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"Fellowship on Wheels"

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Presidents Report

PITTSWORTH... 47 Vans, Motorhomes & 5th Wheelers came to the Downs for our first taste of Winter. Friday was wet and windy with 136mm over the day. Saturday and Sunday were fine but still cold.

I must thank Merv and Carolyn Kahler and his band of Rotarians for all there help over the weekend, that was the best bacon and eggs \$5 ever bought. Merv also organized the tagalong to the

egg farm and Iollie shop plus the country singer Saturday night. You can't beat that country hospitality.

Our efforts for the weekend raised \$800 for the Careflight Helicopter an essential service for the folk on the Darling Downs.

There will be plenty happening at the next rally at PINE RIVERS SHOWGROUNDS at Lawnton, with easy access to the railway for the Caravan Show goers. Remember Monday is a public holiday. Why not invite family and friends along to share a cuppa with. Noeleen and I wish to thank all those members for there kind thoughts on the passing of her Mother.

President Gary....

Photographs of members may appear in publications eg: the club magazine or website,or other club sponsored publications. If a member does not wish this to occur, the member should inform the Secretary in writing, and the person taking the photograph. Whilst all care will be taken to comply with this request, no guarantee can be given that this will not occur.

Rally at Pine Rivers How to Get There

Pine Rivers Showground (04/14) From the south – Take the Gateway Motorway, continuing past the Depot Rd/Brackenridge and Redcliffe exits. After the Gateway Motorway veers left from the Redcliffe exit, take the next exit (signed "Brackenridge Rd/Strathpine"). At the end of the ramp, turn right into Brackenridge Rd. Continue along Brackenridge Rd, which becomes Hoyland St on a curve, then Strathpine Rd after it passes over Gympie Arterial Rd and eventually becomes Gympie Rd. Continue along Gympie Rd, past Westfield Shoppingtown (right). The showgrounds is on your right, shortly after you pass Bunnings and Supercheap (right). Turn into the showgrounds entrance and follow the club signs to the rally.

From Sunshine Coast – Travelling south on the Bruce Hwy, continue past Narangba/Boundary Rd exit. Take the <u>next exit</u> onto a service road (with different signs "Anzac Ave/Petrie/Redcliffe/Kallangur/North Lakes"), continuing past North Lakes Westfield. At the traffic lights, turn <u>right</u> onto Anzac Ave. Follow Anzac Ave to the roundabout, taking the <u>1st turn left</u> into Gympie Rd. Shortly <u>after</u> the 2nd traffic lights (at Lawnton Pocket Rd), turn <u>left</u> into the showgrounds and follow the club signs to the rally.

Address 757 Gympie Road, Lawnton Q,4501 Nearest cross street Frances Road &Gympie Rd (New set of traffic lights. Contact for emergency, Helen Evans-Caretaker-0459 023 346 <u>Dump Point on site</u>

Rally Info (Needs, Emergencies, etc)

Rally dates: 7,8,9-June 2014

Arrive no earlier than: 4th June Depart no later than: 10th june

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Nearest Hospital: Prince Charles Hospital, Rode Rd , Chermside

Details

Showground Address & nearest Cross street:

4501 Gympie Road & Lawnton Pocket road, Lawnton.....

Medical Needs: .Lawnton Country Market Medical centre,718 Gympie road. 32058118

Site Contacts: Helen Evans, 0459 033 346

Club equipment required:

Kitchen equipment and urns, first aid, PA system, library & souvenirs, fire

extinguisher, banner, flags and flagpoles.

Special needs: Dump Point on site

Rally Marshal Des McLeod – If you have a medical need to be close to the amenities, please Co-ordinator: Contact Des on 5494 7832 or 0438 439 376 by the Monday prior to the rally. If

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: \$ 17.00 per caravan

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!)

| Sat: | 9:00 am | Morning tea (No Sun Meeting) | <u>Mon;</u> | 8:15-8;45 am | Pay Treasurer |
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| | 9:30 am | Meeting | | 9.00 am | Morning tea |
| | | | | 9.30 am | meeting |
| | | | | 12.30 pm | Management Committee . |
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Programmes in Detail

Friday

12:30 pm--Golf at One Mile Country Club. (limited buggies available)

2;00 pm Mahjong

3:00 to 4;00 pm---Line dancing in Big Hall 7:00 pm—Cards, Games etc.

Sunday

1:00 pm—Craft

The Brisbane Caravan Show is on this weekend. It is easily reached by train from the station across the road from the Showground. Parking at the show is very limited!

7:00 pm—Rotational games including carpet bowls

Monday

Usual last day meetings and Raffles etc.

Saturday

6 to12 noon-Country markets at showground

8;00 am Book Club(in Hall)

10:00—12:30 Jewellery workshop(anyone who has had a change of heart can join in on payment of \$35 cash and please let Yvonne Robbins know in advance)

2:00 pm—Craft Working "B"-Anyone with sewing machines, fabric to donate, patterns Or ideas for items, nothing to sell for over \$20. There will be hand sewing for ladies without machines .Let's get behind Gwen as lots of items are needed for the State Rally Stalls in September.

