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# Q.C.C. Wanderer

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## President's Report ...

**A** good rally was in August which was at the Kalbar Showground. The weather was good with warm days, although cold late afternoons and nights and early mornings.

A total of 48 caravans attended including three first-time visitors and one second-time visitor. These were (first-time), Jan Darr and Ken Chapman, Kerri and Dennis McDonald and Fay and Ted Walker, and (second-time), Gerda Berkhout, a friend of Victor Shriver. Third time visitors were Shirley and Greg Sneddon who were inducted into the club at the meeting on Saturday morning.

I hope you all enjoyed the rally and return again for another rally in the near future.

Day visitors were Gordon Ison, Gloria and Ian Bamberry, Margaret and Colin James as well as long-time members Corrine and Sid Forster. Thank you for your attendance.

On Thursday, eight members attended the local hotel for lunch and 22 for dinner. Friday night another 28 members visited the hotel for dinner. For Sunday lunch, a quick decision was made by 18 members to dine at the hotel. All reports the meals were very good as well as the service with no complaints from anybody.

Three ladies played a game of golf on Thursday afternoon and 11 men had a game of golf on Friday morning at the Boonah Golf Club. No good scores were had but everyone enjoyed the leisure walk around the course.

Friday night, 16 players enjoyed different card games in the hall and were fortunate to have two gas heaters to keep everybody warm.

At the meeting on Saturday morning, the club donated \$2000 to LifeFlight, one of the Club's charities, which was accepted on its behalf by Amy Luhrs from Toowoomba. Amy thanked the club for this wonderful donation which she said would be well-used in support of maintenance to its equipment.

I would like to thank our three can collectors, Les Usher, Ray MacDonald and Graham Barr. All your hard work allowed us to be able to donate this money, thanks for your contribution and efforts. Also thank to our auctioneer Paul Brearley for your time at the recent auction, your efforts helped us towards our donation to LifeFlight.

A special presentation was made to Shirley and Graham Sheehan for attending 100 rallies. They received their badges and were quite surprised at this special occasion.

Saturday night, Jacky and Tom Smith conducted a game of letterbox. Although a little cheating was introduced, a fun night was had by everyone, followed by tea and coffee which helped warm everyone. Thanks to Jacky and Tom for the entertainment night, I think all who attended had a great night.

I would like to thank Dorothy Gutmorsen, Irene Day and current members Barbara Rutherford, Carol Day and Wendy Gibson who contributed towards the club's history book. I am sure everyone will enjoy the stories which date back to the start of the club.

Thanks to Kevin Day for all your hard work, patience and enthusiasm with the club's Risk Assessment documents. Also to Shane Jones for his contribution and efforts helping Kevin to produce this document. Thanks to Rodney Metcalfe for checking the documents and giving the final approval.

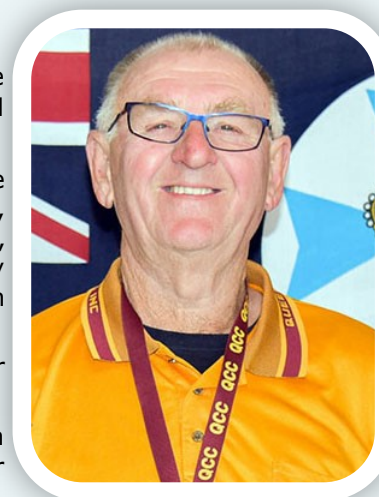
I will not be at the next rally at Hillview in September as Jenny and I will be overseas having visiting Shanghai then a cruise to Sydney. Thanks to George Lacey who will be acting as President in my absence.

Look forward to seeing you all at the Goombundgee rally in November.

Stay safe, happy and healthy.

President,

JOHN.



**Next Rally ~ Hillview, 05/11 September. Bush camp - unpowered. Arrive no earlier than Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September and depart no later than Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September.**

**How to get there .... From Brisbane** - follow Beaudesert Road (Route 13), which becomes Mt Lindesay Highway and continue to Beaudesert. At Beaudesert, turn right at the main intersection (traffic lights) towards Rathdowney. At Laravale, which is approximately 15 kilometres from Beaudesert, continue on towards Hillview on Christmas Creek Road. The direction to Hillview is clearly signposted. Continue for approximately 17 kilometres to Hillview and then veer left at the Y-junction onto Widgee Creek Road. The Hillview Memorial Hall is directly ahead with entry to the grounds immediately on the right.

