



Committee for 2011-2012



A Bi-Monthly Insight into the adventures of Coromal Caravan

Coromal Capers

Welcome to my first edition of the Coromal Capers. I am just a beginner, so please be patient with me. This newsletter is to be a source for all members to keep in touch with what's happening with other members and what is happening in the club, so I need you all to contribute to the newsletter. I have included some new sections that need input. Member's news, birthdays, for sale, recommendations.

With Members news, if you hear of news from another member, let me know so I can share it with the club. Let's try and nurture the family values again in the club.

For sale, if you have any caravan accessories or parts you want to sell, let me know. Please keep it brief and include you email or mobile. (no photos, you can email when contacted).

Recommendations: Have you found a great free camp or caravan park you would like tell us about. Or it could even be an event i.e.: festival or show.

With each newsletter I will give a date for the deadline for the next issue, so you know when to send in your articles. I do ask that rally hosts keep their rally reports to one page only and please include photos, if the reports are several pages, it makes the whole newsletter to long and hard to down load on some computers.

I am presently trying to compile a list of **birthdays**, if I haven't seen you and asked you, could you please email me you birth dates and please don't be offended if I have missed yours this time around I am working hard to collate all this info.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.
Janice

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Upcoming Rallies...

September 7th—9th
Camden Poplars Tourist Park - General Meeting
Host: Deborah and Robert Knoke
Booking close ASAP.

September/October 28th—1st
Belanglo, Bush camping. AGM
Host: Needed.

November 2nd—4th
Mannering Park, Monterey Caravan park
Host: Les and Lyn Howe.

November/December 30th—2nd
Rydal Showground
Christmas rally
Host: Committee.

Club Merchandise:

The following items are available at all Rallies, see Les if you which to purchase.

Club Jacket	\$45
Club Shirt	\$35
Club Cap	\$12
Club Beanies	\$12

Stickers	
Caravan Club	\$9.50
Do Not Over Take Turning Vehicle	
Long or Square	\$12
UHF 18	\$1.50
Club web address with .org.au	\$5

Dates to Remember

National Caravans Club Rally at Rockhampton

Dates: September Monday 23rd to October Wednesday 2nd. 2013.

Penny is the rally Co-ordinator, and she has all the details and payment information.

I would encourage everyone to think about attending, it is a wonderful experience.

Annual General Meeting

Date: 29th September.

Why not consider nominating for a committee position.

All nominations to be lodged with the Secretary Margaret by 1st September 2012.

Penrith Caravan, Camping and Holiday Expo Show

Dates: 7th to 9th September 2012

Held at Penrith Panthers - Molgoa Road, Penrith.

Deadline for the next Edition of Coromal Capers

Belanglo State Forest rally.

Members Recommendations

Have you been to a free camp or caravan park or visited a town, that you would like to share with us all.

Ken and Coleen Sheppard recommend:

Kennilworth Showground, Qld.

Information: \$14 per night with all amenities, power and water. Kennilworth is driving distance to Sunshine Coast, Noosa, Eumundy Markets.

Doug and Joan Cramp:

Campfires and Country Music Festival.

Information: Easter weekend. \$90 pp for the full weekend, including Free camping, you can arrive a few days early for no extra cost at Hartwood. Hartwood is 160km SW of Tamworth or 40k's north of Coolah.

Doug and Joan say it was a wonderful weekend and highly recommend it.

Anna Bay Rally - June 2012

Keeping you posted>>>

Members News

Darryl and Margaret, have a new addition to there family and she was being desexed today. Bella.

Margaret Raasch, became a great grandmother in May to a baby boy, Edward.

Rob and Jeanette Noack became grandparents again to a baby girl in the States.

Robert and Jeanette Burton/Brown, had a bad car accident recently, they were both Ok,

Leonie and Kevin's 16 week old granddaughter Imogen has been very sick in hosipital. Please keep her in your prayers.



Wow...What can we say about the memorable Anna Bay rally? Wendy and I arrived early on Wednesday as



Morpeth horse & buggy ride

we wanted to catch up with friends and rellies that live in the area as well as calling at the visitor information centre to find out what was on and where. As always, the staff at the information centre were most helpful and helped us plan quite a few activities which we

felt would be of interest to members.

Port Stephens was a hive of activity over this weekend as the Country Music Festival was on as well as the start to the whale watching season and a multitude of other fun things to do. The only thing we didn't know was how many members were coming to the rally and what the weather was going to do. At this stage it was raining on and off and quite windy (bit of a worry).

We set up our van and soon afterwards Robert & Jeanette Noack arrived with Jeanette's brother Jim and two of their friends, Reece and Leonie (the latter in a Jayco van). They had been touring Queensland and decided to join in the rally on their way back home.

