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Vice President's Report

Well, the 2017 CCQ State Rally has concluded and I would have to say in my view it was a great success. Although the numbers were down (150 vans) there was a wonderful feeling of fellowship among the representatives of the 25 clubs which attended. Our congratulations to the small committee of organisers and the large team of helpers who worked efficiently with a clear focus on ensuring the program ran to schedule.

It was great to see the large number of QCC yellow shirts actively participating in many of the events. Hard luck to David Judge and Kevin Day who made the finals of the disc bowls only to be beaten on the final throw by one point.

The CCQ delegates meeting generated stimulated discussion on the topic of where and when the next State Rally would be held. A number of views were expressed by various club representatives, the discussion concluding with a motion from the CCQ Management. This motion and additional associated information will be circulated to all QCC members by our club secretary in the next few days, requesting your opinion prior to the Pittsworth Rally. I would encourage every member to express their view on the topic.

Our club held a meeting during the rally and it was both a pleasure and a privilege to present Helen and David Judge with their 150 rally badges. I am sure you will agree that they are a couple who give tirelessly of their time and skills to make our club the wonderful organisation it is.

It was also great to see Victor Schrier in attendance. As I am sure you are aware Victor lost his lovely wife Audrey recently. Other members we were thrilled to have join us for the rally were Lyn and Roy Hill

John Carroll, our President will be back in harness for the Pittsworth rally, Ann and I will be traveling interstate. Please travel safely wherever you may be heading and stay healthy. Cheers Adrian Savage

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 Pittsworth How to Get There

Rally Info (Needs, Emergencies, etc)

Pittsworth Showground (3/05)	<p>From Brisbane, follow the Ipswich Motorway. Exit <u>left</u> (veering right over the motorway) onto the Warrego Hwy to Toowoomba (approx 95 kms to the top of the range). At the top of the range turn <u>left</u> (continuing on Warrego Hwy – Cohoe St) and very shortly turn <u>right</u> into James St (still Warrego Hwy). Continue the length of James St.</p> <p>At Clifford Gardens shopping centre (on your right), turn <u>left</u> into Anzac Ave (Gore Hwy); the signpost says “Millmerran/Goondiwindi”. Continue on Gore Hwy for approx 40 kms; turn <u>left</u> where the signpost directs you to Pittsworth.</p> <p>As you enter Pittsworth, the high school is on your <u>left</u>, followed by a street and then the showgrounds. Entry is at the far end of the showgrounds.</p>						
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Post Code 4356	Cnr Steele St. and Railway St.						
Medical Needs: Club equipment required: Special needs: Rally Marshal Co-ordinator: Pets:	<p>Pittsworth Medical Centre, 43 Yandilla Street, Pittsworth</p> <p>Kitchen equipment and urns, first aid, PA system, library & souvenirs, fire extinguisher, banner, flags and flagpoles.</p> <p>Pittsworth Showground Dump Point</p> <p>. by the Monday prior to the rally. If you do not phone and all sites near amenities have been pre-allocated, a site near the amenities may not be available.</p> <p>Ok on leash</p>						

Rally dates:
 Official dates: 7th & 8th October 2017
 Arrive no earlier than: Midday 4th Oct.
 Depart no later than: 10th Oct.

Fees: Site Fee: Administration Fee: Hall Hire:	\$ 18.00 per caravan per night (subsidised) \$ 3.00 per caravan \$ 0.00 per caravan
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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.		

Club News

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.

There will be a general meeting at the next rally in Pittsworth on the 7th Of Oct. Should you wish to raise a particular issue at the meeting would you please let Brenda Know ,in writing, the day before at the latest. Ta Muchly !

Future Rallies

2017

2018

Oct; 7th & 8th-Pittsworth Showground
Nov; 11th & 12th- Goombungee Showground
Dec; 2nd & 3rd- Blackbutt Showground

Jan; 13th & 14th –Imbil Showground.
Feb; 10th & 11th—B'Desert Showground ?
Mar; 10th & 11th-- Widgee pony Club;
Apr; 14th & 15th—Laidley Showgrounds.
May; 5th & 6th--Pine Rivers Showground(lawnton).
June; 9th & 10th—Dalby Showgrounds.?

