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Presidents Report



The March rally was our Clubs first visit to the Widgee Pony Club. The weather was good, with the odd shower during the weekend, but great to sleep with the cool nights.

We had 50 caravans attend for the bush rally with no power and water. Good to see so many attend, but I am sure many more would have come had power and air conditioners been available.

We had no first, second and third time visitors attend the rally; this was very unusual .

Good to see the craft group on Friday afternoons, very popular with the Lady members. This was well represented, with about 15 participating and learning new skills each month. A few of them are making new caravan pillows and quilts for their caravans.

Thank you to Barbara Rutherford for filling in for our Secretary Brenda Usher and to Gwen Egen for the raffles with her assistant Dell Lowe.

Thanks also to rally Marshalls Dennis Edney and Alf Hinson for another great job.

Friday and Saturday nights we had the opportunity to buy our dinner from the local on site Restaurant. There was a good variety of meals available at a reasonable price. Also, the bar was available at low cost. All reports the meals were good and very well organized, with quick service and no delays. I hope everyone enjoyed their meals and were happy with the service.

Saturday night we were entertained by a Country Music Group, The Hansons, and our own QCC music group. I am sure everyone enjoyed the night of fun and laughter.(cont. page 6)

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Rally at Laidley How to Get There

From Brisbane, follow the Ipswich Motorway. Before Ipswich, exit left (veering right back over the motorway) onto the Warrego Hwy (A2) in the direction of Toowoomba..

Continue on the Warrego Hwy to Plainlands. Turn left at Plainlands onto the Laidley-Plainlands Rd and travel 8 kms to Laidley, where it becomes Patrick St; continue through the main street of Laidley. In about 4 or 5 streets, turn right into McGregor st. Then turn left into Cooper street, then left into Hayes street.

Rally Info (Needs, Emergencies, etc)

Rally dates: Official dates: 14th & 15th April
 Arrive no earlier than: 12.00pm on Wednesday 11th
 Depart no later than: Tuesday 17th

000 Emergency	Nearest Hospital: Laidley hospital, 75 William Street, Laidley, ph 07 5466 8100
Details	Park Address & Cross street: : Hayes Street, Laidley. Cross street, Cooper Street.
Post Code	
4341	

Medical Needs: Laidley Family Doctor, 36 Ambroost Street, Laidley. Ph. 07 5465 1388

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

Fees: Site Fee, per van, per night \$ 20.00 powered, \$18 unpowered
 Administration Fee: \$ 3.00 per caravan

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 + AGM	Disc Bowls available from Barry Gibson.		

Club News

As the AGM is at the Laidley Rally it is a good time to remind any Members who haven't paid their annual fees by now ,that they will be unable to vote should the need arise at the Meeting

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!

AGM is being held at Laidley on 14th April. Anything to be raised must be with Secretary Brenda ASAP.

Future Rallies

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Apr; 14th & 15th—Laidley Showgrounds.
May; 5th & 6th--Pine Rivers S'ground (lawnton)
June; 2nd & 3rd—Samford Showground
July; 14th & 15th—Maleny Showground.

Aug; 11th & 12th—Kalbar Showground
Sept: 8th & 9th---Hillview hall (bush Rally)
Oct; 22nd to 27th.Bundaberg State Rally
Nov; 10th & 11th—Goombungee S'ground
Dec; 1st & 2nd ----Kenilworth S'ground

🎵 Happy Birthday to you for April 🎵

1st Sandra Smith
2nd Graham Dukes
7th Jill Davis
7th Shirley Miles
9th Pat Barr
10th Bev McCallum

11th Bert Beker
12th Robyn Langley
15th Wendy Gibson
19th Roy Bridges
21st Chris Truloff

22nd Janelle Donaldson
28th Gordon Baker
28th Bill Dobe
30th Ian Farrell
30th Dorcas Burt

🎵 Happy Anniversary to you for April 🎵

3rd Ann & Patrick Hetherman
4th Dorkas & Douglas Burt
6th Helen & Stewart Hornibrook
11th Carolyn & Merv Kahler
15th Bev & Kem McDowall
15th Denise & Terry Park

15th Shirley & Tom Myles
16th Jill & Tom Davis
17th Sue & Jim Thorpe
19th Marj & Bill Kasper
22nd Jan & Ray Steele
24th Jean & Jeff Cochrane
25th Nola & Trevor Bromley

50 caravans gathered at Widgee for the rally in March

Details about the site. Great for bush Rally. Restaurant and Bar onsite. Only downside is no Dump point nearby.

