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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

Thank you to all the members for having the confidence in me to be the President of the QCC for the coming year. I am delighted to be given the opportunity and look forward to working with you all for the next 12 months.

Thank you to those members who were elected on the new committee and a special thank you to Carol Day Secretary, and Bryan Davies Treasurer for accepting those very important positions in the club.

What a very busy and entertaining weekend over the Easter period we all had at Beaudesert Showgrounds, with sunny skies and warm days but cool at night.

Thank you to Des McLeod and all his helpers in parking the 55 caravans during the weekend a great effort to all the marshals.

A special thank you to Denise Park card making. Barbara Rutherford Letter Box game on Saturday night. Wendy & Barry Gibson for the photo competition and the single disc bowls competition. Also Stewie Hornibrook for the drag racing on Sunday night another great night for everyone. A new member spoke to me about what a great night he had for a \$2 match box toy outlay.

Thank you to Mary Jacobsen for organising yet another great weekend over the Easter period as Entertainment Coordinator.

New members were inducted by Roy over the weekend Harry & Helena also Ron & Sandra, I hope you have many more rally meetings with us over the next few years.

I thank you for your support and wish you all good health, happiness and safe travelling and look forward to seeing you all at the Bush / Birthday Rally at Hillview.

Happy 63rd Birthday QCC



Rally at Hillview – May 2012

From Brisbane, proceed along Beaudesert Rd, which becomes Mt Lindesay Hwy, continuing past Park Ridge, Jimboomba and Gleneagle, until you arrive in Beaudesert. At Beaudesert, turn right at the main intersection in town (traffic lights) towards Rathdowney (still Mt Lindesay Hwy). Continue towards Rathdowney. At Laravale (approximately 14 kms from the turn), veer left towards Hillview on Christmas Creek Rd. Continue for approximately 17 kms – caution – the road narrows. At Hillview, veer left at the Y-junction. The Hillview Hall is right in front of you as you reach the Y-junction. The Hillview Hall grounds entry is immediately on your right. Slow down as you prepare to enter the grounds **before** you reach the Hall.

Rally Info (Needs, Emergencies, etc)

Rally dates:	Official dates:	5th to 7th May 2012
	Arrive no earlier than:	3 rd May 2012
	Depart no later than:	8 th May 2012

000 Emergency Details	Post Code	4285
	Directions	Cnr Christmas Creek Road & Widgee Creek Road

Medical Needs:	Beaudesert Hospital Tina Street Beaudesert 55419111																
Site Contacts:	Rod W Waters - 55432643																
Club equipment required:	Kitchen equipment and urns, first aid, PA system, library & souvenirs, fire extinguisher, banner, flags and flagpoles.																
Special needs:	No Power or water -Generators allowed 3pm-7pm. Come with full water tanks.																
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.																
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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	Morning tea Meeting Bocce sets available for fun	Mon:	8:15 am 9:00 am	Pay Treasurer Meeting Morning tea after meeting
Sun:	7:00 pm 7:00am 2:30 pm	Variety Concert BYO Breakfast Afternoon tea-bring a plate		13:00 pm	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; 2:00pm Book Club will gather to discuss new novel "Simisola". **3:00pm** Line Dancing in the Hall. Shoes that will not mark the dance floor are essential. **6:00pm- BBQ-** by the Flanagan's Crew, surplus money from the Flanaganis meal will be used to fund this event. Ray, Gail Tony & Sue will supply meat only - members must bring everything else they need. All members welcome.

Saturday 7:00pm Variety Concert and cutting of the QCC 63rd Birthday Cake. An evening of entertainment by talented members.
Sunday -BYO Breakfast – discuss possible sight-seeing drives. **2:30pm** bring a plate to share some afternoon tea. Bring along your Mothers Photograph. Reminisce the past and enjoy company of friends. Mother's Day 13th May.

Club News

Special Notices – PLEASE READ

- 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 2012

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

President:	John Carroll	Treasurer:	Bryan Davies
Senior Vice President:	Eric Gall	Secretary:	Carol Day
Junior Vice President:	Brian Sheehan	Assistant Secretary:	Pat Davies
Editor:	George Lacey	Convenor:	Jan Miers
Committee:	Yvonne Lacey		
	Mary Jacobson		
	Neil Chesney		
	Jenny Carroll		

CCCQ Delegates	Bob Rutherford & Pauline Lewis		
National Rally Co-ordinator:	Carol Day	Library:	Alf & Desley Hinson

Committee Members will be responsible for the following:

Rally Marshal Co-ordinator – Hall keys – Assistant Treasurer – Emergency procedures – Fire extinguisher – First Aid Kit – New Members – Fund Raising – Flag – Banner – Marquee – Disc bowls – souvenirs – Club shirts – Entertainment



Congratulations! Our new committee.

