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" Fellowship on Wheels "

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Presidents Report

Gooday Members

Pittsworth has been one of my favourite rally sites, during my 13 years in the caravan club. We have held two State rallies here in 2003 & 2009.

Good to see 56 caravans attend, with second time visitors Janelle Donaldson & Peter & Gail Johnston. Also we had two couples inducted into the club at this rally Mike & Diane Perry & Roger & Laurel Adams.

Friday morning 14 golfers enjoyed playing golf at the local golf club in Pittsworth, the sunny skies made it even more pleasant. Great to see three ladies participating as well and some keen golf scores.

Friday afternoon the Management Meeting was held, and I think the change of time slot was approved by all members on the committee.

Friday night brought out 16 keen card players, The venue in the small hall area was very cool but better than the large building. But a cup of tea & coffee warmed everyone after the conclusion of the card game.

Saturday morning after the meeting, over 50 members, attended the Careflight morning tea in Toowoomba. This was a very enjoyable morning tea and everyone who attended spoke very highly of this activity. Then a tagalong tour, from Toowoomba back to Pittsworth was also enjoyed by members. Merv Kahler thank you for organising both these Saturday afternoon we celebrated our 67th birthday afternoon tea. We had past events. Presidents Ken McNab, Bert Beker, Roy Bridges, Bob Kearney and myself cut the birthday cake. Thank you to Margaret Hiller for organising the afternoon tea. Saturday

night 58 players were involved in a game of Trivia, organized and run by Margaret Hiller. This was a fun night and some very strong opposition and debating from many members. Margaret, thank you for the night, we all appreciate your skills and laughs during the night.

I would like to thank the rally marshals for another great rally. Members, thank you all who helped with the table and chairs, for the meeting in the hall. Then, returning them back to the store building. This made my job a lot easier with all your help.

Safe travelling to all the members, who are now on their travels around Australia. Stay safe, happy, healthy and look forward to seeing you all at Samford for our June rally.

President John.

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Rally at Samford – How to get there

Samford Showground	<u>From Southside:</u> Proceed from Riverside expressway onto Coronation Drive, taking right overpass into Petrie terrace past Suncorp(Lang Park) Stadium. Follow Kelvin	
24/12/2013	Grove Road, changing to Enoggera Road, changing to Samford Road to Samford Village. At Roundabout take 2 nd exit and follow Mt Glorious road and 6.8klms turn right into Showgrounds Drive. Show ground is about 1klm on the left.	
GPS	into Showgrounds Drive. Show ground is about Tkini on the left.	
	From Northside: Varies depending where you are coming from, but once at Samford	
27 22 16 S	Village, same as above	
152 49 10 E		

Nearest Hospital: Prince Charles Hospital, Rode Road, Chermside 4032									
Address : Showground drive, Cross street: Mt Glorious Rd									
Post cod	le 452	0							
Medical		Samford Valley M	edical (dical Centre,2/37 Main St. Samford, 4520					
Club equipmer required:	nt	Kitchen equipment and urns, first aid, PA system, library & souvenirs, fire extinguisher, banner, flags and flagpoles.							
Special needs:		No Dump point (nearest is Lawnton).Please don't empty any cassettes in the toilets as they are Septic!! Ignoring this request could have serious consequences on future bookings at this venue for QCC.							
		Long power Leads required, Bore water only.							
Rally Mar Co-ordina		Dennis Edney – If you have a medical need to be close to the amenities, please contact Dennis on 07 3824 1406 or 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: Administration Fee: Hall Hire:									
		Administration Fee: \$ 3.00 per caravan							
Vinter Meetings Programme			(Remember to check the noticeboard at the rally for changes, particularly for any activities on Friday!)						
Sat: 9:30	0pm 0 am	Committee Meeting Morning tea		Sun:	9;00 am 9.30 am 10;0 am	Pay Treasurer Morning tea meeting			



10;00

am

Meeting



Club News

New Members & Member Milestones



Mike & Diane Perry, <u>Left;</u> and Roger & Laurel Adams ,<u>Right;</u> Inducted as new Members.

Far Right;

Kem & Bev McDowall, 150 Rallies achieved.... Well done!





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 where to put you. Ta Muchly!

Future Rallies

2016

June- Samford- 11th & 12th July- Blackbutt- 9th & 10th August- Kalbar- 13th & 14th September-Canberra National Rally-20th to 30th October- Allora- 15th & 16th November- Esk Caravan Park-12th & 13th December-Dayboro-3rd & 4th

Please Note Members, if you are planning on arriving on Wednesdays, remember the new arrival time is strictly no earlier than 2 PM

J Happy Birthday to you for J

3rdKaren Stevens5thJudi Biddington6thLinda Van Wyk6thTom Davis13thDenise Farrell

14th Julie Swift
18th Robyn Parker
19th Ian Bamberry
20th Margaret James
20th Jan Miers
22nd Ken McNab

- 23rd Denise Sheehan
- 26th Bev Green
- 28th Sylvia Stocker
- 28th Nerida Versace
- 29th Col Green

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J Happy Anniversary to you for J

- 3rd Dawn & Graham Dukes
- 4th Shirley & Graham Sheehan
- 5th Diane & Paul Brearley
- 7th Rhonda & Frank Gaffney
- 7thLinda & Richard Van Wyk11thBev & Harold Liley14thIan & Denise Farrell
- 25th Sue & Tony Stephenson

Other News

56 caravans gathered at Pittsworth for the rally in May

Details about the site.

