

The social participants at the AAA National Angling Championships and Convention said they have had a wonderful time to date on the naturally refreshing Sunshine Coast.

Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

The official opening of the carnival was enhanced by the beautiful voices of 37 children from the Caloundra State School, who sang “Waltzing Matilda” for the competitors to march to, and “Advance Australia Fair” for the raising of the Australian flag. The carnival was opened by one of the local councillors, Tim Dwyer, who delighted us with his sense of humour. The children were very happy when they were presented with a sample bag of goodies to thank them for their great performance.

Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

A fashion parade presented by Sussanah’s of Caloundra was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended the Welcome Morning Tea at the Caloundra Power Boat Club. Di showed us some beautiful fashions from casual to evening wear very capably modelled by 4 ladies from the Power Boat Club and 2 visiting ladies. All ladies received 3 \$10 discount vouchers to use at Di’s various stores on the Sunshine Coast, and vouchers for a free tea or coffee at Stocklands Caloundra.

The fashion parade was followed by a delicious morning tea of coffee or tea and toasted banana bread and pikelets with jam and cream.

A voucher for a trim and blow dry donated by Frangipani Cutting crew and a carved wooden biro donated by one of the competitors were presented as lucky door prizes.

A big THANKYOU to all!!

Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

Eighteen ladies gathered at 3 Drake St to make gift bags, using a washer, a handkerchief, a cake of soap and a piece of cardboard. These make delightful gifts for elderly ladies who already have everything, or for little girls. The ladies all took one or two home and made extras to be given to residents at an Aged Care facility. All this was accompanied by a lot of friendly chatter and a cup of tea or coffee with buttered bun. The ladies all agreed it was a great way to spend the morning.

Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

It was off to the Ginger Factory at Yandina today, with lots of money spent on ginger bread men, ginger jam, ginger plants and many other products. The rides were very popular, especially “Overboard”, which brought out the “inner child” in each of us as we took a half hour boat ride following the ginger bread man round the world, viewing the performances of the puppet characters from various countries. We enjoyed it so much that we asked, “Can we go again?” so as it was not very busy, we went round again to see what we’d missed the first time while we were taking photos.

An absolutely delightful experience and a “must see” if you are visiting the Sunshine Coast.

Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

Today, it’s off to the markets for those who are not fishing (or working) to find those bargains one is looking for and can be found in such places.