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A Word from Your Editor

May health and happiness be with you all in 2012.

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

Safe driving and see you at Blackbutt.

Denise Park. ✍️



From the President's Desk

Apart from some rain on Thursday the weather was nice for us at Gatton and with the 72 vans that attended the rally it was a very busy and happy time. I lost my shirt at the races on Friday night and had a great time at the Christmas party on Saturday night. The musos stayed and had a free for all jam on Sunday night with about 25 to 30 club members staying on to enjoy lots of popular tunes.

I can't thank all you members enough that worked so hard and donated so much of your time to make the Gatton Christmas rally a great success. I for one didn't need any rocking to get to sleep on Monday night.

Carmel and I hope all our club members had a very joyful and healthy Christmas and wish you all a safe and Happy New Year. I'm looking forward to Blackbutt and the Presidents dinner.

Yours in
caravanning,



Rally at Blackbutt – January 2012

How to Get There Either – Continue on the Bruce Hwy north **past** the Buchanan Road/ Morayfield exit. At the next exit (Caboolture/Bribie Island/Kilcoy - Exit 152) there are 2 lanes that exit. Exit Bruce Hwy on the **right exiting lane**, which continues on to Kilcoy and D'Aguilar Hwy. Once on the road to Kilcoy and after going under the overhead bridge move into the left lane, following the signs to Kilcoy. Follow the D'Aguilar Hwy through Wamuran, Woodford and Kilcoy, until you arrive at Blackbutt. Note – Blackbutt is approx 30 kms past the turnoff to Esk.

Or – From Ipswich Motorway, turn onto the Brisbane Valley Hwy. Continue through Esk and past the Toogoolawah turnoff. Turn left onto the D'Aguilar Hwy 17. Continue approx 30 kms until you arrive at Blackbutt. You will see a War Memorial statue at the end of the shops. Turn right at the statue into Hart St. The showgrounds is approx 500 metres on your right.

Note the Blackbutt range is still has only one lane open to traffic. This causes traffic delays with traffic travelling only one direction at a time.

Rally Info (Needs, Emergencies, etc)

Rally dates:	Official dates:	14th - 15th January
	Arrive no earlier than:	4 th January 2012
	Depart no later than:	17 th January 2012

000 Emergency Details	Post Code	4306
	Directions	Blackbutt Showgrounds, Hart Street, off D'Aguilar Highway.

Medical Needs: Dr Daphne Connor, 75 Coulson Street, Blackbutt. Ph 41630023

Site Contacts: Blackbutt Agricultural Show Society Inc. President – Stephen Heit Ph 41630764
email – sheit@bigpond.net.au

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

Special Needs: Town water is available.

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:	\$	7.00 per person per night powered
		\$	5.00 per person per night non powered
	Administration Fee:	\$	3.00 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:	9:00 am 9:30 am 1:00 pm 2:00 pm 4:00 pm 6:00 pm	Morning tea (finishes 9:30 am) Meeting Genealogy Aussie Games Afternoon Tea Presidents Picnic	Sun:	8:15 am 9:00am 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

Entertainment for Blackbutt-

Australian Theme - wear your green and gold or what you think looks typical of OZ Down Under. Bring an object of Australian Memorabilia which can be put on a table for sharing, something special from your family, perhaps, keeping the genealogy presentation in mind.

Friday – Golf – there is a good golf course not far from the Showgrounds for the golfers.

2.00 pm- Book Club “Whiteout” by Ken Follett . Our select little group met at Gatton to chat about “One Good Dog”, a great book for dog lovers especially. We decided on the book for January “Whiteout” by famous author Ken Follett. It is a suspenseful thriller that should appeal to lots of readers. Have decided to give titles for next few months to give interested people more time to read.

Feb.-“Heritage” by Judy Nunn, a story set in the Snowy Mts. When the Murray was being diverted.

March-“Send Down a Dove” by Charles Mac Hardy, a submarine story, set in WW2.

April-“The Happiest Refugee” by Ahn Do, an autobiography by a refugee from Vietnam, now a comedian of some note.

May-“Simisola” by Ruth Rendell, well known mystery writer, story of a form of white slavery in the U.K.

Friday evening - Meals available at the local hotel but numbers need to be in by lunch time Friday. Meals about \$20.00 or Steak burgers and dessert for \$15. Put names down on clipboard if you intend to go for a meal.

