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"Fellowship on Wheels"

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OOH LA LA, MES AMIS !!

Paris!

Memorable Maleny!!

Paris!







Presidents Report

Hello Members, I'm still getting over the fantastic rally we had at Maleny. Many of you said it's the best one in a long time.

Can I thank again Ray & Gail Caddies and there family & Tony & Sue Stephenson, MC Tom & all the others that contributed to the night.

The weekend was made better with the monster happy hour hosted by Terry & Denise Park, thank you & the Follow The Sun promotion.

74 Vans in November, what's coming in December ?????.

Christmas Rally is at Laidley 13/14 December, I know Yvonne & others have a big programme planned with Santa coming Saturday arvo.

Those of you attending Xmas Parties this month PLEASE drive carefully stay safe, and I'll see you at Laidley.

Cheers

Gary.

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Rally at Laidley How to Get There

Laidley Showgrounds (4/12/2013)

From Brisbane, follow the Ipswich Motorway. Before Ipswich, exit <u>left</u> (veering right back over the motorway) onto the Warrego Hwy (A2) in the direction of Toowoomba..

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.

Rally Info (Needs, Emergencies, etc)

Rally dates: Official dates: 13th & 14th December 2014

Arrive no earlier than: 10th Dec Depart no later than: 16th Dec

000 Emergency

Nearest Hospital: Laidley hospital, 75 William Street, Laidley,ph 07 5466

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Address & Cross street: Hayes Street, Laidley. Cross street, Cooper Street

Medical Needs: Laidley Family Doctor, 36 Ambrost Street, Laidley. Ph.07 5465 1388

Site Contacts:

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

required: extinguisher, banner, flags and flagpoles.

Special needs: **Dump Point----**William St, left into John St North.(near swimming pool car park)

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 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: \$ 15.00 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!)						
Sat:	9:00 am 9:30 am Morning tea Meeting 3; 00 pm Santa Arrives			Sun:	9.30 am	Pay Treasurer Morning tea meeting Management Committee.		
	6:30 pm	Main Event –Xmas Di	nner		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	8.30am START FOR GOLFERS ,Laidley Golf club
2 P.M.	CRAFT

3 P.M.	LINE DANCING
7 P.M.	CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT (TORCH LIGHT) THIS WILL BE HELD OUTSIDE (DEPENDING ON THE WEATHER CONDITIONS) BRING YOUR CHAIR & TORCHES
SATURDAY	WALKERS
3 P.M.	SANTA ARRIVES (Only one present per child to be given by Santa) Secret Santa to the value \$5
6.30 P.M.	DRESS FOR THE OCCASION CHRISTMAS STYLE CHRISTMAS DINNER B.Y.O. DRINKS IF YOU HAVN'T PUT YOUR NAME DOWN PLEASE CALL CAROL AS WE ARE HAVING CATERS FOR THIS MEAL & MEALS WILL ONLY BE PROVIDED TO THE MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID \$10 PER PERSON. THE CLUB IS SUBSIDISING THE REST ENTERTAINMENT
SUNDAY	WALKERS MORNING TEA & MEETING

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

Please bring in any Club electrical equipment for Annual Check ,Fri 12th Dec

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.

The Next General meeting will be held At the Imbil Rally, January 2015.

Xmas DinnerChristmas dinner - \$10 per person payable to Peter Versace either by cheque or money order or phone Peter for direct deposit reference. Paid by 5st December.

<u>Table decoration - Random seating!!</u> <u>Best Decorated Van Prize</u>

Annual subscription Fees for 2015 are due by 28th Feb. They are \$40 Ordinary members and \$25 for Social members

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 2015

January-Imbil Showground- 10th & 11th
February-Crows Nest Caravan Park-14th & 15th
March- CREEC,Caboolture-14th & 15th
April- (Easter)-Boonah Showground-3,4,5,& 6th
May- Lowood Showground-2nd & 3rd
June-Samford Showground-6,7,& 8th

July-Beaudesert Showground- 11th & 12th August-Murwillumbah Showground-8th & 9th September State Rally-Stanthorpe-21st to 26th October –Mulgowie-10th & 11th November –Millmerran Caravan Park-14th & 15th December-Pine Rivers Showground-5th & 6th

Member News -Lance has updated our club Website;

The site is :www.qldcaravanclub.com.au To access The QCC Wanderer, you will need to use the following; Username; QCC Password:QCC1949

New Members



New Members being inducted.

On the Left is Judi Biddington.

On the Right are Michael and Di Watt.

Welome to all you "Newbies"





Member Milestones (50 Rallies)

Fifty Rallies Attended Badges were presented to, on the left, Neil and Marie Chesney. On the right also Ray and Gail Caddies, Well done All.





