

COROMAL CAPERS

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Upcoming Rallies

February 20th—22nd
Killalea National Park
March 13th—15th
*NSW State Association
Annual Rally*
April 9th—13th
Macquarie Woods

Christmas Raffle Winners

1st Bill & Janet Kelly
2nd Rob & Jeanette Noack
3rd Rob & Jeanette Noack
4th Clarrie & Flo Bourke

Congratulations to all our winners

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Last year I started my January report with the words :
*As we now start a brand new year we cannot help but
reflect on the year that has past.
Was it only 12 months ago that we sat on a hilltop at
Lake St. Clair and discussed the club's future?
So much has changed.*

Thinking back over the last 12 months I cannot but re-
flect was it only a year ago that I wrote that?
What a year it has been. The tag-a-long is over. Up to
17 caravans travelled over roads that you would think
twice about taking 4x4's on all around the state. Start-
ing at Wellington we headed for Goulburn via Cobar,
White Cliffs, Mutawintji National Park, Silverton, Ti-
booburra, Cameron's Corner, Packsaddle, Broken Hill,
Kinchega National Park, Copi Hollow, Mungo National
Park, Mildura, Barmah, Swan Hill and Beechworth.
We left as a club and came back as a group of close
friends, almost family, with life time memories.
The rallies go from strength to strength. At present we
are getting 15 to 20 vans every rally and we have had a
30% increase in membership over the last 12 months.

There have been some changes to the Committee and
some re-organisation of positions. To those who are
taking a well earned rest, on behalf of the club we
thank you for all your hard work. To the new members,
welcome, there's a lot of work to do. Your predecessors
have set the bar very high, but I know that you are up to
the task
Once again...We have a great year ahead

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November 2008 Butterfly Farm Wilberforce



A record 23 vans plus 2 pairs of day visitors attended the rally and AGM at the Butterfly Farm in Wilberforce.

One does have to wonder whether this is because there was one nomination for each position, making voting unnecessary and also negating the requirement of nominations called for from those attending.

As usual, the rally kicked off on the Friday, which was scorchingly hot. The majority of members arrived during the afternoon and socialising soon got underway, with a very well attended Happy Hour.

Saturday morning saw a welcome change in the weather, cooling significantly. The AGM soon got underway and there were some changes to the committee. The front page of this newsletter lists the new committee members.



Once the formalities were over, the membership settled down to enjoy a continental sausage sizzle. Sudden strong wind gusts saw everyone race to secure or pull down their awnings.



The rest of the afternoon was spent in various ways, some members exploring the park and surrounds, others playing golf and some just relaxing before Happy Hour brought us all back together in an ever-expanding circle.



Sunday morning brought the usual packing up and a leisurely morning tea before the majority headed for home, some having the luxury of staying an extra day or two.



Live your life in such a way that when your feet hit the ground in the morning the devil shudders and says "Damn, she's awake"

December 2008 Stockton Beach

Our Christmas Rally saw another excellent roll up of 23 vans. Most arrived on the Friday afternoon, with constant heavy rain putting a dampener on celebrations. Happy Hour was held in the camp kitchen, which became very crowded with other campers joining in the festivities. A late and very loud night was had by many.



Saturday morning dawned with showers easing. A great deal of time was spent setting up a shelter for our evening Christmas Dinner as we expected the camp kitchen to be well utilized by tent dwellers. Everyone pitched in and a large area was covered and then decorated with Christmas lights and



decorations. The afternoon saw the rain disappearing completely which left the camp kitchen deserted. Happy Hour was spent under our own shelter – now providing necessary shade.



We were then able to move our dinner to the camp kitchen, with more room and tables provided. Once again our chef, Gary Blinco, excelled himself in creating a gourmet meal – with the assistance of a band of helpers. A very enjoyable evening ensued, topped off by delicious Christmas pudding, courtesy of Jeanette and other tasty desserts provided by Joan.



Our raffle was drawn by Ian, ably assisted by 2 attractive attendants.



One of the highlights of the evening (for the women) was that the men were called upon to do the dishes! Surprisingly, there was quite a band of volunteers.



The members then retired to our own shelter, beautifully lit by Christmas lights, for several hours of laughter and general frivolity. The morning saw a few sore heads helping to pack down our shelter, followed by a delicious lunch of Christmas dinner left-overs. A few members were lucky enough to be able to stay on, but the majority headed for home with happy memories of a delightful Christmas get-together and the close of another wonderful year of memorable rallies.

*Life should **NOT** be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive and well preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways - Chardonnay in one hand - chocolate in the other - body thoroughly used up, totally worn out and screaming 'WOO HOO, What a Ride'*

January 2009
Oberon
Australia Day Weekend

Another well-attended rally saw 18 vans congregating at Oberon, a favourite site for our club rallies. As this is such a beautiful park surrounded by magnificent countryside with a large variety of activities, many of our members elected to spend extra time here on either side of our long-weekend rally.



