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## Presidents Report

The Woodford rally was a very good rally, but it did not run very smoothly, as I was hoping when I arrived on Thursday morning. We were confronted by Kevin the Caretaker, who was adamant that he was going to make the rally difficult for the rally marshals and all members. Dennis Edney & Muzza Gowan, our rally marshals, thank you for your patience and expertise in parking 60 caravans under difficult circumstances with a very impatient Caretaker. I was informed by the Caretaker on Friday morning that we were not allowed to have the meeting in the hall area. This was due to heavy machinery, tractors and barricades. Finally, Friday afternoon Kevin cleared the hall area for our meeting. Then, Saturday morning I was told we were not allowed to raise the large roller door due to safety and health issues. The hall then became very hot, humid and unsafe with two small doors for emergency exits. I then telephoned the President of the Show Society, to express my concerns how uncooperatively we were treated by the Caretaker. During the meeting I received an urgent call from Show Society President, Val, asking for a special meeting at the showground office. This resulted in John Carroll, Adrian Skinner & Barbara Rutherford attending this meeting. Val, & Peter, Secretary of the show society, were understanding and advised us they wanted us to stay and also wanted our club to book future rally dates. They also allowed the roller door to be opened for the rest of the rally.

Jackie Smith, thank you for conducting the AGM, this was completed without any delays. Thank you to Wendy & Barry Gibson for organizing the disc bowls pairs event. Again, this was very well run with many helpers making the event run smoothly .

The eventual winners were Ray McDonald & Tony Swift with Kevin Day & David Judge the runners up.

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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 Cooyar Showground How to Get There

<p>Cooyar Showground</p> <p>6 /04/2017</p> <p><b>GPS: -</b> 26.98812 , 151.82597.</p>	<p>Make your way to Esk via Warrego highway, and Brisbane Valley Highway. On approaching Esk, lookout for left turn onto Hampton road, follow via Mount Jockey road and Perseverance Dam Road to New England Highway. Turn right and follow to Crows nest. Stay on the New England Highway for approx. 46 Klms from Crows Nest, where you will come to a bridge with “give way” signs on both sides of road. At the far end of this bridge turn left !! <u>The turn has no signs, so be ready for it.</u> The Showground is a few hundred metres up this road.(Cooyar– Rangemore Road).</p>
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### Rally Info (Needs, Emergencies, etc)

Rally dates: Official dates: 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> May  
 Arrive no earlier than: 3<sup>rd</sup> May  
 Depart no later than: 11<sup>th</sup> May

<b>000 Emergency</b>	<b><u>Park Address &amp; Cross street:</u></b> Cooyar Showgrounds . Rangemore road Cooyar, QLD 4402
<b>Details</b>	<b><u>Nearest Hospital:</u></b> Nanango General, 135 BrisbaneSt.,Nanango 4615 Phone (07) 4171 6700
<b>Post Code</b> 4402	

Medical : [Carr B R, Doctors-Medical Practitioners - Yarraman, QLD](#)

Needs: 20 Millar St, Yarraman QLD 4614

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

Site Fees: \$16 per Van, \$13 non Powered, \$5 extra persons

Admin Fee: \$3.00 per Van

Hall Hire: \$0.00

**It is advised that blocks will be required as some sites are not level. Also it will be necessary to fill you water tanks for drinking as only Bore water is available.**

<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.		

(Cont. from page 1) Congratulations to all four finalists for an enjoyable event. Thank you to Ken McNab for filling in for me at short notice to complete the meeting and the general meeting, while I was attending the special meeting Thanks to Jenny Carroll for organizing the Presidents Picnic, and Margaret Hiller & Yvonne Robbins for assisting Jenny. I am sure everyone liked the hamburger and apple pie with custard. Thank you to all members who helped make a successful picnic. Thanks also Jenny for your quilt donation. We raised \$302 for both our charities. Thank you to Helen Judge & Gayle Skinner for the Easter raffle. We collected \$391 and many prizes were given to lucky members. Finally, I would like to thank all the previous committee members for your hard work during the year, we all worked well as a team.

Thanks to all the new committee for your nominations, I am sure we will have a good & successful year, your effort will be rewarding for all members.

Stay safe, healthy and happy and I look forward to meeting everyone at the next rally at the Cooyar Showgrounds in May for the Birthday rally.

President JOHN .

## **Club News -- Member Milestones**



Left: Gail & Adrian Skinner accept Their Life Membership Award. Congratulations all round.

Centre: Finalists in the Disc Bowls Pairs, David Judge & Kev Day V Tony Swift & Ray McDonald.

Right: Joint winner Tony Swift accepting Trophy as partner Ray had a prior engagement.

