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"Fellowship on Wheels"

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Presidents Report

The National Rally at Rockhampton was held in very warm & hot days, with the occasional shower of rain reducing the temperature down a little for the nights entertainment.

Our club had 63 caravans attend this event, this was the highest numbers of all the caravan clubs throughout Australia. Thank you to all our members who were in attendance, I hope you all enjoyed the experience and meet many new friends from all over Australia.

The rally was full on, with many activities on throughout the day. The night entertainment was of a high standard and finished the day well for a good night sleep. I am sure all who attended carried the message to all caravanners of our motto "Fellowship on Wheels".

I would like to thank Brian Lewis who worked long days every day to supply power to 562 caravans during the rally. To all our members who helped and volunteer in all areas thank you for your commitment and patience you all made me very proud to be the President of this great caravan club.

Our club stall at the rally raised \$1550 for the Royal Flying Doctor Service, thanks to all who donated and helped run this stall. Thank you Carol Day for collecting all the money & co coordinating the newsletters for our club members for this event

The next National Rally will be held in Canberra in September 2016.

I wish you all health, happiness & safe travelling & look forward to seeing you all at the next rally at Blackbutt.

Regards President John

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Blackbutt Showgrounds (1/12)	Either – Continue North on the Bruce Hwy north past the Buchanan Road/ Morayfield exit. At the next exit (Caboolture/Bribie Island/Kilcoy - Exit 152) there are 2 lanes that exit. Exit Bruce Hwy on the right exiting lane, which continues on to Kilcoy and D'Aguilar Hwy. Once on the road to Kilcoy and after going under the overhead bridge, move into the left lane, following the signs to Kilcoy. Follow the D'Aguilar Hwy through Wamuran, Woodford and Kilcoy, until you arrive at Blackbutt. Note – Blackbutt is approx 30 kms past the turnoff to Esk. **
	Or – From Ipswich Motorway, turn onto the Brisbane Valley Hwy. Continue through Esk and past the Toogoolawah turnoff. Turn left onto the D'Aguilar Hwy 17. Continue approx 30 kms until you arrive at Blackbutt. ** ** You will see a War Memorial statue at the end of the shops. Turn right at the statue into Hart St. The showgrounds is approx 500 metres on your right.
	Hart St. The snowgrounds is approx 500 metres on your right.

Rally Info (Needs, Emergencies, etc)

Rally dates:	Official dates: Arrive no earlier than Depart no later than:		10 th	n and 15th Sept Sept. Sept.	ember		
000 Emergency	<u>Nearest Hospital:</u>	Nearest Hospital: Caboolture Hospital, McClean st ,Caboolture					
Details Blackbutt 4306	Blackbutt Cross Street is Diagular Highway!						
Medical Needs:	Dr B R Carr,20 Milla	r Street,Ya	rraman	: tel: 4163 8388			
Site Contacts:							
Club equipment required:		Kitchen equipment and urns, first aid, PA system, library & souvenirs, fire extinguisher, banner, flags and flagpoles.					
Special needs:							
Rally Marshal Co-ordinator:	contact Des on 5494 do not phone and a	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 lead	OK on lead					
Fees:	Site Fee: Administration Fee: Hall Hire:	 \$ 10.00 per caravan per night, \$8 Unpowered \$ 3.00 per caravan \$ 0.00 per caravan 					
Rally Program	(Remember to check the noticeboard at the rally for changes, particularly for any activities on Friday!)						
Fri. Sat: 9:00 am 9:30 am	5	v	Sun:	8:30-9:00 am 9.00 am	Pay Treasurer Meeting Morning tea after meeting Management Committee 12.30 pm.		

Disc Bowls are available all weekend. For a set 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.

Programme Details

Friday, there will be No Book club (next at Esk, book is Meltdown by Ben Elton),Golf at 12.30,but check notice board, Crafts with Jenny, Line dancing 3pm., Games in Evening. Eating out not recommended, only small RSL & Hotel.

