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## Vice President's Report ...

**H**i members, this is my maiden report so will try not to muck it up. As you are all aware, the President is away enjoying life on the high seas, and in his absence, I have been holding the fort.

The Hillview rally attracted 35 vans for the weekend. This venue is not usually a hugely popular rally destination owing to it being a bush-do and also a little distant from civilisation, the closest town being Beaudesert, some 32 kilometres distant.

The rally marshals, as usual, did a sterling job settling us all in. The weather was a bit finnickily; Sunday being the only really pleasant day apart from the invasion of hordes of flying ants which the heavy rain the night before must have woken-up!! Thursday afternoon, four of the girls chose to go for a game of golf in Beaudesert. As it was such a success, it was decided, should there be enough interest, that it become a regular activity on rally Thursdays. Meanwhile, the big, tough blokes settled for a little light-hearted putting around the field on Friday arvo .... LOL.

On Friday morning, the weirdest thing happened! We were just about to commence the committee meeting and Heather and myself were discussing the emergency drill which was planned for the rally, when a horn started blowing continuously outside. We looked at each other incredulously, me thinking someone had jumped the gun. We dived outside to find Lorraine Lowcock had suffered some sort of collapse. By the time we got there, two members, who were well-versed in nursing, were in attendance. Lorraine had lost consciousness and an ambulance had been called, arriving in good time, and due in part, no doubt to our system of having the cross street included in the rally addresses in the QCC Wanderer. Lorraine was taken to Beaudesert Hospital and kept in under surveillance until later in the day. Luckily, she suffered no further ill effects and returned OK. One thing for sure, the incident proved our system works .... never ignore a blowing horn at rallies!

Friday, the sewing class was well attended, and as no power was available, no machine noise. Mind you, the acoustics in that room are notoriously bad, so it still resembled a 'hen party', lolol .... sorry girls! That night saw a good turnout of 'cardies' at the casino tables.

Saturday morning, I managed to get through the meeting with a bit of help from the assembled throng. Only had one 'newbie' to welcome; first timer, Colin Fitzgibbon. Good to see Robin and Steve Langley pop-in to say g'day. Following their unfortunate mishap, they now have a new rig sorted and will be with us again soon.

In the afternoon, the inclement weather caused the cancellation of the mixed doubles disc bowls competition resulting it being rescheduled for another date. That night was, (as is normal at Hillview owing to its absolutely pristine, sprung dance floor in the hall), a dance night. Had the usual photo booth set-up and quite a few crazily-dressed members took the opportunity to have their pics taken. These pics will be available for purchase at the upcoming rallies for the King's ransom of one gold coin, which will be donated to the two charities QCC supports.

Once again, Kevin and Carol put together a great night's fun, even introducing members to the latest dance craze from the youngsters; 'The Floss'!! (see video on our FB Group). I found it a bit difficult to try flossing one's teeth whilst gyrating wildly like a demented being!! A good time was had by all ...

Sunday was the best day of the rally weather-wise and the dozen or so vans that stayed had a lovely, lazy day, trying -out a few of the old club games, ie., Horse Shoes and Coits ... and out of the blue, Shane Jones, whose birthday was on Sunday, received a surprise visit from one of his daughters, no doubt organised by his ever resourceful (and dedicated) wife, Linda.

Someone started a jigsaw on the table at the canteen. It was one of those multi-facet pictures that change as you move around. It was a heck of a challenge as the eyes went haywire after looking at it for a while .... wasn't helped either by the fact that although brand new out of the box, there were quite a few pieces missing, including some edge bits. But it was finished before the rally was!

Finally, many thanks to all-and-sundry who helped make my first solo rally easy on me. Thank goodness one doesn't get asked to bring his plumbing prowess to rallies very often, as happened when I was asked to have a look at the WC in the disabled loo, cos it wasn't draining properly!! Turned-out just a slow-acting Tut!!

Well folks, that's it. Safe travels and see you all, 'Rumblin' into Bundy' next month for the state rally.

George Lacey, Vice President.



**Next Rally ~ Bundaberg State Rally, 22/27 October. (Must pre-register to attend).**  
**Bundaberg Recreational Precinct. Entrance via 66 Kendalls Road, Avoca, Qld. 4670.**  
**How to get there .....** **From Brisbane** - follow the M1 then the A1 (Bruce Highway) through Gympie and Childers and onto Bundaberg. The Bundaberg Recreational Precinct is on the southern side of Bundaberg approximately five kilometres from Bundaberg Central. Enter via Kendalls Road which is on the left and is clearly signposted. Approximately 360km @ 4.5 hours.

