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"Fellowship on Wheels"

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Presidents Report

Hello Members. This will be my final report.

Thank you for the feedback on C.R.E.E.C. I think we found a little gem in Burpengary. After talking to the council on Monday morning we all agreed it was a success for them and a great spot for caravans (if it's not wet), and at a bargain price. I'm sure the new committee will have it on the list for a return visit.

Noeleen & I would like to thank all the ladies & gentleman that helped cook & serve at the Presidents Picnic & all the partners of the committee members for lunch on Sunday, in all the weekend was a great success.

Finally can I thank all the members for making my job as President so enjoyable over the last 12 months. I've had a ball and couldn't have done it without the support of Noeleen

We thank you all very much and wish the new committee all the best in 2015/16.

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Thank You Gary & Noeleen....

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Rally at Boonah **How to Get There**

Boonah Showgrounds (9/06)

Route 1 – From Brisbane, travel west on the Ipswich Motorway. At Dinmore, turn left onto the Cunningham Hwy towards Warwick and continue for 14 kms. Turn left onto the Ipswich-Boonah Rd and continue 40 kms to Boonah.

Route 2 - From Brisbane, proceed along Beaudesert Rd, which becomes Mt Lindesay Hwy, continuing past Park Ridge, Jimboomba and Gleneagle, until you arrive in Beaudesert. At Beaudesert, turn right at the main intersection in town (traffic lights) towards Rathdowney (still Mt Lindesay Hwy). At approx ½ km, turn right onto the Beaudesert-Boonah Rd and continue 42 kms to Boonah.

At Boonah, both the above roads become Coronation Dve. With the park at the Boonah Sports Complex on your left, turn left at the roundabout and left again into Walter St (the park still on your left). Take the 1st turn left into Cossart St, which leads to the showgrounds, opposite a caravan park.

Rally Info (Needs, Emergencies, etc)

3rd to 6th April 2015 Rally dates: Official dates:

1st April Arrive no earlier than: 7th April Depart no later than:

000 Emergency

Nearest Hospital: Boonah Hospital, Leonard Street, Boonah

Details

Cossart Street 4310

Showground Address & Cross street: 8 Melbourne Street, Cross street;

Medical Needs: Boonah Medical Centre, 86 High Street, Boonah. Tel;5463 1200

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 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 lead

Fees: Site Fee: \$ 18.00 per caravan per night

Administration Fee: \$3.00 per caravan Hall Hire: \$ 0.00 per caravan

Rally	Rally Programme – in brief		(Remember to check the noticeboard at the rally for changes, particularly for any activities on Friday!)			
Sat:	9:30 am	Morning tea Meeting-Followed by	<u>AGM</u>	Sun:	9.00 am 9.30 am	Pay Treasurer Morning tea meeting Management Committee .
	7:00 pm	Main Event				

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.

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!

Final Notice; The AGM is at this Rally. Last chance to Nominate for the Management Team for next year!

Woof woof ...A message from QCCCCC, (Queensland Caravan Club Canine Companions Clan), to our human owners at QCC!

We have all enjoyed the wonderful sights, smells and surroundings at the lovely CREEC site, as we do whenever we are allowed to attend an event. We also love to be close to our owners, and though we can't understand why there are certain places we are not permitted to go, we don't complain too much. ('cept maybe when we're young and silly). So, please don't do anything to put us in the position of not being able to come to Rallies and see our friends, same as you do. Please pick up after us, because as much as we would do anything to please our owners, we aren't that clever yet! Also try and keep us away from gatherings where we might be tempted to snaffle a snack, or worse, relieve ourselves against an inviting looking leg!!

After all, we aren't noted for our common sense, whereas youse folk are (most of the time..lol)

Best of all; Just remember the Club rules....Bow wow !!, Many thanks, Pedro Lacey



Future Rallies

2015

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 Milestones



LEFT; Phil & Dell Lowe receiving their 150 Rally Attendances Badges.

