

# The Wanderer

The Official Bulletin of the Queensland Caravan Club Inc.

# "Fellowship on Wheels"

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# **Presidents Report**

A very successful and enjoyable weekend at Laidley with hot & humid days but cooler at night to sleep. We had 3 couples inducted as new members of the Queensland Caravan Club: Graeme & Bev Cope, Marty & Di Thompson & Don & Sandra Field.

Also first time visitors Peter & Nerida Versace. I hope you all enjoyed the weekend and the activities. A special thank you to Mary Jacobsen for organising & co coordinating a very entertaining weekend. Friday night we had the pleasure of John & Marlene Rawlings " This is Australia " concert, involving many of our talented members, of the QCC bush band. This was a great night for everyone. Saturday afternoon the QCC pairs disc bowls competition was held although delayed due to a very hot day till 3.00pm. Barry Gibson & Ian Egan are the champions for this year defeating David & Helen Judge. Thank you Barry & Wendy for another well organised event.

The "Funny Money" on Saturday night was a great success, although not many members had a winning night. The highlight being the auction conducted by Patrick Hetherman. This was a lot of fun for all our members. Thank you Kevin & Carol Day for organising as well as all the voluntesr who helped make such a good, funny night.

Thank you to the Rally Marshals Des Mcleod & Keith McCallum for parking all the caravans in very hot & humid conditions

Thank you also to Lance Haslewood for his presentation of the proposed Web site for our club. I am sure this will be a great success & further develop our club, informing potential caravan members about us.

We now have 62 caravans from the Qcc booked to attend the National Rally in Rockhampton in September, good to see the interest from our club.

Stay safe, healthy & safe travelling and look forward to seeing you all at the next rally at Crows Nest Caravan Park in February.

Regards John

# Rally at Crows Nest Caravan Park – February 2013 How to Get There

Crows	N	est	
Carava	an	Park	(

Follow Warrego Highway to Toowoomba. At the top of the range, turn <u>right</u> into Dawne Street, and then immediately <u>left</u> into Margaret Street, passing Queens Park. At the end of Queens Park, turn <u>right</u> into Hume Street and then <u>left</u> at next traffic lights (Chalk Drive). Turn <u>right</u> into Ruthven Street (which becomes the New England Highway) and follow for approx. 43 kms to the outskirts of Crows Nest. The caravan park is on the <u>left</u> approx 1 km before town of Crows Nest.

OR.... From Esk... Follow Esk-Hampton Road to Hampton. Turn <u>right</u> and follow New England Highway for approx 11 kms to the outskirts of Crows Nest. The caravan park is on the <u>left</u> approx 1 km before town of Crows Nest.

# Rally Info (Needs, Emergencies, etc)

Rally dates: 9th & 10th Feb 2013

Arrive no earlier than:

Depart no later than:

Members choice

Members choice

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7558 New England highway. Cross Streets are Hirning Street or Victor Street

Details :Crows Nest Tel: 07 4698 1269
Toowoomba Base Hospital: Pechey Street, South Toowoomba ,4350

Tel: 07 4616 6000

Medical Needs: Crows Nest Medical Centre, Community Place, Curnow street. Tel: 07 4698 1176

Site Contacts:

required:

4355

Club equipment

Kitchen equipment and urns, first aid, PA system, library & souvenirs, fire

extinguisher, banner, flags and flagpoles.

Pets: Ok on leash at All times

Fees: Site Fee: \$ 26.10 per caravan per night. Sites Must be booked one

week ahead by the members (onsuite and unpowered sites

also available) Bookings---07 4698 1269

Administration Fee: \$ 3.00 per caravan Hall Hire: \$ 0.00 per caravan

### (Remember to check the noticeboard at the rally for changes, Rally Programme – in brief particularly for any activities on Friday!) Fri: 1:00 pm Craft Sun 8:30-9:00 am Pay Treasurer Book club, aerobics 2;00 pm 9.00 am Meeting 3:00 pm Line dancing Morning tea after meeting Sausage Sizzle Management Committee . Sat 9:00 am Morning tea 9:30 am Meeting 2:00 pm Tag-along picnic. Disc Bowls are available all weekend. For a set 7:00 pm Main Event 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.

