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## **Presidents Report--Lowood**

Hi Members

A very enjoyable rally held at the Lowood Showground for July 2017. The weather was very good except for the rain on Thursday night and Friday. The remaining time was sunny and warm although cold morning and early nights.

A total of 68 caravans attended this rally; under the circumstances the numbers were amazing.

Friday lunch and Friday dinner saw over 60 for both occasions attend the local hotel. I am sure the hotel management is happy with the attendances and our spending. All reports everyone was happy with their meals.

Attending this rally first time visitors were Alex and Karl Scrubsole friends of Rod Stegeman. Also, Valmai & Ted Huber they are friends of Gene & Colleen Medford.

Second time visitors Margaret King & Geoff Crawford also Jan Kirby & Owen Noffke, I hope you all enjoyed the rally and we see you at a rally in the future.

Third time visitors who were inducted into the club at the meeting on Saturday morning were Lesley Siffleet & Michael Burdette, Christine & Paul Benseman also Marilyn & Bob Tebbit they were introduced by Denise & Terry Park.

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Day visitors were Corinne & Ted Forster, George & Yvonne Lacey, Gail & Bruce May and Connie Miers John's mother.

Pat & Graham Barr were presented with their 50<sup>th</sup> rally badges at the Saturday mornings meeting.

Bev & Rod Green also were presented with their 150<sup>th</sup> rally badgers also at this meeting. I think they were a little surprised to achieve this very special award.

Thank you to Yvonne Robbins who helped 13 ladies on Friday afternoon to make a bag. This was very well attended and enjoyed by all ladies who attended this session.

Thank you to Carol & Kevin Day for your time and effort with the Line Dancing session on Friday afternoon. I am sure those who were present have learned more skills and more patience performing these different dances.

Saturday night we all had the opportunity to participate in three dancing activities. The first was for all members involved with line dancing, run by Carol & Kevin Day. Good to see the amount of members participating, also our male members in a special dance segment.

We all had the privilege of watching the display of our square dancers; they really made the night a total success with their skills. Then members had the chance to learn more skills run by Colleen & Gene Medford with Steve Langley.

The last activity was the old time dancing with again Carol & Kevin Day. Going by the comments, everyone enjoyed the night. Thank you to the organising committee and all the helpers for making a fun and enjoyable night.

Thanks to the rally marshals Dennis Edney & Muzza McGowan for your skills in parking 68 caravans. Your expertise is very much appreciated by all members. Good to see all who stayed on Sunday night enjoy a combined happy hour around 4 fire boxes. This was a great success and thanks to Bob, Roy, Rod and Terry who supplied the fire boxes and wood for an enjoyable afternoon. Stay safe, healthy, happy, and look forward to seeing you all at the next rally in August at Nanango Showgrounds.............. President John

#### Rally at Nanango Showgrounds How to Get There

Nanango Showgroun ds. <u>From Brisbane Northside.</u>head north to Woodford turnoff and follow signs to Woodford,Kilcoy,Moore,Blackbutt,Yarraman into Nanango.

GPS

<u>From Brisbane Southside</u>,head out on Ipswich motorway. Take Esk turnoff and carry on through Esk, Toogoolawah and onto The D'aguilar Highway and on to Moore, Blackbutt, Yarraman into Nanango.

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Carry on into Nanango,until D,aguilar Hgwy turns sharp left,(Clayton Street). Showground is 4th block up on left at Cairns Street.

#### Rally Info (Needs, Emergencies, etc)

Rally dates: Official dates: 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> August

Arrive no earlier than: 9th anytime after 1.00pm

Depart no later than: 15th August

000 Emergency

**Details** 

Nearest Hospital: Nanango General, 135 Brisbane Street, Nanango

Park Address Cairns St. & Cross street D'Aguilar Hwy.

Post Code 4615

Medical Needs: Nanango medical centre, 60 Fitzroy Street, Nanango.

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 Kevin Day on 0418777192 or Muzza McGowan on 0414887114 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: \$ 18.00 power,\$ 9.00 no power

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;	•	Committee Meeting		Sun:	8;30 am 9.00 am		
Sat:	9:00 am 9;30 am	Morning tea Meeting			9;30 am	meeting	
			Disc Bowls avai		sowls available f	available from Barry Gibson.	

