



# Q.C.C. Wanderer

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## **Standown Park**



### Presidents Report

Standown was a new location for us and one I believe that we will return to in the future. Prue, Rod and Pam along with their supporting staff could not have done more to make our rally the success that it was, 62 vans attended the rally and for those that could not attend. At the camp oven dinner on the Friday night, prepared by the volunteers who are the backbone to the success of the park, Dad Rod gave us some of this history and on the Saturday meeting I invited Prue to expand on what her Dad had given us as well as the history of the "Bricks". The committee decided to purchase a brick to go into the memorial wall. I put this to the rally at the Sunday meeting for approval.

On the Saturday night we were supplied with a second dinner, "GREAT ENGLISH PUB NIGHT" this time supplied by Ray Caddies and HIS team of volunteer helpers again were the back bone of the success of this dinner, there was a strong sense of competition between these two teams with both coming through with flying colours even with Ray's uncooperative potatoes. A very big thank you to Ray and his team.

At the Rally we found out that our Web master Lance Haslewood spent about 1000hrs making plaques depicting RAAF Squadrons which are on display at the park. It sure is interesting what is hidden within our club membership. New members Owen and Bev Brandon were welcomed into the club and we wish them many happy times with us.....(cont. on page 3)

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.

## Rally at Woodford Showground

## How to Get There

Woodford Showgrounds 1/08)	<p>Continue on the Bruce Hwy north <b>past</b> 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 <b>right exiting lane</b>, 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 <u>left</u> lane, following the signs to Kilcoy. Continue along the highway, passing through Wamuran, until you reach Woodford.</p> <p>Continue through the town of Woodford and then turn <u>left</u> towards Villeneuve (Neurum Rd). After hundred metres, the showground is on your <u>right</u>.</p>
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### Rally Info (Needs, Emergencies, etc)

Rally dates: Official dates: 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> April  
 Arrive no earlier than: 5<sup>th</sup> April  
 Depart no later than: 11<sup>th</sup> April

<b>000 Emergency</b>	<b>Nearest Hospital:</b> Caboolture Public Hospital
<b>Details</b>	<b>Park Address &amp; Cross street:</b> On Neurum Road, cross street is D'Aguilar Highway
<b>Post Code</b>	
<b>4514</b>	

Medical Needs: Medical Needs: Woodford Family Medical Centre, 64 Archer St., Woodford

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 per caravan per night, 15.00 Singles  
 Administration Fee: \$ 3.00 per caravan  
 Hall Hire: \$ 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 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.		

## 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!*

*Our AGM is due on Sat. 8<sup>th</sup> 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

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

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I was informed by the clubs “personal trainer” Paul that he was NOT running the Get Physical classes at the Cooyar Rally even with his pink leotards.

Standing in for John at the rally it was a bit of fun and I do hope that I did not make to many stuff ups, so all being well I will see you all at Woodford.

Vice President Adrian

**Friday** Probably 6-00pm Dinner at local Pub, Then cards/games in the Hall.

**Saturday** 8-00am Tai Chi with Lynne

### **QCC 2017 Pairs Disc Bowls Competition**

It's time for our QCC's Pairs Disc Bowls comp on Saturday at Woodford.

Everyone can play – teams made up of 2 ladies, or 2 gents, or mixed pairs are all welcome. You don't have to be experienced to join in – someone will show you how to play if you've not played before.



The timings on Saturday are:

11:30am	Nominations close (Nomination Box near the noticeboard)
Noon	Games and teams posted on noticeboard
1:30pm	Games start

Please Note – If you are unable to nominate by 11:30am, please let Wendy Gibson know beforehand and she will be happy to add your names to the list of players.

The winning pair will each be awarded the QCC Pairs Disc Bowls trophy on which his/her names will be engraved ... and they can keep the trophies until the next Pairs Disc Bowls Competition.

If you can help as marker it would very much appreciated.

Spectators are important too. If you're not playing, please bring along your chair and support your favourite team.

If you have any query, please contact Barry or Wendy Gibson.

**Saturday** Evening at 5pm will be the Presidents Picnic. Hamburger and sweet supplied. BYO booze, crockery and cutlery. Dress Hawaiian so get out your Lairy shirts and grass Skirts...If your lucky you may get a Lai.....

