

Welcome to our visitors

A very big welcome to everyone, and to our first timers, you are the new life blood to our rally. Please join in, sit next to strangers, make conversation and make friends. I would ask everyone to mix during the week and make new friends. We are also blessed to have a big roll up of many who are here for their second or more times. You are the backbone of the rally. The Lake Macquarie Ramblers nearly have ownership of the rally. Many will be lifetime friends for our mob.

A huge thank you to the Clarence Valley Council for their generosity in providing us with a grant. The Council is very appreciative of your visit, and the input you have to our economy.

This year you will have to pay for your Jacaranda Program. It is \$2.00 at our office. It is worth getting as the committee have a heap of new, wonderful events for you. I have listed a few on page 10 but there is a lot more you may be interested in.

In finishing, I would like to thank all our visitors for being such wonderful, friendly people. Spread the word and come back again. Travel safe, be happy and keep as healthy as old age allows us.

Lorraine – coordinator 2019

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HOUSEKEEPING and CONSIDERATIONS

Sunday 27th Sign ins: report to the office on arrival with CMCA membership card.

Sign in for: Friday night dinner, lunches, finska, disc bowls, 10 pin bowling and free Hearing tests. There will be a few tour seats still available, and you can still book for the BBQ breakfast until Thursday. Pick up booked pre-paid BBQ Breakfast tickets.

Electric cord tagging: bring cord to undercover area if you did not have it ready on entry.

CMCA membership cards must be worn in the undercover area and at activities. Security of your belongings is important, and your card distinguishes you

Dogs – please pick up any poo from your dog, and that at night they are quiet so that everyone around you can sleep. Dogs must be on leashes and **are not** permitted in the fenced Greyhound track area.

Toilet cassettes – the dump point is next to the undercover area. **The Grafton Heights people have access to the jockey club toilets during daylight hours** but under no circumstances are permitted to dump cassettes into these toilets. Ring Barry on 0402 462 629, or Ted on 0407302946 so one of them will come and pick

you and your cassette up and drive you to the dump point. Hours- 8.00am to 3.00pm.

Water: fill your tank, then disconnect your hose. No permanent connects are permitted during the week.

Gas refills: we will take bottles for refills to town on Wednesday and Friday. They may be left at the office, your name and site on the bottle, and \$22.00 left for the refill payment. They will be returned to your site, or the office if you are away.

2020 Rally Bookings taken on Thursday. \$40 deposit is refundable up until the 30th April 2020. Choose and book your site – conditions apply.

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OUR ENTERTAINERS

Welcome to Country – given by Chloe Taylor **Sun: 3.45**

South Primary Aboriginal Dancers – perform modern artistic dances for you. **Sun: 3.50**

Troy & Trae Allen – a father/son indigenous dance and didgeridoo act who will relay traditional culture in a multitude of ways. Troy has performed nationally and internationally. **Sun: 4.00**



Tangle – this dynamic duo has an eclectic repertoire of songs from the 1920's to present day. They will belt out their songs, they enjoy their work and are real performers including dance, camaraderie and a fun time. **Tues 7.00**



Connor Willmore

- Connor has a delightful tenor voice and has been studying music at the Maclean Conservatorium for many years. He commenced his university studies this year in Queensland but assures me he will be available in 2019. He sings some delightful songs from light opera and musicals, my favourite being 'If I was a Rich Man'. He is just as much at home with popular music and has a wide repertoire of songs to delight you. **Thurs: 7.00**

The Frolich Brothers - from Newcastle the Frohlich Brothers, Martin and Greg, will play Aussie, Celtic and American retro folk–rock numbers. Martin was a well-known Clarence Valley local and played with The Big River Bush Band in the 1980 – 90's. The trio's Irish jigs and reels are sure to get your 'toes-a-tapping' and brackets will include an eclectic mix of songs and Frohlich Brothers originals. They will also hold a bush dance workshop to introduce bush dance steps to people of all ages in readiness for the evening Celtic Cowboys' gig in the evening. No prior experience required. The emphasis will be on fun and participation. **Sat: 2.00**

The Sunburnt Celts - This band favours festivals, Irish pubs and bush dances, and especially all which have an Irish flavour. They have a style which greatly comprises Australian bush, folk and country with a distinctive lean to the Irish tune scene. You will not be able to stop your feet from wanting to tap away, or your hands to clap in time with the beat. **Sat: 3.00**