**Nearest Hospital: Bundaberg Base Hospital, 271 Bourbong Street, Bundaberg. 24 hours. Phone: 07 4150 2222.**

**Nearest Doctor / Medical Centre: Family Practice, Stockland Shopping Centre. 0830-1700. 07 4154 4000. Located on Childers Road, left side, one km.**

**Venue Address: Main Gate: 66 Kendalls Road, Avoca. 4670. (See map P18.)**

**Nearest cross-street: Childers and Kendalls Roads.**

**Emergency: 000.**

Club equipment Required:	First aid kit, fire extinguisher, banner, flags and flagpoles.
Special needs, requirements or notifications.	Two dump points available; one within the precinct and the other outside the grounds on University Drive adjacent the free camping area. Those with a medical need to be sited close to the amenities are to contact the rally registrar, Lance Haslewood on 0414 295 888. Similarly, those with special needs should have listed their requirements on their rally registration form.
GPS Coordinates: Lat: 24.891164°S Long: 152.310289°E	On departure, be considerate to others when disconnecting from the water line. <b><i>Please do not drive over power leads or hoses.</i></b>
Pets:	Permitted. On lead. Please pick-up after your pet.
Fees:	Per van, per night. \$32.00. Powered.

**A little about Bundaberg ...** Bundaberg is a city near the south-east coast of Queensland and situated on the Burnett River. It is the business centre for a major sugar cane growing area, and is well known for its namesake export, Bundaberg Rum. The city is an important tourism gateway for inland national parks and the southern end of the Great Barrier Reef and resort islands. At the 2016 Census population of the Bundaberg Significant Urban Area was 69,061. The first Europeans in the area were timbergetters and co-founders of Bundaberg, John and Gavin Steuart, who arrived in 1867. The town was surveyed in 1870, and in 1881, it was gazetted as a municipality (the Borough of Bundaberg). It grew rapidly into a town by 1902 and a city by 1913. The name 'Bundaberg' was coined by surveyor John Charlton Thompson, based on the name given by local Aborigines; 'bunda' or 'chief', and the German suffix 'berg', meaning 'hill'. Colloquially the city is known as 'Bundy'.



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Attending the Christmas Function at the Kenilworth rally ? Must be paid for by the November Goombungee rally. \$20.00 per head. Those preferring to pay by EFT should contact the Secretary (Heather) for the banking details. Also a reminder that the caterers have indicated that they do not provide for special meals, such as gluten-free or dairy-free. Should a member find this menu unsuitable and have already paid for their dinner, please contact Barry Lander (Treasurer) for a refund.



During the past year, the Caravan Trades and Industries Association in conjunction with the Department of Transport (Queensland) have been weighting caravans and checking weights and measurements. These results are from 2000 caravans that

were inspected. With these results, can we expect to see Department of Transport inspectors beside the highway soon? Here are some staggering results ....

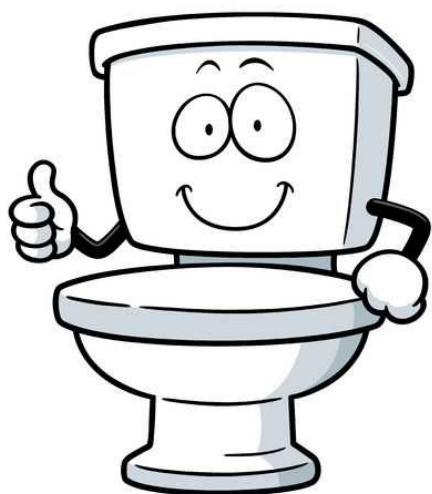
- ◆ 51% of the vans weighed were over their ATM.
- ◆ 24% of tow vehicles weighed were over their GVM.
- ◆ 8% of tow vehicles weighed were over their GCM.
- ◆ Highest reading over-weight single-axle caravan, 618kg.
- ◆ Highest reading over-weight tandem-axle caravan, 485kg.
- ◆ Highest reading over-weight tow vehicle, 215kg.
- ◆ Highest reading tow ball mass 405kg on a caravan with an ATM of 3350kg.



## THE NATIONAL PUBLIC TOILET MAP

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**P**atrick Hetherman has discovered quite an interesting Federal Government website called 'Toilet Map' ([www.toiletmap.gov.au](http://www.toiletmap.gov.au)) which he feels is well worth sharing with members. It's a list of nationwide locations of public toilets and their time of operation. Patrick said that on opening-up the site, he found a comprehensive array of information supporting the traveller around this nation.