Members Present at the Rally:

ABRAHAM Beres & Carmel, ADAMS Roger & Laurel, BEKER Bert & Yvonne, BIDDINGTON Judi, BREARLEY Paul & Di, BRIDGES Roy & Carmel, BURT Doug & Dorcas, CADDIES Ray & Gail, CARROLL John & Jenny, COCHRANE Jeff & Jean, COXALL Terry & COOK Gabbie, DAY Kevin & Carol, DOBE Bill & Ann, EDNEY Dennis & Heather, EGEN Ian & Gwen, FARRELL Ian & Denise, GAFFNEY Frank & Rhonda, GAWEN Peter, GIBSON Barry & Wendy, GREEN Rod & Bev, HASLEWOOD Lance & Karen, HETHERMAN Patrick & Ann, HINSON Alf & Desley, JONES Shane & Linda, KAHLER Merv & Carolyn, KAYS Daryl & Margaret, LACEY George & Yvonne, LANDER Barry & Gail, LANGLEY Steve & Robyn, LOWE Phil & Del, LOWRIE Des & Yvonne, MARTIN Trevor & Mavis, MC CALLUM Keith & Bev, MIERS John & Jan Ordinary, NOFFKE Owen & KIRBY Jan, PARK Terry & Denise, RIDER John, ROBBINS Yvonne, RUTHERFORD Bob & Barbara, SAVAGE Adrian & Ann, SHEEHAN Brian & Denise, SMITH Barrie & Pamela, SMITH Tom & Jacky, STOCKER Eddie & Sylvia, TEBBIT Bob & Marilyn, THORPE Jim & Sue, TRULOFF Bruce & Chris, VAN WYK Richard & Linda, VERSACE Peter & Nerida, WAYCOTT Bill & Denise,

Lucky Winners

Yvonne Robbins & Roy & Carmel Bridges 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 Prizes:
- The \$50(donated by QCC) was won by Daryl Kayes
 - The Containers (donated by Heather Edney) was won by Jeff Cochrane
 - The Hammock (donated by Rebecca Carroll) was won by Tom Smith.

Owing to lack of a nearby Golf course, Daryl organised a chipping contest. Great turnout !

30 Metre results, Men, Owen Noffke.....Ladies, Desley Hinson.

50 Metre results, Men, Des Lowrie.....Ladies, Denise Park.

In Both distances the Ladies were closest to the pin, both within 1 metre.

Activities for Laidley.

Friday.....Craft with Jenny for all you creative types. (*See details of project on next page*).....Dinner at Queensland Hotel (list in Gordons Annex) and Usual Cards or whatever in the Evening

Saturday....1-30pm, Bob Kearney is kindly offering to show his Model Railway set up for interested Members, as the Rally is pretty close to his home. It will be in the form of a group tag-a-long visit and final details will be posted when available.

7-30pm-Night time will see the Carpet Bowls skills of the members given a "dusting off", with Jan & John Miers officiating.

Future Entertainment.

**Samford Rally in June will be Auction Night with Paul and Di Brearley....
Items will be required for, Auction so dig out your Saleable goods!!**

PIN INTEREST



THE CASE OF THE TRAVELLING SEWING KIT



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It might have started out as an ordinary \$2-store spectacles case, but Sachiko Aldous has transformed it into an invaluable portable sewing kit. It's natty and neat and simple to do. Sachiko shows us how here:

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- Eyeglass case
- Fabric of your choice for outside and inside the case
- Mod Podge
- Sponge brush
- Ribbon to hide the hinge area
- Fabric glue (or glue gun)

HERE'S HOW:

1 Cut fabric for the inside and outside of the case. For the outer fabric, make sure that you

have enough to cover the whole thing and to tuck inside the case. For the inner fabric, cut the edges with pinking shears to prevent any fraying.

2 and 2A. It's helpful to use a small dish to trace the curve and cut the corners. Also, fold the fabric horizontally in the middle and cut into it about 1in or so from both sides to make it easier to hold the fabric in around the hinges.

3 and 3A Spread the Mod Podge onto the case evenly and carefully place the fabric. Make sure there are no air bubbles. Then attach the inner fabric in the same manner.

4 I pasted small ribbons around the hinged area to hide the ugly part that I couldn't get quite right. If you don't need it, you can skip this part of the project.

