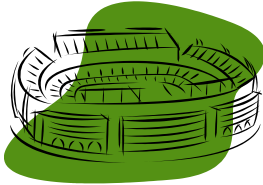




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Thank You to Rally Marshal Des McLeod and his Band of willing assistants in trying, wet conditions. Also, our thoughts go out to members who may be sick or on the road to recovery. Get Well Soon.

Presidents Report:

A fairly disappointing attendance with only 35 caravans for the rally. This was due to very inclement weather over the weekend, with rain every day making conditions very uncomfortable. This was the wettest weekend in my 9 years in the club, but overall a good rally with great entertainment. Friday afternoon members were involved in family history, book club, craft, golf and line dancing. Friday night, many members participated in card games, indoor carpet bowls, while other members visited the local bowls club for great dinner. On Saturday morning prior to the 10.00am meeting members visited the local markets looking for a bargain and breakfast. After the meeting we were given an informal 12V presentation by one of our sponsors' "Springers" there was a lot of interest with many questions. All competitors were involved in warm up exercises on Saturday afternoon for the nights Olympics.

The highlight over the weekend was the QCC Mini Olympics on Saturday night. This was a very entertaining, fun and enjoyable night but the arrival of the Queen under very tight security & a body guard bought laughs from the competitors & spectators.

I wish you all health, happiness & safe travelling & hope to see you all at Nanango.

ATTENTION !!! Daguiar Highway, Moore - . Single lane in operation. .. Allow extra travel time.. The D'Aguiar Highway through the Blackbutt Range will remain operating as a single lane under traffic control. . With recent wet weather, the program of works has been delayed and the road cannot be safely opened to two lanes. The highway remains operating as single lane under 24-hour traffic control, with a 3-metre width limit. Westbound traffic can move through on the hour and every half hour. Eastbound traffic can move through at quarter past and quarter to the hour.

Rally at Nanango – July 2012 How to Get There

<p><u>Nanango.</u></p> <p>Nanango, Caravan & Motorhome Park 13673 D'Aguilar Highway, Nanango.</p>	<p><u>From Brisbane Northside</u>, head north to Woodford turnoff and follow signs to Woodford, Kilcoy, Moore, Blackbutt, Yarraman into Nanango. Caravan Park is approx 4 klms on the left before coming into Nanango .</p> <p><u>From Brisbane Southside</u>, head out on Ipswich motorway. Take Esk turnoff and carry on through Esk, Toogoolawah and onto The D'aguilar Highway and on to Moore, Blackbutt, Yarraman into Nanango. The Caravan Park is approx. 4 klms on the left before coming into Nanango. Testra mobile ok. TV ok with digital ariel</p>
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Rally Info (Needs, Emergencies, etc)

Rally dates:	<u>Official dates:</u> 14 th -15 th July						
	<u>Arrive no earlier than:</u> Individual Choice						
	<u>Depart no later than:</u> Individual Choice, (Must be off power by 10-00am and vacate site by 11-00am)						
000 Emergency	PostCode 4615						
Details Nanango	Nearest cross street: Nanango-Tarong Road						
Medical Needs:	Nanango Hospital, 135 Brisbane Street, Nanango						
Site Contacts:	<u>Bookings to be made direct to Park:</u> Email: park@lifestylesforyou.com or Telephone <u>07 4163 2322</u> Website: www.lifestylesforyou.com						
Club equipment required:	Kitchen equipment and urns, first aid, PA system, library & souvenirs, fire extinguisher, banner, flags and flagpoles.						
Rally Marshal Co-ordinator:	<u>Keith McCallum</u> – If you have a medical need to be close to the amenities, please contact Keith on 3207310 or 0429087310 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:	Dogs are allowed, under control and on a leash. <u>See Booking information above !! (cash only on arrival)</u>						
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Dear Members,
just a few lines regarding this issue of the magazine. It was a real hoot putting this one together. I included as much info as possible regarding the weekend activities, but it was so hectic I couldn't take notes and pics at the same time. I have since addressed this problem by purchasing a u bote recording device I can use instead of relying on my unreliable memory. Hope you all enjoy. ED.