We checked with the van park office who told us that they were expecting 20+ vans so we thought at this stage that it was going to be pretty busy (and here was Wendy and I with our "L" plates on as we hadn't hosted a rally before). On Friday however we learned that only 4 vans were expected which included ours.

On Friday the weather had improved and the sun started to break through. Geoff & Jan and Les & Lyn arrived and, as



Happy Hour

usual we all got together for happy hour. For those who may not have been to Anna Bay before, they have a brilliant camp kitchen with a huge TV so, later in the evening, Les and I were able to watch the Friday night football whilst carrying on the grand tradition of happy hour.

Saturday morning we awoke to clear blue sky's and sunshine. We all met for morning tea and Lyn (bless her socks) made up two batches of warm muffins while Jeanette arrived with pikelets. Some of us visited the historic town of Morpeth, which was hosting an art exhibition displaying floral and wildlife by top rating local artists (it was a stunning exhibition). We also visited the many and varied other shops in Morpeth (a most enjoyable day).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

August
 3rd Jim Scott
 10th Fred Flaherty
 13th Sue Milne
 24th Joan Cramp

September
 4th Martin Castles
 16th John Clarke
 18th Deborah Knoke
 22nd Shirley Martin
 26th Belle Scott
 28th Robert Knoke

If I have missed your birthday, I do apologise, if you have not given me your birthday, send me an email and I will add you to the list.

Anna Bay continued>>>>

Some of the others went to the music festival in Port Stephens while Kevin & Leonie who arrived late on Saturday morning (*after we had all departed*) went on a whale watching cruise.



Les finds it all too much to bear

In the evening we all decided to go to the local West Diggers club and enjoy a three course meal and some of the entertainment being provided that night. Great value for just \$15 per head.

Sunday morning we awoke again to a beautiful sunny morning and got together in the camp kitchen where Les & Lyn cooked up a feed of bacon & eggs etc *for themselves* which had the rest of us drooling.



The great gum boot throw off



Practice on the beach

Some thought the object of the competition was to throw the boot as high as you could (instead of as far as you could) while others thought it was to throw the boot on the roof of the camp kitchen. At the end of the competition however winners were declared which was Geoff for the men and Jan for the ladies (husband and wife team). We can only guess what they do in their spare time. Good fun was had by all.



The happy group

Later in the day most of us went to Tomaree markets and then on to Nelson Bay to listen to the performers in the country music festival and browse the shops. On the way home we stopped off at Murrays Brewery where we sampled a few beers and wines and listened to a bit more country music entertainment.



The best fish and chips ever



Quiz winners: Lyn, Kevin, Reece, Wendy

We arranged a feed of what we all agreed were the best fish & chips we have ever tasted followed by an enthusiastic round of "beer bottle top trivia". We divided into three teams of four with yours truly acting as quiz master. Once again it was a hard fought competition (competitive lot that we are) with only a few points separating each team. The competition was won by the team consisting of Kevin, Wendy, Reece and Lyn. Les provided trophies for the winners while Jan provided pots of honey and the hosts provided chocolates. Monday morning the rain returned whilst most were packing up to head for home. The consensus was however, that having a great time at a rally is not about how many are present or what the weather does, but is about enjoying each others companionship and good humor.



Leonie - proud grandma

Christmas in July continued >>>

We must have towed the sunshine down with us as on Friday and over the weekend the weather was sunny. But with somewhat crisp mornings and nights with a good frost to be had across the paddocks especially on Sunday morning.

Everyone was in good spirits and the new extension and kitchen recently added on to the showground's pavilion served us well. Doug Andrews, my 2iC at work and a local lad from Robo (Robertson) brought two fire drums



and a supply of wood down for us on the Friday night and even came back with extra wood for us early on Saturday morning...! Much to the delight of our men folk who had the fire stocked up and ready for circling the camp chairs headed by our fire chief Neville. Most of our women folk called it a day and went in search of their flannelette, fluffy bed socks and electric blankets early on Friday night due to the extreme temperatures? But some of our boy's being true Australian males bunkered down around the fire and discussed life in general until the wee small hours of the morning. Friday afternoon and Saturday morning was knitting and natter time. Also on Saturday we were treated to crock pot lessons on how to cook a lamb roast suitable for Tom Cruise by our current master chefs Lynn and Les. Later most of us went exploring and visited Fountaindale Manor, where they were also celebrating Christmas in July.. The up market guest house and gardens were decked out with all the trimmings and plenty of Christmas cheer including speciality shops. (So nice of them to put on such a good show for the club's visit to Robertson) Sadly the ice rink was closed due to a technical fault, disappointing for some who fancied a quick twirl. Our general meeting on Saturday afternoon went well and happy hour soon followed. We sat down for our Christmas dinner at 6:30pm and as per normal what appear from caravans and car fridges was just truly amazing and in true Coromal Club fashion there was enough food to feed a cast of thousands..!



