



# The Wanderer

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## "Fellowship on Wheels"



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### Presidents report

**Please Note. The Rally at Murwillumbah has been cancelled. New Venue is Allora Showgrounds !**

The Nanango Rally was a good rally although again the very wet conditions all day Thursday, Friday & Saturday morning made things very uncomfortable under foot.

A total of 43 caravans attended with 6 new members also Beryl with Gordon Ison would have been a record for our club at a rally. Also a new member induction for Kevin & Susanne Bowman who were introduced by Bryan & Pat Davies. Good to see Kevin & Susanne attend this rally after Kevin's recent illness.

Great to see Warren & Margaret Hiller back at the rally after Warren's long break due to travelling then sickness.

Friday night many members enjoyed a night at the local hotel for dinner all reports the meals were good. Others participated in various card games missing the very wet night.

Saturday afternoon we visited the Woodwork Display & Wood Turning followed by delicious afternoon tea.

Saturday nights Country & Western night was pleasing to see so many members dress up in all different varieties of Country & Western gear. An enjoyable fun night with old photos, old videos of previous rallies and games passed the night away very quickly.

I wish you all health, happiness & safe travelling and hope to see you all at the revised change of venue at Allora. Regards,

On Wed. evening the 18th July, app 20 members of our club and 5 from the Family caravan club attended a trade night at Vehicle Components in Geebung. The night covered such things as Design, Engineering, Outback testing, Production, and the nearly completed suspension service section. We were shown the Robotic Welder and suspensions, robotic cutting used in the production of their axles and couplings. It is hoped that the viewing of this facility will make members more conscious of the need to get their suspensions checked and serviced on a regular basis. Another trade night may be held later in the year. Watch this space. Neil Chesney.

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## Rally at Allora Showgrounds– Aug 2012, How to get there.

- (1) From Brisbane take the Ipswich Motorway. At Dinmore, turn left onto Cunningham Hwy towards Warwick. Continue past Aratula and up the very steep incline of Cunningham Gap. Approx 60 kms past Aratula, you'll come to the T-junction of New England Hwy. Turn right onto New England Hwy towards Toowoomba – it is 13 kms to Allora. Continue on the New England Hwy until you see a Freedom Service Station (on your left). Turn left just before the service station (into Darling St). The Allora showgrounds are on your left and the gate is approx 80 metres from the junction.

Alternative (in parts narrow, winding and hilly, but an easier ascent than through Cunningham Gap):

- (2) Alternative – Take the Ipswich Motorway and turn off onto the Toowoomba bypass. At the Gatton bypass, exit the motorway and drive into Gatton (the old highway). Turn left at the 2<sup>nd</sup> traffic lights (signposted Clifton, Warwick). Continue on the old highway for about 6 kms and then turn left. Continue through Ma Ma Creek Village – please note that the road becomes narrow (down to 1 lane in one section), winding and hilly, but it is bitumen all the way and has a reasonable surface. Turn left at New England Hwy (signposted Clifton, Warwick). Allora is approx 13 kms past the turn. Continue on the New England Hwy until you see a Freedom Service Station (on your right). Turn right just after the service station (into Darling St). The Allora showgrounds are on your left and the gate is approx 80 metres from the junction.

### Rally Info (Needs, Emergencies, etc)

Rally dates:

Official dates: 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Aug 2012  
 Arrive no earlier than: 8<sup>th</sup> Aug.  
 Depart no later than: 14th Aug.

