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## **Presidents Report**

The January rally held at the Laidley Showgrounds was a great rally, although the weather was very hot and humid. Thursday night we had a storm with very heavy rain for about an hour, then drizzling rain on and off for quite a while. Saturday night we received another storm, with heavy rain but at least the temperature dropped quickly. This made the conditions more comfortable after two very hot days and high humidity.

Thank you to our two rally marshals, Dennis Edney and Muzza McGowan for another good job working under very hot, humid and rainy days. Your time and effort is much appreciated by all members.

We had first time visitors Lesley Sifflett & Michael Burdette. Also Gail & Bruce May. Second time visitors were Cheryl & Rick Henry. Third time visitors Lorraine Lowcock & Carl Godwin they were inducted into the club on Saturday morning at the meeting. I hope you all enjoyed the rally enough to attend another rally in the future.

Friday night about 40 members wandered down to the local hotel for a great dinner together. All reports the meals were enjoyable with large servings for the big eaters. I am sure all members had a great night in the air conditioned rooms.

At the meeting on Saturday morning we had a visit from Councilor Michael Hagan, he was enjoyable to listen to and also interested in our caravan club. I think he was surprised at the amount of money we spend when going to a rally and travelling around the country. This is his first year as a Councilor working around Laidley and the surrounding areas.

We had a total of 47 caravans attend the rally; this was amazing considering the very hot and humid days.

Saturday night's entertainment were games called Celebrity Heads and Charades; this was a fun night for all members who attended. Margaret Hiller did a great job keeping everyone busy and amused for the night.

The air conditioners for all the caravans were in constant use during the weekend. We were lucky that we didn't lose power over the weekend, as the power usage was very high during this time.

**Don't forget to book ahead if you are attending the February rally at Millmerran and the March rally at Sandown Park.**

Stay safe, healthy and happy and look forward to meeting you at the next rally in February at Millmerran Village Caravan Park.

President  
JOHN

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# Rally at Millmerran Village Caravan Park

## How to Get There

<p>Millmerran Village Caravan park.</p>	<p>Proceed to Toowoomba and drive straight through on the Warrego Highway until Gore Highway / A39 turn on your left. Take the left onto A39 and follow all the way to Millmerran. As you come into Millmerran ,take 3<sup>rd</sup> street on your right(William Street),continue down to divided road (Walpole Street). Turn Left and drive down to next intersection and turn right onto Herbert street. Follow round to the left and cross the railway line into Attleigh Street. Drive down to intersection with Lola Ave then <u>bear</u> right, onto Lyndale Street. Drive to the end of Lyndale street, turn left and the caravan park entrance is on the right hand side in the white fence about 20 metres down.</p> <div style="background-color: #800000; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>000 Emergency</b>    <u>Nearest Hospital:</u> .Millmerran Hospital. 50 Commens St.</p> <p><b>Details 4357</b>    <u>Site Address</u> Bruce Rd. <u>Cross street:</u> Junction Of Lyndale</p> <p><b>07 4695 2020</b></p> </div>
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**Medical Needs:**      Millmerran Medical Centre, 45 Campbell Street, Millmerran. Ph: (07) 4695 1100

**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 the Park when booking.** **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:**

<b>Site Fee:</b>	\$ 30.00 per caravan per night <b>-SELF BOOKING !</b> <b>07 4695 2020 ,0428 715 089</b>
<b>Administration Fee:</b>	\$ 3.00 per caravan
<b>Hall Hire:</b>	\$ 0.00 per caravan

<b>Summer Meetings Programme</b>			(Remember to check the noticeboard at the rally for changes, particularly for any activities on Friday!)		
Fri;	1;30pm	Committee Meeting	Sun:	8:30 am	Pay Treasurer Morning tea meeting
Sat:	9:00 am 9:30 am	Morning tea Meeting		9.00 am 9;30 am	

	Disc Bowls are available from Barry Gibson.
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## Club News New Members



Left; Newly inducted Members, Lorraine Lowcock & Carl Godwin

*Millmerran Caravan Park is a self booking Rally so don't forget to book now as it is getting a little late!!*  
Members Booking for the Standown Rally please note that there are only limited powered sites and no facility for Electronic cash transactions. All will be strictly CASH ONLY...

