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Presidents Report

CANBERRA NATIONAL RALLY

Great to see 55 caravans from our club attend the National Rally in Canberra, our club having the greatest attendance of any club in Australia. It is over now for another 3 years and the next rally will be held in Albany Western Australia in 2019.

The National rally was conducted under very difficult conditions, before the event very heavy rain soaking the EPIC showgrounds. The weather during the rally was very cold and damp, with high strong winds and the odd day with showers.

Thank you to all members who helped the committee at the entry gate, on the Wednesday during heavy rain throughout the day.

A thank you to Barbara Rutherford as well, who has been the National Rally Coordinator for our club during the past 3 years. Barbara has been dedicated in collecting money from members, then sending the money to the Secretary during this time. I believe this has helped with our numbers attending the rally.

Also, thank you to Lyn Hill for organizing the Tai-chi activities every day and also the Ukulele sessions. This was well represented by many caravan club members during the early mornings. I am sure our club members had a chance to catch up with old friends and meet new ones as well as our club members.

The main entry into the rally had long delays, this was due to locating 604 sites for caravans through the EPIC showgrounds. This was very difficult under the circumstances due to the wet weather. I am sure the committee will learn from these experiences and avoid delays in the future. Overall, I hope everyone had the opportunity to visit many activities and all the major attractions while in Canberra.

ALLORA RALLY

Thank you to past President Ken McNab for acting as President during my absence from this rally. From all reports the rally was very enjoyable, and relaxing weekend and the weather was better than Canberra. I am sure all present had a great time. A total of 36 vans attended the rally, this is better than expected, due to so many people still away travelling around and back from Canberra.

We had first time visitors Bev & Owen Brandon, second time visitors Jean & Jeff Cochrane also Colleen & Gene Nedford. I hope you all enjoyed your time at the rally and will return for another rally in the future.

Look forward to meeting up with everyone in November for the next rally.

Stay safe, healthy and happy and look forward to seeing you all at the next rally in November at Esk Caravan Park.

President John

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.

Canberra report



Quite a feat getting the throng together for the obligatory *picfest*, but we managed.

President John decided to conduct a little Club Business whilst at the Event. Whilst all were gathered, John inducted new Members Linda Reedy & Michael Drought. Also Bob and Kathy Kearney received their 150 Rallies badges and Certificates. Well done to them. We also had a Makeshift Management Meeting! The angle of the floor made it a little awkward, but what the heck, we're the QCC and we're tough !!



Our mob at the first Concert Night. They had that many clothes on against the cold (before the heating was turned on), they looked like they were cuddling each other. Between me, you and the gatepost, I think some of them were!!..Next a few of the Club Flags and last, only a fraction of the charity items made by a Legion by Craty Ladies !



A visit was made to Ricky Stuart House in Chifley, Canberra by members of the QCC attending the Canberra National Rally, to hand over more than 70 clothes protectors for use by their clients, as well as Berets made by Karen Haslewood. Unit Manager, Glenda Cadzow, was very welcoming to Pres. John and Jenny Carroll, Jill and Tom Davis, Marg Hiller and Gwen Egen. She showed our group around the house and was, understandably very proud of the home.

Glenda thanked us profusely and asked us to pass on her thanks (as well as the families involved) to all members of the QCC who had anything to do with this generous donation. She is also unit manager for two other homes and will distribute some of the protectors and berets to those homes as needed.

The house is run by Marymead, a not for profit organization which caters for children and young adults (to 25 years of age) and their families. This particular house is an autism wellbeing respite house for 5-12 year olds.

Marymead was established in 1967 by the Fransiscan Missionaries of

Mary and has looked after the needs of vulnerable or needy children and their families since then.

(Other items were also donated to the National Rally Charities, also to be distributed by Marymead.)

Well done, again, Queensland Caravan Club!

Marge Hiller

Couple of timely reminders



The Time has come to dig deep in your Yuletide pockets and Cough up the princely sum of \$5 each (\$10 Non Members) for a sumptuous Xmas Dinner. .

Payment to be made at either Allora or Esk. If this is not possible please contact Kev Day .

For those who would like to participate in Secret Santa, gifts to be \$5 each male / female (something you would like to receive yourself). Please limit children's pressie to one (1) per child. Come along and enjoy the fun.

(Please be aware of possible food allergies and spoilage in your choice of gifts)

He should be bailed with his own pudding!



And Last but not least, whilst you have your wallets out and feeling in a benevolent mood as Xmas is nearly here, you can take advantage of your good fortune being Members of QCC.

Your committee, showing great restraint (or maybe being chicken) have made an executive decision to leave the Membership Fee at \$40 .

You are free to start paying this amount from the Esk Rally until February when they are due.