Cards always available for any members wishing to play.

Saturday

Entertainment will commence at;

1.00pm - a panel of Club members interested in Genealogy will give a presentation for all Club members wishing to attend and learn more about this fascinating subject.

2.00pm – There will be Old fashioned Aussie Games. Look forward to lots of memories flood back from your school days but sadly there will be no sack races due to the state of member’s hips and knees. Remember to bring your joggers. 4.00pm celebrate afternoon tea the Australian way - bring a plate to share with friends. Keep the Australia Day theme in mind.

6.00pm - President’s Sausage sizzle with pavlova as dessert will be provided for your dinner. You will need to bring your own Plates cutlery ect for this evening. See notice board at Rally updates.

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7.30pm - Australian Trivia Night with a twist. Tom & Jackie will show photographs on the screen and the teams will have to identify the places. Sounds like a good way to take a trip around Australia.



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.
- Membership Fees are now due before the 28th February. Your committee is happy to advise that fees will remain at \$40.00 for general members and \$25.00 for associate members.
- 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

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	17-23	State Rally Beaudesert
Apr	6-9	Beaudesert Showgrounds	Oct	13-14	Kenilworth Showgrounds
May	5-7	Hillview (birthday)	Nov	10-11	Lowood Showgrounds
Jun	2-3	Lawnton	Dec	1-2	Woodford Showgrounds



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Exciting Future Entertainment

Maroochy Palms Caravan Park will see a Rally with a Hawaiian theme. Mary will surprise us with all the details next rally.

Entertainment for the Bush Rally at Flanagan's Reserve is being organised by Ray & Gail Caddies so we are looking forward to big things.

Stewie Hornibrook will be organising Mini Drag Racing for the Easter Rally at Beaudesert. Start planning your "Best Dressed Racing outfits". There will be exciting changes to allow as many Novelty Cars as you like. The Speed Queen sash is being upgraded to a trophy.

QCC Birthday Rally at Hillview in May will be celebrated with a Variety Concert.

Member News

New Members & Member Milestones



Val King was thrilled to receive her 50 Rally Badge

Get Well wishes to all members who are not so well at this time. Our thoughts are with Ken & Joan Gethings, Ken was in hospital at the time of our Gatton Rally.

Message from Sue & Gordon Baker to all their QCC friends. Sue & Gordon will be home from their travels for Christmas and hope to see us at the Blackbutt Rally in January.



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- 1st Keith Burgess
- 1st Ian Egen
- 7th Warren Hiller
- 11th Dawn Dukes
- 12th Elva Stacey
- 12th Jeanette Walker
- 13th Kevin Day

♪ *Happy birthday to you* ♪



- 13th Bill Waycott
- 14th Don Campbell-Stewart
- 15th Bryan Davies
- 20th Terry Park
- 21st Yvonne Lowrie
- 25th Pauline Norris
- 30th Brian Sheehan
- 31st Gwen Egen

Anniversaries – January

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| 2 nd Kathy & Bob Kearney | 10 th Jenny & John Carroll |
| 5 th Sue & Rod Kopp | 15 th Sue & Gordon Baker |
| 9 th Irene & Ron Cuthbert | 30 th Beryl & Sid Goddard |

♪ *Happy anniversary to you* ♪





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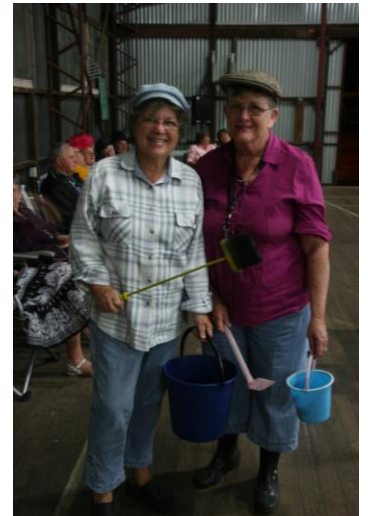
Christmas Rally

72 caravans gathered in Gatton for the Christmas rally in December. Gatton Showgrounds was a great site that catered very well for this large gathering of members.

Friday night entertainment set the scene for a great weekend of fun and laughter.

Neil Chesney "Chief Stewart" and his great assistant Marie provided a posh affair with members dressed in their finest for the Gatton Races. The six horses (all made from aluminium cans) performed well on the wooden track. Marlene Rawlings was the winning jockey of the Gatton Cup and won the Gold Cup, congratulation Marlene.

