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President's Report ...

he Maleny rally was very enjoyable, although the rain on Wednesday and on Wednesday night made it very difficult for the rally marshals and also for the members who arrived early on Wednesday. The wet conditions with water everywhere and lose ground, it made it hard for the rally marshals to find suitable areas to park members' caravans.

Thanks to the rally marshals Dennis Edney, Terry Park and Alf Hinson for a great job under the circumstances. The rain cleared on Thursday and the conditions from Thursday through till Monday were ideal. The days were good although very cold late afternoons and early mornings. A total of 56 caravans attended the rally; this was excellent considering the weather on Tuesday and Wednesday. Great to see so many members coming to the rallies.



Thursday night, 16 members attended the local hotel for dinner. The meals were good as well as the service. On Friday night about 30 also visited the hotel for meals.

Friday morning 12 golfers braved a cold morning to play a round of golf, including one lady, Nerida Versace. All reports the golf course was in good condition although the golf was rather ordinary.

Friday afternoon after the committee meeting 25 ladies learned how to do Japanese Stitching by a local instructor. Also Lyn Hill had six members participate in learning Tai Chi. Then at 3:00pm, Carol and Kevin Day had 12 members doing line dancing; everybody enjoyed it. Thank you to all who gave their time to keep members busy and enjoy afternoon activities.

Friday night the usual 15 members played a game of cards in the hall, during a very cold but enjoyable night.

We had first time members Sandra and Desmond Smith who are friends of Ann and Adrian Savage. I hope you both enjoyed the rally and return to another rally in the future.

Ann and Bill Dobe received their 50 rally badges at the meeting on Saturday morning. They were thrilled to finally receive this award.

We all celebrated a very special day at the rally for Pam and Ron Robson - Petch who received a special award for 50 years membership in the club. This was held on Saturday with an afternoon tea with some of their family and grandchildren present for this special occasion. A great spread was supplied by our members.

Saturday afternoon we were entertained by club member Lyn Hill's group called Maleny Ukulele. They played for nearly one hour with a great variety of music and they really enjoyed themselves. This followed a well-earned rest with tea and coffee and happy hour including a quiet drink. Thanks to Lyn Hill for arranging this event for members.

Saturday night at 7:00pm, Cheryl Henry, with 50 members, played a game of Olympics. This was terrific night and thank you Cheryl for an entertaining and fun night. I am sure you didn't expect to see so many members involved. We all enjoyed tea and coffee at the finish.

Thanks to George Lacey for conducting the meeting on Sunday morning. You did a great job, George, and look forward to you conducting the meeting at Kalbar on Saturday morning.

Good to see the numbers on Sunday afternoons at rallies during happy hours and singalongs increasing. We have a lot of fun and more members are staying and are participating during the afternoon.

Don't forget at the next rally at Kalbar, the club will be donating \$2000 to one of our charities, LifeFlight, at the meeting on Saturday morning. I would be thrilled if we are able to have large numbers at this rally.

Stay safe, happy and healthy and look forward to seeing you all at the next rally in August at Kalbar Showground.

Regards, President JOHN.

Next Rally ~ Kalbar Showgrounds 10/12 August. Arrive no earlier than 8th August and depart no later than 14th August. How to get there

From Brisbane - Follow the M2 (Ipswich Road) to Riverview. Continue on to the Cunningham Highway (Highway 15) and at approximately 45 kilometres, take the Kalbar Connection Road on the left. Follow to the t-intersection and turn right into George Street, Kalbar, and the showgrounds is on the left.

GPS Coordinates: 27.9367° S, 152.6254° E

Nearest Hospital: Boonah Hospital, 11 Leonard Street, Boonah. 4310. 24 hours. Phone: 07 5463 3300.

<u>Venue Address:</u> 377 George Street, Kalbar. Post Code: 4309. Nearest cross-street: George and Edward Streets.

Emergency: 000.

Club equipment

Kitchen equipment, urns, first aid kit, PA system, library, souvenirs, fire

Required:

extinguisher, banner, flags and flagpoles.

Special needs, requirements or notifications.

