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# Q.C.C. Wanderer

The Official Bulletin of the Queensland Caravan Club Inc.

# " Fellowship on Wheels "

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Hi from Stanthorpe!

# CCQs 39th State Rally





**Presidents Report** The Stanthorpe State Rally was well attended and enjoyed by all. For the host clubs: Bayside Caravan Club, Jabiru Caravan Club, Toowoomba & Golden West and the Queensland Caravan Club, there were many challenges which had to be overcome and much hard work was involved. There were many helpers, both at the rally and before the rally, either to organise or donate items. To you all a sincere thanks for making the rally a great success. Your input was much appreciated. I know not all members could attend the rally for various reasons, however, to all who did attend I hope you had a great time.

There were over 250 caravans and the QCC was represented with 53 vans. Lots of activities were on offer and therefore the hall was a hive of activity. At afternoon tea some of our talented musicians entertained, there were exhibitors, seminars, market stalls, trivia, craft etc, etc. and not forgetting great entertainment for the evening program.

Unfortunately Del McNab and Colin Colston had a fall near their van. I am glad to report that they are both okay, albeit I am sure a little bruised. With Stanthorpe's cold weather at times, a few members went down with a dreaded flu-like illness. To all these members, and indeed any members who are not well at present I hope that it will not be too long before you well again. You will note in this newsletter that Dennis Edney is the Chief Rally Marshal. Unfortunately Colin Colston has not been well of late and therefore has passed the reigns to Dennis. Thank you Colin for all you have done. I hope that your health will improve without having marshalling to worry about.

It is only a short time before our next rally at Mulgowie. This is a bush rally with very limited power for special needs only. If you require power please contact Dennis.

Safe travelling and see you in Mulgowie..

Bob

#### Rally at Mulgowie **How to Get There**

#### Mulgowie

From Brisbane South - Follow the Ipswich Motorway. Exit left (veering right over the motorway) onto the Warrego Hwy A2 in the direction of Toowoomba.

Follow the Warrego Hwy for approx 45 kms to Plainlands and at the hotel turn left to Laidlev.

Continue 8 kms to Laidley, continuing through. At the T-junction just past town, turn right (Mulgowie Rd) and follow the signs to Mulgowie (approx 7 kms).

At the Mulgowie Hotel, turn right across a bridge and then almost immediately turn left into the sportsground.

### Rally Info (Needs, Emergencies, etc)

Rally dates:

Official dates:

10th & 11th October

2015

Arrive no earlier than: 7th Oct Depart no later than: 13th Oct

000 Emergency

Nearest Hospital: Laidley hospital, 75 william st. laidley

**Details** 

4380

Venue Address; Mulgowie Road Cross street: Beckman road

Post code, 4341

Medical Needs:

Laidley family Doctors, 36 Ambrose Street, Laidley

Club equipment required:

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

banner, flags and flagpoles.

Rally Marshal Co-ordinator:

If you have a medical need to be close to the amenities, please contact Dennis Edney on 0411539494 or Peter Versace on 0417240935 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. There are very limited powered sites at

this venue.

Pets:

OK on Leash

Fees:

Site Fee: 15.00 per night(powered)

> \$ 10.00 per night(non powered)

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

After Stanthorpe, some members have noted that their water filters were discoloured. It would be advisable for all members to check their water filters and clean if necessary and also flush and refill their water tanks with fresh water. One cannot be too careful

## **Meetings Programme**

(Remember to check the noticeboard at the rally for changes, particularly for any activities on Friday!)

TBA

Sat:	8.30 am	Morning tea	Sun:	8:15-8;45 am	Pay Treasurer & Xmas Meal
	9:00 am	Meeting, followed by general		9.00 am	Morning tea
		meeting		9.30 am	meeting

November 2015 Rally (weekend of 10/11 November) is at the Millmerran Caravan Park, Bruce Road, Millmerran. Cost will be \$30.00 per van per night (discounted rate). The weekly rate is \$160.00 if staying seven days. PLEASE BOOK ASAP through the park, contact Dawn or Tony on 4695 2020 or email; mvcaravanpark@bigpond.commvcaravanpark@bigpond.com

Management Committee

## Club News Special Notices - PLEASE READ

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!