### 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 where to put you. Ta Muchly!*

**There will be a General Meeting at Millmerran on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February. If you have anything to add to the agenda please submit to Secretary by 9.00am.**

## Future Rallies 2017

Jan; 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> – Laidley showground  
Feb; 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>- Millmerran Caravan Park  
Mar; 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>-Standown Park  
Apr; 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>-- Woodford Showground  
May; 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>- - Cooyar Showground  
June; 10<sup>th</sup>&11<sup>th</sup>--Boonah Showground

July; 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> –Lowood Showground  
Aug; 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>-Nanango Showground  
**Sept; 18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>-Goodiwindi State Rally**  
Oct; 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>-Pittsworth Showground  
Nov; 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>- Goombungee Showground  
Dec; 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>- Blackbutt Showground

## *♪ Happy Birthday to you for February ♪*

1<sup>st</sup> Diane Brearley  
1<sup>st</sup> Sue Stephenson  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jan Steele  
5<sup>th</sup> Shirley Sheehan  
5<sup>th</sup> Ron Smith

5<sup>th</sup> Keith Chorley  
10<sup>th</sup> Marianne Materne  
11<sup>th</sup> Carolyn Kahler  
15<sup>th</sup> Les Buzza  
17<sup>th</sup> John Carroll

17<sup>th</sup> Rhonda Gaffney  
18<sup>th</sup> Gayle Johnstone  
20<sup>th</sup> Graham Barr  
23<sup>rd</sup> Sue Baker  
24<sup>th</sup> Steve Langley  
28<sup>th</sup> Barry Easter

## ♪ Happy Anniversary to you for February ♪

3<sup>rd</sup> Kaye & Keith Chorley  
4<sup>th</sup> Lesley Siffleet & Michael Burdette  
5<sup>th</sup> Jan & John Miers  
6<sup>th</sup> Barbara & Merv Cook  
8<sup>th</sup> Sandra & Ron Smith  
13<sup>th</sup> Pamela & Barrie Smith

14<sup>th</sup> Pam & Ron Robson-Petch  
18<sup>th</sup> Helen & David Judge  
18<sup>th</sup> Mavis & Trevor Martin  
19<sup>th</sup> Gwen & Ian Egen  
20<sup>th</sup> Pat & Graham Barr

### Other News

**Future Entertainment.** **Feb.-** Community Dinner, **March-** “Ye Olde English Pub” Night. **April** – “Let’s get Physical” with Paul Brearley (yes, you read correctly) also singles disc bowls and Presidents picnic.

### Showground Rally.....47 caravans gathered for the rally in Laidley

**Members Present at the Rally** – Beres & Carmel Abraham; Roger & Laurel Adams; Gordon, Sue & Darren Baker;; Graham and Pat Barr, Paul & Di Brearley; Roy & Carmel Bridges; Doug & Dorcas Burt; Jeff & Jean Cochrane; John & Jenny Carroll; Kevin & Carol Day; Dennis & Heather Edney; Ian & Denise Farrell; Barry & Wendy Gibson; Kev & Pat Gower; Geoff & Del Gray; Rod & Bev Green;; Patrick & Ann Hetherman; Roy & Lyn Hill; Margaret Hiller Alf & Desley Hinson; Gordon Ison; Colin & Margaret James; David & Helen Judge; Merv & Carolyn Kahler; Daryl & Margaret Kays; Bob & Kathy Kearney. ; George & Yvonne Lacey; Gail & Barry Lander; Steve & Robyn Langley;; Harold & Bev Liley; Ray & Pam MacDonald; Murray & Jenn Mc Gowan; Des & Jenny McLeod Gene & Colleen Medford; Rod & Mary Metcalfe; John & Janette Miers; Kim & Tanya Moller; Bob & Barbara Rutherford; Brian & Denise Sheehan; Graham & Shirley Sheehan; Adrian & Gayle Skinner Ray & Jan Steele; Brian & Karen Stevens; ;Les & Brenda Usher; Peter & Nerida Versace;

Visitors – **1<sup>st</sup> time**- Lesley Siffleet/Michael Burdette, Bruce & Gail May. **2<sup>nd</sup> time** –Cheryl & Rick Henry

Day visitors – Farrells Grand Children, Mitchell, Hannah, Aiden, Aleisha & Amelia

### Lucky Winners

Graham & Shirley Sheehan, Muzza & Jenny McGowan were the winners of the Lucky Van Numbers. They’ve won one free night each at the next non-caravan park rally they attend.

- **Raffles** The \$50 voucher (donated by QCC) was won by Yvonne lacey
- The Heating disc (donated by ??) was won by ??
- The ?? (donated by T Swift) was won by C Henry.

MILLMERRAN GOLF - FRIDAY 10 FEB

Reports indicate that the course is very good.

Regretfully, due to being rostered on to work on the Saturday night, I will not be at the rally. Nor will Steve Langley who normally fills in for me.

I am not sure of the number of golfers that may be at the rally, therefore I may not be able to arrange for the golf bag to be taken to the rally. If not, and a game is played, I am sure someone will keep the score details and get them to me at the next rally, when results can be worked out and presentations arranged.

