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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.

Thanks to Des Mcleod and His Merry Marshalls

From The Presidents Desk

Special thanks to Eric Gall for conducting the Monday meeting, also the QCC Management meeting. This was due to my urgent departure on Sunday night, as my daughter was rushed to hospital. Again, we had a very busy but enjoyable weekend with good weather but chilly mornings to celebrate our 63rd birthday. How great it was to celebrate 63 years of Friendship on Wheels, in our caravan club, at the bush camp rally in Hillview. Friday night's BBQ was successful, thanks to Ray & Gail Caddies and Tony & Sue Stephenson for meat and desserts. Thank you also to all helpers. We are all very lucky in the Queensland Caravan Club to have so many talented musicians. They entertained us all on Saturday night and kept our toes tapping. On Sunday morning it was good to see so many members attend the street breakfast. It was great to see us all together as friends enjoying each others company with many laughs from everyone in the beautiful sunshine. Sunday morning many members took part in a “Tag-a-long Tour” organised by Lionel and Mary. The tour visited the countryside and the main railway line loop to Sydney. The group stopped in a park for morning tea. A few members then detoured via Rathdowney for lunch at the café and hotel. Afternoon tea on Sunday was also a hit with members participating in a photo get together for Mothers Day. Sunday night involved sitting around a camp fire or a card games night in the hall, these activities were well represented by members. I wish you all health, happiness and safe travelling and I will see you all at Lawnton.

A Word from Your Editor

As you will be aware, this is my first attempt at this position. Keeping this in mind, I would be most grateful if you would bear with me through the settling in period (about 2 years I'm told)! I will try my hardest to keep to a minimum any mistakes or omissions, but they will be inevitable. I expect there will be some criticisms, but please, address them to me personally rather than me hearing them on the “grapevine”. After all, one thing is for sure, you can't please all the people all the time! If you have any item that you would like to include in *The Wanderer*, please let me know.

Safe driving and see you at Lawnton. ED.

Rally at Lawnton – June 2012 How to Get There

Lawnton (12/08)	<p><u>From the south</u> – Take the Gateway Motorway, continuing past the Depot Rd/Brackenridge and Redcliffe exits. After the Gateway Motorway veers left from the Redcliffe exit, take <u>the next exit</u> (signed “Brackenridge Rd/Strathpine”). At the end of the ramp, turn <u>right</u> into Brackenridge Rd. Continue along Brackenridge Rd, which becomes Hoyland St on a curve, then Strathpine Rd after it passes over Gympie Arterial Rd and eventually becomes Gympie Rd. Continue along Gympie Rd, past Westfield Shoppingtown (right). The showgrounds is on your <u>right</u>, shortly after you pass Bunnings and Supercheap (right). Turn into the showgrounds entrance and follow the club signs to the rally.</p> <p><u>From Sunshine Coast</u> – Travelling south on the Bruce Hwy, continue past Narangba/Boundary Rd exit. Take the <u>next exit</u> onto a service road (with different signs “Anzac Ave/Petrie/Redcliffe/Kallangur/North Lakes”), continuing past North Lakes Westfield. At the traffic lights, turn <u>right</u> onto Anzac Ave. Follow Anzac Ave to the roundabout, taking the <u>1st turn left</u> into Gympie Rd. Shortly <u>after</u> the 2nd traffic lights (at Lawnton Pocket Rd), turn <u>left</u> into the showgrounds and follow the club signs to the rally. TV and Phone reception OK.</p>
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Rally Info (Needs, Emergencies, etc)

Rally dates:	Official dates:	2nd and 3rd June 2012
	Arrive no earlier than:	30 th May 2012
	Depart no later than:	5 th June

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Details
Lawnton –

Directions Lawnton Showgrounds is on Gympie Rd Lawnton. The nearest cross street is Lawnton Pocket Rd.

Medical Needs:	Caboolture Hospital, 125 McKean St, Caboolture, Qld 4510
Site Contacts:	Tony Prattley Ph; 0410539551
Club equipment required:	Kitchen equipment and urns, first aid, PA system, library & souvenirs, fire extinguisher, banner, flags and flagpoles.
Special needs:	
Rally Marshal Co-ordinator:	Keith McCallum – If you have a medical need to be close to the amenities, please contact Keith on (07)3208 7310 or 0429 087 310 ; 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:	Allowed, on Lead
Fees:	Site Fee: \$ 15.00 per caravan per night Administration Fee. \$ 3.00 per caravan, No Hall hire

Rally Programme – in brief

(Remember to check the noticeboard at the rally for changes, particularly for any activities on Friday!)

