



Q.C.C. Wanderer

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Presidents Report

QCC February rally held at Millmerran Village Caravan Park, was a little low key, compared to the normal busy rally. The weekend, again was held during very hot and humid days. There was no rain at all, made conditions very unpleasant, but the air conditioners in our caravans helped bring the temperature down to about 29 or 30 degrees.

Thank you to the 25 caravans who attended the rally, your time and effort to attend the rally under hot and uncomfortable days was appreciated.

Around 36 members attended the local hotel on Friday night for a great meal, although a few members waited quite a while for their meals. All reports the meals were very good and everyone was happy with the end result. Some members bought home doggy bags for another meal.

We had first time visitors Leonie and Ken Hubbard who are friends of Sue and Gordon Baker. Third time visitors Cheryl and Rick Henry, were inducted into the club at the Saturday mornings meeting.

Saturday afternoon due to the extreme heat, everyone stayed in their vans to cool down with the air conditioners. Finally about 4pm it cooled down a little, for members to enjoy happy hour outside the camp kitchen area.

Then, many members stayed and enjoyed a combined communal dinner. When finally the heat dropped, and the breeze made conditions much more bearable.

At the meeting on Sunday morning we had the pleasure of Pat and Greg Mander from the Adventures Caravan Club. They were on their way to Goondiwindi to check out the venue for the State Rally to be held in September for the CCQ. They will be travelling with the Rutherfords and Skinners for a few days.

To our members who haven't been well, I wish you all a speedy recovery, and look forward to meeting you again at another rally when you are well enough to attend.

I would like to thank Adrian Skinner, who will be acting as President for the next rally at Sandown Park in March. Jenny and I will be attending 2 weddings, one in Albury and one in Guyra during this time.

Stay safe, healthy and happy and look forward to meeting you all at my next rally in April at Woodford Showgrounds. This will be the Presidents Picnic with a Hawaiian theme afternoon/night, so wear bright colored cloths for a fun afternoon/night.

President, JOHN

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Rally at Standown Park Caravan park

How to Get There

Standown Caravan Park 2/17	Take the Bruce Highway North towards Gympie. Approaching Gympie, look out for the sign for Tin Can Bay/Rainbow beach Turnoff on the right. Take the turn and continue approx..27klms to Radtke road on the left. Turn in to Radtke road and the park is about 5 klms on the left, No 91.
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Rally Info (Needs, Emergencies, etc)

Rally dates: Official dates: 11th & 12th March self booked
 Arrive no earlier than: Individual choice
 Depart no later than: individual choice

000 Nearest Hospital: Gympie General, 12 Henry St, Gympie, 4570

Emergency

Park Address & Cross street:

Details

91 Radtke road, Goomboorian.....No cross street

Post Code

4570

Medical Needs: Cooloola Cove Medical Centre, 5 Dolphin Avenue, Tel: 5486 4600

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: per night \$ 23.00 per caravan ,unpowered \$20 per van
 Administration Fee: \$ 3.00 per caravan
 Hall Hire: \$ 0.00 per caravan

Summer Meetings Programme			(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 9.00 am 9;30 am	Pay Treasurer Morning tea meeting
Sat:	9:00 am 9;30 am	Morning tea Meeting	Disc Bowls available from Barry Gibson.		

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!

Our AGM is due on Sat. 8th April at the Woodford Rally. Time to start thinking about how you can serve your club by taking a place on the Management Committee. A great range of skills are needed to run this Organisation and you would be surprised how fulfilling the Committee experience can be. The Main attribute required is enthusiasm. It is the best way anyone can take steps to implement new ideas, which we are always open to. So seriously think about it. Any committee member will give you info and guidance if you're interested and Nomination forms are available from Our Secretary and will be included in the next edition of the QCC Wanderer.

Future Rallies

2017

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

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

Exciting Future Entertainment

Standown Park; Friday night; The Park owners will be putting on a Camp oven meal of Casserole, Damper and Sweet. The cost will be \$20 per head and there will be heaps to go around and more. If enough people are interested in paying an extra \$5 each, the owners have an entertainer lined up to perform. You will be asked as you pay for your meal at check in. Drinks, B.Y.O.

Saturday Night; The Great English Pub Night!! Bring along your Tankard for a drop of Ale and a good old Sing along. Bangers and Mash will be on the menu and BYO Ale...Photo Booth will be present!

Woodford Showground; Saturday Arvo; 1.30pm, will be Singles Disc Bowls Championship.. and ooh.....Don't forget the chance to "Get Physical", with Paul Brearley !!

Saturday Night; At 7pm. The Presidents Picnic will take place. Dress will be "Hawaiian", so dig out the grass skirts and lairy shirts! IT WILL BE THE BEST PLACE IN TOWN TO GET A LAI ! Steak burgers and Dessert will be supplied. Eating Irons, Crockery and Booze **BYO**.

New Members Cheryl and Rick Henry



Widgee Country Music Weekend.

