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'Fellowship on Wheels'



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Let Us Forget

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President's Report ...

A very enjoyable rally held at Laidley Showground for the April rally. This rally included a general meeting and then the AGM for 2018. The weather was great, with no rain and sunny skies. The days were beautiful, quite warm during the day, but cool at nights.

Thursday night, twelve members visited the local hotel for dinner to avoid the overcrowding and delays on Friday night. All reports the food and service was very good. Friday morning four ladies and 14 men played a game of golf at the golf club. The 18 members enjoyed the game and the golf club donated a box of balls as prizes.

Friday afternoon the usual group of ladies had craft/sewing and by all reports everyone was thrilled with the end results. Good to see the interest among the ladies is growing in numbers, and everyone enjoying their time.

Friday night 48 members enjoyed dinner at the local hotel, although the service was very slow overall everyone was happy with the night. Friday night many members stayed and played cards in the hall and it is good to see the numbers are staying high and everyone having a good night.

We had 64 caravans attend this rally, with first-time visitors Minnie and Jim Holt, second-time Dianne and Kerry Hogan, and third-time Olive and Noel Jones. Day visitor, Joan Gettings, attended the Saturday morning meeting. Good to see you Joan after a long time away from the club.

Olive and Noel Jones were inducted into the club at the Saturday morning meeting. I hope you both enjoy the rallies and come to many more rallies in the future.

Thank you to all the past committee members for all your efforts during the year, your time, effort and commitment was appreciated by me and by all the members.

Margaret Hiller received her 150 rally badge at the meeting on Saturday morning. This was a great achievement to attend these meeting on your own.

Thanks to Tom Smith for an outstanding effort in conducting the AGM. You made everyone think about the committee positions in a positive way, and appreciate their nominations in the caravan club. We have struggled in the past to fill these important positions, but thanks to Tom this year everyone was happy to make that commitment and be involved.

I would like to thank all members of the new committee for your nominations, with many new members offering their support. I am sure we will all work as a team to satisfy all members of the caravan club.

Thank you to Jan and John Miers for Saturday nights carpet bowls. I was surprised with the number of

members who made the time to play a game of bowls. We may look at a rally to play bowls at a bowling club in the future.

Sunday afternoon we played disc bowls and fishka. Good to see members participate and have fun. We then had the music and singalong with members of our club. We had Vince, a Laidley local, join-in and have fun with his singalong music.

A total of 32 caravans stayed back on Sunday night; these numbers are increasing due to the relaxing and enjoyable afternoons.

Stay safe, healthy and happy and look forward to seeing you all at the Next rally in May at Lawton Showgrounds.

President John.



**Congratulations, Margaret ...
150 rallies.**

QCC's 69th Birthday in 2018

Well, this May it's QCC's 69th birthday. Queensland Caravan Club Inc (or Caravan Club of Australia, Brisbane Branch, as it was originally) was born in May 1949, and that's a long time ago.

But, thinking about it, 50 years ago in 1968, 19 years after the club was formed – I wonder how it was then? How times have changed – in recent years we've had a few single women as members, and our first (and only) female president was Jacky Smith in 2000-01. These days, the average age of members is much higher than it was in 1968. In 1968 the club was very family oriented, but lately we see lots of grandparents at rallies, with their grandchildren or even great grandchildren visiting.

The 1968 birthday rally was held on 18th and 19th May at the Beenleigh Showground. According to the rally report in *The Wanderer* of June 1968, there were 22 vans in attendance; I think it's been a long time since we've had only 22 vans at a rally! And the night's entertainment of games, dancing and community singing was very well received.

During 1968, the number of vans at the rallies, including visitors, averaged at 20 vans. The smallest rally for the year was attended by 8 vans in January at Suffolk Park in NSW, and 29 (plus 11 cars) for the December Christmas rally at the Beenleigh Showground was the largest.

At the May committee meeting (all men of course), it was agreed to make M Verrell an 'honorary member' as he was a founding member and his ill health over the previous 10 years had made him unable to attend rallies, even though he was still financial. I can only assume QCC did not have social or associate members in 1968, as they were concerned about setting a precedent.

