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Presidents Report

A very enjoyable President's Picnic rally held at Toogoolawah Showground. Although the days were very hot and humid, we had a severe storm on Sunday afternoon. This helped cool the temperature down dramatically after the storm, ready for a good night's sleep. Unfortunately Graham and Pat Barr lost their awning due to the very strong winds during the storm.

We had 68 caravans attend the rally. We had first time visitors Kerry & Dianne Hogan and Otmar Leskow. Also, second time visitors Noel & Olive Jones and Paul & Marina Bruno. I hope you all enjoyed the rally on the weekend, and return to another rally in the future.

Friday lunch time, twenty members attended the local hotel for lunch. Friday night 45 members attended the hotel for dinner, from all reports the meals were very good, although slow at night getting their meals.

At the meeting on Saturday morning Gary & Noeleen Jarrett were presented with their 50th rally badges. Also, Bert & Yvonne Beker, who were presented with their 250th rally badges. They have been members of our club for 34 years, filling in various Management positions. Congratulations to both couples on your special achievements in our club.(cont. Page 2)

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.

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Saturday afternoon we had the ladies singles disc bowls championship. A total of 30 ladies participated with the final between Denise Waycott and Nerida Versace. Denise Waycott was the eventual winner with Nerida Versace the runner up. Thank you to all ladies who entered the event and the event was very competitive, with many games being very close. Thank you to all the helpers who made the event run smoothly, also Roy Bridges, Terry Park & Ian Egan for your organizational skills.

Saturday afternoon we had the Presidents Picnic under warm conditions but it managed to cool down a little later in the afternoon.

I would like to thank my wife Jenny, all the helpers who help in the preparation and serving of the hamburgers. You all did a great job.

Thank you Adrian Savage and all your helpers with the cooking of the BBQ and organizing table and chairs for the picnic.

Neil Chesney, thanks to you and all your team with the setting up and cooking of the pancakes. I am sure everyone enjoyed the pancakes with maple syrup, fruit salad and ice cream. I was very happy with the overall day for the Presidents Picnic.

Sunday lunch 24 members decided to have lunch at the local hotel, in the air conditioned room away from the excessive heat. Everyone was happy with the meals and service was good. It gave our members a chance to have a chat and enjoy each ones company.

Due to the storm Sunday afternoon the combined happy hour and singalong started late at 5pm. All members had a good time and enjoyed the music leading into dinner at night.

Don't forget the next rally at Widgee Pony Club is a bush rally with <u>limited power and no</u> water. The members who require power to run their sleep machines will be given priority.

Stay safe, healthy, and happy, and look forward to seeing you all at the next rally at Widgee Pony Club in March.

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President JOHN

Right;

Clean up after the Storm.

Graham Barr's Awning Damage.



Rally at Widgee Pony Club How to Get There

Widgee Recreation Ground Travel along Bruce Highway (pass ALDI on left& Big W on right)... to Monkland Street Traffic Lights. GYMPIE. ... Watch for SOUTHSIDE sign on left

30/1/2018

TURN LEFT Into.. Monkland Street / Continue onto River Terrace which turns into Exhibition Road. Travel approx. 1.6kms....Racetrack is on left.

GPS

TURN RIGHT Into.. Gympie Woolooga Road.......Also signposted WIDGEE and GLASTONBURY

-26.20318, 152.43807

Continue 22 kms to Widgee.... (CROSS Widgee Creek). Immediately after Widgee Creek Bridge, Turn LEFT into Upper Widgee Road (just before Rec. Grounds...)

Turn RIGHT Into SECOND Entrance

Rally Info (Needs, Emergencies, etc)

Rally dates: Official dates: 7th March to 13th March

Arrive no earlier than: Midday 7th March

Depart no later than: 13th march

000 Emergency Nearest Hospital: Gympie General, 12 Henry Street ,Gympie,4570.

Park Address & Cross street: Corner of Upper Widge Road & Gympie/ Woolooga Rd.