Dump point available. Cassettes **must not** be emptied into toilets. Long

power leads maybe required. Town water throughout.

Lat: 27.9367°S Long: 152.6254°E 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. <u>Arriving late!</u> Let the rally marshal know.

<u>Leaving early!</u> Be considerate to others when disconnecting from the water

line.

Please do not drive over power leads or hoses.

Fires: Permitted but in designated areas and must be off-ground (containerised).

Pets: Permitted. On lead. Please pick-up after your pet.

Fees: Per van, per night. \$20.00. Powered / \$15.00 Unpowered.

Administration fee: \$3.00 per van. Hall Hire: \$3:00 per van.

IMPORTANT: Venue needs to know numbers attending Kalbar by Friday 3rd

August so please let Secretary Heather know by that date.

Rally Program

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Friday 10 August.	6:30am. 7:00am. 11:00am. 1:30pm 4:00pm. 6:00pm. 7:00pm.	Walkers. Golf. (Daryl Kays). Management committee meeting. Sewing class. (Denise Park). P5. Combined happy hour. Dinner; local eatery. (Heather Edney). Cards. (cut-off Thu 3:00pm sharp)	
Saturday 11 August.	6:30am. 9:00am. 9:30am. 6:00pm. 7:00pm.	Walkers. Morning tea. Meeting. Dinner. (own arrangements). Letterbox Game (Tom Smith).	
Sunday 12 August.	8:30am. 9:00am. 9:30am. 10:00am. 4:00pm.	Pay treasurer. Morning tea. Meeting. Hall/building clean-up. Help needed. Combined happy hour.	

Attending the Christmas Function at the Kenilworth rally? Must be paid for by the November Goombungee rally. \$20.00 per head.

- ⇒ IMPORTANT Remember to check the rally noticeboard for last minute changes to the published programme.
- ⇒ Planning to attend the Friday night local hotel/club dinner? If so, please contact Heather. Cut-off is 3:00pm (Thursday) after which own arrangements may have to be made.
- ⇒ Have a UHF radio? If so, please give an inbound call (Ch 18) to the rally marshals so that your site placement may be both speedy and hassle-free.

Similarly, indicate your planned attendance to the next rally by checking (ticking) the rally attendance sheet located at the Saturday/Sunday meeting.

1 Happy Birthday to you for August

- Kem McDowell 2nd
- Terry Coxall 5th Linda Reedy
- 7th Beres Abraham
- 7th Victor Schrier
- 8th Kevin Gower
- $10^{\text{th}}\,$ Peter Versace
- 10^{th} Heather Edney
- 10th Cathy Kearney

- 11th John Rider
- 14th Mackenzie Thorogood
- 16th Eugene Boyle
- 17th Denise Park
- 17th Olive Jones 17th Margaret Thomas
- 18th Ray Steele
- 20th Paul Bruno
- 21^{th} Jim Thorpe

- 21thDes McLeod
- 25th Gus Fraser
- 27th Vicki Hills
- 27th Denise Waycott
- 28^{th} Helen Hornibrook 28th Patrick Hetherman
- 29th Yvonne Beker 31st **Neil Chesney**

Happy Anniversary to you for August 1

- Lyn and Les Buzza
- 12^{th} Laurel and Roger Adams
- 12^{th} Carol and Kevin Day
- 13th Margaret and Colin James Sylvia and Eddie Stocker 14th

- 19th Bev and Keith McCallum
- 20th Jenni and Murray McGowan
- 22nd Margaret and Daryl Kays
- Bev and Rod Green 22nd
- 28th Del and Phil Lowe
- 31st Jenny and Des McLeod

Attendees @ Maleny

- ♦ ADAMS, Roger ad Laurel.
- ♦ BAKER, Darren.
- ♦ BAKER, Gordon and Sue.
- ♦ BARR, Graham and Pat.
- BEKER, Bert and Yvonne.
- ♦ BRIDGES, Roy and Carmel.
- ♦ BRUNO, Paul and Marina.
- ♦ BURT, Doug and Dorcas. CARROLL, John and Jenny.
- ♦ COCHRANE, Jeff and Jean.
- ♦ COXALL, Terry and Gabby Cook
- ♦ DAY, Kevin and Carol.
- ♦ DOBE, Bill and Ann.
- ♦ DONALDSON, Janelle and RIDER John.
- ♦ EDNEY, Dennis and Heather.
- ♦ EGEN, Ian and Gwen.
- ♦ GIBSON, Barry and Wendy.
- ♦ HASLEWOOD, Lance.
- ♦ HENRY, Rick and Cheryl.