New Members & Member Milestones

🎵 Happy Birthday to you for October 🎵

3rd Pat Gower
5th Christine Benseman
6th Peter Seccombe

8th George Lacey
12th Paul Schrier
12th Brenda Usher
14th Brian Lewis

15th Mavis Martin
16th Barry Gibson
18th Stewart Hornibrook
18th Colleen Medford
19th Barbara Cook
19th Del Lowe
19th Richard Van Wyk
20th Ron Petch

20th Cathy Brown
21st David Judge
22nd Dell Gray
26th Mal Dale
28th Paul Brearley
28th Christine Kelly
28th Roger Adams
31st Dennis Edney

🎵 Happy Anniversary to you for October 🎵

5th Ian & Gloria Bamberry
5th Gayle & Adrian Skinner
8th Pam & Barry Easter
10th Jill & Eugne Boyle
10th Barbara & Bob Rutherford
13th Colleen & Gene Medford

19th Carmel & Roy Bridges
21st Jacky & Tom Smith
23rd Lyn & Roy Hill
28th Jean & Mal Dale
28th Yvonne & George Lacey- 56th year.
28th Pam & Ray MacDonald
31st Vicki & Wayne Hills

Other News

Good to see David and Helen Judge reach they're 150th Rally at Goondiwindi. I reckon that was the first time I've seen David out talk Helen !!



Plans for a group photo were upset a tad as someone set up a bunch of tables in our spot. Hence I had to put the camera on a 10 second timer, get down from the stage and sprint the length of the hall to get in the shot. That's why I look like I just had a coronary !!



Showground Rally

150 caravans gathered at **Goondiwindi**.

Details about the site. **Hot, Dusty and definitely Windi !!!**

Members Present at the Rally

ABRAHAM Beres & Carmel, BAKER Darren, BAKER Gordon & Sue, BARR Graham & Pat BREARLEY Paul & Di, COCHRANE Jeff & Jean, CRAWFORD Geoff & KING Margaret, DAVIS Tom & Jill, DAY Kevin & Carol . DROUGHT Michael & REED Linda,. EGEN Ian & Gwen . GIBSON Barry & Wendy GOWER Kevin & Pat . HENRY Rick & Cheryl . HILL Roy & Lyn . HILLER Margaret . HINSON Alf & Desley. ISON Gordon . JAMES Colin & Margaret. JUDGE David & Helen. KAYS Daryl . LACEY George & Yvonne . LANDER Barry & Gail . LOWE Phil & Del . LOWRIE Des & Yvonne . MAC DONALD Ray & Pam . MAY Bruce & Gail . MC GOWAN Murray & Jenni . MC LEOD Des & Jenny . METCALFE Rodney & Mary . POMROY Tony & Lynne . ROBBINS Yvonne . RUTHERFORD Bob & Barba .SAVAGE Adrian & Ann . SCHRIER Victor .SHEEHAN Brian & Denise . SKINNER Adrian & Gayle . SMITH Tom & Jacky . SWIFT Tony & Julie . USHER Les & Brenda . WAYCOTT Bill & Denise .

Lucky Winners in the Monster raffle.

Tom Davis, Michael Burdette, Daryl Kays, Robyn Langley, Lance Haslewood, Beres Abraham.

Gail Lander won a Category prize (named "take me to your Leader), in the Photo comp and Cheryl and Rick Henry had their rally fees returned to them as winners of the early payment draw...

Sports Ray MacDonald was 1st in the Mini drag races.

Kevin Day and David Judge were runners up after a very close game in the Disc bowls Comp.

Kev Gower came in winner of the Golf Comp with a score of 72(gross 100) and Daryl Kays was joint 2nd..

And now a very sad moment.

As most of you will now be aware, Qcc member Victor Schrier, recently lost his Wife of many years, Audrey, to a fatal heart attack in Dubai whilst returning to Australia from a Holiday in UK.

Victor approached me at Goondiwindi and asked if I would do a small favour for him. He explained he was feeling guilty as he found himself unable, at this time, to properly thank Club Members for their thoughtfulness during this extremely bad period in his life.

He asked me to convey his and his Son Paul's heartfelt thanks and gratitude for the expressions, cards and personal commiserations selflessly proffered to them by the Club members.

Victor said he will do it personally at a later date when he feels more emotionally stable.

George Lacey, Editor.

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Patrick Hetherman has come up with a great idea.

Many of us talk about "Freebies" but do nothing much to pass on good vibes. Here we hope to start a programme of listing one or two a month. No 1, not an overnight stop but real useful; Dubbo Zoo!

There is a special car park for Caravans & Motorhomes. In it is a dump point; a non-potable water supply & POTABLE water supply, all conveniently located beside each other. Just drive in gate to ZOO, keep right follow signs into Van park and fill up. All free.