Rally at Esk Caravan Park

How to Get There

<p>Esk Caravan Park (1/08)</p> <p>GPS:</p> <p>S27 14.3321,</p> <p>E152 25.3871.</p>	<p><u>. Either</u> – From the Ipswich Motorway, exit <u>left</u> (veering right over motorway) onto the Warrego Hwy A2 towards Toowoomba. Follow the Warrego Hwy for approx 15 kms and turn <u>right</u> to Esk on the Brisbane Valley Hwy. Follow for approx 55 kms to Esk. As you enter town, turn <u>right</u> after the post office into Hassell St. The caravan park is approx 100 metres on your right.</p> <p><u>Or</u> – 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'Aguiar Hwy. Once on the road to Kilcoy and after going under the overhead bridge, move into the <u>left</u> lane, following the signs to Kilcoy. Follow the D'Aguiar Hwy through Wamuran, Woodford and Kilcoy, 26 kms past Kilcoy, turn <u>left</u> onto the Brisbane Valley Hwy. Follow for 35 kms to Esk. Towards the end of the main street turn <u>left</u> before the Post Office into Hassell St. The caravan park is approx 100 metres on your right</p>
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Rally Info (Needs, Emergencies, etc)

Rally dates: Official dates: 12th & 13th Nov.2016
 Arrive no earlier than: **personal booking**
 Depart no later than:

000 Emergency Nearest Hospital: 30 Highlands St, Esk
Address & Cross street: 20 Hassell St, cross street is Brisbane Valley Hwy

Details

Post Code
4312

Medical; Somerset Medical 213-215 Ipswich street, Esk
 Needs:

Club Kitchen equipment and urns, first aid, PA system, library & souvenirs, fire extinguisher, banner, flags and flagpoles.
 equipment required:

Pets: Ok on Lead

Fees: Site Fee: \$ 31.00 per caravan 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 9.30 am 10;0 am	Pay Treasurer Morning tea meeting
Sat:	9:30 am 10;00 am	Morning tea Meeting	Disc Bowls gear available from Barry Gibson		

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 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!

A General Meeting will be held at Esk on 12th November. Any matters to be discussed must be in writing and given to the Secretary by 9am on 12th November. Thank you kindly.

Future Rallies

2016

November- Esk Caravan Park-12th & 13th
December-Dayboro-3rd & 4th
January-Laidley Showground-14th & 15th
February-Millmerran Caravan park-11th & 12th
March—Standown Park- 11th & 12th
April- Toogoolawah showground-8th & 9th
May- Cooyar Show ground-6th & 7th

2017

June –Boonah Showground-10 & 11th
July-Lowood Showground-8th & 9th

♪ Happy Birthday to you for November ♪

2nd Mary Metcalfe
5th Margaret Kays
9th Carol Fraser
9th Ernie Jones
11th Jean Dale

12th Trevor Bromley
17th Dell McNab
18th Geoff Gray
20th Peter Gawen

20th Wayne Hills
26th Margaret Hiller
28th Stan Thomas
30th Merv Cook

♪ Happy Anniversary to you for November ♪

6th Pat & Kev Gower
6th Desley & Alf Hinson
12th Karon & Brian Stevens

14th Mary & Rodney Metcalfe
20th Diane & Michael Perry
28th Pauline & Brian Lewis

Other News

Showground Rally

36 caravans gathered at Allora for the rally in 2016

Details about the site. Great

Members Present at the Rally

Beres & Carmel Abraham; Trevor & Nola Bromley; Neil & Marie Chesney; Merv & Barbara Cook; Kevin & Carol Day Ian & Gwen EgenBarry & Wendy Gibson; Geoff & Del Gray; Rod & Bev Green; Lance Haslewood; Patrick & Ann Hetherman; Margaret Hiller; Gary & Noeleen Jarrett; Peter & Gayle Johnston; Daryl Kays; George & Yvonne Lacey; Steve & Robyn Langley; Harold & Bev Liley; Kem & Bev McDowall Des & Jenny McLeod; Ken & Dell McNab; Rod & Mary Metcalfe; John & Janette Miers; Kim & Tanya Moller; Michael & Diane Perry; Ron & Pam Petch; Graham & Shirley Sheehan; Tom & Jacky Smith; Brian & Karen Stevens; Bruce & Chris Truloff ;Les & Brenda Usher; Richard Van Wyk; Bill & Denise Waycott;

Visitors – Connie Miers,(John Miers Mum)and Neville Van Wyk(Richards Brother)

Lucky Van Numbers; Kim & Tania Moller & Richard & Linda Van Wyk were the winners They each won one free night at the next non-caravan park rally they attend.

