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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.

A Word from Your Editor

Please note that the November Rally site advertised as at Coolum Caravan Park has had to be cancelled. Details of an alternate site for this General Meeting Rally are being finalised. Members will be notified as soon as possible of this new Rally site.

If you have any item you would like included in the Wanderer, please let me know.

Safe driving and see you at Nambour.

Denise Park. 

From the President's Desk

Well, what a lot of fun us "Irish" Aussie Folk had at Woodford. I for one got a bit mixed up with the time zones, but I guess it all worked out in the end.

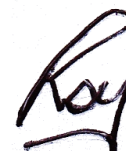
Woodford is a nice town and the showgrounds have everything we need for a rally and I'm sure we will visit there again in the future.

The 58 van roll up was good to see and we enjoyed the company of some members we had not seen for some time and some of them even tried to lead me astray but I refused to be led. (Well, not too far anyway).

Carmel and I had a top meal at the Woodford Hotel with the other 72 members of our club on Friday night. We thank all the members who attended the rally for your participation in making the rally a very enjoyable for both of us.

We look forward to seeing you all again at the Nambour Showgrounds in August.

Yours in caravanning



Rally at Nambour – August 2011

How to Get There

From Brisbane travel north on the Bruce Highway. Continue past the Nambour-Maroochydore exit. Turn off left at Exit 208 to Nambour- Bli Bli Road. Travel .7of a klm in direction Nambour / Mapleton turning left at Crusher Park Drive - travel .4 klm then turn left into the Nambour Showgrounds on Exhibition Street, veer left downhill and enter QCC Rally site on your right. **Do not enter via Coronation Avenue. Driver training for local High School will be in progress.**

Rally Info (Needs, Emergencies, etc)

Rally dates:	Official dates:	12th - 14th August 2011
	Arrive no earlier than:	10 th August 2011
	Depart no later than:	15 th August 2011

000 Emergency Details	Post Code	Nambour 4560
	Directions	Showgrounds Road off Coronation Avenue

Medical Needs: Nambour General Hospital Mapleton Road Nambour
 Site Contacts: Leigh Florence 54762948
 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.**

Pets: Pets allowed on leash and under control of owner.

Fees: Site Fee: \$ 12.00 per caravan per night
 Administration Fee: \$ 4.00 per caravan
 Hall Hire: \$ 4.00 per caravan

Rally Programme – in brief			(Remember to check the noticeboard at the rally for changes, particularly for any activities on Friday!)		
Sat:	9:15 am 10:00 am 1.30pm 3:00 pm 7.00 pm	Morning tea with biscuits Meeting Info session–Funeral Director Auction Giant – size Trivial Pursuits	Sun:	8:45 am 9.15 am 9:30 am 10:00 am	Pay Treasurer Morning tea BYO Snacks Meeting Management Committee Meeting
			Disc Bowls are available 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 Friday afternoon - Golfers be ready for 1.30pm tee off. Line dancing not possible due to cement floors. **3.30pm** -Book Club interested members are welcome to come along and discuss the latest book they have read. This group has expanded its interests to include latest movies watched. **3.30pm**- Craft - all members interested in our Craft group are as asked to come along and help with laminating for the welcome bags.

Clip Boards will be displayed at the meeting room to register your interest in attending Friday evening card games and Dining out in Nambour. Nambour RSL offers 3 special blackboard meals for \$10.00 ach on Friday nights as well as a comprehensive menu. If you wish to attend the club for dinner please book your table prior by calling 54412366.

Saturday afternoon - 1.30pm - Information session by Gregson & Weight local Funeral Directors.

3.00pm - Auction All funds going to Royal Flying Doctor Service. Please bring your Auction items to Rally - no item is too small. Members are also requested to bring along a piece of cardboard 15cm X 15cm (this is to be your bidding card - you will be given your number on arrival at the event). Huge thanks to all who have already donated items for the Auction. Two of the feature items donated so far are the Bush BBQ donated by Roy Stark and the Famous Darlington Shovel donated by Ray Caddies.