Rally Programme – in brief			(Remember to check the noticeboard at the rally for changes, particularly for any activities on Friday!)		
Fri	12:00pm 1:00pm 2:00pm 3:00pm 7:00pm	Golf UFOs, Genealogy Book Club Line Dancing Games	Sun:	8:45 am 9:15 am 9:30 am 10:00 am	Pay Treasurer Morning tea Meeting Management Committee Meeting
Sat:	9:15 am 10:00 am 2:00 pm 7:30 pm	Morning tea (finishes 9:45 am) Meetings trip	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

12:00 pm: Golf
 1:00 pm: Ufo's, Genealogy .
 2:00 pm: Book club. This weeks book is "Prisoner of Birth" by Jeffrey Archer
 3:00 pm: Line Dancing.
 7:00pm: Card and/or board games

Saturday

9:15 am: Morning Tea(finishes 9:45am)
 10:00 am: Ordinary meeting, followed by July General meeting.
 2:00:pm: Trip to Virgil Smith's Woodworks/shop/ Museum. Demo of woodturning, followed by Devonshire Tea. **To be booked Fri.**
 7:00 pm: C & W night, so wear your western gear. There will be a music competition, also bring Favourite C & W CD. Possibly a western Movie.

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Future Entertainment

Murwillumbah: Sat afternoon, "Airing of the Quilts" exhibition. Afternoon tea will be made by THE MEN!! Sat.night ,Pot luck casserole type dinner to share. As we will be in" cockroach country," may be an idea to wear maroon!

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Club News

Special Notices – PLEASE READ

The next General Meeting will be on 14th July 2012 at Nanango. If you have any item to include on the agenda, you must provide it in writing to our Secretary, Carol Day, no later than 9:00am on Saturday 14th July. 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, 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

<u>2012 Rally Sites</u>		<u>2013 Rally Sites</u>	
July 14-15	Nanango Caravan Park	Jan 12-13	Laidley Showgrounds
Aug 11-12	Murwillumbah S'ground State	Feb 9-10	Crows Nest Caravan Park
Sept 17-23	Rally Beaudesert Kenilworth	Mar 9-10	Mulgowie Hall & sports Ground
Oct 13-14	Showground	Apr 29mar	
Nov 10-11	Lowood Showgrounds	Aprl ^{1st}	Gatton Showground
Dec 1-2	Woodford Showgrounds	May 4-6	Toogoolawah showgrounds
		June 1-2	Boonah Showgrounds
		July 13-14	Imbil Showgrounds

Member News

🎵 Happy birthday to you for July 🎵

2 nd Pam MacDonald	12 th Mal Finlayson	22 nd Graham McIlvanie
3 rd Desley Hinson	12 th Kathy Styles	22 nd Lance Haslewood
5 th Kay Cherry	14 th Gayle Skinner	23 rd Bev McDowall
5 th Denis Cherry		23 rd Jenny McLeod
7 th Lynne Pomroy	15 th Lyn Hill	24 th Bob Willmott
8 th Heather McIlvanie	16 th Ann Dobe	25 th Mike Mulvihill
9 th Barbara Rutherford	19 th Pamela Easter	26 th Bob Kearney
11 th John Beattie	19 th Gloria Bamberry	29 th Pam Petch
11 th Terry Jorgensen		30 th Merv Kahler

🎵 Happy Anniversary to you for July 🎵

1 st Lee & Barry Kriedemann	21 st Denise & Bill Waycott
8 th Robyn & Steve Langley	23 rd Margaret & Warren Hiller
13 th Karen & Lance Haslewood	27 th Gail & Ray Caddies
21 st Carol & Gus Fraser	29 th Shirley & Ernie Jones
21 st Stan & Margaret Thomas	

Showground Rally

35 caravans gathered in Lawnton for the rally in June.

Details about the site. Lawnton Showground proved to be an excellent venue and the general consensus was we make use of it again



Grateful thanks go to Eagle Boys for their generous donation of a Thermal Printer;

Members Present at the Rally

Gordon & Sue Baker; Roy & Carmel Bridges; Trevor & Nola Bromley; Les & Lyn Buzza; John & Jenny Carroll; Neil & Marie Chesney; Bryan & Pat Davies; Kevin & Carol Day; Dennis & Heather Edney; Ian & Gwen Egen; Eric & Ngaire Gall; Les Gerrard & Anne Eddie; Barry & Wendy Gibson; John & Olwen Gormly; Kev & Pat Gower; Roy & Lyn Hill; Alf & Desley Hinson; Stewart Hornbrook; Gordon Ison; Lionel & Mary Jacobson; Ernie & Shirley Jones; David & Helen Judge; Daryl & Margaret Kays; Val King; George & Yvonne Lacey; Steve & Robyn Langley; Keith & Bev Mc Callum; Ken & Dell McNab; John & Janette Miers; John & Marlene Rawlings; Brian & Denise Sheehan; Adrian & Gayle Skinner; Ray & Jan Steele.