George, next issue I will have a pic. We found some beauties this time down South. can you believe, a freebie, with dump point, solar powered street lights and acres of bitumen surface all line marked.

Pittsworth entertainment.

Friday.

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



Friday afternoon Kev and Carol will be back with Line dancing. Check Board for times. Probably will be a meal at one of the local hostelrys in town for lunch and/or Dinner as usual on Friday night

Saturday Afternoon

Stop press! Oops! Last month we said that the QCC Singles Disc Bowls Comp will be at Pittsworth in October. Uh uh – that was wrong – it will be at Goombungee Showground in November.

Saturday Night.....*The Caledonian Night* !! ...With Yvonne Robbins.



Fun and games Scottish style. Grab your Tartan gear and come and enjoy the Fun, Games and Scottish dancing. Only one strict rule for dress code....anyone wearing a kilt MUST wear underwear... Scottish Entertainer Dave Kemp will be helping things along.

Goings on at “Gundy”

Monday, opening Day was flat strap hectic if you arrived after 10am. Signing in, setting up, registering for various events, having a quick look around, then the Opening ceremony was upon us !!



A Plethora of dignitaries attended, with good old MP, Lawrence Springborg LNP.



MC Barry Steinhardt belted out what a lot of folk agreed was the best rendition of The National Anthem since Julie Anthony's legendary performance some years ago. He was spot on !!



Left: The Nights entertainment was a local lady named Dee castle. She held a good audience with her easygoing, subdued style.



Right: Vice President Adrian Savage and Secretary Brenda Usher.

Day 2-Tuesday saw the running of the mini-drag races. A reasonable crowd gathered for the event and First place went to our own Ray MacDonald.

The “Crafty Crewe” had their own sanctuary, aptly named The “Flower Shed”.



Even though it was hot and dusty, there was plenty of shade around the Canteen area for folk to gather and chatter.



Also a good “Ukular” gathering spot...(I made up that word myself !!)



The players were christened G.U.S.S. (Goondiwindi Ukulele State Strummers!)

Tonight was the Sausage sizzle night, tasty but as usual no darned Butter !! The event was put on by The Macintyre Animal and Pet rescue organisation. Being ever suspicious of sausages, I couldn't resist asking one of the staff where their sausage meat came from!!!..Went down like a lead balloon !

The Evening entertainment was Crazy Whist , memorable for all the wrong reasons, because Barbara Rutherford was reluctant to give up her hard earned title. She had the dubious honour of being the only player in a crazy Whist Comp to have never moved from here starting table during that particular event. She didn't fare much better in this one, coming stone cold last! Barbara can't make her mind up if she is a lousy card player or just plain unlucky !!





Views of all the attending Clubs Flags and some of the crazy Whist players!

Day 3-Wednesday

As everyday, Lyn Hill led her faithful, in the morning Tai Chi Qigong Session. Lyn had decent attendances for this gentle, relaxing exercise regime.



The Goondiwindi Cotton tours are as popular as ever with all the tours being fully booked. We didn't go on one as we did it last time in Gundy.



Nights entertainment was a local act advertised as Duo “Luke and Son”which actually morphed into a Trio with the addition of a young Lady!!

Their amateur status plainly showed through and one got the impression they weren't used to crowds so large. But saying that, they kept the reasonable sized Audience entertained.

Day 4-Thursday

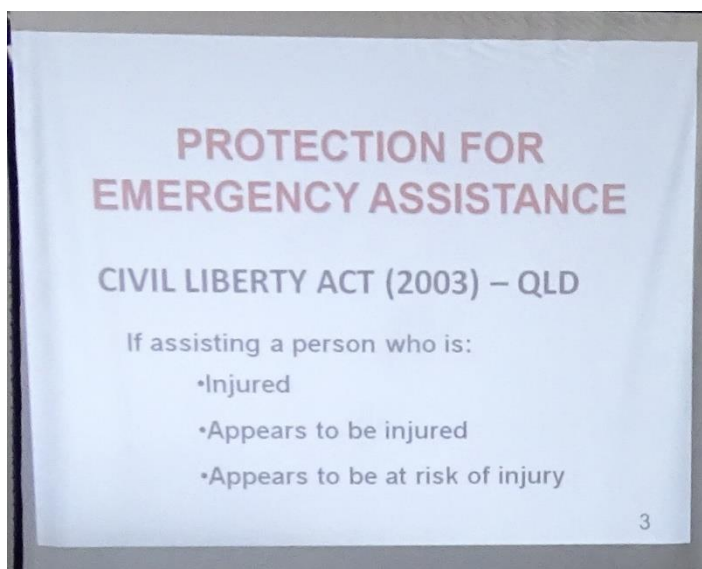


I attended the CPR awareness course presented by Graham Evans, who after suffering a massive cardiac arrest at the 2006 Goondiwindi state rally, became a dedicated volunteer Peer trainer with the Queensland Ambulance Service. He returned to Gundy after 9 years to express his gratitude to the local Ambulance service and promote the CPR awareness programme.