Bush Barn Dance - The Sunburnt Celts and the Frohlich brothers will return for a night of music and dance. If you don't want to dance, then come and enjoy the music on your last night of the rally. Dress comfortably and bring your dancing shoes. **Sat 7.30**

Grafton Line Dancers - A bunch of enthusiastic 'older' people who just love line dancing They will show you the steps, then you can join in. **Thurs: 2.00pm**



Big River Rockers - These energetic people exhibit this form of dance for you with much gusto. After their performance, you get to join in and try to remember the moves you made as a teenager. **Thurs: 4.15**

Bill Kearns - Bill had us all in stitches last year as his poetry reflected the life of the grey nomads, RVs and getting old. He is looking forward to telling us about the rock and rollers and line dancers in poetry. Last year he had such an ovation that he had to tell us more of his poetry. He will fill in between the dancing groups so they can have a breather, if it is hot – and when isn't it at Jacaranda time. **Thurs: 2.00 – 4.30**



Last year we raised \$2,000 for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Appeal thanks to the generosity of all of those at the rally. A fantastic effort from everyone.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON DANCEFEST



A Westpac Helicopter Appeal afternoon, plus a lot of fun and dancing if you are up to it. The afternoon will start at 2.00pm with bush poet Bill Kearns, who will give his hilarious account of grey nomads.

Then the Grafton Line Dancers will have their Foster Line Dancer friends in tow, will demonstrate some moves and then you can show your style.

At 3.00 we will stop for afternoon tea and raffle sales. Bill Kearns will give them a short break if they need it with yarns about line dancers, rock and rollers and other topics that will have you laughing till you cry.

The Grafton Rock and Rollers are due at 4.30 and will demonstrate their style before getting you up to have a go.

At 5.15 we will have raffle sales and our afternoon draw for Thursday. The big draw is on tonight.

Raffle tickets for the Westpac Helicopter Appeal will be available each morning, with the draw being held on Saturday afternoon during happy hour.

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CB Radios – Ben & Sharon will talk to both beginners & advanced separately, the use of CB Radios. Ask any questions. **Mon: 9.00**

RMS - safe towing of caravans. A must for owners of these RVs'. **Mon: 10 - 12.00**

RMS – Road Safety for Older Road Users. Strategies for you to travel safely. **Tues: 10.00 – 12.00**

Tourist officer: our lovely tourist officer, Jane Burley, will come prepared with heaps of bags loaded with information for your stay with us, and for when you return and want to discover other areas on your own. **Mon 5.00**

Fire Prevention – safety measures to consider. **Wed: 9.00 – 10.00**

3-way fridges – How do they work? **Sat: 10.00 – 11.00**

Batteries & Solar – learn from Wayne about these. What is a solar fan and what does it do for your vehicle? **Mon: 4.00**

Stroke Prevention Education – Bob has a lot to tell you to help you prevent or attend this aspect of health. Very educational. **Fri: 10.00 – 11.00**

Women & Men's Health Issues – while travelling. How to stay healthy. **Wed.**

Geowiki every day with Col, except Thursday. Check daily program for times.

BlazeAid – volunteers helping in rural areas **Fri: 2.00 – 3.00**

WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING?

Craft - see what Carla has on offer with crafts or bring your own along in the undercover area. **Daily from 9.30**

Board games/jigsaw puzzle – anytime. Help yourself to the games/jigsaw.

Camp Oven Cooking – scones are on the menu for morning tea – see them cooked and after lunch it is the baked dinner being prepared. Wander out at your leisure.

Wed: 9.00 – 4.00

Hearing Australia – free hearing tests with no obligations, enter your name on the time sheet, and please be on time. **Wed: 9.00 – 3.00**

Tai Chi – with Anna in CP grassed area. **Mon, Tues, Thurs, Sat – 9.00. Fri - tba**

Disc Bowls - Names on sheets on Sunday please.



