

Celebrating the 32nd CCCQ Inc. State Rally 2007

Queenslanders go Nuts in Kingaroy!

Host Clubs:

Karramar, Explorers, Sunshine, South East & Carousel Members are to be congratulated on the excellent manner in which they organized the event.

This really was a celebration as it was the first time Members of all 28 affiliated Clubs of Queensland attended a State Rally. 284 vans in all.

Because the Rally was held over a week, entertainment was provided over five nights. Crazy Whist, Trivia concert by some members from the Queensland Caravan Club was provided prior to the opening ceremony. .



A contingent from all Clubs gathered at O'Neill Square for a controlled street march through the CBD escorted by the Kingaroy Police and led by the CCCQ, followed by the Host Clubs then all other attending Clubs, carrying their Banners and Flags acknowledging the cheers and applause from the Kingaroy locals and business houses.

The open air "Opening Ceremony" was attended by dignitaries from the local community and Chief Executive Officer of Caravanning Queensland, Ron Chapman and wife Jan Two representatives from each of the Twenty eight Clubs proudly presented their Flag or Banner to be flown during the Rally.

This was followed by Club Skits, ably compared by Patrick Hetherman of Queensland Caravan Club Inc.

Saturday dawned with many Club members looking forward to the annual Disc Bowls Competition.

After a very close competition and the CCCQ President, Ken McNab being defeated in the Semi Finals, Coolum Club outright winners with Suncoast runners up.

Under the guidance of Les Usher (Karramar) our "Crafty Club Members" set up their stalls displaying a wide range of excellent hand crafted items. This delighted the shoppers and they were soon buying gifts ready for Christmas.

Stall holders were very happy with the results of their efforts.

The fourteen Trade exhibitors displayed Caravans, Caravan Accessories, Generators, Water Filters, Annex Matting, Cars & Van wash, Laundry wash Balls and Stain Remover, to Lock & Lock storage containers and others.

Interesting and informative Seminars were conducted by Ron Chapman and, Springer 12Volt Specialists and an impressive display by the Fire Brigade.

On site Meals were available and supplied by local organizations.

Closing Ceremony on Sunday Morning was well attended however we were subjected to unseasonable very unkind weather in fact it was almost a heat wave. But like true Caravanners we soldiered on.

The representative of the Royal Flying Doctor Service spoke on how important this service is to travelers and thanked the Combined Caravan Clubs of Queensland Inc. and affiliated Club Members for the wonderful donation of \$4000.00.

The monster Raffle Drawing was a streamlined operation with Prizes totaling 68 items including two Caravan Washing Machines, Navman, Flat Screen T.V. plus donations from Exhibitors and Clubs. and was drawn in a record sixteen minutes. The comments were "What a fantastic effort". And the winners collected their prizes after the Rally was officially closed.

Daily the Jay walkers group set off to explore the town. The State Rally Newsletter appeared on our doorsteps with the latest news and updates

About half the vans stayed on after the official closing taking the chance to visit the surrounding districts attractions, Bunya Mountains, Cheese, Wine, Biscuit Manufactures and last but not least the ever popular Kingaroy Peanut Van.

Lady Flo signing memorabilia



During the Rally a variety of Bus tours were offered with the Tour of Bethany, home of the late Sir Joh Bjelke-Petersen, guided by son John proved to be very popular.

On arrival at the homestead Lady Flo greeted and invited us to sample her infamous Pumpkin scones (these days baked by Daughter in Law). Most people on the tour took the opportunity to view Sir Joh's last resting place.

The Shopper Dockets were a guide to the amount of money spent in the town of Kingaroy and district. This has been estimated to be in the vicinity of between \$150,000 and \$200,000.00.

Congratulations Caravanners for helping to boost the local economy.

Vice President Jim Hogan announced the 2008 State Rally venue will be Rockhampton Showground, September 24th to October 1st 2008.

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