Info about Samford entertainment

Friday.....3-4pm,Line Dancing....7.30pm,Cards

Saturday....9 -10am, Neil Chesney to present a safety talk(will be during morning tea)

11-12pm, St Johns Ambulance will put on a demonstration

3-4pm, Team training for evening Event

7pm,...It's On !! The "SAMFORD MINI 'LIMPICS"



Mini Olympics

This major sporting event is almost upon us. As teams will need to make some team items, could you please bring along to the rally glue, scissors, staplers, safety pins, crayons or felt pens or colouring in pencils. Don't go buying these, just what you have around.

Team colours are red, yellow, blue and green and as you do not know what team you are in yet, could you see if you can find items of clothing in these colours eg club shirts, state rally shirts, head bands etc.

Do you need to be fit - no? Do you need to run - no? All you need is enthusiasm, be prepared to have a go and be prepared to have a lot of fun.

The special guests will be impressed by a big turn out at Samford by our club.

Kev Day

Secretary Brenda is trying a new approach to the usual Notice Board. In future there won't be any papers pinned to the board. All paperwork will be sorted into categories and displayed on the table in folders, which will have the contents listed on the front.

News was released at the Pittsworth Rally that the next years State Rally will be held in Goondiwindi and will be run by CCQ with local input, 18^{th to-}25thSept 2017 And people wonder why others jump to conclusions. It didn't go entirely unnoticed at one of the meetings that President John, on a number of occasions, mistakenly called Paul Brearley "Pauline". Now Moi, not being adverse to a bit of gossip, started thinking!! Does John know something we don't.? Paul is going away shortly and I don't know where. But I have heard of those dodgy places like Thailand where anyone can get anything done !!Hope he don't come back with a sexy voice, no Adams apple and wearing Di's clothes....Just Kidding.....I hope !

Members Present at the Pittsworth Rally

- Members • Beres & Carmel Abraham; Gordon, Sue & Darren Baker; Bert & Yvonne Beker Roy & Carmel Bridges; Trevor & Nola Bromley; Les & Lyn Buzza; John & Jenny Carroll; Neil & Marie Chesney; Colin Colston; Terry Coxall; Kevin & Carol Day; Tom & Jill Davis; Bill & Ann Dobe; Graham & dawn Dukes; Dennis & Heather Edney; Ian & Gwen Egen; Ian & Denise Farrell; Rod & Bev Green; Lance Haslewood; Patrick & Ann Hetherman; Margaret Hiller Alf & Desley Hinson; Gordon Ison; Colin & Margaret James; Shane & Linda Jones; David & Helen Judge; Merv & Carolyn Kahler; Bob & Kathy Kearney. ; George & Yvonne Lacey; Steve & Robyn Langley; Phil & Del Lowe; Des & Yvonne Lowrie; Ray MacDonald; Keith & Bev McCallum; Kem & Bev McDowall; Murray & Jenn Mc Gowan; Des & Jenny McLeod; Ken & Dell McNab; Trevor & Mavis Martin: Rudi & Marianne Materne Rod & Mary Metcalfe; Bob & Joyce Nicol; Terry & Denise Park; Victor & Audrey Schrier; Brian & Denise Sheehan; Adrian & Gayle Skinner; Barrie & Pamela Smith; Ron & Sandra Smith; Ray & Jan Steele; Bruce & Chris Truloff ;Les & Brenda Usher; Visitors –
- Visitors Peter & John Gayle(2nd); Diane & Michael Perry; Roger Laurel Adams; Janelle Donaldson,

Lucky Winners

Beres & Carmel Abrahams were the winners of the Lucky Van Number. They've won Two free nights at the next non-caravan park rally they attend.

Raffle Prizes:

- The \$50 Voucher (donated by QCC) was won by Di Brearley
- The Toiletries (donated by ??) was won by Desley Hinson.
- The Rug (donated by Yvonne Robbins) was won by Margaret James.
- Flowers (donated by Dianne Farrell) won by Dawn Dukes.
- Flowers
 " " " won by Carmel Bridges.
- Bear (donated by Careflight) won by Daryl Kayes





Golf—Ladies

1st-Heather Edney+Longest Drive,

2nd Desley Hinson,

3rd-Linda Jones(first time out!),

Mens-1st ... Des Lowrie,

2nd--John Carroll,

3rd....Steve Langley



"We've only played three holes and we've both already shot our ages!"



"Since this sinkhole showed up, this is an easy par 3."