Shovel for Auction - A Queensland Caravan Club Inc. Initiative

Hello My Name is 2-Shovel.



Mr. 2-Shovel & Farmer Ray

Over my lifetime I have had many owners - some good - some not-so-good - I really can't remember where I came from or where I was born, as long as I am not a Cockroach. But, I have had an interesting life. How the writer knows about my past interesting life is a mystery - I'm buggered if I know?

I can remember when I started out my apprenticeship. My owner and I was asked to dig half a whole, well how stupid was that - but isn't this so similar to using striped paint?

I was initially designed to clean out holes, so my nick name is "Post-Hole". I did this job for a lot of years, but I was discarded as I was broken and bent. Luckily I was found by a kindly, but tight fisted old bastard, who resurrected me to my present glory. He bought me at an auction for 50 cents!!... And spent a whole \$1.50 in materials to restore me.

My new owner and I have had a wonderful relationship over many many years. We cleaned out some great holes, done heaps of fencing, concreting, drainage, electrical, and a dam at one stage. We built a couple of go-carts tracks, and went on a few Variety Club Rallies, and 4WD excursions. But after all of these wonderful times, my most memorable is the QCC Rally held just recently at Darlington Park.

Thanks to Ray for introducing me to some very interesting people - to Terry, Keith, Graham, John, Kevin, Bob and Margaret. - I've been handled by many people over my life, but never so tenderly as you folks. Thanks to Graham-2 for finally getting me sterilised, as now I feel that I am a free person able to do my own thing without concern.

I had a cackle to myself with poor old Tony - he bought a tooth pick to stir 40 kilos of stew - As you sat back, as most you did, watching Tony up on the rocks with his little toothpick, stirring, you will have observed the sweat from Tony's brow. I came along, - thank GOD for Grahame having had me "fixed" - plonked myself in Tony's hands and delighted everyone's taste buds with the best darn stew in the valley.

As the saying goes, "good things must come to an end" - and its now time to shovel out. At one stage of my life they tried to "spade" me, so I've been lopped, topped, traded, spaded, sterilised, and left in several corners with no one to talk to for weeks on end - now I'm told I'm being mounted - what a way to go out.

So let's AUCTION ME !!

Sincerely yours & Signed by,

2-Shovel

Mr. 2-Shovel Esq. - circa 1948 (at a guess)



Saturday evening - 7.00pm - **Giant Trivial Pursuits** with Tom & Jackie. How big can it be? "**GIANT**". Come along for an evening to remember. Please wear you finest wig and surprise your friends. This evening of fun and games is sure to please all. Tea and coffee will be supplied.

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Club News

Special Notices – PLEASE READ

- QCC General Meeting is at Nambour. If you have any item to include on the agenda, you must provide it in writing to our Secretary, Gwen Egen, no later than 9:00am on Saturday 13th August. Remember, a minor issue can be raised at any meeting.
- 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.

Club Caps – an interest has been expressed in the purchase of Club Caps. These caps would be in the club colours with QCC badge. It is anticipated these caps would cost approximately \$10.00. Please place name at next rally if you are interested.

Registration of Pets – All members who bring pets to rallies are requested to notify Secretary Gwen with your pets name and breed. This information will help the committee in the event that they need to contact you if there are any changes to the Pet rules placed by any of our Rally sites.

Tagging of leads – Brian Lewis has very kindly offered to tag members electrical leads for a minimum cost. See Brian at next Rally.

Pennants on caravans – Please remember to remove QCC pennants from caravans when they are placed for sale. These pennants indicate that the owner of the Caravan is a QCC member.