21st to 23rd April

See Margie Hiller..0407 335 074

Happy Birthday to you for March

3rd Bill Kasper
6th Pamela Smith
6th Adrian savage
7th Des Lowrie
8th Tony Pomroy
8th Barrie Smith

9th Colin James
16th Helen Judge
16th Ray MacDonald
18th Colin Colston
18th Tom Smith
20th Bob Nicol

21st Ray Caddies
21ST Gordon Ison
21st Mary Jacobson
22nd Nola Bromley
22nd Daryl Kays
23rd Adrian Skinner

Happy Anniversary to you for March

1st Marie & Neil Chesney
7th Tanya & Kim Moller
12th Pat & Bryan Davies
17th Audrey & Victor Schrier

Members Present at the Rally

– Usher, Brenda & Les - Hiller, Margaret - Judge, Helen & David - Carroll, Jenny & John - Baker, Sue & Gordon - Baker, Darren - Rutherford, Barbara & Bob - Sheehan, Denise & Brian - Dukes, Graham & Dawn - Versace, Nerida & Peter - Barr, Pat & Graham - Henry, Cheryl & Rick - Stocker, Sylvia & Eddie - Coxall, Terry - Lacey, Yvonne & George - Smith, Jacky & Tom - Gibson, Wendy & Barry - Robbins, Yvonne - Davis, Jill & Tom - Miers, Jan & John - Lander, Barry & Gail - Robson-Petch, Pam & Ron - Hills, Vicki & Wayne - Truloff, Chris & Bruce - Skinner, Gayle & Adrian

Visitors – 1st time – Leonie & Ken Hubbard

Lucky Raffle Winners (see letter below)

Lacey's and Yvonne Robbins were the winners of the Lucky Van Numbers. They've won one free night at the next non-caravan park rally they attend.

- Raffle Prizes:
- The \$50 (donated by QCC) was won by C. Truloff
 - The Ski Bag (donated by ??) was won by Les Usher.
 - The Glass Bowl (donated by H. Edney) was won by B. Gibson



Dear Members

First of all, thank you to all of you who have donated prizes for our raffles. The money goes into our funds, which in turn goes towards buying items for our club and also towards our donations to RFDS and Life flight.

The standard of these prizes should be good. The presentation should also look good and the boxes and contents be in good condition with no parts missing.

We would like to think the people who win these prizes go away happy with their wins. Please do not take offence as we are all just buying for the clubs benefit.

Thank you for your continuing support and keep them coming.

Your hardworking Raffle Ladies.

Whilst on the subject of money,
a little reminder about Club Membership fees.
Some of them are...



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Can be paid at Standown Park or ring Kevin to make a direct electronic payment....Many thanks.

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Goings on at Millmerran ..

In a word HOT !!! The weekend started on a sour note for me whilst about 15 klms from Millmerran. Yvonne noticed something wrong as Awning had come loose and unwound, flapping around in the wind like a wild thing. Managed to tuck it back in and had a look when we arrived. It was a dead loss, torn and ripped, we had to cut it off.

Decided to plug in to power and see how my newly installed aircon was...couldn't get van door open. Ed Stocker spotted us struggling with it and came over. After a while he gave up the futile attempts and came back with a lever and popped it open. The 4 bolts that fasten the lock to the door had all vibrated loose and were sitting on the van floor....Luckily all went back together ok with added security of a few drops of Loctite !!

I must admit it was one of the least active rallies I've ever attended. It was a labour of love trying to pry folk away from the Aircons. A good group managed the 100 metre slog to the Pub restaurant on Friday evening. That's where the bad luck continued for me. Ordered my favourite tucker, Mixed Grill, making sure to let the lass on the till know my simple request...All meats on the Grill to be medium rare at most! I was one of first to order but over an hour later when most had finished eating my worst nightmare was plonked in front of me. Twenty seconds later it was on its way back!! Only use for meal was as doorstops...It was cooked to death. Girl offered a new one which I declined, so received my money back. Problem was I was starving, so reluctantly reordered a dish called Ranch Pie. Promised in 15 mins, it duly arrived in 25mins...It was stupendous !! I left suitably stuffed !!

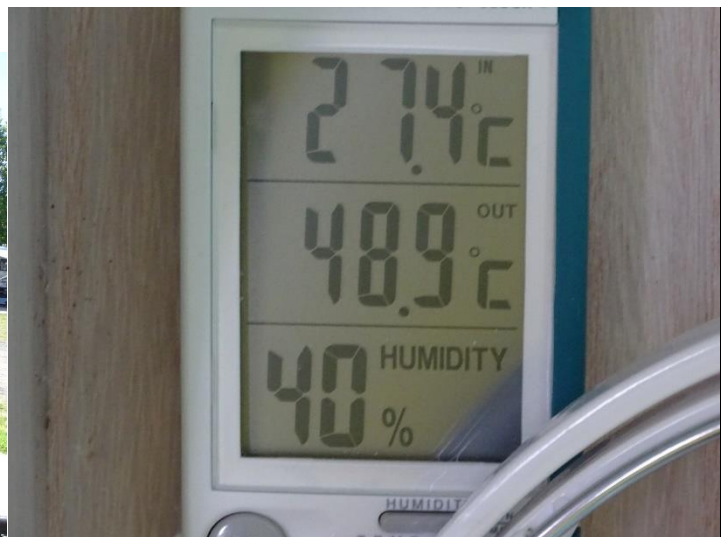


Think most of the rest enjoyed their meals, especially Bob & Barb Rutherford with their superb helping of Apple Crumble and Ice Cream !!

Afraid Millmerran doesn't have a lot going for it but a few of the buildings in town have some interesting murals, well worth a look.



At the Saturday meeting Jenny Carroll's Quilt was on display. Tickets in the Raffle for it are selling well. The temp. was 48.9 outside my Van at 11.39am!



Afternoon tea morphed into Happy hour which morphed into dinner time. It was a hot, lazy, languid afternoon and evening.





Just to impress all who didn't attend, these stats following (52.4 deg.) were taken as we were departing on Sunday at 10.30am. The broken thermometer was out on Marges slab and on reaching 55 degrees, burst !! They have had no water since last October apparently and the onsite lake was only half its usual amount. So best of luck to them, they certainly need it.



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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

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