I should mention that, in June 1968, the committee approved Ron and Pam Robson-Petch as members. Ron and Pam are, of course, life members today and were inducted as members at the July 1968 rally – yep, they have been members for fifty years this year! Now that's a long time to be members. I wonder what the record for length of membership is? Happy 69th birthday!

Wendy Gibson, Your Archivist.



Photographs of members may appear in publications, eg., the Club magazine, website Facebook, 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.

Next Rally ~ Pine Rivers Showground 5/6 May. How to get there

From the south – take the Gateway Motorway, continuing past the Depot Road and Brackenridge and Redcliffe exits. After the Gateway Motorway veers left from the Redcliffe exit, take the next exit (signed 'Brackenridge Road/Strathpine'). At the end of the ramp, turn right into Brackenridge Road and continue on until it becomes Hoyland Street, then Strathpine Road after it passes over Gympie Arterial Road and eventually becomes Gympie Road.

Continue along Gympie Road through Strathpine, past Westfield Shoppingtown, Bunnings and Super-cheap (right) . Turn into the showgrounds entrance and follow the club signs.

From the north – travel south along the Bruce Highway and take Exit 133 to Anzac Avenue. At the traffic lights, turn right onto Anzac Avenue and follow it through into Kallangur. Follow Anzac Avenue through to the roundabout at Petrie and take the 1st turn left into Gympie Road. Follow Gympie Road into Lawnton, and after the 2nd traffic lights (at Lawnton Pocket Road), turn left into the showgrounds.

Other Relevant Information

Address: 757 Gympie Road, Lawnton Q, 4501, Nearest cross street Frances Road and Gympie Road.

Caretaker: Helen Evans on 0459 023 346 or 07 3205 8118.

Dump point on site.

Redcliffe General Hospital, Anzac Avenue, Redcliffe. Phone: 07 3883 7777. Open 24 hours.

Lawnton Country Market Medical Centre, 718 Gympie Road, Lawnton. Phone: 07 3205 8118.

Club equipment Required:	Kitchen equipment and urns, first aid kit, PA system, library, souvenirs, fire extinguisher, banner, flags and flagpoles.	
Special needs.	Those with a medical need to be sited close to the amenities are to contact Dennis Edney on 0411 539 494 by the Monday prior to the rally otherwise this area may not be available.	
Pets:	Permitted. On lead.	
Fees:	Per van, per night.	\$20:00 powered/unpowered.
	Administration fee:	\$3.00 per van.

Rally Programme ...

Thursday 03 May.	2:00pm	Lawn Bowls. Pine Rivers Bowls Club. P5. (Mary Jacobson/Ray Macdonald). \$3.00.	<i>Remember to check the rally noticeboard for last minute changes to the published programme.</i>	
Friday 04 May.	6:30am.	Walkers.		
	7:00am.	Golf. (Daryl Kays/Steve Langley).		
	11:00am.	Management committee meeting.		
	1:30pm.	Craft/Quilting/Sewing (Denise Park). P9.		
Saturday 05 May.	3:00pm.	Line dancing. (Kevin Day). P12.	<i>Planning to attend the Friday night local hotel/club dinner? If do, please contact Gordon Ison so that you may be added to the attendance list. Cut-off is 3:00pm (Friday) after which own arrangements may have to be made.</i>	
	4:00pm.	Combined happy hour.		
	6:00pm.	Dinner, local eatery. (Gordon Ison).		
	7:30pm.	Cards.		
	6:30am.	Walkers.		<i>Have a CB radio? If so, please give an inbound call to the rally marshals so that your site placement may be both speedy and hassle-free. CH18.</i>
	9:00am.	Morning tea.		
	9:30am.	Meeting.		
	1:30pm.	Singles disc bowls. (Barry and Wendy). P8.		
4:00pm.	Combined happy hour.			
6:00pm.	Dinner. (own arrangements).			
7:30pm.	Caboolture Community Choir. (Barry). P8.			
8:30pm.	Tea/coffee.			
Sunday 06 May.	8:30am.	Pay treasurer.	<i>Similarly, indicate your planned attendance to the next rally by checking (ticking) the rally attendance sheet located at the Saturday Meeting.</i>	
	9:00am.	Morning tea.		
	9:30am.	Meeting.		
	10:00am.	Hall/building clean-up.		
	2:00pm.	Social disc bowls.		
	4:00pm.	Combined happy hour.		
	7:00pm.	Trivia evening. (Cheryl Henry).		

