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Presidents Report

The rally held at the Blackbutt Showground once again, was during terrific weather although very windy at times. The rally was very enjoyable and not as busy compared to other rallies, but everyone was happy after a hectic time during the National rally in Rockhampton.

A total of 35 caravans (28 from Rocky) and 1 visitor from the Blue Mountains Caravan Club NSW attended the rally.

Friday saw normal activities, Golf 8 players, Craft and Line Dancing was held during a very warm day. Friday night many members visited the local RSL Club for dinner followed by card games, passing a great day for members.

Saturday morning a pancake breakfast was a huge success and all the ladies enjoyed the men cooking and serving breakfast. A special thank you to Neil Chesney and all the helpers for a very well organized breakfast.

Saturday morning meeting, Rodney & Mary Metcalfe were inducted, as members of the Queensland Caravan Club. Congratulations to you both and I trust you will enjoy many more caravan rallies as well as the fellowship in the future ahead.

Saturday afternoon members participated in cooking in the camp ovens providing afternoon tea of scones, cakes and damper with billy tea. Very pleasing to see everyone enjoy sharing each others cooking and afternoon tea together.

The camp ovens were still warm when members started preparing meals for dinner. Held under the roof area it was good to see members participate and share all meals together.

A special thank you to Heather Edney for organizing the weekend activities with the camp oven cooking due to Mary Jacobsen being unable to attend this rally due to family commitments.

Saturday night everyone enjoyed a low key night, just sitting around and talking with Billy tea and coffee. All members enjoyed a reasonably early night, after 2 weeks at a busy National Rally in Rockhampton. I wish you all health, happiness and safe travelling and look forward to seeing you all at the November rally in Esk.

Thank you to all members of our club for your assistance in all activities during the National Rally in Rockhampton. We have a great club and I am proud to be President. Thank you again.

Regards President

John

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Hi All

Many Thanks to you all for your involvement in making the 15th National Caravan Rally a great success. All Queenslanders should be proud.

From the inception to now, we have so many to thank, but special mention to those who were on the organising committee from QCC Barbara Rutherford, Adrian Skinner, to Brian Lewis and his electrical helpers, to all our coordinators, to our street hosts, to our marshals, to Bob Rutherford and our Oktoberfest team, and all our other volunteers, be it newspaper collectors, rubbish bin brigade, gate, office, raffles, teas, craft, mini drags, line dancing, lawn bowls, golf, disc bowls, tennis, market stall or The Clowns & Elvis ! any one of the many jobs done. We are fortunate to have so many willing workers in QCC. Thank You All. A big thank you for listening each morning, and hope it helped with your days planning.

RALLY TRIVIA----575 Caravans

62 from QCC

We were lucky with the van draws securing 11 wins.

The monster raffle was well supported and we secured 18 winners, with Neil Chesney taking out the main prize

We had 2 winners in the UQ survey.

1 winner in the Ipswich RSL Youth Band

Raffle.

& his team won the Golf. Kevin Day won the Tennis Tournament
mention with his photography.

Dennis Edney
Tom Smith got a special

\$20,000.00 was presented to the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

2351 items in total were donated to the Red Cross for those in need. A great effort and a big thank you. 271 rugs, 667 beanies, 306 Baby related knitting & crochet, 257 Trauma Teddies, 379 Scarfs & Bed Socks, 304 Coat Hanger, 33 Knee Rugs, 11 Library Bags, 123 other items.

Over half of our attendees from QCC at Rocky have registered to go to Canberra in 2016. The 16th National Caravan Rally will be held at Epic Park, Canberra in September 2016. Hope you will think of joining us in Canberra in 2016.

Thanks again, I have enjoyed my time as National Rally Coordinator.

The 'Fellowship on Wheels' was great to see.

Carol, 15th National Caravan Rally Liaison Officer.

Programme Details Barry & Wendy may be doing a practise session for the Xmas Bash,so be prepared

Friday Golf, Bookclub ,Craft,(Please bring Xmas cards,scissors and a ruler for making Christmas Decorations.)Line Dancing,evening --cards, games(maybe bit of music)

Saturday Aft, Xmas Box making with Jenny. Evening: “Julie Paris Flashback”

Club News

Special Notices - PLEASE READ

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.

