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Presidents Report, Samford 2016.

Gooday Members

I was extremely honored & overwhelmed to present Jackie & Tom Smith with their 300th rally badges. Both Jackie & Tom talked about the early days in the club, with many children present. The children used to have their own social club, and many activities to keep them busy. In those days, everyone arrived Friday night late after work, and left Sunday afternoon ready for work on Mondays after a busy but enjoyable weekend.

53 vans attended this rally and Janelle Donaldson was inducted into the club on Saturday morning.

After the Saturday meeting, Paul, from St. Johns Ambulance Brigade gave a very informative and interesting discussion on the correct format in emergency procedures. His presentation had a lot of humor, fun and interaction with members. I am sure everyone enjoyed Paul's talk, and gained a little more knowledge in case of an emergency.

Saturday afternoon we all listen to our member Neil Chesney, talk about the importance of safety with our caravans. This was prior to travelling on holidays around the country as well as our rallies. Thank you Neil for your talk, I believe all members walked away with more knowledge of how important it is to have our caravans safe when travelling.

Between 2.00pm and 4.00pm, the team captains & their groups were preparing flags and outfits for the main event later. The warm ups by selected groups from each team allowed members to loosen up their muscles ready for the big event later that night.

The highlight of the Rally was the Mini Olympics held on Saturday night. Thank you to Carol & Kevin Day for another fun filled, enjoyable & exciting night. It was great to see the attendances very high, but more importantly everyone stayed to the end of the night.....(Continued page 5)

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Rally at Blackbutt. How to Get There

Blackbutt
Showgrounds (1/12)

GPS.

-26° 52' 54.59",

152° 6' 7.04"

Either – Continue on the Bruce Hwy north **past** the Buchanan Road/ Morayfield exit. At the next exit (Caboolture/Bribie Island/Kilcoy - Exit 152) there are 2 lanes that exit. Exit Bruce Hwy on the **right exiting lane**, which continues on to Kilcoy and D'Aguilar Hwy. Once on the road to Kilcoy and after going under the overhead bridge, move into the left lane, following the signs to Kilcoy. Follow the D'Aguilar Hwy through Wamuran, Woodford and Kilcoy, until you arrive at Blackbutt. Note – Blackbutt is approx 30 kms past the turnoff to Esk. **

Or – From Ipswich Motorway, turn onto the Brisbane Valley Hwy. Continue through Esk and past the Toogoolawah turnoff. Turn left onto the D'Aguilar Hwy 17. Continue approx 30 kms until you arrive at Blackbutt. **

** You will see a War Memorial statue at the end of the shops. Turn right at the statue into Hart St. The showgrounds is approx 500 metres on your right.

Rally Info (Needs, Emergencies, etc)

Rally dates:

Official dates: 9th & 10th July 2016

Arrive no earlier than: **2pm** on Wednesday 6th July

Depart no later than: Tuesday 12th July

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Showground Address : 17 Bowman Street.

Emergency

Cross street: D'Aguilar Highway

Details

Post Code

Nearest Hospital:

4306

Nanango Hospital, 135 Brisbane Street, Nanango 4615

Medical
Needs:

Blackbutt Medical Centre, 91 Coulson street, Blackbutt 4306

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 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: \$ 20.00 powered, \$16 non powered, per van per night
Administration Fee: \$ 3.00 per caravan
Hall Hire: \$ 0.00 per caravan

Winter Meetings Programme

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

Fri; 1;30pm Committee Meeting

Sun: 9;00 am Pay Treasurer
9.30 am Morning tea
10;0 am meeting

Sat: 9:30 am Morning tea
10;00 am Meeting

Club News

Special Notices – PLEASE READ

For info on CCQ, 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 connector 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!

Next general meeting is at Blackbutt on Sat.9th July. If you have anything to add to the Agenda, please lodge with Secretary, in writing, by 9.00am that day.