Right to left - Yvonne Lacey, Jan Miers, Bryan Davies, George Lacey, Carol Day, John Carroll, Pat Davies and Jenny Carroll.
Absent from photograph Eric Gall, Brian Sheehan, Mary Jacobsen and Neil Chesney,

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63rd Birthday Article

Mrs Mackie, a QCC founding member, wrote a report some 20 years after the club was first formed, of her recollections of the early years. On QCC's 63rd birthday, I thought I'd share with you some extracts from these wonderful recollections.

"... in twenty years there have been extraordinary changes in caravans and caravanning. The original members of the club and other early members were almost exclusively either (a) van manufacturers or (b) amateur van builders. Many interesting discussions could be heard at rallies as the advantages and disadvantages of certain cars, suspensions, (both car and van) couplings, braking systems, gear ratios etc. These opinions came in the main from people who had caravanned from as far back as the early thirties and these opinions were often backed up by the "bitter" experience of trial and error. How many people contemplating buying a caravan today would be over concerned (if at all) as to positioning of the caravan axle in relation to its length. The discussions that took place regarding a formula to establish axle position gradually crystallised to the most popular one i.e. 1/2" per foot of van length behind centre line (e.g. a 14' van would have its axle 7" behind centre)."

Fast forward to 2012

– I wonder how this formula stacks up today. These days we have a great deal more weight in our caravans and, of course, weight distribution is a major consideration.

To continue with Mrs Mackie's extracts ... *"Alan Wright's van was completely burnt out whilst returning from a trip with Wal Tate so this prompted the club members to form a fire brigade, consisting of Alan Wright, Wal Tate, Don Mackie, Gordon Bowley, Frank Stainkey with volunteer hanger-ons to hinder them in their efforts. Oh yes they had a fire engine with all the necessary (and often unnecessary) equipment such as buckets, helmets, ropes, ladders, hoses, stirrup pumps, and even a water tank mounted on the truck, but only enough water to wet the onlookers."*

Fast forward again to 2012 – I knew we had something missing from our emergency equipment – we need helmets! Doesn't Mrs Mackie's description give you a mental picture of lots of men running around falling over each other to put out a fire, with all the equipment – except no water?

The final Mrs Mackie's extract ... *"The first rally of the club was held at Deception Bay on the King's Birthday weekend in June 1949 and was organised by Charlie Eaton who at that time was secretary for the Australian Automobile Association Magazine. Charlie Eaton was full of ideas and gimmicks to create publicity and he organised a "convoy" which assembled at the Chermiside State School in Gympie Road opposite where Chesney Caravans Showrooms now stand. Police escort to Deception Bay was provided."*

Fast forward again to 2012 – Where Chesney Caravans Showrooms now stand? Happy 63rd birthday.



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Future Rallies

2012 Rally Sites

May	5-7	Hillview (Birthday)	Sep	17-23	State Rally Beaudesert
June	2-3	Lawnton	Oct	13-14	Kenilworth Showgrounds
Jul	14-15	Nanango Caravan Park	Nov	10-11	Lowood Showgrounds
Aug	11-12	Murwillumbah Showgrounds	Dec	1-2	Woodford Showgrounds

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

Member News

Welcome to new members inducted into QCC at the Beaudesert Rally in April 2012.



Harry & Helena Middendorp



Ron & Sandra Smith



Congratulations on a job well done.

Ken McNabb is retiring after 7 years as CCCQ President. Ken first became a member of CCCQ in January 1996 and was elected Treasurer in 2000. 2005 Ken was elected as President, a position he has remained in until his retirement this year.



Kevin & Carol winners of Disc Bowls National Rally.

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Birthdays – May

- 1st Roy Hill
- 5th Lyn Barber
- 7th Marie Chesney
- 11th Bindra Luscombe
- 13th Barry Kriedemann
- 14th Lee Kriedemann
- 17th Joan Gethings
- 18th Ann Hetherman

♪ Happy birthday to you ♪

- 10th Tony Swift
- 21st Carmel Bridges
- 21st Jeff Greenhalf
- 23rd Jill Boyle
- 25th Rod Green
- 25th Wendy Williams
- 27th Peggy Finlayson
- 31st Phil Lowe
- 31st Yvonne Lacey

- 5th Del & Geoff Gray
- 6th Yvonne & Bert Beker
- 12th Heather & Dennis Edney
- 14th Val & Terry Jorgensen

♪ Happy anniversary to you ♪

- 16th Denise & Brian Sheehan
- 31st Marion & Bob Willmott

Easter Rally

Easter Rally at Beaudesert was a great success with lots of activities and fun for all members. Friday we all enjoyed a very informative talk from author Mal Dale. Mal a previous member of QCC has written a great book called Despatched to the Derwent.