Fri	1.00pm 2.00pm 3.00pm	Golf Book club Line Dancing	Sun:	8:45 am 9.15 am .10:00am	Pay Treasurer (please have correct money where possible.) Morning tea Meeting Management Committee Meeting
Sat:	9:15 am 10.0 am 10.00am 2:00 pm 7:00 pm	Morning tea (finishes 9:45 am) Meeting Springers Warm up for Olympics QCC Mini Olympics			

Programme Details

Friday;

1.00 pm---Golf,

2.00 pm---Book Club,-“White Gardenia”,by Belinda Alexandra.(Sandra Smith is to be co-ordinator of the book club & Pat Davies will fill in if Sandra is unavailable.)

3:00 pm---Line dancing

Saturday: 10.30am;Springers 12Volt will have a display and Eddie Springer will give a talk.**From 2.00pm,**there will be available on the oval,Training aids to help you get fit for the nights activity .**7.00pm** will see the commencement of The **Lawnton ‘Lympics**, considered an essential curtain raiser to the other Event in London later this year.So gird your loins and anything else that needs girding and give it a go !

Special Notices – PLEASE READ

The next General Meeting will be on 14th July 2012 at Nanango.

For info on CCCQ, their website address is <http://sites.google.com/site/caravanclubsqld/>.

All persons on a QCC rally site, both members and visitors, must sign the **Attendance Book**.

- **Please note:** It would be greatly appreciated if members, when purchasing goods from the Souvenirs cabinet and paying their fees at the end of the rally, would please tender the correct amounts where possible. Many thanks

Future Rallies

2012 Rally Sites

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

2013 Rally Sites

Jan	12-13	Laidley Showgrounds
Feb	9-10	Crows Nest Caravan Park
Mar	9-10	Mulgowie Hall & sports Ground
Apr	29 th Mar- 1 st Apr	Gatton Showgrounds
May	4-6	Toogoolahwah showgrounds
June	TBA	

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

Exciting Future Entertainment

The Nanango rally will be a Country and Western theme,so get out all your C & W gear.EEHAH!

New Members &Member Milestones

This Rally saw the welcome and induction of new members Ken and Lyn Cragg.

Also,the 50 rallies attended milestone was reached by Ernie and Shirley jones.



Ken & Lyn Cragg



Ernie & Shirley Jones

Birthdays – June

4th Ted Wynne
10th Merle Beresford
14th Julie Swift
16th Chris Rae
18th Robyn Parker
19th Ian Bamberry
20th Margaret James

♪ *Happy birthday to you* ♪

20th Jan Miers
21st Irene Pedwell
22nd Ken McNab
23rd Denise Sheehan
26th Bev Green
27th Lorna Beattie

Anniversaries – June

3rd Dawn & Graham Dukes
4th Shirley & Graham Sheehan
5th Diane & Paul Brearley

♪ *Happy anniversary to you* ♪

7th Rhonda & Frank Gaffney
25th Sue & Tony Stephenson
30th Mary & Lionel Jacobson

Bush Rally

44 Caravans gathered at Hillview for 63rd Birthday Rally in May. The site and facilities were, as always at this venue, very good. The only concern seemed to be keeping the pesky grass cuttings out of the vans!



Members Present at the Rally

Gordon, Sue Baker; John & Lorna Beattie;
Bert & Yvonne Beker; Roy & Carmel
Bridges; Trevor & Nola Bromley; Les &
Agnes Buckley. . Ray & Gail Caddies; John
& Jenny Carroll; Neil & Marie Chesney; .
Merv & Barbara Cook. Ken & Lyn Cragg;
Bryan & Pat Davies; Kevin & Carol Day.
Dennis & Heather Edney; Ian & Gwen Egen;
Reg & Stella Foster. Frank & Rhonda
Gaffney; Eric & Ngaire Gall. Patrick & Ann
Hetherman.; Wayne & Vicki Hills. Lionel &
Mary Jacobson; Colin & Margaret James;
Ernie & Shirley Jones; Terry & Val
Jorgensen. Val King; Rod & Sue Kopp.
Kriedemann; George & Yvonne Lacey.
Michael Lillis. Ross & Bindra Luscombe.
Keith & Bev McCallum; Kem & Bev
McDowall; Graham & Heather McIlvanie;
Des & Jenny McLeod. & Dell McNab. John &
Janette Miers; . Tony & Lynne Pomroy; .
Bob & Barbara Rutherford. Tony & Sue
Stephenson. .