<u>Saturday</u>; Pancake Breakfast (cooked by Neil and <u>male</u> volunteers! BYO plate & eating irons!) combined with morning meeting. (Members on special diets please supply their own mix). <u>Qcc Singers</u> Practise after Meeting. Check notice board for updates. Possible Damper baking comp. or Tag-a-long tour. Camp Oven, shared communal Evening meal, Alcohol permitted. Nothing organised for night. A trailer load of wood and drums have been organised so no need to bring firewood.

Club News
 <u>Special Notices – PLEASE READ</u>

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.

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 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. 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!

Christmas @ Beaudesert

A dinner is organised for Saturday 7th December, at a subsidised cost of \$15 per person Please pay when booking with our treasurer Graham McIlvanie at Blackbutt or Esk or no later than 23rd November. More on the Christmas rally later.

<u>CCCQ database</u>. After input from the Committee and a show of hands at our Imbil rally, it is assumed that by being a member of QCC you are happy for your name and email address to be given to CCCQ. Should you NOT wish for this to occur contact secretary Carol in writing before 20 October 2013.

National Rally @ Rocky. Special thanks to all those who attended Rocky. To our many volunteers, who helped in numerous ways, Thank You. It certainly was a great 10 days, with something for everyone. Our market stall raised over \$1500 for RFDS. A great effort and A Big Thank You. Next National Caravan Rally in Canberra September 2016, why not join us there.

Future Rallies

2013 October---12th&13th--Blackbutt showground November- 9th&10th-----Esk Caravan Park December- 7th&8th------Beaudesert Showground 2014 2014 (continued) May---3rd & 4th----Pittsworth June---6th to 8th----Lawnton July--- 12th & 13th---Kalbar Aug--- 9th & 10th---Kenilworth

<u>I</u> Happy Birthday to you for October <mark>I</mark>							
3rdPat Gower7thShirley Jones7thRod Kopp7thDon Field8thGeorge Lacey (73)9thMary Pedwell11thPeter Styles	 14th Brian Lewis 16th Barry Gibson 18th Stewart Hornibrook 19th Barbara Cook 19th Del Lowe 19th Grant Williams 	20thRon Petch21stDavid Judge22ndDel Gray26thMal Dale28thPaul Brearley31stDennis Edney					

5 Happy Anniversary to you forOctober 5

National Rally Report

<u>Monday-Day 1</u>

A very hectic day all round. Everyone was eager to get set up and the Marshalls did a tremendous job getting some 400 vans into the site by Lunchtime. A few of our intrepid members donned silly suits and entertained the queues of patrons. I copped sentry duty at the roundabout outside the main entrance(not in use). I sat there for three hours, intercepting anyone mistakenly trying to get in through the wrong entrance.



There was a mad scramble for booking of the various tours and different events, resulting in Humongeous queues. One poor person actually stood for 2 and a half hours, only to have to be content with his 2nd or 3rd choice. It was all good natured though, so no hassles.



The big event for the first day was the Wine and Cheese night!. Trouble was, it followed hard on the heels of "happy hour", so quite a few had a head start! <u>Resulting</u>, as usual, in some good laughs!







Good Night was had, but must admit the red wine on offer would have been absolutely stupendous with fish & chips...... in place of Vinegar !!....Just saying, not being a wine sort of person **Tuesday-Day 2**

Popped into see how Kevin and Carol where going with their Line dancing. They had a terrific attendance. I counted over 50 participants, but being such a huge Hall, they had room to spread out and I imagine that number will increase as the rally goes on.



Member Milestones We had our usual rally meeting, then had group photo done.

Mary & Lionel Jacobson celebrate their 50th Rally at this event.

Also Bill & Ann Dobe are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary Here.





The day was mainly regisrations for various activities . A number of seminars were on offer during the day, but the main event was of course the Opening Ceremony



There was the usual parade of the clubs reps.(the flag raising was not a feature as all the flags had been hung in the Hall prior to the evening). Then the welcome speeches and addresses by various levels of government representatives.