1st time Visitors – Ed & Sylvia Stocker

Day visitors – Len & Shirley Stead; Barbara & Merve cook; Des & Jenny McLeod; Bert & Yvonne Beker; Gwen Campbell-Stewart; Wayne & Vicki Hills; Roy & Joy Stark; Ron & Pam Petch; Rod & Sue Kopp; John & Lorna Beattie; Joan Gethings; Kevin & Susanne Bowman.

Lucky Winners

Ernie & Shirley Jones 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:

- 1st-- The Voucher (donated by QCC) was won by Jenny Carroll
- 2nd--The Jewellery Stand (donated by Ngaire Gall) was won by Kev Gower
- 3rd--The CD Holder (donated by Tony Swift) was won by Carmel Bridges.



Friday Afternoon saw the golfers on their Friday foray even though it was a bit soggy underfoot. All came back with that look of grim determination to do better next time !



Crafty ladies enjoying a chat
m



Thumbs up for latest book



Someone said "go fly yer kite mate".....So he did !!

Friday evening was an evening of mixed activities including indoor or carpet bowls and various card and word games . The bowls where ,as is to be expected from our mob,very keenly contested. Jan Miers did a fantastic job with the coaching of the contestants in the finer points of the game,(I actually think she may have done a course as an AFL umpire). As is also to be expected,there was the usual clowning around but a great game was had by all .



slap yer hand!



Good 'un cobber!



You chicken or summat?



Ya see that little white ball....



Does my bum look big from there?



Winner! One black I believe!



Whatever where you thinking Ray?

There were four tables of card games in operation and keen interest was shown by all the participants. Didn't hear too many complaints of cheating as is to be expected from these type of activities. I suspect it may be due to the fact that a lot of the players weren't familiar with the LEGAL rules as yet !



Some interesting topics here !



A bunch of winners grins



SNAP



"Who said this game was easy?"

Saturday Morning after the meeting,"Springers R V "Rep gave a very interesting talk on batteries and their care.Sometimes we forget these are our life blood whilst on the road in remote areas.As is always the case,I found it fascinating ,but all the talk of watts,volts,etc goes right over my head. Also ,the future in 12 volt lighting(LEDs)was discussed at length. Altogether a worthwhile and well attended talk.The markets,which are always a welcome attraction,were a bit of a washout due to the inclement weather.

Saturday Arvo.....The Olympic Trials and Warm up.

Thank the powers that be, these trials went according to our usual standards, enough cheating by one particular team (*whom I won't name !*),to cause a near riot when the

results were read out!!.....I must own up (only 'cos Mary caught me in the act), to my own minor indiscretion ! I used a crochet mallet to hit my golf ball and scored ,but she wouldn't let me have it.

The supply of mandarins at half time I am sure was responsible for the survival of some of the less energetic amongst us (about 98%) We all left with our Loins suitably girded, although a couple of contestants looked as if they were girded near to expiry !! After the meeting, the team captains were briefed for the Saturday night and told what their National Anthems would be for the winners dais (If lucky enough to cheat there way there.) Blue got "The Stripper". Green, "The Can-Can" . Yellow, "The Chicken Dance" . And Red got "the Mexican hat dance". I thought The Can-can a bit too much to expect from a bunch of elder folks. Has it happened, there weren't too many high kicks to worry about ! Now, The Stripper was a different kettle of fish, seeing the makeup of their team! Visions of all sorts of gear flying around!



Faster than a speeding bullet?



OMG, Long way down !!!



No strings attached !!



Think Yvonne & Val got the sour bits!