2:00 pm--for the Men, a talk on CB radio by Pat Hetherman

7-00 pm—Progressive Dance Night

<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!

Future Rallies

<u> 2014</u>

July—12th & 13th ---Kalbar Aug----Kenilworth Sept.--22nd to 28th, Nanango, State Rally Oct.—11th & 12th—.Esk Caravan Park Nov-- 8th & 9th----Maleny Showground Dec 10th to 16th Laidley Showground

Exciting Future Entertainment------ Kalbar, Country & Western theme.. Hotel Visit for dinner, Museum tagalong, Campfire singalong with Supper, Possible wine tasting, maybe Brekkie Sunday morning....Details next Edition...

Member News

New Members





New members, John & Kaye Evans

Noeleen Jarretts winning caption

1 Happy Birthday to you for June I

4th Sue Bartz 6th Tom Davis

10th Merle Beresford

14th Julie Swift

16th Chris Rae

18th Robyn Parker

19th Ian Bamberry

20th Margaret James

20th Jan Miers

21st Irene Pedwell

22nd Ken McNab

23rd Denise Sheehan

26th Bev Green

28th Sylvia Stocker

28th Nerida Versace

5 Happy Anniversary to you for June 5

3rd Dawn & Graham Dukes

4th Shirley & Graham Sheehan

5th Diane & Paul Brearley

7th Rhonda & Frank Gaffney

11th Bev & Harold Liley

25th Sue & Tony Stephenson

30th Mary & Lionel Jacobson

Showground Rally

49 caravans gathered in Pittsworth for the rally in April. **D**etails about the site. Excellent

Members Present at the Rally

lan & Gloria Bamberry; Sue Bartz; Bert & Yvonne Beker; Ray & Gail Caddies; Neil & Marie Chesney; Graeme & Bev Cope; Kevin & Carol Day; Bryan & Pat Davies; Bill & Ann Dobe; ; Dennis & Heather Edney; Ian & Gwen Egen; John & Kay Evans; Peter Gawen; Barry & Wendy Gibson; Kev & Pat Gower; Lance &Karen Haslewood; Patrick & Ann Hetherman; Margaret Hiller; Wayne & Vicki Hills; Gordon Ison; Gary & Noeleen Jarrett; Colin & Margaret James; David & Helen Judge; Merv & Carolyn Kahler; Bill & Marj Kasper; Bob & Kathy Kearney; George & Yvonne Lacey; Steve & Robyn Langley; Harold & Bev Liley; Des & Yvonne Lowrie; Ross & Bindra Luscombe; Ray & Pam MacDonald; Keith & Bev McCallum; Murray & Jenn Mc Gowan; Des & Jenny McLeod; Ken & Dell McNab; John & Janette Miers; Terry & Denise Park; Yvonne Robbins; Bob & Barbara Rutherford; Graham & Shirley Sheehan; Adrian & Gayle Skinner; Tom & Jacky Smith; Ray & Jan Steele; Tony & Sue Stephenson; Eddie & Sylvia Stocker Tony & Julie Swift; Peter & Nerida Versace;

Lucky Winners

Noeleen Jarrett was declared the winner of the Caption Competition by an independent Judge. Tony & Julie Swift were the winners of the Lucky Van Number. (34) 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 Marj Kasper
- The Snuggle rug (donated byD & E Keppie) was won by Des Mc Leod
- The Serving Platter (donated by Daryl Kayes) was won by Doug Burt.

Weekend Activity report

Thursday was a mixed day weatherwise and most arrivals managed to get set up without too much wet drama. There were a few opportunities worthy of editorial mention! See below.











FRIDAY Dawned wet and stormy, quite heavy rain overnight, but one particularly hefty storm in the early afternoon caught us all by surprise!





It was a particularly long day for the Rally Marshalls, as due to quite a number of Members having attended Margaret Colstons and others Funerals in Brisbane, arrived on site after dark following a rather harrowing drive up to Pittsworth. Not a lot of activity happened during the day apart from trying to stay dry or standing around chatting. The usual Friday afternoon activities were cancelled for various reasons, mostly weather related.





A little light relief was welcomed in the afternoon as Ray Caddies, Steve Langley and Bryan Davies started the unenviable task of separating Members from their money for the entertainment and meal on Saturday night.



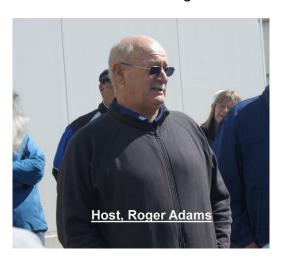




Friday night the Members were divided between a Meal at the Local Bowls Club, Watching the Friday Night Football match, or just staying home

Not forgetting the Intrepid Band of dedicated Cardies who braved the cold and wet to get their fix of UNO!!......All 4 of us!!