### Late Arrival!!

Tom and Jacky Smith are pleased to announce the safe arrival of their 4<sup>th</sup> Grandchild, another boy, WILLIAM JASON SMITH, the 2<sup>nd</sup> child born to Jason and Max Smith in Melbourne on Monday, 29 October 2012. Young William weighed in at 8 lbs 6 ozs,was 53 cm long and is a younger brother to Normie. This now gives the Smiths 4 Grandsons.

# **Programme Details**

# **Friday**

1:00 pm Golf

2:00 pm Craft with Jenny Carroll.

Book club at Sandra Smiths Van.

<u>Title is:</u>"The Secret River by Kate Grenville A story of early Australia.

<u>March</u> Book is "Cloudstreet" by Tim Winton, Voted No1 by the ABC book club as a must read for Australians!

Aqua aerobics in the Park Pool for the Brave! 3:00 pm Line dancing with Kevin day.

<u>6:30 pm</u> "Free" Sausage Sizzle supplied by the Park Owners. Bring your own salad etc. and B.Y.O. Alcohol allowed.

7:00 pm Usual, games etc.

# **Saturday**

**2:00** pm Tag-along picnic to Perseverance Dam. Bring a plate to share and bring a flask of tea or coffee along.

7;30pm Old Movie Night.



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# New Members ---- Welcome aboard



Marty and Di Thompson



Don and Sandra Fields



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Graham and Bev cope

# Overlooked Item in from the last Wanderer

**Xmas Light Decorations on Vans** 

Due to a number of factors, the results of the Comp. weren't included (Clerical error seems to fit best)





The decision was a deadheat between <u>Graham & Heather McIlvanie</u> (left) and <u>Jerry & Drina Meades</u> (right)

# Special Notices - PLEASE READ

# The Annual General Meeting will be on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2013 At the Gatton Rally.

If you have any item to include on the agenda, you must provide it in writing to your Secretary, Carol Day, no later than 9:00am on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March. Remember, a minor issue can be raised at any meeting. Nomination forms are included in this Bulletin. As usual, We need as many nominations as possible. Why not give it a whirl.

Being on the Committee is a worthwhile and rewarding experience and helps you realise what goes on behind the scenes to make your Club run smoothly. Feel free, if you find a stirring of interest, to approach any Committee Member whose position you may like to obtain more of an insight into. I think you will find them very receptive and willing to explain or even demonstrate what their position entails.

Also remember, should you take on a position, you are not thrown in at the deep end and left to struggle. Ex Committee Members are obliged to be on hand to coach newbies for quite a while after the elections. And not forgetting the wealth of Knowledge available from past Members who have held these positions in the past. So come on, gird your Loins and have a bash!...I did.....and loving it. ED

# Just a reminder that Membership fees are due by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2013

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

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

- <u>Please note</u>: 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.
- If possible, when members are the first to connect to a tap, could they attach a two way connecter so as to save the next arrival having to hunt around the venue to find you and let you know they are going to turn your water off for a period whilst they connect. Thank you kindly.
- Would any member having a two way radio be kind enough to use it to warn Rally Marshalls of your impending arrival (as you come within a kilometre or so of the venue). This will give the marshalls a bit if warning and help them guide you to a site more efficiently. Thank you kindly

# **Future Rallies**

2013

August----10<sup>th</sup>&11<sup>th</sup>-Imbil Showground(vac.by MON) Sep/Oct---23<sup>rd</sup>to 2<sup>nd</sup>- NAT.RALLY.ROCKHAMPTON

February—9<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>---Crows Nest Caravan Park
March-----9<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>---Rocky Creek (Bush rally)
Mar/April---29<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>----Gatton showground
May-----4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>-----Toogoolawah Showground
July ------13<sup>th</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>-----Dayboro Showground
July ------13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>----Boonah Showground

Always check this list as there may be late changes to venues. Usually members would be notified by email or phone but this is not always possible.