Finally, the Rally was declared open and the Concert commenced. The entertainers where a local group called "Rheanna Leschke & Co". A very versatile outfit they turnd out to be...I had to leave just on half time when I had a catastrophic technological malfunction......*Me video camera battery went flat !!*



Other News

Showground Rally

562 caravans (63 ours), 81 clubs, 1134 people(inc 28 juniors.)

Members Present at the National Rally.

Gordon & Sue <u>Baker</u>; Ian & Gloria <u>Bamberry</u>; Graham and <u>Pat Barr</u>, John & Lorna <u>Beattie</u> Greg & Lorraine <u>Bradford</u>; Roy & Carmel <u>Bridges</u>; Les <u>Buckley</u>. Keith & Heather <u>Burgess</u>; Les & Lyn <u>Buzza</u>; John & Jenny <u>Carroll</u>; Neil & Marie <u>Chesney</u>; Colin & Margaret <u>Colston</u>; Merv & Barbara <u>Cook</u>;Ken & Lyn <u>Cragg</u>; Kevin & Carol <u>Day</u>; Bill & Ann <u>Dobe</u>; Graham & Dawn Dukes ; Dennis & Heather <u>Edney</u>; Ian & Gwen <u>Egen</u>; Reg & Stella <u>Foster</u>; Gus & Carrol <u>Fraser</u>; Frank & Rhonda

<u>Gaffney</u> Barry & Wendy <u>Gibson</u>; Kev & Pat <u>Gower</u>; Terry <u>Hannon</u> & Pauline <u>Norris</u>; Patrick & Ann <u>Hetherman</u>; Roy & Lyn <u>Hill</u>; Margaret <u>Hiller</u>; Wayne & Vicki <u>Hills</u>; Alf & Desley <u>Hinson</u>; Stewart & Helen <u>Hornibrook</u>; Gordon <u>Ison</u>; Lionel & Mary <u>Jacobson</u> Colin & Margaret <u>James</u>; David & Helen <u>Judge</u>; Bill & Marj <u>Kasper</u>; Bob & Cathy <u>Kearney</u> George & Yvonne <u>Lacey</u>; Brian & Pauline <u>Lewis</u>; Michael <u>Lillis</u>; Phil & Del <u>Lowe</u>; Ray & Pam <u>MacDonald</u>; Keith & Bev <u>McCallum</u>; Kem & Bev <u>McDowall</u>; Graham & Heather <u>McIlvanie</u>; Des & Jenny <u>McLeod</u>; Ken & Dell <u>McNab</u>; Jerry & Drina <u>Meades</u>; John & Jan <u>Miers</u> Tony & Lynne <u>Pomroy</u>; Yvonne <u>Robbins</u>; Bob & Barbara <u>Rutherford</u>; Adrian & Anne <u>Savage</u>; Brian & Denise <u>Sheehan</u>; Adrian & Gayle <u>Skinner</u>; Ron & Sandra <u>Smith</u>; Tom & Jacky <u>Smith</u>; Tony & Sue <u>Stephenson</u>; Eddie & Sylvia <u>Stocker</u> Tony & <u>Julie Swift</u>; Les & Brenda <u>Usher</u>; Bill & Denise <u>Waycott</u>;

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- Winners of Lucky Site Nos: Bill & Denise Waycott, George & Yvonne Lacey, Ray & Pam MacDonald, Margaret Hiller, Greg & Lorraine Bradford(x2)!, Bill & Ann Dobe, Les & Brenda Usher, Brian & Denise Sheehan, Yvonne Robbins, Des & Jenny McLeod

Wednesday-Day 3



The Craft classes and lessons were very popular and on my visit I stumbled on our own Sue Baker working on her latest masterpiece.(couldn't resist pointing out to her that she wasting her time if she thought she was going to make money out of painting. It's a well known fact they only come good pricewise <u>after</u> your dead !!).



Next, onto the Lawn Bowls Comp. I was a tad disappointed. Usually, I can guarantee a good crop of "funny fotos". Not here! Although it was only a social comp, it is still a club against club tussle, so genders a certain amount of seroius play. So ,it turned out less fruitful than when we have our own Barefoot bowls comps. <u>Stop Press</u> – Our Les Buckley was in the team which won 3rd place in the comp.!





