



# The Wanderer

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*“Fellowship on Wheels”*

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## Presidents Report

The Mulgowie Sportsground bush rally was a great success and great to see what the QCC is all about, "Fellowship on Wheels" over the entire weekend.

I would like to thank Ray, Gail, Tony & Sue as well as all the helpers for a wonderful weekend. The work these 4 members did to prepare, organise, and control the activities, for the weekend was a credit to their skills, dedication & commitment towards our club and the members. I am sure everyone enjoyed the weekend.

This commenced on Friday morning with the Historical Tour, very pleasing to see so many members participate in the Tag a Long Tour.

Friday nights Presidents Dinner, Saturday's Farmers Market & Saturday's nights Irish Cafe Special & all the weekends entertainment was incredible for everyone attending.

We had 49 caravans attend this rally, including 3 first time visitors, this was exceptional due to the wet weather. Showers on & off over the 4 days made conditions a little uncomfortable but never mind when the sun eventually arrived it was quite warm.

I would like to thank all the Management Committee for a job well done during this very busy year. We have all worked well as a team and my job has been made easier by your help and support. Also to all the members thank you for support it has been a successful and rewarding year.

Finally to my wife Jenny thank you for your support, understanding and patience during my time this year as President.

I wish you all health, happiness and safe travelling and look forward to seeing you all at Gatton for Easter.

Regards, John

## Rally at Gatton – April 2013 How to Get There

From Brisbane follow the Warrego Highway west and take the Gatton exit. Gatton Showgrounds / Sports Centre is on the left - approx 400 meters after the bridge over the railway line.

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

Rally dates:	Official dates:	29th Mar to 1 set April, 2013
	Arrive no earlier than:	27 <sup>th</sup> March
	Depart no later than:	2 <sup>nd</sup> April

<b>000 Emergency</b>	<b>Nearest intersection Spencer Street &amp; William Street.</b>
<b>Gatton 4343</b>	Gatton Hospital. William Street, Gatton

Medical Needs: Gatton Medical Centre. Corner William / North Street Gatton

Site Contacts: Brian Taylor. 54625103 MOB 043892625

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

Special needs: Uneven sites - will need to bring blocks to level Vans.

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. **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: Ok on leash

Fees:

Site Fee:	\$	12.50	per caravan per night
Administration Fee:	\$	3.00	per caravan
Hall Hire:	\$	0.00	per caravan

Rally Programme – in brief			(Remember to check the noticeboard at the rally for changes, particularly for any activities on Friday!)		
Thurs;	Afternoon	Book Club, Golf ,Line dancing Ufo's	Sun	1;00pm sharp	Disc bowls singles championship
Friday;	9:00 am 9:30 am	Morning tea Meeting Then set up Hobbies and displays, register for disc bowls	Mon;	evening 8:30-9:00 am 9.00 am	Film clips Pay Treasurer Meeting Morning tea after meeting Management Committee .
Sat:	7:00 pm 9:00 am  6:30 pm	Square Dancing ( <b>New event</b> ) AGM Election for Committee Easter egg Hunt Mens Afternoon tea, The Letter Game, everyone in Bright, Harlequin type clothes	<b>Check Information Board for Confirmation</b>		

### 2013 Singles Disc Bowls Competition – on Sunday 31 March

Nominations close on **Friday 30 March at 6:00 pm**. If you are unable to nominate by this time, please let Wendy Gibson know beforehand and she will add your name to the list.

- Game draws will be posted on **noticeboard by 5:00 pm on Saturday**.
- Games start precisely at **1:00 pm on Sunday**. We will break ½ hour for afternoon tea, and then games continue. We cannot nominate times for the semis and finals until we know how many players there are and the weather situation.

Both ladies and gents are welcome, so come along and join in the fun. All who can help as markers will be most appreciated. The winner and runner-up will each be awarded a QCC Disc Bowls trophy.



- The winner's name will be engraved on their trophy ... and both winner and runner-up can keep their trophies until the next Singles Disc Bowls Competition.
- If you have any query, please contact Barry or Wendy Gibson.

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**Entertainment continued** Thursday will be very much as the usual Friday activities, Golf, Book club, (See item on page 7), Ufos, line dancing etc. and talk of a bit of Rock and Roll tuition... Watch the notice board.

**Friday---** After meeting Setting up displays of Hobbies and interests. Registration for disc bowls to be in by 6:00pm. Steve Langely will be conducting square dancing lessons, starting at 7:00pm.

**Saturday---AGM** for election of new office bearers. Afternoon tea prepared by the Men and no cheating please. (I think that request is a waste of ink !!). There will be an Easter Egg Hunt somewhere along the line and for the evening entertainment we are playing the "Letters Game". We would like everyone to get rigged out in their brightest, loudest gear for the night.

