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Hi from Millmerran



Presidents Report

Hello QCC Members,

Our Millmerran rally started on a sad note when we learnt that Vicki & Wayne Hills were on their way to the rally and had an accident in their van. Thankfully they were not physically injured, however, very shaken and no doubt will take some time to recover from their experience. I believe their caravan is a write off, however, their car did not suffer any damage. On behalf of all members, I wish Wayne and Vicki a speedy recovery in every way from their harrowing experience.

The Millmerran Village Caravan Park was a very nice, clean park with good amenities.

There were 34 vans at the rally and we had a terrific time, especially with the bus trip to the power station and then back to the Lions Club for a burger (beautiful tender steak) and from there moving across the road to a very tidy and well stocked museum. You could spend hours here.

Thank you Merv for organising the trip to the power station, arranging lunch at the Lions Park and the museum tour. I am sure everyone enjoyed themselves.

During the afternoon we had a storm with some strong winds but thankfully no damage was done.

I would like to point out to members that over the last couple of rallies we have had early meetings due to events that were organised which made the daily program easier to manage and perhaps let members have sufficient time to ready themselves for an event.

Next rally (Lawnton) we will revert back to a 9.30am start for Saturday and Sunday meetings.

If events organised for a rally in the future dictate earlier meetings then the committee will decide whether this is necessary.

Our next rally is our Christmas rally at Lawnton. This is a great venue for this time of the year with local markets also happening on the Saturday and I believe Pat may hold a RFDS stall for anyone wish to purchase some Christmas Gifts.

As this is my last report before Christmas, Kathy and I would like to wish all Queensland Caravan Club members and their families a very happy and safe Christmas.

Look forward to seeing you at Lawnton.

Safe travelling ,Bob

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 showground(Lawnton) How to Get There

Pine Rivers Showground (04/14)	<p>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 <u>the next exit</u> (signed “Brackenridge Rd/Strathpine”). At the end of the ramp, turn <u>right</u> 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 <u>right</u>, shortly after you pass Bunnings and Supercheap (right). Turn into the showgrounds entrance and follow the club signs to the rally.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>For the benefit of anyone having to arrive on Saturday Morning, the Main entrance won't be available due to the markets being on. There is another entrance a couple of hundred metres further on which will entail going further on and doing a U turn to come back.</p>
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Rally Info (Needs, Emergencies, etc)

Rally dates: Official dates: 5th & 6th December 2015
 Arrive no earlier than: 2nd Dec
 Depart no later than: 8th Dec

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Nearest Hospital: Prince Charles Hospita, Rode Rd ,Chermside

Showground Address & nearest Cross street:

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

Medical Needs: Strathpine Family Medical Centre, Shop 10a, corner of Bells pocket road and Gympie road

Site Contacts:

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 Co-ordinator: Dennis Edney – If you have a medical need to be close to the amenities, please contact Dennis on 0411539494 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: \$17.50 per caravan per night
 Administration Fee: \$ 3.00 per caravan
 Hall Hire: \$ 0.00 per caravan

Meetings Programme			(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	Sun:	8:15-8:45 am 9.00 am 9.30 am TBA	Pay Treasurer Morning tea meeting Management Committee .

Club News –Xmas Party



After the Saturday morning meeting ,each member who has paid for the meal will receive a ticket for same, along with a table number... Tables can be decorated from 2pm onwards. Santa will be arriving approx. 3.00pm.The Secret Santa gifts are to be \$5.00 value, male or female and only one present per child please!! Alcohol will be permissible under usual club rules.



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!

The next general meeting will be held at the Laidley rally on Saturday 9th January.

Any items for the agenda should be with Secretary Gwen by 9am on morning of the meeting.

Future Rallies

2016

January---9th & 10th—Laidley Showgrounds
 February-13th & 14th—Yarraman Caravan Park
 March---12th & 13th –Hillview Hall
 April-----9th & 10th—Maleny Showground
 May-----14th & 15th—Pittsworth Showgrounds
 June-----11th & 12th---Samford Showground

July-----9th & 10th---Blackbutt Showground
 August—13th & 14th--Kalbar Showground
 Sept-----20thto 30th –Canberra National Rally
 October---15th & 16th---Allora Showground
 November—12th & 13th--Esk Caravan Park
 December—3rd & 4th--Dayboro Showground

Will anyone who has any club equipment with electrical cord attached, please bring to This rally for testing by David Judge.....Thank You very much.

Member Milestones

Rod and Mary Metcalfe
Celebrated their 45th Wedding
Anniversary at this rally



Good News !!

Rod and Mary have also
ordered a new caravan and it
will be available
February/March next year.

♪ Happy Birthday to you for December 2015 ♪

1st Lyn Buzza
1st Joyce Nicole
4th Irene Cuthbert
5th Carmel Abraham
5th Frank Gaffney
7th Jacky Smith

8th Carol Day
10th Lionel Jacobson
11th Pauline Lewis
14th Tony Stephenson
15th Noeleen Jarrett
17th Yvonne Robbins
17th Gail Caddies

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

♪ Happy Anniversary to you for December 2015 ♪

8th Tony & Julie Swift
17th Lynne & Tony Pomroy

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

34 caravans gathered in Millmerran for the rally in November

Members Present at Rally

BAKER Gordon, Sue & Darren, BEKER Bert & Yvonne, BREARLEY Paul & Di, BRIDGES Roy & Carmel,

BURT Doug & Dorcas, CARROLL John & Jenny, COXALL Terry & Carolyn, DAVIS Tom & Jill

DUKES Graham & Dawn, EGEN Ian & Gwen, FARRELL Ian & Denise, GAFFNEY Frank & Rhonda

GRAY Geoff & Dell, HASLEWOOD Lance & Karen, HILLER Margaret, JACOBSON Lionel & Mary

JUDGE David & Helen, KAHLER Merv, Carolyn & Mackenzie, KAYS Daryl & Margaret,

KEARNEY Bob & Kathy, LOWRIE Des & Yvonne, MARTIN Trevor & Mavis, MATERNE Rudi & Marianne MC LEOD Des & Jenny, MIERS John & Jan, PARK Terry & Denise, PETCH Ron & Pam

RUTHERFORD Bob & Barbara, SAVAGE Adrian & Ann, SCHRIER Victor & Audrey,

SHEEHAN Brian & Denise, SKINNER Adrian & Gayle, WAYCOTT Bill & Denise.

