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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.

From the President's Desk

I hope you all enjoyed our rally at Dayboro; it's a very welcoming town to our club.

I must congratulate our chief rally marshal, Des McLeod, for the job he did with his team to park 60 vans in such a sticky situation.

I thank all the members who stepped up to donate their time and energy to fill all the committee positions.

I have prepared a letter of thanks to the STIG for his appearance at the race meeting on Saturday night but I am having trouble finding his address.

Members, I thank you all for giving me the opportunity to chair such a great bunch of people who are the Queensland Caravan Club, and I know that with the ideas and suggestions from you all, to the respective committee members it should make our job as a committee easy to organize a lot of fun and fellowship on wheels.

See you all at Pittsworth.

Yours in Caravanning,



It's QCC's birthday soon

Thank You

Firstly, our thanks to Rally Marshals Roy Bridges, Keith McCallum, Des McLeod and Bill Waycott, who had a very difficult job due to works at the showgrounds and the persistent rain on Friday did not help.

We have two groups of people we should especially thank –

Firstly, our outgoing committee, Eric Gall, John Carroll, Sue Baker, Gwen Egen, Pat Davies, Wendy Gibson, David Judge, Des McLeod, Marg Kasper, Bill Waycott and Tony Stephenson, deserve our thanks for the very busy year they've put in. Secondly, we thank our incoming committee, Roy Bridges, John Carroll, Bryan Davies, Lynne Pomroy, Gwen Egen, Pat Davies, Denise Park, Jan Miers, Mary Jacobson, Des McLeod, Terry Parks and Tony Pomroy, for the effort they'll put in to ensure our rallies are all they should be.

They are all good neighbours.

Rally at Pittsworth – May 2011

How to Get There

From Brisbane, follow the Ipswich Motorway. Exit left (veering right over the motorway) onto the Warrego Hwy to Toowoomba (approx 95 kms to the top of the range). At the top of the range turn left (continuing on Warrego Hwy – Cohoe St) and very shortly turn right into James St (still Warrego Hwy). Continue the length of James St.

At Clifford Gardens shopping centre (on your right), turn left into Anzac Ave (Gore Hwy); the signpost says “Millmerran/Goondiwindi”. Continue on Gore Hwy for approx 40 kms; turn left where the signpost directs you to Pittsworth.

As you enter Pittsworth, the high school is on your left, followed by a street and then the showgrounds. Entry is at the far end of the showgrounds.


Rally Info (Needs, Emergencies, etc)

Rally dates:	Official dates:	30 April to 2 May 2011
	Arrive no earlier than:	Thursday 28 April 2011
	Depart no later than:	Tuesday 3 May 2011

000 Emergency Details	Post Code	Pittsworth – 4356
	Directions	Pittsworth Showgrounds, Railway St., beside the high school. The entrance is between Factory St & Steele St.

Medical Needs:	Pittsworth Medical Centre (weekdays only) – 4693 1900, or Beauraba Living (Hospital), Weale Street, Pittsworth.
Site Contacts:	Show Society – Peter Daley – Phone: 4619 8000.
Club equipment required:	Kitchen equipment and urns, first aid, PA system, library & souvenirs, fire extinguisher, banner, flags and flagpoles.
Rally Marshal Co-ordinator:	Des McLeod – If you have a medical need to be close to the amenities, please contact Des on 5494 7832 or 0438 439 376 by the Monday prior to the rally. If you do not phone and all sites near the amenities have been pre-allocated, a site near the amenities may not be available.
Dump Point:	In the showgrounds, but accessible only from the front street (Railway Street).
Pets:	Dogs allowed on a short leash only and under the control of owner.
Fees:	Site Fees: \$ 13.00 per van per night Hall & Facilities Hire: \$ 4.00 per van Administration Fees: \$ 3.00 per van

Rally Programme – in brief (Remember to check the noticeboard at the rally for changes, particularly for any activities on Friday!)