A general Meeting will be held at Esk on Sat.9th November2013after club meeting. A resolution will be put to accept the new Club Rules.Any matter may be raised at the meeting but need to get details to Secretary by 9.00am on saturday

It would be greatly appreciated if members, when purchasing goods from the Souvenirs cabinet and paying their fees at the end of the rally, could 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.

The same applies when leaving. Please, would the connectors advise all fellow connectees of your intentions as folk may be enjoying a luxurious shower .Thank you kindly.

Do you have a CB radio? If so ,would you be kind enough to let the Rally Marshalls know of your impending arrival so they can have some idea of were to put you.Ta Muchly!

Couple of reminders Members;

1, The Super cheap rate of \$5-00, which our electrical chappies charge for tagging our power leads is per lead,not per handful! Just pointing this out as there seems to have been some confusion about this in the recent past.**(would any members having club electrical equipment and power leads in their possession please bring them to Esk for Annual tagging)**

2, A question was asked about rules governing the wearing of Club Shirts. As there are no hard and fast rules regarding this issue, the Committee would like to ask members to at least wear their shirts at Official Club activities where other Clubs are involved or where QCC is “on show” in public.(ie; country towns we are visiting)

3, Just a nudge to let everyone know that Membership fees for 2014/15 will remain unchanged at \$40.00 and will be renewable by 28th Feb 2014. Early payment will be accepted anytime between now and then.

4, Esk Caravan Park is now under new ownership, **Paul and Jackie Lawson** being the newbies. If you are attending the Rally there, don't forget, you have to book directly with them . As we will have no Marshalls on duty, and you require a site close to any particular place(toilets, showers, entertainment areas etc), please arrange this with the Park at time of booking. 07 54241466, &25.00 per night

5, It has been proposed we have an inaugural New Year Rally from 28th Dec to 2nd Jan.at Blackbutt. The fees will be their usual, non- discounted ,\$10 per person, per night. If interested in attending please email Carol asap so she can ascertain whether it will be worthwhile. More info will be forthcoming at the Esk Rally.

6, Beaudesert Rally dinner will cost \$15 dollars and to be payed for by 23rd November.

Future Rallies

2013

November- 9th&10th-----Esk Caravan Park
December- 7th&8th-----Beaudesert Showground

2014

Jan—11th & 12th Samford
Feb—8 & 9-Warwick,Kahlers Oasis Caravan Pk.
Mar—15th & 16th--Hillview
Apr.---18thto 21st---Woodford
May---3rd & 4th---Pittsworth
June---6th to 8th---Lawnton
July--- 12th & 13th---Kalbar

2014....Cont.

Aug.---
Sept—22nd to 28th---Nanango, **State Rally**
Oct---11th & 12th---Creec,Burpengary
Nov.---8th & 9th-----TBA

Dec----10th to 16th Laidley

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

Future Entertainment.



.At Beaudesert, Xmas gift to max value of \$10,(no perishables or consumables), Santa will deliver! Raffles will be --5x\$50 vouchers,5 Hampers,10 Lions cakes

plus free nights from attendance book, decorated caravans(not a comp, no prizes)



Member News, New Members & Member Milestones



New Members Rod and Mary Metcalfe were inducted on Saturday. Apparently these nice people have had a very exciting life of 4Wd escapades. Look forward to hearing a few wild and woolly tales.!

Now as you all will be aware, I love springing things on people. Well Wednesday, the boot was truly on the other foot. It leaked out that I had my 73rd Birthday the day before and I unsuspectingly attended an invitation at The Bridges place for Afternoon Tea. To my acute embarrassment Carmel appeared with a yummy looking cream cake and I was right royally regaled with a rousing happy birthday song. Caught me completely by surprise....And it was lovely. Thanks a million to all involved!

After taking a few days to reach Blackbutt via the Gemfields ,we were, like everyone else, ready for a spell of de-rallyisation (just made that up)

When we arrived at Blackbutt, the first thing I noticed was the old style Gypsy caravan parked, along with a Toyota Landcruiser, in one of the paddocks. Though I never managed to get a glimpse of the lady, .(would have loved a look inside,especially what the Chimney thingy was for!) I did,however,(with a lot of hard detective work) learn a bit about her.She is called "Miss Gypsy Whitemoon", she originates from

Yorkshire,UK, and lists her Occupation as a “54 Deck Card Reader”! Her Yorkshire Grandmother taught her the art of reading cards, a style called “cartomancy” which is 600 years old. (Now here’s a bit of trivia I’ll bet none of you knew!) “The Romany Gypsies discovered two useful purposes for the cards”(wait for it!).....*Fortune telling and Gambling!!!*..... Wow....How original.....Ok, you can stop laughing now .



