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Presidents Report

The Dayboro Xmas rally was a great success, a special thank you to Margaret Hiller for her dedication & commitment, making the weekend so enjoyable and exciting for everyone. The Xmas dinner catered for & organized by Margaret, Barbara & Bob Rutherford was appreciated by all members with the help of many assistants. This made the workload a lot easier with all the help from our members. Thank you to all who helped in many areas to make it such a good weekend.

The weather was very unsettled with hot, humid days and storms. The storms at least cooled the temperature down with extremely windy conditions. The storms on Saturday night caused a few problems with members on the way to the Xmas dinner in the hall. The rain was heavy at times, but we managed to all meet in the hall a little later than scheduled for the Xmas dinner and entertainment.

Good to see a few members return after a long absence, due to health issues, family commitments & some away travelling.

We had first time visitors Cheryl & Rick Henry, they were members of the Bytone Caravan Club in Western Australia. I hope you both enjoyed the Christmas rally. Also third time visitors Colleen & Gene Medford, they were inducted into our club on Saturday morning at the meeting.

Thank you to the hard working rally marshals Dennis Edney & Des McLeod, for a great job on hot, humid and rainy days. (Continued on page 12)

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.

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How to Get There Rally at Laidley

Laidlev Showgrounds (4/12/2013)

From Brisbane, follow the Ipswich Motorway. Before Ipswich, exit left (veering right back over the motorway) onto the Warrego Hwy (A2) in the direction of Toowoomba...

GPS:

-27.63782,

152.38980.

Continue on the Warrego Hwy to Plainlands. Turn left at Plainlands onto the Laidley-Plainlands Rd and travel 8 kms to Laidley, where it becomes Patrick St; continue through the main street of Laidley. In about 4 or 5 streets, turn right into McGregor st. Then turn left into Cooper street, then left into Hayes street.

Rally Info (Needs, Emergencies, etc)

14th & 15th January 2017 Rally dates: Official dates:

Arrive no earlier than: 11th (after Midday)

Depart no later than: 17th

000 **Emergency** Nearest Hospital: Laidley hospital, 75 William Street, Laidley,ph 07 5466 8100

Details

Post Code

Site Address & Cross street: Hayes Street, Laidley. Cross street, Cooper Street

Medical Needs:

Laidley Family Doctor, 36 Ambrost Street, Laidley. Ph.07 5465 1388

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.

Ok on Lead Pets:

Fees: Site Fee: 18.00 per caravan per night

> Administration Fee: 3.00 per caravan Hall Hire: 0.00 per caravan

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| Summer Meetings Programme | | | (Remember to check the noticeboard at the rally for changes, particularly for any activities on Friday!) | | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|---|--|------|-------------------------------|---|
| Fri; Sat: | 1;30pm 9:00 am 9.30 am | Committee Meeting Morning tea Meeting | | Sun: | 8.30 am 9.00 am 9.30 am | Pay Treasurer Morning tea meeting |
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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

2017

January – Laidley -14th \$ 15th February-Millmerran van park-11th & 12th March- Standown Caravan Park-11th & 12th April-Woodford Showground- 8th & 9th

Exciting Future Entertainment

Great news Members...Along with Yvonne Robbins, Famous caterers "The 4 Amigos", are putting on another of their memorable Themed meals once again at the March Rally at Standown Park.

The Theme will be "A Pub Night" and details will follow. What we need from you <u>NOW</u> is clarification of your attendance. As usual we need these figures for catering purposes so please let Yvonne know if you will be partaking of the meal ASAP.....Thank you kindly

New Members Welcome to Gene & Colleen Medford



New Advertisement



Happy Birthday to you for December J

1st lan Egen

8th Rod Stegman

11th **Dawn Dukes**

12th Jeanette Walker

13th Kevin Day

13th Tom Myles 13th Bill Waycott

15th **Bryan Davies**

16th Eddie Stocker 17th **Douglas Burt**

18th Jeff Cochrane

20th Terry Park 20th Linda Jones

21st Yvonne Lowrie

30th Brian Sheehan

31st Jean Cochrane

31st Gwen Egen

31st Murray McGowan

🎜 Happy Anniversary to you for December 🎜

Kathy & Bob Kearney

7th Nerida & Peter Versace 10th Jenny & John Carroll

15th Sue & Gordon Baker

16th Ann & Adrian Savage

21st Brenda & Les Usher

Showground Rally

64 caravans gathered at Dayboro for the rally in December.