This Rally is a General Meeting. If any Member has any item they would like raised at the meeting, would they please notify the Secretary in writing before 9.30 am on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

## **Future Rallies**

2015

October –Mulgowie-10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> November –Millmerran Caravan Park-14<sup>th</sup> & 15th December-Pine Rivers Showground-5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>

#### **Member News**

# J Happy Birthday to you for October 2015 J

3<sup>rd</sup> Pat Gower

7<sup>th</sup> Shirley Jones

8th George Lacey

9th Merv Pedwell

12th Brenda Usher

14<sup>th</sup> Brian Lewis

14th Clint Rickard

16th Barry Gibson

18th Stewart Hornibrook

19th Del Lowe

19<sup>th</sup> Barabara Cook

20th Ron Petch

20th Cathy Brown

21st David Judge

22<sup>nd</sup> Dell Gray

26<sup>th</sup> Mal Dale

28<sup>th</sup> Paul Brearley

31st Dennis Edney

# J Happy Anniversary to you for October 2015 J

5<sup>th</sup> Ian & Gloria Bamberry

5th Gayle & Adrian Skinner

8th Pam & Barry Easter

10th Jill & Eue Boyle

10th Barbara & Bob Rutherford

19th Carmel & Roy Bridges

21st Jacky & Tom Smith

23rd Lyn & Roy Hill

28th Jean & Mal Dale

28th Yvonne & George Lacey-55y

28th Pam & Ray MacDonald

31st Vicki & Wayne Hills

53 Vans Attended; i.e. 52 members and one (1) second Time Visitor
ABRAHAM Beres & Carmel, BAKER Gordon Sue & Darren, BAMBERRY Ian & Gloria, BARR Graham & Pat
BEKER Bert & Yvonne, BIDDINGTON Judi, BRIDGES Roy & Carmel, BURT Doug & Dorcas, BUZZA Les & Lyn
COLSTON Colin, COXALL Terry & Carolyn, CRAGG Ken & Lyn, DAVIS Tom & Jill, EDNEY Dennis & Heather
EGEN Ian & Gwen, FARRELL Ian & Denise, FRASER Gus & Carol, HILLER Margaret, HILLS Wayne & Vicki
HINSON Alf & Desley, JAMES Colin & Margaret, JARRETT Gary, JONES Shane & Linda, JUDGE David & Helen
KASPER Bill & Marj, KAYS Daryl, KEARNEY Bob & Kathy, LACEY George & Yvonne, LANGLEY Steve & Robyn
LEWIS Brian, LILLIS Michael, LOWE Phil & Del Member, MAC DONALD Ray & Pam, MC CALLUM Keith & Bev
MC GOWAN Murray & Jenni, MC LEOD Des & Jenny, MC NAB Ken & Dell, MIERS John & Jan
MOLLER Kim & Tanya, PARK Terry & Denise, ROBBINS Yvonne, RUTHERFORD Bob & Barbara
SAVAGE Adrian & Ann, SHEEHAN Brian & Denise, SKINNER Adrian & Gayle, SMITH Barrie & Pamela
SMITH Ron & Sandra, SMITH Tom & Jacky, STOCKER Eddie & Sylvia, SWIFT Tony & Julie,
VERSACE Peter & Nerida, WAYCOTT Bill & Denise Member

Visitors: Rod & Mary Metcalf and Second Time Visitors: MATERNE Rudi & Maryanne

Competition Winners at Stanthorpe. Mini Drags Ladies Linda Jones won the fastest ladies' car. Overall winner was Ray McDonald and Ian Egen Runner Up. Golf Denis Edney & Ron Smith won the golf. Runner up with a partner from another club. Disc Bowls. Won by Gold Coast with a score of 9 and was Alf Hinson Runner Up was Coolum Caravan Cub with a score of 7. Our members, Ray McDonald and Graham Barr were in the semi-finals.

