



from the FOOTPLATE

WHAT A DAY!!!!

Interview with the President:

It is with great pride that I start this report.

To say that the weekend of the 5th August was a resounding success is an understatement to say the least! As any past President knows, the behind the scenes organising goes on quietly but intensely for a birthday run but because of the main reason for holding this years birthday run was changed somewhat, the organising of the event was more than intense it was very hectic but enjoyable as well. Because all those people who were involved had the one goal in mind and that was to raise money for the Gillams and the sawmill(which we all know are one and the same). After numerous meetings with council both in Ipswich and Rosewood, we thought we had it down pat. Except no one could have foreseen the magnitude of the crowd that turned up on the day. One family even used the day for a birthday party of 30 people! I would like to say the usual thank you's to those hard working club members on the day but it does not seem to be enough to just say thank you alone, as those who did come and work had their butts workd off and some did not even get a bite to eat until after the end of the day.

It can be said that we must have the best canteen crew out of any club in the district and what those ladies did on the day was an amazing feat. To cater for the crowd of that magnitude was an amazing achievement. We are very proud of all you ladies. But I must say a special thank you to our Canteen Convener Bronwyn Wilson. She had worked up until 11.00 p.m. the night before bringing all the stock into the canteen and for weeks before hand planning and gathering the stock for the day. She along with her side kick, Cath Gillam, and their crew of hard working ladies had the canteen running smoothly all day (although I believe Bronwyn had one dummy spit but I think under the circumstances that can be allowed.)

The size of the crowd??

Well at 11-30a.m. there were 800 cars, so there would have to be over 1.000 people.. which was about the limit to what we could handle. Although some poor placement of a couple of food stalls caused a bit of congestion. Unfortunately no matter how much we suggested otherwise, the planners insisted that that was where they were to be placed.

The profits from the day?

From all reports, the day raised approx.\$3,000 after expenses, which is a very good effort, for a little club like ours.



But what ever the figure it just goes to show what a little club like Grandchester can do if they put their mind to it.

Other items to report on

We have had another builder come and inspect the canteen for the extension and he is in the thro's of making up a quote for us.I will give a report on this at the next meeting. Also we have had an offer from a friend of George's to kick start the work on the bridge again.

Now that the Birthday run is out of the way, the other projects that have been put on the back burner for a while can be started again. Unfortunately with the limited amount of members that we have to do jobs about the place, we can only do one thing at a time. Thanks to you all once again.

Roy Ckark (President)