

RALLY REPORT – YEA 1 DECEMBER, 2021 – 6 DECEMBER, 2021

The Yea rally was a combination of 3 things, a normal Christmas Rally, our AGM and our 40th anniversary celebrations.

19 vans attended the rally with 36 members attending. Colin & Ann were booked but had to pull out for health reasons. Most members arrived Wednesday but others got in a bit earlier and others a bit later. Wednesday was mainly spent setting up, catching up with people we had all not seen for some time and general socialising. Happy Hour was held on the large grassed area adjacent to the camp kitchen and rec room. About 5.00pm the wind picked up and put a covering of dust over vans, vehicles and people. We then had a short period of rain. This sent most back to their cans but a few hardy souls stayed and enjoyed more of Happy Hour as the rain soon went away.

Thursday started off fine but with predictions of afternoon/evening storms and rain. A Quiz session was organised for the evening. Most had a wander around Yea, picked up supplies etc and visited the coffee shops. I doubt if there was a coffee place in Yea that did not see a few Jayco Club members that day. In the afternoon a games session was held with both bocce and finska being played. Jan Harris cleaned up on the bocce but unsure who was the winner on the finska court.

Happy Hour again started off fine but the weather soon closed in with heavy rain, wind, lightning and thunder. This time we all headed for our vans.



A few turned up for the quiz session at 7.30pm and we attempted to co-op a couple of campers but when more Jayco Club members turned up over the next 15 minutes the campers bowed out. A good night and a lot of fun was had by those who came along.

On Friday Madelaine organised a group to go to the Killingworth Hill café and distillery for lunch. We're told that a great lunch was had by all who attended. A group of our "crafty" ladies got together in the afternoon for a craft and chat session.



Happy hour followed but with no weather event to disrupt us.



Saturday started off with a visit to the monthly Yea market. This is quite a good market a some money was spent by us on some great sourdough bread and some “fat quarters”. All the quilters will know what they are.

A 10.00am meeting followed where proceedings for the day were outlined. This was followed by a communal lunch. Registrations for the AGM commenced at 2.15pm followed by the AGM at 3.00pm. The AGM and Christmas plus 40th Anniversary celebrations were held at the Country Club Hotel which has a large function room (with bar) on the first floor. It was excellent for our needs. Someone commented to me that this was the shortest AGM they had ever been to as nominations had been received for all committee positions prior to the AGM. A good mix of newer and longer

serving members put up their hand to help the club function for another year. Following the AGM the room was decorated for that evenings celebrations.

Current members of the club were joined with a number of past member for the 40th Anniversary celebrations, Ian & Marilyn Dryden, Bernie & Gayle Wendt, Bill & Judy Unsworth with Frank Horgan dropping in during the evening. Warwick Butcher also made the journey down from Newcastle to join us.



Above photo shows our newest members Margaret & Mal and our longest serving members Sandy & Peter.

Festivities commenced at 5.30pm with drinks etc followed by our meal at 6.00pm. A special 40th Anniversary cake had been made and this served as dessert. There was plenty to go around with the last few pieces going to the hotel staff who later told me how much they appreciated the gesture.



Prior to dinner a few of the ladies, Anne W, Bianka and Sandy come to mind but there could have been more, did a great job selling raffle tickets.

We had a heap of hampers from items generously donated by members plus Jayco dealers . This was the most successful fund raiser for some years. The raffle was followed by a short auction of just 4 items. Ian and John, the publican, did a great job in extracting the maximum possible from the bidders wallets.

Whilst some members wandered off at this point others stayed for another quiz session. If my memory serves me correctly the highest scoring team got 21 of the 30 questions correct. This finished off what had been a very successful and enjoyable day.

Sunday morning started with a pancake breakfast at 9.00am with a couple of members heading off back home. A quite large group headed to the Yea Cidery after lunch for a tasting of ciders and wines. This was a very interesting and fun session and much money was spent on liquid supplies. Only a few were game enough to try the chilli wines which was quite interesting. It is wholly made from chillis. A large group gathered after dinner on the grass for a nightcap and chat which was a great way to finish off the weekend.



Most members departed on Monday but a few stayed on for a day or two extra.