<u>Saturday</u> After the meeting on Saturday, the tag a long set off right on 10 o'clock. Vehicles took part, most of them full to capacity. First stop was the Darling Downs Egg producers. Our Guide for the tour was Roger Adams.





First he gave us a quick rundown on the operation. It really is an eyeopener to go on these sort of trips. Even as adults I think we take so much for granted. Oh we say ,an egg's an egg when its sitting on your breakfast plate...... But how we get that egg is absolutely fascinating to the layman(no pun intended!).

We then went on a fair hike to the plant were the feed is mixed ready for the chooks to eat. It is a fully automated, daytime operation. The equipment is big, noisy and extremely dusty. Work in progress will make the plant a 24/7 setup.



Next another walk up to the section where a new project was in the pipeline. The latest venture is a groundbreaking plan to build a plant that will turn the Chook manure into a Methane Gas product. The Gas will then be drawn off into the large holding reservoir under the rubberised sheeting in the pond. From there it will be piped to the machinery shed to power the large Methane gas generator plant.

This Project will eventually make the whole operation pretty much self sufficient powerwise, but they will still be connected to the grid for emergency electricity supplies.







Next stop was the Production Line. Suffice to say, mine host Roger Adams, Diplomatically side stepped the inevitable discussion on the merits of different methods of egg production, but did say a couple of words on the debate between caged and free range production and all made complete sense when coming straight from the Farmers mouth.



The Sheds here are temperature controlled at around 24C. Every chicken is individually examined <u>Daily</u>, (see pic of bike used so all levels can be reached for examination)so any sick birds are removed before any problems can develop from dead birds been left in the pens.

.And the thing a lot of people noticed was the Quiet!,,,Not the noisy cackling roar they expected, just a gentle murmur of contented chooks. In fact the noisiest thing was the fully automated egg collection conveyer system.

Some of the figures coming at us where incredible: In the USA(where they buy the day old chicks from because the particular breed lays the best brown eggs), The Yanks pay 50 something cents each. Our farmer pays \$3.00 !! (Believe it or not ,Australia is only a

tiny market in the egg world, hence there are no large scale breeding operations for chicks)...By the time the hen starts laying at 16 weeks, it has already cost the Farmer \$10.00 !......A few years ago they made 50c per dozen profit, now it's between 1 & 2 cents per dozen!! And the most staggering figure of all is the 220,000 eggs produced DAILY

















Finally, to the sorting and packing shed. Wash and brush up before facing the sorting. The technology and mechanics involved in the equipment which drops the eggs into the correct boxing line according to their weight, at blinding speed, is incredible. Very informative tour!

We finished the tag-a-long with a visit to the local Lolly Shop in town. .



Saturday night

Our 65th Birthday Celebration. The local Rotarians put on a nice Steak to compliment our evening meal. The Birthday cake was cut afterwards by 4 of our life member couples who were in attendance. They were, from the left, Tom & Jackie Smith, Bob & Barbara Rutherford, Bert & Yvonne Beker and Ken & Dell Mc Nab.













A bit of trivia concerning the life members present this weekend. <u>105</u> Years membership between them and they have attended <u>982</u> Rallies . Quite some achievement, hey?

The evening was finished off with a concert by Bush Balladeer **John Luscombe**, Including a chat from local Counsellor, Roz Scotney. Another successful Rally under our belts!!











A couple of bits from talented Members

Caravan Holiday (touch of home grown verse)

Driving along with my caravan, there's lots of thing to see. I look in my rear view mirror, and cars are following me.

Guess they're happy to see me, honking and waving with glee. Arms out the window, so friendly I can see.

All the cars, they fly by me, I wind down the window to see. They yell "stupid dickhead"....Idiots,.. they can't be talking to me!

I also hear "Farque" quite a lot, but don't know where it's at. It must be quite a beautiful spot, but can't find it on any map !!!

Suzie Bee



Member Lance Haslewood getting ready to pilot this plane on fly pasts at the local ANZAC events.

Bit of Local Trivia...

Apparently Pittsworth is not only famous for it's egg production. I was out in the car the other day when someone on the radio mentioned Pittsworth, so my ears pricked up. All I managed to hear was that Pittsworth used to be a very large Dairying centre way back when.

So I decided to do a bit of digging and came up with a couple of surprising facts.

The Railway arrived in 1887 and foresaw a move from Sheep rearing to Dairy farming. By 1914 Pittsworth had a large number of dairy factories which were producing about 80% of the cheese on the Darling Downs. In 1915, the town made a single block of Cheddar that weighed 1.5 tons!!. which was shipped to the World Dairy Show in London. At the time, it was the Worlds largest block of cheese!!.....So there ya go, you learn summat every day.

Members Items for Sale

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