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Presidents Report

Hi Members,

Another good rally held at the Nanango Showgrounds for the August 2017 rally. The days were sunny and warm although cool in the mornings and late afternoons.

A total of 65 caravans attended this rally which was very encouraging considering the distance to travel for many members.

Friday afternoon 28 ladies from the caravan club craft group, enjoyed making bags, for the State Rally welcome bags. I am sure all who participated, enjoyed the afternoon along with the chat among the ladies.

Friday night over 60 members attended the local RSL club for dinner. We were picked up in the courtesy bus and taken to the RSL club for a great night. The food was great and everyone enjoyed the night.

A few members were lucky and won various meat raffles during the night. Thank you Ron Smith for organising the nights activities. First time visitors attending this rally were John Rider, Kim Pittendreigh, Joanne & Derek Peterkim, Christine & Wayne Kelly also Linda & Fred Bingham. I hope they all enjoyed the rally, and will return to another rally in the future. (cont. Page 2)

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Third time visitors were Laura & Peter Seccombe, Jan Kirby & Owen Noffke, Margaret King & Geoff Crawford. They were inducted into our club at the Saturday morning meeting.

Di & Paul Brearley were presented with their 50th rally badges. I am sure they enjoyed this special award, although they were a little surprised.

Saturday afternoon many members enjoyed a social game of disc bowls. Good to see so many players having a fun afternoon. Barry & Wendy Gibson, thank you for your time and effort, everyone appreciated your efforts.

A combined happy hour took place in the sun later in the day. This was well attended, with many laughs along the way. Saturday night at 7pm we were entertained with a game of Muckers organized by Patrick & Ann Hetherman. Good to see the amount of players present who enjoyed a fun night. Patrick & Ann thank you for an enjoyable night. This followed with a warm cup of tea and coffee.

Sunday afternoon we again had a social game of disc bowls; this was well represented by members. Many who don't normally play bowls enjoyed a friendly game showing off their skills, ready for the next competition at a later rally.

After the social disc bowls, members stayed and enjoyed a combined happy hour. A total of 64 sat around the 4 camp fires enjoying everyone's company. Thank you to Terry, Doug, Bob & Owen who supplied the fires and timber for the camp fires during happy hour.

I would like to thank Carol & Kevin Day for filling in as Treasurer for this rally due to Desley & Alf holidaying overseas.

Thank you to our rally marshals for the weekend Des McLeod, Keith McCallum, Bob Kearney & Muzza McGowan. You all did an excellent job in parking 65 caravans for our club.

For all those members going to the State Rally in Goodiwindi, enjoy the rally and safe travelling. Stay safe, healthy, happy, and look forward to seeing you all at the next rally in October at Pittsworth.....

President JOHN

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Next Rally is State Rally at Goondiwindi

How to Get There

Goondiwindi Showground

Choice is yours...Along Warrego Hwy to Toowoomba and onto Gore Hwy
or Cunningham Highway through Warwick

GPS 28.5287° S, 150.3197° E

Club News

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 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

2018

Sept; 18th to 25th-.Goondiwindi State Rally
Oct; 7th & 8th-Pittsworth Showground
Nov; 11th & 12th- Goombungee Showground
Dec; 2nd & 3rd- Blackbutt Showground

Jan; 13th & 14th -Imbil Showground.
Feb; 10th & 11th—Toogoolawah Showground
Mar; 10th & 11th-- Widgee pony Club;
Apr; 14th & 15th—Laidley Showgrounds.
May; 5th& 6th--Pine Rivers Showground(Lawnton).
June; 2nd & 3rd —Dalby Showgrounds.

New Members

Member Milestones



1st, Peter & Laura Seccomme...2nd, Owen Noffke & Jan Kirby...3rd, Geoff Crawford & Margaret King

Right hand end, Paul and Di Brearley Celebrate 50 rally attendances.

Special Note to any Members going to the State Rally in Goondiwindi. At some time during the Rally would you please make your way to the Rally Office and Sign our sign on book. Failure to do so will result in you not being credited the State Rally to your rally count!..... "Brenda the Bully" !!!!