**Sunday---** Register your film clips /photos with Mary, ready for evening showing.

Disc Bowls start at 1:00pm sharp. Evening, Member film show

**Monday---** Meeting and distribution of trophies, prizes and raffles etc.

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A few Candid shots of unsuspecting members. I must say, I am very appreciative of the way members accept my fun efforts and don't get offended. I assure you, I don't do anything I think will upset anyone.



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## Club News

### Special Notices – PLEASE READ

The next General Meeting will be on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at Gatton 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 30<sup>th</sup> March. Remember, a minor issue can be raised at any meeting.

For info on CCCQ, their website address is <http://sites.google.com/site/caravanclubsgld/>.

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 connector 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.
- Anyone with a two way radio please let the Marshalls know of your impending arrival so as to give them chance to sort you a site and make life easier all round. Ta Muchly.

### BRIAN LEWIS WILL BE AVAILABLE THIS WEEKEND TO TAG AND TEST

### CARAVAN LEADS. COST, \$5.00 PER LEAD

## Future Rallies

<u>2013</u>	
Mar/April---29 <sup>th</sup> to 1 <sup>st</sup> ----Gatton showground	Sep/Oct---23 <sup>rd</sup> to 2 <sup>nd</sup> - NAT.RALLY,ROCKHAMPTON
May-----4 <sup>th</sup> to 6 <sup>th</sup> -----Toogoolawah Showgrounds	October---12 <sup>th</sup> &13 <sup>th</sup> -----Rocky Creek (Bush rally)
June-----1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> -----Dayboro Showground	November- 9 <sup>th</sup> &10 <sup>th</sup> -----Esk Caravan Park
July -----13 <sup>th</sup> &14 <sup>th</sup> ----Boonah Showground	December- 7 <sup>th</sup> &8 <sup>th</sup> -----Beaudesert Showground
August-10 <sup>th</sup> &11 <sup>th</sup> -Imbil Showground(vac.by MON)	

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



**Exciting Future Entertainment** The Birthday rally in Toogoolawah will be a shared rally with Toowoomba club. It will be jam packed with a huge variety of events. Friday, usual afternoon stuff, night musical stuff. Sat afternoon, Auction and night ,Mini drags. Sunday night dinner will be a can, can, can affair and Monday, meeting and goodbyes.

## Member News

### *Happy birthday to you for April*

1 <sup>st</sup>	Sandra Smith	10 <sup>th</sup>	Bev McCallum	19 <sup>th</sup>	Bob Barber
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Graham Dukes	10 <sup>th</sup>	Agnes Buckley	19 <sup>th</sup>	Roy Bridges
6 <sup>th</sup>	Les Gerrard	11 <sup>th</sup>	Bert Beker	28 <sup>th</sup>	Gordon Baker
9 <sup>th</sup>	Pat Barr	12 <sup>th</sup>	Robyn Langley	28 <sup>th</sup>	Bill Dobe
10 <sup>th</sup>	Harry Middendorp	15 <sup>th</sup>	Wendy Gibson	30 <sup>th</sup>	Dorkas Burt
		17 <sup>th</sup>	Bill Styles		

### *Happy Anniversary to you for April*

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ann & Patrick Hetherman	15 <sup>th</sup>	Bev & Kem McDowall
4 <sup>th</sup>	Dorkas & Douglas Burt	15 <sup>th</sup>	Heather & Graham McIlvanie
6 <sup>th</sup>	Helen & Stewart Hornibrook	15 <sup>th</sup>	Denise & Terry Park
10 <sup>th</sup>	Agnes & Les Buckley	16 <sup>th</sup>	Bev & Graeme Cope
11 <sup>th</sup>	Carolyn & Merv Kahler	19 <sup>th</sup>	Marj & Bill Kasper
13 <sup>th</sup>	Merle & George Beresford	20 <sup>th</sup>	Cheryle & Graham Hill
		22 <sup>nd</sup>	Jan & Ray Steele

