

Please remember to forward pertinent information to NHQ for inclusion in GeoWiki and The Wanderers Mate. It is this continual updating that is helping to make these Member Benefits so valuable.

Please remember to always act responsibly according to the Club's Code of Conduct and to report miscreants to NHQ. Our reputation is of paramount importance as we strive to increase the number of RVFTs and Rest Areas.

Please join – and encourage others to join – the Leave No Trace Scheme.

Finally, as we approach the Christmas Season, I would like to wish you

A MERRY AND HOLY CHRISTMAS, A HAPPY NEW YEAR AND MANY MILES OF SAFE TRAVELING IN 2010.

We'll see you in Tassie!
Vincent Moran N14036.

Attached to this Newsletter are:

Notes of the Chapter Forum Meeting held at Rockhampton.
Sample Chapter "Profile" sheet.

Chapter Forum:

The Chapter Forum at Rockhampton was once again extremely well attended with representatives of over forty Chapters. The only improvement one could wish for is that more Chapters are represented in future.

The presentations and questions were well received and varied. Notes of the proceedings are attached.

There were 93 Banners in the Banner Parade this year, so one would hope that more Chapters will be represented at the future Forums.

It has become, as intended, the main opportunity for Chapters to communicate and liaise with the Board and Senior NHQ Staff.

Lobbying:

It has now become customary that matters of significance in regard to Lobbying Activities are regularly mentioned in the Board Page of *The Wanderer*, although on months when a major Rally occurs, there is necessarily less activity than at other times.

However, the Member Benefits Team is always on the go, working on more and improved benefits for us all.

Any Member who would like to join in this ongoing and worthwhile activity is asked to contact Phil or Kerry at NHQ.

Web Site:

There have been considerable problems with the Club's Web Site over the last couple of weeks. These problems have been caused by our Internet Supplier and have been out of our control.

Rest assured that we have been doing all we can to maintain our computer services and will certainly be re-examining our position when full and reliable service is restored.

Things to do:

Please ensure that your Chapter Profile is up to date. This information is used to assist the volunteers who man the Chapter Stand at every Rally, so that Chapters can be explained to both new and older Members who have never participated in Chapter activities.

Please ensure that your Chapter Logo has been forwarded to NHQ, preferably electronically or otherwise as a photograph. These Logos will be included in the big screen presentation at future Chapter Banner Parades as Karen strives, always, to make them more entertaining.



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CHAPTER NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2009.

Please read this at your next Chapter Meeting.

Board:

As you will have read in the November *The Wanderer*, Diana Worner is once again Club Chairman for the next year and Ken Kipping, Q44763, has been appointed to fill the casual vacancy on the Board until the next AGM.

Choosing Ken from a field of five candidates was an extremely difficult task, but on balance of the requirements to augment the existing skills available from your present Board Members and to ensure that we capitalized, as fully as possible, on the initiatives that Frans Hamer had initiated, Ken became the obvious choice (see page 6 of November edition of *The Wanderer*).

There is no need to be surprised that Diana was re-elected unopposed. Her Club history, experience and enthusiasm make her a stand-up proposition for the position of Chairman.

Rallies:

- Quercus Park The next Rally, 24th National Rally, at Quercus Park in Tasmania, 15 – 17 March, 2010, is already shaping up to be exceptional. If bookings on the Spirit of Tasmania are an indication, then the support from the Mainland will be tremendous. I am certain that the Tasmanian Club Members will do their best to make sure that they are not outnumbered on their own turf. So, look out for a big rollup!
- Port Macquarie NSW - 25th National Rally is now locked in. 11 - 17 October, 2010.
- Deniliquin NSW (just) - 25th Anniversary Rally, 11 – 17 April, 2011. This will be another milestone in the Club's history. Twenty five years of history is certainly worth celebrating and we would appreciate suggestions from Chapters as to how they and NHQ should do this.
- Kalgoorlie WA - 26th National Rally, 10 – 16 October, 2011

Getting there is half the fun