#### NOTICE OF PRODUCT SAFETY RECALL.

G&S Chassis has initiated a voluntary recall of caravan chassis built with the Control Rider TS Suspension System manufactured between May 2015 and June 2016. Chassis number and manufacture dates are located in the G&S Chassis "Warranty and Service Handbook" for customers who have purchased a caravan that has been built with one of these Chassis. Please note that no instances of accident or injury have been reported to us. However, due to our uncompromising commitment to the quality of our products and your safety, we have decided to commence voluntary recall action in relation to the Chassis. This voluntary recall is being undertaken as a precautionary measure and to safeguard consumers. All customers who have purchased a caravan built with one of our Chassis are being contacted directly by us. To inspect the Chassis and if required, to undertake repairs. Our inspection and repair program is being conducted in accordance with the ACCC's guidelines. We are also striving to ensure that the recall action is conducted efficiently and with as little inconvenience to customers as possible. Customers who have a caravan built with a Chassis manufactured between May 2015 and June 2016 are encouraged to contact us on (03) 9357 0227 or by emailing us at recall@gnschassis.com.au quoting the G&S Technical Service Inspection No 17-01. In the interim, we recommend customers immediately stop towing the caravan. Further information is also available on www.recalls.gov.au.CONTROL RIDER TS SUSPENSION BUILT BETWEEN MAY2015 ANDJUNE2016 Area of Concern,

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 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 The same applies when leaving. Please, they connect.

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!

Hi Members, A change in policy was decided on by the committee at last meeting regarding notifying Members of the passing of past or present fellow members. In future you will be notified by email (phone if you have no email) and OCC Facebook Group (now up to 43 members at time of printing! Join now!)

Also Brenda would like to stress the need to tick the box on the sheet indicating whether or not you will be attending the next rally. If you forget or change your

mind, would you please inform Brenda by phone or email ASAP

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Aug; 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>-Nanango Showground Sept; 18th to 25th-. Goodiwindi State Rally

Oct; 7th & 8th-Pittsworth Showground

Nov; 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>- Goombungee Showground

Dec; 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>- Blackbutt Showground

Jan; 13<sup>th</sup> &14<sup>th</sup> –Imbil Showground.

Feb; 10th & 11th—B'Desert Showground?

Mar; 10th & 11th-- Widgee pony Club;

Apr; 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>—Laidley Showgrounds.

May; 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>--Pine Rivers Showground(lawnton).

June; 9th & 10th—Dalby Showgrounds.?

#### **Exciting Future Entertainment**

Nanango- Sat night, Mukkers ( See Rally Programme page 7 )

Goondiwindi- See State rally programme

Pittsworth- Sat-Caledonian night. A night of wild Gaelic fun and games.

#### **New Members**, welcome aboard

Lesley Siffleet & Michael Burdette

Paul & Christine Benseman



Marilyn & Bob Tebbit



## **Member Milestones- Congratulations to:**



Left;

150 Rallies up for Bev & Rod Green

Right;

50 rallies up for Pat & Graham Barr



# 1 Happy Birthday to you for August 1

Peter Versace

10<sup>th</sup>

21<sup>st</sup>

1st Michael Perry
2nd Terry Coxall
2nd Kem McDowall
5th Linda Reedy
7th Beres Abraham
7th Victor Schrier
8th Kev Gower

Heather Edney

10<sup>th</sup>

10<sup>th</sup> Kathy Kearney
14<sup>th</sup> Mackenzie Thorogood
16<sup>th</sup> Eue Boyle
17<sup>th</sup> Denise Park
17th Margaret Thomas
18<sup>th</sup> Ray Steele

25<sup>th</sup> Gus Fraser 26<sup>th</sup> Val Jorgensen 27<sup>th</sup> Vicki Hills 27<sup>th</sup> **Denise Waycott** 28<sup>th</sup> Helen Hornibrook 28<sup>th</sup> Patrick Hetherman 29<sup>th</sup> Yvonne Beker 31<sup>st</sup> Neil Chesney

# J Happy Anniversary to you for August J

Des McLeod

9th Lyn & Les Buzza

12th Laurel & Roger Adams

12th Carol & Kevin Day

13th Margaret & Colin James

14th Sylvia & Ed Stocker

19th Bev & Keith McCallum

20<sup>th</sup> Jenni & Murray McGowan 22<sup>nd</sup> Margaret & Daryl Kays 22<sup>nd</sup> Bev & Rod Green 28<sup>th</sup> Del & Phil Lowe 29<sup>th</sup> Joyce & Bob Nicol 31<sup>st</sup> Jenny & Des McCleod