Future Rallies

2016

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

🎵 Happy Birthday to you for July 🎵

2nd Pam MacDonald
3rd Desley Hinson
7th Lynne Pomroy
9th Barbara Rutherford
14th Gayle Skinner
15th Lyn Hill
16th Ann Dobe

17th Laural Adams
19th Pamela Easter
19th Gloria Bamberry
22nd Lance Haslewood
22nd Kim Moller
23rd Bev McDowall
23rd Jenny McLeod

24th Tanya Moller
25th Gail Lander
26th Bob Kearney
29th Pam Petch
29th Peter Johnston
30th Merv Kahler
31st Diane Perry

🎵 Happy Anniversary to you for July 🎵

8th Robyn & Steve Langley
13th Karen & Lance Haslewood
21st Margaret & Stan Thomas
21st Carol & Gus Fraser

21st Denise & Bill Waycott
27th Gail & Ray Caddies
29th Shirley & Ernie Jones

New Members & Member Milestones



Above left... Janelle Donaldson, Latest Newbie



Tom & Jacky Smith receiving their accolades upon reaching their 300th Rally Badge. Stupendous effort !

Other News

Showground Rally

53 caravans gathered for the rally in Samford. [Details about the site.](#) Perfect as usual.

Members Present at the Rally

- Beres & Carmel [Abraham](#); Roger & Laural [Adams](#); Gordon, Sue & Darren [Baker](#); . Bert & Yvonne [Beker](#); .. Roy & Carmel [Bridges](#); Les & Lyn [Buzza](#). John & Jenny [Carroll](#); Neil & Marie [Chesney](#); Kevin & Carol [Day](#); Tom & Jill [Davis](#); Bryan & Pat [Davies](#); Janelle [Donaldson](#); Graham & Dawn [Dukes](#); Dennis & Heather [Edney](#); Ian & Gwen [Egen](#); Ian & Denise [Farrell](#); .Barry & Wendy [Gibson](#); Lance [Haslewood](#); Patrick & Ann [Hetherman](#); Roy & Lyn [Hill](#); Margaret [Hiller](#); Wayne & Vicki [Hills](#); Alf & Desley [Hinson](#); Gordon [Ison](#); Gary & Noeleen [Jarrett](#); Colin & Margaret [James](#); Shane & Linda [Jones](#); David & Helen [Judge](#); Merv & Carolyn [Kahler](#); Daryl & Margaret [Kays](#); George & Yvonne [Lacey](#); Barry & bGail [Lander](#); Steve & Robyn [Langley](#); Brian [Lewis](#); Ross & Bindra [Luscombe](#); Kem & Bev [McDowall](#); Murray & Jenn [Mc Gowan](#); Des & Jenny [McLeod](#); Ken & Dell [McNab](#); . Rod & Mary [Metcalf](#); John & Janette [Miers](#); Kim & Tanya [Moller](#) Bob & Barbara [Rutherford](#); Adrian & Anne [Savage](#); Victor & Audrey [Schrier](#); Brian & Denise [Sheehan](#); Adrian & Gayle [Skinner](#); Barrie & Pamela [Smith](#); Ron & Sandra [Smith](#); Tom & Jacky [Smith](#); Ray & Jan [Steele](#); Tony & Sue [Stephenson](#); Brian & Karen [Stevens](#); Les & Brenda [Usher](#); Peter & Nerida [Versace](#);;
- Day visitors – Lionel & Mary [Jacobson](#);

Lucky Winners

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

- Raffle
- The \$50 (donated by QCC.) was won by Colin James..
- Prizes:
- The Wallet (donated by M.Jacobson) was won by K.McDowall
 - The recipe book (donated by G Skinner) was won by ??

Whilst on the subject of Luck, here at the QCC, we are fortunate enough to have our own excellent Website on the Internet. It is solely for the use of QCC club members and is a mine of information, kept up to date by Webmaster Extraordinaire, Lance Haslewood. If you haven't already done so, give it a whirl....It is well worth a visit. Web address is : www.qcccaravanclub.com.au Click on this link for a visit.

(Presidents report continued)

The committee thought of having a Grandparents day at the Laidley rally in January 2017. I hope everyone attends and supports the idea, as we are also going to invite the "Cruizin Caravan Club" as they have children in their club. This will be a fun day with activities planned for the youngsters.

We have 60 caravans from our club going to the National Rally in Canberra in September. If you have not booked and would like to go, you are still able to. Contact Barbara Rutherford. A total of 647 caravans from all over Australia have booked in to this rally. John Williamson is the main entertainer for the rally.