QCC at 69



We're 69, Oh 69,
Yes 69 this May.
Each year that's passed has gone for good –
So celebrate today.

It's through the years, the many years,
That people came and went.
When faces changed and fashions changed –
And happy hours were spent.

So now there's grey where once was else –
So – we don't give a jot!
Our time is spent with smiles and joy –
Yes, we're a happy lot.

The future's bright, that's what I see;
This club will linger on.
For time will pass when we're too old;
New people will belong.

We're 69, Oh 69,
Yes 69 this May.
Balloons and cake is what we need
To celebrate this day.

QCC welcomes new members Olive and Noel Jones



Olive and Noel attended their first rally at Imbil in January of this year followed by Toogoolawah in February and were inducted into the Club at the Laidley rally.

Keen and well-established caravanners, Olive and Noel have a Kedron which they have owned for a number of years. Not afraid to travel afar, for late last year, they travelled to Western Australia.

QCC is the first caravan club to which they have been associated with and they are most happy to reveal that the Club far exceeds their expectations. Welcome aboard Olive and Noel and we hope that you enjoy many more rallies with the Club.

Golden Towball Award



Congratulations to Keith McCallum on being presented with the QCC Golden Towball Award. Pictured with Roy Bridges who presented the trophy to Keith, the Golden Towball Award is a perpetual award which is presented yearly to a member of the club for outstanding contribution. Well-done, Keith. Your musical talents have been enjoyed by everyone over the years and we look forward to them for many more years to come.

Keith's award would have been announced at the March rally however the trophy was unavailable at the time to be presented.

Saturday night 14th April. Another great night of activities/entertainment at Laidley with carpet bowls being the programmed evening event for Saturday. Organised by Jan and John Miers, the event was well-attended and enjoyed by everybody.

It was noted, however, that Jacky Smith was pushing-out a few ZZZs between the cheering and excitement. Thank you Jan and John for putting-on such a great night which was enjoyed immensely by everybody.



2018

May 05-06 Pine Rivers Showground.
Jun 02-03 Samford Showground.
July 14-15 Maleny Showground
August 11-12 Kalbar Showground.

2018

Sep 08-09 Hillview (Bush rally).
Oct 22-27 State Rally, Bundaberg.
Nov 10-11 Goombungee Showground.
Dec 01-02 Kenilworth Showground.

♪ *Happy Birthday to you for May* ♪

1 st	Roy Hill	11 th	Bindra Luscombe	23 rd	Jill Boyle
1 st	Rodney Metcalfe	13 th	Les Usher	25 th	Rod Green
5 th	Lesley Siffleet	18 th	Ann Hetherman	27 th	Peggy Finlayson
7 th	Marie Chesney	19 th	Tony Swift	27 th	Harold Liley
7 th	Ann Savage	21 st	Carmel Bridges	28 th	Ken Cragg
7 th	Marilyn Tebbitt	21 st	Rudi Materne	31 st	Yvonne Lacey
11 th	Bev Liley	23 rd	Janet Green	31 st	Phil Lowe

♪ *Happy Anniversary to you for May* ♪

5 th	Dell and Geoff Gray	16 th	Denise and Brian Sheehan
6 th	Yvonne and Bert Beker	17 th	Marilyn and Bob Tebbitt
12 th	Heather and Dennis Edney	24 th	Lyn and Ken Cragg
14 th	Shirley and Greg Sneddon	24 th	Janet and Col Green
14 th	Chris and Bruce Truloff		