Sat:	9:15 am	Morning tea (finishes 9:45 am)	Mon:	8:45 am	Pay Treasurer
	10:00 am	Meeting		9:15 am	Morning tea
	9:00 to	Lodge entries for Photography		9:30 am	Meeting
	10:00 am	Comp with Wendy Gibson		10:00 am	Management Committee Meeting
	10:00 am	Meeting			
	11:00 am	Approx – meet for Bus Trip			
	5:00 pm	Disc Bowls Singles Comp nominations close	Over the weekend we'll have a Photography Competition. Please read details on next page.		
	7:30 pm	An evening with <i>Transition</i>			
Sun:	9:00am	Disc Bowls Singles Comp draw on noticeboard	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.		
	9:15 am	Morning tea			
	10:00 am	Card Making with Denise Parks			
	1:00 pm	Disc Bowls Comp commences			
	2:30 pm	Book Club with Merle Beresford			
	7:30 pm	Crazy Whist			

Programme Details

Friday

- 1:00 pm Golf
- 3:00 pm Line dancing
- 7:30 pm Film night (or perhaps a wedding).

Sunday Book Club – The book for May is “*The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*” by Steig Larsson.

Annual QCC Singles Disc Bowls Competition

The timings to remember are:

Saturday

5:00 pmNominations close

Sunday

9:00 am.....Game draw on noticeboard
1:00 pm sharp.....Games commence
4:00 pm approx.....Semis and finals games

Hopefully we will start the semis at approximately 4:00 pm; however, until we have all of the nominations in, we cannot predict exactly how late the games will run.

The National Disc Bowls Rules apply, with the following amendments:

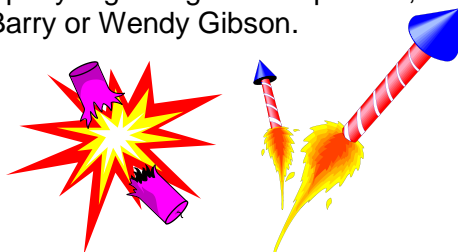
- The games are played as singles instead of pairs, and
- Each player will have six discs.

We have trophies for the winner and the runner up, and provision has been made to engrave the winner's name on his or her trophy. The winner and runner up can keep their trophies until the QCC Singles Disc Bowls Competition next year.

Everybody willing to help as markers will be very appreciated.

Both ladies and gents are welcome. Come along and join in the fun.

If you have any query regarding the competition, please contact Barry or Wendy Gibson.



Club News

Special Notices – PLEASE READ

- CCCQ need helpers for their booth at the Caravan Show on 8-14 June. If interested in helping, contact Secretary Gwen. Please note that not everyone who registers to help will be needed.
- Please complete the **Information Disclosure** form attached and forward it to Secretary Gwen.

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Bus Trip on Saturday – The cost is \$20 each including lunch, payable in cash. Where and when (approx 11:00am) we board the bus and payment details will be advised at Saturday's meeting. Please don't be late as the bus driver cannot wait! We'll be taken one-way to Leyburn, returning another route, and we'll be shown various places of interest along the way. At Leyburn we'll do a tour of the historic parts of the town going back to the Chinese Gold Mining days etc. At Leyburn RSL we'll have a set lunch. We should return to the showgrounds mid afternoon.

Photography Competition – Timings below

Photos entered into the competition must be lodged on Saturday between 9:00 and 10:00 am. Please see Wendy Gibson in the hall to lodge your photographs.

Each person may enter one photo (unframed) in each of the five categories, which are **(1)** At a QCC Rally **(2)** An Australian Scene **(3)** Scene to include a caravan **(4)** Portrait of Member(s), and **(5)** Novelty (can be anything).

Each photo must be an original taken by the entrant and, to give everyone an equal chance, the photos must be around the 8"x6" (20x15cm) size. You will also need to think of an appropriate title (or caption) for each photo.

Please write on the back of each photo **(a)** your name **(b)** the Category **(c)** the title/caption you have given to the photo.

A separate section will be allocated for those photos for display that do not match any of the above categories. These will not be judged.