**Nearest Hospital: Beaudesert Hospital, 64 Tina Street, Beaudesert. 4285. 24 hours. Phone: 07 5541 9111.**

**Venue Address: Widgee Creek Road, Hillview. Post Code: 4285.**

**Nearest cross-street: Junction Christmas Creek and Widgee Creek Roads.**

**Emergency: 000.**

Club equipment Required:	Kitchen equipment, urns, first aid kit, PA system, library, souvenirs, fire extinguisher, banner, flags and flagpoles.	
Special needs, requirements or notifications.	No dump point available. Closest is at the Beaudesert Caravan Park. Bore water only. Ensure RV water tanks are full/extra water if required. 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. <b><i>Please do not drive over power leads or hoses.</i></b>	
GPS Coordinates:	Lat: 28°12'59"S Long: 153°0'23"E	
Generators:	Permitted. Times TBA.	
Pets:	Permitted. On lead. Please pick-up after your pet.	
Fees:	Per van, per night.	\$8.00. Unpowered.
	Administration fee:	\$3.00 per van.
	Hall Hire:	\$3:00 per van.
	Service Fee:	\$3:00 per van.

**A little about Hillview ...** Hillview is a small rural hamlet and locality in the Scenic Rim Region of South East Queensland which occupies a section of Christmas Creek Valley where it is joined by Widgee Creek. The Hillview State School was established in 1887 and the town was once a stop on the Beaudesert Shire Tramway. This was a narrow gauge tramway which operated from Beaudesert to Lamington and Rathdowney and was one of 15 light railways built and operated by Divisional Boards and Shire Councils in Queensland. The line carried passengers and cargo and it operated from 1903 to 1944. The tramway was initially profitable and seen as a great success for the local shire council and it was credited with opening-up the agricultural lands of the upper Logan River.





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**Rally Program ....**

Friday 07 September	6:30am. 7:00am. 11:00am. 1:30pm. 3:00pm. 4:00pm. 5:00pm. 6:00pm. 7:00pm.	Walkers. Golf. (Beaudesert, TBA). Management committee meeting. Sewing class. (Di Brearley). P6. Line Dancing (Kevin Day). P3. Dancing lessons. (Kevin Day). P3. Combined happy hour. Dinner. (own arrangements). Cards.
Saturday 08 September.	6:30am. 9:00am. 9:30am. 6:00pm. 1:30pm. 7:00pm.	Walkers. Morning tea. Meeting. Dinner. (own arrangements). Disc Bowls (pairs). Barry Gibson. P3. Dancing Spectacular. P3.
Sunday 09 September.	8:30am. 9:00am. 9:30am. 10:00am. 4:00pm.	Pay treasurer. Morning tea. Meeting. Hall/building clean-up. Help needed. Combined happy hour.

⇒ IMPORTANT - Remember to check the rally noticeboard for last minute changes to the published programme.

⇒ For those preferring to eat-out, the closest hotels and restaurants are probably located at either Beaudesert or Rathdowney. Please make own arrangements.

⇒ 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.



Attending the Christmas Function at the Kenilworth rally? Must be paid for by the November Goombungee rally. \$20.00 per head. See Page 10 for more.

**Hillview Weekend of Dancing ...**

Everybody likes dancing to some degree. To take advantage to the superb and acclaimed Hillview Memorial Hall dance floor, two dancing scenarios have been programmed for the Hillview rally. Firstly, on Friday afternoon, and commencing at 3:00pm, Kevin Day will be holding his ever-popular line dancing session, then immediately following this at 4:00pm, he will be conducting dancing lessons which will be in preparation for Saturday night's 'Dancing Spectacular'.

The theme for the dancing spectacular is 'uncoordinated', meaning that participants are encouraged to wear uncoordinated clothing; a 'mismatch' in a more direct term. Uncoordinated dancing also encompasses uncoordinated moves, which in itself, can add a spectacular and gregarious dimension to dancing. Members are encouraged to join-in and part of this great Saturday night event.

Some pointers to be observed for the Hillview Memorial Hall dance floor:

- No bare feet or rubber-soled shoes.
- Shoes are to be dry before entering the dance area.
- No food or drink.