**Prizes.** The only lucky van draw I know of is Ken McNab. We did not win the major CCQ Monster Raffle draw, however a few members won prizes. Ray McDonald, levellers: Carol fraser,\$50 Framed note; Tony Swift Kui membership Voucher, Jacki Smith;KUI Membership Voucher, Rod Metcalfe, \$100 Coles Voucher; Ray MacDonald, 2 Folding Chairs; Tony Pomroy, Portable Bathroom shelter;

**Christmas Meal**. The Christmas Rally will be held at the Lawnton Showground on the weekend of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> December. The committee has organised catering for a Christmas Dinner to be served on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December. The total cost is \$25.45 which includes the main meal and a sweet. The club is subsidising \$10.45 and therefore members' to pay \$15.00. The meal to be served is a succulent spit roast beef, pork (lamb or ham to be confirmed), jacket potatoes served with garlic butter & sour cream, whole baked seasoned pumpkin, fresh steamed vegetable combination, garden salad, French bread sticks served with butter plus a tempting dessert (to be finalised). At Mulgowie there will be a couple of members taking payments on the Sunday Morning for the Christmas meal. Payment of \$15.00 for the abovementioned meal needs to be made before the 17 November 2015. If you are unable to attend a rally before this time, please give you payment to some other member or alternatively phone Gwen Egen (secretary). If you have any special dietary requirements you will need to phone/email Gwen. This notice will also appear in the next edition of the QCC Wanderer along with details concerning Santa's This appearance/secret Santa details etc. If you need any further information please contact Gwen.

# Note From Your Editor.

Unfortunately, I won't be attending the Millmeren Rally and would like a volunteer to deputise for me. Tust a matter of taking pics and making a few notes about the goings on. I'm sure you all won't miss the usual stuff for one edition.

Pay is rubbish but appreciation is good. Apply to George.

## Rally Activity report

## Day 1



The usual organised chaos ensued from the opening of the gates at 8.00am, but by mid-afternoon everyone was safely ensconced in their plot for the duration of the event. Once settled in, the routine of finding what was where took over. Registration at the Office, then Places like Canteens, Toilets, showers,

and reticulation stations for disposal of grey

water.(pic on right) This requirement caused a bit of angst among the fraternity but we will have to get used to the idea as more and more facilities are heading this way in the future.

Late afternoon, QCC Members assembled for the obligatory Club Photo and afterwards crowds started wandering in to the Main Auditorium for the Flag Raising and opening Ceremony



Music for the Flag Ceremony was presented by The Stanthorpe RSL Band and



The Dignitaries attending where led by the ever popular Lawrence Springborg, Leader of The Opposition.









As with all these types of happenings, the conversations kept the audience absolutely captivated by the fact the speakers forget we heard the same stuff last year and the year before and the year before that etc,etc (see below!)



Speeches finally exhausted, the BBQ Dinner was served. A very nice Steak burger it was too!





The RSL Band entertained us for a while and then the Cheese and wine Tasting was commenced (must say this was a "country mile" ahead of the last attempt at this type of event), along with a change of pace in the entertainment. Talented Country Singer and Instrumentalist Phil Vellocot (right) did a few sets of his own special brand of music.













Left; Qcc member caught in the act! Helping the Staff polish off leftovers after dinner! Right; Night time scene in the Oval



Day-2 dawned Sunny and

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blowy. Bit of shock to the system as I was in Townsville a week ago!! Busy day in the Main hall, with a couple of bus trips for the "Plonksters" leaving and Craft classes getting under way.



At Afternoon tea the "QCC Trio" entertained the assembled



crowd with a mixture of old and new sing-a-long tunes, aided by provision of lovely typed up song books.