Details about the site. Good

Members Present at the Rally

. Beres & Carmel Abraham; Roger & Laurel Adams; .Graham and Pat Barr, .Roy & Carmel Bridges; . Ray & Gail Caddies; John & Jenny Carroll; .Terry & Carolyn Coxall; . Janelle Donaldson; Kevin & Carol Day; Tom & Jill Davis; . Dennis & Heather Edney; Ian & Gwen Egen; .Barry & Wendy Gibson; Kev & Pat Gower; . Rod & Bev Green; . Patrick & Ann Hetherman; . Roy & Lyn Hill; Margaret Hiller; Wayne & Vicki Hills; Alf & Desley Hinson; Gordon Ison; Gary & Noeleen Jarrett. Shane & Linda Jones; . David & Helen Judge; Merv & Carolyn Kahler; .Bob & Kathy Kearney.; George & Yvonne Lacey; Gail & Barry Lander; Steve & Robyn Langley; . Harold & Bev Liley; Phil & Del Lowe; . Ray & Pam MacDonald; Keith & Bev McCallum; Des & Jenny McLeod; Ken & Dell McNab; Trevor & Mavis Martin: Gene & Colleen Medford; Rod & Mary Metcalfe; John & Janette Miers; Kim & Tanya Moller; .Rudi & Marianne Materne Terry & Denise Park; .Yvonne Robbins; Ron & Pam Robson-Petch; Bob & Barbara Rutherford; Adrian & Anne Savage; Victor & Audrey Schrier; Brian & Denise Sheehan. Adrian & Gayle Skinner; Barrie & Pamela Smith; .Tom & Jacky Smith.; Ray & Jan Steele; Tony & Sue Stephenson; Brian & Karen Stevens; Eddie & Sylvia Stocker . Tony & Julie Swift; . Bruce & Chris Truloff; . Richard & Linda Van Wyk; . Bill & Denise Waycott

Visitors – 1st Time Visitors: Cheryl & Rick Henry 2nd Time Visitors: Lorraine Lowcock/Carl Godwin

<u>Day Visitors</u> - Brenda & Les Usher; Jessica Window (cant read surname properly); Kristine Kahler; Khloe Greentree; Sandra & Ron Smith; Sue, Gordon & Darren Baker; Stewart Hornibrook; Bill & Ann Dobe; Merv & Barbara Cook; Peter Gawen Del & Geoff Gray; Stuart, Jenny, Charles & Lucinda Green; Ross & Bindra Luscombe; Colin & Margaret James; Lionel & Mary Jacobson; Kem & Bev McDowall

Lucky Winners

There were 5 winners of the Lucky Van Numbers. They've won one free night each at the next non-caravan park rally they attend.

14 winners Pocketed Vouchers ranging from \$100 to \$15 and 10 members won Christmas Cakes.

Other News.

Laidley Programme;

Friday: am Golf? 7pm Games (cards etc.)

Saturday; 8am Tai Chi Qigong, 7pm Celebrity Heads.... Sunday; 8am Tai Chi Qigong

February Rally at Millmerran Caravan Park

After the recent debacle about terms and conditions regarding deposits etc at Esk caravan park, Brenda got in touch with Millmerran to sort out their Ts&Cs so there would be no dramas there.

We have to book ahead individually, there will be no deposits required and if you have to cancel, please do so in a timely fashion ie; Within 24 hours of arrival.

March Rally at Standown Park

Standown Park has limited powered sites (28), available so if you require one for Medical reasons best be quick and book well in advance to guarantee getting one. I booked Tuesday and was informed powered sites are going fast to our members......phone: (07)54865i44

Activity Report for Dayboro.

