



# The Wanderer

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All contributions are welcome and should be sent to the Editor, who reserves the right to omit, précis or amend the item without notice.

### Thank You

This month, we have a number of people to nominate for good neighbour notices.

Heather Edney has spent many hours organising QCC's presentation for the Club Skit Night, making sure that all went well – which it did! Heather has put in a lot of work into the Powerpoint presentation which accompanied the song and I am sure we all thank Heather for her great efforts.

We also thank Tom Smith for his part in the presentation – apparently he had a virus and had to put in an extra effort to ensure he was able to perform on the night.

It has also been brought to the Editor's attention that Terry & Val Jorgensen were given a bit of help at the National Rally when it was needed. Once Terry & Val had set up their motorhome with annexe and awning at Elmore, they were effectively grounded. Warren & Margaret Hiller took them up to Echuca one day to see the paddle steamers and into the Bendigo Markets as well.

Thanks neighbours.

### The President's Prattle

Because of flooding and landslides on the roads to Blackbutt, I decided on Sunday 9 January to cancel the rally planned for the Blackbutt Showgrounds on 15 & 16 January 2011. This was in the interests of member safety, and to avoid damage to our vehicles and caravans and to the Blackbutt Showgrounds. At the time, however, I was not aware of the extent of flooding to Ipswich and Brisbane that would subsequently occur.

The suddenness and severity of the flooding in Toowoomba and Grantham and Withcott that resulted in carnage and multiple deaths demonstrates the fragility of human life. We should be thankful that no club members were injured or killed during the January 2011 flood.

I understand that two members suffered severe flooding of their homes. I extend the sympathy of the club to these members and to any other member and the family and friends of our members who have suffered flood damage. I also encourage everyone to help our communities to the best of our individual abilities to recover from this devastating flood.

I hope to catch up with many of you at our February rally at Crows Nest.

# Rally at Crows Nest – February 2011

## How to Get There

Follow Warrego Highway to Toowoomba. At the top of the range, turn right into Dawne Street, and then immediately left into Margaret Street, passing Queens Park. At the end of Queens Park, turn right into Hume Street and then left at next traffic lights (Chalk Drive). Turn right into Ruthven Street (which becomes the New England Highway) and follow for approx. 43 kms to the outskirts of Crows Nest. The caravan park is on the left approx 1 km before town of Crows Nest.

OR.... From Esk... Follow Esk-Hampton Road to Hampton. Turn right and follow New England Highway for approx 11 kms to the outskirts of Crows Nest. The caravan park is on the left approx 1 km before town of Crows Nest.

## Rally Info (Needs, Emergencies, etc)

Rally dates:	Official dates:	12 & 13 February 2011
	QCC's booking from:	Wednesday, 9 February 2011
	QCC's booking to:	Wednesday, 16 February 2011

<b>000 Emergency Details</b>	<b>Post Code</b>	<b>Crows Nest – 4355</b>
	<b>Directions</b>	<b>New England Hwy. Closest intersection Oxford St.</b>

Medical Needs: Crows Nest Medical Centre, Community Place, Curnow St. Ph 4698 1176.

Site Contacts: Rene Ansen. Ph 4698 1269.

Club equipment required: Kitchen equipment and urns, first aid, PA system, library & souvenirs, fire extinguisher, banner, flags and flagpoles.

**Booking** **You must book your site for the February rally as soon as possible.** Either phone 4698 1269 or email [booking@crowsnestcaravanpark.com.au](mailto:booking@crowsnestcaravanpark.com.au).

**Special leaving time:** To allow for the Sunday meetings, the caravan park will allow us to stay later on the Sunday, departing no later than 2:00pm. Please confirm your departure time when you make your booking.

Dump Point: At the caravan park.

Pets: Dogs allowed on a short leash only and under the control of owner.

Fees: Site Fee: \$ 24.00 per caravan per night  
Administration Fee: \$ 3.00 per caravan

<b>Rally Programme – in brief</b>			(Remember to check the noticeboard at the rally for changes, particularly for any activities on Friday!)		
Sat:	9:15 am 10:00 am TBA 7:30 pm	Morning tea (finishes 9:45 am) Meeting President's Day Games night	Sun:	8:45 am 9.15 am 9:30 am 10:00 am	Pay Treasurer Morning tea Meeting Management Committee Meeting
Social games of Disc Bowls all weekend. For a set to play, please contact Barry Gibson.					
Jenny Carroll and friends meet at each rally (time permitting) with their UFOs for a bit of craft and a bit of a chat. Please feel free to join them.					

