



Summerland Ramblings

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1 Noel Campbell
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6 Shirley Campbell
14 Elaine Goodman
20 Stan Leach
21 Christine Russell
22 Ian Finch
26 Brenda Nebauer

April 26th MEETING—PICNIC

The next meeting will be at Missingham Park Ballina, starting at 10.30am with the meeting starting at 11.00 am. Usual place (if we get there early enough) . BYO food, drinks, chairs, tables etc. **Don't forget to bring some ideas for 2010 rallies also.**

Club Shirts and Jackets.

These can be ordered with Brenda Nebauer. Shirts come in 2 styles, with sleeves and without sleeves for prices see Brenda. Prices do not include the logo embroidery which is to be replaced with a cloth badge and is included and should be fitted to the right chest. Delivery is about 3 weeks from when we order. A fair bit shorter than our previous supplier.

CIL Insurance.

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2009 Travellers.

Paul and Jill are off on a 3 month extended tour to all places somewhere between Ballina and Darwin. Colin and Margaret are off to Europe for about 7 weeks.

Upcoming 2009 Rallies and Picnic/Meetings
Bookings/Enquiries

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April 26th Meeting/Picnic Venue Missingham Park Ballina. Arrive 10.30am for a 11.00am start.

April 30—May 3 Celtic Festival We only have one name for this rally, Hollands if there are no other participants this rally will be cancelled.

June 19—26th Brisbane Sights. A very good roll up for this rally. Smith, Macdonald, Grant, Wort, Holland, Leach, Campbell, Finch and Russell. This rally includes a Brisbane Ports Tour.

July 18—29th Jumpers & Jazz Festival Warwick QLD. Heaton, Campbells.

August 30—October 20 The Big Event 2009. Broken Hill, Yorke Peninsula, Victoria. Hill, Saunders, Leach, Macdonald, Smith Nicholson.

September. A short rally for those not going on the BIG ONE. Need suggestions for this one maybe Woollie or Kingscliffe. **A weekend or a week. Let Kevin know your preference.**

November 27—29th Christmas Rally. Corindi Beach near Red Rock. You can arrive early or depart late. We will be having Christmas Dinner at the local hotel approx. \$20 per person. Smith, Hill, May, Bradley, Grant, Wort, Leach, Heaton, Butcher, Campbell, Paull.

Please let Kevin know if your name is not down and you intend to participate in any of the above rallies.

Don't forget that we need suggestions for future rallies in 2010, if you know of somewhere interesting please let the Rallymaster Kevin Hill know.

State Rally at Lennox Head 2010.

Our negotiations with the Park Management and Council have resulted in a pricing of \$20/night site fees and a 20% discount on cabins including before and after the Rally weekend bookings.

So far we have approx. 160 bookings from other clubs for this rally, with another 35 on the waiting list. We are going to need a 100% commitment from our members up to and including the rally.

Some members/volunteers will be required from about the Wednesday/Thursday prior to the rally for logistical purposes to assist the Park personnel with positioning the vans in their correct sites in the park.

PLEASE NOTE.

If you find that your circumstances change and you are unable to attend a rally that you have registered for, please advise the Rally Master as soon as possible.

Also if you intend to invite guests/visitors on a rally please advise the Rally Master.

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N.S.W. STATE CARAVAN RALLY 2009.

Held at Berry, near Nowra, March 2009.

Compiled by **John Grant**.

Sunday, Our first meeting place was **Coopernook State Forest**, where we met up with the Leach's, Finch's, Russell's and MacDonald's, an enjoyable evening, in a pleasant rest area.

Next morning, **Monday**, we made our way south, stopping at "Ayres Rock"? for morning tea, "Pies", then through Newcastle to Swansea where we stayed for 2 nights at **Swansea Holiday Caravan Park**.

Good sites overlooking Lake Macquarie, Happy hours, Site seeing and Disc Bowls practice.