5 and 5A Make a small pincushion. All you need to do is measure the inside of the case and decide how big you want the pincushion to be. Don't forget to add an inch or so to the measurement; when you stuff it, the length and width will 'shrink' (because it gets puffy). Glue the pincushion inside the case. You can visit Sachiko Aldous at Tea Rose Home, tearosehome.blogspot.com.

What you'll need.

1-Eyeglass case, 2-Fabric of your choice for internal and external covering, 3-Mod Podge, 4-Sponge brush, 5-Ribbon to hide hinge area, 6-Fabric glue or glue gun.

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Sunday afternoon, in between showers, we managed to have games of social disc bowls. Good to see so many members having a fun game and enjoying each other's company for a few hours. We then had a music session with a singalong. Thank you to everyone who supported the fun afternoon.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the committee, for your hard work throughout the year. It has been very much appreciated by me. We have achieved great results for all the members, and have worked well as a team. I hope the incoming committee has a good year as we have had.

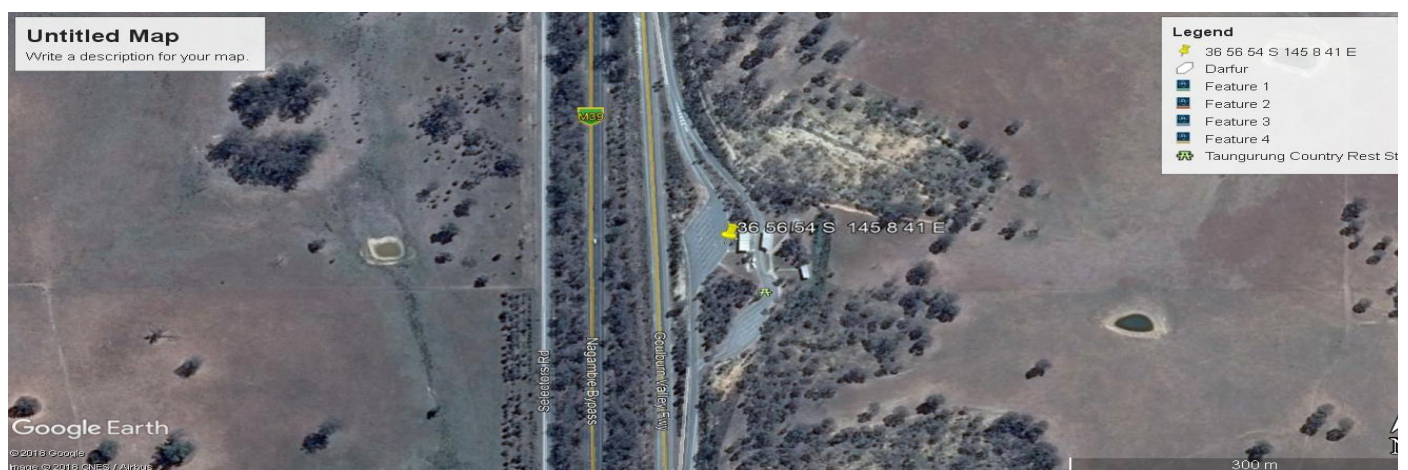
Congratulations to Adrian Skinner as the new President of the CCQ and Barbara Rutherford again as the Secretary. Keep the Caravan Clubs progressing in the right direction!

Stay safe, healthy, and happy and look forward to seeing you all at the next rally in April for the AGM at Laidley Showgrounds.

President JOHN

Patricks Places

Rest Area. Site no 251, Victoria CAMps no8. GPS 36 56 54 S 145 8 41 E Taurangurung



Ideal for timing run into Melbourne or if going to Tasmania. From site approx 1, 1/2 hour run on Freeways right into Port Melbourne. Use GPS

Entry from highway M31 Southbound ONLY. All bitumen, marked spots. Toilets good, covered picnic tables. Separate caravan and truck areas. The site does slope a bit. We placed levellers under rear wheels of the tow vehicle and all was fine. One can time run to Melbourne and miss peak easily. We got into Port Melbourne at 10am after 8-15am departure.

Wet Welcome to Widgee !!!