Friday was another very hot day. Fortunately, Dayboro showground has a fair few shade areas, as can be seen by the various locations members chose to have Happy hour(s)!







Friday evening brought on a change of routine and instead of the usual card night, Margaret organised, (as in "shanghaied") a bunch of us to do a bit of a skit. It was built (very loosely!) around a comic version of the Xmas song 6 White Boomers, changed to Bloomers!

Lack of practise time and technical problems, (loosely interpreted as "not enough grog") led to a performance which must have been passable 'cos the audience laughed. Of course there's no way of knowing if it was mirth or pity!! Mercifully the event wasn't recorded so we'll never know!!!





Later, The Committee Gathered to give a personalised rendition of a ditty cleverly put together by Mary Metcalfe, each Member receiving accolades from each other!

Saturday dawned hot again and during the Meeting President John, once again called for the owner of the abandoned chair (which he had been carting around with him since the Canberra National Rally),to come forward if here. No hands went up or cries of "mine" rang out (except "Bin it"!!)

John turned to put it back on the table, when what looked like someone ,bent down, nearly on all fours, scampered across to claim said chair.

The chair had repeatedly been shown but not claimed at all meetings since Canberra.

The Member, who had also been told repeatedly by my better half that it was his, rightfully felt a right royal goose and wished to remain anonymous.....Fat chance Gordon !!!!...lol

After the meeting, volunteers got the Hall decorated and ready for the festivities to follow later.

Santa arrived on his steed with two of his many lovely helpers.





The Following pics will be available as prints in the usual manner at the next few Rallies should you like to purchase for a gold coin donation for our usual charities. I won't get them printed until about a week before the Laidley Rally, so if you would like more than one print of a particular photo, let me know by email.









Saturday Night saw everyone seated on time. The meal was self-catered by our expert team of volunteers and Yvonne and I personally can truly say it was, without a shadow of a doubt, the best meal we have had in our 10 plus years in the club. It was a simple 2 course menu but done fabulously and enhanced by the use of nice crockery to keep for ourselves instead of throwaways!! WELL DONE CLUB TEAM CATERERS!! (Next job for the Committee is to find them outside work so they can hone their skills and bring some dosh into the Club Coffers!!....Just kidding).

We were subjected to a howling Storm during the early part of proceedings but luckily no major damage.











The Xmas Cake(s) was beautifully decorated by Pat Barr and the cutting honours went to the Lifetime Members present at the rally. Entertainment was provided by way of a programme of singing, music and a touch of Poetry, with of course the usual assortment of gaffs!







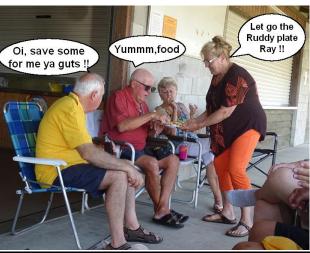
I forgot to mention earlier that a lot of Members went to great lengths to decorate their tables. Whilst there didn't seem to be any particularly stand outs amongst them, I was suitably impressed by the efforts one particular bunch went to, rivalling the building of the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

It was the one pictured below. The engineering involved was epic and did the Baker/Pastry cook, who's brainstorm it was, proud.....until someone knocked it in passing. The Metres of gaffer tape used in its construction meant diddley squat under stress as it folded gently like an Arabs Tent !!! Quick repair job and it managed to stay put all night.





















Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to All, from Myself and Yvonne.

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Adrian Skinner, thank you for your time spent on the phone and meetings on site with the Show Society Board. This has now avoided any further hassle's seeking approvals for our club entry into showgrounds. Your time spent has been appreciated by all the members of the club.

I would like to express my deepest sympathy to Trish McMorrine a past member of the Queensland Caravan Club, and family for the passing of her husband Jim. Jim's funeral was held last Tuesday at the Albany Creek Cemetery, many members from the club attended Jim's celebration of his life.

Stay safe, healthy and happy & look forward to meeting you all in January for the next rally at Laidley Showgrounds in January 2017.

President JOHN

















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