♪ Happy Birthday to you for September ♪

2nd Gary Jarrett
6th Marj Kasper
8th Bob Rutherford
9th Geoff Crawford
9th Shane Jones
9th Jenni McGowan
9th Bruce Truloff

10th Darren Baker
10th Alf Hinson
10th Olive Richardson
11th Paul Benseman
11th Brian Stevens

14th Keith McCallum
15th Trevor Martin
22nd Michael Lillis
22nd Jan Kirby
26th Lyn Cragg
28th Margaret King
30th Ross Luscombe

♪ Happy Anniversary to you for September ♪

1st Wendy & Barry Gibson
5th Yvonne & Des Lowrie
9th Noeleen & Gary Jarrett
9th Bev & Owen Brandon
16th Gail & Barry Lander

17th Shane & Linda Jones
19th Marianne & Rudi Materne
28th Ann & Bill Dobe
28th Carmel & Beres Abraham

65 caravans gathered at Nanango

Details about the site.....Bit spread out but Good

Attendees at Nanango

ADAMS Roger & Laurel Ordinary. BARR Graham & Pat Ordinary. BEKER Bert & Yvonne Life. BINGHAM Fred & Lynda Visitor. BRANDON Owen & Bev Ordinary. .BREARLEY Paul & Di Ordinary. BRIDGES Roy & Carmel Ordinary. BROMLEY Trevor & Nola Ordinary. BURDETTE Michael & SIFFL Ordinary. BURT Doug & Dorcas Ordinary. CADDIES Ray & Gail Ordinary. CARROLL John & Jenny Ordinary. COCHRANE Jeff & Jean Ordinary. COOK Merv & Barbara Ordinary. .COXALL Terry & COOK Gab Ordinary. CRAWFORD Geoff & KING Visitor. DAY Kevin & Carol Ordinary. EGEN Ian & Gwen Ordinary. GAWEN Peter Ordinary. GIBSON Barry & Wendy Ordinary. GODWIN Carl & LOWCOCK Ordinary. GOWER Kevin & Pat Ordinary. GREEN Rod & Bev Ordinary. HASLEWOOD Lance & Kare Ordinary. HENRY Rick & Cheryl Ordinary. HETHERMAN Patrick & Ann Ordinary. HILLER Margaret Ordinary. ISON Gordon Ordinary. JARRETT Gary & Noeleen Ordinary. JUDGE David & Helen Ordinary. KEARNEY Bob & Kathy Ordinary. KELLY Wayne & Christine Visitor. LACEY George & Yvonne Ordinary. LANGLEY Steve & Robyn Ordinary. LILEY Harold & Bev Ordinary. LILLIS Michael Ordinary. LOWE Phil & Del Ordinary. MAC DONALD Ray & Pam Ordinary. MAY Bruce & Gail Ordinary MC CALLUM Keith & Bev Ordinary. MC GOWAN Murray & Jenni Ordinary. .MC LEOD Des & Jenny Ordinary. MEDFORD Gene & Colleen Ordinary. METCALFE Rodney & Mary Ordinary. MIERS John & Jan Ordinary. NOFFKE Owen & KIRBY Ja Visitor. PARK Terry & Denise Ordinary. PETERKIN Derek

& Joanna Visitor. PITTENDREIGH Kim Visitor. RIDER John Visitor. ROBBINS Yvonne Ordinary. RUTHERFORD Bob & Barba Life. SAVAGE Adrian & Ann Ordinary. SECCOMBE Peter & Laura Visitor. SHEEHAN Brian & Denise Ordinary. SHEEHAN Graham & Shirle Ordinary. SMITH Ron & Sandra Ordinary. STEELE Ray & Jan Ordinary. STENHOUSE Wayne & HOD Visitor. STEPHENSON Tony & Sue Ordinary. STOCKER Eddie & Sylvia Ordinary. TEBBIT Bob & Marilyn Ordinary. TRULOFF Bruce & Chris Ordinary. VAN WYK Richard & Linda Ordinary. VERSACE Peter & Nerida Ordinary.

Lucky Winners

The Rutherfords & Steeles 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 Voucher (donated by Qcc) was won by Yvonne Lacey

Prizes: • The Bird House (donated by The Steeles) was won by Shirley Sheehan

The Cosmetics (donated by Rebecca Carol) where won by Michael Lillis



A Walk Down Memory Lane

Did you know that 2017 is the 40th anniversary of the inaugural State Rally (or “Combined Caravan Club Rally” as they were originally called)? The 40th anniversary actually was last year, but Queensland did not have a State Rally in 2016 because we had the Canberra National Rally instead and so the 40th anniversary is this year – confusing, hey?

It was 1976 when the Chesney Caravan Club invited QCC, the Sunshine Caravan Club and the Kookaburra Caravan Club to attend the inaugural State Rally. *The Wanderer* of July 1976 invited QCC members to come along to the Esk Caravan Park on 4th and 5th September 1976 (yes, it was over a weekend). A total of 45 caravans rolled up for this inaugural rally, including some 21 vans from QCC. Included in QCC's contingent was Peggy Finlayson (current Life Member), who attended with her late husband Mal. Although no other current member attended, Ron Petch's Mum and Dad were part of QCC's contingent.