Tuesday, we were on our way through Sydney, taking several different routes but we all arrived at **Berry** at a similar time, where we met the Hills, Nebauer's, Bradley's and Smith's, we then all proceeded to enter the **Berry Showground**, and were shown to our sites. The next few days were spent relaxing, sightseeing and shopping, before the rally started.

On the **Friday** Evening, most dressed for Black Friday 13th Entertainment and Hot Beef Rolls, lots of Black Cats etc. The highlight of the night was the Guest Speaker, Darren Flanagan, the Explosives Expert, who was successful in blasting to within 30cm of Brant Webb and Todd Russell, who were trapped underground in the Beaconsfield Mine Disaster, in Tasmania.

Darren gave the most dramatic and detailed description of the time he was involved in the rescue. He held over 300 people spellbound for 2 hours and there was hardly a dry eye in the hall, he also was very emotional. I personally become extremely overcome when I try to tell friends of this mans bravery, and successful result, a night we all will never forget.

Saturday we were all up early looking forward to the day's events; Flag raising, and the Disc Bowls Competition, we were represented by David and Christine Russell, who made it through to the Semi-Final, unfortunately beaten by the Blue Mountains team, well done David and Christine. That night we were entertained by the Shoalhaven Show Biz Kids, we were impressed with their talent, and all enjoyed the show.

Every one dressed in Pink or Blue in recognition of the Breast Cancer, and Prostate Cancer Support Groups, a good Roast Dinner, and Sweets, and Wine was served, followed by entertainment by a Guitarist and Singer, much dancing and singing, a Happy time was had by all.

Sunday: Trading Tables, Flag lowering and Presentations saw a successful Rally close, all to quickly, for all the effort that goes into the organising of these Rallies, we would like to see more activities take place over the 3 days, something we should think about for 2010. The Summerland Caravan Club stayed till **Tuesday**, after which we all went on our way, some in different directions, 7 went onto **Broke in the Hunter Valley**, some visited the wineries, but the highlight was the **Hunter Valley Gardens**, a must see if you are ever in the region.



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Thursday: Smiths, Finch's, Leach's, and Grant's went on to **Nundle**, Kevin who was as crook as a chook, and Leigh threatening to kill him if he passed it on to anyone especially her, and Brenda and Barry, and Ken and Fay, stayed for an extra night. **Nundle Caravan Park**, was a pleasure to stay in, the amenities 5 star. We all visited the **Woollen Mill** and were amazed at the old machinery, still in working order, and then we settled in at the local

pub for Happy Hour, next day we drove up to the lookout and the old Chinese built dams.

Friday night we all, that is the unknown 12? had Dinner at the Hotel, which was enjoyed by all.

Saturday, we were all ready to leave when Stan discovered he had somehow locked his Key in his Pathfinder, Isabel had a spare key with the remote attached which would not unlock the car, there were no keyholes in the doors, Ian's hearing aid batteries being of the same size were of no help so Stan rang the NRMA. Who had to come out from Tamworth, the mechanic scratched his head and then looked up his book on what to do next, a big smile crossed his face as he pointed out to Stan a secret keyhole, very cunningly concealed, which Stan had no idea was there, all's well that ends well. Finally 5 vans left Nundle, Ken and Fay stopping at **Armidale** to visit friends, Leach's, Finch's, Smith's and Grants going on to **Ebor**, where we stayed at the Rest Area opposite the Fall's turnoff. Ian and Chris were lucky to park their van on a "Heat Pad", it was quite cool at Ebor. Then we all gathered wood for a Campfire, a few showers did not dampen our spirits, and we were able to sit around the fire toasting Marshmallows, supplied by Chris. A very enjoyable evening was had by all, it rained that night but dawned a fine sunny day, we all said our goodbyes as we made off home, from a very successful rally.

P.S. Leigh should have killed Kevin because he passed his wog on to her, and now she is as crook as a chook.

Attendees. Kevin & Leigh Hill, John & Beverley Grant, Ian & Christine Finch, David & Christine Russell, Bob & Sue Smith, Colin & Margaret Paull, Stan & Isabel Leach, Paul & Jill Bradley, Ken & Fay Macdonald, Barry & Brenda Nebauer.