- Raffle
- Prizes:
- The Voucher(donated by QCC) was won by Lance Haslewood.
 - The Toiletries (donated by ??) was won by Mary Metcalfe
 - The Australian open pack (donated by Carolyn Coxall) was won by Richard Van Wyk

Programme for Esk

Friday; AM -- Golf time TBA

3.30pm,Tai Chi Qigong with Lyn Hill.....7pm- Cards (after Dinner at pub?)

Saturday:

8.00 am Tai Chi Qigong with Lyn Hill....7pm- Melbourne Cup Preview meeting.

Get dressed up, Fascinators, High heels, plenty cash for Betting !! Lotsa Fun !!

Sunday: 8-00am, Tai Chi Qigong with Lyn Hill.

Rally report for Allora



The Rally at Allora was a laid back affair after the frantic activity of tearing around Canberra for 10 days. I was tending to a touch of lethargy, but managed to drum up a little enthusiasm as the Sun warmed the “cockles”. Caught one particular Member in a distinctly indecisive mood !!



Things one sees but misses when his camera isn't quite ready! I was amazed to see one of our Members, proud owner of a brand new “4x4”, giving her a dust down with a *feather duster* !!

I just wasn't fast enough with my camera so, alas, the member will remain anonymous as I had no proof of the event.....Or maybe not. I just remembered..... I was with a bunch of fellow members who actually alerted me to the situation.....Oh dear, there goes his anonymity.....

Friday night saw the usual gathering at one of the local Hostelrys. Wasn't a bad turn out considering it was a relatively small Rally.

The few hardy faithful met for their card fix.



Saturday saw Past President Ken McNab officiate at the meeting as John Carroll was still in transit from Canberra. No inductions and a couple of 1st & 2nd time visitors were the only excitement.



Tom Smith Celebrating his Team, The Western Bulldogs success in winning their first premiership in many years.!!

After the meeting Yvonne and

After the meeting, Yvonne and I went into town for a few bits and pieces, finishing up in the "True Value" Hardware store where we bumped into Gwen and Ian. Gwen was in the process of buying a plastic bucket and when the shop server realised we were from a visiting Caravan Club, he refused to take any payment. Very community minded.

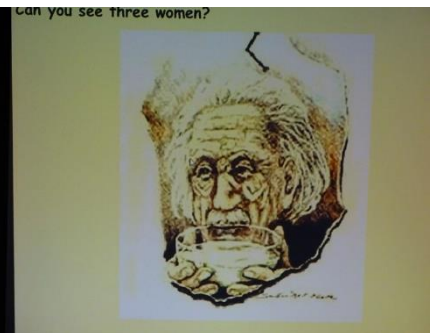
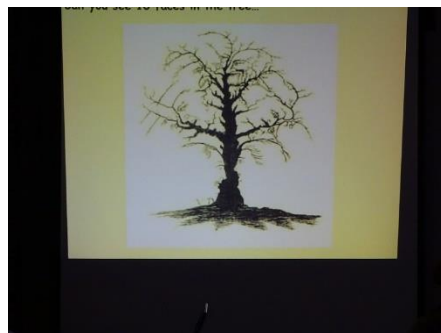


Afternoon tea was a communal one, with all bringing a plate to share at the hall. All moved outside to continue onto Happy hour.



Saturday Night was another excellent night's entertainment put on by Kev and Carol Day.

It was a mixture of projection novelties, trivia quiz and a fabulous show of mind reading by Kevin and Carol Day.



How many faces can you find in this picture?

Find the 3 naked Ladies



Top nights entertainment.



Winners Grinners....



Runners up as well !!

We had an Equine event on the Oval Sunday and they had a canteen set up so heaps of members ,including myself, enjoyed a cooked breakfast for \$8.



Left: Me relaxing...cup o' tea, sarnie, good book and "Hoover Hound".

Right: Patrick, Our latest "Media Tart" on Telly speaking about the now defunct Coobey Creek Tracking Station.

Talking of media Tarts, most of you will be aware of my Raporte with Gordon Baker, always asking me "are you looking for me?"....You wouldn't believe it, but although we very rarely saw each other at the venue in Canberra to discuss our plans with each other, our paths crossed 5 times at different attractions....talk about Karma !!!



Lions Christmas Cakes and Puddings will be on sale as usual.

They will be available at Esk or Dayboro

From Tom Smith and Bill Waycott.

Contact numbers if you want to order any to be brought to either Rally.

Phones; Tom-07 33564462 or 0427720420

Bill-07 3345269 or 0418750089

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C---D	John Carroll	O---R	Barbara Rutherford
E---G	Kevin Day		
H---I	Adrian Skinner		
J—K	Helen Judge	S	Brian Sheehan
L	George Lacey	T-Z	Adrian Skinner