**QCC 2018 Pairs Disc Bowls Competition ...**

It's time for our QCC's Pairs Disc Bowls Competition to be held on Saturday at Hillview. Everyone can play – teams are made-up of two ladies, or two gents; mixed pairs are welcome. 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. Games and teams posted on noticeboard.
- \* 1:30pm. Games commence.



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 names to the list of players.

The winning pair will each be awarded the QCC Pairs Disc Bowls Trophy on which his/her names will be engraved ... and the trophies may be kept until the next pairs disc bowls competition.

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

Spectators are important too. If you're not playing, please bring along your chair and support your favourite team.

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

🎵 *Happy Birthday to you for September* 🎵

2<sup>nd</sup> Gary Jarrett  
2<sup>nd</sup> Dennis McDonald  
8<sup>th</sup> Bob Rutherford  
9<sup>th</sup> Bruce Truloff  
9<sup>th</sup> Shane Jones  
9<sup>th</sup> Geoff Crawford

9<sup>th</sup> Jenni McGowan  
10<sup>th</sup> Darren Baker  
10<sup>th</sup> Alf Hinson  
11<sup>th</sup> Brian Stevens  
14<sup>th</sup> Keith McCallum  
15<sup>th</sup> Trevor Martin

21<sup>st</sup> Fay Walker  
22<sup>nd</sup> Jan Kirby  
22<sup>nd</sup> Michael Lillis  
26<sup>th</sup> Lyn Cragg  
28<sup>th</sup> Margaret King  
30<sup>th</sup> Ross Luscombe

🎵 *Happy Anniversary to you for September* 🎵

1<sup>th</sup> Wendy and Barry Gibson  
5<sup>th</sup> Yvonne and Des Lowrie  
9<sup>th</sup> Noeleen and Gary Jarrett  
16<sup>th</sup> Bev and Owen Brandon  
16<sup>th</sup> Gail and Barry Lander

17<sup>th</sup> Linda and Shane Jones  
19<sup>th</sup> Marianne and Rudi Materne  
28<sup>th</sup> Carmel and Beres Abraham  
28<sup>th</sup> Ann and Bill Dobe

### Attendees @ Kalbar ....

- \* ABRAHAM, Beres and Carmel.
- \* ADAMS, Roger ad Laurel.
- \* BARR, Graham and Pat.
- \* BEKER, Bert and Yvonne.
- \* BREARLEY, Paul and Di.
- \* BRIDGES, Roy and Carmel.
- \* BURT, Doug and Dorcas.
- \* CARROLL, John and Jenny.
- \* CHAPMAN, Ken and DARR, Jan.
- \* COCHRANE, Jeff and Jean.
- \* COOK, Merv and Barbara.
- \* COXALL, Terry and COOK, Gabbie.
- \* DAY, Kevin and Carol.
- \* DROUGHT, Michael and REEDY, Linda.
- \* EDNEY, Dennis and Heather.
- \* EGEN, Ian and Gwen.
- \* FARRELL, Ian and Denise.
- \* GIBSON, Barry and Wendy.
- \* GODWIN, Carl and LOWCOCK, Lorraine
- \* HASLEWOOD, Lance and Karen.
- \* HENRY, Rick and Cheryl.
- \* HETHERMAN, Patrick and Ann.
- \* HILLS, Wayne and Vicki.
- \* HOLT, Jim and Minnie.
- \* JACOBSON, Lionel and Mary.
- \* JONES, Noel and Olive.
- \* JONES, Shane and Linda.
- \* KAHLER, Merv and Carolyn.
- \* LANDER, Barry and Gail.
- \* LOWE, Phil and Del.
- \* MARTIN, Trevor and Mavis.
- \* MATERNE, Rudi and Marianne.
- \* McDONALD, Denis and Kerri.
- \* MCGOWAN, Murray and Jenni.
- \* MIERS, John.
- \* PARK, Terry and Denise.
- \* RIDER, John.
- \* RUTHERFORD, Bob and Barbara.
- \* SAVAGE, Adrian and Ann.
- \* SCHRIER, Victor and BERKHOUT, Gerda.
- \* SHEEHAN, Brian and Denise.
- \* SHEEHAN, Graham and Shirley.
- \* SMITH, Tom and Jacky.
- \* SNEDDON, Creg and Shirley.
- \* STEELE, Ray and Jan.
- \* STOCKER, Eddie and Sylvia.
- \* WALKER, Ted and Fay.
- \* WAYCOTT, Bill and Denise.