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Future Rallies

2011 Rally Sites

Sep	10&11	Canungra Scout Camp (bush rally)	Nov	12&13	TBA
Oct	12-19	CCCQ State Rally, Maryborough	Dec	3-4	Gatton Showgrounds

2012 Rally Sites

Jan	14&15	Blackbutt Showgrounds	Mar	10&11	Flanagans Bush Reserve
Feb	11&12	Caravan Park to be advised	Apr	6-9	Beaudesert Showgrounds (Easter)

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

Exciting Future Entertainment

Message from Barry & Wendy Gibson

It's time again to start preparing for our Christmas rally. It's our members who make the Christmas show the great night it is, and all are welcome to join in. So, if you want to be involved, now's the time. We need acts of all types – if you love to sing (it'll be a sing-a-long) either solo or in a group, dancers, poets, musicians, either solo or joining others in a jam – in fact anyone who would like to contribute in whatever way. If you are interested in being part of the show, please contact Barry Gibson no later than Monday 12 September, so that he can put a programme together.



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Member News

Congratulations to Great Grandparents Ken & Dell McNab on the birth of their new great grandson "Riley Jessop" born 30.6.2011.

Get Well wishes to Paul Brearley who has had recent heart surgery, hope you are well on the way to recovery Paul.

Col & Margaret Colson would like to thank members for their kind regards, messages and thoughts of sympathy on the passing of Col's brother.


State Rally

Des & Jenny McLeod convenors of the Sate Rally Stall in Maryborough are requesting the donation of items suitable for sale. Funds raised go to the Royal Flying Doctor. Club Members who are interested in demonstrating their craft skills at the State Rally please contact Secretary Gwen.



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Caravan/Trailer Springs - "It happened to us. It can happen to you".

Our rear axle spring broke. That is serious enough by itself, but the damage it caused was traumatic. But it could have been worse as we could have written off the caravan and the car, as well as being injured ourselves.

What happened was – the rear spring main leaf broke and the axle, wheel and tyre on that side slid back and hit the van chassis and then twisted under the van. The rear axle ended up lengthwise under the van, with the wheels almost at right angles. This bent the 50mm square rear axle, tore the spring shackle on the other side of the van off the chassis – twisted the spring assembly – damaged the wheels and tore the tread off the wheels on that axle. For this to happen, the van must have leapt about a metre in the air.

On later inspection, we noted that the chassis has a C-shaped steel section immediately behind the rear tyres, ending in a bracket to allow use of a Trail-a-mate jack. This provides a sharp edge for the sliding tyre to catch, causing the worst of the trauma.

A partial solution to this problem would be to have the springs fitted with a military style wrap of the second spring leaf over the eye of the main leaf to hold the axle in place should the main leaf break, plus removal of .sharp c-shaped edge by inserting a smooth section of RHS channel into place

You should check this on your van before you plan your next big trip – we certainly are! From what we've read and from other members' experiences, this was not an unusual occurrence.
Barry & Wendy Gibson.

♪ *Happy birthday to you* ♪

Birthdays – August

2nd Terry Coxall
2nd Kem McDowall
5th Beryl Goddard
8th Kev Gower
9th Gwen Campbell-Stewart
10th Heather Edney
10th Kathy Kearney
16th Eue Boyle
16th Trevor Smith
17th Denise Park
17th Margaret Thomas
18th Ray Steele

20th Sue Kopp
21st Des McLeod
23rd Vanice Smith
23rd Ron Stark
24th John Rawlings
25th Gus Fraser
26th Val Jorgensen
27th Vicki Hills
27th Denise Waycott
28th Patrick Hetherman
28th Helen Hornibrook
29th Yvonne Beker
31st Neil Chesney
31st Nancy Rae

9th Lyn & Les Buzza
12th Carol & Kevin Day
13th Margaret & Colin James
14th Joan & Ken Gethings
16th Trish & Jim McMorrine
18th Irene & Merv Pedwell
19th Bev & Keith McCallum

22nd Bev & Rod Green
22nd Margaret & Daryl Kays
22nd Margaret & Stan Thomas
28th Del & Phil Lowe
31st Margaret & Colin Colston
31st Jenny & Des McLeod

Happy Anniversary



Woodford Irish Rally



There once was a young lady called Merle
 A charming and good looking girl
 She got George in her sights
 And lit up all of his lights
 That sweet young lady called Merle

Limerick by Denise Sheehan



58 caravans gathered at Woodford in July. Woodford showgrounds provided an excellent flat grassed area to accommodate this large number of caravans. Thanks to rally marshals Des McLeod, Keith McCallum, Bob Kearney and Bill Waycott for being able to provide parking with power and water to all vans. The club power box was used to achieve this.