### **. Special Notices - PLEASE READ**

***For info on CCQ, their website address is; <http://www.caravanclubsqld.org.au/>***

***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!***



**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

**Entertainment—Friday** night,-7pm, See Promo below **Saturday,-** , Approx 11Am Tag-a-long with a picnic lunch ( B Y O LUNCH ) to the tunnel, Palm forest and the swinging bridge. 3pm BACK TO THE SHOWGROUNDS for a joint afternoon tea and cut the club BIRTHDAY CAKE....6.30-7 pm dinner and entertainment at the Cooyar Hotel ( \$18 per head ).

**Let's Get Physical**  
**... use it or lose it**

Come along at 7:00pm on Friday to QCC Cooyar Gym and enjoy an evening of LIGHT strength and balance exercises, presented by Barry Gibson and Les Usher.

What do you need to bring – comfortable loose clothing (shorts preferable), joggers, sweat bands and water bottles.



**The more you do ... the more you can do.**

*Happy Birthday to you for May*

1<sup>st</sup> Rod Metcalfe  
 1<sup>st</sup> Roy Hill  
 5<sup>th</sup> Lesley Siffleet  
 7<sup>th</sup> Ann Savage  
 7<sup>th</sup> Marie Chesney  
 11<sup>th</sup> Bindra Luscombe  
 1<sup>th</sup> Bev Lilley

13<sup>th</sup> Graeme Cope  
 13<sup>th</sup> Les Usher  
 17<sup>th</sup> Joan Gethings  
 18<sup>th</sup> Ann Hetherman  
 19<sup>th</sup> Tony Swift  
 21<sup>st</sup> Carmel Bridges  
 21<sup>st</sup> Rudi Materne  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Jill Boyle

23<sup>rd</sup> Janet Green  
 25<sup>th</sup> Rod Green  
 27<sup>th</sup> Harold Liley  
 27<sup>th</sup> Peggy Finlayson  
 28<sup>th</sup> Ken Cragg  
 31<sup>st</sup> Phil Lowe  
 31<sup>st</sup> Yvonne Lacey

*Happy Anniversary to you for May*

5<sup>th</sup> Del & Geoff Gray  
 6<sup>th</sup> Yvonne & Bert Beker  
 12<sup>th</sup> Heather & Dennis Edney

14<sup>th</sup> Chris & Bruce Truloff  
 16<sup>th</sup> Denise & Brian Sheehan  
 24<sup>th</sup> Lyn & Ken Cragg  
 24<sup>th</sup> Janet & Col Green

## Other News

# Showground Rally---60 Vans gathered at Woodford for the Rally.

## Members Present at the Rally

- Beres & Carmel Abraham; Roger & Laurel Adams; Graham and Pat Barr, Bert & Yvonne Beker; Paul & Di Brearley; Roy & Carmel Bridges; Trevor & Nola Bromley; Doug & Dorcas Burt; Jeff & Jean Cochrane; John & Jenny Carroll; Neil & Marie Chesney; Terry Coxall; Kevin & Carol Day; Tom & Jill Davis; Janelle Donaldson; Dennis & Heather Edney; Ian & Gwen Egan; Peter Gawen; Barry & Wendy Gibson; Kev & Pat Gower; Rod & Bev Green; Lance & Karen Haslewood; Rick & Cheryl Henry; Patrick & Ann Hetherman; Roy & Lyn Hill; Margaret Hiller; Wayne & Vicki Hills; Alf & Desley Hinson; Gordon Ison; Gary & Noeleen Jarrett; David & Helen Judge; Daryl Kays; Bob & Kathy Kearney. ; George & Yvonne Lacey; Gail & Barry Lander; Steve & Robyn Langley; Phil & Del Lowe; Ray & Pam MacDonald; Keith & Bev McCallum; Murray & Jenn Mc Gowan; Des & Jenny McLeod; Rudi & Marianne Materne; Mary Metcalfe; Gene & Colleen Medford; John & Janette Miers; Ron & Pam Robson-Petch; Tony & Lynne Pomroy; Yvonne Robbins; Bob & Barbara Rutherford; Brian & Denise Sheehan; Adrian & Gayle Skinner; Barrie & Pamela Smith; Tom & Jacky Smith; Ray & Jan Steele; Tony & Sue Stephenson; Tony & Julie Swift; Les & Brenda Usher; Richard & Linda Van Wyk; Peter & Nerida Versace; Bill & Denise Waycott;

**Day visitors** – Bill & Marj Kasper; Ron & Sandra Smith; Merv & Barbara Cook; Ken & Dell McNab; Sandra & Ron Smith; Marj & Bill Kasper; Linda Reedy/Michael Drought. Mary Metcalfe

## Lucky Winners

Ian & Gwen Egan, Alf & Desley Hinson were the winners of the Lucky Van Number. They've won one free night at the next non-caravan park rally they attend.