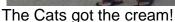
# **Exciting Future Entertainment**

Gatton - Hobbies displays, Photo comp, Mens Aft tea, Square dancing, Harlequin night

Toogoolawah-(joint Rally with T'wmba Club)—Auction, Drag Racing

<u>Member News-----</u> The postponed 2012 Doubles Disc Bowls Championship was played this weekend and was won by <u>Ian Egan</u> and <u>Barry Gibson</u>. Their names will be added to the illustrious list of past winners already on the Trophy( I think most of them will be theirs anyway!)







President presents the Trophy.



Runners up Helen& David Judge

# I Happy birthday to you for February I

- 1<sup>st</sup> Diane Brearley
- 1<sup>st</sup> Sue Stephenson
- 1<sup>st</sup> Susanne Bowman
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan Steele
- 5<sup>th</sup> Shirley Sheehan
- 5<sup>th</sup> Ron Smith
- 11<sup>th</sup> Carolyn Kahler

- 15<sup>th</sup> Les Buzza
- 17<sup>th</sup> John Carroll
- 17<sup>th</sup> Rhonda Gaffney
- 17<sup>th</sup> Cheryle Hill
- 20<sup>th</sup> Graham Hill
- 20<sup>th</sup> Graham Barr

- 22<sup>nd</sup> Di Thompson
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Sue Baker
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Reg Foster
- 24<sup>th</sup> Steve Langley
- 26<sup>th</sup> Ray Parker
- 29th Barry Easter

# 1 Happy Anniversary to you for February 1

- 5<sup>th</sup> Jan & John Miers
- 5<sup>th</sup> Robyn & Ray Parker
- 6<sup>th</sup> Barbara & Merv Cook
- 8<sup>th</sup> Sandra & Ron Smith
- 13th Barrie & Pamela Smith
- 14<sup>th</sup> Pam & Ron Petch

- 18<sup>th</sup> Helen & David Judge
- 19th Gwen & Ian Egen
- 20th Doug & Eunice Keppie
- 20<sup>th</sup> Pat & Graham Barr
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Joy & Ron Stark
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Chris & Nancy Rae









### **Other News**

Showground Rally

**52** caravans gathered in Laidley for the rally in Dec. Quite a good turnout for the time of year.

<u>Details about the site</u>.---Excellent site, terrific hall, some of facilities a bit tired but being worked on. Will definately make use of this place

Members Present at the Rally--- Gordon, Sue Baker. Graham & Pat Barr; Bert & Yvonne Beker; Roy & Carmel Bridges; Trevor & Nola Bromley; Doug & Dorcas Burt. John & Jenny Carroll; Neil & Marie Chesney; Graeme & Bev Cope: Terry & Carolyn Coxall; Bryan & Pat Davies; Kevin & Carol Day; Bill & Ann Dobe; Ian & Gwen Egen; Don & Sandra Field; Reg & Stella Foster. Frank & Rhonda Gaffney. Barry & Wendy Gibson; Rod & Bev Green; Lance & Karen Haslewood; Patrick & Ann Hetherman; Graham & Cheryle Hill; Wayne & Vicki Hills; Stewart Hornibrook; Gordon Ison & Beryl Simpson; Lionel & Mary Jacobson; Gary & Noeleen Jarrett; Colin & Margaret James; David & Helen Judge; Bob & Cathy Kearney; George & Yvonne Lacey; Steve & Robyn Langley. Ray & Pam MacDonald; Keith & Bev McCallum; Graham & Heather McIlvanie; Des & Jenny McLeod. Ken & Dell McNab. John & Janette Miers; Ray & Robyn Parker. Tony & Lynne Pomroy; John & Marlene Rawlings. Bob & Barbara Rutherford; Victor & Audrey Schrier. Adrian & Gayle Skinner. Tom & Jacky Smith; Ray & Jan Steele; Eddie & Sylvia Stocker. Tony & Julie Swift; Marty & Di Thompson; Les & Brenda Usher; Ted & Carolyn Wynne.

