



EDITORIAL

EDITION 61 – National Rally Special

Well hello everyone and welcome to the Kermit Kronicles 2023 National Rally Special Edition. I hope you all enjoy reading this issue and I would like to thank the contributors telling stories, providing pictures about and reliving this rally.

REPORT – NATIONAL RALLY



ULYSSES MEMBERS RV GROUP NATIONAL RALLY 2023

THANK YOU TO THE MALENY AND GLASSHOUSE COMMUNITY

We wish to officially acknowledge the contribution made by the Maleny Community and Businesses in assisting us as partners in preparation for our 16th – 23rd October National Rally.

Raffle Proceeds Focus:

APEX Club Maleny

ROTARY Club Maleny:

Maleny Show Society

Maleny & District Men's Shed

Maleny Tennis Club

The Range Croquet Club, Maleny

Maleny & District Chamber of Commerce

Forest Heart Eco-Nursery

Maleny Visitor Information Centre

Brouhaha Brewery

Kenilworth Hotel & Brewery

Federal Member for Fisher

Federal Member for Forde

Recycling Programs

Glasshouse Country and Maleny News

Hinterland Times

Blue Care Maleny Erowal Aged Care

Maleny Educational Support Fund

Boyd and Club Members

Paulette and Club Members

Lois and Dean

Ken & his willing band of members.

Neil and Club Members

Sarah and Club Members

Spencer Shaw and Chamber

Spencer & his Staff of "Green Thumbs"

Chris and Helen

Hayden and Staff

Diane and Staff

Andrew Wallace MP and Office Staff

Bert van Manen MP, and Office Staff

Australian Naval Cadets

Maleny Community Gym

Mick and Newspaper Staff

Victoria and Newspaper Staff

Lisa Nielsen and Staff and Residents



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A huge thank you to those who attended this Queensland organised event, ensuring the rally's success.

The Maleny Community was proactive right from our initial contact and the ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS PAGE says it all.

- ***The Show Society Secretary Lois, and Caretaker Dean*** willingly gave access to their facilities to meet the program requirements. Their gesture of allowing us the use of both The Main Pavilion and The Exhibition Hall for NO CHARGE was very generous.
- ***The team of set-up volunteers*** worked tirelessly from Friday prior and then throughout the week; to make sure the week's program ran smoothly.
- ***Bob and Marilyn*** were assigned the task of **Bursars**, tracking rally monies in and out, a big responsibility, done efficiently and with a smile.
- The communications system from **Richard's daily texts**, our 5pm News Announcements, together with the whiteboard and info table provided information, which was appreciated by attendees.
- ***The arrival day gatekeepers***, the unique welcome bags created by our ladies ably led by **Judy**, together with their smiling faces at the registration area created a cheerful tone from the outset.
- ***Gail's*** artistic talent in creating novel caravan shaped Name Badges ensured an enduring memento of the Maleny Event.
- ***The parking and facilities team*** were impressive, staying on task and they in turn were impressed by the members right from their arrival, as they followed directions and patiently parked their rigs and settled in to enjoy the full program for the week.
- ***Boyd and his young team from Maleny APEX*** were the point of contact for organising catering, providing their colourful gazebos, and running the bar at very competitive prices.
- ***Regular Happy Hours, Outdoor and Indoor Games*** and the monster **Pantry Bingo** were times of social gathering and a chance to enjoy each other's company. Could you ever have imagined, 107 members registering to play Pantry Bingo? **Thanks Sandy and her team of runners.**

- **The Local Men's Shed** and the **Blacksmith Workshop** welcomed us (50 attendees) for Tuesday morning while other members participated in workshops at a **Stitch and Chat** session in the Pavilion.
 - From the **Blacksmith Workshop**, **Ken** visited us one **Happy Hour** to share his love of **leatherwork and whip making**.
 - **Bill**, a local farmer, came along to support Ken. Members were invited to try their skills, with some showing quite the talent!
- **Our RV Musicians** practiced at 2-night sessions to prepare for the two evening performances, adding a festive atmosphere to both dinners.
- With **sporting facilities** on site for **tennis and croquet**, with Qld member Pete being the croquet tragic, our members made the most of the offerings, with thanks to **Sarah and The Range Croquet Club** (64 members registered to play) and **Kev from Maleny Tennis** (20 members nominated).
- From the **Redlands Ulysses Branch**, **John and Gerry** made a special effort to visit the rally and share a Wednesday morning tea with us.
- A walk through the rain forest beside Obi Obi Creek led to the **Brouhaha Brewery**, where Hayden and his staff looked after us with a range of beers and grazing platters to share. Platypuses were spotted in the fresh waters of the creek.
- Through connections with Boyd, **Paulette and her Rotarians** provided our first catered meal, originally entitled a welcome barbeque but was much more than that! A **Welcome Dinner** would better describe their efforts (approx. 127 attendees).
- Through the generosity of our members and their raffle donations together with
 - **An Accommodation Voucher from the Show Society**
 - **A voucher from Forest Heart Eco Nursery and a**
 - **B.E.S.T. Water Filter from Col**
 - **We raised \$830 for The Maleny Educational Support Fund.**
- **Col** kindly gave of his time one **Happy Hour** to outline the benefits of his **B.E.S.T. Water Filter Systems in RV rigs**.
- One of the usual highlights for our rallies is the **Country Drive** and this year we had members doing a **Country Circuit** designed by **Blip and Di** with a feature seeing 84 members sitting down for lunch at the **Kenilworth Hotel Brewery**.
- Two of the more 'serious' elements in the program were the **Coordinators' Meeting** and the **AGM**, both ably chaired by Bob and his two co-coordinators, Vince and Dusty.
- The **"Black and White" Dinner Dance** (approx. 110 attendees) gave members a chance to put on their themed glad rags, kick up their heels and enjoy a **Camp Oven** two course meal put together by **The Bait Layers**, a husband and wife team from Kingaroy. During the day our members were able to watch the couple at work and enjoy the delightful smells coming from the banks of camp ovens.

- **APEX catered for our Sunday breakfast** (approx. 65 attendees)
- **Barry masterfully M.C.'d for the Poets' Breakfast.** It was pleasantly surprising to see our members enjoy each other's reciting/reading of Verse mainly with an Australian Theme. Well done, and to Barry for his interjection of humour.
- A special mention and thanks to **Doug, resident RV on- the- spot photographer.** For extra photos of the event please refer to the ULYSSES RV Facebook page.
- As 144 members packed up to leave the event to travel to various destinations, it was communicated to Gordon by the **Show Society how impressed they were**, not only by the organisation of the rally, but by the behaviour of the visitors, and the cleanliness of the grounds and the main pavilion. To quote Dean, " There wasn't even a bottle top to be found on the oval"!!

AGAIN!

Thank you

**for travelling to Maleny and joining with your
Queensland Members as they hosted the
Maleny National Rally 2023.**

See you in Yarrawonga, 2024 LINGER LONGER IN YARRAWONGA

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MALENY NATIONAL RALLY PHOTO BOARD



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GAIL**



MALENY APEX CLUB



ULYSSES RV BAND & RAFFLE PRIZES



GAMES NIGHT



RAFFLE TICKET SALES



STITCH & CHAT

CAMPFIRE COOK



WHIP CRACKING



BLACK & WHITE DINNER

OUT-DOOR GAMES



TENNIS



CROQUET



ARVIE on his NEXT ADVENTURE



AGM OFFICIALS



ARE WE THERE YET?



B.E.S.T Filter Winner was Colleen Hoeffler with Col and Bob