## Programme Details

The venue and time for the President's Day sausage sizzle will be advised at Saturday's meeting. The location may be on site or off site, depending on what venue is available/suitable at the time. QCC will provide sausages, bread and dessert. You will need to bring salad, drinks, crockery and cutlery.

You do not need to bring anything (apart from yourselves, that is ...) for Saturday's Games Night.



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## Club News

### Special Notices – PLEASE READ

- **You must book your site at the Crows Nest Caravan Park for the February rally as soon as possible.** Either phone 4698 1269 or email [booking@crownsnestcaravanpark.com.au](mailto:booking@crownsnestcaravanpark.com.au).
- Due to the cancellation of the January rally, we missed a General Meeting. Accordingly, there is a QCC General Meeting at Crows Nest on Saturday 12 February 2011. If you have any item to include on the agenda, you must provide it in writing to Secretary, Gwen Egen, no later than 9:00am on Friday 11 February. Remember, a minor issue can be raised at any meeting.
- Club Membership Fees are due before 28 February 2011. Membership fees are \$40 per year for ordinary membership and \$25 per year for associate membership for 2011/2012.
- QCC's AGM will be upon us soon in April and QCC needs to fill a number of key positions. Your club needs you. We need some new faces at the Committee Meeting table with fresh ideas – so please give it some thought. Please talk to those currently in positions and/or Secretary Gwen, and I'm sure they will be only too happy to give you some insights on the role. Nomination Forms will be available soon.
- Secretary Gwen is updating our records. Please contact her to ensure that the membership listing and emergency contacts information for you are correct.
- CCCQ AGM – nominations for the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and three Committee positions close on Friday 25 February. If you are interested in nominating, please contact QCC Secretary Gwen for a Nomination Form.
- 15<sup>th</sup> National Rally in 2013 at Rockhampton – nominations for the positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer close on Friday 25 February. If you are interested in nominating, please contact QCC Secretary Gwen for a Nomination Form.
- For info on CCCQ, their website address is <http://sites.google.com/site/caravanclubsqld/>.
- All persons on a QCC rally site, i.e. both members and visitors, must sign the Attendance Book.

## Future Rallies

### 2011 Rally Sites

Mar	12&13	Kenilworth Showgrounds	Aug	13&14	Nambour Showgrounds
Apr	9&10	Dayboro Showgrounds	Sep	10&11	Canungra Scout Camp (bush rally)
May	30/4-2/5	<b>TO BE ADVISED</b>	Oct	12-19	CCCQ State Rally, Maryborough
Jun	4&5	Darlington Park (bush rally)	Nov	12&13	Coolum Caravan Park
Jul	9&10	Killarney Showgrounds	Dec	3-4	Gatton Showgrounds

**Please ensure you check the list above each month in case a rally site has been changed.**

## Member News

### Birthdays – February

1 <sup>st</sup> Diane Brearley	13 <sup>th</sup> Eric Gall	17 <sup>th</sup> Cheryle Hill	23 <sup>rd</sup> Reg Foster
1 <sup>st</sup> Sue Stephenson	13 <sup>th</sup> Ken Gethings	19 <sup>th</sup> Sid Goddard	24 <sup>th</sup> Steve Langley
3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan Steele	15 <sup>th</sup> Les Buzza	20 <sup>th</sup> Graham Hill	28 <sup>th</sup> John Hall
5 <sup>th</sup> Shirley Sheehan	17 <sup>th</sup> John Carroll	22 <sup>nd</sup> Trevor Stacey	29 <sup>th</sup> Barry Easter
9 <sup>th</sup> Rosslyn Zylstra	17 <sup>th</sup> Rhonda Gaffney	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sue Baker	29 <sup>th</sup> Karen Haslewood
11 <sup>th</sup> Carolyn Kahler			

♪ *Happy birthday to you* ♪

### Anniversaries – February

5 <sup>th</sup> Jan & John Miers	18 <sup>th</sup> Helen & David Judge	23 <sup>rd</sup> Ngaire & Trevor Smith
6 <sup>th</sup> Barbara & Merv Cook	19 <sup>th</sup> Gwen & Ian Egen	23 <sup>rd</sup> Joy & Ron Stark
14 <sup>th</sup> Joan & John Hall	20 <sup>th</sup> Eunice & Doug Keppie	26 <sup>th</sup> Nancy & Chris Rae
14 <sup>th</sup> Pam & Ron Petch		

♪ *Happy anniversary to you* ♪

### Other News

Carol Fraser was bitten by a spider on the way to the National Rally. It may have been a White Tailed Spider, which can cause ongoing problems. We are all thinking of you, Carol, and I will look to update the members when news is to hand.