RIGHT; Brian Lillis receiving his 50 Rally Attendance Badge.

Quite a feat really, when you consider he has been a Qcc Member for 30 years !!!







Members of the "Super Seventies" Club. All turned 70 this year. Dunno what happened to the cake, but it wasn't a roaring success according to Mary!!

I Happy Birthday to you for April I

1st Sandra Smith 2nd **Graham Dukes**

6th Les Gerrard

7th Jill Davis

7th Shirley Miles

9th Pat Barr

10th Bev McCallum

11th Bert Beker



Robyn Langley

15th Wendy Gibson

19th Roy Bridges

21st Chris Truloff 28th Gordon Baker

28th Bill Dobe

30th Ian Farrell

30th **Dorcas Burt**

13 Happy Anniversary to you for April 13

3rd Ann & Patrick Hetherman

4th Dorkas & Douglas Burt

6th Helen & Stewart Hornibrook

11th Carolyn & Merv Kahler

15th Shirley & Tom Miles

15th Bev & Kem McDowall

15th Denise & Terry Park



16th Jill & Tom Davis

16th Bev & Graeme Cope

19th Marj & Bill Kasper

20th Cheryle & Graham Hill

22nd Jan & Ray Steele

25th Nola & Trevor Bromley

Other News

To My Dear Friends in the Q.C.C.,

We have been quite overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and sympathy you have shown to us since George died.

We were stunned by the large number of members who attended his funeral, creating what my son described as a "sea of yellow".

We have received a huge number of lovely cards, and have been deeply touched by your compassion and kind words.

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Thank you all very much. Love, Merle and Family

Bush Rally

45 vans turned up to CREEC. It was found to be an excellent site.

Present at the Rally

Members – Gordon, Sue & Darren <u>Baker</u>; Ian & Gloria <u>Bamberry</u>; Graham and <u>Pat Barr</u>, .Roy & Carmel <u>Bridges</u>; Les & Lyn <u>Buzza</u>; Ray & Gail <u>Caddies</u>; John & Jenny <u>Carroll</u>; Neil & Marie <u>Chesney</u>; Colin <u>Colston</u>. Terry & Carolyn <u>Coxall</u>; Bryan & Pat <u>Davies</u>; . Ian & Gwen <u>Egen</u>; Ian & Denise <u>Farrell</u>; Joan <u>Gethings</u>; Kev & Pat <u>Gower</u>; Patrick & Ann <u>Hetherman</u>; .Margaret <u>Hiller</u>; Wayne & Vicki <u>Hills</u>. Lionel & Mary <u>Jacobson</u>; Gary & Noeleen <u>Jarrett</u>. Shane & Linda <u>Jones</u>. David & Helen <u>Judge</u>; . Daryl & Margaret <u>Kays</u>; George & Yvonne <u>Lacey</u>; . Michael <u>Lillis</u>; . Phil & Del <u>Lowe</u>; Ross & Bindra <u>Luscombe</u>; Ray & Pam <u>MacDonald</u>; Keith & Bev <u>McCallum</u>; . Murray & Jenni <u>McGowan</u>; . Des & Jenny <u>McLeod</u>; Ken & Dell <u>McNab</u>; . Rod & Mary <u>Metcalfe</u>; <u>John & Janette Miers</u>; Ron & Pam <u>Petch</u>; . Yvonne <u>Robbins</u>; Bob & Barbara <u>Rutherford</u>; Adrian & Anne <u>Savage</u>; Victor & Audrey <u>Schrier</u>; .Ron & Sandra <u>Smith</u>; Tom & Jacky <u>Smith</u>; Brian & Karon <u>Stevens</u>; Tony & <u>Julie</u> Swift;: .