Singles – Heats and finals on **Tuesday: 8.30.**

Pairs - if numbers permit. **Tues: 2.00pm**

Triples – see draw on Tues afternoon. **Wed: 8.30, finals Wed afternoon – tba.**



Finska – with Anna & Ray. It is like throwing rolling pins at 10 pins. No skill required, lots of fun. **Mon, Tues, Fri (tba), Sat – 10.30am.**

Bingo – try your luck upstairs. **Mon, Wed, Fri, – 1.30pm Tues – 10.30am**

Jockey Club Races – Pick up your free ticket on arrival. **Tues – from 2.00pm**

Greyhound Races - see what it is all about. **Mon night**

10 Pin Bowling - how long since you have had a go at it. **Mon – 7.00pm**

Grafton District Services Club – monster meat raffle, dinner, then onto the Riverlight Festival if you wish. **Fri – 4.45pm**

Riverlight Festival – the bus will pick you up from our rally if you are not going to the GDSC. **Fri – 7.30pm**

WHAT'S ON – OUR PROGRAM

EVERY DAY

Town Buses leave from the undercover area at **8.30, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, 12.00, 1.00** and **the last bus is at 2.00pm. No pick-ups after this time.**

Exceptions Jacaranda Thursday – first bus leaves for free breakfast at **7.00am.**

Saturday – first bus leaves for TAFE Markets at **8.00am**

Pub/Club lunches - bus departs at **11.30am.** the town run bus will visit each venue from **1.00pm.**

Grafton Heights Buses an afternoon bus will pick up those in the Jockey club area at **2.45pm** in time for afternoon tea, and again at **3.45pm** in time for happy hour.

Night run for entertainment will be 15 mins before the scheduled entertainment for that night.

Returning buses will be at the end of happy hour and night entertainment. Just ask Mick for a lift.

Morning tea – 10.00 until 10.30am. Afternoon tea – 3.00 until 3.30pm

Raffle Sales – from **3.30pm. Raffle Draw – 4.30pm.** Raffle draw on Sunday, delayed until afternoon entertainment finishes. No raffles on Friday and Saturday.

Westpac Helicopter Appeal Raffle sales each morning from 9.30am near BBQs. All proceeds to the appeal. Drawn at Bush Dance on Saturday night.

JACARANDA EVENTS: Programs at office - \$2.00 each. Highlights below.

Indigenous Cultural Day: Friday in Market Square from 11.00am

Street Parade: Saturday in Prince Street from 6.00pm

Vintage Car display – outside Christ Church Cathedral 8.30am to 12.30pm

Hot Air Ballooning

McClymont Sisters at the Saraton Theatre on Thursday night.

Embroidery Exhibition Christ Church Cathedral Hall

Woodworking Exhibition South Club. Take Wednesday lunch bus for this.

Sunday 27th October

3.00pm Afternoon tea



3.45pm Welcome to Country followed by the South Grafton Primary/Kindergarten School indigenous dancers.

4.00 pm Troy & Trae Allen - international & national indigenous performers.

7.00pm – Welcome to first timers.

7.15pm- Welcome to everyone

7.30pm – Movie: Johnny English Lives Again – Rowen Atkinson, a comedy.

Monday 28th October

8.00am - Foodies tour bus departs. Be there early to collect your meal tickets. Wear enclosed shoes.

9.00am – Garden tour Bus departs. Do you need a hat?

9.00am – CB Radios seminar

10.00am - Safe Towing of Caravans seminar with the RMS.

1.00pm – Alpaca tour bus departs.

1.30pm – Bingo – upstairs

2.00pm Geowiki with Col

4.00pm Solar power & batteries with Wayne

5.00pm – Tourist Officer will talk about the Clarence Valley and has bags of brochures and ideas for you.

6.45pm – Bus departs for 10 pin bowling. Put your name down on Sunday for numbers. Minimum of 20 players needed. Meals available.

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8.00am - Foodies tour bus departs. Be there early to collect your meal tickets. Wear enclosed shoes.

8.15am Blueberry tour bus departs

8.30 am Aviation tour bus departs

9.00/9.30am RMS talk – Road Safety for Older Road Users

10.30am Bingo – upstairs

1.30pm Geowiki with Col.

2.00pm Jockey Club races free entry

6.00pm Jacaranda Party – Halloween theme. Set up your tables from 5.00pm. Bring plates and cutlery please.

