



“Where East meets West” - The 77th CMCA Chapter.

Annual Report 2009

In January 2010 (some two months from now) our Chapter will celebrate its 4th birthday. The year 2009 has had its up and downs for the Dalrymple Drifters. During the past twelve months two of our members have passed away. Unfortunately that is something we are all going to have to face. Life goes on but our departed members will surely be missed.

As per previous years it gives me pleasure to present the 2009 Dalrymple Drifters Annual Report.

Our membership has not increased nor decreased much during the twelve months with a steady attendance at rallies throughout the year. This year saw our first Safari Trip organised by Jennie & Kevin. What a wonderful time was had by all who participated. They have certainly set a standard for future safaris – something that now appears to be embedded in our annual calendar.

Our assets have progressively been built up over the year, with the purchase of the generator and sound system towards the end of 2008.

The building of the Chapter trailer and its introduction to our rallies, in my opinion has not only provided us with a promotional tool via the sign writing, but also a worthwhile rally asset.

It would be remiss of me not to mention the number of Chapter Members who have suffered from ill health during the last twelve months. We wish them the best in their recovery. A number have found it difficult to participate during the cold winter months and that is understandable.

To those who have returned to the fold welcome back and we hope that the next twelve months provides you with a more relaxed and congenial atmosphere for motor homing where ever that may be, on either this side of the Creek or the other.

We have averaged about 48% YTD rally attendance throughout the year which is in my mind acceptable.

Our membership now stands at around 24 members who participate as regularly as they can. The “Grandparents Rally” was another new idea which went off well with a great attendance. Hopefully 2010 at Bellingham will be a similarly supported event.

Our Annual GT Rally usually assists us in boosting our funds. The GTC as usual have supported us and no doubt the 2010 Anniversary Rally at QP has bought a number of mainland visitors (boat people) along as well.

I thank those that assisted in holding the Chapter together during the last 12 months –the team situation that has developed, in my opinion is certainly worth the collective efforts made over the previous three years.

Again thanks to Secretary Sharon, Treasurer Tony, VP Deb and JVP Danny. All have been of great assistance (when they can) in many and varied tasks during the year. Thanks also



to my wife Sue who remains involved in the Chapter merchandise whilst having to put up with me. Similarly, my thanks to our retiring Committee Members this year.

Sue & I wish you a Merry Christmas, Safe Travel and we look forward to spending time again next year with you all.

Thank you

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