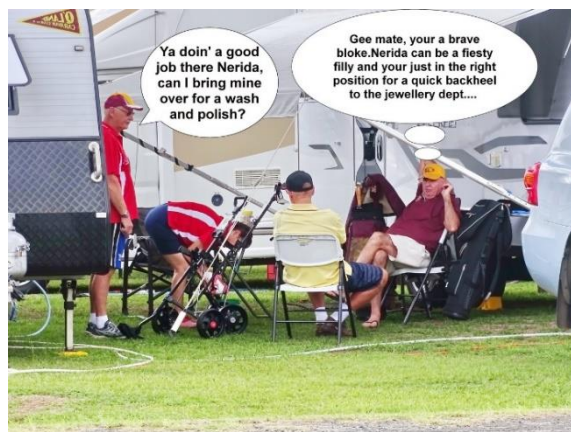
- Raffle Prizes:
- The \$50 voucher, R.Langley--Basket of Goodies, C.Medford
  - Meat trays—T.Smith & G.Egan Cheese trays—B Rutherford & M.Metcalfe
  - Easter Egg Cup—B.Lander & P. Gawen
  - Easter Bunnies—P.Gawen, T.Pomroy, J.Cochrane, P.Brearley, D.Sheehan, T.Coxall,
  - J. Smith, R. Van Wyk, M.Hiller

## Rally Events Report



When we drove in it was good to see the locals looking after the caravanning community by installing a Dump point inside the Showground precinct and landscaping it very nicely. The elation was very short lived as revealed in Johns presidential report!

Picked up on a couple of setting up situations during the morning !see below.







I got the impression that Ray is indicating he has a sore finger!!

He'll have more than that to worry about if he falls off that roof.!

**Friday Night** saw the usual crowd settling in at the local Hostelry for Dinner. This was another disappointing start as one of our astute members had spotted a deal advertised on the internet for Friday nights, which was buy one meal and get another for \$15. Now, I counted 45 Diners from our club (A goodly number came up for Lunch as well) and all hell broke loose when we asked for the deal. A notice was hastily put up at the till saying it was an old advert and wasn't current! Again, our champion of the "*downtrodden and put upon*", President John, did battle with the Manager who unfortunately wouldn't budge.....Wonder how he would have felt if all 45 stood up and walked out ... Never ceases to amaze me how these country pubs are starting to charge like inner City establishments. Anyway, as it happened, the meal was beautiful.

A rather hilarious aside kept us entertained for the evening. It was the "coming out" of a couple of our Members !!...To be fair, no names will be mentioned.

What happened was a couple of unattached male caravanners went to order their meals. The first one walked away after placing his order. Number two placed his order, innocently asking "how will I know when my meal is ready?". To which the young lady replied "your partner has the buzzer for you both". As I said, no names !!



As to be expected they copped heaps of the proverbial, but to give them their due, took it in good fun....

Gordon even went to the trouble of fronting the Saturday meeting with a very emphatic denial that he was even remotely interested.....Still waiting for Daryl !! LOL.







Jill Davis celebrated her Birthday with a sparkle, even got the "Sally Army" God Squad on side by letting her share it. Looks like Lance and Tony got converted, probably 'cos the mags are free !!

**Saturday Morning**

saw our usual meeting, followed by a quarterly general meeting and then The Annual General Moaning (oops, sorry, meeting). Members present elected a new Committee in a timely manner and we are off to start a new year.



*2017-2018 Committee*

**Back Row L-R:** Graham Barr (Committee), Bob Rutherford (Committee), Brenda Usher (Secretary), John Carroll (President), Brian Sheehan (Convenor), Adrian Skinner (Committee).

**Front Row L-R:** Gordon Ison (Committee), Barbara Rutherford (CCQ Delegate/National Liason Officer), George Lacey (Editor), Alf Hinson (Assistant Treasurer), Desley Hinson (Treasurer), Roy Bridges (Entertainment Coordinator).



**Saturday Afternoon** brought out the Disc Bows enthusiasts for the Annual Mixed doubles Title.

As usual we had a decent crowd to cheer on their particular favourite team. It was a nice, warm afternoon and the wind stayed away from our Gazebo this time.





Tony Swift and Ray McDonald were the winners after a very close finish.

**Sat, Evening** saw the Annual Presidents Picnic, the Theme being Hawaiian and the meal was Hamburger and salad with Apple pie and Custard for sweet and hot fruit Kebabs on the side!











Everyone did their thing and dressed up to suit the occasion. The place was a sea of colour. The Chefs, serving staff and entertainers did a brilliant job behind the scenes. The Fruit kebabs with Marshmallows heated over the flame were very popular. Wasn't long before someone realized he was retrieving his lump of hot pineapple from the table top because some where along the way the wooden skewers hadn't been soaked in water first !!



Left: During the proceedings, Tom and Jacky Smith modelled their Uniforms from the 2001/2002 National Rally held in Perth, WA. Marked difference for our visit to Albany for the 2019 National Rally.



Right; Les doing his can cleanup with the help of Dennis Edney.

And last but not least, Mary preparing to pack up her tent and roll up her swag after imitating her Hubbie by camping out in the wilds of Woodford. ('cept he was in Africa!!)




**That's all folks, see ya'll at Cooyar.....**



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