**Sunday** 8-00am Tai Chi with Lynne

### **Future Entertainment**

#### **Cooroy:**

*Friday night-* After many disparaging remarks aimed at his Physique, Paul Brearley decided to give up the "Let's get Physical" program to Barry Gibson, saying "The comments about his capabilities cut him to the bone and you can all go and get stood on!!" .....Nah, only kiddin'.....It was all a matter of mixed up information.....Although it is a shame we have to miss the spectacle..... lol. The programme will be in the capable hands of Barry.

**Photo Prints of "The British Pub " night and also prints from the "Christmas Party" at Landsborough will be available for a \$2 gold coin.**

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

1<sup>st</sup> Sandra Smith  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Graham Duke  
 7<sup>th</sup> Jill Davis  
 7<sup>th</sup> Shirley Myles  
 9<sup>th</sup> Pat Barr

10<sup>th</sup> Bev McCallum  
 11<sup>th</sup> Bert Beker  
 12<sup>th</sup> Robyn Langley  
 15<sup>th</sup> Wendy Gibson  
 19<sup>th</sup> Roy Bridges  
 21<sup>st</sup> Chris Truloff

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 22<sup>nd</sup> Janelle Donaldson  
 28<sup>th</sup> Leonie Hubbard  
 28<sup>th</sup> Gordon Baker  
 28<sup>th</sup> Bill Dobe  
 30<sup>th</sup> Ian Farrell  
 30<sup>th</sup> Dorcas Burt

## *♪ Happy Anniversary to you for April ♪*

3<sup>rd</sup> Ann & Patrick Hetherman  
 4<sup>th</sup> Dorkas & Douglas Burt  
 6<sup>th</sup> Helen & Stewart Hornibrook  
 11<sup>th</sup> Carolyn & Merv Kahler  
 15<sup>th</sup> Bev & Kem McDowall  
 15<sup>th</sup> Denise & Terry Park

15<sup>th</sup> Shirley & Tom Myles  
 16<sup>th</sup> Jill & Tom Davis  
 19<sup>th</sup> Marj & Bill Kasper  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan & Ray Steele  
 24<sup>th</sup> Jeff & Jean Cochrane  
 25<sup>th</sup> Nola & Trevor Bromley

### Other News

### Showground Rally

61 caravans gathered for the rally in Standown Park

[Details about the site.](#) Very nice, peaceful place. [Info about entertainment.](#) Billy Guy, very Good

### Members Present at the Rally

Members – Beres & Carmel [Abraham](#); Roger & Laurel [Adams](#); Graham and [Pat Barr](#), Bert & Yvonne [Beker](#); Judi [Biddington](#); Eugene & Jill [Boyle](#); Owen & Bev [Brandon](#); Paul & Di [Brearley](#); Roy & Carmel [Bridges](#); ; Doug & Dorcas [Burt](#); Ray & Gail [Caddies](#); Jeff & Jean [Cochrane](#); Neil & Marie [Chesney](#); Keith & Kay [Chorley](#); Merv & Barbara [Cook](#); Graeme & Bev [Cope](#); Terry [Coxall](#); Kevin & Carol [Day](#); Tom & Jill [Davis](#); Janelle [Donaldson](#); Dennis & Heather [Edney](#); Ian & Gwen [Egen](#); Gus & Carrol [Fraser](#); Frank & Rhonda [Gaffney](#); Peter [Gawen](#); Barry & Wendy [Gibson](#); Kev & Pat [Gower](#); Geoff & Del [Gray](#); Rod & Bev [Green](#); Lance & Karen [Haslewood](#); Rick & Cheryl [Henry](#); Patrick & Ann [Hetherman](#); Margaret [Hiller](#); Alf & Desley [Hinson](#); Gordon [Ison](#); Gary & Noeleen [Jarrett](#); Colin & Margaret [James](#); David & Helen [Judge](#); Merv & Carolyn [Kahler](#); Daryl [Kays](#); George & Yvonne [Lacey](#); Gail & Barry [Lander](#); Steve & Robyn [Langley](#); Keith & Bev [McCallum](#); ; Murray & Jenn [McGowan](#); Des & Jenny [McLeod](#); Rod & Mary [Metcalf](#); John & Janette [Miers](#); Terry & Denise [Park](#); Ron & Pam [Robson-Petch](#); Yvonne [Robbins](#); Bob & Barbara [Rutherford](#); Brian & Denise [Sheehan](#); ; Adrian & Gayle [Skinner](#); Tom & Jacky [Smith](#); Brian & Karen [Stevens](#); Eddie & Sylvia [Stocker](#) Bruce & Chris [Truloff](#) ; Peter & Nerida [Versace](#); Bill & Denise [Waycott](#);

