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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

PRESIDENTS REPORT

A very successful and enjoyable rally and the weather was hot but cool at night ready for a good nights sleep after very busy days

.Ken & Dell McNab were given Life Membership of the QCC for their commitment to QCC & also CCCQ. They have been very involved in both areas in the positions as President, Vice President, Treasurer, Convenor, Committee Member, National Liaison Officer & 60th Birthday co-ordinator.

A special thank you to all the rally marshals who all worked through heat & humid days in parking the 77 caravans.

Also a special thank you to Brain Lewis for another outstanding job in connecting all the vans to power with the additional power boxes.

Saturday nights entertainment was of a high standard & very rewarding for all those very talented members who performed on the night.

Thank you Barry & Wendy Gibson who organised and conducted the activities. I am sure everyone enjoyed the night.

We now have 62 caravans from our club booked to attend the National Rally at Rockhampton in September 2013. Getting close to last chance to enrol.

Stay safe, healthy, safe travelling and look forward ton seeing you all at the next rally in January at Laidley Showgrounds.

Rally at Laidley – January 2013 How to Get There

Laidley Showgrounds)	<p>From Brisbane, follow the Ipswich Motorway. Before Ipswich, exit <u>left</u> onto the Warrego Hwy (A2) in the direction of Toowoomba.</p> <p>Continue on the Warrego Hwy to Plainlands. Turn <u>left</u> at Plainlands onto the Laidley-Plainlands Rd and travel 8 kms to Laidley, where it becomes Patrick St; continue through the main street of Laidley. In about 4 or 5 streets, turn right into McGregor st. Then turn left into Cooper street, then left into Hayes street.</p>
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Rally Info (Needs, Emergencies, etc)

Rally dates:	Official dates:	12-13th Jan 2013
	Arrive no earlier than:	9 th Jan
	Depart no later than:	14 th jan

000 Emergency	Laidley hospital, 75 William Street, Laidley, ph 07 5466 8100
Details Laidley 4341	Directions : Laidley Showgrounds is on Hayes Street. Nearest cross street is Cooper Street.

Medical Needs:	Laidley Family Doctor, 36 Ambroast Street, Laidley. Ph. 07 5465 1388						
Site Contacts:	Dalray McCarthy ph. 07 5465 1284						
Club equipment required:	Kitchen equipment and urns, first aid, PA system, library & souvenirs, fire extinguisher, banner, flags and flagpoles.						
Special needs:	<u>Dump Point</u> ----William St, left into John St North.						
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:	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Site Fee:</td> <td>\$ 15.00 per van per night powered</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Administration Fee:</td> <td>\$ 3.00 per van</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hall Hire:</td> <td>\$ 2.00 per caravan</td> </tr> </table>	Site Fee:	\$ 15.00 per van per night powered	Administration Fee:	\$ 3.00 per van	Hall Hire:	\$ 2.00 per caravan
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Rally Programme – in brief			(Remember to check the noticeboard at the rally for changes, particularly for any activities on Friday!)		
Fri:	Afternoon	Golf, Books, family history, craft	Sun:	8:30-9:00 am 9.00 am	Pay Treasurer Meeting Morning tea after meeting Management Committee .
Sat:	Evening 9:00 am 9:30 am 11:00 am 3:00 pm 7:00 pm	Card Games Morning tea Meeting & General Meeting Disc Bowls-Doubles.(see note below) music Main Event – funny money	<u>Disc Bowls Doubles comp. is on this weekend.</u> <u>See notes for details of registration on this and next page.</u>		
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.					

STOP PRESS:

7 Wheelchair Athletes have been banned from the next Paralympics after they tested positive for WD40!

PROGRAMME DETAILS

Please register for Disc Bowls on Friday if possible but By 8:30am Saturday at latest. Late comers will miss out as Wendy and Barry will be on a very tight schedule for the 11:am start!.A box will be available to put in your teams. A Trophy will be awarded to the winners.

Friday

1:00 pm Golf
1:00 pm Crafts with Jenny Carroll
1:30 pm Family History; Topic—Convict Connections. with Nola Bromley
2:00 pm Book club with Sandra Smith(at her Van)
"Pillars of the Earth" by Ken Follett
3:00 pm Line dancing with Kev & Carol Day
7:00 pm Cards and Games with Mary and friends

Saturday

11:00 am Disc Bowls- Doubles Comp.(seen notice at top of page?)
3: 00 pm Music in the hall
7:00 pm Funny Munny—Gambling fun