The Evening Concert featured "Flashback, with Julie Paris". Many of the caravanners will be familiar with them as they have been around for quite a while. They put on quite a good evenings entertainment, relying heavily on the willingness of us Grey Nomads being unable to resist the urge to make clowns of ourselves in the name of fun. They had the audience doing the "chicken dance" in the isles during costume changes.

I found the highlight of the performance by the audience was the lady playing the lead guitar for Chuck Berrys "Johny Be Good", She was brilliant to say the least. Then there was,of course, the ever popular "Running Bear" Conga line.



Thursday-Day 4 This is an earlier pic of street breakfast as we since moved to shadier site!!



Slightly less hectic day as the heat was tending to wear a lot of people down, me included.

A lot of todays conversations were centred around the previous nights trip to a meal and rodeo at the Great Western Hotel. Turned out to be a disasterous mixup of misunderstanding and misinformation, resulting in hundreds of seriously unhappy campers. Matter to be resolved by the powers that be!.

Stewie Hornibrooks Mini Drags competition worked its way through a few more inter club heats, heading for the finals later in the piece.

News filtered through Via Dennis Edney that we had another champion in the club !...Him !.... He was 25% of the winning team at the Golf Championship. Good 'on him . In the Disc bowls,the team of Wendy Gibson & Tony Stephenson went about as far as the quarter-finals,but folded in the next round. Hard luck team.

More sports news, with Kevin Day taking out the Tennis tournament. Congrats Kev,!

The Evenings Entertainment was provided by a theatre troupe called "Footlights Theatre". They are a team of thee ladies and one bloke doing varoius comedy routines. Very good.



Crowd for their performance. Pic also gives a good view of the way the Flags were displayed.

Friday- Day 5

Street brekkie kicked off the day once again.Bill & ann <u>Dobe</u> added to our club tally of lucky van wins. I took a look at the collection of goodies knitted and crocheted by all the "Crafty Members"for charity. It was very impressive and varied.(also extremely colourful)! Going to need a fair size vehicle to take it all away. Here are a few photos of the offerings.



Ed and Sylvia stocker are fresh from a long trip. It apparently didn't go without the odd hiccup. Seems the bad run hasn't quite finished judging by the pic below.!



The other picture illustrates the fact that despite one possibly thinking these blokes are having a bit of a bludge, they are actually keeping the reputation of QCC up to scratch. They where actually helping build the temporary security fence to keep the ferrals out on Open day (Saturday) Well done fellas.

This evening saw the presentation by the Committee of the 16thNational Rally in Canberra.It looks like it will be a perfect venue and a great Rally as it will be in the Middle of the Floriade



The Main Event tonight was Country Singer, Graham Roger.



Tonight was the beginning of my conversion!! Up to now I have had an intense dislike of country music. But I thought it about time I went with the flow as the very large majority of caravanners love it. I settled in my seat and stayed till the break.....And I have to admit I thoroughly enjoyed it ! (I left halfway as didn't want to overdo it on my first outing !!) Ya know ,like getting used to strong liquor !! As can be seen, our own Barbara Rutherford and Grand children joined in. I would imagine by his reception,Graham would have sold a fair lot of CDs and DVDs last night.

Saturday-Day 6

Les & Brenda <u>Usher</u> were todays addition to the ranks of our lucky site winners.(I hope this is not our share of the overall booty and our luck dies at the Monster raffle !) Quite a number of people went on the Great Keppel Island tour this morning. All full of praise on their return. . Today is open Market day ,when the general public are allowed in to participate,as well as all the clubs with their stalls. The place was heaving! Our girls were hard at it on the Qcc stalland the Monster Raffles counter



Came across this unsavioury looking bunch of characters outside. I hasten to add that title didn't apply to our Barbara "Bullhorn" Rutherford who was doing a bit of spruiking for the markets.