2010 Presentation



Friday 13th I hope its harmless.





HARTWOOD REPORT

EASTER WEEKEND IN APRIL 2009

Everybody seemed to have their own agenda for getting to this rally, Roaches travelled via **Armidale** to visit family, Hollands via **Tenterfield** to attend the Oracles Of The Bush with other club members, Hills via **Coffs Harbour** where they were to attend a meeting which had to be cancelled due to the flooding around the area, Smiths followed the official route and were met by the Saunders in **Moree** who could not leave on the official date due to home commitments and Paulls were also held up (work commitments).

We travelled from home to Moree with an overnight stop at **Boggabilla** to meet up with Sue & Bob Smith who had been enjoying their stay at the hot springs at Moree, a little difficulty meeting up with them as Bev was on channel 20 on the CB – how quickly we forget. The weather was kind to us and we made good time and decided to full up the petrol tanks at **Gunnedah** where Bob drove a bit close to the air hose and damaged the side of his van, it was not until we stopped at **Premer** that Sue noticed that one of their side windows was also shattered and a quick tape up job needed to be done (Golden Spanner Points). Leigh and Kevin arrived later on in the afternoon and then there were three. We took a walk over to the shed where they were serving hot meals – looked like good value - and where they had some entertainment, stayed for a while and then home to bed.

In the morning vans were pulling out everywhere to be on their way, and get the best spots, we did not hurry and left about 9am to travel the short distance to Paul McLeod's farm "**Hartwood**". We were in a line of cars for about ½ hour before we reached the gate to enter the property but managed to get the same position we were when last there 3 years ago, close to water and toilet.

Hills, Hollands, Smiths and Saunders went into **Coonabarabran** for the day on Wednesday and had a nice meal at the local hotel.

All the members of our group had arrived by Thursday and Kevin cooked a lovely camp stew which we all enjoyed and Jean cooked a very good damper (I hear she has been practising). Later some went up to the campfire to listen to Tom Maxwell and others for a few hours that night, On Friday night we had Dancing Under The Stars with Peter Horan playing lovely music, this was held up at the farmhouse with quite a few up enjoying the dancing.

Saturday started at 9am and went until about 4pm with various artists on all day except for an hour break for lunch, the only problem was that it took 1 ½ hours to get a meal (Pie and chips). I think everybody enjoyed the day and the music.

Margaret & Colin brought along the big tarp and tables and we sat talking and making up fans for the bags to be given out at the State Rally next year, we were instructed on how to make them from Jean who already had a number of them that she has completed. In all I think we made up about 70-80 before we ran out of cards to use.

Sunday's concert commenced at about 8.30am with some spiritual songs for Easter Sunday then back into the Country songs, some were up there for the whole day but I didn't go up until after lunch and managed to hear my two favourites Hank Kooperman & Marie and Peter Horan.

There were a few showers of rain but it did not stop people from enjoying themselves.

The rain started on Sunday night and did not stop until Tuesday morning dull and grey, the only thing to do was watch some DVD's. Jean & John left on Monday morning to go back to Armidale, Hollands left to go see Dawn's mother, and Margaret and Colin made the trip back home.

The rest of us left on Tuesday morning when at last the sun was shining but the road out was still very slippery and red mud. Smiths were on their way to **Uralla** and Saunders and Hills headed for **Ebor** for the night (raining again when we got there). On Wednesday morning we woke to a misty morning but fine, when we were ready we drove to **Ebor Falls**, lovely picnic grounds and lots of water coming over the falls, lovely spot. From here we headed to **Grafton** to visit an old friend of ours for a cup of tea and went out separate ways from here, Hills headed out east to the coast and home and we went up the Summerland Highway to Woodenbong for the night, very muddy here but we managed to find a spot which was reasonably firm. Arrived home at about midday on Thursday.

Bev Saunders

Attendees: Bev & Reg Saunders, Bob & Sue Smith, Kevin & Leigh Hill, Bob & Dawn Holland, John & Jean Roach, Colin & Margaret Paull.



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