7.00pm The Tangle Duo entertains wear your dancing shoes

Wednesday 30th October

8.45am Clarence River Cruise tour bus departs be early to collect meal tickets

9.00am Grafton Fire Department advises on how to be safe from fire in your RV.

9.00am Hearing Australia – free hearing tests, names on time sheet please.

9.00am – 4.00pm – Camp Oven Cooking scones in morning, roasts after lunch.

11.00am – Women's & Men's Health issues while travelling. Ask questions.

1.30pm Bingo – upstairs

2.00pm Geowiki – Col discusses the ins and outs of using this travelling tool.

7.00pm Trivia night fun begins. Tables of 4 to 8. We will put you into groups if you don't have enough in your group.

Thursday 31st October

7.00am Free breakfast and Jacaranda markets first bus leaves now

2.00pm Westpac Helicopter Appeal DANCE FEST

7.00pm Connor Willmore entertains with a beautiful tenor voice singing your favourite songs both before and after the raffle draw.

8.30pm Major Raffles draws.

Friday 1st November – white rabbits everyone

8.00am Nimbin tour bus departs

8.45 Cheesemaking tour bus departs

9.00 Town tour bus departs

9.30am Stroke Prevention talk with Bob Carnaby

11.00am Geowiki with Col

1.00pm Opp shop tour departs

2.00pm BlazeAid with Col

4.45pm GDSC bus departs for raffles, dinner and Riverlight Festival via Greyhound track at 7.30pm

9.30pm Buses return from Riverlight Festival

Saturday 2nd November

8.00am TAFE Markets first bus departs then regular service resumes.

8.30am Alpaca/Alumy Creek tour departs

10.00am 3-way fridges with Terry

1.00pm Garden tour departs

2.00pm Frolich Bros entertain

3.00pm Sunburnt Celts entertain

4.30 pm Free Bush dance lessons – about 30 minutes only

7.30pm BUSH BARN DANCE with the Celts and the Frolich brothers. Come along to dance your lives away, or to merely watch and enjoy the music and the dancing.

Sunday 3rd November

8.00am BBQ Breakfast for those with tickets. \$10 pp – purchase at office if you want to join in before departing.

HOPE YOU HAD A GREAT TIME – DRIVE HOME SAFELY AND WE HOPE YOU WILL SPREAD THE WORD ON OUR RALLY AND COME BACK AGAIN YOURSELVES IN THE FUTURE.

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A very BIG “Thank you”

Our rally has become more popular and well attended over each year since its inception. It takes many people to make it all possible. I would like to thank my husband Tim, who has been a very able helper in many facets of the rally organisation. His son, Baxter, who has given a lot of time and tuition to help develop our data base which makes handling data so much easier.

My daughter Janet has instigated and organises our website. Mum has very little technical know-how and deeply appreciates all the hours she puts in each year.

There are so many of our chapter members who have put in a lot of time in various facets of getting the rally up and running. I won't name them in case I accidentally miss someone – but thanks to you all. I would like to thank Rex Watkins. I have been able to ring him to do something for me at any time, and he does it straight away, especially if I tell Marlene first. I live 60kms away, so it is great to have someone run around and save me the trip up.

The week of the rally would not run without our chapter volunteers. You have put your hand up in increasing numbers each year. I appreciate it so much and I am sure our visitors do too. Our oldest volunteer this year 87 years old.

The Greyhound Racing Club has been so very supportive at all times. Please extend our thanks Wayne to your committee and workers, and a special thanks to you. The Clarence River Jockey Club has made it possible for us to gain more sites, so thank you to them, and the GDSC has also been such a wonderful supporter to our rally – thanks.

The Clarence Valley Council has granted us a lot of money to support our entertainment program. It has meant that we are able to look further away for entertainers, and to hire multiple groups to keep you 'on your toes' during the week.

This is my last rally as coordinator, but Tim and I will be back next year as volunteers. Thank you to everyone for being so wonderful to me as coordinator and I know you will be there for Nola when she takes over for next year.

Cheers always

Lorraine, Coordinator, 2019



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Clarence Valley Ramblers say farewell for this rally and wish you all a safe trip home, a wonderful Christmas with family and friends, and a very healthy New Year to you all. Don't forget to pass the word around about our very friendly rally for next year, and in years to come.

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