Members Present at the Rally

Ian & Gloria Bamberry; .Graham and Pat Barr, John & Lorna Beattie; Bert & Yvonne Beker; George & Merle Beresford; Beris & Melda Blake; Kevin & Susanne Bowman;Greg & Lorraine Bradford; Paul & Di Brearley; Roy & Carmel Bridges; Trevor & Nola Bromley; Doug & Dorcas ;Burt; Les & Lyn Buzza; Ray & Gail Caddies; John & Jenny Carroll; Neil & Marie Chesney; Colin & Margaret Colston; Merv & Barbara Cook; ; Ken & Lyn Cragg; Bryan & Pat Davies; Kevin & Carol Day; Bill & Ann Dobe; Graham & Dawn Dukes; Dennis & Heather Edney; Ian & Gwen Egen; Les Gerrard & Anne Eddie; Frank & Rhonda Gaffney ; Barry & Wendy Gibson; Kev & Pat Gower; ; Rod & Bev Green; ; Graham & Cheryl Hill; Warren & Margaret Hiller;;Alf & Desley Hinson; Stewart Hornibrook; Gordon Ison & Beryl Simpson Lionel & Mary Jacobson; Gary & Noeleen Jarrett; Colin & Margaret James; Ernie & Shirley Jones; David & Helen Judge; Bill & Marj Kasper; Daryl Kays; Bob & Cathy Kearney; George & Yvonne Lacey; Steve & Robyn Langley; Brian & Pauline Lewis; Michael Lillis; Phil & Del Lowe; Des & Yvonne Lowrie; Ross & Bindra Luscombe; Ray & Pam MacDonald; Keith & Bev McCallum; Kem & Bev McDowall; Graham & Heather McIlvanie; Des & Jenny McLeod; Ken & Dell McNab; ; Jerry & Drina Meades;Terry & Denise Park; Ray & Robyn Parker; Tony & Lynne Pomroy; John & Marlene Rawlings; Bob & Barbara Rutherford; Victor & Audrey Schrier; Brian & Denise Sheehan; Graham & Shirley Sheehan; Adrian & Gayle Skinner; Barry & Pamela Smith; Ron & Sandra Smith; Ray & Jan Steele; Tony & Sue Stephenson; Eddie & Sylvia Stocker; Peter & Margaret Styles; Tony & Julie Swift; Les & Brenda Usher; Bill & Denise Waycott; Ted & Carolyn Wynne.

2nd time visitors: Graeme & Bev Cope

Day visitors – Lance & Karen Haslewood; Terry Hannon & Pauline Norris; Dell Portelli ; Keith Window,Jessica,Melanie: Thona & Stich Chromiac; Geoff & Dell Gray; Joan Fitzgerald;

Happy Birthdays for January

1 st Halina Middendorp	12 th Jeanette Walker	20 th Terry Parkes
1 st Les Buckley	13 th Kevin Day	21 st Yvonne Lowrie
1 st Keith Burgess	13 th Bill Waycott	25 th Pauline Norris
1 st Ian Egen	15 th Bryan Davies	30 th Brian Sheehan
7 th Warren Hiller	16 th Ed Stocker	31 st Gwen Egan
11 th Dawn Dukes	17 th Douglas Burt	

Club News

Special Notices – PLEASE READ

The next General Meeting will be on 12/1/2013 at Laidley. 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 12th Jan. 2013. Remember, a minor issue can be raised at any meeting.

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

<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
January-- 12 th to 13 th —Laidley showground	January-- Samford
February—9 th to 10 th ---Crows Nest Caravan Park	
March-----9 th to 10 th ---Mulgowie Showground	
Mar/April---29 th to 1 st ---Gatton showground	
May-----4 th to 6 th -----Toogoolawah Showgrounds	
June-----1 st & 2 nd -----Dayboro Showground	
July -----13 th &14 th ----Boonah Showground	
Aug---- 10 th &11 th -Imbil Showground(vac.by MON)	
Sep/Oct---23 rd to 2 nd - NAT.RALLY,ROCKHAMPTON	
October---12 th &13 th -----Rocky Creek (Bush rally)	
November- 9 th &10 th -----Esk Caravan Park	
December- 7 th & 8 th -----Beaudesert Showground	

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

Happy Anniversaries for January

2nd Kathy & Bob Kearney 5th Sue & Rod Kopp

10th Jenny & John Carroll 15th Sue & Gordon Baker

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Ed & Sylvia Stocker

Member Milestones

Margaret & Warren Hiller-100 Rallies



Marge & Bill Kasper-50 Rallies



Colin James-50 Rallies



As appreciation of their active participation in the QCC and CCCQ over many years, Dell and Ken McNab have been awarded Life membership of the club.



Showground Rally

77 caravans gathered in Woodford for the rally in Dec.

Details about the site. No complaints, very good venue. Caretaker Yolande was extremely helpful.

Info about entertainment

Friday saw the usual raft of activities. The golf was won by Rod Green, but a couple of the players commented it was rather hot out there.