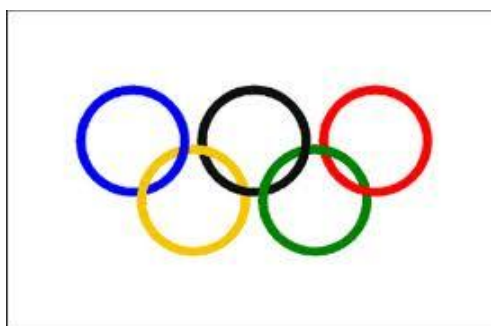


Scores (fiddles) being vetted (doctored)



Popular winner (with his team anyway)

Saturday Night



The Lawnton 'Lympics 2012

Well, the big event arrived at last. The teams assembled in their respective corners. Each team was allocated a colour from the 'Lympic rings, Blue, yellow, green and red. They were then informed of the attendance of a special guest to open the proceedings.

First in of course was the Head of Security company "ACNE SECURITY", Big Kev. (No, that's not a misspelling, he was a bit of a spotty individual !) who gave the gathering a quick security

sweep. He then waved in the Royal Entourage, consisting solely of “ Her Royal Lowness”, The Geriatric, “Queen Alfreda of Queenslandia”, magnificent aboard her State, open topped Nomadmobile. She received a rapturous reception from the assembled “athletes” on her lap of honour. Then the usual greetings from the officials and long boring speech from Queenie, finally declaring the games open.



Big Key



Her Lowness !



welcome to the Throne



Rogues Gallery



What would they do if she was real !



That's actually a potty chair !!



More screaming fans !!

The Games finally got under way with the flag ceremony, albeit a bit straggly! There were 21 events at the meeting and they started the programme at a frenetic pace, (had to make sure the athletes had time for their cup of cocoa before bed.) I wasn't able to capture everything on film or memory, but have done my best! As we would always expect, our mass propensity for cheating wherever possible, soon came to the fore. In fact it started from the first crack of the Starters gun, who although trying valiantly to curb it, was no match for the animal cunning of the wily competitors who have been well versed in the art of skulduggery for eons!!



Red Roosters



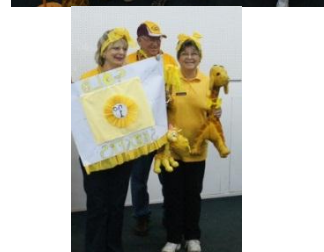
Blues Flashers



The Cat-asrophies



Gold Seekers



The first event was the 4x100 relay and last was Badminton and what went on in between was, to me, sheer chaos. Luckily, organizers Kev and Carol and their band of 'Lympic volunteers kept a semblance of control. I took heaps of pics, but only used the better ones.



First event line up!



Bow ,Scrape,Grovel



Hammer Throw (teabag chuck)



Hope they're related !

A favourite among the gathering was the sprint! The idea is to wind a length of string around a pencil without any loose loops! I reckon the blokes in this event have missed their calling in leisure. Bet they would make excellent wool winders for their spouses !



On your marks!



Cool,calm,collected



Over or Under?



Under Pressure!



Ready to Blow !!

The officials constantly urged the contestants to add a "bit of style" to their efforts, resulting in some Bizarre antics, particularly when the use of sausage shaped balloons were used. The sheer Genius of the events producers was demonstrated by the wonderful array of items utilised instead of the real thing, therefore avoiding nothing more than a few sore muscles resulting from the nights activities. They included, paperplates(Discus), Straws (Javelin), bean bags (Archery) and tea bags (Hammer Throw).



Archery, with Highland fling



Javelin-Nice protective throwing Style!



This Weight lifting really Sucks!!



Ok,what do I do next?



Discus or Haaka—Scary!



Anyone for Tennis ?



Eric checking for foot faults



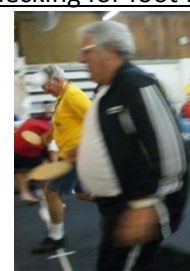
I'll chuck....I will you know !



Don't let them knees buckle mate



I Did...I think !



won by a Belly...or Foot?



Reds-Mexican hat dance



Blues –The Stripper



Yellow---Chicken dance



Greens--The Can Can(or can't)

Well folks ,thats it from the Lawton 'Lympics for now.A fabulous time was had by all and once again shows how we can enjoy ourselves with a bit of imagination from our dedicated events organisers.It just remains for the team who won overall points to be congratulated, (grudgingly by some) **The Blues Flashers !!**



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