Judging – You are the judges! At Saturday's meeting, we'll give each of you five coloured dots. You place the appropriate coloured dot on each of your choices on the A4 sheet surrounding the photo (not on the photo itself). You can select one photo in each category and you have between 7:00 pm on Saturday and 4:00pm on Sunday to judge.

A4 sheets of paper to surround the photos will be provided – so no frames please. If you have any query regarding the competition, please contact Barry or Wendy Gibson.

- 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.

Annual General Meeting – April 2011

The election of office bearers was chaired by Tom Smith. We are pleased to advise that your office bearers for the next 12 months are:

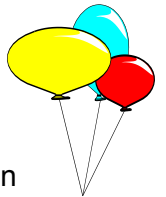
President:	Roy Bridges	Treasurer:	Lynne Pomroy
Senior Vice President:	John Carroll	Secretary:	Gwen Egen
Junior Vice President:	Bryan Davies	Assistant Secretary:	Pat Davies
Editor:	Denise Park	Convenor	Jan Miers
Committee:	Mary Jacobson, Des McLeod, Terry Parks and Tony Pomroy.		
Auditor:	Malcolm J Leake		
CCCQ Delegates:	Tony Pomroy and Bob Rutherford.		
National Rally Co-ordinator:	Carol Day	Library:	Helen Judge
Assistant Convenor:	Gail Caddies	Sunshine Lady:	Heather McIlvanie
Induction Programme:	Carol Day, Ian Egen and Adrian Skinner		

Committee Members are responsible for the following:

Des McLeod:	Rally Marshal Co-ordinator
Mary Jacobson	Entertainment
Brian Davies:	Souvenirs & club shirts
Tony Pomroy:	Assistant Treasurer
Gwen Egen:	Flags



Roy Bridges & Des McLeod: Hall keys
 John Carroll: Emergency procedures, fire extinguisher, first aid kit, fundraising (assisted by Jenny Carroll & Pat Davies)



General Meeting – April 2011

The privacy of QCC's members is a very important issue. Accordingly, a Privacy Policy has been developed to help protect the privacy of the members and also let members know what to expect from the policy. So that the committee can be sure it meets the individual wishes of its members, an **Information Disclosure** form has also been developed, with provision for each member to advise their individual wishes. Each member will be asked to read the Policy Statement on the flip side of the form and then complete and sign the form. Please read the Policy Statement attached, and return the completed form to Secretary Gwen.

Future Rallies

2011 Rally Sites

Jun	4&5	Darlington Park (bush rally)	Oct	12-19	CCCQ State Rally, Maryborough
Jul	9&10	Killarney Showgrounds	Nov	12&13	Coolum Caravan Park
Aug	13&14	Nambour Showgrounds	Dec	3-4	Gatton Showgrounds
Sep	10&11	Canungra Scout Camp (bush rally)			

2012 Rally Sites

Jan 14&15 Blackbutt Showgrounds

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

Member News

New Members & Member Milestones

We welcome Denis & Kay Cherry, inducted at Dayboro. Kay thanked us for accepting them into the club. They had a very special thank you to Rhonda & Frank Gaffney who they had met at Dingo Creek and told them about the club, and Marie & Neil Chesney who had made them especially welcome.



This month, 250 rallies badges were awarded to Tom & Jacky Smith. Three months in a row – first 25 years, then life membership – now 250 rallies! Tom & Jacky were inducted at Rocky Creek Scout Camp in Landsborough in April 1986. Both have been very active in the club, with Jacky as the first female President, Senior Vice-President, Assistant Secretary, Committee Member and Entertainment Co-ordinator and Tom as President, Editor and QCC's delegate to CCCQ. Congratulations! Jacky said "thank you for all the memories". Tom remembered when they thought it was a big rally when 15 caravans rallied! He thanked past and present members for what they had given them.



