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Presidents Report

A great rally at Allora Showground, our first visit to this new site. The weather was terrific with fine sunny days although very windy on Friday.

Rather cold late afternoons and early mornings but overall very pleasant and warm for August.

We had 3 first time members & 4 second time members.

David & Helen Judge were delighted and surprised to receive there 100 rally badges as members of our club.

A special thank you to Bev McDowall for the Quilt donation which raised \$720 for the RFDS. Marie Chesney was thrilled to be the lucky winner and now has the lovely quilt on here bed in the caravan.

Friday afternoon was filled up with craft, book club also golf, 11 members played in windy conditions on the local golf course.

The Line Dancing on Friday afternoons is very popular with members and great to see high numbers attending and enjoying the fun with very patient instructors

Friday night many members attended the Railway Hotel for dinner .We took advantage of being escorted by the local shuttle bus and from all reports the meals were top quality.

Saturday afternoon many of our talented ladies displayed quilts that were made during the last few years.

Saturday's afternoon tea, which was supplied and cooked by the men with a little help from the ladies, was a great change to the itinerary.

Saturday night all the ladies participated in making a casserole dish with many different dishes to be shared with groups of 8 per table.

After dinner , members were involved in games organised by Mary Jacobsen. It was a good nights entertainment and progressed very quickly in the very cold winters night.

I wish you all good health, happiness & safe travelling and hope to see you all at the State Rally at Beaudesert and our the next rally at Kenilwoth in October.

Regards



A STUNNING SENIOR MOMENT

*A self-important college freshman walking along the beach took it upon himself to explain to a senior citizen resting on the steps why it was impossible for the older generation to understand his generation. "You grew up in a different world, actually an almost primitive one" the student said loud enough for others to hear. "The young people of today grew up with television, jet planes, space travel, man walking on the moon. We have nuclear energy, ships and cell phones, computers with light speed....and many more." After a brief silence, the senior citizen responded as follows. "You're right son. We didn't have those things when we were young....so we invented them. Now, you arrogant little sh*t what are you doing for the next generation? The applause was amazing!*

State Rally at Beaudesert–17th to 23rd Sept- 2012

How to Get There

Beaudesert Showground (3/07)

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 left at the main intersection in town (traffic lights) into William St, which merges into Albert St. Very soon after the merge, turn right into Tina St. Continue approx 200 metres – the showground entry is on your left. TV reception good, Phone reception Good

Rally Info

Market Stalls - There will be a club stall at the State Rally on the Saturday. We need help to make our stall a success and raise funds for RFDS. So if you can make or bake, donate new goods, we'd be happy. Just bring them along with you or give them to someone to bring. Contact Carol Day for more details

Photo Competition – Wendy Gibson for more details

8" x 6" (20 x 15cms) Cost 50cents donated to RFDS

Australian Scene from travels, A Scene to include a caravan, Australian Fauna & Flora, and Novelty (which can be anything)

Book Club – Mary Jacobson for more details

'The Hypnotist' by Lars Kepler, 'The Eye of the Needle' by Ken Follett and 'Kal' by Judy Nunn.

Craft Display - Bring your craft to show. Jenny Carroll for more details

Craft Workshops - at a small cost. Contact Gail Barbeler 32864440

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2012 Rally Sites

Sep	17-23	State Rally Beaudesert	Mar	9-10	Mulgowie Sports ground
Oct	13-14	Kenilworth Showgrounds	Mar/Apr	29-1	Gatton Showground
Nov	10-11	Lowood Showgrounds	May	4-6	Toogoolawah Showground
Dec	1-2	Woodford Showgrounds	June	25May-4June	Dayboro Showground

2013 Rally Sites

Jan	12-13	Laidley Showground	July	TBA
Feb	9-10	Crows Nest caravan Park	Aug	TBA
			Sept	TBA

TOP SIX OLYMPIC BLOOPERS BY NBC SPORTS COMMENTATORS.

Weightlifting commentator; "This is Gregoriava from Bulgaria. I saw her snatch at training this morning and it was amazing"!

2 Dressage Commentator; "This is a really lovely horse and I speak from personal experience since I once mounted her mother"!

3 Paul Hamm, Gymnast; "I owe a lot to my parents, especially my Mother and Father.

4. Boxing Analyst; "Sure there have been injuries, and even some deaths in boxing ,but none of them really that serious"!

