



The Wanderer

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“Fellowship on Wheels”

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*Happy Valentines Day to
all our Members.*

*Hope You all received lots
Of chocs and flowers.*

Presidents Report

This was a great rally for the 35 caravans attending the Crows Nest Rally, although the rain on Saturday afternoon made things very uncomfortable.

On Friday night we all had the pleasure of dinner supplied by Mike & Ann, the Park management. Everyone enjoyed the sausages and salad. Many members enjoyed the low key night after dinner with a variety of card games being played to complete a good night.

Dennis Cotterill a friend of Neil Chesney attended this rally, he is a member of The Blue Mountains Devils Caravan Club in NSW. Dennis informed me that he collected good ideas to take back to his own club that he learned at Crows Nest.

Gordon & Sue Baker were presented with their 150 rally badges and were surprised to achieve this special milestone.

Saturday afternoon's tag a long tour to Perseverance Dam was cancelled due to the steady rain, making it too wet for our picnic afternoon tea.

Saturday night at the Movie Theatre was an entertaining night with many laughs for our own successful usherettes' in arranging the correct seating and light refreshments.

Thank you to our members who attended the clean up from the flooding in Laidley on behalf of the QLD Caravan Club. This was much appreciated by the local council and the individual home owners.

With the AGM due at the Easter Rally at Gatton we have several vacant positions on the committee to be filled for the next incoming team. If you are interested please nominate as your presence would be greatly welcomed practically NEW MEMBERS with new ideas.

Stay safe, healthy & safe travelling and look forward to seeing you all at the next rally at Mulgowie Bush Camp in March.

Regards, John

Rally at Mulgowie Showground – March 2013 How to Get There

Mulgowie sportsground & hall (3/13)	From Brisbane South – Follow the Ipswich Motorway. Exit <u>left</u> (veering right over the motorway) onto the Warrego Hwy A2 in the direction of Toowoomba. Follow the Warrego Hwy for approx 45 kms to Plainlands and at the hotel turn <u>left</u> to Laidley. Continue 8 kms to Laidley, continuing through. At the T-junction just past town, turn <u>right</u> (Mulgowie Rd) and follow the signs to Mulgowie (app 7 kms). At the Mulgowie Hotel, turn <u>right</u> across a bridge and then almost immediately turn left into the sportsground.
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Rally Info (Needs, Emergencies, etc)

Rally dates:

Official dates:

9th to 10th .March 2013

Arrive no earlier than:

Wed. 6th march 2013

Depart no later than:

Tues. 12th march 2013

Mulgowie sportsground & hall	Post Code 4341	The Mulgowie sportsground and hall is on Mulgowie Rd, and the entrance is across a bridge off Mulgowie Rd, just past the hotel. Nearest cross street is Mulgowie school road & Beckman road.
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Medical Needs:

Closest hospital: Laidley, William st., Laidley

Medical Center: Laidley Professional Centre, 128 Patrick St., Laidley

Site Contacts:

Paul: 0427001795 Suse: 0437447394

Rally Marshal Co-ordinator:

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. **There are only a very limited amount of powered sites, so only available for people needing to power medical appliances.**

Club equipment required:

Kitchen equipment and urns, first aid, PA system, library & souvenirs, fire extinguisher, banner, flags and flagpoles.

Dump Point

William St and left in to John St North, Laidley

Pets:

Ok, dogs on leash at all times

Fees:

Site Fee: <u>Powered (limited)</u>	\$	12.00 per caravan per night
Unpowered	\$	8.00 per van per night
Administration Fee:	\$	3.00 per caravan
Hall Hire:	\$	2.00 per caravan

Generators Will be allowed between the hours of 4pm to 7pm daily.

Rally Programme – in brief			(Remember to check the noticeboard at the rally for changes, particularly for any activities on Friday!)		
Fri:	Afternoon	Golf, Line dance, Books, Ufos Plus Tour & Presidents picnic	Sun:	8:30-9:00 am 9.00 am	Pay Treasurer Meeting
Sat:	6.00 am 9:00 am 9:30 am 10.30 am	Walking group Morning tea Meeting See Programme details in enclosed attachment.			Morning tea after meeting Management Committee .