Carmel & Roy Bridges are pleased to report that the PET scan Carmel had on 24 December was clear. All that is left are two Methotrexate treatments on 30 December and 24 January. After that it will be check-ups every two months for two years. We would again like to thank all the members of QCC for their love and best wishes during the past 5 months. It was greatly appreciated.

Kind regards, Roy and Carmel.

Norman Johnston Smith was born on 20 November to Tom & Jacky Smith's son, Jason, and his wife, Max, in Melbourne. Norm weighed in at 3.1 kg and was 50cm long at birth. All three are healthy (parents and baby I presume). No Grandchildren for all these years and now they have 2 grandsons within five weeks!

Gordon Ison is proud grandfather to Amy Rose, born on 19 December to his daughter Sally and her husband Greg.

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## And the Water Came

Yes, the water came ... both down by rain and up by flood. You can try to be flippant about it, but it is very hard to be flippant when you consider those who lost their lives in what would have been very frightening conditions. And, of course, there are those who had their lives turned upside down with the foul water running amok in their homes, as well as those who lost their homes entirely.

President Eric has been busy checking on any of our members who could have been affected by the flooding Bremer and Brisbane Rivers. Help would have been at hand if needed. **Sadly, I have to advise that the homes of Del Portelli and Doris Gray were severely affected.** All our thoughts are with them and the task ahead. We will keep in touch in case we can offer practical help.

I am also aware of members who live not far from the Brisbane River who resorted to sandbagging around their home to safeguard their property. We think of you too ... the watching, and the waiting, and the uncertainty.

The whole thing is very sobering indeed. My heart goes out to those in Toowoomba and the Lockyer Valley who were hit suddenly with a wall of water. It would be funny if it wasn't so horrifying – Toowoomba in flood! We have friends who live in Helidon and we were very worried until we managed to speak with them.

A very special mention must be made of the emergency workers, from Queensland, interstate and New Zealand, who worked tirelessly to help those affected by the floods throughout the state – we couldn't have done without them.

We did hear tales of some looting of abandoned homes, but these tales were few. There will always be vultures. But I'd rather think of those nice, decent people who made themselves available to help their neighbours, many of whom were strangers – a much more pleasant concept.

## Live More, See More, Rally in Elmore

A total of 18 QCC caravans (i.e. 36 members) attended the National Rally in January at Elmore, and we welcome them home, although some will not arrive home until a little later.

The QCC's attenders at the National Rally were:

Bert & Yvonne Beker, Keith & Heather Burgess, Kevin & Carol Day; Dennis & Heather Edney, Ian & Gwen Egen; Gus & Carol Fraser, Rod & Bev Green, Warren & Margaret Hiller, Terry & Val Jorgensen, Kev & Del McNab, Tony & Lynne Pomroy, Bob & Barbara Rutherford, Brian & Denise Sheehan, Tom & Jacky Smith, Tony & Sue Stephenson, Peter & Margaret Styles, Bill & Denise Waycott and Bob & Marion Willmott.



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Of course, the rally at Blackbutt was cancelled. Who could enjoy a rally amidst all the trauma, even if the grounds had been accessible? When the Blackbutt Showgrounds people contacted us to advise that the rally should be cancelled, we weren't surprised (nor sorry, I have to admit). It would have been very wet and muddy at Blackbutt, if we'd been able to get there, that is, with water over the road in many places.

And hasn't it rained! As someone said to me "I'm over it ... I'm ready for some sunshine now." I can't agree more – I'm beginning to feel that I am closely related to the duck ... and I keep checking my feet to see if they have become webbed!

But, all, things considered, I have nothing to complain about – we weren't flooded.

Well, anyhow, here's to next month at Crows Nest.



**All of the QCC National Ralliers**

On Opening Night, QCC's very proud flag bearers were Ted & Val Jorgensen. Terry had not been well, but still did us proud. Bert & Yvonne Beker did the honours at the Closing Ceremony. All four were excellent ambassadors of QCC.

In the eleven days at Elmore, the ralliers enjoyed the disc bowls competition, photography competition, walking group, street breakfasts, book club, golf, tennis, lawn bowls, 13 tours, craft seminars & exhibitions for both men and ladies, other seminars on using mobile phones effectively, emailing, financial planning, health, etc, and the club market day with craft and wares from all around Australia. They've had a very busy time of it and will probably need a holiday afterwards!