Member Milestones (100 Rallies)

Gus and Carol Fraser received their badges for attending 100 Rallies, As did Dennis (the menace) and Heather Edney. Dennis was heard to mumble under his breath something to the tune of "phew, dunno how folk put up with me for so long!". Congratulations All.



1 Happy Birthday to you for December J

Lyn Buzza $\mathbf{4}^{\text{th}}$ Irene Cuthbert 5th Frank Gaffney **7**th Jacky Smith 8th Carol Day 10th Lionel Jacobson 11th

Pauline Lewis

12th **Heather Burgess** 14th Tony Stephenson 15^{th} Noeleen Jarrett 17th Yvonne Robbins 17th Gail Caddies 18th **Greg Bradford**

18th Jenny Carroll 19th Ron Cuthbert 22nd John Miers 24th Kay Evans 28th Pat Davies 28th Graham Sheehan 29th Karen Haslewood

J Happy Anniversary to you for December J

Tony & Julie Swift 17th Lynne & Tony Pomroy

24th Del & Ken McNab 21st Bindra & Ross Luscombe

Other News

74 caravans gathered in Maleny for the rally in November.

Details about the site. Squeezy, but also spread out if that makes any sense !!! Will definitely be here again!

Members Present at the Rally

Gordon, Sue & Darren Baker; Ian & Gloria Bamberry; Graham and Pat Barr, Bert & Yvonne Beker; Paul & Di Brearley; Les & Lyn Buzza; Ray & Gail Caddies; Neil & Marie Chesney; Merv & Barbara Cook; Graeme & Bev Cope; Terry & Carolyn Coxall; Kevin & Carol Day; Bryan & Pat Davies; Bill & Ann Dobe; ; Dennis & Heather Edney; Ian & Gwen Egen; John & Kay Evans; Gus & Carrol Fraser; Frank & Rhonda Gaffney; Peter Gawen; Kev & Pat Gower; Geoff & Del Gray; Rod & Bev Green; . Lance & Karen Haslewood; Patrick & Ann Hetherman; Graham & Cheryle Hill; Margaret Hiller; Wayne & Vicki Hills; Alf & Desley Hinson; Gordon Ison; Lionel & Mary Jacobson; Gary & Noeleen <u>Jarrett;</u> Colin & Margaret <u>James</u>; Shane & Linda <u>Jones</u>; Ernie & Shirley <u>Jones</u>; Merv & Carolyn Kahler; Bill & Marj Kasper; Daryl & Margaret Kays; Bob & Kathy Kearney. Steve & Robyn Langley; Brian & Pauline Lewis; Phil & Del Lowe; Des & Yvonne Lowrie; Ross & Bindra Luscombe; Ray & Pam MacDonald; Keith & Bev McCallum; Murray & Jenn Mc Gowan; Des & Jenny McLeod; Ken & Dell McNab; Jerry & Drina Meades; John & Janette Miers; Terry & Denise Park. Ron & Pam Petch; Yvonne Robbins: Bob & Barbara Rutherford: Adrian & Anne Savage; Victor & Audrey Schrier. Graham & Shirley Sheehan; Adrian & Gayle Skinner; Barrie & Pamela Smith; Ron & Sandra Smith; Tom & Jacky Smith; Ray & Jan Steele; Tony & Sue Stephenson; Tony & Julie Swift.; Bruce & Chris Truloff; Peter & Nerida Versace; Bill & Denise Waycott;

Visitors – 3rd time, Judi Biddington, Michael & Dianne Watt

2nd time, Keith & Kay Chorley, Ian & Denise Farrell

1st time, Reg & Sue Granger, Brian & Karon Stevens

Day Visitors:- Mary Metcalfe, Heather McIlvanie, George Lacey, Roy & Lyn Hill, Megan, Remi and Conor Cowan, Lani Ireland, Elise Jones, Tiana Chung, Stewart Hornibrook.

Lucky Winners....Before you read these results, don't forget our Monster Xmas Raffles with lots of loverly prizes

Bill & Ann Dobe were the winners of the Lucky Van Number,62. They've won a free night at the next non-caravan park rally they attend.

Raffle Prizes:

- The \$50 Woolworths (donated byM & C Kahler) was won by Les Buzza
- The 2015 UBD (donated by T & J Smith) was won by Pam Smith
- The Stadium Seat (donated by H & J McIlvanie) was won by D Hinson

Entertainment and Activities details.

Friday was the start of a very eventful weekend, with Golf kicking off on the partially completed new Maleny course. Our group of 13 was officially the first Corporate type booking of the course. Whilst playing ,they were photographed and pictures of the event will be on display in the Clubhouse from official opening day. Gary Jarrett, Dennis Edney, Peter Versace and Wayne Hills emerged victorious on the day.