Programme Details For rest of weekend activities, see enclosed attachment or flyer. BYO alcohol at both Friday and Saturdays meals

Important Would members attending this Rally let Tony Stephenson know on 34891877 or 0428376187. This info is needed for catering purposes. **Absolute Latest, Wed, 6th March.**

New Walking Group....It has been proposed by Gary Jarrett to start a new walking group on **Saturday** morning. Anyone interested, gather at the Gateway at 6:00 am. Bring good shoes and 30 plus Sunscreen.

Club News

Special Notices – PLEASE READ

The Annual General Meeting will be on 30th March 2013 At the Gatton Rally.

Nominations must be in by the 16th of march and forms will be available at Mulgowie ..

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 30th March. Remember, a minor issue can be raised at any meeting. 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.

Just a reminder that Membership fees are due by 28th February 2013

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.
- 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 of warning and help them guide you to a site more efficiently. Thank you kindly

Future Rallies

2013

March-----9 th to 10 th ---Mulgowie Showground	August---10 th &11 th -Imbil Showground(vac.by MON)
Mar/April---29 th to 1 st ---Gatton showground	Sep/Oct---23 rd to 2 nd - NAT.RALLY,ROCKHAMPTON
May-----4 th to 6 th --Toogoolawah Showground	October---12 th &13 th -----Rocky Creek (Bush rally)
June-----1 st & 2 nd -----Dayboro Showground	November- 9 th &10 th -----Esk Caravan Park
July -----13 th &14 th ----Boonah Showground	December- 7 th &8 th -----Beaudesert Showground

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

Exciting Future Entertainment A Musical Night is being planned for the May Rally. To make the programme variable and enjoyable, Any Club Member who wishes to be part of the programme, please, don't hesitate to contact Jenny McLeod on PH: 54947832.

Member Milestones



Gordon and Sue Baker receiving their certificate for 150 rally attendances! Congratulations to both.

♪ Happy birthday to you for March ♪

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| 3 rd Bill Kasper | 16 th Ray MacDonald | 22 nd Daryl Kays |
| 6 th Pamela Smith | 18 th Colin Colston | 23 rd Adrian Skinner |
| 7 th Val King | 18 th Tom Smith | 24 th Margaret Styles |
| 7 th Des Lowrie | 21 st Ray Caddies | 28 th Marion Willmott |
| 8 th Tony Pomroy | 21 st Gordon Ison | 29 th Bob Blakely |
| 8 th Barrie Smith | 21 st Mary Jacobson | 29 th Beris Blake |
| 9 th Colin James | 22 nd Nola Bromley | |
| 12 th Melda Blake | | |
| 16 th Helen Judge | | |

♪ Happy Anniversary to you for March ♪

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| .1 st Marie & Neil Chesney | 9 th Stella & Reg Foster | 17 th Audrey & Victor Schrier |
| 6 th Melda & Beris Blake | 12 th Pat & Bryan Davies | 22 nd Nola & Trevor Bromley |
| 6 th Lorraine & Greg Bradford | | 26 th Margaret & Peter Styles |

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Other News. Tech Talk! *Every 2/3 years the anodes in your hot water system should be checked and replaced by draining the HWS and removing the zinc anode. Ensure that NO 240 volt lead is connected to the van whilst carrying out this maintenance. The zinc anode gradually dissolves to prevent corrosion in the tank. The latest HWS's that have stainless steel tanks do not have an anode . Thanks to Ray Parker and Neil Chesney for the tip.*

Crows Nest Caravan Park Rally First Class venue, every thing we needed including two meeting venues .Nice large ,very clean and Grassy Park

Members Present at the Rally

Gordon, Sue Baker. George & Merle Beresford. John & Jenny Carroll. Neil & Marie Chesney; Colin & Margaret Colston. Graham & Bev Cope; Ken & Lyn Cragg.; Kevin & Carol Day. Ian & Gwen Egan; .Barry & Wendy Gibson. Graham & Cheryle Hill; .Wayne & Vicki Hills. Gordon Ison . Lionel & Mary Jacobson; Gary & Noeleen Jarrett; . Ernie & Shirley Jones; Terry & Val Jorgensen. George & Yvonne Lacey; Steve & Robyn Langley; Brian & Pauline Lewis; . Phil & Del Lowe. Kem & Bev McDowall; Graham & Heather McIlvanie; Des & Jenny McLeod; . Ken & Dell McNab; . John & Janette Miers; . Terry & Denise Park; Ray & Robyn Parker; . Ron & Pam Petch; .Bob & Barbara Rutherford; . Brian & Denise Sheehan. Adrian & Gayle Skinner; Barry & Pamela Smith; Ron & Sandra Smith; Tom & Jacky Smith.