Visitors-2nd time, Kim & Tanya Moller; Clint Rickard & Cathy Brown

<u>Day visitors</u> – ;Bert & Yvonne <u>Beker</u>; Kevin & Carol <u>Day</u>; Lorna <u>Beattie</u>; Rod & Bev <u>Green</u>; Bob <u>Kearney.</u> Bill & Marj <u>Kasper</u>; Stewart <u>Hornibrook</u>; Lance & Karen <u>Haslewood</u>; Colin & Margaret <u>James</u>; Tony & Lynne <u>Pomroy</u>; Peter & Nerida <u>Versace</u>;

Lucky Winners

Graham & Pat Barr 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 D. McCleod
 The Torque Wrench (donated by N & M Chesney)was won by Jan Miers(lookout John !!)
- The Dip plate set (donated by N & M Chesney) was won by self!
- The Care Flight Quilt & Pillow, (donated by Samford Patchworkers) won by Cathy Brown

ENTERTAINMENT FOR EASTER

THURSDAY	8.30 2.00 6.00 7.30	GOLF CRAFT DINNER AT THE PUB FOR ANY MEMBERS INTERESTED ALSO CARDS IN THE HALL
FRIDAY	9.30 1.00 1.00 1.00 2.30 7 P.M.	MEETING MAHJONG BOOK CLUB CRAFT ALL MEMBERS GET TOGETHER PIKELETS FOR AFTERNOON TEA,BRING YOUR CUPS EASTER HAT PARADE PREPARED BEFORE THE RALLY WITH GAMES TO FOLLOW
SATURDAY	9.30 A.M .12.30 TO 2 2 P.M. 7 P.M.	MEETING/GENERAL MEETING/A.G.M. REGISTRATION & TRIALS FOR MINI DRAGS(see separate poster) TAG ALONG TOUR BRING AFTERNOON TEA & CHAIRS MINI DRAGS DRESS FOR THE OCCASION IN RACING GEAR BRING A PLATE (PREFERABLY WITH SOMETHING ON IT) FOR SUPPER
SUNDAY	9.30 A.M. 1 P.M.	MEETING SINGLES DISC BOWLS.(see separate poster below)
MONDAY		SOCIALISE WITH MEMBERS

It's time for the 2015 Singles Disc Bowls Competition

Both ladies and gents are welcome to play – so come along and join in the fun!

We have trophies for the winner and the runner-up, and provision has been made to engrave the winner's name on his/her trophy. The winner and runner-up can keep their trophies until the next QCC Singles Disc Bowls Competition.

The times to remember are:

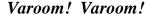
- 5:00pm Friday Nominations close you'll find a nomination slip and container near the club's official gear – please print your full name on the nomination slip.
- 5:00pm Saturday Games and players posted on the noticeboard.
- 10:30am Sunday Games begin. We will break for lunch and again for afternoon tea, and then games continue.

The games start on Sunday at 1;00pm. However, until we have all nominations in and some idea of the weather conditions, we cannot predict exactly what times the semis and finals start.

Everybody willing to help as markers will be appreciated and most welcome. We also need lots of spectators to cheer the players along.

For further details, please contact Barry or Wendy Gibson.

Happy disc bowling!!



Yes, it's Mini Drags competition time again. Raid your grandkids' toy boxes and bring along the fastest model vehicle you can find. Come dressed in your racing gear to help make it a gala event. There will be lots of trophies and prizes.

The three categories this year are:

- Championship your Matchbox/Hot Wheels style car must NOT be modified from purchase
- Modified Your vehicle may have after-purchase modification, but no spring or motor may be used
- Novelty Your vehicle can be anything (helicopter/motorbike whatever you think of).

The track will be available for practice from 1:00pm on Saturday. Don't forget that you can have only one vehicle in each category. Once you have chosen what you want to race, you can register your winner between 1:00pm and 3:00pm on Saturday to race in the comp.

All vehicles will be scrutineered during registration and all winning vehicles will be scrutineered again.

If you have any query, please contact Gary Jarrett.

The competition for real begins at 7:00pm on Saturday night. *Varoom!* Varoom!





Exciting future Entertainment



Sat, May 2nd,2:00pm At Lowood Showgrounds GreetingsIsland.com

Activities Report.