- ♦ HETHERMAN, Patrick and Ann.
- ♦ HILL, Roy and Lyn.
- ♦ HILLER, Margaret and STEGEMAN, Rod.
- ♦ HINSON, Alf and Desley.
- ♦ HOGAN, Kerry and Dianne.
- ♦ HOLT, Jim and Minnie (visitor).
- ♦ ISON, Gordon.♦ JONES, Noel and Olive.
- ♦ JUDGE, David and Helen.
- ♦ KAYS, Daryl.
- ♦ KEARNEY, Bob and Cathy.
- ♦ LACEY, George and Yvonne.
- ♦ LANDER. Barry and Gail.
- ♦ LANGLEY, Steve and Robyn.
- ♦ MACDONALD, Ray and Pam.
- ♦ MARTIN, Trevor and Mavis.
- ♦ McCALLUM, Keith and Bev. ♦ McGOWAN, Murray and Jenni.

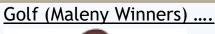
- \Diamond McLEOD, Des and Jenny.
- ♦ METCALF, Rodney and Mary.
- ♦ MIERS, John and Jan.
- \Diamond PARK, Terry and Denise.
- ♦ ROBBINS, Yvonne.
- ♦ ROBSON-PETCH, Ron and Pam.
- ♦ RUTHERFORD, Bob and Barbara.
- ♦ SAVAGE, Adrian and Ann.
- SCHRIER, Victor.
- SHEEHAN, Graham and Shirley.
- SKINNER, Adrian and Gayle.
- ♦ SMITH, Barry and Pamela.
- SMITH, Desmond and Sandra.
- ♦ SMITH, Tom and Jacky.
- STEPHENSON, Tony and Sue.
- ♦ VAN WYK, Richard and Linda.
- ♦ VERSACE, Peter and Nerida. ♦ WAYCOTT, Bill and Denise.

First Time Visitors @ Maleny

♦ QCC welcomes Desmond and Sandra Smith.

Lucky Maleny Raffle and Van Draw Winners ...

- $\Rightarrow 1^{\mathsf{st}}$ \$50 Coles Voucher, donated by QCC ~ Graham Barr.
- $\Rightarrow 2^{nd}$ Class Drinking Set, donated by QCC ~ Muzza McGowan.
- Bar Mat and Novelty Hat 'It's 5 O'Clock Somewhere' ~ Darren Baker. Bar mat donated by Barry Lander and novelty hat by Denise Farrell.
- ⇒ Lucky Van Draw ~ Tony and Sue Stephenson / Keith & Bev McCallum.





- 1st Richard Van Wyk: 49.7. 2nd Jim Holt: 52.7.
- 3rd Dennis Edney. 58.1

Longest Drive: Peter Versace. Nearest The Pin: Nil.



Your committee ~ 2018/2019 ...

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President	John Carroll	0417 153 880	president@qldcaravanclub.com.au
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	Committee: Jenny Ca	rroll, Gwen Egan a	ind Barry Gibson.

Club News, Happenings and Considerations

- ♦ Sewing Class, Friday 10th, 1:30pm. Denise Park. See Page 5 for sewing requirements.
- ♦ Letterbox Game, Saturday 14th, 7:00pm. Tom Smith.
- ♦ CCQ website address: http://www.caravanclubsqld.org.au.
- ♦ All persons attending a QCC rally, members and visitors, <u>must</u> 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.
- ♦ '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. See Page XX for more information.
- ♦ Pick-up after your pets.
- ♦ Editor's email address: editor@qldcaravanclub.com.au.