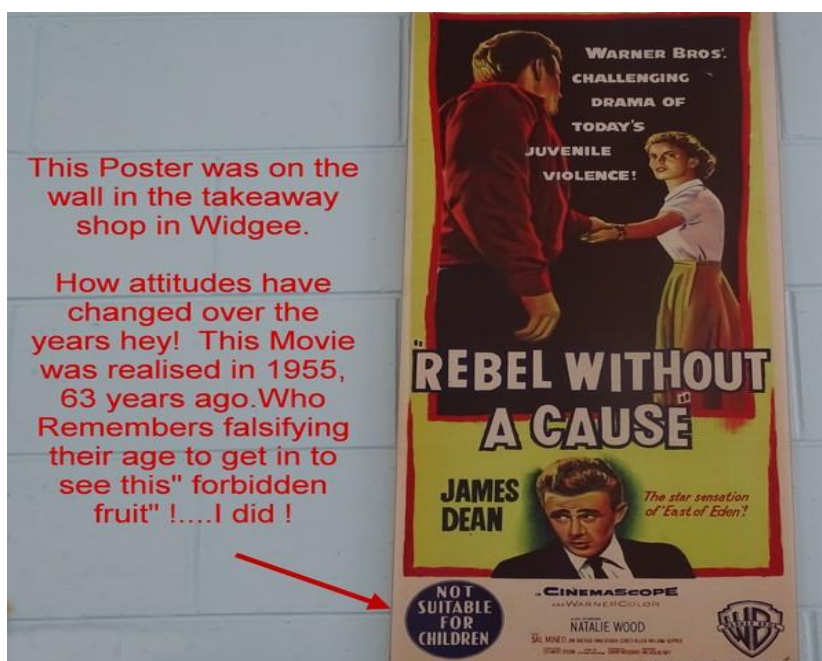
It seemed first up that the weekend was going to be a washout but the weather gods sorta smiled (if a little half heartedly) on us. It certainly didn't stop our Members doing their usual thing.....



The venue is a little Gem for a Bush Rally, with great amenities and having its own Restaurant and Bar available on Friday and Saturday Nights, with meals and drinks at a very reasonable cost.



We went into "town", 1 shop cum servo and bottle shop. Was a long walkabout 5 minutes away !. American style booths, no hot X buns and very ordinary coffee but had a Movie Poster from 'way back when' which caught my eye.



Friday Afternoon saw the Crafty Clara's at it again with heads down and backs up!

As there was no power available, the Ladies were exhibiting their many skills by doing an Applique, which for those not in the know, is pretty pictures in nice shapes and colours stuck onto garments or such, then the edges are finished by hand stitching or zig zag machine.



Happy hour on Friday managed a rain free event after an afternoon squall.



But not everyone was Happy !!



At the Friday evening meal there was an old Chap named Ted selling Raffle tickets, one of which I believe won for Bev Green, an Eats and Drinks Package.

It turns out Ted was sort of “part of the local Furniture”, Caretaker and part renovator of the old settlers Slab home on the site and a wood craftsman, making wooden puzzles for sale. He had one of them on show for folk to have a go at.

Some of our Mob couldn't resist trying to solve it by any sort of means....





The Saturday Meeting was a rather unusual affair, very uneventful with no inductions or nearly Newbies....As there was no Golf club nearby, Daryl organised a chipping Competition. It was a roaring success, and a great creator of giggles and Guffaws !(few Videos on the QCC Facebook group site).





For the fans of the Flat disc, a game or two was played and for History Buffs, the Pioneer Cottage was opened for a gold coin donation. Just the usual collection of artifacts that makes one feel guilty about how hard they think their life is...85 year old Ted was the Aficionado of the open house and was very knowledgeable about its history. A chance scrap of Dialogue, overheard by Yvonne, (who hadn't seen him until now), alerted her to his very pronounced Yorkshire Accent.

Turned out on querying him about it, he left Leeds from the same suburb as us, in the same year as us (1966) landing in OZ two months apart. We must have left Uk within a very short time of each other as we flew out and he sailed! At one stage we had lived a couple of streets from each other.....Small World hey?

Later in the Afternoon, our Musicians and Singists entertained us until the Professional group hired for the evening took over.

They were a local Trio, called The Hansons, a very pleasant easy going Band.



Well folks, this is my Curtain Call. After 6 years as your QCC Wanderer Editor, I have decided to call it quits. During that time I have tried to bring a little of my own brand of humour to many situations. I would like to thank all the members who fell victim to my camera, but never complained, nor objected, to the stuff they had to put up with, but took it all in good part. You all made the job worthwhile and enjoyable. Thanks to everyone and please afford my successor the same experience.....

George Lacey

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