Attendees at Laidley

◇ ABRAHAM, Beres and Carmel.	◇ GRAY, Geoff and Dell.	◇ MARTIN, Trevor and Mavis.
◇ ADAMS, Roger and Laurel.	◇ HASLEWOOD, Lance.	◇ MATERNE, Rudi and Marianne.
◇ BAKER, Darren.	◇ HILLER, Margaret.	◇ MCCALLUM, Keith and Bev.
◇ BAKER, Gordon and Sue.	◇ HILLS, Wayne and Vicki.	◇ METCALFE, Rodney and Mary.
◇ BAMBERRY, Ian and Gloria.	◇ HINSON, Alf and Desley.	◇ MIERS, John and Jan.
◇ BEKER, Bert and Yvonne.	◇ HOGAN, Kerry and Dianne (visitor).	◇ NOFFKE, Owen and KIRBY, Jan.
◇ BREARLEY, Paul and Di.	◇ HOLT, Jim and Minnie (visitor).	◇ PARK, Terry and Denise.
◇ BRIDGES, Roy and Carmel.	◇ ISON, Gordon.	◇ RIDER John.
◇ BURDETTE, Michael and SIFFLETT, Lesley.	◇ JACOBSON Lionel and Mary.	◇ RUTHERFORD, Bob and Barbara.
◇ BURT, Doug and Dorcas.	◇ JAMES, Colin and Margaret.	◇ SAVAGE, Adrian and Ann.
◇ CARROLL, John and Jenny.	◇ JONES, Noel and Olive.	◇ SCHRIER, Victor.
◇ COXALL, Terry and COOK, Gabbie.	◇ JONES, Shane and Linda.	◇ SHEEHAN, Brian and Denise.
◇ CRAGG, Ken and Lyn.	◇ JUDGE, David and Helen.	◇ SHEEHAN, Graham and Shirley.
◇ CRAWFORD, Geoff and KING, Margaret.	◇ KAYS, Daryl and Margaret.	◇ SKINNER, Adrian and Gayle.
◇ DAY, Kevin and Carol.	◇ KEARNEY, Bob and Kathy.	◇ SMITH, Barrie and Pamela.
◇ DONALDSON, Janelle.	◇ LACEY, George and Yvonne .	◇ SMITH, Tom and Jacky.
◇ DROUGHT, Michael and REED, Linda.	◇ LANDER, Barry and Gail.	◇ TEBBIT, Bob and Marilyn.
◇ EDNEY, Dennis and Heather.	◇ LANGLEY, Steve and Robyn.	◇ USHER, Les and Brenda.
◇ EGEN, Ian and Gwen.	◇ LILEY, Harold and Bev.	◇ VAN WYK, Richard and Linda.
◇ GIBSON, Barry and Wendy.	◇ LOWRIE, Des and Yvonne.	◇ VERSACE, Peter and Nerida.
◇ GODWIN, Carl and LOWCOCK, Lorraine.	◇ LUSCOMBE, Ross and Bindra.	◇ WAYCOTT, Bill and Denise.
◇ GOWER, Kevin and Pat.	◇ MACDONALD, Ray and Pam.	

Lucky Laidley Winners ...

- ⇒ 1st \$50.00, donated by QCC ~ Dianne and Kerry Hogan.
- ⇒ 2nd Book, donated by Kathy and Bob Kearney ~ Lyn Cragge.
- ⇒ 3rd Toiletries, donated by Rebecca Carroll ~ Gordon Ison.
- ⇒ Lucky van draw ~ Margaret Hiller and Dell and Geoff Gray.



Interested in playing lawn bowls while at the Pine Rivers Rally? Sorry, no rinks available on Friday, however, Mary has booked one for **Thursday, 3rd May** at 2:00pm at the Pine Rivers Bowls Club. Easy to find as it's just across the road from the showgrounds. Bring your own bowls and shoes or play in your socks. Don't worry if you don't have any bowls as you may borrow them from the bowls club.

Your new committee ~ 2018/2019 ...