Pam and Ron Robson-Petch wish to thank the Queensland Caravan Club and its members for the presentation and the afternoon tea in recognition of their 50 years of membership to the Queensland Caravan Club. They not only cherish very much the friendships they have made during their many years in the club but also reflect on the countless good times and social interaction which has made the club and their membership so enjoyable and unforgettable. Thank you.

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Member Profile ~ Linda and Shane Jones

Shane was born in 1953 and has always lived in Brisbane. He is the eldest of his parents' eight children. Shane planned to be a Journalist, but on a whim applied for and got a job as an 'Articled Law Clerk' with a city solicitor. He became a solicitor in 1977 and specialised in the purchase, sale or lease of commercial property including shopping centres, hotels, and tourist developments. He also acted for property developers.

Shane played club cricket for many years finally giving cricket away when he was 35. He was a feared fast bowler and a lucky batsman.

Shane married twice. From his first marriage he had three children, two of which survive. His daughter Rachel, who recently married, is a lawyer in Brisbane. Lachlan is a civil engineer



working in London. Shane's eldest son Luke, was killed in an industrial accident in France in 2008. Luke was a vintner (wine merchant).

Linda was born in Wollongong, NSW and has two sisters and a brother. Her parents emigrated from Macclesfield, England, before they were married.

Linda's career started in television at WIN4 Wollongong and later years at SBS Sydney. She started her own businesses; Theatrical Dance, Mime, Movement, and, Principal Instructress of Jazzercise Fitness in the Illawarra Region. Torn ligaments in her lower spine forced her to close these businesses and venture back into the office workforce.

Shane and Linda met when Linda's employer provided Shane's business with computer services. Linda moved to Queensland to start a relationship with Shane and his three young children. Between them they have a daughter Elise who is turning 22 and will graduate soon as a civil/environmental engineer.

In the last couple of years of Shane's legal career, Linda worked as Shane's secretary. They retired from the workforce together in 2014.

<u>Friday, 10th August 1:30pm.</u> <u>Sewing Class.</u> <u>Pill Carrier with Individual Resealable</u> <u>Compartments.</u> In the event that Yvonne Robbins may not be at Kalbar, Denise Park will take the sewing class.

What to bring:

- 2 x pieces fabric 9" x 12".
- 1 x piece wadding 8" x 11".
- 2 x press studs.
- 8 x small resealable snack bags

Sewing machine, matching cotton and scissors etc.

2018 QCC Rally Calendar

Just a reminder to everyone, that with the exception of the December Kenilworth rally, the remainder of the 2018 rallies will be held on the second weekend of the month.

Aug 11-12	Kalbar Showground.
Sep 08-09	Hillview (Bush rally).
Oct 22-27	State Rally, Bundaberg.
Nov 10-11	Goombungee Showground.
Dec 01-02	Kenilworth Showground.

Woodford.
Lowood.
Mulgowie (bush rally).
Beaudesert.
Boonah.



ow in its 8th year, the Murgon Music Muster is an annual event held over 6 days during the first week in November at the PCYC (Murgon Showgrounds).

The Muster is proudly run by the Rotary Club of Murgon, which is made up of a small but hard working group of Rotarians. The primary aim of the Muster is to bring country music enthusiasts to the local Murgon district, thereby boosting the economy and to also showcase the wonderful South Burnett Region situated in South-East Queensland.

The 2018 Muster will include a wide variety of country music including one of Australia's premier country music artists, Adam Harvey as the headlining act.

Adam has clocked up sales of over half a million albums, with eight Golden Guitars to his name and has a string of gold and platinum discs to his credit.

Other Golden Guitar winners who will be performing over the weekend include multi-award winning Australian Balladeer, Graham Rodger and talented singer/songwriter and story teller Brad Butcher.

Adding to the entertainment includes the talented Johanna Hemara, Brendan Radford, Phoebe Jay, Heath Milner, Clarrie Weller, Chris & Viv Boys, Clyde Cameron, Jack Viljoen, Amber Goldsmith, Robert Hopkins, Rosanna Ruddick and Stuart Watson. All artists will be backed by a top country music backing band, led by Brendan Radford.