#### 000 Emergency Details

**Post Code 4362**  
**Directions. Corner of William and Darling Street.**

- Medical Needs: Warwick Base hospital, 56 Lake Street, Warwick  
 Site Contacts ; Shirley Cornhill 0427100210  
 Dump point: Apex Park, Church Street, Allora  
 Club equipment ; .Kitchen equipment and urns, first aid, PA system, Library & Souvenirs, fire extinguisher, banner, Flags and flagpoles.  
 Rally Marshal; 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 have been pre-allocated, a site may not be available.**
- Pets: Ok on short lead and under control
- Fees:  
Site Fee: \$ 15.00 per van per night  
Administration Fee: \$ 3.00 per van  
Hall Hire: \$ 2:00 per van

Rally Programme – in brief			(Remember to check the noticeboard at the rally for changes, particularly for any activities on Friday!)		
Fri;	1:00 pm	Golf, UFOs & Choir practise	Sun:	8:45 am	Pay Treasurer
	2:00 pm	Book Club & Genealogy		9.15 am	Morning tea
	3:00 pm	Line dancing		9:30 am	Meeting
Sat:	9:15 am	Morning tea (finishes 9:45 am)		10:00 am	Management Committee Meeting
	10:00 am	Meeting	Disc Bowls are available all weekend. For a set to play, please contact Barry Gibson.		
	2:00 pm	“Airing of the Quilts”			
	3:00 pm	Afternoon tea			
	6:30 pm	Dinner then games			

#### Programme Details

**Friday: 1:00 pm:** Golf, UFOs (with Jenny Carroll) and Choir practice. **2:00pm:** Genealogy, Book club (with Sandra Smith), Title”, The Lavender Keepers”, Author Fiona Macintosh, A story of the French resistance. **3:00pm** Line Dancing.

**Saturday: 2:00pm:** "Airing of the Quilts" exhibition. An opportunity for the Ladies to show off their skills in Quilting and other materials. **3:00pm:** Communal Afternoon tea with a twist. **It must all be made by the men!** (please, no cheating by nipping down to ALDI for a packet of bikkies!) **6:30pm:** Communal Dinner. Please bring along a casserole/crockpot type of dish, nice and hot, with plenty extra so people can share and try other members cooking!! Alcohol will be permitted at this dinner. (Dessert Will be provided by QCC) B.Y.O.crockery and cutlery. **7.30pm:** Games, bring mug for supper afterwards. Dress code for Saturday night? .... Good old Maroon. This was the Idea for Murwillumbah, but decided to keep it for this weekend anyway.

## Club News

### Special Notices – PLEASE READ

- QCC Secretary gives notice that the Annual General Meeting of the Queensland Caravan Club Inc is on Saturday April 30th 2013 at Gatton Showground rally.
- 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'

**Please Note:** It would be greatly appreciated when purchasing goods from the souvenirs cabinet and paying their fees at the end of the Rally, would Members please tender the exact amounts where possible. Many thanks.

## Future Rallies

<u>2012 Rally Sites</u>			<u>2013 Rally Sites</u>		
Jul	14-15	Nanango Caravan Park	Jan	1-2	Laidley Showground
Aug	11-12	Allora Showgrounds	Feb	9-10	Crows Nest caravan park
Sep	17-23	State Rally Beaudesert	Mar	9-10	Mulgowie Hall and sports ground
Oct	13-14	Kenilworth Showgrounds	Mar/April	29-1	Gatton Showground
Nov	10-11	Lowood Showgrounds	May	4-6	Toogoolawah showground
Dec	1-2	Woodford Showgrounds	June	1-2	Boonah Showground
			July	13-14	Imbil showgrounds

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## Nanango Caravan and Motorhome Park

43 caravans gathered for the rally in July-2012. Mostly on-suite sites, Hall a bit on the small size.

## Member News



Kevin & Susanne Bowman welcomed by President John Carroll & Treasurer Bryan Davies and Wife Pat



Ian Egan handing over the Golden Towball to John Miers .