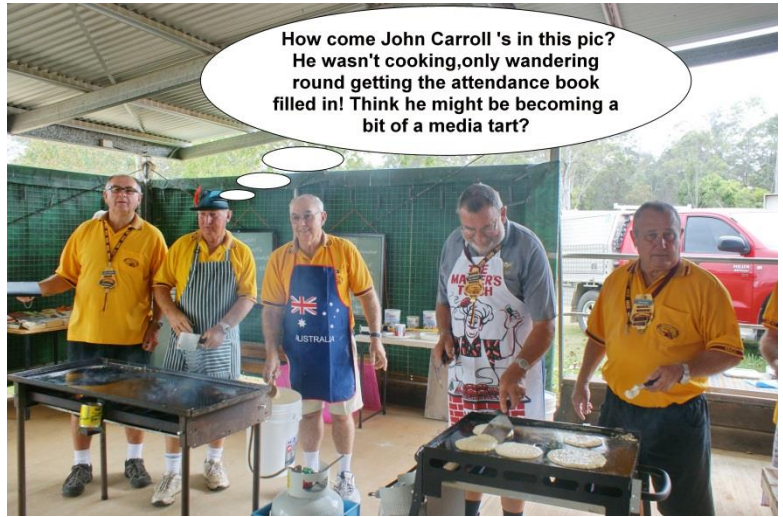
After a reading ,each customer recieves their own personal pack of cards in a special bag to keep them safe. I think she may have read our lot pretty well. She shot through pretty quick when we all turned up!

Pity really. I think Yvonne could have done of a few new clothes pegs!!

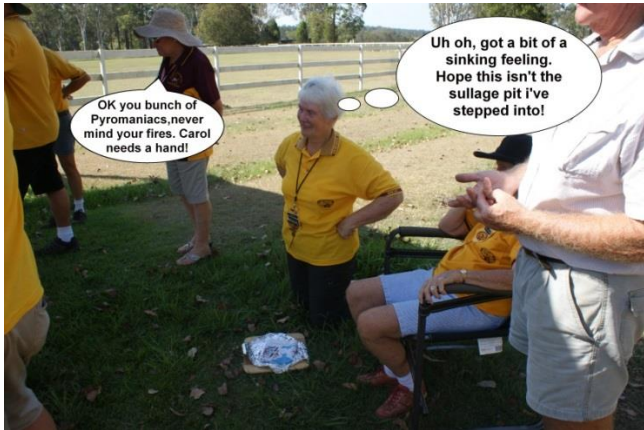
Friday Was the usual mix of activities, like Golf, craft, line dancing, cards etc. A bunch of the Guys hopped in and organised the tables for the Saturdays multiple pig-out (now now ,don’t be sensitive, that’s all we did, all day. Eat, Eat, Eat, fair dinkum !)



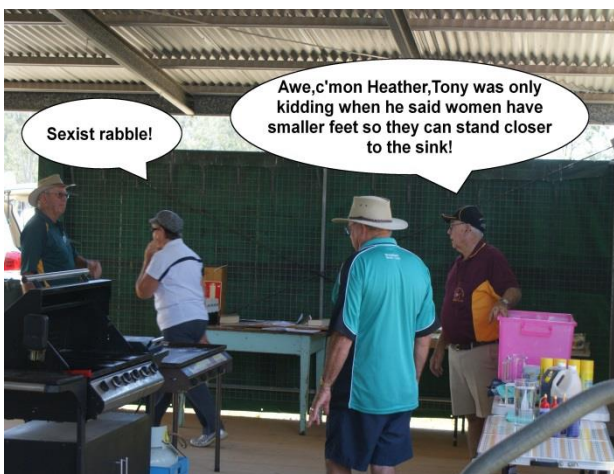
Saturday --Started with a slap up Breakfast of Neil Chesneys “*secret recipe*” Pancakes. With a variety of cooking appliances and cooking styles, one was quite happy to hang back until the male staff perfected (,or at least improved somewhat), their Techniques. The first offerings were “iffy” to say the least.



