. Thank you, Tony F., for being our prestigious judge.

For those of you who DIDN'T dress up I hope you enjoyed your sour chews.

Samford Showgrounds requires that the club collects the camping fees and pay the caretaker in cash. Josie will be sending out details shortly for those who prefer to pay by EFT. For those who wish to pay cash Josie, Diana and I will be on hand to accept payments from Thursday. Cost is \$16 per person per night which includes a \$1 contribution towards the hall hire. There will also be a reunion for an army band in the hall on Sunday so we will need to share the hall that day. The band would like to entertain us on Sunday Night.

Remember to book Maroochy River Big 4 Caravan Park (phone 5443 3033) for February 2027. This will be a weekday rally - Monday 15th to Friday 19th February. Don't forget to mention Peninsula Caravan Club and please text me on 0417 638 660 once you've made your booking.

There may still be sites available for Alex Beach Tourist Park in November - our last rally for 2026. (Phone 5443 2356). Book now if you want to try your luck. 19th to 24th November. Don't forget to text me on 0417 638 660.

See you all at Samford.

Karin

Sunday night's Barbeque dinner in a very comfortable hall.



Jim and Karin, Tony and Tanya with Mike and Chris bringing up the rear, enroute to the State Rally at Chinchilla, where they will be joined by Gary and Wendy.

Les's Magical Mystery Tour

Once more, in Les and Bernie's absence, our tour was conducted by Georgie and Helen. As Saturday looked like shaping up to be a busy day with the Spring Festival, it was decided to hold the tour on Friday morning.



Many of us set forth for a scenic drive to Gatton heading for the Lockyer Valley Cultural Centre where we made a bee line for the Colonial Café for an excellent Morning Tea. Following that we visited the Queensland Transport Museum and its impressive array of Military Transport over the years.



Friday Night's Dinner

Our usual Friday Night dinner took place at the Exchange Hotel in Laidley where Mr. Ken's Thai Restaurant fed us from a delicious oriental menu.



Saturday Afternoon's Activity - GO FLY A KITE,

This activity saw 6 teams of 4 players attempt to build a kite, name their chosen airline attached to it and give the airline some colour and/or a logo.

Once this had been completed, teams then needed to provide a rundown of their airline's Pre Flight Procedures and then attempt to fly their kite.

Introducing the teams to their tasks were the competent Captains Courageous (Mick and Rick).

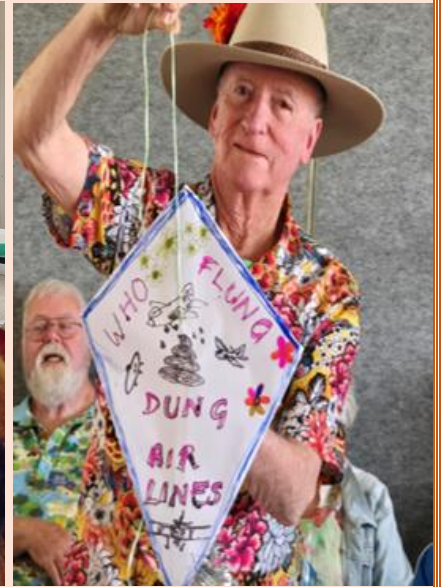
Already set out for the teams were paper, precut wood for the frame, glitter tails and cord to attach to the kites. Also provided were cello tape, staples and texta pens. Thirty minutes was allocated for this section. Teams quickly conferred and scissors cut, staplers stapled, and textas coloured. Teams then proudly showed off their end products to much applause.

Next came the teams demonstrations of their Pre-Fight Procedures and very informative they were too, with names such as Pelican Airlines, Humpybong Airlines, Who Flung Dung Airlines, Fliteanic Airways, Qaintarse and Peninsula Airways. Some were unlikely to reach their destinations; some had never taken off before and some were more interested in the intricacies of flying. BUT the hostesses really showed what they considered most important, presentations of donning their life jackets and where they had been stored were very interesting. Saucy Georgie had everyone in fits of laughter.

The winners on the day, (well they were all really good), were Team Number Five – Qaintarse Airways: Tony Frendo Captain, Josie Crowley Snr. Stewardess, Georgina Smith Stewardess and Dennis Renner as Co Pilot.



Thanks to Yvonne Weeks for her wonderful camera work.





Happy Birthday this month to:
Loretta and Jan and (absent)
Anna B. and Dimity,



**And a very
 happy
 Wedding
 Anniversary
 to:**

**Rod and
 Gayle,
 Trevor and
 Yvonne,
 Josie and
 Tony and
 (absent)
 Barbara
 and Darryl.**



**Congratulations to our
 raffle winners:**

Mike and Chris

**With a big thank you to
 our raffle organisers:**

Karin and Jim

Gossip Line

- ❖ Who left home without his wallet, drivers licence etc and had to turn around to fetch it?
- ❖ Who can do the washing up "perfectly" but his wife will re-do it "properly"?
- ❖ Who made short work of a bottle of Frangelico even though they didn't know what it was.
- ❖ Who is the 'hostess' or more correctly "flight attendant" with the mostest?
- ❖ Who is the longest married couple in the club.



- ❖ Which club member was envious of the scotch men piper's skirt?
- ❖ Who laughs so much he should be president?
- ❖ Who likes to know the football results before she sees them herself? (stand back if you talk to her!)
- ❖ Interesting, the number of Male Pilots!
- ❖ Who won the raffle again? – Tinny!!
- ❖ Who went to the loo and disturbed a man making a phone call at the same time as a nature call? – Who got the biggest shock?
- ❖ Who is MR PRESIDENT and who is ViCE?

- ❖ Anyone know this van?

Ladies of the PCCI

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

Tuesday 6 October from 10.30am

The venue is: **Tree House Cafe**, top end of Redcliffe Parade just down from Mon Komo, it doubles as a book and gift shop.

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.



Birthdays for October

Best wishes to:

**Rod, Mick, Mike, Rick, Barbara Ri.,
Carol E, Diane H. and Noel**

Anniversaries for October

Congratulations to

Rick and Helen



Raffle Roster for October

will be:

Ian and Cathy

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.

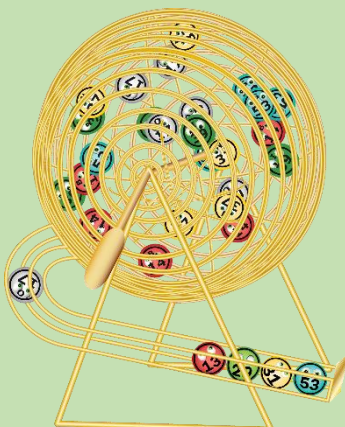
Please ensure that you advise the Vice President of your proposed activity at least one month ahead of time.

Activity Roster and Reporters

The October Activity will be:

"Bingo"

Organisers: Grahame, Helen, Bruce and Carole



MEDICAL INFORMATION

Samford Valley Medical Centre

26 Station Road, Samford Village
Ph: 3289 1712 (Mon-Fri till 5pm Sat 8.30am—
12noon

Samford Road Day Hospital

383 Samford Road, Gaythorne
(Mon-Thurs\ 7am-4pm))
Ph: 3834 4444

Prince Charles Hospital

627 Rode Road, Chermside
(07) 3139 4000

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



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.

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