Day visitors – Rod & Mary Metcalfe, Roger & Laurel Adams

Lucky Winners

Bob & Barbara Rutherford were the winners of the Lucky Van Number(18). They've won Two free nights at the next non-caravan park rally they attend.

Raffle The \$50 note (donated byQCC) was won by Gail Skinner.

Prizes: The Coffee maker (donated by Merv Kahler) was won by Carmel Bridges.

The Gas Burner & Cartridges (donated by Merv Kahler) was won by Marg Hiller.

10 X Caravan Australia magazines were given away by random Draw . 10 Happy members

Activity report for Millmerran

Firstly, thanks to Denise Park for standing in for me at this Rally. She supplied me with a heap of photos and a brief rundown on what went on, so here is my interpretation of events !!



Friday seemed to be for maximum relaxation for Mary, the Marauding Mah-Jonggers and the rest of the Happy Hour enthusiasts



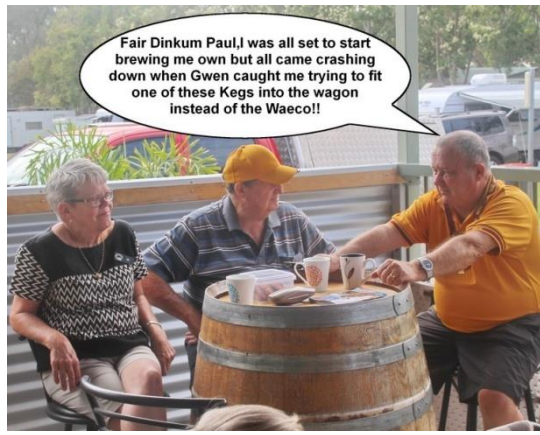
Sorry Rod and Mary...just couldn't resist !!!

Happy 45th Anniversary !!

Saturday was always going to be a busy day(if you so chose). The meeting had a couple of "ring ins" due to absences. Tom Smith was replaced by John Carroll as the 3 cheers man and Denise Waycott deputised for Heather Edney as Sunshine lady, whilst Merv Kahler & Family did a roaring trade selling tickets for the mornings bus trip.



A couple of "Meeting Musings"



The trip got under way with first stop Millmerran Power Station.



This station is, apparently, privately owned and it's source of fuel is the coal mine on site. It is a sizeable employer in the area, having 200 full time staff and is destined to last until at least 2043, probably dependant on supply of fuel.



Next stop was Lunch at the “Lions Den”.
 And a fine feed it was judging from the many comments heard.



Taking shelter from an unexpected heavy shower of rain



After stocking up on energy, Members headed for the Town Historical museum, having to dodge a sudden shower on the way. From reports, the museum has a very comprehensive collection of old gear and is well maintained by a group of very dedicated band of volunteers.



Ladies Interests



Mens interests!



Urgent Interests!!

Then, back to HQ in time for Happy Hour, blending into a Communal evening meal.



Saturday nights entertainment was a game of “Celebrity Heads”, organised by Mary Jacobson, filling in for Yvonne Robbins.



Sunday saw the closing of the rally, the highlight seeming to be the Auction of a carton of milk by Master Auctioneer , Paul Brearley. He did



pretty well to prise \$5 for a \$2 carton of milk from Adrian Savage.... Thanks again go to all who were involved in making this another very enjoyable rally.....

But wait !.....There's more !!

At last, our Club “Ambassador at Large”, Thomas is back in circulation after his latest adventure. This was a Trip to New Caledonia aboard the ship Carnival Spirit with George and Yvonne Lacey.



During the Cruise (at a pacific Island call “Mare”) Thomas met a new friend called Elle, who was visiting her Dad from her home in Noumea



Strange as it may seem, it turned out Elle was the Daughter of one of the Local Island Witchdoctors. She took Thomas to meet him and he was appalled at the loss of Thomas’s right arm!! The Doc and Thomas shared a few jugs of “Kava”, Thomas passed out and when he awoke....He had a new arm.!! Elle’s dad had worked a spell on him whilst he was asleep !!! Doesn’t that tale bring a tear to yer eye? Anyway here he is in all his glory ready to Xmas party !!



See y’all at Lawnton for the Xmas Rally.

Editorial Comment

Just seeing the pics of the “Driver Reviver” sign earlier in the newsletter prompted mention of my own recent observations concerning these operations. Over the last couple of years ,Yvonne and I have had occasion to drive between Brisbane and Melbourne several times, the last being a couple of weeks ago. Each time, we took a different route, but no matter which way we went we were surprised by the fact that of the many such stations we passed, not one of them was open for business. We have always made a point of using them were possible as they need the support to keep volunteers operating them. There never seems to be a shortage of traffic but one wonders if a great idea is failing...

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Stop Press

Yvonne our entertainment lady, informs me that Kevin and Carol day are back from their travels and will be back to the 3.00pm Friday boot scooting session and possibly another session on Saturday .Also I believe the Craft and mah-jong will be on Friday....See the Notice board for details!!

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