

CAMPER TRAILERS VISIT PEAK HILL



The Australian Camper Trailers Group's 2008 national meet was held over the week from Monday 29th September at Peak Hill Showground.

The national meet attracted 74 camper trailers from Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania, with a number of local members dropping in for the day to say Hi! and take in the workshops held by members. Overall numbers attending were 137 adults and 42 kids.

Although the official first day of the meet was on the Monday, members started to arrive as soon as the showground gates opened from midday Friday. In fact 25 camper trailers were set up by sunset enjoying the warmth of the open campfires.

Unofficial Lord Mayor Tonia

Francis, the town beautifier, decorated the main street with balloons in our honour and encouraged shop owners to display posters welcoming our camper trailers to town. What a sight that presented as we walked down the main street.

Many of the blokes visited one of the towns living legends, Cecil the 88 year old barber for a \$5 haircut.

Word got around that Philipino take-away had some mighty fine homemade springrolls.

Dave Sharkey the butcher had some excellent meat which proved so good some members dropped in on the way home and loaded up their fridges. Dave told me he had to steal a couple of sheep to keep up with the demand.

The Peak Hill RSL also provided a night out for some of the families and an evening meal....

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Pictured above: Jamie Hazelden and Rob Sanderson at the solar power workshop

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...Leighton Davies owner of the Peak Hill Caravan Park, was our local contact behind the scenes who organised jobs to be done before our arrival including providing firewood for the campfires. Brian Naphthali mowed the grounds and cut 44 gallon drums in half, welding on legs to make them stable for the many fire places. We appreciate the work both Leighton and Brian did to make our stay an enjoyable one.

PEAK HILL DAY
WEDNESDAY 1st OCTOBER - BREAKFAST: Local butcher Dave Sharkey and help-

ers arrived bright and early to prepare breakfast. **\$400 was raised toward the junior Football club.** **BIO-DIESEL DEMO:** The local Bio guru held morning and afternoon biodiesel workshops which is a very interesting subject for the travellers. **GUIDED TOURS** of the Peak hill open cut goldmine were conducted morning and afternoon in conjunction with Parkes Shire Council. **EVENING ENTERTAINMENT:** Local band, Give 'em Anything, provided fantastic entertainment with their 70's and 80's music which was enjoyed by everyone. **The group raised \$702 towards**

the Preschool.

Overall total spending was just over \$21,000, an average of \$342 per camp. The Showground camp fees and money raised for the Preschool is also around 85%. \$2,500 could also be added to the above total.

What a tremendous overall result and certainly shows what a financial impact a group can have on a country town.

Next year Nyngan will host the Australian Camper Trailers Group.

Thankyou Leighton Davies and your Business and Tourism Association for organising the totally happy, lucrative and successful event.