Day visitors – Dell Portelli; Pauline Norris & Terry Hannon; Trevor & Nola Bromley; Bill & Denise Waycott; Ray & Gail Caddies; Brenda & Les Usher; Dennis Cotterill. Bryan & Pat Davies

Lucky Winners

Graham & Cheryle Hill 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 \$20 voucher (donated by QCC) and Bath Bomb donated by Gwen Egan were won by Gordon Ison.
 - The 2 night voucher (donated by Oasis Caravan Park) was won by Pauline Lewis.
 - The Knitted Rug (donated by Pauline Norris) was won by Robin Langley.



On Wednesday the 6th and Thursday the 7th Feb, eight of our club members helped with some clean up at Laidley. These members felt that as we use the facilities of the Laidley showgrounds a helping hand would not go astray.

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Entertainment report

Friday I did my usual tour of the site picking up odds and sods of stuff to keep members interested. Trouble is, people are getting wary of me and my camera being around, so are on their best behaviour! It was cooler up on the range and one member (whom I foolishly promised not to name), confessed to sleeping the night before in her trackie daks!! The Golfing crowd was very minimal with only 3 devotees fronting up. Still, not too bad. If you finish last, you can rightly boast you finished in the top 3!! Wayne Hills came out on top and "Elder Statesman" George Beresford, as Gary referred to him, rated a special mention for a memorable shot of the day.



The Line Dancers danced and the Ufo,s held interesting discussions whilst working!





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Things you see when you ain't got a camera!!

Was having a quiet cuppa with friends when I noticed a 4WD just a couple of sites from us. There where ,I believe,at least 4 people behaving in a very curious manner.It was kinda like a game of musical bums,as they rotated around the four open doors,each having a rummage inside before moving in unison around to the next door,where the rummage was repeated. After a while,a triumphant shout rang out. Some one had found the lost Phone ,which they had been able to hear but unable to locate,until one soul moved a seat forward and Bingo,the phone fell out and another life was saved !!

Friday Night Mine Hosts, Mark and Ann layed on a terrific tea for everyone. We had Sausages, coldslaw salad and Cooked chips. It was an opportunity to mix with some of the other non members and give them an Idea of what club life is all about. Yvonne and I sat with another couple who where fascinated by our club activities.



Chief cook

Our Hosts, Ann & Mark

After Tea was cleared away the usual crowd of card or game players settled in for a couple of hours serious competition, 4 listed below and my group playing 5 Crowns. Good mix of games.



Mah Jong



Canasta



GreedI think



Cribbage

Saturday AfternoonTurned out to be fizzer as the tag-a-long picnic in the National Park was cancelled because of the inclement weather. We had to make do and mend by taking all our plates to the hall and having an indoor picnic. Worked out quite well considering!

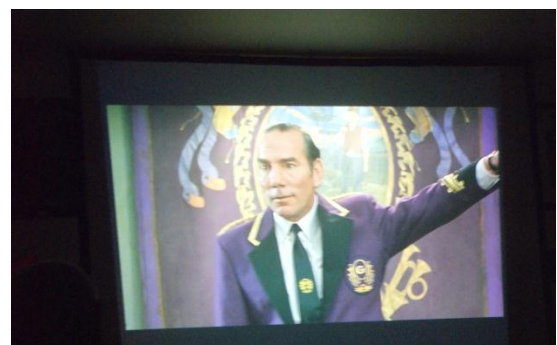


After the indoor picnic, people wandered off to do their own thing and get ready for the Movies that night. I was relaxing in my van during the lull and was roused by frantic banging on my door. I was asked to go to the Egans van and witness the fact that Mary Jacobson had discovered a new phenomenon, namely a vibrating Waeco cooler!! Urged to take pictures, as always, I obliged!! Hope you like my interpretation!!