5 Softball Announcer; "If history repeats itself, I should think we can expect the same thing again"!

6. Basketball analyst; "He dribbles quite a lot and the opposition doesn't like it. In fact you can see it all over their faces"!

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Club News

Special Notices – PLEASE READ

- For info on CCCQ, their website address is <http://sites.google.com/site/caravanclubsgld/>.
- All persons on a QCC rally site, i.e. both members and visitors, must sign the Attendance Book.

Member News

Member Milestone



.David and Helen Judge for

Raffle draw for Quilt



Bev Mc Dowall , Quilt maker .

The Winner!



Marie Chesney, winners speech.



THINGS THAT SOUND DIRTY IN GOLF BUT AREN'T

Keep your head down and spread your legs a bit more !!

Hold up!.....I need to wash my balls first

My hands are so sweaty,I can't get a good grip!.



Birthdays – Sept

- 2nd Margaret Colston
- 6th Marj Kasper
- 8th Bob Rutherford
- 10th Darren Baker
- 10th Alf Hinson
- 10th Olive Richardson
- 11th Carolyn Coxall
- 11th Carolyn Wynne

♪ Happy birthday to you ♪

- 12th Betty Blakely
- 14th Keith McCallum
- 17th Audrey Schrier
- 19th Terry Hannon
- 20th George Beresford
- 22nd Michael Lillis
- 26th Lyn Cragg
- 30th Ross Luscombe

Anniversaries

- 1st Barry & Wendy Gibson
- 5th Yvonne & Des Lowrie
- 9th Lorna & John Beattie
- 15th Kay & Denis Cherry
- 20th Carolyn & Ted Wynne

♪ Happy anniversary to you ♪

- 21st Ngaire & Eric Gall
- 24th Carolyn & Terry Coxall
- 27th John & Marlene Rawlings
- 28th Bill & Ann Dobe

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Barry & Wendy Gibson are putting together a Christmas show of carols and sing-a-long songs for 2012. For the show to be a success we need your support and participation, either on the stage or as part of the audience. We always have an open invitation for any member who can play music, or sing, or recite poetry, or whatever, to join in the show. You can either join the band, or the QCC Singers, or form your own group, or perform solo if you prefer. Please let us know **by Sunday, 14 October** so that we can fit you in the programme.

SHOWGROUND RALLY

49 caravans gathered in Allora for the rally in August. Many thanks as usual, to our intrepid Marshalls, for their assistance in parking us.

Details about the Venue. Hall a little on the small size, but manageable. 1 toilet block could have been a bit tidier and a small problem with loss of power. Caretaker assured us all would be addressed. Otherwise OK.



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Visitors – 1st time Greg & Lorraine Bradford; Glen & Lorna Gray; Murray & Jenni McGowan

2nd time--- Gary & Noeleen Jarrett; Beryl Simpson; Les & Brenda Usher; Barrie & Pamela Smith

Day visitors – Brian & Denise Sheehan

Lucky Winners

Winners of the Quilt made and donated by Bev McDowell were Neil & Marie Chesney.

Warren & Margaret Hillier 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 Bunnings Voucher (donated by Qcc) was won by David Judge
 - The Bird Feeder (donated by Stan & Margaret Thomas) was won by Dell Lowe
 - The Ski Pole (donated by Graham & Heather McIlvanie) was won by Greg Bradford



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Entertainment Report, (theme was Maroon- wear)----Friday; The afternoon sun brought out a goodly number of people. The book lovers swapped a few opinions ,whilst the UFO devotees found a place away from the wind for their assembly.

Carol & Kev had a great turnout (20plus) for the line dancing. Good weather for it. Also, the Choir got in a decent rehearsal (considering in “The Wanderer” I got not only the time of the session wrong but the day as well !!) My abject apologies for that !

Even the Golfers had a good afternoon turnout (11) and I understand 3 of those also went out for a hit in the morning!(keen....or just in need of practice? **Friday night was a different kettle of fish!.. 7 of us turned up for a game of cards,and two of our hardy entertainers had a quiet practice huddled in a corner out of the cold. Man ,It was cold !!! Even the camera was shaking so bad the middle picture is fuzzy (that’s my excuse and I is sticking to it !)**



UFOs in a nice sunny spot !



Bunch of Eskimo card players !



Victor & Ken, Musicians.