• Visitors – First time ---Peter & Nerida Versace

<u>Lucky Winners</u> Graham & Cheryle <u>Hill</u> 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 Marie Chesney
- The Rain Gauge(donated by Ray & Jan Steele) was won by Jenny McCleod
- The CD Holder (donated by Mystery member) was won by Tom Smith.



# Weekend entertainment report

<u>Friday Arvo.</u> It was a swelter of a weekend, but didn't put too much of a brake on our activities. The Golfers, as usual, braved the heat and humidity once again to go belting that little white ball around! I think that old saying should be re-jigged to read "Only mad dogs and Qcc Golfers go out in the midday sun"! Rod Green, Ray Steele Gary Jarrett and Neil Chesney all rated a mention.

Through various misunderstandings, The Book club was a non event.

Apparently Jenny and the crafty girls retired to The Carrolls van where it was shady. This explained why I couldn't find them. I would never have thought anyone would be brave or foolhardy enough to park under the "Dreaded" Laidley Showground "Bee Tree "!! just goes to show how tough our club members are ,hey!

The Line Dancing with Kevin was, as usual, attended by the faithful footstep followers and the Family History club with Nola Bromley convened in the Hall earlier. I heard a bit of excitement was brewing amongst the participants as there where whispers of a convict find. I realize this is not every ones cup of tea, but I would be chuffed to bits finding one of my Rellies was a Highwayman or even just a Rogue of note!!

Kevin & the Line Dancers





### Friday night

# "This Is Australia" Produced by John & Marlene Rawlings, Presented by Barry & Wendy Gibson.

What a cracking night this was! The Show kicked off with "Turkey in the straw". The Compliment of the Ensemble, "The Gypsy Wanderers" (Below) consisted of musicians:-John & Marlene Rawlings, Keith McCallum, Victor Schrier, (ex Dell-Tones for any one who didn't know!), Adrian & Gayle Skinner, Reg & Stella Foster and Bob & Barbara Rutherford. Vocalists:- Barry Gibson, Bev McCallum and Trevor bromley. How could we **not** have a great show with talent like this?



The first bracket was a good old rollicking medley of 14 Good Aussie songs, starting with "G'day, G'day, carrying on through Qld, Dogs on boxes, spiders in the dunny, Swags, shears, dry pubs and good old Duncan!, winding up with the ever popular "I still call Australia Home".

Next was a lovely Piano Solo with Marlene, *Dreaming dreams*, followed By a Victor Schrier flute solo, *Autumn Leaves* and then joined by Ken McCallum on acoustic guitar for a duet, *Honeysuckle Rose*.





Marlene and Dreaming Dreams

Victor & Keith with Honeysuckle Rose Trevor

Bromley rendered a solo of "What a wonderful world "then handed over to "The Band"



"The Band" (minus members of Gypsy Wanderers from the Bush band), with vocalists Bev McCallum & Trevor Bromley

In this configuration the entertainers carried on the programme with a Smorgasboard of fabulous presentations. Being an ex 50s & 60s rock group drummer myself, amongst my favourites were the renditions of Darktown Strutters Ball, Five finger boogie, Yakety sax, Guitar Boogie, the scintillating Dizzy fingers and Perfidia! But they were all great and the night was finalised with "Show me the way to go home", encored of course!! Another success--Below are a few extra pics I thought needed showing!



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<u>Saturday—Disc Bowls Pairs Championships---</u>It was an extremely hot afternoon and the game couldn't get under way until 3pm.Once off and running things went like clockwork.As was expected there was keen competition and more than a bit of light hearted sledging.A couple of the players gave their usual "photographers dream "displays!! After hot ,hard fought competition Ian Egan and Barry Gibson emerged victorious.













**For Sale**.....Avan "A" Liner, Lightweight folding caravan. 2004 model,3 berth Double at rear,3 way fridge, Full Annexe All in good condition, plus extras. \$18500.00 Phone Ron Petch on 38514670 or 0409451344.