Emergency

Details
Post Code
4570

Medical Nearest Chemist is Curra Discount Chemist ,2 David Drive, Curra (18.4 klms)

Needs: Nearest Medical Centre , Southside Medical Centre, 1 Woolgar Road , Southside, Gympie.

Telephone (07) 5315 4622....(22.5 klms)

Club equipment required:

Kitchen equipment and urns, first aid, PA system, library & souvenirs, fire extinguisher, banner, flags and flagpoles.

equired:

Rally If you have a medical need to be close to the amenities, or require a powered site, please contact Dennis Edney on 0411539494 by the Monday prior to the rally. Although this is classed as a Bush Rally, there are limited powered sites available for Medical needs members, on a first in best drossed basis, so please take special notice of the

members, on a first in best dressed basis, so please take special notice of the

previous paragraph !!And don't forget to fill your water tanks !!

Pets: Ok on Lead

Fees: Site Fee: \$ 8.00 per caravan per night Unpowered,

Administration Fee: \$ 10.00 powered

Hall Hire: \$ 3.00 per caravan

Summer Meetings Programme			(Remember to check the noticeboard at the rally for changes, particularly for any activities on Friday!)			
Fri; Sat:	1;30pm 9:00 am 9;30 am	Committee Meeting Morning tea Meeting		Sun:	8;30 am 9.00 am 9;30 am	, ,
				Disc E	sowls available f	rom 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.

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!

The Clubs AGM will be held on Saturday the 14th April at the Laidley Rally. The Election of a new Committee will be the Main item on the Agenda. Positions still needing to be filled are Secretary, Treasurer, Entertainment Co-ordinator and several minor positions. Give a lot of thought to this meeting, as these positions must be filled. Anyone, Old or New Members, are urged to think seriously about signing up. There is always plenty of help and assistance to people wishing to have a go......So c'mon Members, keep our great Club going....Application Forms attached!

<u>Future Rallies</u> <u>2018</u>

Mar; 10th & 11th-- Widgee pony Club; Apr; 14th & 15th—Laidley Showgrounds. May; 5th & 6th-Pine RiversS'ground(lawnton). June; 9th & 10th—Samford Showgrounds Jan; 13th &14th –Imbil Showground.

Feb; 10th & 11th—Toogoolawah Showground

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May; 5th & 6th--Pine Rivers Showground(lawnton).

June: 9th & 10th—Samford Showgrounds

Member Milestones





Bert & Yvonne Beker, now attended 250 Rallies

Gary & Noeleen Jarrett, 50 Rallies

3rd- Bill kasper, 6th-Adrian Skinner, 6th -Pamela Smith, 7th- DesLowrie, 8th-Tony Pomroy,

8th Barrie Smith, 9th-Colin James, 11th-Bev Brandon, 16th-Helen judge, 16th-Ray McDonald,

18th-Tom Smith, 20th-Bob Nicol, 21st-Mary Jacobson, 21st-Gordon Ison, 21st- Ray Caddies,

22nd-Nola Bromley ,22nd- Daryl Kays, 23rd-Adran Skinner, 27th-Michael Burdette, 28th-Michael Drought.

J Happy Anniversary to you for March J

1st- Marie & Neal Chesney, 7th-Tanya & Kim Moller, 12th-Pat & Bryan Davies

Other News

Les Usher has regretfully announced he will be no longer collecting cans at the Rallies after **Laidley**. He will be continuing to collect in his local area until the new system starts in July. Funds collected will still be paid to the QCC charities as usual.

<u>Patrick Hethermans Freebie</u><u>Beckoom Rest Area.</u>

Camps Australia edition 8; site 835 Nsw.



OK, just above average as it has FLUSH toilets and was clean when we visited. The site has a separate area for trucks away from Caravans. It is maintained by the local Beckom Primary School as a projects hence painting on the walls not graffitti

Our pic shows a memorial to a deceased Truckie with our rig in the background.