Ann & Bill Dobe got well and truly sucked in. They had arranged with Roy and Carmel to have a quiet lunch at the local leagues club to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. What they <u>Didn't</u> know was that a couple of members went round the markets inviting all the cub members they could see to the lunch!! 55 turned up!. Ann& Bill where overwhelmed!!. Turned out that Gloria & Ian Bamberry were celebrating their 50th in a few days so it turned into a double celebration! To top it all, it was an excellent meal.



Around 2-30 in the afternoon, every thing went quiet as a large number of people retired to the air conditioned comfort of their vans or the Pavilion to watch the AFL Grand Final, Me included !

The evenings entertainment was provided by John Mc Sweeney and his band, a lively and popular event, with dancing going on at the rear of the Hall.



Sunday-Day 7

Our latest site winners are Brian & Denise <u>Sheehan</u>. Congratulations also go to Tom <u>Smith</u> for his winning photo in the "Old Australia " Category, entitled "waiting for replacement parts".(no bull,but I picked that one myself whilst perusing the pics!).

Many People attended the Church service this morning. (must say ,it's still not rained).

The individual mini drags were battled out this morning,the winners being, **Mens.** 1st ever National Champion of Mini Drags,Ken <u>Haythorpe</u>, VictorianCC. 2nd,Ian <u>Egen</u>, QCC. **Ladies**: 1st,Dinky Di,Suncoast. 2nd,Leanne <u>Hewton</u>.



Thank You Ann & Bill Dobe asked me to convey their heartfelt thanks to all their friends for the Surprise Lunch at the Rockhampton Leagues club. They where staggered to find us all there. It was a wonderful feeling of friendship.

A National Rally first is the allowing of pets to attend. To celebrate this momentous decision, a Pets Picture Parade, (along with their Humans !!!) was organised.



Tonights entertainment featured Greg Doolan ,ex Wickety Wak Member. Greg has had great success in his career since the group split many years ago . A very entertaining evening.



Monday- Day 8

Stewart hornibrook finalized the Mini Drags Programme today,running the Caravan Clubs Challenge Finals.It was a round robin contest and was hotly contested by the QCC team,but alas,we died at the death and Ian Egen was just edged out by an opponant from The Peninsula Caravan Club. Well done all teams.



The wonderful Laura Downing was the main Event.She is a polished performer and had the audience in the palm of her hand. Laura kept 90% of the crowd in their seats to the end,including encores,with her mix of songs,yodelling and comedy.

Last Day, Tuesday Day 9

I took today off to go sightseeing and pack up, so my report begins with the Octoberfest ! It kicked off at 4.00pm sharp with the Herrs and Fraus dressed to kill.



Bit of a shaky start as no one was quite sure of the procedure for getting fed and watered....until "know all" Bob Rutherford stepped in and got the lines organised.(I must hasten to add,the term "Know all" is not a derogatory phrase in this case.The Rally committee decided to call the white shirted officials 'know alls", as in ,if unsure ,ask a know all....They will know the answer...Well,that was the theory anyway !!) The food and drink was good,Tasty German sausages in a nice fresh roll,with Mustard,Tomato & BBQ sauces plus the obligatory Saurkraut ! The beer was genuine German Becks in 500ml cans.For non beer drinkers,there was Orange juice or wines(including that nice accompanyment for fish & chips I mentioned earlier !!) After everone was tended to,the crew relaxed and joined the fun. Spot the deliberate mistake !!



One picture of the Fraus (or Fraulines), Below, looked like a kitchen scene from "upstairs and Downstairs" or maybe "Downton Abbey"!



On or two couples even tried their hand at German Polka dancing, with questionable prowess



The Monster Raffle draw was next and the results will be in the next issue of the Wanderer due to space resrictions in this National Rally issue

The closing ceremony was nice and short, with the reins being handed over to the Canberra committee for the 16th National rally. Then followed the conert by "The Ipswich RSL Community and Youth Band". And what a Band of talented young People. Ipswich Mayor Paul Pisasale must be rightly proud of these people.