Every night the organisers had arranged a great entertainment mixture of games and different types of music. The New Year's Eve party, with its 1950/60's flavour, was the icing on the entertainment cake. Because everybody comes from different time zones, the ralliers celebrate the New Year of each state. I believe some of the Queensland people couldn't stay up the extra hour to celebrate our New year ...

From the attenders' reports, everybody had a really great time of comradeship and entertainment.

QCC members were all ajitters for QCC's presentation on the second Club Skit Night, when they were the finale act. Tom Smith presented his poem, told brilliantly as only Tom can, and Heather Edney led 30 in the song, *Life is Great in the Sunshine State*, accompanied by a top class Powerpoint presentation put together by Heather. I have been told that both parts of the performance went very well. Congratulations all!

The rugs and beanies etc made by various QCC ladies were donated at Elmore. These lovely items were displayed at QCC's December rally. Once again, ladies, thank you for your excellent work!

There were two teams from Queensland in the Disc Bowls Competition finals, including Kevin and Carol Day. And, yes, Kevin and Carol won the Disc Bowls Comp, awarded the Ken Baskerville Memorial Shield! Kevin and Carol admitted that The Adventurers players, who they played in the finals, were very worthy opponents – the teams were even at ten ends. In the extra 11<sup>th</sup> end, Kevin and Carol inched ahead by two points. Congratulations! This is the second National Rally in a row that Kevin has been part of the team that won the National Rally Disc Bowls Competition.

Also, Tony Stephenson's team were runners up in the Lawn Bowls Competition – congratulations! This was also no mean feat.

Our members picked up a few prizes in the lucky van draws and Peter Styles won a prize in the Queensland Flood Appeal raffle. All in all, it sounds like they had a very successful rally.

The next National Rally, in September 2013, is at the Rockhampton Showground, with its marvellous facilities. By 8 January we already had 250 registrations for the 2013 National Rally – no one told them about the rain and floods in Queensland! Rain and floods notwithstanding, what a great time of year it is to be in Rockhampton. The weather should be nearly perfect in September; sunny, not too hot and not too cool.

I am sure the organisers of the 2013 National Rally will be seeking lots of help from all the Queensland clubs to ensure that the 2013 National Rally is a success. We should all be aware that the very pride of Queensland is on the table here ... we'll all do our best to ensure that Rockhampton in 2013 is the best National Rally ever, won't we?

Your Editor was not at Elmore, and so thanks Kevin & Carol Day, Gwen Egen and Lynne Pomroy specifically, as well as input from all the National Ralliers, for the information supplied.

## 2-Way Radio Etiquette

2-way radios, used correctly, can be a very convenient tool. Although we have 40 channels available on our 2-way radio, did you know that some of them have pre-allocated uses, by law?

The following channels are pre-allocated and must be used only for the purpose noted below:

<u>Channel</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
5 & 35	For emergency use only
1 to 8 & 31 to 38	These are for Duplex use only.
11	This is the call channel, by law.
22 & 23	For telemetry and remote control devices use only. Voice communications are not allowed.

The following channels are available for general use:

<u>Channel</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
40	General highway channel, often used by truckies.
9, 10, 12 to 21, 23 to 30 & 39	These are for general chit-chat.
18	Is the unofficial caravanners channel.
20	Is the unofficial CMCA (motor homes) channel.

Protocol is to make the initial call on either channel 11 or 40. Once you have the attention of whom you are calling, you should then switch to one of the general chit chat channels for longer calls.

### A Word from Your Editor

I am definitely retiring as Editor of *The Wanderer* at the AGM in April 2011. Who is interested in taking over the role? Please come and see me and I'll show you how the system works.

If you have any item that you would like to include in *The Wanderer*, please let me know.

Safe driving and see you at Crows Nest.

Wendy Gibson. 

### Quotable Quotes

The average amount of sleep required by the average person is just five minutes more – anon.

Time gets away faster each day; so enjoy it; it won't come back – Verka.

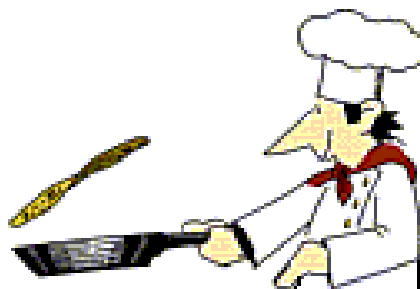
Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless – Mother Theresa.

You meet people who forget you; you forget people you meet; but sometimes you meet those people you can't forget; those are your friends – anon.

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