One extremely important piece of information I discovered, was that the modern attitude of reluctance to tend to injured or sick people in an accident situation because of possible legal action, may have been negated by the Act portrayed in this slide 14 years ago! (should read Liability)

I personally have never heard of it but it certainly needs more publicity as I reckon not too many other people have.

I will certainly urge everyone to familiarise themselves with the act. It may save someone's life.



Tonight is Trivia night..

As happened at The Rockhampton national rally, doomsayers were predicting, again, that the event would be a waste of space and time....And as happened at Rockhampton, the event was a total sellout (figuratively speaking of course),the organizers nearly running out of tables.

It was a great, raucous night although some of the questions caused a some angst owing to the fact someone told the quiz master her questions at the Rockie do were too easy !! Qcc at least got a show in the results with Carol and Kev Day being part of the runners up team, SEKO, only being beaten by one point !

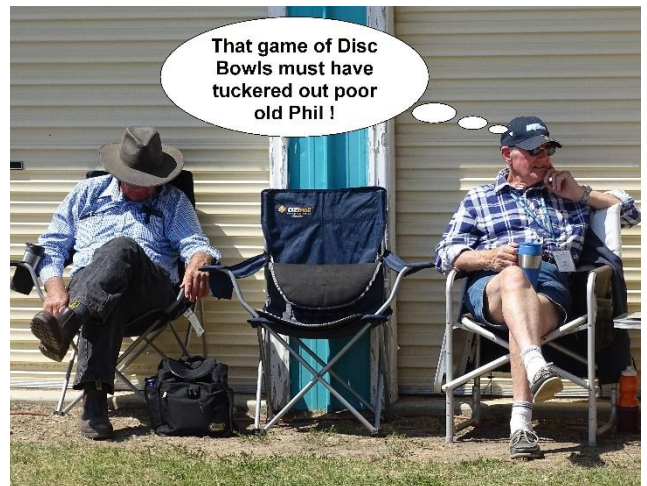


Day 5- Friday

Disc Bowls time!

It was a very blustery wind blowing for the start and never let up all the game, playing havoc with the discs. QCC had a good few teams in the comp but as always happens eventually the teams come up against each other, dramatically decreasing our chance of a winner .





But we made it to the Final, represented by Kevin Day and David judge Versus Ian Aland and Brian Manthy from the Jabiru Club.

What a humdinger of a final....it was neck and neck, all square at the end of 10. An extra end was played and right up to the final disc QCC was in front but stymied by a brilliant last shot, losing by one point !! Well played Lads !!

After the catered meal everyone dived in to break down the setup from dining hall to dance floor.

Friday Night and The QCC Hoedown organised by Yvonne Robbins & Co.

Another night of fun and frivolity through the power of dance...A couple of short videos are on the Club face Book page.

Would be interesting to know how the men doing the Line dancing demo were cajoled into it.....

We set up a photo booth so patrons could have their picture taken with models of famous Racehorses Gunsynd and Kingston Town (painstakingly manufactured to lifelike perfection over a period of weeks by Tony Swift), for the Princely sum of \$2...



The Goondiwindi Greys



Great Night all round.

Saturday was market day, when the general public were allowed into the Showground to set up stalls as well as the Caravan Clubs.



How can you tell I didn't take this photo ? Answer;..Helen never smiles for me !!!



Our stall took \$735.10 and the Hoedown pics about \$80.00 for our Charities.

Found this Character lurking in the Mens Shed !

The Evening and the Rally terminated with a Concert from favourite Artiste Laura Downing. She is like a breath of fresh air after the hectic week, funny, great yodeller and singer.

Left: Laura and a couple of old Groupies!





Left; Gail Lander's "Landscape or Seascape" category winning entry in the Photo comp.

Below; The "Lone Uke Player " Practising Waltzing Matilda in peace and quiet.



Official 40th State Rally Photo taken from a Drone. Sept 18th to 25th 2017.

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