The 2018 Muster starts on Tuesday 30 October with walk-up artists performing on stage until Friday morning, 2nd November. We will have a daily Bush Poets' Breakfast starting on Thursday, led by well-known Bush Poet, Gary Fogarty.

On Thursday night we are introducing a great old time dance band for anyone who would like to get up and dance. Aboriginal dancers will perform on Friday afternoon as part of the official opening, followed by our professional country artists until late. The talented Gary Fogarty will compere the Friday and Saturday program. Saturday sees the professional artists performing all day, with Special Guest Artist, Adam Harvey to perform on Saturday night. The Sunday program includes country and gospel music followed by Brownie's famous Charity Concert.

The Muster has something for everyone including various stallholders, a bus trip to local attractions and daily raffles and prizes to be given away. The event is catered for by the Rotary Club including breakfast, lunch and dinner as well as a bar operating daily from Thursday to Sunday.

The Muster has been gaining momentum each year and caters for Grey Nomads, providing onsite camping at affordable rates, including powered and unpowered camping sites, hot showers, including a disabled shower & toilet and a caravan dump point on the Murgon Showgrounds. As powered sites are limited, they will be allocated on a first to arrive basis. All of the entertainment is held indoors and also suits day visitors who enjoy their country music. EFTPOS will be available at the gate for your convenience.

Proceeds from the Muster are donated to local and regionally significant charities. Each year the Rotary Club of Murgon nominates at least two major beneficiaries who will benefit from the Muster. The Royal Flying Doctor Service, Blue Care South Burnett and Southern Cross Care (Castra Retirement Home in Murgon) will be the major beneficiaries from the 2018 Muster.

The Muster will be held at the PCYC (Murgon Showgrounds) at 40 Macalister Street, Murgon from Tuesday 30th October to Sunday 4th November 2018. Online bookings can be made by visiting the Muster's website www.murgonmusicmuster.com.

So be sure to come and bring your friends and enjoy a relaxed week of country music fellowship.

Ticket prices:-

Four-Day Pass (Thursday to Sunday): \$65.00 pp.

Thursday Pass: \$10.00 pp.
Friday Pass: \$25.00 pp.
Saturday Pass: \$35.00 pp.
Sunday Pass: \$10.00 pp.

Camping (available from Monday 29th October to Sunday 4th November, inclusive).

Powered Site: \$10.00 pp / night.
Unpowered Site: \$8.00 pp / night.

For more information:

Online booking and enquiries go to: www.murgonmusicmuster.com or email: info@murgonmusicmuster.com

Phone Contact: Heath Sander 0418 786 007. Follow us on Facebook - The Murgon Music Muster.

Kalbar - a short history

albar is a small town and locality in the Scenic Rim, South East Queensland. It is located near the Cunningham Highway and directly north of Mount French in the Fassifern Valley. The town is part of the Scenic Rim Region local government area. Kalbar's population is approximately 750.

Settlement began at the location in 1876 and by 1890 a small town had developed. The town was once known as 'Fassifern Scrub' and then 'Engelsburg' after the first settler of the town. Kalbar has a very rich German history, having been established almost exclusively by German settlers, reflected today in the many Anglo-



German road and street names as well as the many local German settler descendant surnames. In 1916 the name changed to Kalbar because of anti-German sentiment though only first applied to the railway station. The Engelsberg School of Arts did not change to the Kalbar School of Arts until July, 1918. The Mount Edwards railway line reached the town in 1916.

Kalbar State School opened in 1879. Engelsburg Post Office opened on 07 July 1897 and a receiving office had been open from 1878 but was renamed Kalbar in 1916.

During the 1899 referendum to decide if Australia should become a federation, Kalbar registered the highest 'no' vote of any town in Queensland. In 1920, the Kalbar School of Arts hall and half the businesses in town were destroyed by fire.