### First Time Visitors ....

- QCC welcomes:
- ◇ Ken Chapman and Jan Barr.
  - ◇ Dennis and Kerri McDonald.
  - ◇ Ted and Fay Walker.

### Second Time Visitor ....

- QCC welcomes:
- ◇ Berkhout Gerda.

### Third Time Visitors ....

- QCC welcomes new members:
- ◇ Greg and Shirley Sneddon.

### Day Visitors ....

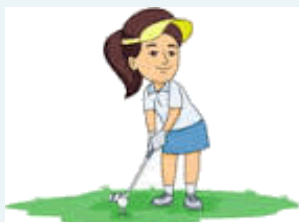
- QCC welcomes new members:
- ◇ Gordon Ison.
  - ◇ Syd and Corinne Forster.
  - ◇ Margaret and Colin James.
  - ◇ Ian and Gloria Bamberry.

### Lucky Kalbar Raffle and Van Draw Winners ...

- ⇒ 1<sup>st</sup> \$50 Coles Voucher, donated by QCC ~ John Rider.
- ⇒ 2<sup>nd</sup> CareFlight Bear, donated by LifeFlight ~ Karen Haslewood.
- ⇒ 3<sup>rd</sup> China Cups and Saucers, donated by unknown ~ Dorcas Burt.
- ⇒ Lucky Van Draw ~ Phil and Del Lowe and Rick and Cheryl Henry.



### Golf (Kalbar Winners) ....



Nothing to report.



Your committee ~ 2018/2019 ...

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Committee: Jenny Carroll, Gwen Egan and Barry Gibson.

Club News, Happenings and Considerations ....

- ◆ *Observe Hillview's requirement for using the memorial hall. Page 3.*
- ◆ *Sewing Class, Friday 7<sup>th</sup>, 1:30pm. Di Brearley. See Page 5 for sewing requirements.*
- ◆ *Line Dancing, Friday 7<sup>th</sup>, 3:00pm. Kevin Day. Page 3.*
- ◆ *Dancing Practice, Friday 7<sup>th</sup>, 4:00pm. Kevin Day. Page 3.*
- ◆ *Pairs Disc Bowls Competition, Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>, 1:30pm. Barry Gibson. Page 3.*
- ◆ *Dancing Spectacular, Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm. Kevin Day. Page 3.*
- ◆ *CCQ website address: <http://www.caravanclubsqld.org.au>.*
- ◆ *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**.*
- ◆ *'Rumble into Bundy' State Caravan Rally, Monday 22 October to Sunday 28 October. Hosted by the Bay-side, 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.*
- ◆ *Pets to be on lead (where applicable). Pick-up after your pets.*

Former Pittsworth Shire Mayor Ros Scotney was honoured for her service to local government and to the communities of Toowoomba and Pittsworth, being made a Member of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the General Division of the Queen's Birthday Honours List on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June. Ros began her 22-year local government career with a successful election to Pittsworth Shire Council in 1994, later becoming Mayor in December 1998. After the dissolution of the Pittsworth Shire, Ros served two terms from 2008 to 2016 as a Toowoomba Regional Council councillor. Despite since retiring from the council, Ros has not given up her tireless advocacy for, and involvement in, Pittsworth and surrounding communities.



Ros may well be remembered, particularly by the longer-serving members the Queensland Caravan Club for the great help she has been in assisting with state rallies as well as with QCC rallies held in Pittsworth. QCC and its members congratulates Ros on her award.

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## Member Profile ~ Sue, Gordon and Darren Baker ....

Once upon a time, many years ago, there was a chap called Ron who said he was president of an elite caravan club. We, aiming to be elitist, were invited to join. With our shiny 15 ft aluminium van we really thought we had reached the pinnacle of society. Obviously we had, as the club accepted our application to join. However, we soon realised this was not some elite club, but a down-to-earth, true-blue, dinky-di club, but our style of club. So with four kids in tow (and a van :) the next 42 years, minus several years break for business and teenagers is somewhat a blur unless we consult the good ole' Wanderer.



We have served on the committee and done many catering bits and pieces for the club. Oops, and transported marquee pegs and poles etc, back in those days.

Gordon and I met and married in New Zealand and moved to Oz in 1968. I grew-up in Kingaroy. We have been married 52 years during which time Gordon has run a successful painting and decorating business while I was a (successful) stay at home mum.