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Club News and Considerations

- ◆ QCC 69th Anniversary Rally ~ May 2018, Pine Rivers. Low-key celebration. Anniversary cake. Yummy!
- ◆ NOTE: Pine Rivers Markets. A reminder that the Pine Rivers Markets are held at the Pine Rivers Showgrounds each Saturday morning meaning that there will be plenty activity going-on from about 6:00am to 5:00pm as well as an abundance of people passing through. **On Saturday, QCC members are to enter and depart the showgrounds through the back gate via Lawnton Pocket Road.**
- ◆ The Caravan Clubs of Queensland (CCQ) website address: <http://www.caravanclubsqld.org.au>.
- ◆ 'Rumble into Bundy' State Caravan Rally, Monday 22 October to Sunday 28 October. Hosted by the Bayside, Peninsula and Queensland Caravan Clubs. A great location so let's make this rally a good one with an overwhelming QCC contingent.
- ◆ All persons attending a QCC rally, members and visitors, must sign the attendance book.
- ◆ When purchasing souvenir items please tender the correct sum of money.
- ◆ Where possible, those first to connect to water are requested to attach a two-way adaptor as this will allow the next person to connect without interruption to you. Similarly, when departing, please advise those down the chain of your intention to disconnect. A little courtesy goes a long way.
- ◆ When arriving to a rally, please give an inbound radio call to the rally marshals as this will let them know of your impending arrival and allow them to determine the best location for you. **CH18.**
- ◆ Pick-up after your pets.
- ◆ **Editor email address: editor@qldcaravanclub.com.au.**



From the Editor Hello members. Welcome to my first edition of the QCC Wanderer. First of all, I "tips me 'at" to George for the outstanding, sterling and tireless effort he put into providing the newsletter to members for the past six years or more. If I can fill just a small portion of his shoes, then I think I'll be doing alright. I look forward to the next year, and perhaps beyond, not only compiling the newsletter but also serving you on the committee in some small but meaningful way. Please, no applause just yet. Wait until the first year is out of the way!

Perhaps I ought to make a short introduction for those who may not know me. I (and Karen) have been in the club just over eight years having attended our first rally at Crows Nest in February 2010. We have not looked back. It's a great club filled with mixture of great people. On that very first day, Karen and I were made most welcome, and as time rolled-on, we made many friends which further enhanced our liking for the club, its members and its rallies. Background-wise, I was brought-up in Caboolture where I attended the Caboolture Primary and Secondary schools. In 1965, I joined the ADF (Navy for a short while, then RAAF) and remained until 1996. The RAAF, where I served the majority of my ADF career, was very challenging and rewarding and a career which holds many fond and everlasting memories. Post RAAF, I was employed as a logistics manager for a cosmetics company in Sydney. Mind you, I knew (*continued next page*)

A LITTLE ABOUT OUR NEWEST MEMBERS, NOEL AND OLIVE JONES

Noel, a war baby, was born in Roma and grew-up in Injune attending school there, and later, year 9 at Gatton College when it was a secondary boarding school. It was in Injune that his parents began a transport business mostly involving livestock transport but venturing into general freight in the 70's and early 80's. For his truck licence test, Noel took the local policeman with him to the market with a load of cattle and subsequently given his truck licence.

Noel worked with his family until the mid-70's when he headed to Brisbane, and for a six pack of beer, got his bus licence and started driving coaches for Clarrie Skennar of Skennar's Buses.

It was while driving coaches on the Rockhampton to Brisbane run that he met a young graduate teacher, Olive Audsley. Olive, a Melbourne girl by birth, had immigrated to Queensland with her family when her father sought the warmer climate of the north. Having spent her early years in Queensland at Springbrook, in the Gold Coast hinterland on a dairy farm, her family moved once more (Springbrook winters can be cold) to Palmwoods. From here, Olive attended the Kelvin Grove Teachers College and trained initially as a home economics teacher. Later she retrained as a teacher-librarian.

Marrying on New Year's Day, 1977, Noel and Olive began married life living in a 23ft Viscount Supreme caravan which they bought from Barry Gall (later of Kedron Caravans) then to a house in Bracken Ridge, then five acres at Bellmere until now, 40 acres at Delaneys Creek. Together they had two children, a daughter, Lisa, a champion equestrian rider, and a son, Greg, who they sadly lost in a road accident when he was 19.