The site is easy to use, and by adding your starting point and destination, it outlines a map of a route and highlighting the locations of toilets along the way. As a trial, Patrick entered a start point of Brisbane and a destination of Bundaberg, and sure enough, roads were identified and how to get there as well as showing toilets along the way. It does use a lot of freebie sites but having locations in towns and villages is helpful. Match it to your GPS and you will not get caught short, or caught with your pants up. so-to-speak.

*Happy Birthday to you for October*

3<sup>rd</sup> Pat Gower  
 4<sup>th</sup> Dianne Hogan  
 5<sup>th</sup> Kerry Hogan  
 6<sup>th</sup> Peter Seccombe  
 8<sup>th</sup> George Lacey  
 8<sup>th</sup> Keith Penman  
 12<sup>th</sup> Paul Schrier  
 12<sup>th</sup> Brenda Usher

10<sup>th</sup> Alf Hinson  
 15<sup>th</sup> Mavis Martin  
 16<sup>th</sup> Barry Gibson  
 18<sup>th</sup> Colleen Medford  
 18<sup>th</sup> Stewart Hornibrook  
 19<sup>th</sup> Barbara Cook  
 19<sup>th</sup> Del Lowe  
 19<sup>th</sup> Richard Van Wyk

20<sup>th</sup> Ron Robson-Petch  
 21<sup>st</sup> David Judge  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Dell Gray  
 26<sup>th</sup> Mal Dale  
 28<sup>th</sup> Paul Brearley  
 28<sup>th</sup> Roger Adams  
 31<sup>st</sup> Dennis Edney

*Happy Anniversary to you for October*

5<sup>th</sup> Ann and Adrian Skinner  
 5<sup>th</sup> Gloria and Ian Bamberry  
 10<sup>th</sup> Barbara and Bob Rutherford  
 10<sup>th</sup> Jill and Eugene Boyle  
 19<sup>th</sup> Carmel and Roy Bridges  
 21<sup>st</sup> Jacky and Tom Smith

23<sup>rd</sup> Lyn and Roy Hill  
 28<sup>th</sup> Pam and Ray MacDonald  
 28<sup>th</sup> Yvonne and George Lacey  
 28<sup>th</sup> Jean and Mal Dale  
 31<sup>st</sup> Vicki and Wayne Hills

Attendees @ Hillview ....

- \* **ABRAHAM**, Beres and Carmel.
- \* **ADAMS**, Roger ad Laurel.
- \* **BARR**, Graham and Pat.
- \* **BEKER**, Bert and Yvonne.
- \* **BREARLEY**, Paul and Di.
- \* **COCHRANE**, Jeff and Jean.
- \* **CRAGG**, Ken and Lyn.
- \* **DAY**, Kevin and Carol.
- \* **DROUGHT**, Michael and **REEDY**, Linda.
- \* **EDNEY**, Dennis and Heather.
- \* **FITZGIBBON**, Colin.
- \* **GIBSON**, Barry and Wendy.
- \* **GODWIN**, Carl and **LOWCOCK**, Lorraine.
- \* **GOWER**, Kevin and Pat.
- \* **GRAY**, Geoff and Del.
- \* **HASLEWOOD**, Lance.
- \* **HETHERMAN**, Patrick and Ann.
- \* **HILLER**, Margaret.

- \* **JONES**, Shane and Linda.
- \* **JUDGE**, David and Helen.
- \* **LACEY**, George.
- \* **LANDER**, Barry and Gail.
- \* **LOWE**, Phil and Del.
- \* **MacDONALD**, Ray and Pam.
- \* **McDOWALL**, Kem and Bev.
- \* **McGOWAN**, Murray and Jenni.
- \* **MEDFORD**, Colleen.
- \* **MIERS**, John.
- \* **POMROY**, Tony and Lynne.
- \* **RUTHERFORD**, Bob and Barbara.
- \* **SHEEHAN**, Brian and Denise.
- \* **SKINNER**, Adrian and Gayle.
- \* **SNEDDON**, Greg and Shirley.
- \* **STEGEMAN**, Rod.
- \* **THORPE**, Jim and Sue.
- \* **WAYCOTT**, Bill and Denise.

First Time Visitor ....

QCC welcomes: Colin Fitzgibbon.

Day Visitors ....

QCC welcomes: Steve and Robyn Langley.

Lucky Hillview Raffle and Van Draw Winners ...