Gordon's interest has been V8 Supercars. I have dabbled in many arts and crafts. Gordon's heritage is English/Kiwi while mine is English/Dutch. (You really wanted to know that, right? Haha!)

Our thanks to all club members for their friendship and kindness. "Keep them wheels turn'n."

Sue, Gordon, and Darren.

Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> September 1:30pm. **Sewing Class. Hand-Sewing with Felt.** In the absence of Yvonne Robbins, Di Brearley will be running the sewing class. Felt will be provided.

What to bring:

- Embroidery threads.
- Sequins.
- Sewing needles.
- Scissors.
- Band-aids.

Bring own projects if you wish.



## 2018/2019 QCC Rally Calendar

Just a reminder to everyone, that with the exception of the December, Kenilworth and the 2019 May and June rallies, the remainder of the 2019 rallies will be held on the second weekend of the month.

The Goombungee rally in November will be a special one as club members are invited to attend the local Remembrance Day Service which will commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the cessation of World War Two. QCC will lay a wreath on behalf of the Club and its members. Medals to be worn.

Sep 04-11	Hillview (Bush rally).
Oct 22-27	State Rally, Bundaberg.
Nov 07-13	Goombungee Showground.
Dec 28-04	Kenilworth Showground.

Jan 09-15	Woodford Showground.
Feb 06-12	Lowood Showground.
Mar 06-12	Mulgowie (bush rally).
April 06-12	Beaudesert Showground.
May 01-07	Boonah Showground.

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Johanna Hemara

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**N**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](http://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 29<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.murgonmusicmuster.com), or

email: [info@murgonmusicmuster.com](mailto:info@murgonmusicmuster.com)

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

**Due to the Bundaberg State Rally in October, there will be no Club rally. There will, however, be an edition of the QCC Wanderer.**

## QCC Welcomes New Members, Greg and Shirley Sneddon ....

**G**reg and Shirley were both born at a very early age! Shirley grew-up in South Auckland, New Zealand, and after schooling, became very proficient at helping to run small businesses while raising three children. She also became involved in car racing and was adept at navigating in rallies.

The family moved to Australia in 1977, and after running a farm and orchard for the Popes (yes, those Poles!), in South Australia, they moved to Brisbane. Shirley was involved in setting-up Centenary Landscape Supplies and running it for several years and then had a successful bridal business in Brisbane and on the Gold Coast. The gown Shirley made for her daughter's wedding was a finalist in the Bride of the Year contest. Later-on, Shirley became a soft furnishing consultant and manager of a soft furnishing store on the Gold Coast.

Greg was raised in the rough-and-tumble of the Hunter Valley coalfields, and after stumbling through school, started work as a trainee mine surveyor. After moving to the Gold Coast in 1975, and finding there were a dearth of mines in the area, joined the city council and worked there for a short time as an assistant surveyor.

After setting-up his own small business in soft furnishings, and while in that industry for several years, met Shirley in 1995, and they married in 1999 on South Molle Island in the Whitsundays. Shirley and Greg lived on the Gold Coast till 2004, were involved in the Gold Coast 4WD Club for some time, and after finding that camper trailers were a bit of a pain, bought their first caravan and moved to Hervey Bay. Here they managed an over 50's village before deciding to set-off around Australia in 2006. On the way they managed a caravan park in Swan Valley in the Midlands in Perth, which proved to be the most horrific job ever!

Returning to Hervey Bay in 2007, they managed another lifestyle village in Burpengary, before deciding to move to Bunbury in Western Australia. Bunbury is a great town but unfortunately, a long way from home and family. After completely renovating a house in Bunbury, they moved back to Hervey Bay at the end of 2009. They then decided to move to Morayfield at the beginning of 2013 and have had several trips in the 'van including Tasmania. In 2014, bought their new Legend.

This 'van has taken them on many trips; South Australia, New South Wales, and several in Queensland. They both find that they are lucky to have met each other and lucky to have met-up with the Queensland Caravan Club and all of the friendly and hospitable people therein.



### What's Up The Road. No October Club Rally. 07-13 November. GOOMBUNGEE.

Remembrance Day Service at the  
Goombungee Cenotaph at 11:00am,  
11th November.

Assemble at 10:30am.

Medals to be worn.

100th Anniversary of the signing of the  
Armistice which saw the end of WWI .