From 1961 to 1990, Kalbar held a large annual celebration, the Fassifern Potato Festival. The event included a street parade with motorised floats culminating at the showgrounds and continuation of festivities. Some artefacts from the festival can be found at the Templin Historical Museum. Harvest Festivals organised by the local Salvation Army church extended back to the 1920s. The annual agricultural show is held in June.

Kalbar offers shopping facilities, civic centre, hotel, showgrounds, school, historical churches, retirement village, parks and gardens.

Attractions include heritage listed buildings of the Wiss Emporium (above right) and Wiss House, cafes and art galleries.

As stated above, the annual Kalbar Show is held each year in June. The popular event began in 1926 as a calf show and has grown in size through the years.

What's Up The Road. Hillview Rally 08-09 September.

 Dance-In Saturday Night –
 Details in the next edition of the QCC Wanderer



<u>Bundaberg State Rally Monster Raffle</u> <u>Drawn Saturday 27th October</u>

\$1.00 per ticket.

Major prize:

Waeco/Dometic CFX-28 240VAC - 12/24VDC Refrigerator/ Freezer.

- Capacity 28 Litre.
- Can capacity 24 (beaudy!)
- Weight 13.1kg.
- Dimensions (W x H x D): 342 x 425 x 620mm.
- Energy efficient compressor.

Many other prizes to be won.

Tickets will be on sale at the Maleny rally and at upcoming rallies until October. Tickets will continue to be sold at the state rally. Don't miss out on your opportunity to win one of many fabulous prizes.

Proceeds in support of the Royal Flying Doctor Service.



BUNDABERG STATE RALLY UPDATE

reminder to members that the 2018 State Rally will be held in the Bundaberg Recreational Precinct from 22-28 October. It is pleasing to see the support from members who have put-up their hands to take-on various coordinator roles and offer to help at the rally.

The organising committee is planning to visit Bundaberg from 18-25 July to progress plans and coordinators and helpers are invited to attend. The Bundaberg Tourism Office is looking after tours and these will be available for booking in the very near future as will the rally registration forms.

Cost has been set at \$32.00 per van per night with an early payment cut-off date of 28 July. Early payment registrations will then go into a draw where the winner will have their rally fees reimbursed. A registration form is available on the QCC web site and attached to this newsletter.

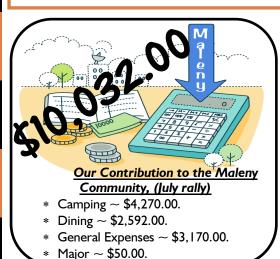
So come on members - as one of the host clubs, let's show our support for the state rally - and

RUMBLE INTO BUNDY!

Rally registration forms will be available at the Kalbar rally

BUNDABERG RALLY HELP NEEDED. Attending the Bundy State Rally? Volunteer marshallers and sitemarkers required. The role involvers assisting with marking-out the grounds prior to the rally and directing incoming vans to and onto their respective sites. Assistance would be most welcome and appreciated. If you can assist, please contact **Keith Lofgren (lyn@lofgren.id.au)** with the following information: Name, Club Name, Email Address, Phone Number and your availability (will need to arrive early) - either Friday 19th, Saturday 20th or Sunday 21st October.

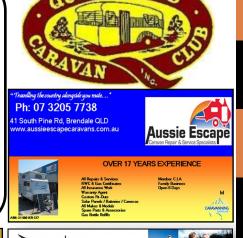
QCC was well-represented at the recent pre-state rally gathering held in Bundaberg over period 18-22 July. The gathering focused primarily on determining the preliminary set-up for the upcoming state rally as well as meeting with local council, sponsors and service providers. It was also an excellent opportunity for committee and members of the organising clubs to interact and to get to know one another. Many thanks to those QCC members who attended the Bundaberg gathering.



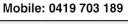
- - Require a shirt?

 Please see Helen
 Judge at the Kalbar

rally.











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Something to share from the Caravan Council of Australia (CCA).

Most, unfortunately, the caravan industry is being badly tarnished by the continual reports of serious accidents involving caravans and camper trailers on our roads.

For every major accident involving a roll-over, the CCA receives many-fold, the number of calls from 'vanners' who have had frightening accidents or near-accidents resulting from severe swaying or jack-knifing; thankfully, in most cases, without major injuries or major damage.