Noel's work career saw him move between coach driving for Skennars, McCaffertys, Deluxe Coachlines, Bus Australia and Greyhound, with stints back driving trucks for his parents and later for a variety of trucking companies until his retirement in January, 2015. Olive saw 43 and a half years' service with Education Queensland, 25 years of which were at the Woodford P-10 State School before retiring from full-time teaching in July of 2016. Casual teaching now allows her to keep in touch with the children and the grandchildren of her past students.

Both Noel and Olive want to thank the members of the Queensland Caravan Club for the warm welcome they have been given since their first rally in their Kedron Caravan (some things go full circle!) at Imbil in January of this year. Olive and Noel.



Great Train Journeys of Grantham

Saturday afternoon 14th April. Unfortunately I did not get to attend the tagalong to Bob and Kathy's, but by all accounts, it was an outstanding success with many members of the club attending. Whether a model train fan or not, one could not but marvel at Bob's stunning set-up. Many, many hours of painstaking but rewarding work culminating in a display which would be the envy of any model enthusiast. Model trains of today are nothing like that of yesteryear for now they are computer-controlled, project life-like sounds, vibrations and smoke and are very much life-like in every detail.

Bob, the Club appreciates you taking the time in allowing members to see your hobby. Lance H.



(from previous page) absolutely nothing at all about cosmetics, but I soon learnt. Then from 2000-2002, I worked for Australian Defence Industries (St Marys) where I wrote computer-based training modules for RAAF C130J Hercules aircrew. I retired at the completion of this project, and it was about this time that our son, Rick, joined the air force, so Karen and I decided, after spending 27 years in the Sydney area, to sell-up and return to our home state of Queensland. We built a home at Delaneys Creek which is in the Woodford area.

Interests I have many interests and belong to several clubs some of which I currently serve on the committees of. Now I'm on another one! I'm a firm believer that although a committee position is voluntary, serving on one takes-on a commitment. I'm committed! However, having said this, there will likely be clashes with my other interests, and as such, I may not be able to attend every rally. Will do my best.

I trust that you will continue to enjoy the QCC Wanderer which I want to be entertaining and informative, most definitely the latter. Lance H.



Saturday 5th May, 7:30pm. A performance not to miss. Thanks to Barry Gibson, the Caboolture Community Choir will be performing at the Pine Rivers rally on Saturday night 5th May. The Caboolture Community Choir was established in June 1995 to give people the opportunity to participate in choral singing outside the already established church groups. Over 120 people have been involved with the choir at some time during its twenty year history. Currently the choir has about 40 members, a fifth of whom formed part of the original group.

QCC 2018 Singles Disc Bowls Competition

Saturday 5th May, 1:30pm. It's time for QCC's Singles Disc Bowls comp on Saturday at Pine Rivers/Lawnton. Everyone can play – you don't have to be experienced to join in – someone will show you how to play if you've not played before.



The timings on Saturday are:

- 11:30am. Nominations close (Nomination Box near the noticeboard).
- Noon-hour. Games and teams posted on noticeboard.
- 1:30pm. Games start.

Please Note – If you are unable to nominate by 11:30am, please let Wendy Gibson know beforehand and she will be happy to add your name to the list of players.

The winner will be awarded the QCC Singles Disc Bowls Trophy on which his/HER name will be engraved and the runner-up is awarded a trophy too ... and the winner and runner-up can keep the trophies until the next comp.

If you can help as marker it would very much appreciated.

Spectators are important, too. So, if you're not playing, please bring along your chair and support your favourite player.

If you have any query, please contact Barry or Wendy Gibson.

Very moving. I love this story. Lay down, dissolve whatever is bothering you, breathe-in the fresh air and absorb this very moving account.

Time is like a river. You cannot touch the water twice for the flow that has passed now will never pass again. Life is very-much like this so enjoy every moment as you live it.

As a bagpiper, I play many gigs. Recently I was asked by a funeral director to play at the graveside service for a homeless man. He had no family or friends, so the service was to be at a pauper's cemetery in the Nova Scotia back country. As I was not familiar with the area, I got hopelessly lost and, being a typical man, I foolishly didn't stop and ask anybody for directions. Finally, I arrived but an hour late and saw that the service was over, the funeral director had departed and the hearse was nowhere in sight. Only the crew were left and they were eating lunch. I felt very badly and apologised to the men for being late.