The green fees for the course are - \$10.

Buggies may be available (cost not known) – if needed please book on 4695 1476 after 5.30pm.

Cheers – Daryl

## **Activity report for Laidley.**

Thursday was a hot, lazy setup day. Was too ruddy hot to rush anything! The Shelter of the main hall was the ideal place to pass happy hour, waiting on the gathering storm.



Friday started much the same until yours truly decided to attend the amenities block for morning ablutions. Unfortunately for me, the entrance was in full view of the gathering place for a bunch of raucous, wolf whistling Yobbos. The centre of attention seemed to be my dressing gown, which was unkindly and hurtfully, described as “Yvonne’s Housecoat “!!

Anyway, I was sitting there, contemplating my navel (and as you will appreciate, that’s no mean feat considering my build!!), when I heard the words “Picture” and “Camera” muttered by the previously mentioned bunch of Yobbos outside!! Uh oh I thinks, them ratbags are gonna try and snap me coming out.



I realised there was no way to avoid them, so had just resigned myself to running the gauntlet, when a taller than me gentleman wandered in. It became obvious he was only here for a short visit, so I asked him if he would mind me hiding behind him as he left....He shot me a look that indicated I was ready for committal, but when I explained what the crowd of ruffians outside had in store for me, he agreed. (He turned out to be one of the visiting prospective Members. I hope our behaviour didn’t frighten him off !!)

I scuttled out hanging onto his shirt and when the moment was right, I bolted for the cover of our van, making it inside by the skin of my teeth. ....



In the interests of fair play, I have put up a pic of me in the said garment for your own opinions.....But in revenge I have repaid the attempting photographer in kind !!



**Moral of this story ?...Don't mess with the Editor LOLLOL!!**

Evening saw a visit to the local Hostelry for Dinner. Quite a decent crowd turned out to a veritable feast of awesome proportions! A lot of our members were taken by surprise (including me), by the size and Quality of the fare on offer. The size and presentation of the "Seafood platter for two" was tremendous.....But... I have had seafood platters quite a few times over the years and have always wondered why most of the items on the platter are in odd numbers !! Also Young Kevin Day was caught unawares and received a Happy Birthday Chorus.....one of many over the weekend !!



After Dinner, fully sated, we wended our way back to our hot house ,or in a few cases, to the card tables for the remainder of the night.

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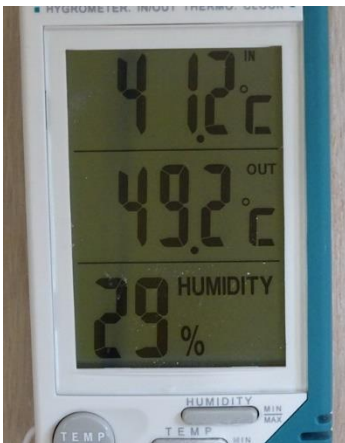
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**Saturday** dawned bright, clear and hot...again! It was a battle to find a cool spot and Fans were in frantic use by a lot of the Ladies. Some of the Blokes found their own solution !! Luckily the meeting wasn't too protracted. We had a visit from local Councillor, Michael Hagan, who had a little chat to explain he was a bit of a Newbie to the job.



The heat was relentless and a few of the Members took off to the Pool in Laidley. The storm was a blessed relief when it finally arrived. Below left is a picture of our thermometer in the caravan taken as the temps started to drop! Yvonne declared, "We are not coming to another Rally until the Van is airconditioned !!"  
On the right is a Member on her return from the pool. QCCs answer to Esther Williams !!



Does anybody recognize this face, enjoying life by the Ocean !!

And right, President John avoids a catastrophe at





the hands of "Dennis The Menace"

Saturday night, Margie managed to entice a goodly number of contestants for her "Charades" and "Celebrity Heads" night. Myself, I like watching these games but never been game to have a bash ! I think the best way to report on this event is let the pics speak for themselves.



The members who participated and looked on thoroughly enjoyed the night.

Sunday was a relief judging from the remarks and speed with which some took off after the meeting. I myself had packed up as much as possible on Saturday night to save a sweaty session in the morning...





The only ones seemingly unaffected where the Tai Chi team !!

PS... My Air-con is installed, just waiting for the ducting which will be here by the time you get this newsletter !



All in All not a bad Rally only a very uncomfortable one. But we have no control over the weather.

Lets hope it will be a little cooler at Millmerran. See you there.

### 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		
J—K	Helen Judge	S	Brian Sheehan
L	George Lacey	T-Z	Adrian Skinner

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