Visitors – Peter & Laura [Seccombe](#), Michael & Siffi. [Burdette](#), Bruce & Gail [May](#)

### Lucky Winners

Gus Fraser & Peter Gawen were the winners of the Lucky Van Number. They've won one free night each at the next non-caravan park rally they attend.

- Raffle Prizes:
- The \$50 voucher (donated by QCC) was won by K Cragg.
  - The tray and heater (donated by ??) was won by M. Hiller
  - The Mens Wallet (donated by T Swift.) was won by T. Smith.



## Activities report at Standown Park.

**Friday** was spent mainly setting up and then a number of Members did a little sightseeing in the area. This was no mean fete as the park is quite a way from civilization! Yvonne and I went out to Tin Can Bay, then on to Poona for a sticky beak. I can say I never want to see a pine tree again!!! Lol. The Layout of the park is quite good, with the Cenotaph providing a peaceful backdrop and an interesting visit. The local wildlife in the Lagoon looked a bit Dodgy though !



The Afternoon was spent by many watching the Park Staff readying the cooking fire arrangements for the Evening meal, being cooked in camp ovens. As an ex pom, Camp oven cooking has always seemed a waste of time and energy, making me think whoever wrote the song, "Only mad dogs and Englishmen go out in the noonday Sun", had never visited Oz!. Let's face it, only Mad Australians light a fire in 35 degree heat and stand over it shovelling red hot coals around!!.....Mind you, this time I think we're glad they did!



The feed on Friday night was a beautiful beef stew, tasty and above all, plentiful. It was rounded off with Apple crumble with Ice cream and custard!! I for one went to bed well pugged!! (and paid for it, not having a good nights sleep!) Thanks to all the staff and some of the residents of



the park for a lovely meal. The Picture at left is Heather kindly saying Grace, and right, some of the "inside" staff helping each other up after a very welcome break during preparations.

During and after the meal, we were entertained by a Chap named Billy Guy, playing a good cross section of music and a touch of comedy was provided by Rod Elkington.

The Park is a wholly Family owned and run Enterprise with Rod, his wife Pam, Their Daughter Prue Marshall, her Hubbie Craig with their son 6 year old Lincoln, along with; Ron – Grounds Keeping, Noel – Rubbish Removal and Wood, Judy & Ann – Amenities and along with Trish also help in their Kitchen when they cook. Without these key people they would not have the time to dedicate to other opportunities like 'Push to the Bush' or events like Tribute Concerts etc. The whole family expressed their thanks to us, saying... "Thank you for coming, it was a pleasure having your club at our park and we look forward to seeing you either as individuals or the club in the future" ☺





The night followed the true Qcc path of events, having a bit of “Boot Scooting”(which has been in very short supply the last few months due to favourite “Scooter Tutor” Kevin not been able to fit in his usual sessions ‘cos of his scooting around the Globe!), then onto the “Running Bear” Conga line. And something that can only be described as “very Military looking”... GI Blues ???



Even a few folk dropped in to see what was going on..... including a real, live, “Drop Bear”





**Saturday.**

One new couple were inducted.  
Owen & Bev Brandon



During the meeting, one of the Family, Prue, gave us a talk on the idea behind the retreat, its ideals and ongoing progress. It is a very interesting concept but they soon realized they

would need to open to the General Public. As they get no funding from the government, they hold fundraising events such as our Friday nights bash to acquire funds to further improve the Park. The following Photos are taken inside the camp Kitchen area and represent all 3 Forces.