Rocket shooting competition hosted by Stewie was won by budding "rocketeers" Carol and David.



Crazy socks was a fun night. Members had to guess what was in each sock. Winners were Lyn Pomroy and Carmel Bridges. Each won a pair of socks.



Winners of the Drag Racing. Outright winner Stewie Hornibrook and First Female Denise Park



Singles Disc Bowls Competition Winner John Carroll and Runner-up Barry Gibson with marker Les Buzza. Fifty-two members enjoyed a great afternoon organised by Barry & Wendy Gibson. Second time visitor Lyn Cragg was Best Lady and almost made it to the semi-finals. Lyn had never seen disc bowls before and had to have the rules explained so she could play. Look out men when she gets a bit of practise.

QCC Mini Drags was a great night of entertainment with prizes going to;
 Best Dressed Lady; Pam Easter.
 Best Dressed Man; The Stig.
 Best Dressed Team; Terry & Denise Park.
 Best Prang; Frank Gaffney.
 First Novelty Class; The Stig.
 First Improved Production Class; The Stig. First Lady (Speed Queen); Denise Park.
 First Man (Sid Foster Trophy); The Stig. First Outright 2012 Champion; The Stig.



Stewie Hornibrook alias "The Stig" holding his trophies for First in Improved Production Class and overall Winner of the Mini Drags

Annual QCC Photo Competition was held over the weekend with some great entries in all categories.
 At a QCC Rally; First -Terry Park,
 Second -Margaret James.
 Australian Scene; First -Terry Park
 Second -Carmel Bridges.
 Scene with a Caravan; First -Tom Smith
 Second -Bert Beker.
 Novelty; First -Bert Beker
 Second- Denise Park.
 Members Plonking; First -Denise Park
 Second -Yvonne Beker
 (Prizes of bottles of Red Wine donated by Kevin Gower for first and second place winners in Plonking Category)

Members Present at the Rally

- Members – Graham & Pat Barr; John & Lorna Beattie; Bert & Yvonne Beker; Roy & Carmel Bridges; Trevor & Nola Bromley; Les & Lyn Buzza; Ray & Gail Caddies; John & Jenny Carroll; Terry & Carolyn Coxall; Bryan & Pat Davies; Kevin & Carol Day; Bill & Ann Dobe; Graham & Dawn Dukes; Barry & Pamela Easter; Ian & Gwen Egen; Reg & Stella Foster; Frank & Rhonda Gaffney; Les Gerrard & Anne Eddie; Barry & Wendy Gibson; Kev & Pat Gower; Geoff & Del Gray; Patrick & Ann Hetherman; Wayne & Vicki Hills; Alf & Desley Hinson; Stewart Hornibrook; Gordon Ison; Colin & Margaret James; Terry & Val Jorgensen; David & Helen Judge; Bill & Marj Kasper; Bob & Kathy Kearney; Val King; George & Yvonne Lacey; Steve & Robyn Langley; Brian & Pauline Lewis; Des & Yvonne Lowrie; Keith & Bev McCallum; Des & Jenny McLeod; Ken & Dell McNab; Harry & Helena Middendorp; John & Janette Miers; Terry & Denise Park; Tony & Lynne Pomroy; John & Marlene Rawlings; Bob & Barbara Rutherford; Graham & Shirley Sheehan; Adrian & Gayle Skinner; Ron & Sandra Smith; Tom & Jacky Smith; Ray & Jan Steele; Tony & Sue Stephenson; Peter & Margaret Styles; Bill & Denise Waycott;

Visitors – First time – Kevin & Susanne Bowman; Second time - Ken & Lyn Cragg

Day visitors – Mal & Jean Dale; Grant, Leisa & Bella Miers; Sid & Corrinne Foster; Les Buckley; Ian & Gloria Bamberry; Pam & Ray McDonald; Merv & Barbara Cook; John & Jean Meagher.



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Lucky Winners

Graham & Pat Barr 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:
- First Prize \$50.00 Woolworths Voucher (donated by QCC) was won by Jacky Smith.
 - Second Prize Wooden Tray (donated by unknown member) was won by Gordon Ison.
 - Third Prize 2 large Mugs (donated by Ngaire Gall) was won by Rhonda Gaffney.
- Boxes of Easter Eggs were also won by Jenny Carroll, Marj Kasper, Carmel Bridges, Sid Foster and Jan Miers.



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A Word from Your Editor

Thanks so much for all the support during my term as Editor it was very much appreciated. I wish George our new Editor all the best.

Denise Park. 

Second Hand - QCC Club Shirts

Yvonne Lacey is now managing souvenirs and Club shirts. Yvonne has some second hand club shirts for sale. These shirts are available at \$10.00 each with the money received going to the Royal Flying Doctor.



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