Meanwhile, the less energetic ,but more gastronomically inclined headed for the Maleny Cheese Factory, where a goodly feast of Cheese samples and other nice things were the go. Best \$5 worth in town I heard.





Friday afternoon saw the much awaited Happy Hour, put on by Terry and Denise Park on behalf of Dometics "Follow the Sun " Campaign. I wasn't able to attend myself but from what I saw in pics and heard through the Grapevine, it was a real crowd pleaser. The food spread looked awesome and the prizes were nice. Lucky Anne Hetherington won the cooler box. (don't suppose Patrick will be too interested... He can't drive it at 200 klmph through the rainforest !!!)















The event was attended by 135 guests. Not a bad turnout by any standards!! I reckon most people were pogged by teatime with all the food during the day and afternoon. Nothing much seemed to eventuate on Friday night.

Saturday saw the usual raft of morning tea, meetings and then the General meeting .Nothing Earth shattering seems to have arisen from any of these events. Had a wander around the place as I was only a day visitor. Quite a pretty place.I have spent a lot of time on the Connondale and Blackall Ranges but never visited Maleny before .





Found the crafty girls furiously making stuff for the nights goings on and others in the less industrious pastime of unravelling the mysteries of Mah Jong.

One thing I must mention here. We are a large, progressive club and I am pleased to announce our latest foray into other interesting pastimes.

We now have embarked on an exciting new branch of our organisation.

In future, the QCC logo will also stand for the "Queensland Cruising Club" inc.







Saturday night saw the doors of the World Famous "Voyageurs" French Bistro thrown open to QCC for the night. As Patrons entered, they were greeted by Jan Steele on the desk, had their photo taken in a comedy cut-out set up, then were allocated a concierge to escort them individually to their table. It was all very polished and professional and went off without too much drama. Handsome looking Bunch hey!



Whilst waiting for the meal to commence, we were treated to some French entertainment ie; a gutsy rendition of Chanson D'Amour .The words were shown on the screen and a combination of prompts and threats from Jan Steele and Linda Jones got us all singing along in our best Edith Piaf imitations!











Then, the "identical twins" (nicknamed "The long and the short of it") were sent out to titillate us with their "French Ticklers". Suffice to say that when I was a young fella, French Ticklers didn't look like that!!







First course was served from trollies Airline Style, very efficient!! It consisted of Champagne Pate, French bread and fresh salad. Very nice too. Saw a couple of wispered conversations between servers, so naturally I put in what I thought they were saying!





Tom Smith regaled us with the history of why the Bistro was called "The Voyageur" and we had a couple of songs, "Sunday Morning" and "Riptide" from the Beautiful Tiana Chung (and she can sing as well!)







Had a parade for the best dressed Man & Woman seperately. They were judged by 1st timers who didn't know anyone and guess who took the honours? Maurice Chevalier & Bridgitte (legs) Bardot, above!

Main course was a servery hatch job when table numbers called. Went well and the meal was good, a take off of a traditional French dish, Coq au Vin. During the lull between main and sweets, we were treated to a display of Can Can Dancing like you've never seen before!! It was all done under "Black

Light" (Ultra Violet) and was pretty spectacular except I was so busy videoing it I forgot to take any stills!! The performers obliged with a "regular "stint following.







Sweets were served up to the tables on a special platter,4 yummies per person. Very tasty!!



Left, Entrée. Right, sweets

Space in the middle I assume was for main but looks like Tom got to it first!!

Tea and Coffee rounded it off nicely (oops, just like the bottom above)



During the proceedings a Trivia Sheet was dished out. Naturally, the questions were all about France. Well didn't that put the cat amongst the pigeons !!. No warning so we could brush up and boy didn't it show us up! Someone answered Charles De Gaulle when asked for the name of the present French President !! It finally took an extended "golden point "to settle it!!

























I would like to take this opportunity to thank my cohorts in the photography, Tom Smith and Spygraphics.

As I could only attend one day these guys were an immeasurable help in filling me in for days not being there. Thanks again Fellas. I will "show you a shilling when I get rich"!





Well, that's all for this Edition Folks. The above images are of the Members Who kept you fed!

They, and the QCCinc. (Queensland Can Can inc,) Dance Troupe, and all other manner of helpers are why, we are, who we are......The Biggest and BEST Caravan Club in Queensland...Be Proud !!!

The photos taken on entering the venue will ,as usual,be available for a gold coin donation to RFDS. I didn't print them all in the Wanderer as they would have taken up too much space.

And finally, Yvonne and myself would like to sincerely thank Members for their kind Thoughts, Cards and Words of Condolence on the Death of her Mother in UK. Yvonne will see you all at the Laidley Rally.

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