If you visit and tin of lollies still alongside the memorial they were ours !.

<u>Members</u> – this is just *another* gentle reminder to those who have not yet paid their fees for the current year. These are due by 28 February 2018 at the latest.

If you are not able to attend Widgee, your fees can be paid through the club's bank (details under) – PLEASE... if you do this, will you let either the Treasurer (Desley Hinson 0435427252 or alf.desley@gmail.com) or myself know so that your payment can be tracked through the bank .Suncorp Bank Account No. 790204838
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Many thanks - Brenda

67 caravans gathered at **Toogoolawah** for the rally in February.

Members Present at the Rally

ABRAHAM Beres & Carmel . ADAMS Roger & Laurel . BAKER Darren . BAKER Gordon & Sue . BARR Graham & Pat . BEKER Bert & Yvonne . BREARLEY Paul & Di . BRIDGES Roy & Carmel .BRUNO Paul & Marina . BURT Doug & Dorcas . BUZZA Les & Lyn . CARROLL John & Jenny . CHESNEY Neil & Marie . COCHRANE Jeff & Jean . COOK Merv & Barbara . COXALL Terry & COOK Gab . CRAGG Ken & Lyn DAY Kevin & Carol . DONALDSON Janelle .. DROUGHT Michael & REED . EDNEY Dennis & Heather . EGEN Ian & Gwen . GIBSON Barry & Wendy . GODWIN Carl & LOWCOCK . GOWER Kevin & Pat . GREEN Rod & Bev . HASLEWOOD Lance & Karen . HENRY Rick & Cheryl . HILLS Wayne & Vicki . HINSON Alf & Desley .HOGAN KERRY & DIANNE . ISON Gordon .JACOBSON Lionel & Mary .JAMES Colin & Margaret . JARRETT Gary & Noeleen .JONES NOEL & OLIVE . JONES Shane & Linda .KAYS Daryl & Margaret . KEARNEY Bob & Kathy . LACEY George & Yvonne . LANDER Barry & Gail .LANGLEY Steve & Robyn . LESKOW Otmar.. LILLIS, Michael, LOWE Phil & Del . MAC DONALD Ray & Pam . MARTIN Trevor & Mavis .MC CALLUM Keith & Bev . MC DOWALL Kem & Bev . METCALFE Rodney & Mary . MIERS John & Jan . NOFFKE Owen & KIRBY Jan, . PARK Terry & Denise . POMROY Tony & Lynne . RIDER John . ROBBINS Yvonne . SAVAGE Adrian & Ann . SHEEHAN Brian & Denise .SHEEHAN Graham & Shirle . SMITH Barrie & Pamela . SMITH Tom & Jacky . STEELE Ray & Jan . STEVENS Brian & Karon . STOCKER Eddie & Sylvia . TEBBIT Bob & Marilyn . THORPE Jim & Sue . USHER Les & Brenda . VERSACE Peter & Nerida . WAYCOTT Bill & Denise .

Lucky Winners

The Savages, Miers and Vercase's were the <u>Three</u> 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 Linda Jones

Prizes:

- The Saguma Plates(donated by ??) was won by Lorraine Lowcock
- The 3D jigsaw(donated by) was won by Kev Gower.

Golf--- 17 players----1st Ray McDonald, 2nd Rod Green, 3rd Roger Adams

Nearest pin -jackpot...Longest drive Jeff Cochrane.

Ladies winner Heather Edney

Rally Program for Widgee

Friday--- Craft with Yvonne Robbins.

As we will not have power at Widgee I have an appliqué of a caravan which you can decide what you would like to make with it when completed eg-: a bag, cushion, apron etc

For your background fabric ½ meter. Scraps of fabric to make the caravan

½ meter of Vliesofix (it's a paper with sticky webbing used in appliqué) can be purchased at spotlight, Eastcoast fabric or any patchwork shop

Pencil, scissors, needle & thread and any other bits & pieces you feel you need

I'll have a light box. No sewing machines are required



Friday and Saturday evening---the Sportsmens Bar venue puts on very reasonably priced meals, including a bar, so you can have a good, well priced feed without leaving the venue, But No BYO drinks

Cards etc. afterwards...