Terry and Denise Parks in, partnership with Hemma maps, gave away a heap of goodies



and our own Marge Casper scored a Hemma Map atlas whilst Jenni McGowen had to settle for a humble Beer cooler.







Funny thing was ,the prizes were awarded to people who had a bit of tape stuck under the right arm of their chair !! It was stuck fast ,so winners had to carry the chair up to the podium as proof of their win !!

The Evening "Italian Night" was kicked off with a nice meal consisting (as one would expect) of Pasta, with Salad. The entertainment started with a couple of Junior performers, Singer Ben Manahan, (13 year old Nephew of our own Shane & Linda Jones)



and Dancer, Sofia Sibley aged 15. Both sound and look as if they are destined for great things. In between, we were treated to the delights of a Trio of Senior Italian songsters. What they lacked in style, their enthusiasm made up for. They sang a selection of Italian songs, mostly made famous by "Deano" Martin, getting the audience singing aided by the bi-lingual songbook provided.









During a break in the music, MC Alf Smerdon introduced one of the prominent wine makers of the district, Angelo Puglisi and his Wife Mary from Ballandean Estate. They gave us an interesting and informative insight into the wine Industry in The Granite Belt and the influence their Family had in the Areas History. Fascinating stuff.





<u>Day 3</u> consisted mainly of Day trips out, Drag racing practice and Seminars.



This Seminar on the Left was put on by "Aloomba Lavender"

For the life of me, I would never have thought of Lavender as anything more than an ingredient in Pot-Pourri bags!!

Here the Lady was cooking Lavender Scones of all things!!

Early evening saw the populace finishing up dinner and sorting their "glad rags" for the Rainbow Ball. First up was the awarding of the winners for the Rainbow Ball

raffle.



First was the beautiful Quilt on the left and second, The "Dream Pot" Eco cooker. Both very useful prizes.



With a Thumbs Up from MC Peter Vernon, along with event organizer Yvonne Robbins (the Rainbow Lady), the Ball was on !!



It was a colourful Spectacular and I was kept busy taking photos against the back drop as well as pics for the newsletter.

















And a fab time was had by all. Brilliantly done by Yvonne Robbins and her team!

## Day 4

Was taken up largely with a total of 6 seminars. The Mini Drags Comp was also run on this day. Results on the Winners Page.

The night event was a Fashion Parade of all that's "trending" just now!









## And as usual, we gotta have a bunch of wags!!







And of course, the Stars!







Another resounding Success. Congrats to all involved.

**Day 5** The Disc Bowl tournament was played today. As we have come to expect from these competitions, the standard was high and very competitive.

Unfortunately, QCC didn't have a show in the Final, which was won once again by the present holders, Gold Coast Caravan Club.



















Evening was time to get ready for the Gala dinner. It was quite a Sumptious meal and exactly as the trial some weeks ago. The caterers did a fantastic job considering the much larger crowd this time!





And by the way "Wow"...The Rally stall was an outstanding success. Many thanks to all the helpers and contributors. Without their efforts nothing would have been achieved. A grateful thanks to all **Pat** 









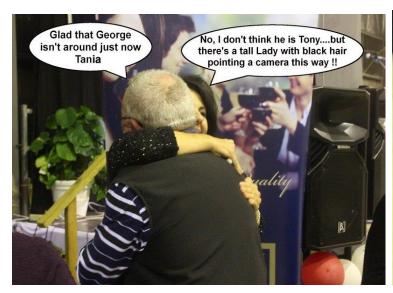




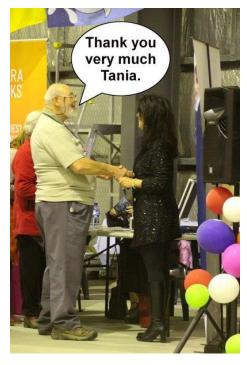
A Duo called "Two Can Tango" provided music whilst we were Dining.