#### • **Members Present at the Rally**

Darren Baker; Gordon, Sue Baker; . John & Lorna Beattie; Bert & Yvonne Beker; George & Merle Beresford. Roy & Carmel Bridges. Les & Lyn Buzza; Ray & Gail Caddies. John & Jenny Carroll; . Colin & Margaret Colston.; Bryan & Pat Davies; Kevin & Carol Day; Bill & Ann Dobe. Ian & Gwen Egen. Frank & Rhonda Gaffney. Barry & Wendy Gibson; Kev & Pat Gower. Rod & Bev Green; . Patrick & Ann Hetherman. Wayne & Vicki Hills; Alf & Desley Hinson; Stewart Hornibrook; Gordon . Lionel & Mary Jacobson; Gary & Noeleen Jarrett; Colin & Margaret James; . Terry & Val Jorgensen; David & Helen Judge. Daryl Kays; . George & Yvonne Lacey; Steve & Robyn Langley; . Keith & Bev McCallum; Kem & Bev McDowall; Graham & Heather McIlvanie; Des & Jenny McLeod. John & Janette Miers; . Terry & Denise Park; . Ron & Pam Petch. Bob & Barbara Rutherford; Victor & Audrey Schrier; Brian & Denise Sheehan; . Adrian & Gayle Skinner; Barry & Pamela Smith; Ron & Sandra Smith; Tom & Jacky Smith. Ray & Jan Steele; Tony & Sue Stephenson. . Bill & Denise Waycott;

**Day visitors** – Dennis, Belinda & Tristan Lothian; Les & Brenda Usher; Emily & William Egen; Del Portelli; Jeanette Walker

**Lucky Winners** Ron & Pam Petch 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 Les Buzza.
  - The Vacola Bottles (Donated by The Caddies) were won by Kem McDowall.
  - The Photo Frame & Book (Donated by The Caddies & Steeles) was won by Bill Waycott

#### **Bush Rally**

**49** caravans gathered in Mulgowie for the rally in March. It was an excellent turnout considering the inclement weather.

Details about the site. The venue was surprisingly dry after only been clear of the flood waters a week before. The amenities were nice and clean and Hall was superb for our activities.

**Entertainment report for this Rally**

There was no entertainment as such for the members who arrived on Wednesday and Thursday . The Mulgowie Hotel across the road usually gets our custom on Friday nights, but when one of our members explained to the Landlord that we had other arrangements already in place, He hastily cobbled together a deal to keep the lunch menu on into the evening as they don't do dinner on Thursdays. Consequently he got an added bonus of about 40 members rocking up for a great value feed.



Lucky Lionel, found lost hearing aid !



Self-explanatory!!



Low flying duck came off worst !

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**Friday** Morning a large contingent of us went on a tag-a-long tour of the district under the guidance of Rod Towner ,a local identity of note, who gave us a very informative commentary on the History of the Mulgowie and Lockyer Valley region. He Kept us informed of the flood damaged sites on the way and it is amazing how there are only four dairy farms left in the whole Valley. It was a very entertaining and educational 2 hours.





Rod (above) hates rules, regulations and red tape, eg; Kids can swim in the creek (pic above) no problems, but it's going to take excavation of this playground to some ridiculous depth, refill with metres of sterilized topsoil and more rubberized resurfacing at a cost of 25,000 dollars!

**Friday** afternoon saw the usual pastimes going along as they do. The Hackers went a golfin', the UFO's remain a mystery and the Book worms buried themselves in knowledge, whilst the Dancers were kept in line by the wily Kevin day!



**Friday** night saw the Celebrating of the Presidents Picnic. Our Meal was a nice piece of Scotch fillet steak with BYO vogs or salad, followed by a delicious apple pie and lovely custard so thick ya could stand yer spoon up in it! The entertainment highlight was an unscheduled appearance by "The Village People", who just happened to be in the area recuperating from their world tour. I must be honest here, I thought they looked a bit jaded, you know, a bit haggard looking compared with their last appearance before us! Mind you, I don't think I would be too wrapped in entertaining a bunch of caravanners when I should be laying back, sucking on a spliff or two, getting over a gruelling tour that took in the Sydney Mardi Gras as well !!



After a quick clear up, the Mats were rolled out for "Bol an Bhoth air" (Irish Indoor Bowls). It never ceases to amaze me how complicated rolling a wobbly ball along a carpet can be !! There was quite an assortment of "uniforms", ranging from the sublime to the ridiculous! (pics next page).

Hi, we decided to list the Book Club programme a few months in advance so the booworms can organise what they need from the Library.

