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A Word from Your Editor

Thanks everyone for a Great 2011.

Looking forward to lots of fun in the New Year.

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

Safe driving and see you at Gatton

Denise Park. 

From the President's Desk

What a fun Rally we had at Treasure Island. Saturday night entertainment with all the Pirates and their Wenches who turned up to party was a sight for sore eyes (and ears).

Treasure Island Resort is a really large park offering lots of onsite activities. 44 vans attended the rally and members enjoyed all the park had.

The Christmas entertainment being organised for the Gatton Rally is well under way.

To those members who are unable to attend our Christmas Rally, Carmel and I wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and safe New Year.



Merry Christmas

Rally at Gatton – December 2011

How to Get There

From Brisbane follow the Warrego Highway west and take the Gatton exit. Gatton Showgrounds / Sports Centre if on the left - approx 400 meters after the bridge over the railway line.

Rally Info (Needs, Emergencies, etc)

Rally dates:	Official dates:	3rd & 4th December 2011
	Arrive no earlier than:	28 th November 2011
	Depart no later than:	6 th December 2011

000 Emergency Details	Post Code	4343
	Directions	Nearest intersection Spencer Street & William Street.

Medical Needs:	Gatton Hospital. William Street, Gatton. Gatton Medical Centre. Corner William / North Street Gatton. 54621855
Site Contacts:	Brian Taylor. 54625103 MOB 043892625
Club equipment required:	Kitchen equipment and urns, first aid, PA system, library & souvenirs, fire extinguisher, banner, flags and flagpoles.
Special needs:	Uneven sites - will need to bring blocks to level Vans.
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.
Fees:	Site Fee: \$ 13.00 per caravan per night Administration Fee: \$ 3.00 per caravan Hall Hire: \$ 0.00 per caravan

Rally Programme – in brief			(Remember to check the noticeboard at the rally for changes, particularly for any activities on Friday!)		
Sat:	9:00 am 9:30 am 3:00 pm 5:30 pm 6:00 pm	Morning tea (finishes 9:30 am) Meeting Santa Claus coming Christmas entertainment & Dinner	Sun:	8:15 am 9:00 am 10:00 am	Pay Treasurer Meeting Morning tea after 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

1:00 pm Golf – Daryl advised there is a very good golf course at Gatton so bring your sticks for an early afternoon hit off.

2:00pm Book club – interested members are invited to join this group who will be discussing the book “One Good Dog”.

Practise time for the members wishing to join the QCC Singers who will sing on Saturday evening.

3:00 pm Line dancing – Hall permitting.

Friday night Racing - come dressed in your finery for a “Night at the Races” – 6 horses have been nominated to compete at this Gatton track. Prizes will be presented for best hat, best dressed on the field and of course for the actual horse race. There may even be a bookie to complete the scene.



Over the weekend we will have a decorated van competition so bring along lots of Christmas decorations and lights to dress up your van. The winner will be announced at Sunday's meeting.

Christmas fun starts at 3.00pm with afternoon tea and Santa Claus arriving to distribute "Secret Santa" presents. If you bring a present (\$5.00 value) for a lady and / or gent, please mark as female / male, you will receive one in return. You don't have to bring a present – it's just part of the fun. Please remember to wear your name tag to help out Santa.

Christmas dinner - all tables, chairs, plates and cutlery will be provided. You will need to bring your own drink ware. BYO soft drinks / alcohol if desired. Alcohol is permitted in moderation, tea and coffee will be provided after the meal. If you are not having a catered meal please bring your dinner, cutlery ect and join us but once again you will not need to bring tables and chairs. Dress in Christmas party style, members will be allocated seating in groups of six. Please see Carol Day after the Saturday meeting to indicate if you have a group. Catered meal at a cost of \$20.00 needs to be paid for by 23rd November please contact Treasurer Lynne. Anyone wishing children's meals please contact Secretary Gwen ASAP and pay by 23rd November.

4.30pm - happy hour will commence in the hall. We can bring our nibbles and drinks to the hall where we will be allocated our table number; we can then decorate our tables with Christmas glitter.

5.30pm - time to commence the evening's entertainment. Dinner will be served at 6.00pm.