Happy Birthday QCC

Birthdays – May

1 st Roy Hill	13 th Barry Kriedemann	21 st Carmel Bridges	25 th Wendy Williams
5 th Lyn Barber	14 th Lee Kriedemann	23 rd Jill Boyle	27 th Peggy Finlayson
7 th Marie Chesney	17 th Joan Gethings	23 rd Janet Green	31 st Phil Lowe
11 th Bindra Luscombe	18 th Ann Hetherman	25 th Rod Green	31 st Yvonne Lacey

♪ Happy birthday to you ♪

Anniversaries – May

5 th Del & Geoff Gray	14 th Val & Terry Jorgensen	24 th Janet & Col Green
6 th Yvonne & Bert Beker	16 th Denise & Brian Sheehan	31 st Marion & Bob Willmott
12 th Heather & Dennis Edney		

♪ Happy anniversary to you ♪

Other News

Faith Jones

We are sad to announce the passing of Faith Jones in March 2011. Faith and Doug Jones became members of QCC in 2003.

There are many special memories of Faith Jones – as a friend of many years, I would like to share with you some of what I enjoyed – a softly spoken lady, gentle nature, and loved the colour blue, was there to lend a helping hand, great company and good sense of humour. Her zest for life was contagious. She adored her family and always had a time for friends.

Our deepest sympathy to Doug, their children and grandchildren.

Rest in Peace, Faith.

A special thank you to Bev McCallum for her memories of a friend.

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To my fellow members, both past and present, of QCC, I extend to you my most heartfelt, sincerest thanks and gratitude, for your kindness and sympathy shown to me and my family, on the passing of my wife, Faith, on the 20th March 2011. The sadness and grief of losing my life's partner, after her long journey of confusion, frustration and illness, has been softened by the realization that she is finally free of all earthly problems and illness, and is now at rest. I take great pleasure in recalling the memories of the many times, while attending rallies, of the kindness, consideration and understanding, offered to her and myself, during the early stages of her illness. Those memories will never fade. After a period of time, I intend to be a day visitor at some future rallies, in order to meet with my many friends. Once again, on behalf of myself and my family, I thank all of the members of the club, and extend my best wishes for the future.

Doug Jones.

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Bert Beker has been laid low with pneumonia, but advises that he is improving.

Gordon Ison is undergoing ongoing treatment.

Margaret Styles is recuperating from an operation in April.

Dear Club Members & Friends, Many thanks for your thoughts and best wishes during my recent illness. Even though I am still diagnosed as a “medical mystery”, I am slowly improving and looking forward to seeing you all again.

Lots of love, Pauline Norris

Congratulations to Ken McNab, Barbara Rutherford and Adrian Skinner who have been elected as President, Secretary and Treasurer respectively of CCCQ for a further year.



62 Years of History

As QCC’s birthday is coming upon us, I thought I’d bring to you some pieces of QCC’s history.

Firstly, it is interesting to reproduce a couple of extracts from the “Queensland Caravan Club Constitution and Rules 1960”:

“Objects: To become a good social Club and encourage good friendship among all Caravanners and mobile home owners. To do any lawful thing as may be in the best interest of the club and its members.”

“Membership Fees. The entrance fee shall be £1.10.6 (including pennant) and the Annual Subscription shall be £1.1.0.”

QCC’s first place in history was, of course, its very birth, in May 1949. This was not only important for QCC; it also brought a change to caravan life in Queensland as QCC was the very first caravan club in our state and, I believe, the second caravan club in Australia. The first rally of the Caravan Club of Australia, Brisbane Branch, as QCC was initially named, was held at Beachmere.

The next major milestone was some six years later in March 1955, when the club’s name was changed to the Queensland Caravan Club. Caravan clubbing in Queensland was coming of age. And, of course, the name remains today.

In June 1962 the first edition of *The Wanderer* was produced, written by a member with the title “Editor & Publicity Officer”. QCC’s first Editor & Publicity Officer was Mervyn Lather. In the early days, and indeed not all that long ago, *The Wanderer* was produced by stencil, which was a long and very

messy process. Computers certainly have made life a wee bit easier for the Editor.

QCC has had two marquees in its lifetime. However, it was decided that a marquee big enough to comfortably cover all QCC’s members and kitchen equipment, etc., would be too big for members to handle, and so in 2008 the second (“new”) marquee was “sold” to a newly formed Queensland club, the Family Club.