Thursday saw a few early arrivals set up, then set about eagerly exploring this new Venue.

Found, were Macadamia nut trees, lots of native plants and even a particular type of grass seed which was good for birds. Also, a bonus was a working native plant nursery which a couple of members nearly cleaned out on the first day!!(see pics below).









Seeing as it was Friday 13th Mary displayed her black pussy and Witches hat. Would've thought it would have turned grey with age by now.....And Tom found a novel way of transporting he's and Jacki's chairs whilst tracking down a suitable Happy Hour venue!







After Happy hour, a bunch of members wandered along to the Local Tavern, which was quite close by, for a very nice Dinner. The "Cardies" had their usual session and as usual, I lost!!





Apparently, during the heavy van arrivals on Friday, the local "lollipop" lady operating at the school opposite the venue entrance, came over and asked one of the rally Marshalls if we were "a bunch of day release prisoners coming to work on the CREEC grounds"! Seems this used to happen in bygone days!!

She was assured we were harmless !(well, most of us anyway!)

Saturday was a bit hectic.

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After the meeting, a group took off with CREEC staffer, Wayne Marsh for a tour of the Centre, learning about its chequered history... Original success, followed by failure and then rebirth under the auspice of Moreton Shire Council, although it still relies heavily on outside subscriptions. No doubt, judging from President Garys comments in his report, the introduction of Caravan Club access will greatly aid their cause.

Then we had a very informative presentation about towing and towing equipment from Gary Gardiner from "Cequent" of which I believe Hayman Reece are a part. Gary gave a great performance, answering a myriad of questions from members.





This was followed later by another .van industry entity which deals in annexes, **KCDC Annexes**. The impressive demonstrations, using a members van and Neil Chesney as assistant, were handled by Craig Connors, who answered all questions without any hesitation. I think he may even have scored a couple of orders for his trouble





Then, Sunday Morning, we had Malcolm from a new-ish Caravan Repair Business "All in One" Caravan Repairs telling us about his businesses range of available services. (What caused some confusion was that two of the speakers from different companies wore the same Black and Purple shirts!! Luckily they had different colour shoes!!)

2008 model 21'6" Jayco Sterling Full ensuite, HWS, fridge, FOR SALE microwave, all sides and waterproof floor for awning, Hayman Reese level ride. 2 single bed layout. Perfect condition. and all the bells and whistles.

Merle Beresford 33711360 or 0409916434 Neil Chesney 0412737603

Saturday Afternoon saw us enjoying the Annual "Presidents Picnic". Everyone rolled up in their "St Pats" gear ready for the evenings fun and games immediately after the Picnic. The do was full on hilarity.







The Meal was Steakburger and salad, followed by Apple Pie and cream. Quite enjoyable.



Left; We had a visit from a reporter, representing the ABC and an Online news service, "My Town". Her name is Breanda Cross.

She interviewed a few Members and the result was broadcast on ABC radio station 612,4QRs morning show. The Article for the online magazine link is;

http://www.all-inpublications.com.au/Magazine/the-silvernomads-turn-50-shades-of-green/









Left; This sweet was another in the inexplicable run of failures in the Culinary stakes at this Rally! Right; A picture of utter concentration on Jacki Smith from Pat Davies

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Saturday Night After happy hour running into picnic running into "St Pats", everyone was primed for a good night. Unfortunately, I missed a fair bit of photography due to teething problems with new camera (mainly really complicated stuff like not charging battery when new duhhh). The putting competition provided some spirited rivalry.























Whilst the putting was going on, four of our Male Members were being gleefully subjected to utter feminist domination. They were being dressed up, in newspaper, as Brides!! Just glad I was the photographer and not the subject!!





















These two and next two pics are of each "Bride" and their "Handmaidens" or dressers!!











Another Mad ,Chaotic, Success !!

Again, thanks to all concerned with making this inaugral Rally at CREEC a memorable one.

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