Last few funnies





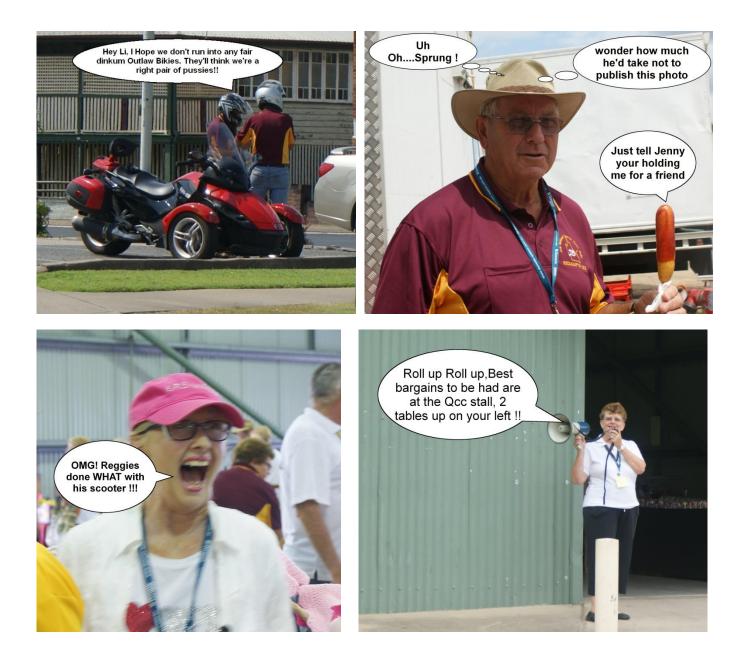


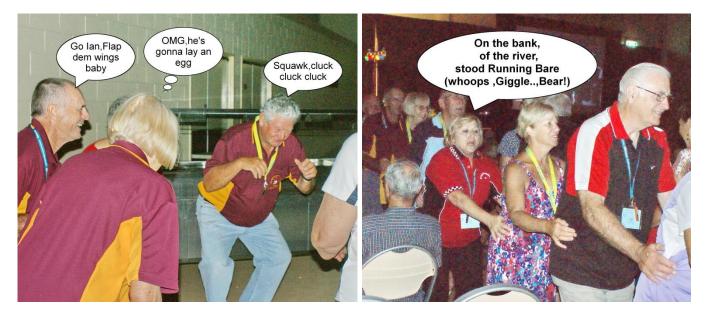
When an Event the size of the Rally happens and there are large banks of portable toilets, there has to a couple of good yarns. So Here goes (I apologise in advance for any offence given , though not intended as these are true stories)

<u>No1</u> Walked up to large block of "Dunnies" and saw a large sheet of white paper lying on the ground with the words "out of order" written on it. Mmm I thinks,wonder which one it applies to. Upon close inspection ,I found one door with what obviously was sticky tape residue on it. Ah ah I thinks ,(feeling rightly proud of my detective work),this is it. Opens the door and leans in ,flushes the loo....and it worked. Ah well thinks I,one can't be right all the time! Settles in for a while,stood up,flushedworked again. Turned to the washbasin ,turned on the tap....and promptly got my feet and legs saturated. Some ratbag had stolen the fitting between the tap and pipe work underneath !!

<u>No2</u> Whilst occuping a cubicle another time, a tremendous ,thundering, expulsion of wind, fair shook the Dunnie block to its foundations. Me being me,I was unable to resist and retorted with "Bless you my son"......A female voice replied with a giggle oooooeeeeee, thank you very much.....I didn't dare come out for 10 minutes in case she was waiting to see who the smart alec was !!!

And finally, do you know what the companies Motto is ? "Dunnies with Dignity " !!!! Like Heck !!





Well, it's all over for another 3 years. It was a great Rally, at a great Venue, in a great City !

Carol Day went out with a bang, doing no good in the monster raffles, she won the raffle run by the band to raise funds for their travel etc, the princely sum of \$80 !!! plus \$100 in the University draw! Lucky lass !

Remember, get ready for Canberra 2016. Cost \$400, includes \$30 non refundable deposit.

301 bookings where taken already at Rockhampton.

In the meantime, see you all at Blackbutt.

Ed.

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