Thank you to the Rally marshals Dennis Edney & Muzza McGowan for another great weekend, your support is appreciated by all members. Stay safe, happy, healthy and look forward to seeing everyone at the next rally at Blackbutt.

President John

Blackbutt Entertainment programme

Friday; 1.00pm Sewing Bee for the National Rally.

Making bibs and loop bags.

Please bring along some sharp scissors, pins, thread and a sense of humour. Materials have been donated/purchased although if you have any material in your "stash" it would be welcome. 30cm for the bags, 70 cm for the bibs.

Evening.....Possible visit to local Hostelry for dinner?....Cards for the hardy, no Line Dancing

Saturday;

8.00am Tai Chi Qigong with Lyn Hill. Warm up followed by 18 movements Ishibashi. Gentle exercises, no experience necessary. Both Men and Ladies welcome. Repeated again on Sunday.

10.00am Meeting and General meeting

10.50am Leave for Taromeo Station

Tour of Taromeo Station: (Tag along.) 12kms from Blackbutt. Gold coin donation. The Manager of the Station will give us a guided tour... approx. 1 hour. Bring along a picnic lunch to have at Benarkin on the way back.

3.30pm

Start camp oven cooking for dinner

Several members will be cooking stew, etc. in camp ovens to be shared with all of the club. The meal will be served with rice and crusty bread. Those NOT cooking will be asked to put in \$2 each towards the meal.

For those who are glucose intolerant please advise Lyn Hill who will be cooking an appropriate meal. If you do not wish to partake of this meal please bring along your own and join us. Please provide your own crockery and cutlery.

If you would like to decorate your table in a "bush fashion" that would be great.

5.30pm

Combined Dinner... BUSH Christmas in July.....Light hearted music follows.

Hoping we don't have a white Christmas!! (although would be wonderful!!)

Sometime during the evening, George will be showing a few Videos of recent club events, including the Mini 'limpics. Should be some good laughs !!

Sunday

8.00am Tai Chi Qigong with Lyn Hill (See Sat. Info)

10.00am Meeting

Marg Hiller

Rally activities report

Friday saw a rather poorer turnout (16) than usual for Dinner at the local Pub in town. Seems a few went up at Lunchtime instead. The Menu was quite extensive with the Steak meals seeming a little expensive for a "Village Pub". Someone recommended the Pizza's so Yvonne and I plumped for them, along with Gordon.



Our order got mixed up, with Yvonne receiving the Medium and me the Small. Problem was we ordered completely different toppings so Yvonne nearly freaked out when she was confronted by this huge plate of Garlic and Prawn pizza!! Mine was Meatlovers but both were delicious and we nearly managed to finish them both (two slices left).



Poor Gordon had a bit of a struggle handling his but got through it fine. On the way out I realised why the steak meals were so expensive. I passed the meat cabinet and was amazed. They had a display of Humongous cuts of meat for you to choose from just like a lot of hotels used to do (Brekkie Creek, Norman etc.) I haven't seen that sort of operation for years .Don't know if I could handle one now !!

Finished my night off with the resident QCC card sharps !!

Saturday

After the Morning Meeting, we were treated to a very informative talk by John from the St. Johns Ambulance Brigade, concentrating mainly on emergency resuscitation and our alarm system. Poor Bob Rutherford got suckered into being his "crash test dummy".

Having heard a bit recently about the modern Defibrillators and the subsequent wariness at getting involved with their use because of fear of possible injuries resulting from misuse, I was amazed, (as were many other Members) at the demonstration, showing how they are just about foolproof to operate.



One item a lot of Members were surprised by, was the warning from John against a common item carried in a lot of our first aid kits. This is the antiseptic Betadine which he said was dangerous to use on people with shellfish allergies.



I realise he is a health professional but out of curiosity I did a bit of checking and found this explanation on "American Academy of Allergy Asthma & Immunology"....."Thus you may be reassured that Betadine or any other iodine –containing antiseptic can be used without any increased risk in patients who have shellfish allergy."

Full website is: www.aaaai.org/ask-the-expert/shellfish-contact-dermatitis-betadine Copy and paste into browser.