I went to the side of the grave and looked down at the vault. I didn't know what to do, so I started to play. The workers put down their lunches and began to gather around. I played-out my heart-and-soul for this man whom I didn't know and with no family and no friends. I played like I had never played before for this poor homeless and familyless man.

And as I played Amazing Grace, the workers began to weep. They wept, I wept; we all wept together. When I had finished playing, I packed-up my bagpipes and proceeded to my car. Though my head was hung low, my heart was full. As I opened the door to my car, I heard one of the workers say, "I never seen anything like that before, and I've been putting-in septic tanks for over twenty years."



Craft Criteria with Denise Park

Friday 4th May, 1:30pm. Denise Park will demonstrate how to do printing onto fabric. The picture below shows a collection of leaves and feathers, etc., collected from travels around Australia printed onto calico to make a table cloth. Anyone wanting to do some printing please bring the following items to complete your project.

- ⇒ Ink for fabric. I use blue, red and yellow as these seem to mix with any colour.
- ⇒ Old newspaper to protect your work area
- ⇒ Assorted leaves, flowers, feathers, etc., that you would like to print onto your fabric.
- ⇒ Suitable piece of calico or similar that you want to print onto. Size depends on what you want to make. A meter would make a small table cloth.
- ⇒ Laundry marker pen.
- ⇒ Roller if you have one or a rolling pin would do.
- ⇒ Smallish paint brush to put fabric ink onto leaves.
- ⇒ Container for water and rags for clean-up.

Anyone wishing to sew some shopping bags for state rally welcome bags, please bring your sewing machine.



Friday night, 13th April, saw many of the members attend dinner at Laidley's Queensland National Hotel. The hotel put on a shuttle bus however several members preferred to make their own way into the hotel. On this occasion I decided not to use the shuttle bus and drove, arriving at the hotel well ahead of the shuttle bus. Dinner ordered, I grabbed a drink and sat back to await the arrival of my chicken schnitzel. Love those chicken schnitzels!

In the mean time, the bus arrived and the dining room quickly filled and the meal order queue grew lengthy. This made me happy that I was one of the first to order knowing that my meal would soon be delivered. Well, wait I did. Everybody else seemed to be enjoying

their meals while I sat there looking into space. Several times; in fact, five times over the next hour, I queried the whereabouts of my meal and reaffirmed an equal number of times what I had ordered. Still nothing! At one point I was offered a complimentary glass of wine as a consolation for the screw-up and delay. I took the offer and made sure that the glass was filled to the brim.

The hotel owner, very apologetic for the mix-up and the lengthy delay, said that she would personally oversee the cooking and preparation of my meal. "Now can you tell me again what was it you ordered?" Unbelievable to say the least.

Finally, one hour and fifteen minutes after I had ordered my meal, it arrived. I felt so elated that finally I was about to be fed. However, my elation was short-lived for what I had been presented with was not what I had ordered. I turned it away.

There was a time when I thought I was going to be the only patron remaining in the restaurant. 10 minutes later, my prized schnitzel arrived. Wallah! Despite the mix-up, delay and confusion, the meal was quite tasty.

Mind you, I was not the only QCC member on the night to experience the some sort of mix-up or delay with their meal. Each will no doubt have their own tale to tell. Lance H.



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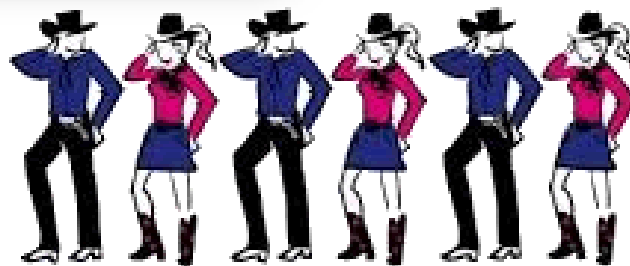
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