Early Combined Club Rallies were over a two day weekend, hosted by individual clubs rotationally.

The following is an extract from *The Wanderer* of October 1976:

“CARAVAN INVASION

This was the heading of an article in the Qld. Times after the combined Clubs Rally to Esk on the 4/5 September. A few of the reports filtering back were: - Eric Bycroft won a MCC. Dorothy Guttormsen slipped the latch on the caravan door on the outside door. They all went to visit an orchid, locking poor old Ron inside. Lucky for him John Rogers had stayed behind and let him out. John's car had been giving him a little radiator problem. Master Kirkman ran into a barbed wire fence and gave himself some nasty cuts to the face and neck.”

I could be wrong, but I suspect that “orchid” is meant to be “orchard”.

Barry and I joined QCC early in 2001, 25 years after the inaugural state rally – and we think we’ve been around for a long time!

Happy caravanning

Wendy Gibson, Your Archivist

Pittsworth entertainment. (Mainly for the benefit of sewers going directly to Pittsworth from Goondiwindi)

A SEWING MACHINE ORGANISER is the sewing Project for Friday at Pittsworth.

Requirements.

2 x Fabric 50cm x 60cm

1 x Wadding 50cm x 60cm

1 x Non slip mat 50cm x 60cm

Enough fabric for binding,

cut 7cm wide.



Stop press

After you’ve been all hyped up for the disc bowls at the Goondiwindi State Rally in September, at the October Rally at Pittsworth we’ll have the Single Disc Bowls Competition ... and may the best man/WOMAN win!

Real Rally Red face

QCC Couple merrily making their way to the rally in Nanango. They were suddenly subjected to an overtaking motorist tooting then frantically, waving their arms and pointing in the time honoured signal, “summits up with yer van mate”!

Naturally, in the same time honoured manner, our Driver hit the panic button and immediately pulled over at first opportunity! Both jumped out and gave the van the once over but found no problem. Hopped in and set off again, only to be tooted at again shortly after. Stopped again, and gave the van a more thorough going over, feeling wheels for signs of brakes overheating, checking doors, windows, hatches, safety chains, towball etc....nothing untoward.. On the road once more and after ignoring any more tooting, were overtaken by a car whose driver had the Courtesy to draw level, wind the passenger window down and yell, “yer Pop top isn’t fastened down !!!!!

Further investigation revealed the front clips hadn’t been closed during last pack up routine. Of course the top would be flapping around in the wind whilst moving but when they stopped to check, it would have gone down !! OOPS!!

Nanango goings on.

Thursday and Friday saw the ladies sewing circle going full stretch making the items for inclusion in the Goondiwindi State Rally welcome bags. Snapped a picture on the move whilst driving out. Caught the Jarretts and guests by surprise !!



Below is the "Jump Start Kit" QCC is donating to the Monster Raffle at the State Rally.



Friday night was the usual visit to a local Hostelry, Nanango RSL being the lucky venue. Again as usual, a good size crowd showed up fo excellent meals.





A number of Members took the rare opportunity to mix with the Alpacas in a very hands on session at the local "Misty gums" Farm. An interesting fact came out concerning the Excellent Quality of their "fertilizer". The farm gives it away on a pick up yourself basis. The animals are very obliging ,as they return to a particular area every time they feel the need of nature, making for easy pick up.



During my “Wanderings”, I came across, as did a lot of other Members, these half finished Sculptures. Had a chat with the Bloke doing them and seems he makes a living doing stuff commissioned by the locals.



The top two are back and front of a work commissioned by one of the local Farmers. The hole in the ground in front is where his last completed work stood. It was a Sculpture to grace the grounds of the local Catholic School.

The one at left is an abstract piece. Interesting story attached. It was a rock that was delivered and found to have faults through it. A replacement was sent but the crook one was left as it was no use to the Quarry. So the sculptor is

working his way around the faults, not having any Idea what the finished product will look like!!

Saturday Night

Patrick Hetherman policed the nights game of “Muckers”, a Giant variation of Ludo...The night was a riotous cacophony. Lots of arguing ,name calling and disagreements.....you know, the usual carry on for any competitive goings on involving the QCC members !!





And again, as usual, We had a great nights entertainment !!

Albeit a lot of us may have woken up on Sunday morning with a stiff neck from continually gazing skyward tracking the Dice, looking for all the world like a bunch of religious zealots hoping for divine intervention !!.....Another fine Rally...see you all at Goondiwindi...

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