### Birthdays – Aug

2<sup>nd</sup> Terry Coxall  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Kem McDowall  
 5<sup>th</sup> Beryl Goddard  
 8<sup>th</sup> Kev Gower  
 9<sup>th</sup> Gwen Campbell-Stewart  
 10<sup>th</sup> Heather Edney  
 10<sup>th</sup> Kathy Kearney  
 14<sup>th</sup> Mackenzie Thorogood (2004)  
 16<sup>th</sup> Eue Boyle  
 16<sup>th</sup> Trevor Smith  
 17<sup>th</sup> Denise Park  
 17<sup>th</sup> Margaret Thomas  
 18<sup>th</sup> Ray Steele  
 20<sup>th</sup> Sue Kopp  
 21<sup>st</sup> Des McLeod

### ♪ Happy birthday to you♪

22<sup>nd</sup> Joan Hall  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Vanice Smith  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Ron Stark  
 24<sup>th</sup> John Rawlings  
 25<sup>th</sup> Gus Fraser  
 26<sup>th</sup> Val Jorgensen  
 27<sup>th</sup> Vicki Hills  
 27<sup>th</sup> Denise Waycott  
 28<sup>th</sup> Barry Bowers  
 28<sup>th</sup> Patrick Hetherman  
 28<sup>th</sup> Helen Hornibrook  
 29<sup>th</sup> Yvonne Beker  
 31<sup>st</sup> Neil Chesney  
 31<sup>st</sup> Nancy Rae

### Anniversaries – August

9<sup>th</sup> Lyn & Les Buzza  
 12<sup>th</sup> Carol & Kevin Day  
 13<sup>th</sup> Margaret & Colin James  
  
 16<sup>th</sup> Trish & Jim McMorrine  
 18<sup>th</sup> Irene & Merv Pedwell  
 19<sup>th</sup> Bev & Keith McCallum

### ♪ Happy anniversary to you ♪

22<sup>nd</sup> Bev & Rod Green  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Margaret & Daryl Kays  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Margaret & Stan Thomas  
 28<sup>th</sup> Del & Phil Lowe  
 31<sup>st</sup> Margaret & Colin Colston  
 31<sup>st</sup> Jenny & Des McLeod

## **Lucky Winners**

Dennis & Heather Edney 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 \$50 voucher (donated by .Qcc) was won by Margaret James
  - The Casserole Dish (donated by xx) was won by Tony Swift
  - The Compendium set(donated by xx) was won by Colin james

## Members Present at the Rally

Gordon, Sue Baker; George & Merle Beresford; Roy & Carmel Bridges; Trevor & Nola Bromley; John & Jenny Carroll; Neil & Marie Chesney; Bryan & Pat Davies; Kevin & Carol Day; Dennis & Heather Edney; Ian & Gwen Egen; Frank & Rhonda Gaffney; Eric & Ngaire Gall; Barry & Wendy Gibson; Kev & Pat Gower; Patrick & Ann Hetherman; Warren & Margaret Hiller; Alf & Desley Hinson; Gordon Ison; Lionel & Mary Jacobson; Colin & Margaret James; Bob & Kathy Kearney; George & Yvonne Lacey; Steve & Robyn Langley; Ross & Bindra Luscombe; Keith & Bev McCallum; Graham & Heather McIlvanie; Ken & Dell McNab; John & Janette Miers; Terry & Denise Park; Tony & Lynne Pomroy; Bob & Barbara Rutherford; Brian & Denise Sheehan; Adrian & Gayle Skinner; Ron & Sandra Smith; Ray & Jan Steele; Tony & Julie Smith

Visitors –1<sup>st</sup> time Beris & Melda Blake; Don & Sandra Field; Barrie & Sandra Smith; Len & Shirley Stead; Martin & Diane Thompson; Les & Brenda Usher; Beryl Simpson

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**ENTERTAINMENT REPORT:** Well, as was the case with the last rally, the weather was foul.

**Friday Afternoon:** Golf was a washout. A few ladies got together in the hall but I neglected to enquire as to what they were doing. Kevin was, as usual, trying his best to thrash the line dancers into shape!