Club News

Special Notices – PLEASE READ

- QCC General Meeting is at Blackbutt. 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 14th January. 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.

State Rally Stall was very successful. Co-ordinators Des & Jenny McLead announced that a total of \$863.70 was raised from this activity. A stall offering many bargains with big discounts will be conducted at the Gatton Rally to clear all the remaining items. Please support this if possible.

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Future Rallies

2012 Rally Sites					
Jan	14-15	Blackbutt Showgrounds	Jul	14-15	Nanango Caravan Park
Feb	11-12	Maroochy Palms Caravan Park	Aug	11-12	Murwillumbah Showgrounds
Mar	10-11	Flanagan's Reserve	Sep		State Rally Beaudesert
Apr	6-9	Beaudesert Showgrounds	Oct	13-14	Kenilworth Showgrounds
May	5-7	Hillview (birthday)	Nov	9-10	Lowood Showgrounds
Jun	2-3	Lawnton Showgrounds	Dec	1-2	Woodford Showgrounds

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

Exciting Future Entertainment

G'day - January Rally at Blackbutt Showgrounds will celebrate Presidents Day. Roy would be as happy as a possum up a gumtree to celebrate everything ridgie didge Australian. Veg out and relax, get the drift.



Member News

Get well wishes to Ken Gethings. Hope you are on the mend Ken and back at the QCC Rally soon. Great to see Brian Davies running around like young fella again, apparently Brian is on the lookout for anyone with spare batteries. Bev Green has thanked members for their kind wishes during her illness.



Alf & Desley Hinson received 50 Rally Badge

Bob & Barbara Rutherford received 250 Rally Badge

Congratulations to Alf, Desley, Bob & Barbara on reaching these milestones in your QCC membership.

Birthdays – December

1st Lyn Buzza
3rd Doug Keppie
4th Irene Cuthbert
5th Frank Gaffney
7th Jacky Smith
8th Carol Day
10th Lionel Jacobson
11th Pauline Lewis
12th Heather Burgess
14th Tony Stephenson

♪ *Happy birthday to you* ♪

15th Ngaire Gall
17th Gail Caddies
18th Jenny Carroll
19th Ron Cuthbert
22nd John Miers
28th Pat Davies
28th Graham Sheehan
29th Karen Haslewood

Anniversaries – December

9th Kathy & Bill Styles
17th Lynne & Tony Pomroy
21st Bindra & Ross Luscombe
24th Del & Ken McNab

♪ *Happy anniversary to you* ♪



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Visitors – First time visitors – Ray & Robyn Parker;
Emily & Joshua Wiedman grandchildren of John & Jan Miers.

Day visitors – Doug & Dawcas Burt; Les Gerrard & Anne Eddie; Doug & Eunice Keppie; Ray & Jan Steele; Tony & Sue Stephenson;

Lucky Winners

Ken & Del McNab 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 -Target Voucher (donated by QCC) was won by Frank Gaffney.
 - The Second Prize - Boot Organiser (donated Des McLeod) was won by Carmel Bridges.
 - The Third Prize - Donut Maker (donated by Yvonne Lacey) was won by Brian Sheehan.

Treasure Island

44 caravans gathered on the Gold Coast at Treasure Island Holiday Park for our rally in November.

Great weather and venue for the members who attended this rally. Treasure Island kept members busy playing tennis and golf and doing lots of swimming, some members even ventured down the water slide into the pool. Harbour Town shopping outlet was a big attraction to the shoppers in the club with many coming back to their vans with a bargain.

Mary once again excelled with the entertainment supplying Pirate cakes for afternoon tea on Friday and then Saturday night Pirates and Wenches were everywhere. Members came dressed to enjoy the fun. Best dressed went to the John & Jan Miers and their grandchildren Emily & Joshua. The "Treasure Hunt" through the park with our torches was so much fun with many members losing their way on several occasions. There were many laughs from the Pirates and Wenches making up the messages in a bottle, some of the messages were a trifle saucy!

Thanks to Jenny McLeod who played for our Sea Shanty Sing-a-long. Excellent work Jenny.



Reg & Stella joined in the spirit with Reg helping to conduct the singers.



Pirate Kevin Gower and Mary Jacobsen



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