Visitors – 1st time---Gary & Noeleen Jarrett, Gary
Stephens Peter & Valerie Culverwell,
Graeme Lavender & Lynne Mills,
2nd time---Kevin & Suzanne Bowman

Day visitors – Syd & Corinne Forster, Pauline
Norris & Jenny Hannon, Del Portelli.

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Lucky Winners

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

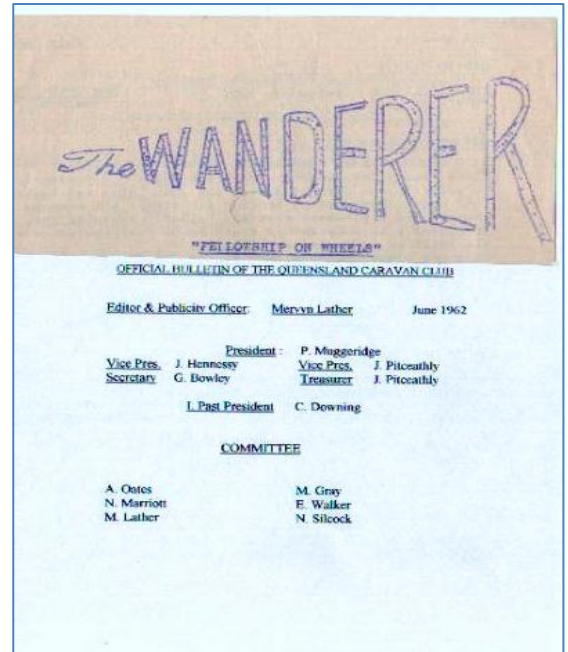
Raffle The \$50 voucher (donated by QCC) was won by Rhonda Gaffney
Prizes: • The Cutting board set (donated by Ngaire Gall) was won by Sue Stephenson
 • The showerpack (donated by ?) was won by Kem McDowell.

50th Anniversary of The Wanderer

Yes, this month it's been exactly 50 years since the first edition of *The Wanderer* was produced. June 1962 – 50 years – such a long time.

In June 1962, QCC's new Editor & Publicity Officer (as the role was called then), Mervyn Lather, rolled out the first edition of *The Wanderer*. In those days *The Wanderer* was stencilled, a long and very messy process. I believe that Barbara Rutherford has delightful memories of being involved in this in the '80s. It is also interesting to mention that Mervyn Lather and family also attended QCC's very first rally in 1949 at Deception Bay.

I thought I'd bring you memories of this first edition, as it was produced, and how it came about. Opposite is a reproduction of the cover page of the first edition of *The Wanderer*. You had to be a little more artistic back then, as they didn't have computers to help make effects.



The following is interesting information on how the *The Wanderer* first came about:

From the Committee minutes 2 May 1962 "It was suggested by the President that a booklet be printed containing locations of future rallies together with suitable advertisements for covering cost of printing same." And so the thought of a bulletin was first mooted. The decision would be held over until the next meeting.

From the Committee meeting minutes 21 May 1962 it was agreed that the decision be held over for a Special General Meeting. Decision-making is slow.

The opposite is an extract of the minutes of the next Special General Meeting, in July 1962:

The members agreed to the publication and costs of *The Wanderer* in July 1962 and the first edition I have is dated June 1962. Hmmm. I guess we'll never have the answer to that one, but who cares anyhow?

May *The Wanderer* live on.

Wendy Gibson

A notice of motion ~~was~~ submitted by Mr Lather was read by the Secretary stating that the following be added to the rules of the club.

- (1) That the Club publish a monthly bulletin to be named "The Wanderer"
- (2) That the sum of 4/- be set aside from each member's annual subscription to the publication.
- (3) That these amounts be specially accounted in the annual balance sheet and be duly audited.
- (4) That copies of the publication will be forwarded by post to all members of the Club.

It was then moved by Secretary, seconded Mr. Marriott.