Saturday Evening----6.00 PM, C&W trio led by Neil & Linda Hanson

Ok Members, please read this interesting article to the end !!! Learning To Play The Didgeridoo Helps Sleep Apnea.!!!

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While there are many established methods of treatment such as weight loss in the presence of patient obesity and the use of CPAP machines (a breathing apparatus that creates positive pressure in the throat to prevent soft tissue collapse), there's a rather novel treatment that has established clinical efficacy:

The Didgeridoo is a wind instrument created by the Aboriginal tribal peoples indigenous to Australia. Successfully playing the instrument



requires excellent breath control and development of the muscles supporting the airway. A 2005 study found that patients suffering from snoring and sleep apnea had improved sleep quality and decreased symptoms when trained to play the didgeridoo.

The didgeridoo remains the recommended instrument to take up simply because it requires significantly less training to satisfactorily play than, say, a bassoon.

From the USA National Institutes of Health (NIH):

"One of the challenges in the treatment of sleep disorders is poor compliance." Thus new treatments not only need to be effective but also be ones that people are motivated enough to use. Didgeridoo playing seems to meet these requirements. Participants were highly motivated during the trial and practiced, on average, almost six days a week, which was even more than the protocol asked for. Regular playing of a didgeridoo reduces Sleep Apnea and snoring in people with moderate Obstructive Sleep Apnea Syndrome and also improves the sleep quality of partners. Severity of disease, expressed by the Apnea-Hypopnoea Index, is also substantially reduced after four months of Didgeridoo playing."

Now members, yet another group activity could be added to our ever growing list (Golf, walking, Crafting, Tai-Chi, line dancing, weight watching, Ukelele Strumming, jam sessions), etc. I'm sure the local indiginous populaion in Widgee will have a stall open selling Didgeridoos by the time we get there. We may be lulled to sleep every night by the drone of Didgies, which luckily, don't require power!!

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That must be an Abba-original!"

Goings on at Toogoolawah.

Friday.



The Ladies gathered in good numbers for the Friday craft classes run by Yvonne Robbins and helpers.

The Evening "Local hostelry" visit had the usual hungry crowd assembling for very nice meals. As is usually the case(and despite early warnings of our impending arrival) the staff where a little overwhelmed, resulting in a few bungles, but all sorted amicably by supply of complimentary additions.













Saturday







Yvonne Robbins proud "Bag Ladies" after their hard work at Friday's Craft Session.

The Ladies Disc Bowls Title, played out on Saturday afternoon, provided a bit of camera fodder.....





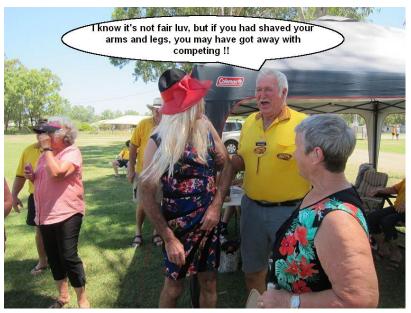












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Nominations for Office -

(for elections at Annual General Meeting 14 April 2018 to be held at Laidley Showgrounds)

Committee Positions: President Vice President

Secretary Assistant Secretary

Treasurer Assistant Treasurer

Editor

Convener

Entertainment Coordinator

Plus (3) other members for the committee

Non-Committee Positions: Library Raffles Introduction Coordinator

Archivist Chief Rally Marshal

Positions Held: Webmaster (Lance Haslewood) & National Rally Coordinator (Barbara Rutherford)

I hereby nominate(nominee's name)

For the position of

Signed:

Proposer Seconder

I agree to act if elected (signature)

Please return the completed form to QCC Secretary no later than Saturday 10 March 2018





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