April---Fetish---Kate Moss—Thriller

May also—Lie down with the lions--Ken Follett--

July—Radhikas Story--Sharon Hendry-trafficking

May—Cloud Street----Tim Winton---Family

June--Tiger Men---Judy Nunn—Aust.Story

Aug—Coma—Robin Cook—Medical thriller





**Not keen on Brussels Sprouts? try this recipe.**

**ingredients**

- 250ml balsamic vinegar
- 450g brussels sprouts
- 1-2 tablespoons olive oil
- shaved parmesan

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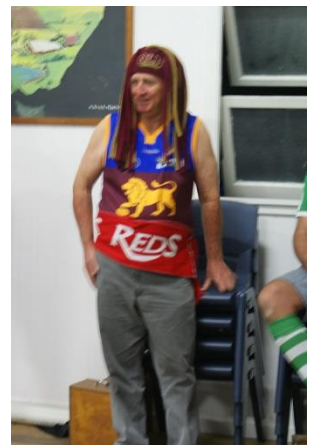
**method**

Pour balsamic vinegar into a small saucepan. Simmer for 20 minutes or until thick and syrupy and reduced to about 1/3 cup. Watch carefully towards the end of cooking as it easily burns.

Trim the base of the sprouts and slice.

Heat oil in a frying pan. Add the sprouts and a splash of water. Cook over low heat, covered, tossing the pan occasionally until soft, about 15 minutes.

Stir through 2 teaspoons of the balsamic reduction. Season and serve sprinkled with parmesan.







Alfie Hinson is not going into hospital to have his legs lengthened as was suggested by a member at the Sat. meeting. However, I have it on very good authority that while he's in hospital he has arranged to have the window sills on his huge Ford lowered so he can put his elbow out the window and look as cool as the rest of us !!



**Saturday** After the meeting and morning tea, some of the Ladies and Gents from the Local farmers markets kindly set up stalls in the Hall. There were stalls selling all sorts including Lavender products, Olive products, Preserves, Pickles, Goats cheeses (I couldn't resist the Stilton type Blue vein cheese) and also a Demonstration on making Ricotta style cheese. (took me back to my old primary school days when we would put all the left over bottles of milk, supplied to the school, on the warm radiators and when they curdled, teacher would help us squeeze the curds through Muslin bags to get rid of the whey, add salt and pepper and enjoy on fresh crusty bread rolls !!) Not as easy as that now, as milk is Homogenised, so have to use vinegar to separate the cream.







**Saturday Night – The St. Patricks Bash at--MacGowies Irish café!**

We were all escorted to our tables by a couple of pretty impressive looking footmen type dudes! The entertainment got under way with “The Guinness Irish Mob”(I suspect the way things were going, a couple of them had been into the Guinness already). Bit of a giggle when the captive Leprachaun Mick O’Furphy was unceremoniously show the door. Dunno what he did to deserve it.



**The perfect Butlers**

**Ejected !**

**The Guinness Irish Mob**

The Meal was a tasty, hearty Irish stew and mashed taters, followed by individual Strawberry flans. I thought the cooks were joking about the road kill. I found what looked suspiciously like a lump of Mack bull bar !!.....Just kiddin’. There was plenty for seconds and I believe the Irish Colleens in the kitchen did a fabulous job. The Guys jobs were easy. How hard is it to scrape a couple of Wombats and ‘roos off the road and skin ‘em?

A steady procession of members kept us in stitches with Irish jokes in between musical sessions. John Beattie came across with his usual Irish wit and charmed us with a few songs. Methinks he didn’t consult with his programme manager before choosing his repertoire, as she was heard to remark after one funny ,” He’ll not be doing that one again in public” or words to that effect!.



We were Treated to a two spots of Gaelic Dancing, Irish jigs and Scottish Highland Flings by a young lady, Lauren Emerson. She danced competitively for many years, collecting many trophies and medals .She currently dances mainly for fitness and pleasure. George Beresford, refreshed, after a heavy nights carpet bowls tuition, joined Vic Schrier and Keith McCallum on stage for a bit of tickling the old ivories.

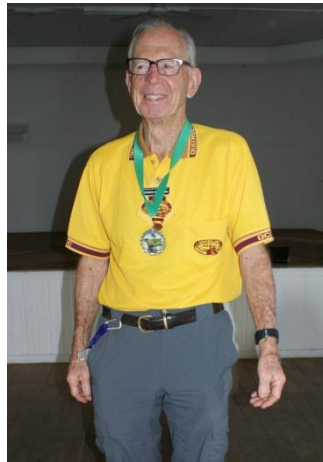




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The Valley in Recovery!!

**Sunday---**Winners



Carpet Bowls Winners

Golf Winner

The Egens Grandchildren, Emily and James

Well, it only goes to say "Another fine Rally". Once again It is my privilege to heartily thank all participants, no matter what you did, when you did it or how you did it. You were all fantastic! ( might even suggest to the committee that we hire some or all of you out on a commercial basis. Reckon the Club would make a fortune!! ) Happy St Pats Day to you all.

I would like to thank members for their get well cards and kind wishes during my recent time in hospital. Looking forward to seeing you all at the next rally.

**Marlene Rawlings.**





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