The Centre Picture is of special interest to us, as one of our members, Lance Haslewood, actually made and donated all the plaques on that wall to Standown Park some years ago as there was little recognition of the RAAF at the time. A lot of time and skill went into them.



After the meeting it was time for the QCC "Cooks and Bottlers" to start preparations for our own "4 Amigos" Special Meal night, (although 2 Amigos, Tony and Sue Stephenson couldn't make it as Tony is recovering from open heart Surgery). The theme was an "Old English Pub" and we were being served Bangers and Mash with peas....with 3 choices of sweet available.







Left; Patrick hetherman revealed hidden talents when he Painted a Pub backdrop and Sign for our photo shoot....very impressive..



Right, was a Birthday celebration of some description, but I never did find out whose !

The meal preparation hit a couple of hiccups, as is usually the case catering for crowds this size,



but also as usual, it all turned out good. Our Caterers had taken great care with the Sausage selection, going to the two best butchers in Gympie, buying 3 different types of sausage from each and conducting very thorough and unbiased taste tests. And they did a great job 'cos never heard a complaint(not even me who is a very particular sausage eater) The sweets were, Apple Crumble, Apple pie and custard and something called "Standown Mess", which was a Cooks Concoction and very nice to boot. There was Plenty to eat and everyone was suitably sated.....again!! Bet the bathroom scales got a hiding after this weekend!! We were led in the Pub Singalong by our bunch of Resident Songsters.

After dinner we had a few words from the family who own the Park, thanking us for attending and having such a good time. Junior Member of the Family, 6 year old Lincoln, presented Stand-in President, Vice President Adrian Skinner with an envelope, inside which was a donation to Qcc of \$200 ! and everyone went to bed happy again.







A fitting ending, as this is the last of the Amigos treats.

On behalf of the full QCC membership, I would like to say **THANK YOU** to all 4 Amigos and their many helpers for the excellent work they have all done together over the years!

Meanwhile, a couple of left over "victim pics" for you to peruse!





**Sunday** Overnight, it was decided as QCC are not legally allowed to accept donations of this kind, to put up a motion to the meeting that we donate the cheque back to Standown Park to help with their improvement plans. The motion was passed unanimously on a show of hands. On receipt of the cheque, Rod and the rest of the Family decided to have a solid Timber, 3 seater Park Bench made, along with a plaque identifying QCC as the donor on the back of it, and placed on the walkway around the Memorial Lake!! The QCC meeting also decided to purchase a Remembrance Plaque for QCC to be placed on the Memorial.

***A magnificent end to a magnificent Rally! I will Leave you all with musings from Mary Metcalfe.***

### **STANDOWN PARK**

by Mary E. Metcalfe ©  
13 March 2017

A haven of peace and natural tranquillity - one of the best  
This rural Caravan Park stands out from the rest  
Originally envisioned as a retreat for Vietnam Vets  
Now catering to Over 50's, and sometimes, their pets.  
Lately, as members of a caravan club  
We journeyed to Goomboorian out Gympie way  
And for four autumn days gathered there  
How we did enjoy our stay!

That splendid memorial around the lake  
Could not anyone fail to impress  
It reminds us of those who served in a defence force intake  
and one needed while there a reflective pilgrimage to make.

Early morning bird calls are part of the natural order  
Pine trees behind the lake form a forest border  
The nightly lit campfire keeps veterans' memory to the fore  
Many of them served and died on a foreign shore.

Baby boomers well recall the era of the Vietnam war  
Others of us even married those who active service there saw  
"Standown" is such an applicable a name  
For a place which remembers military pain.

Congratulations to Ron, Pam, Craig and Prue  
And all those who continue to labour there  
We must certainly give them their due  
What vision, what scope  
To give all who visit a chance for relaxation and hope.

The best camp oven stew I've ever tasted  
Was served one evening from a huge great pot  
Didn't take our camping crowd long  
To demolish the lot.

So folks, if you are seeking a few days away from the crowd  
Head east out Tin Can Bay Road when Gympie you reach  
You'll also be enabling them the ANZAC stories to teach loud  
As Standown Park community raises funds for their "push to the bush."

When our generation has long gone to its rest  
It will be the youngsters of today who will our servicemen's legends attest

**LEST WE FORGET!**

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