In May 1949, club membership was 25 caravans. It took 49 years when in 1998 we had our 100th induction. Current membership is 107 and so we have not grown much in the last 13 years.



The “new” marquee at Helidon

Originally, the men were members, the wives having “associate” status (there was a “Ladies Auxiliary”). However, the status of women changed within society, and also within the club, wives becoming members in their own right. The new century brought more change, and in the 2000 AGM women’s status in QCC was cemented with the election of QCC’s first (and only) lady President, Jacky Smith. We’ve since had single ladies as members.

December 1971/January 1972 heralded the first national caravan club rally in Australia, which was at No. 1 Oval in Mildura. The first national rally was attended by a number of representatives from the Queensland Caravan Club.



City of Caravans – Mildura 1st National Rally

The first national caravan club rally in Queensland was some nine years later in December 1980/January 1981, at Nambour. Queensland at that time of year means storms – and so the rally was flooded out. The next national rally in Queensland was at Cleveland – and at the same time of year – and it too was rained out. So far we've held only two national rallies in Queensland; the third one is coming up in September 2013 at Rockhampton, a far better time of year for Queensland.



Floods at Nambour National Rally

The final memory I'll bring to you is QCC's 50th birthday in 1999. A marquee was set up at the site of the original rally, and current and old members came along to join in the celebrations.

In 2009 QCC travelled full circle when it made a reconnection back to the first rally in May 1949. This event was the induction of Neil and Marie Chesney as members. Neil was an 11 year old at our first rally in 1949 at Beachmere with his Mum and Dad, and his Dad served as Committee Man on the very first Committee.

I hope you enjoyed this journey through 62 years of history with me. And a happy 62nd birthday to Queensland Caravan Club members.

QCC at 62

*QCC's soon sixty-two;
So many years to be.
Some of us weren't born back then.
(And one of those is me!)*

*Age and time have left their mark
On ralliers who come.
Those now here, their hair is grey
(Though dye is used by some!)*

*"Fellowship on Wheels" is still
The motto that we share.
Friends of old and some quite new –
Yes, friendship is not rare.*

*Bring a smile and bring a hand
Of friendship when you pack.
Members here will welcome you;
They're pleased to see you back.*

*Let us drink to friends we've made
And why as members stay,
Celebrating fellowship
And QCC's birthday.*

The following statistics put out by the Recreational Vehicle Manufacturers Association of Australia (RVMAA) are quite interesting.

Total towable and motorised RV production for February is up by 12.8% on a YTD.

Total towable production for February is up 12%.

Compared with Feb 2010:	4/5 metres	down 15%
	5/6 metres	up 22%
	6+ metres	up 55%.

Neil Chesney has commented that petrol prices don't seem to be having any effect on towing bigger caravans with bigger tow vehicles.

Thank you Neil for providing the above stats.




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Varoom! Varoom! at Dayboro

60 caravans gathered up and down the hill at the Dayboro Showgrounds for the rally in April.

We've had lots more caravans at this site, but with the works going on we were a little tight on space. The rain came down on Friday making everything just a little muddy, but the tightness and rain did not seem to dampen spirits.

Sue Baker brought along a thingie, which I think she wanted someone to tell her what she had! It turned out to be a dressmaker's hem marker.



As usual, the Mini Drag Racing was a hugely popular event. We offer a very special thank you to Stewie Hornibrook for the great effort he put in organising this event and the prizes.

We trialed our vehicles through Saturday, to select our best car – we had to put our best wheel forward! A total of 106 vehicles were entered. Saturday night commenced with a resounding rendition of *Advance Australia Fair* – and then we were off.

People wore racing garb and the hall was decorated with racing flags and other motor racing items. The air reeked with the acrid smell of motor racing fuel (yes it was). Then the Stig arrived.

The vehicles were put through their paces, two by two, the losers being eliminated from the race.