Questions of all caravanners to improve road safety

How well do you understand the important basics of physics when you are driving a vehicle that is towing a caravan or campervan?

How well do you understand the important definitions of 'ratings and masses'.

Here is your chance to find out:

There is a 'theory test' available under 'Technical Articles" on the CAA website at www.caravancouncil.com.au.

The test has several multiple-choice questions, so see how you go!

The answers to the test are also on the website ... but no peeping first!

Safe and happy travels.

The CAA has written a poem to remind 'vanners' of the important issues to be aware of when towing, and to help most of the basic causes of these scary and potentially lethal incidents.

Poem

'Towing Caravans for Rec-Reaction not Wreck-Creation'

It's a good life for the 'vanners' who live out on the road, Seeing our great country without a fixed abode, But there's danger ever-lurking on our highways when we drive, So be careful when you travel, so get back home alive. Towing sure can be a problem if something isn't right, It may be out-of-mind, but it's never out-of-sight, So check that all's OK, both the tow-rig and the van, And enjoy the pleasures of your trips as safely as you can. Is the 'van in sound condition, are mechanicals still good, Are you never over-loaded, does it tow the way it should, Is the ball-load the way it should be, not too high and not too low, To give the safest handling on whatever roads you go? Are the tyres still roadworthy and still have lots of grip, Have you had the brakes adjusted so that they will never lock or slip, Are the pressures set correctly as the makers recommend, To give the needed traction on a hill or on a bend? Are all the lights still shining and the coupling's done-up tight, Are the safety chains and shackles still connected safe and right, Are your heavy goods stored safely in the middle of the van, Are the wheels and bearings still turning well, as smoothly as they can? Do you understand the meaning of each rating and each force, Of the tow-rig and the van, and their legalise, of course. There's the ATM and the ball-load, the tare and the GTM, There's the GCM and the tow-bar specs, you need to know about them?



Railway Park Linville - Free Camping Lat: 26.84342° S, Long: 152.27619° E

This This is a great little Free Camp located right in the beautifully little township of Linville. The camp site is located right opposite the Linville Hotel and set on the site of the old railway station, with remnants of old carriages and the railway station still on site. It is a very generous size site with heaps of room to move. It is all grass, and most sights are level, but some with slight slope. There are mostly sunny open spots ideal for those who require solar. There are two free power points located on a power pole. The locals we spoke to were very friendly and welcome travellers to town.

SITE ACCESS:

The site is located in the old Railway station yard. It is off the main road through town, there are white gates at the entrance, which is located opposite the hotel.

BOOKINGS:

This is a free site, and no bookings are required. First in best dressed.

FACILITIES:

There are toilets on site with BBQ and Picnic Table, there is also a tap with drinking water, and a small park with children's playground.

THINGS TO DO:

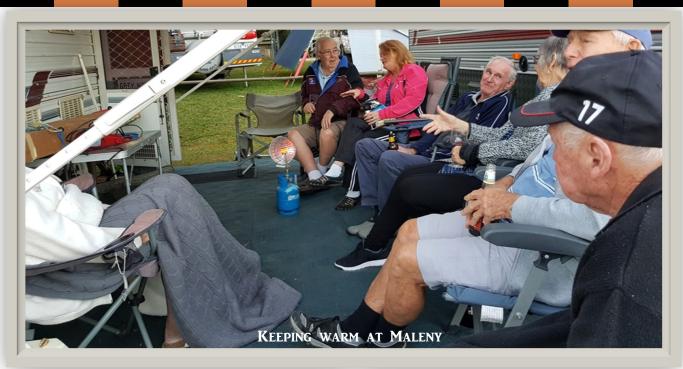
Linville is a very laid-back small village with welcoming locals with a very well-stocked general store and a great local pub. Linville is on the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail which is a track for walkers, cyclists and horse riders. It is also easy access to the Mt Stanley area, where you can cross several river fords and bridges as the road meanders trough the upper reaches of the Brisbane River.













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