Christmas in July - Fountaindale Manor, Robertson

Judging of the best dressed caravan competition commenced after dinner and Robert and I were pleased to announce the winners:

1st prize - Lynn and Les who created a light's show better than NASA! Les's swirly light effect thing could be seen from outer space and provided a definite "Beam me up Scottie" moment as it twirled a round with their lighting show bouncing off not only their Coromal, the shed and the whole of Robertson.



Does this outfit make my bum look big?

2nd prize - Neville and Val who pulled out all the show stoppers, dec's, dolls and teddy bears.

3rd prize went to Merrilee and John as not only was the caravan looking good, but they had even dressed the dogs up like canine Christmas trees..

Well done to all those that entered and got into the spirit of the weekend...! Sunday morning Les again held cooking classes on how to cook Sunday bacon and eggs with four broken fingers..? After breakfast it was a case of who was in whose car as most of us ladies disappeared up to the local market being held in the main street. Left over's for lunch and more catching up in the sun.. Slowly it was time to disconnect the power leads, pack up, awnings down and hitching up for some, while others stayed until Monday..

A most enjoyable weekend.....Safe Travels..!

Deborah & Robert Knoke

Camden NSW

- Thanks to Les and Lynn for forwarding photos of the weekend for our report and for the slide show..



Les contemplating how to crack the eggs

Christmas in July - Robertson NSW

Written by: Deborah Knoke

Rally Venue: "Christmas in July" Robertson Showground, Robertson

Date of Rally: 7 - 9th July 2012

It was "jingle bells all the way" for our Christmas in July rally held at Robertson showground in the Southern Highlands of NSW.

We had 9 members turn up with their vans in tow with 3 lots of visitors attending for the meeting held on Saturday afternoon, who also stayed for our Christmas in July feast. So in all it was a great turnout considering we have so many of our members "living the dream" at the moment out on the open road.



Darryl, Margaret, Neville and Val were able to set up camp on Thursday and Robert & I got there with the Queen Mary on Friday just before lunch. Val said they had experienced one hell of a Thursday night with high winds and heavy rains and neither pair had dared to venture out of their caravans. So on the Thursday night it was a case of awnings down or else...?

BIG SALE



For Sale:

Do you have any caravan or camping bits and pieces you would like to sell. Advertise it here.

Annex. \$500. from a 652 Princeton. This canvas annex is in good condition, no rips or tears. Does not include the de-flappers. It has two doors with the extra flyscreen doors and two windows. It also includes the white skirting. Photos available or you can inspect it. Contact Stephen and Janice on 0405 453 017 or email janicemacm@bigpond.com.

Cammec Cover: Suitable for Coromal Pioneer Silhoutte camper trailer. In good condition \$70

Bench top small electric toaster/oven: Never used \$20

Disco camp beds x 2: Fold up into bag, full size ideal for grand kids in the annex. In good condition. \$50 for the pair. Contact Deborah Knoke for the above 3 items. 0428 974 366 or Email rknoke@netspace.net.au



Patonga Rally - 10th-12th August

Written by: Janice Macmahon

Rally Hosts: Les and Lyn

What can I say about the weather, it did not let us down, as usual on rally weekend it rains, and yes the skies opened and down the rain came along with 80 to 100km p/hour gusts of wind. Hence no awnings out this weekend.

Even though the weather was not so good, we had 9 vans, including first time visitors Pauline and Ron from the Blue Mountains who have been caravanning for 30 plus years. Pauline and Ron enjoyed there visit and are hoping to come back for the Camden rally.



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Patonga Rally Continued>>>>

We did not let the rain deter us, on Friday night we all went to the pub for happy hour and dinner. It was lovely and warm with the wood fire burning. Saturday morning the rain stayed away for a while and let us have morning tea in comfort. The seas were so rough we weren't able to catch the ferry over to Avoca, so most of us headed to Ettalong markets and a bit of site seeing around the area.



Poor Val had been feeling unwell and had to go to Gosford hospital (last time I spoke to Neville, they were hoping she would be home on Wednesday). Val our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Stephen a while to get it out, not before it left its calling card as well. So Stephen and Doug both had new birds for the weekend....haha.

Saturday night Les and Stephen went out and got Fish and Chips and we all fitted in to Doug and Joan's annex for happy hour and dinner.



Sunday morning was morning tea in Doug and Joan's annex again after morning tea some of the workers left and 5 vans stayed on to Monday.

The bird life were very friendly with ducks running around everywhere. Doug and Joan had an unwanted visitor to there annex, they went out on Sunday and came home to find a bird locked in. Joan was not happy as it left many calling cards on her chair.



Monday morning came and nice blue skies, no wind or rain, it was a beautiful and we all headed home.

Monday morning while we were packing up a bird got in our van and it took Doug and

Thanks to Les and Lyn for a great weekend and being great hosts.