Saturday afternoon saw the “Showing of the Quilts”, a showcase of the talents of some of our Ladies in their chosen pastime. Spending some 55 years in the clothing trade myself, I can appreciate, perhaps more than the average person, how much work goes into these beautiful creations. Many ,many hours of tiring, and sometimes tedious, labour. I admire each and every one of them.

As there where so many of Quilts, I was unable to photograph them and put individual names to them as well, so I have put a few at random into these pages in no particular order and any left out will be included in a special page at the end of the magazine.



Quilters: Bev McDowall, Jenny Carroll, Denise Park, Kathy Kearney, Dell McNab, Heather Edney, Del Lowe, Carolyn Wynne, Bev Green, Vicki Hills, Bev McCallum, Marie Chesney, Jan Miers, Mary Jacobson, Carol Day

We had better not forget to offer up some thanks to the “human clothes racks” who were good enough to do the honours by walking the Quilts around for us all to view. Luckily, we have a few tall dudes in the club!

Afternoon tea, prepared and served by the Male fraternity, was a resounding success. There was a mountain of food and not much of it was left. There were sweets, savouries, cakes, buns & even a marble (or should that read Marvel) cake a masterpiece of culinary endeavour !! The men should be rightly proud of their efforts, (although one pair of would be chefs had to have their pic taken to prove they had actually done the job). I hope the ladies are not hoping this will be a regular occurrence, otherwise interest in the novelty might tend to wane !! I think 1st prize went to a worthy gentleman. Chuckle chuckle !! And a special award to those ladies who were brave enough or crazy enough to hand over their caravan kitchens to their hubbies !!



Proofs in the pudding !

A fantastical spread !

Buffet fit for a King !

Saturday Evening This Rally seems to be all about food, which is not a bad idea this weather. Well, the Communal Hotpot, Stew, & Casserole Meal was outstanding. The organisers did a great job squeezing us all in to what was a tight fitting dining room. I personally, thoroughly enjoyed the other 3 dishes on our table and I'm sure I was by no means “Robinson Crusoe”. I got the impression from comments during the night that the *random* method of allocating table places was a success and could be a regular feature of these sort of gatherings in the future.

Once again, Mary did us proud as games co-ordinator. Mind you, I reckon she is a pretty brave soul. She would probably find it easier to control an unruly bunch of grade tens than our mob !!

The first round of Olympic Quiz Questions made us realise how little we really know about them and how quick we forget 'em when they've finished. Pictionary turned up some absolutely useless artists amongst us, me being the worst I reckon. Mary did an admirable job trying to teach us all how to play Hangman. It was hard going, especially I'll bet, when everyone of us played the game at school. Mass Alzheimers !!! I think the most appreciated gaff of the night was when the quizmaster couldn't remember how to spell the name of her birthplace ! Nevertheless, as is usual at our events, a great time was had by all and everyone went back to their vans well fed and happy little campers. Many thanks to all concerned with the staging and organising of the many events and happenings over the weekend.



Future Entertainment OCT; Book club, The Scalpel by Paul Carson. USA Hospital thriller!
 Ladies - if you want to learn how to cover a shopping bag, we will have a learning afternoon at the November Rally at Lowood Showgrounds on Saturday afternoon at 1.00pm.

You will need to bring the following :

- . Sewing machine if possible
- . extension power cord
- . 1 shopping bag - eg. woolworths green bag
- NOTE. the handles will be part of your bag, so your material needs to match.
- . scissors, thread etc
- . approx. 1 metre fabric
- . enough light wadding to wrap around your bag plus hems

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And on more serious note:

During my recent attendance at Toowoomba Base Hospital, I was asked by the Doctor if I would explain to our caravaners the importance of carrying with them a detailed account of the medications they use daily.



(luckily, I had mine with me thereby saving a lot of time wasted in tests). PLEASE KEEP THE LIST IN YOUR WALLET OR HANDBAG ,NOT

ONLY IN YOUR HOME, CAR AND CARAVAN.(a printed list including dosages is preferred)

And if you have any info that needs to be on a Medi-Bracelet, WEAR IT ! This Precaution saved me 4 hours in tests and the Bracelet alerted the staff I was on Warfarin, a vital piece of information if you are not fully in control of your faculties. Thank you all for your concern and care. Anne Hetherman.

PS.The flight with the RFDS gave me insight into “Heaven” ,.....Blue Sky,white clouds.

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