A bit of a surprise when Tania Kernaghan turned up without her Band. After an interview with Alf Smerdon, we certainly knew a lot more about Tania. She went on to perform several songs along with the supporting Act, the best being a new song called "Living the Dream". It was all about us Grey Nomads!! (I hope to have a video of the song available at Mulgowie for club members.)

## Tania stayed back to sell CDs/DVDs and a few sneakies were obtained!!









**Day 6-The Final Curtain!** 

The last day opened with the general public been invited in for a market day. After packing up all the stalls, the hall was readied for the closing ceremony.





A bunch of old vehicles were on show for the Rock & Roll Stomp later in the evening. (for the enthusiasts I believe they were, Chevrolet Impala, FJ Holden and A single spinner Ford Customline! The Bikes were Harleys).





Before the Closing Ceremony we had a few presentations. In the Photo Comp, Bert Beker won in "Landscapes" and Denise Park in "Reflections". Congrats to both.

Then the Monster Raffle was drawn. Sadly lady luck didn't shine very brightly on our Club(Boo Hoo)

Once the Closing Ceremony was over, patrons lined up for a burger

from the Lions outfit. Once all were fed and watered, the Stomp was on!!











During the Course of the Stomp, Prizes (Kindly donated By Neil Chesney), were given for various things, judged by our guests for the evening, "The Clifton Dancers"













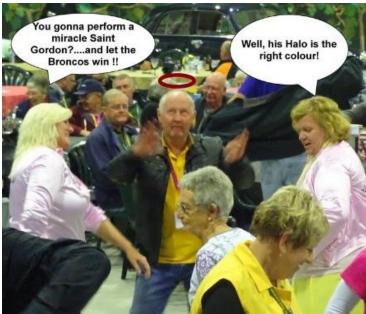














Tania Kernaghan's, Livin' The Dream CD, featuring the caravanners anthem "Livin' The Dream" plus her Greatest Hits *CD+DVD*, featuring 20 hit songs along with 2 hours of DVD content, is available from www.taniakernaghan.com click on the SHOP link to get your personally autographed copy today



# Well Members, That's it for another year.

See you all at Mulgowie for the Speakeasy Night





Friday night, if you wish, you can go to the Mulgowie Pub for a meal. Kevin and Kylie are setting a area aside for us in the Bistro. Ph 54659127 bookings essential

Saturday morning is market day with the following stalls. Market set up at 9am with selling commencing at 10am in the hall

Emmos Fine Foods [Annie] Goats milk cheese and Gelato [yum]

D.A.D.Z. Farm [Darrin and Debbie] Home grown produce and Home made **Preserves** 

Naughty Goat Farm [Hamish] Handmade Goats milk soap

Holmwood Produce [Gary and Anne] Lavender crafts and natural skincare products handmade

Brieschkes Lockyer Valley Olives [Ken and Barb] Olives, Olive oil and Infused Olive oil varieties

Annie from Emmos will be doing a demonstration on how to make Ricotta cheese

On saturday afternoon there will be a tag along tour of the valley leaving at approx 1pm from the hall. Usual thing fill the cars up.















Club Mulgowie

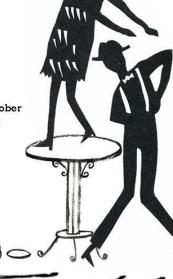
at Mulgowie Recreational Hall



Saturday 10th October from 6.30 pm

SPEAKEAS 20's & 30's Dress Essential

RSVP: Yvonne 0417 785 783





If Don't Like it, TOUGH!!! See Loose Lips Louie at the Door

Pollo al forno with Italian Vegetables

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Bring you own teapot & cups for da drinks!

We don't want Elliot Ness onto us!

Bring you own Plates, Knives & Forks and don't use them to stab da cooks in der eyes.

Panna Cotta Dark and Light





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