Later, we had a "straight from the hip" talk from Neil Chesney concerning caravan safety checks. Very timely subject as 60 or so Members Vans are soon to be heading off for The National Rally in Canberra and that's a different kettle of fish to a monthly jaunt to a site 2 hours drive away...



Mid-afternoon saw the organisers getting the last minute arrangements sorted (by the bucket load) and The Arena ready, whilst the 'Limpic team Captains sorted their charges into some sort of order.



The Arena !



The Main Event

The Games Ceremonial stuff began with the entrance of the participating teams, The Games Flag and the 'Limpic Flame after its long, tedious journey around the Suburbs of Brisbane in the capable hands of Golden Haired Greek God, Gordon !!



Of Course the Highlight was the arrival of the VIP "Surprise Guest", fresh from her Birthday Celebrations in Blighty. She was accompanied by her long time Bodyguard (and rumoured Parisienne Gigolo),"Powerful Pierre".

After reading her speech she declared the Games open and then headed off down to the Samford Pub for a nice meal with the \$50 voucher provided by QCC.....



I won't be able to comment on every event as I took a fair bit of video (which hopefully I will show at the Blackbutt Rally on Saturday Evening) as well as photos.

Team Captains



Nerida-Chooks & Chicks
Yellows



Linda-Hoseys
Reds



Ann-Shakee Shamrocks
Greens



Noeleen--Blue Sapphires
Blues



The 20 event Competition got under way, highlighting our brand new, modern up to date, scoring system courtesy of Leggo

Being QCC, it wasn't long before the first suspected drug cheat was collared. He was led away, (as you would expect, protesting loudly) to the testing station outside the venue.

When cleared, his only comment was "well, at least it saved me a trip to the Loo"!!



The Hammer throw, surprisingly, was conducted with great decorum, no one actually trying to gain an advantage by switching their Tea Bag "Hammer" for a wet, used one, to gain a bit of distance! Even the Javelin throwing was surprisingly tame, without any competitor bunging a lump of chewing gum up the straw for extra weight. Think I may nominate as team trainer for next Games in 2019 !!



One must admire the ingenuity of Carol and Kev, for the thought going into the conversion of some of the tasks into everyday use items.

The game on the right was their version of Pistol shooting. (more on Video)





Dressage Competitors

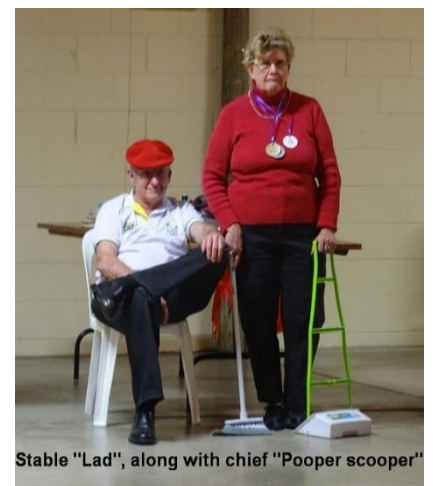
See these performers in their individual routines later at the video show on Saturday at Blackbutt Hilarious !!

Another competitor (who offered me a reasonable remuneration to keep his name quiet) was picked out for a random drug test....Under questioning he admitted to taking a small blue tablet before the games began but swore blind it was for a different sort of "performance enhancement" His explanation went something like this ...Quote.. "the drug isn't on the prohibited list and I was hoping I might get lucky that night after the Games. It is only a coincidence that I am in the Pole Vault, but if it helps *stiffen up* my performance a bit, who am I to complain" !!!..Unquote.

The Medley Relay was hilarious and threw up an obvious lover of balloon capers. Nerida !!(at Laidley)



I even managed a Gold Medal performance myself in the Equestrian Cross Country. Just as well it was the event requiring the least effort of the whole Games.



Stable "Lad", along with chief "Pooper scooper"

Great Games for Competitors ,Spectators and Organisers. Well done everybody!

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Emergency Numbers 2016-17

A – B	Sue Baker	M – N	Mary Metcalfe
C---D	John Carroll	O---R	Barbara Rutherford
E---G	Kevin Day		
H---I	Adrian Skinner		
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