Gold Cup prizes were also awarded to:
Best Dressed Lady – Merle Beresford
Runner up Mary Jacobsen
Best Dressed Man – Reg Foster
Runner up George Beresford
Best Hat – Val King



Saturday afternoon saw the arrival of "Santa Claus" on his push bike. What a jolly fellow he was. Santa seemed to really enjoy giving all the ladies a hug and many women took advantage of this by sitting on his knee. Santa's helper's Jan & Heather helped Santa give out lots of great presents.

Thanks to our Santa for a great job. Every van present at the Rally was given a set of 4 glasses. These glasses were those donated and remaining after the State Rally. Thanks to Jan & John Meirs arranging for this.





Col Green cutting the Christmas Cake

Thanks to Col for the big effort of getting to this Christmas Rally and fulfilling the honour of cutting the club christmas cake,



Saturday Night entertainment commenced with Happy Hour and flowed on into the evening. Members beautifully decorated their allocated tables with festive cheer. Hot dinner and desert was served by the committee and enjoyed by all. Many thanks must go to all the club members who assisted in so many ways. Special thanks to all the men who washed up after our meal.

After dinner our talented members – Barry Gibson, Marlene & John Rawlings, Keith McCallum, Jenny McLeod, Victor Schrier, Roy Bridges, George Beresford, Trevor Bromley, John & Lorna Beattie, Tom Smith and the QCC Singers entertained all. Des McLeod the bands sound man kept us all sounding great.

Thanks to Barry & Wendy Gibson for the organisation of this event and Wendy's great work in arranging the words for the carols and songs on the big screen to allow us to sing along with the band.



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Members Present at the Rally

- Members – Members – Ian & Gloria Bamberry; Bob & Lyn Barber; John & Lorna Beattie; Bert & Yvonne Beker; George & Merle Beresford; Roy & Carmel Bridges; Trevor & Nola Bromley; Ray & Gail Caddies; John & Jenny Carroll; Neil & Marie Chesney; Colin & Margaret Colston; Merv & Barbara Cook; Terry & Carolyn Coxall; Bryan & Pat Davies; Kevin & Carol Day; Bill & Ann Dobe; Graham & Dawn Dukes; Dennis & Heather Edney; Ian & Gwen Egen; Reg & Stella Foster; Frank & Rhonda Gaffney; Les Gerrard & Anne Eddie; Barry & Wendy Gibson; Rod & Bev Green; Lance & Karen Haslewood; Patrick & Ann Hetherman; Roy & Lyn Hill; Warren & Margaret Hiller; Wayne & Vicki Hills; Alf & Desley Hinson; Stewart Hornibrook; Gordon Ison; Lionel & Mary Jacobson; Colin & Margaret James; Terry & Val Jorgensen; David & Helen Judge; Bill & Marj Kasper; Daryl & Margaret Kays; Bob & Cathy Kearney; Val King; Barry & Lee Kriedemann; George & Yvonne Lacey; Steve & Robyn Langley; Brian & Pauline Lewis; Michael Lillis; Ross & Bindra Luscombe; Ray & Pam MacDonald; Keith & Bev McCallum; Kem & Bev McDowall; Des & Jenny McLeod; Ken & Dell McNab; John & Janette Miers; Terry & Denise Park; Tony & Lynne Pomroy; John & Marlene Rawlings; Bob & Barbara Rutherford; Victor & Audrey Schrier; Brian & Denise Sheehan; Adrian & Gayle Skinner; Tom & Jacky Smith; Ron & Joy Stark; Ray & Jan Steele; Tony & Sue Stephenson; Bill & Kathy Styles; Peter & Margaret Styles; Bill & Denise Waycott; Bob & Marion Willmott; Ted & Carolyn Wynne.

Visitors – First time visitors; Tony & Julie Swift; Ron & Sandra Smith.

Second time visitors; Ray & Robyn Parker; Doug & Dorcas Burt.

Day visitors – Col & Janet Green; John & Jean Meagher; Jeanette Walker

Lucky Winners

Christmas Raffles

10 x Christmas Trees with \$50 vouchers & 5 x Lions Cakes donated by QCC.

Cookie Jar donated by John & Jan Meirs.

10 x free nights at a non caravan park rally.

These raffles were drawn at the Sunday meeting with many happy members receiving prizes.



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