Saturday Night at the Movies

The theatre was quite comfy considering. It was nothing like the rather unflattering name we used to give local cinemas, the Bug 'utch. The feature Movie was an old Pommie tale of a struggling Coalmine and its mandatory Brass Band, namely "Brassed Off", starring Peter Postlethwaite. (Try saying that name if you've got bad fitting dentures !!!)



We even had,at great expense, a couple of comely looking ,though totally ruthless, Usherettes. They kept us supplied with Popcorn and Sweeties,but sadly ,no Ice cream.They kept a strict eye out for any hanki panki and were occasionally called upon to defuse potentially dodgy situations



Our "Luscious Ushers" Sue Baker and Noelene Jarrett

Another great event from our entertainment arm.Thanks everyone concerned in staging the Do.

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Nurse asked patient to hop onto bed. "Yes sir, what can I do for you today." The patient, acutely embarrassed, replied "its my man bit". Nurse asked the man to drop his pants, upon which she burst into hysterical laughter. His "man bit" was about the size of a AAA battery. She managed to compose herself and turned to the very hurt man and said "I must apologise sir. We are taught to show no emotion or make any comments that may cause embarrassment to our patient when examining them, but your appendage is the smallest I've ever seen and I just couldn't help myself. I promise on my life it will never happen again and I will be on my best behaviour and not laugh at your appendage again". The Guy grudgingly accepted her apology. The Nurse cleared her throat and said "now sir, what seems to be the problem with your appendage" The guy replied "Its Swollen"..... The Nurse had to leave the room !

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA !!

Heavens Clocks Bloke went to Heaven and as he stood in front of St Peter at the Pearly Gates he spotted a huge wall of clocks behind him. He asked, "what are all those clocks for"? St Peter replied "They are Lie-Clocks. Everyone on Earth has one and every time you tell a lie the hands move." Oh, said the man, whose clock is that". St Peter replied "Mother Therasas and its never moved indicating she never told a Lie." "Incredible said the man, and that one"? St Peter responded with "That's Abe Lincolns clock. Its moved twice so he only ever told two lies."...."Where's Julia Gillards Clock then " asked the guy. St Peter shuffled his feet and replied sheepishly..."Its in Jesus's officeHe's using it as a desk fan !

Fire Drill conducted at Crows Nest caravan park on the 10/2/13

When a continuous sound on a car horn coupled with flashing hazard lights on a vehicle all members should attend that site as quickly as possible. DO NOT RUN but move safely and quickly.

On arrival at the site determine the type of emergency :fire : accident : medical :etc.

One person should then take charge of the emergency and ask all others except the persons immediately engaged in the emergency to leave the scene.

Before attending the scene one person should take the first aid kit located in the meeting area to the scene.

After assessing the emergency, the person in charge should

1. have someone ring an ambulance (making sure they have the site access information from Page Two of the Wanderer available)
2. have someone ring the fire brigade (ditto above)
3. have someone ring a doctor
4. have someone go to the entrance of the park or grounds to ensure there is no blockage of the road for the entry of the ambulance, fire engine , or doctor.
5. If competent , carry out CPR, Medical assistance, or fire evacuation.

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In the event of a medical emergency stay with the patient until professional help arrives



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A Tale of Woe.

I had 12 bottles of whisky in my cellar and was told by my wife to empty the contents of each and every one down the sink – OR ELSE!

So I said I would and proceeded with the unpleasant task. I withdrew the cork from the first bottle and poured the contents down the sink with the exception of one glass which I drank. I pulled the cork from the second bottle and did likewise with the exception of one glass which I drank. I then withdrew the cork from the third bottle and poured whisky down the sink which I drank. I extracted the cork from the fourth bottle down the sink and poured the bottle down the glass which I drank.

I poured the bottle from the cork of the next and drank one sink of it and threw the rest down the glass. I pulled the sink out of the next glass and poured the cork down the bottle. Then I corked the sink with the glass, bottled the drink and drank the pour. When I had everything emptied I steadied the house with one hand counted the glasses, corks, bottles and sinks with the other, which were 29, and as the house came by I counted them again and finally had all the houses in one bottle which I drank. I'm not under the affluence of incohol, but some thinkle peep I am. I'm not so half so thunk as you might drink. I fool feelish, I don't know who is me and the drunker I stand here the longer I get. Hic!