



UP HIGH: The view from atop Mt Watalgan.



FIRING UP: Cooking with camp ovens.



HOME BASE: A bird's-eye view of the campsite.

Couple cleans up in annual camp cooking comp



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Bundaberg 4WD Club

THE annual Bundaberg Four Wheel Drive Club Camp Cooking Competition was held at the camping grounds at Midskinrick, a property on the

banks of Baffle Creek, near Rosedale, about an hour north of Bundaberg.

What started as a camp oven cooking competition back in 2001 has evolved to include any style of camp cooking.

Over the years meals have been cooked by various means.

Hay boxes, bell ovens, fry pans, caravan ovens, thermo cookers and the trusty camp oven have been used to serve up some restaurant-quality meals, and some not so good,

but that's camp cooking for you.

Rules are that the meal had to be prepared and cooked at the camp.

Mains and desserts were able to be presented to the group for judging.

Our feast included chicken lasagna, salmon patties, waldorf salad, baked potatoes, beef and red wine casserole, pumpkin cob with damper, wombat stew with goanna balls, chocolate pudding, and golden syrup

dumplings.

The options were varied and all were in the running. The meals were shared among the group and a ballot taken.

After much sampling of the dishes the winning dish was Steven Mallon's beef and Guinness stew and his partner, Rowena Hanlon, took out the best desert with her apple cream slice.

For Steve's effort as overall winner his name will adorn the trophy that has been handed

down since the competition's inception.

Not all weekend was spent around the fire feasting, with Littabella National Park in close proximity the group headed out exploring the tracks, ending atop Mount Watalgan soaking up the views.

This time of year with crystal clear skies you can make out the Hummock and the sugar silos at the Port of Bundaberg.

Tours to these special, isolat-

ed spots are one of the benefits of being a member of our club. Not to mention the fun and varied activities we participate in.

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