**Friday night** was a bit of a non event really. I think 6 or 7 souls fronted on Marys table to play "3 crowns" card game and Carols table was blessed with 4 players (one of which was myself) playing an unpronounceable tile game. (I think it was something that sounded like rummy). It is a very entertaining game which requires Einstein like maths ability. Needless to say, I got flogged!



**Saturday Afternoon:** Mary arranged a visit to "Virgil Smiths Woodware" just up the highway from the caravan park. I think the proprietors were a bit overwhelmed by the number of folk who turned up. It was a terrific turnout. There were demonstrations of woodturning given whilst we looked on in awe! Then a perusal of the goods on sale in the shop, which were many and varied. Also scattered around the gardens were several museum type sheds with lots of stuff to remind us how ancient we are!! Finally the visit was rounded off with a most delicious afternoon tea.



Weird place to leave shopping trolleys!



So wet even the water pipes are growing!!





How come they scored the parlour?



**Saturday Night:** No change in the weather. It was decided it would be a good idea to meld Happy Hour and dinner into one event as the Park Owners had kindly put on a sausage sizzle around a blazing fire, being able to take advantage of a very short let up of the rain. There was a bit of a mix up with this arrangement, but it was sorted and after eats, the throng moved into the Hall for the nights going on. Mary had organized a Country and Western theme for the night, so there were plenty of gunslingers and Cowgirls around, plus a couple of Sheriffs to keep Law and Order! (naturally, this being the QCC. nobody took a blind bit of notice of them)



Good size crowd considering conditions



"The Techies" (I guess some folk *could* find it boring)

A DVD of Slim Dustys family performing some of his old favourites, was played on the movie screen to get everyone into the C & W mood. The entertainment started with a competition devised by the ever resourceful Mary. 14 CDs were laid out on a bench with their performers and album names blanked out. (we were all asked not to turn them over as the info was on the other side and would give the game up). Well, I'm sure everyone, like myself did the right thing .....like fun they did! LOL. I did remarkably well, considering my intense dislike of most C&W music. I attempted 7 and got 5 right.



Mary giving instructions



The melee--Those on the front row are brave!!

Next was the brains part of the entertainment, consisting of a Quiz on old western movie stars. Honestly, I can't get over the way our members can successfully browbeat a poor quizmaster into believing they, not the master, are right! ie; Bonanza was an old 1940s western!! Next we had to guess song title and artist of snippets of songs played. I think John Williams "Wrinkles" struck a chord with a lot of us "Old Wrinklies". When "Tennessee Waltz" was played, a few people got all sooky (see pics), and wanted it playing all the way through.



aawww, ain't it luvly



Slim Dusty's Family, singing his old favourites

Mary finished her contribution with a reading of Western oddities and Trivia. Then it was the QCC's version of Australia's Got Talent! Ross Luscombe and Gordon Baker set the ball rolling. After a bracket of numbers, they were joined by John Carroll, then Trevor Bromley added his voice and songs included in the singalong were, Pub with no beer, Gonna have a beer with Duncan, Your cheatin' Heart and China Doll. Finally Heather Edney joined in to sing "My Best Friend".



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## And to finish, a lovely example of "Fellowship On Wheels" in action !!

Bob and Barbara Rutherford would like to publicly thank those members of the Club who offered assistance when we had our little "incident" on the way to the Nanango Rally on the Friday morning. Particular thanks go to Frank and Rhonda Gaffney who weren't far behind us when it happened and stopped in the pouring rain and mud to help. They were true examples of "Fellowship on Wheels" and just would not see us abandoned and gave up six hours of their day to see us on the road again. Good things come out of bad situations sometimes - I got to know Rhonda better, Frank found time to clean out his wallet as we waited for Robert to return with parts and even set up the Bluetooth in his car. But I am sure Frank ruined a good pair of shoes in the mud. Thank you Frank for helping Robert when he finally did return with the parts and Rhonda for keeping me company through the long wait.

Barbara

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