Congratulations to the winners on the day:

- Best dressed lady – Carol Day
- Best dressed man – Stewart “the Stig” Hornibrook
- Best dressed team – Monaro team of Di Brearley and Des & Yvonne Lowrie
- Best prang – Denise Park
- Winner Novelty – Jim McMorrine
- Winner Modified Vehicle – Stewart Hornibrook
- First Lady (Speed Queen) – Merle Beresford
- First Man (Sid Forster Trophy) – Kevin Day
- Outright 2011 Champion – Kevin Day.

Of course, we have to thank Stewie's many helpers – Paul Brearley, Roy Bridges, Denis Cherry, Bryan & Pat Davies, Dennis & Heather Edney, Ian Egen, Eric Gall, Les Gerrard, John & Olwen Gormly, Lionel Jacobson, Shirley Jones, George Lacey, Des McLeod and John Rawlings, who all put in a great effort to ensure the day was a success.

Lucky Winners

Ian & Gwen Egen were the winners of the Lucky Van Number. They've won a free night at the next non-caravan park rally they attend.

- Raffle
- \$50 Coles voucher (donated by QCC) was won by Margaret James.
- Prizes:
- Lanyard and bracelet (handmade and donated by Jan Miers) was won by Sue Stephenson.
 - Basket of goodies (donated by Del Portelli) was won by Bryan Davies.



Members Present at the Rally

- Members – Gordon, Sue & Darren Baker; George & Merle Beresford; Bob & Betty Blakely; Paul & Di Brearley; Roy & Carmel Bridges; Trevor & Nola Bromley; Ray & Gail Caddies; John & Jenny Carroll; Denis & Kay Cherry; Colin & Margaret Colston; Bryan & Pat Davies; Kevin & Carol Day; Bill & Ann Dobe; Dennis & Heather Edney; Ian & Gwen Egen; Reg & Stella Foster; Gus & Carrol Fraser; Frank & Rhonda Gaffney; Eric & Ngaire Gall; Les Gerrard & Anne Eddie; Ken & Joan Gethings; Barry & Wendy Gibson; John & Olwen Gormly; Kev & Pat Gower; Rod & Bev Green; Lance & Karen Haslewood; Roy & Lyn Hill; Warren & Margaret Hiller; Wayne & Vicki Hills; Alf & Desley Hinson; Stewart Hornibrook; Lionel & Mary Jacobson; Colin & Margaret James; Ernie & Shirley Jones; Terry & Val Jorgensen; David & Helen Judge; Daryl & Margaret Kays; Val King; George & Yvonne Lacey; Steve & Robyn Langley; Des & Yvonne Lowrie; Keith & Bev McCallum; Graham & Heather McIlvanie; Des & Jenny McLeod; Jim & Trish McMorrine; Ken & Dell McNab; John & Janette Miers; Terry & Denise Park; Tony & Lynne Pomroy; Chris & Nancy Rae; John & Marlene Rawlings; Graham & Shirley Sheehan; Adrian & Gayle Skinner; Tom & Jacky Smith; Ray & Jan Steele; Tony & Sue Stephenson; Bill & Kathy Styles; Bill & Denise Waycott.

Visitors – 1st time: Graham & Pat Barr. 2nd time: Brian & Pauline Lewis.

Day visitors – Heather & Rex Ashford; Bob & Lyn Barber; John & Lorna Beattie; Neil & Marie Chesney; Mal & Peggy Finlayson; Bill & Marj Kasper; Phil & Del Lowe; Ray & Pam MacDonald; Bob & Marion Willmott.



A Word from Your ex-Editor

Please welcome aboard your new Editor, Denise Park. I'm sure she would love to hear of any ideas you have for her. If you have any item that you would like to include in *The Wanderer*, please let Denise know.

Safe driving and see you at Pittsworth.

Wendy Gibson. 

Quotable Quotes

The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain – Dolly Parton.

The most wasted of all days is that on which one has not laughed – Nicholas Chamfort.

It's kind of fun to do the impossible – Walt Disney.

Be a good listener; your ears will never get you in trouble – Frank Tyger.



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