#### **Showground Rally**

**68** caravans gathered at for the rally in .Lowood .....

#### **Members Present at the Rally**

Beres & Carmel Abraham; Ian & Gloria Bamberry; Graham and Pat Barr, Bert & Yvonne Beker; Paul & Christine Benseman; Bev & Owen Branden; Paul & Di Brearley; Roy & Carmel Bridges; Trevor & Nola Bromley; Michael & Siffl Burdette; Ray & Gail Caddies; John & Jenny Carroll; Neil & Marie Chesney; Merv & Barbara Cook; Terry Coxall & Cook; Kevin & Carol Day; Dennis & Heather Edney; Ian & Gwen Egen; Frank & Rhonda Gaffney; Barry & Wendy Gibson; Kev & Pat Gower; Geoff & Del Gray; Rod & Bev Green Lance & Karen Haslewood; Patrick & Ann Hetherman; Rick & Cheryl Henry; Wayne & Vicki Hills; Alf & Desley Hinson; Gordon Ison; Gary & Noeleen Jarrett; David & Helen Judge; Daryl & Margaret Kays; Bob & Kathy Kearney.;Gail & Barry Lander; Steve & Robyn Langley; Ray & Pam MacDonald; Murray & Jenn Mc Gowan; Trevor & Mavis Martin: Rudi & Marianne Materne; Gene & Colleen Medford; John & Janette Miers; Kim & Tanya Moller; Terry & Denise Park; Tony & Lynne Pomroy; Yvonne Robbins; Bob & Barbara Rutherford; Adrian & Anne Savage; Brian & Denise Sheehan; Graham & Shirley Sheehan; Adrian & Gayle Skinner; Barrie & Pamela Smith; Ron & Sandra Smith; Tom & Jacky Smith; Ray & Jan Steele; Rod Stegeman: Bruce & Chris Truloff; Les & Brenda Usher; Richard & Linda Van Wyk; Peter & Nerida Versace

**Day visitors** – Bruce & Gail May, george & Yvonne Lacey, Syd & Corrine Forster, Harold & Bev Liley, , Connie Miers. (Johns Mum)

#### **Lucky Winners**

Yvonne <u>Robbins</u> & Chris Truloff were the two winners of the Lucky Van Numbers. They've won Two free nights each at the next non-caravan park rally they attend.

Raffle

The \$50(donated by QCC) was won by Neil Chesney

Prizes:

• The speakers (donated by D. Bert) was won by L. Lowcott

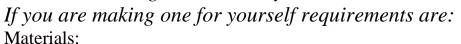
• The bath hamper (donated by R Carroll) was won by Pat Barr

#### **Nanango Entertainment**

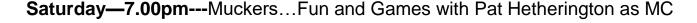
**Friday**—early, Golf, Afternoon- Craft(see below) Evening-Dinner at local Hostelry, Night-cards and other games.

Our clubs contribution to the welcome bags at the state rally in September.

Our machine sewing lesson this rally on Friday at 1 o'clock will be a soup bowl holder. We also have to make 250 of these for the welcome bags. Several ladies have been working on these and if any ladies can help it doesn't matter if you can't sew, there are jobs you can do especially members who are attending the State rally



- 2--10" squares of fabric
- 2--10" squares of batting ---George Lacey and his "supersize shears" will be on hand to cut these squares in bulk for our use on Friday. Yvonne Robbins



This is a boisterous game derived from the children's game of LUDO. It is played throughout the world by members of the Commonwealth Navies with their own rules. In enthusiasm by sailors, it comes second to Field Gun Crew Racing. The more boistrous the game the better. If you read books about Naval ships and war stories they refer to the game as "Uckers" it does have its own rules. For the QCC game we have simplified the rules so that everyone can take part and the game will take about 1-2 hours to complete. Then we had to come up with a name. We decided on "Muckers" as a major object is to Muck up your oponents moves. It is a game of critical tactics. We play with four teams each team has a captain (tactician) Jackie Smith and Kathy Kearny amongst our best. Each team has a Captain. Dice collector and a board mover. All the rest is done by the team. Rules and tactical advice will be on the notice board before the evening. Oh one rule. referee's decision is final. Referee is Patrick. First tactic is Cheat if possible, it is opposing teams responsibilty to prevent cheating. Again referee's decision is final.