Friday afternoon craft was enjoyed by 30 members all eager to assist with the making of gift cards for the Welcome Bags. Book Club was attended by Mary and Bob if anyone would like to join this group you are welcome to attend. Golf winners were Kevin Gower and John Carroll with Alf Hinson winning the courage award for having the courage to declare that he had 12 on par 4.



With Saturday's meeting in the afternoon members were able to get out and about with many supporting the local community through visiting the local markets, winery's and exploring the shopping centre of Woodford. Saturday evening offered members a great evening of **"Irish Fun"**. Members dressed in green and wearing the lapel decorations that crafty members had made in the afternoon had lots of fun and laughs. John & Lorna Beattie hosted **"Woodford you have Talent"**, Ken Gethings, Denis Kays, Jan Steele and Val King all joined with Lorna to demonstrate that they do have excellent singing voices. Bob & Lyn Barber had everyone up bush dancing to Galopede and the Cumberland Reel. Limericks created by talented members were read and Mary organised games that had members laughing.



Members Present at the Rally

Members – Ian & Gloria Bamberry; Bob & Lyn Barber; John & Lorna Beattie; George & Merle Beresford; Bob & Betty Blakely; Roy & Carmel Bridges; Trevor & Nola Bromley; Les & Agnes Buckley; Ray & Gail Caddies; John & Jenny Carroll; Colin & Margaret Colston; Terry & Carolyn Coxall; Bryan & Pat Davies; Kevin & Carol Day; Dennis & Heather Edney; Ian & Gwen Egen; Reg & Stella Foster; Les Gerrard & Anne Eddie; Ken & Joan Gethings; Kev & Pat Gower; Rod & Bev Green; Patrick & Ann Hetherman; Warren & Margaret Hiller; Alf & Desley Hinson; Stewart Hornibrook; Gordon Ison; Lionel & Mary Jacobson; Colin & Margaret James; Ernie & Shirley Jones; David & Helen Judge; Daryl & Margaret Kays; Val King; George & Yvonne Lacey; Brian & Pauline Lewis; Phil & Del Lowe; Ray & Pam MacDonald; Keith & Bev McCallum; Kem & Bev McDowall; Graham & Heather McIlvanie; Des & Jenny McLeod; Ken & Dell McNab; John & Janette Miers; Terry & Denise Park; Ron & Pam Petch; Tony & Lynne Pomroy; John & Marlene Rawlings; Bob & Barbara Rutherford; Brian & Denise Sheehan; Tom & Jacky Smith; Ray & Jan Steele; Tony & Sue Stephenson; Bill & Kathy Styles; Bill & Denise Waycott; Grant & Wendy Williams; Ted & Carolyn Wynne.

Visitors – First time – Victor & Audrey Schrier; Doug & Dorgas Burt

Day visitors – Merv & Barbara Cook; Wayne & Vicki Hills; Christopher Gethings

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 Prizes:
- The First prize \$50.00 Coles voucher donated by QCC was won by Grant Williams.
 - The Second prize Folding basket and small picture frame donated by Mary Jacobson was won by Lionel Jacobson.
 - The Third prize Picture frame donated by Jan Steele was won by Warren Hiller.



Leprechaun Award

This prestigious award was won by Colin James. Colin vowed to remove his newly grown beard after the presentation.



"PLONKING"

Kevin Gower brought to member's attention the new craze that is taking over from "Planking". Plonking is easily achieved by the more mature folk. This craze necessitates the "plonker" to be photographed sitting in a chair relaxing with a glass of wine. Tom Smith was quick off the mark to try out the new craze.



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