MISTY MORN AT PITTSWORTH

By Mary E. Metcalfe © 15 May 2016

A thick fog blanketed the still sleeping campground Here and there an early walker could, perhaps, be found Bird calls welcomed in another Pittsworth dawn Some yet in bed only pulled up the covers stifling a yawn!

Ghostly tall trees watched like sentinels above us all Strong cold winds earlier were on the turn Eliminating for any camper concern About shaky gum limbs that might fall.

Ever so slowly the sun's golden and pink rays quietly pierced the enveloping cloud revealing-- oh so many caravan outlines whose owners were members of the QCC proud.

First light morning chill gave way to gloriously sunny days Trips to Careflight and Downs Steam were just two of the ways In which "fellowship on wheels" was enjoyed An autumn rally on the Darling Downs sure pays!

No shortage of activities we found close by the Showgrounds Golf, shopping, walking to a fresh bakery, And nearby hotel dining with a brisk walk home Examples of just what could be found.

What a great extended weekend we have all spent As this venue, itself so fortunately lent To a birthday party so fine Sixty-seven years as a club across the line.

Members consumed pikelet fare and cream birthday cake While colourful balloons hung aloft blew in the breeze And instrumental and vocal music the artists did make As the sun sank lower in the west, beyond the trees.

Our evening mental stimulation also did not miss a beat Margaret's Australian Trivia was indeed a fun-filled show With each team making it a somewhat noisy feat.

So much work goes on regularly for each rally Behind the scene Just attend a monthly club gathering And you'll sure see what I mean!

Thank you to all those who provide pleasure and activities for the rest of us.



Thought this was a great idea!

Six(6) cuts not quite to the bottom,

add some lighting fuel to the Centre

then light it up!! Courtesy of Dell McNab

Pittsworth Activity Report.

Usual crop of sneaky pics to start the proceedings off !!

Terse Verse The caravanners stood at the Pearly Gates, their faces were sad and old, they humbly asked the man of fate for admission to the fold.

"What have you done" St. Peter asked "to gain admission here?" "We were on the committee, Sir" they said, "for most of this long year."

> The gates flew open sharply as Peter pressed the bell. "Come inside and take a harp – you've had enough of hell!"

Submitted by Wendy Gibson









Friday evening saw some 60 souls attend the local Hostelry for Dinner. Although the Hotel was forewarned of our attendance they did a magnificent job of serving our crowd in double quick time. I reckon they served the first wave of about 50 patrons in 35minutes flat and the later stragglers well within the hour. Amazing work and lovely meals. A bunch of us "worked off " our meal with a little light exercise at the Card tables later in the evening.



<u>Saturday</u> dawned cool and clear. After the inductions etc at the meeting, a large number of Members gathered for the trip into Toowoomba for Care Flight Outing.



As I wasn't able to go on the tour,Lance Haslewood did the photo honours for me. It was reportedly a very informative and enjoyable experience,relaxed enough to allow some of our Members to play "silly sods" now and again.





Merv Kahler supervised the drawing of the winning ticket for the second Careflight bear, won by Whilst Kevin Day presented a Cheque for the Careflight share of raffle proceeds from QCC.



After their Morning tea ,the crowd left for the return trip Via a visit to "Downs Steam" Railway Museum. This I would really have liked to see as I am a railway enthusiast and never knew it existed until people returned!



The Exhibition had a good assortment of Restored and partly restored old Rolling stock, from Basic stuff down to "Downs" like Luxurious. And of course some weird and wonderful artefacts as all these places seem to have!!







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Thanks for the pics and helpful Brochures Lance, much appreciated.

After an interesting Morning ,it was a mad dash Back to Pittsworth where the "Ladies Auxillary" and Male helpers had been busy preparing for our 67th Birthday Party celebrations.



Afternoon tea nibbles were spread around the venue and tea & coffee was being served, whilst we were serenaded by an assortment of our musical talent.





The Birthday Cake was Cut by 5 Present, Past Presidents !!! Sort that one out if ya can !





As Dusk fell, it was a quick dash back to the Vans for a change to warmer clothes and out again to the Australian Trivia Quiz night, hosted by Margie Hiller. Now I'm not saying we are a bunch of Dummies, but Margie dug up some questions that weren't out of left field, they where out of the flippin' universe. She used her well travelled life to fox us all and we didn't come out of the comp smellin' of roses, not even the winners .Of course, we could use our ages as excuses 'cos I'm sure most of us tell our kids that we've "Forgotten more than they know".



Anyway, it was a good turnout and a cracking game enjoyed immensely by all participants!!! The winners, on the right, thoroughly deserved their win and as you can plainly see,

.....winners are grinners



Sunday had the usual low key meeting, especially after such a hectic weekend. It was wound up by a visit from long time QCC Acquaintance, Roz Scotney, who filled us in on her pursuits and pastimes since she was Mayor of Pittsworth.



Right;.....Intuition...... Like only "The Can Man Can"





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