More from Patrick... Almost ran off road into creek after being blinded by the setting sun. Moral of story, do not drive against the sun when it is only 2 degrees above your horizon. No damage done, but years of motorsport builds in Natural reaction, saved me this day.





#### <u>Lowood Larrikinisms over the Weekend !!</u>

Thursday and Friday caused the Rally Marshalls a bit of angst, with 50% more vans arriving than expected (hence the reminder earlier about letting Brenda Know if you are attending the next rallies in good time.) but true to their jobs ,they sorted it out...

During my wanderings around the site, I came across this scene underneath the main Hall.....Reminded me very much of the horrific stories of the Bangladeshi Sweat shops...'cept of course our lovely Ladies were all smiles ...lol



No, the pics below aren't from one of the above mentioned "Sweat Shops", but photos of the factory of **Montague Burtons,** at the time the largest clothing factory in the World. It was in my home Town of Leeds, England.





**Sir Montague Burton**, a Jewish Immigrant to England from Russia at 15. In 1903, when 18, he borrowed 100 pounds from a relative to start his first tailoring business. He was a very forward looking employer, having the companies own health services ,hot meal at Lunchtime and very liberal working conditions for the **10,000** employees and spent his life fighting for good working conditions for all workers. No doubt many of our members will remember the name well.

Hows that for a History lesson in a nutshell!

Friday afternoon also saw a re-emergence of our Line Dance lessons, although not quite the same format as used to....A little "skulduggery" was afoot as became apparent on Saturday night!

As usual the Hotel next door to the Showground was too close to be overlooked, so seemed that every body and his dog turned up for dinner! I recommended it, as it is my local and we dine there quite often. Not cheap but plenty of it and good!







In case some of you weren't aware, Yvonne and I were Day visitors this Rally. It is such a long, exhausting job getting the van ready and getting here, we decided to leave it home!!. These pics from the Hotel are the only ones which were usable as I forgot my camera and used Yvonnes "I" phone with disastrous results!

The last of the three may be a bit puzzling to the majority, but the people in the photo will know what it's all about. If your interested, ask Ray Mc Donald about it......The Moral is ,don't upset the editor !!!

Sadly ,I had to give up my card night part way through, due to the fact it was so cold, my hands started cramping up so badly I just couldn't hold the cards. So I sorrowfully skulked off to my nice warm bed just down the street at home !!

I had to miss the Saturday morning meeting due to a prior commitment, but returned in time for the Nights goings on. Many thanks for pics taken for me by Lance at the Morning meeting.



What a Saturday night. A terrific mixture of dancing styles. MC was the man of many talents, Kevin Day

The night kicked off with a number from our own, QCC "Cluster of Pluckers" Ukulele Band.



The First Dance item was a Square Dance demonstration by the QCC Dance troupe, called by Colin Medford, followed by another from Steve Langley. Then the rest of the Audience were let loose on the floor.









Next came my favourite of all..not !!! ,Line dancing. This was the culmination of the daytime practicing by the fellas. Gotta give Kevin his due. He must have the patience of <u>two</u> job's trying to knock this mob of rag tag "volunteers" into some semblance of order.!! Unfortunately, I only managed to get a couple of photos of this

Historical (or should it have been hysterical) event and had to use one for dual purposes...1. To show who was participating and 2. My thoughts on one nameless individual in the group...



#### 3 Practise shots follow!







Third item was Old time dances and as I can't tell one dance from the other the pictures may be mixed up ....Duh.! This section was accompanied by Gene Medfords vocals.



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Then of course the inevitable Conga line to "running bare" and the Chicken dance!! There are no photos of these two dances as I was busy videoing them.

There are half a dozen videos of the nights goings on and they have been loaded onto the QCC FaceBook group site. Join now !! membership is up to 50 at this point.!

And lastly would like to use this Lovely and rare picture of Robyn and Steve Langley to say good night after a lively Saturday nights Entertainment.

Below, a few items on my wanderings around the Rally site. Some of pics by Lance.













That's all folks. See you all at Nanango

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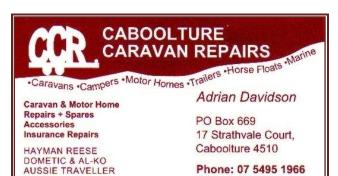
















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