Again we all gathered for Happy Hour on the Friday evening, with lots of gossip and catching up with fellow members.

Saturday morning saw 11 vehicles in convoy, headed by our beloved “yellow flag leader”, tackling the renowned “6 Foot Track”, a predominantly walking trail now opened up to 4-wheel-drive vehicles. After driving through a short but heavy rainstorm (which settled the dust) we met up with Rob and Jeanette and then waited for John Walker’s annual tyre change. It was decided by Kevin and Leonie to leave their Subaru at the top, there being much debate on Ian’s description of a ‘moderate’ drive.



The trip down was somewhat challenging (not for Ian or Ben) with 3 creek crossings. We then arrived at the Cox’s River campground where we indulged in a picnic lunch in the shade. Ian and Frank had to force the lock on one of the amenities to relieve the pressure on the long line of those waiting.



Those foolhardy enough went on a short but hard bushwalk to the suspension bridge, with those brave enough actually making the crossing (go Annie). The rest elected to stay and paddle in the river, with the temperature steadily climbing to around 35.

Back to the welcome shade of the caravan park with a very pleasant Happy Hour ensuing. Entertainment was provided by a nearby tent dweller and 2 beautiful dancers (Ron & Ann Weal’s granddaughters) and the discussion as to whose rod was “biggest”



For those who required more exercise, indoor tennis was arranged after dinner, with 7 members taking part.



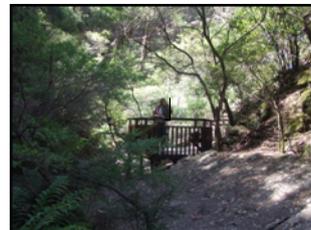
Sunday morning dawned sunny, but cooler. The majority of members drove to Jenolan Caves and several took part in a tour through Lucas Cave containing over 900 stairs, while others

walked around the Blue Lake. Lunch followed at the caves and then a drive of some 30k to Kanan-
gra Walls. The scenery was spectacular but there was NO FENCE keeping onlookers away from
the sheer cliff. Those of us somewhat gripped by vertigo were rather anxious.



A strenuous descent of over 400 stairs took us to the waterfall, a cool and peace-
ful haven, but then we had to climb back up!

Ian graciously offered to lead 4 vehicles on another
4-wheel-drive adventure as some members had missed
out yesterday. This drive was more
challenging down the Kowmung Track,
but very much enjoyed by those taking
part. There was even time for Frank to
enjoy his own “happy hour” whilst
waiting for the rest to catch up.



All then congregated back at the park for Happy Hour, with all members wandering off for dinner
and most having an early night after a big day.



Monday morning – HAPPY AUSTRALIA DAY.
A beautiful morning saw us all gather for a
traditional Australia Day morning tea – lamingtons
and damper.



We all then adjourned to the O’Connell pub, meeting up
with Elizabeth and Sue, for a very delicious lunch. Some
already had their vans hitched as it was on their way home.
Unfortunately most of us had to head for home after a very
eventful weekend.

To read the full, no holds barred,
unedited, warts and all, version
of this rally report [CLICK HERE](#)
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Coromal Caravan Club's

BIGGEST LOSER

Rules

- (1) Entry fee \$20. Winner takes all.
- (2) Winner will be the biggest loser as a percentage of their weigh-in weight.
- (3) Official weigh in will be at Killalea Rally (those unable to attend can phone their weight in (02) 9987-4045 and please be honest).
- (4) Final weigh-in at the Christmas rally (before dinner).
- (5) Kate will be official weigh-in-person. All actual weights will be kept confidential only percentage loss/gain will be listed.
- (6) Persons in purple dressing gowns will have 5 kg added to their weekly weights.
- (7) The President has the last say (if Kate lets him).

Helpful Hints

One of the easiest and most delicious ways to bring variety, colour and texture to your diet is through fruits and vegetables. They're nutritious and are believed to protect you against illnesses such as heart disease and cancer.

Fruits and vegetables also bring a good dose of fibre to your diet which is important for healthy digestion and helps stave off hunger. The following recipe is from Weight watchers and is "points free". It is delicious served either hot or cold can be made in bulk, frozen and thawed as required:

*2 x 400g cans chopped tomatoes
1 onion, chopped
2 garlic cloves, crushed
2 carrots, chopped
2 sticks of celery, chopped
2 zucchini, chopped
4 cups chicken or vegetable stock
Chilli flakes (optional) to taste
Cooked peas and/or beans (optional)*

Combine all ingredients (except peas and beans) in a saucepan over a medium heat . Season with salt and black pepper and cook for about 20 minute. Transfer to a food processor and blend until smooth or if a "textured" soup is preferred, blend in the pan with a "stick blender" Add peas and beans if you are using them and stir over a low heat until hot.

The Seven Dwarves of Menopause



Itchy, Bitchy, Sweaty, Sleepy, Bloated, Forgetful & Psycho