Afternoon Tea was a cooking marathon with the camp ovens. **Only two Members Know the Secret!!!**



Hard on the heels of scones, jam and cream came happy hour, quickly followed by the Camp Oven feast. A delectable array of gastronomic delights were available to please our pallets.....There was some good grub too !!!!



♪ Happy Birthday to you for November ♪

□

2 nd	Mary Metcalfe
5 th	Margaret Kays
7 th	Joy Stark
8 th	Del Portelli
9 th	Carol Fraser
9 th	Ernie Jones

11 th	Jean Dale
12 th	Trevor Bromley
15 th	Marlene Rawlings
17 th	Dell McNab
18 th	Geoff Gray

20 th	Wayne Hills
24 th	Jerry Meades
26 th	Margaret Hiller
28 th	Stan Thomas
30 th	Merv Cook
30 th	Stella Foster

♪ Happy Anniversary to you for November ♪

6 th	Pat & Kev Gower
6 th	Desley & Alf Hinson

14 th	Mary & Rodney Metcalfe
26 th	Marty & Di Thompson

28 th	Pauline & Brian Lewis
30 th	Heather & George Streidl

Showground Rally----36 caravans gathered in Blackbutt for the rally in October

Details about the site.

As usual, good site, but may have to give a bit more thought to placement if more vans attend for the inaugural New Year Rally.

Members Present at the Rally

- Roy & Carmel Bridges; ; Les & Lyn Buzza; John & Jenny Carroll; Neil & Marie Chesney; Terry & Carolyn Coxall; Kevin & Carol Day; Graham & Dawn Dukes; Dennis & Heather Edney; Ian & Gwen Egen; Frank & Rhonda Gaffney. Barry & Wendy Gibson. Terry Hannon & Pauline Norris; Margaret Hiller; Wayne & Vicki Hills; David & Helen Judge; Daryl Kays; Bob & Cathy Kearney George & Yvonne Lacey; Phil & Del Lowe , Ross & Bindra Luscombe; Ray & Pam MacDonald; Keith & Bev McCallum; ; Graham & Heather McIvanie; Des & Jenny McLeod; John & Janette Miers; Ron & Pam Petch; Bob & Barbara Rutherford; Graham & Shirley Sheehan; Adrian & Gayle Skinner; ;Tom & Jacky Smith; Ray & Jan Steele; Eddie & Sylvia Stocker ; Tony & Julie Swift; Bill & Denise Waycott

Visitors – Rod & Mary Metcalfe; Denis Cotterall, (Blue Mountains Caravan Club)

Day visitors –Bert & Yvonne Beker with Visitor Yvonne, Les & Brenda Usher

Lucky Winners

Frank & Rhonda Gaffney 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 sewing kit (donated by Del Portelli) was won by Des McCleod.
 - The pillow cases (donated by Barbara Cook) was won by Yvonne Lacey



This cup is one of a set of two. The other was left under a chair at happy hour on a recent rally, before Rockhampton. If anyone has any idea of its whereabouts, Anne Hetherington would be eternally grateful for information. She says "it might only be a cup but it is of great sentimental value as the pair were given as a special gift."



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Sorry to hear of George Beresfords bad luck.He and Merle were unable to attend the Rally due to vehicle failure, encountering trouble at the Bottom of The Di,Agular Range..... Sorry George.....But you **should** have bought that Jeep when you had the chance ..



A few gems left over from the National Rally in Rockhampton





"Goodbye", from the Cleanup Crew, Rockie

Menu – Microwavable Date cake--- From Carmel

1 cup water, 1 cup dates, ½ cup brown sugar, 1&1/2 tablespoons Butter.

Method—Boil above ingredients in large glass jug approx 4 & 1/2 minutes. Cool for 2 minutes then mash with fork.

Add 1 teaspoon bi-carb of soda to 1 cup of self raising flour and mix with date mixture. Then stir through 1 beaten egg.

Place mixture in Microwave ring tin and cook for further 4&1/2 minutes.(1100watt).

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