### Bundaberg State Rally Monster Raffle Drawn Saturday 27th October

\$1.00 per ticket.

Major prize:

Waeco/Dometic CFX-28 240VAC  
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- 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

**A** 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 Bundaberg Tourism Office is looking after tours and these will be available for booking in the very near future. Cost to attend the rally has been set at \$32.00 per van per night per van with an early payment cut-off date of 01 September. Early payment registrations will then go into a draw where the winner will have their rally fees reimbursed. A state rally registration form is available on the QCC web site. Those bumping-in to assist with setup will be required to pay \$20.00 per van per night for the duration of their bump-in. Please see below for further details.

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 Hillview rally.

**BUNDABERG RALLY HELP NEEDED.** Attending the Bundy State Rally? Volunteer marshallers and site-markers are required. The role involves assisting with marking-out of the grounds prior to the rally and directing incoming vans to and onto their respective sites. Assistance would be most welcome and most appreciated. If you can assist with parking or site marking, please contact **Keith Lofgren (lyn@lofgren.id.au)**. Similarly, if you have been invited to assist with setup, please confer with the relevant coordinator and obtain a ‘Bump-In/Bump-Out’ registration form. The completed form is to be forwarded to the rally registrar along with payment by 10<sup>th</sup> October. Payment details are on the form.

**\$8,149.00**  
KALBAR

**Our Contribution to the Kalbar Community, (August rally)**

- \* Camping ~ \$3,380.00.
- \* Dining ~ \$2,752.00.
- \* General Expenses ~ \$2,318.00.
- \* Major ~ \$299.00.

**Royal Flying Doctor Service**

QCC is pleased to announce its recent donations to its two charities; the Royal Flying Doctor Service and LifeFlight. The amounts were \$2,000.00 respectively with LifeFlight being presented with its donation at the August Kalbar rally. This was received by Amy Luhrs from the Toowoomba facility. The donation to the Royal Flying Doctor Service will form part of the overall Caravan Clubs of Queensland presentation.

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From the Caravan Industry of Australia

Trade and Industries Statistics

Source: <https://www.caravanindustry.com.au/>



The caravan and camping trade industries generates \$4.5 billion annually.

The economic value of the Australian Caravan and Camping Trade Industry Report by the Caravan Industry Association of Australia has revealed the revenue generated by the caravan and camping industries (not including caravan parks' profits or money spent by visitors) is approximately \$4.5 billion annually.

The trade sector is comprised of manufacturers, dealerships, parts and accessories retailers, service and repair businesses as well as RV storage facilities and camping equipment retailers.

The figures demonstrate not only the extensive supply chain within the caravan trade industry, but also its value to the Australian economy.

Additionally, the sector made-up more than 21,000 full-time jobs across 4,300 trade businesses in Australia.

When broken-down by sector, caravan and motorhome manufacturers employ 4,133 people across Australia with two-thirds of these located in Victoria.

The next largest segment by employment is camping equipment retailers, employing 3,987 people with New South Wales having the largest amount of associated businesses.

In terms of dealerships, which generated more than half of the trader industry revenue, Queensland totalled the most nationally with 151 trade businesses.

The statistics demonstrate that although 46% of the revenue was generated in Victoria, the caravan and camping industry is truly a national sector with each state adding value to the national chain in 2017.

In general, 2017 was a solid year for the caravan and camping industry with 22,381 vehicles manufactured; the second largest year for manufacturing since 1980.

As of January 2017, there were 647,319 recreational vehicles registered; the highest number since records began.

Visitor expenditure by caravan and campers exceeded \$8.6 billion and caravan park revenue was estimated at \$2.1 billion for the year.

All in all, the industry, as a whole, is estimated to be worth \$20.4 annually to Australia.

The caravan and camping sector is also pivotal to Australian tourism as it facilitates the dispersal of visitors and employment throughout Australia.

A staggering 90% of visitor expenditure comes from regional Australia with the majority of industry businesses located outside of urban centres. This also provides jobs and allows the visitor economy to flourish in all corners to the country.

In 2017, the caravan and camping industry welcomed nearly 400,000 international visitors and more than 11.9 million domestic trips. In total, this was a combined 57 million caravan and camping nights in Australia.