I Was Sitting at the computer the other day and called out to my wife ,"When I die, I am going to leave everything to you my love." She shouted back," You already do ya lazy Jerk!"

Tight Finish!!

# The Main Event Saturday Night at--- "The Laidley Losers Casino"

The List of croupiers names for the night didn't instil a feeling of confidence for this event.

"Crooked Carol", "Krafty Ken", "Grasping Graham", "Greedy Gordon" and last the notorious "Robber Bob", (rumoured to be wanted by the mob in Vegas)













As the night wore on the contest between the "honest croupiers" and the poor pensioner "Grey Nomads" hotted up, but one got the impression that the wiley old caravanners were gaining the upper hand! One or two of the croupiers were seen to be near to tears as their dreams of cheap new vans and 4bies slipped from their greedy, grasping mitts!













At the auction to spend the ill gotten gains, bids into the millions were received for mystery boxes. Funny thing was , the biggest bids were from the croupiers!! Surprise , surprise. It was a terrific, fun filled , crazy event and every one went home happy, bouyed by the fact it was only the Boy Scouts money they had been spending all night!!

Did you hear about the cross eyed teacher who lost her job 'cos she couldn't control her pupils!

I know a guy who is addicted to brake fluid ,but he says he can stop anytime!

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.!

All the toilets in Brisbanes Police headquarters have been stolen. The Police have nothing to go on!

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# **Email Management.**

By Lance Haslewood

Emails are a great way to communicate. In the early days of the Internet, the novelty of receiving and sending emails was overwhelming and the benefits were enormous. These days emails are a part of everyday life for many people, however in some ways they can become an embuggerance particularly when our space is continually being invaded by advertising, spam and viruses. And in addition, we have friends and acquaintances that seem to relish in wanting to share their emails with us by on-forwarding any manner of material including the ubiquitous jokes, attachments, links and so on. Even the most complex of anti-virus software cannot stop all spam and unwanted email traffic. One of my pet hates (and I'm



sure others feel the same way) is the inconsideration of others who send large attachments uninvited.

To check their email, most people simply fire-up their email program and hit the receive button and then sit back and wait to see what comes down the line. Imagine not knowing that there is an email with a 15MB attachment awaiting download. This download could tie-up your computer for a considerable amount of time particularly if you have a slow Internet connection or even a dial-up connection. I'm sure that many originators of emails do not even consider this when sending or onforwarding large files to others.

But don't despair as there are two ways of getting a glimpse of the emails awaiting you before you download them. The most common way is to log onto your Internet Service Provider's (ISP) web site and then access your email (webmail) account. From here you can explore your emails, respond to them, delete them and so forth. But this method of accessing your email is generally slow and laborious. Almost guaranteed to send you to sleep!

The other method is to use bypass software which will take you directly to your webmail account without having to pass through your ISP's web site. One such program is called 'Mail Washer Pro'. Mail Washer Pro not only allows you view what emails are sitting on the server for you, but it also allows you to see the email text and what attachments are there and their sizes. You can also see the multi-forwarded emails, emails without subject headings (pure laziness on the part of the originator not to put a subject heading), spam mail and so on.

The best aspect of Mail Washer Pro is that it allows you to 'wash' (prune/cull) your emails before downloading them such as deleting unwanted emails and even bouncing emails back to the sender which is what I do to all of my spam mail. Once you have 'washed' your email, Mail Washer Pro will open your email program (Outlook, Eudora, Thunderbolt, Pegasus or whatever email program you are using) for you to download your accepted emails.

Mail Washer Pro runs in the background, is lightning-quick and will advise you with a beep whenever an email drops into your inbox on the server. With a simple click of your mouse, you can have a look at it and if you don't want it, delete it then-and-there.

In the near future I hope to demonstrate Mail Washer pro to interested members of QCC.

I can do without my mum, but I cannot do without my Mail Washer Pro.

Lance. 19/01/2013