Pooped out Golfer

Wonder who did this

The Shady Ladies book club

Friday. Line Dancing was not held as the surface was not suitable. A number of volunteers set about decorating the hall for Saturdays Party. More than 60 members went to the local hostelry for the evening meal. Although the meal was good value and plentiful, quite a few grumbles were heard regarding the Quality. Nevertheless, the Hotel made a tidy sum from our club alone that night. Myself and some of the other diners made it back to the hall to join Mary in her games programme, which as usual, was pretty rowdy.

It's amazing the fun games to be had with a single Xmas card on the table! All we had to do was move the card to the player on our left or right depending on the story Mary was reading out, when the words left and right were mentioned! Another game, we had to identify Christmas Carol titles from pictures supplied. Talk about thinking outside the square. Some of the clues were off the planet!! The last game had us lining up and trying to flick xmas cards into a bucket (without turning them into something resembling a N.A.S.A. project!!) As you would expect, chaos ensued



Something tickled Jennys funny bone !!



Kids Stuff



Saturday afternoon was full of expectations waiting for Santa to arrive. When he did ,it was in Grandiose style !! Perched on the pillion seat of Lionel and Mary Jacobsons “Spider” Tri-cycle.





Saturday Nights festivities got under way a tad late, but Barry Gibson and the band got us off to a rousing start with “Rudolf”. A Bracket of Christmas Carols followed from the Qcc singers. Next it was the turn of your Committee to present a very well rehearsed (ahem) Ditty penned By Mary J. We didn’t get boo-ed off the stage, so it must have been passable ! Dinner was next on the agenda and considering the number of people attending the meal, things went pretty smoothly. The entertainment continued with Trevor Bromley getting together with the band for a couple of numbers followed by Barbara Rutherford’s tongue in cheek rendition of “Talkin’ Aussie Style”. Very Strine ! The Qcc Singers took over again to precede the cutting of the Christmas Cake. This honour was reserved for our latest Life members, Dell & Ken McNab.

The Concert Continued with a couple of tunes from the band, then Bev McCallum titillated us with a reading from ,would you believe, a teatowel! Called the “Caravanners Creed’, it was very apt! Next, a set of Waltz music followed by John Beattie playing us out to the Intermission. The 2nd half was kicked off by Barry and the band, then joined for a skit by Helen Judge and Dennis Edney(based on 12 Days Of Christmas)Called “12 days of caring”. Very amusing.



Our Merry Music Men



QCC Singers



Our Newest Life Members, Dell & Ken McNab, cutting the cake



John Beattie



D'y'a Wanna Wear this booze ya drunken bum?

Nah, don't waste it... I'll drink it!!



nag, nag, yabber, yabber, nag

Thank the Lord Christmas is only 12 days long

Another bracket from the QCC Singers led up to the entry of our special, hard to get, overseas artistes. World famous, "The Caravan People"! YMCA will never be the same again!! They were brilliant! and full of energy, no jetlag after their long flight from Vegas!



The "Caravan People"

_A couple more numbers from The Band and Jenny McLeod and then we saw the return of the "Caravan People" with their rendition of "Macho Man"(I couldn't get that ruddy tune outta my head for 3 days !!). Our esteemed President even managed half a dozen pushups,much to the pleasure of a host of squealing mature age women !! The night was rounded off with more music,a tribute to HM The Queens Diamond Jubilee year and the obligatory Conga line !!





Lucky Van Winners: Ron & Sandra Smith; Rod & Bev Green; Barrie & Pam Smith; Tony & Lynne Pomroy; Colin & Margaret Colston; Paul & Di Brearley; Sue & Tony Stephenson; John & Marlene Rawlings; Les Gerrard & Ann Eddie; Robyn & Steve Langley

- Raffle Prizes:**
- The Maroochy Palms weekend was won by Phil Lowe
 - The Woolworths Vouchers were won by Margaret James & Desley Hinson

- The BCF Voucher was won by Bindra Luscombe.
- The Coles Voucher was won by Stewie Hornibrook.
- The Bunnings voucher was won by Lyn Pomeroy.
- The Myers voucher was won by Frank Gaffney.
- 4 Hampers won by: Doug Burt, Tony Pomroy, Neil Chesney and Lionel Jacobson
- 10 Xmas cakes won by: Ian Egan, Jerry Meades, Gordon Ison, Carol Day, Bert Beker, Les Gerrard, Kem Mc Dowell, Carmel Bridges, Jacky Smith and Des Lowrie.



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A MERRY XMAS AND HAPPY AND PROSPERIOUS NEW YEAR TO ALL & GET WELL SOON TO OUR AILING MEMBERS.

George Lacey, Editor