The menu for the Christmas meal is a spit roast of pork, lamb or chicken served with roast potato, pumpkin and coleslaw with potato, rice and beetroot salads. Dessert is cheesecake, pavlova, apple crumble with custard and fresh fruit salad.

There will also be savoury platters provided as a light snack prior to the main meal.

The caterers have indicated that they do not provide for special meals, such as gluten-free or dairy-free. Should any member find this menu to be unsuitable and have already paid for their dinner, please contact Barry Lander (Treasurer) for a refund.

Note on Freebies to Bundaberg  
As provided by Patrick Hetherman

As there are only two Wanderers to be published before the state rally, perhaps a good idea to think of possibilities going north and also the return. As we all arrive on the same day and leave on same day the roads get a bit busy. After the motorhome rally it was very difficult to find a stop over within striking distance of Bundaberg. So here goes with some options to help plan the trip. Bundaberg is a tricky distance from Brisbane. OK for some of us in a single day but for many just a bit too far. To arrive reasonably early on the Monday, one needs to be within about 150 kilometres of Bundaberg on Sunday night.

There are really two ways to go North; the Bruce Highway (M1), or inland on the Burnett Highway (A3). Take your pick. Have a look at the maps. So some useful stopovers:

1. BAM BAM SPRINGS. Camps Australia, Issue 8, No 444. Lat 25°50'54"S Long 151°48'57"E. Inland Burnett/Isis Highway. Plenty of space and level sites, easy access. Two areas one just off the road the other around the back of trees and quieter overnight. Can hold a lot of rigs. Other wise basic facilities. Toilets OK when we visited. A servo is opposite which also has café and general store which served breakfast when I last visited. At approx 130 kilometres from Bundaberg a good option.

2. FIRST SETTLERS PARK. Camps Australia Issue 8, No 466. Lat 26°53'18"S Long 152°8'10"E. Inland Burnett Highway. Well known almost within Nanango township. Level site; shade; toilets Ok; dump point; water; servo next door. Popular with motorhomes. Plenty of space, easier for smaller rigs. Stay limited to 20 hours. A good days run from here to Bundaberg.

**ON BRUCE HIGHWAY**

3. PETRIE PARK RV AREA. Camps Australia Issue 8, No 139. Lat 25°45'52"S Long 152°34'37"E. Away from the main road N of Tiaro, beside Mary River. Very undulating site, very limited for big rigs. I stayed there with my 5.35 metre dual-axle. Each site limited space and you need to be capable at reversing. In hot weather easy foot access to river via boat ramp. Toilets OK. Plenty of shade. Less than two hour drive to Bundaberg.

4. TIARO MEMORIAL PARK. Camps Australia Issue 8, No 140. Lat 25°43'43"S Long 152°35'2"E. Located in side street to right of main road in middle of Tiaro. OK for a sleep stop. Camping in roadway at bottom of hill. Not level but normal levellers will suffice. Showers really cold. Easy to park and shop in town. Small rigs tend to stop in the park itself. Popular with small motorhomes. Toilets average. Less than two hour drive to Bundaberg.

5. GUNALDA REST AREA. Camps Australia Issue 8, No 143. Lat 25°59'10"S Long 152°34'13"E. Located on rise two kilometres north of Gonalad from Bruce Highway a turn-off. Far enough off road to avoid noise. Limited space for big rigs. Helpful if confident at reversing. Toilets OK: tank water. I seem to remember a dump point, don't bank on it. Whole site not exactly level but simple levellers will suffice. Some shade. Less than two hour drive to Bundaberg.

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New members, Shirley and Greg Sneddon with President John Carroll.  
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100 Rallies - Shirley and Graham Sheehan with President John Carroll.  
Kalbar, 11 August 2018.



John Carroll presenting Amy Luhrs from LifeFlight Toowoomba with a donation from QCC.  
Kalbar, 11 August 2018.



Roger Adams, Amy Luhrs (LifeFlight Toowoomba), John Carroll and Merv Kahler  
Kalbar, 11 August 2018.



Gwen Egan and Di Brearley with 'LifeFlight Teddy'  
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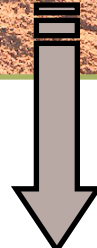
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**W**HEN traveling in the bush you should always carry the right size piece of wood???? Neill Chesney's son recently took this pic of a van which was behind the pub at Kalgera, South Australia. The stub axle was broken and this is bush engineering at it's best, but not necessarily safest.