It was then opened for general discussion and after several members speaking in favour of same Mr Oates opposed the motion stating that it would increase the personal contact between secretary & club members. This was supported by Mr McKimpe & Mr Bleas. Mr Oates moved an amendment that the "Wanderer" be posted as previously with Secretary's report included, thus reducing a major personal touch between secretary & members. Seconded Mr. Hall.

FOOTNOTE

At the 2012 AGM, Wendy Gibson was elected QCCs Archivist. Wendy is collecting as much of QCCs history as can be found and already there have been many kind donations. All sorts of things are being collected, such as photos, film clips, documents, memoirs, diaries artefacts – anything that can be photographed, scanned, copied or kept in its original state. If you have any item you can give or lend to Wendy for this project, please phone her on 3888 0860. Note—Items lent will be treated with the utmost respect and returned asap.

Entertainment

Friday: The free meal laid on by our “Chefs Extrordinaire”, Ray & Gail Caddies and Tony & Sue Stephenson was a triumph of culinary counting, having only one piece of steak and no sweets left over!!



Hillview Hilton Dining



The Gypsy Gals



QCC Singers



Cake Cutting

Saturday: The Concert was kicked off by our MC, Pat Hetherington. First up were Accordion Duet, The Gypsy Gals, (Sue Baker & Jenny McLeod). Their version of CCRs “out my back door” was well received. Next up where our Angelic QCC singers, as usual in fine voice. The cutting of the 63rd anniversary cake was then performed by Bob and Barbara Rutherford, they being the longest serving club members present at the Rally.



Poetess Carol Day



Patient, John Beattie



Top Trombonist, Keith



Enthralled Audience

3rd act was Carol Day with her amusing ditty about “noisy nomads”, followed by the Dependable dry humour of John Beattie. 5th in the spotlight was Keith McCallum, solo trombonist.



Super Sax, Roy & Keith



Keith with Rockin 'Ross



The Mystery minstrels

Keith (now on Guitar), was joined by Roy Bridges and his sexy sax, for a Duet which included Roy Orbison classic, Blue Bayou. Next up, Keith put on his Guitarist hat again and played support for Ross Luscombe who was joined by Gordon Baker for a parody of the old Cliff Richard and The Shadows classic, “Summer Holiday. Then Sue Baker had a solo spot, narrating “The tale of two loos”, where she tried to get an answer to the question, what is a Bidet? The First half of the programme was concluded by a rollicking good medley from The Mystery Minstrels! (continued overleaf)



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Entertainment (cont.)

I must mention at this point (for the benefit of members not at the concert) that at the meeting earlier in the day ,it was announced ,that due to the noise level from the pump which operates the septic system each time the toilets are flushed,would all use of the toilets be finished before 7.00pm as the pump was going to be turned off at that time so as not to drown out the concert..This job was undertaken by Dennis Edney (immediately dubbed “sewer rat” by his supposed friends)! His duties also fell to turning the pump on again for the expected exodus during the Break ,then off again for the final session. Thanks to Dennis for saving members from any possible physical stress due to Bulging Bladders !!



The Ramblers



Barbara Rutherford & Roy Bridges



Gordon Baker looking for his teeth!

First up after the break were the ever popular “The Ramblers”, giving their usual polished performance. Barbara Rutherford was next in the spotlight with her rendition of what she is going to do when She’s an old Lady! Roy Bridges finished his contribution with a woeful tale named “Side By Side”! The QCC Singers gave another sparkling performance to conclude their set and then John Beattie came back with another dose of Irish humour and a finished with a medley of pop songs from the 50s,60s and 70s.

The show came to the end with a sketch featuring Gordon and Sue Baker,which ended up with Gordon feverishly searching for his teeth, believing he might be on a promise !!

Thanks go to Des McCleod for his control of the sound equipment and all people involved in this production. I believe a good night was had by all !

Sunday: The day started beautifully, with a well attended communal ,open air Brekkie! Its amazing the lengths some people will go to,dressing up their tables like the Ritz, just to eat a bowl of cornflakes ! Later in the morning, Mary and Lionel led a tag-a-long trip up the Lions Rd to the Border Loop railway feature. I understand from reliable sources that the reason they all got “bagged” by the Boys in blue was nothing to do with how our club members drove ! mmm.

Sunday evening was a casual affair,spent sitting around campfires or playing card games in the canteen. All in all,a good Rally.



Lionel & Mary Jacobson



Hungry Brekkie horde



Terry & Val Jorghenson



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