- ⇒ 1<sup>st</sup> \$50 Coles Voucher, donated by QCC ~ Pam MacDonald.
- ⇒ 2<sup>nd</sup> Set of Four Mugs, donated by Kev and Par Gower ~ Laurel Adams.
- ⇒ 3<sup>rd</sup> Caravan Trinket Box, donated by unknown ~ George Lacey.
- ⇒ 4<sup>th</sup> 240VAC Fan Heater, donated by unknown ~ Ken Cragg,
- ⇒ Lucky Van Draw ~ Adrian and Gayle Skinner and Carl Godwin and Lorraine Lowcock.



Golf Winners, Hillview ....



Four ladies played a round at Beaudesert on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September. Well done girls!



## Member Profile ~ Bob and Kathy Kearney ....

**B**ob was born in Gladstone, Queensland, and was where he commenced his employment with the PMG as a telegram boy. He worked there until 1969 before accepting a transfer to the Roma Street Mail Centre in Brisbane.

**K**athy was born in Toowoomba and lived on a farm at Thornville near Cooyar, Queensland, where she helped on the farm and other properties.

In 1968, Kathy moved to Brisbane where she commenced her traineeship as an enrolled nurse at Greenslopes Repatriation General Hospital.

While both worked in Brisbane, they also frequented the dance floors of Cloudland Ballroom and the Blind Institute Dance Hall at South Brisbane where they both met. Bob and Kathy married at Crows Nest, Queensland, in January 1971.

They had our first home built at Slacks Creek and lived there for seven years before deciding to move where they built their next home at Marsden.

During their time at Slacks Creek they built two caravans with Bob working on the construction and Kathy making curtains and cushions for the vans.

After seven years in their first home, they decided to move-on and build a larger home at Marsden during which time they lived in a caravan for several months.

Bob continued to work at Roma Street until transferred to Underwood Mail Centre which was when Roma Street Mail Centre was closed. After further training with Australia Post, he became a mail processing controller, and then went on to become a Quality Assurance Manager, where the facility became the first mail centre in Australia to obtain QA certification.

After leaving Australia Post, Bob started Logan Property Maintenance which he operated for several years before volunteering as Treasurer at Loganlea Community Centre where he stayed for a number of years.

Kathy had ceased work at Greenslopes during which time they had their children, Julie and Kenneth. She commenced work again working in a nursing home at Greenslopes before moving to the Mater Mothers' Hospital at South Brisbane. Kathy also worked as a volunteer for St. Johns Ambulance at Logan Hospital.

They both love caravanning and completed many trips during their working life, but it wasn't until late 1999 where they attended their first rally at Bribe Island with Queensland Caravan Club where they made many new friends. Bob and Kathy have caravanned to most parts of Australia but there are, of course, still many areas they want to explore.

Another big move was in 2015 when they had a new home built at Grantham overlooking the Lockyer Valley and farmland.

Bobs hobbies are HO Scale Model Trains and Ancestry.

Kathy's hobbies are craft, gardening and playing her ukulele.



## 2018/2019 QCC Rally Calendar

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.

Oct 22-27	State Rally, Bundaberg.
Nov 07-13	Goombungee Showground.
Nov 28-Dec 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.

## Your committee ~ 2018/2019 ...

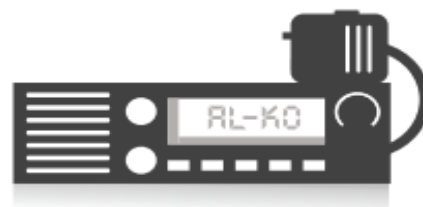
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Committee: Jenny Carroll, Gwen Egan and Barry Gibson.

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Thank you Bill Waycott for sharing this information.



## Your UHF Channel Cheat Sheet

Channel	Type	Accepted use
1-4	ⓘ	Duplex channels
5	ⓧ	<b>Duplex channel:</b> For emergency use only
6-8	ⓘ	Duplex channels (output)
9	⓪	General chat
10	Ⓛ	4WD clubs/convoys/national parks
11	ⓧ	Call channel (only used for initiating calls, then must move to another channel)
12-17	⓪	General chat
18	Ⓛ	Caravanners/campers convoy
19-21	⓪	General chat
22-23	ⓧ	<b>Telemetry/Telecommand</b> (used for automated data communications only)
24-28	⓪	General chat
29	Ⓢ	Road safety (Pacific Hwy, Pacific Mwy: NSW and QLD)
30	⓪	General chat
31-34	Ⓛ	Duplex channels (input)
35	ⓧ	<b>Duplex channel (input):</b> For emergency use only
36-38	Ⓛ	Duplex channels (input)
39	⓪	General chat
40	Ⓢ	Road safety (Australia-wide)
41-48	ⓘ	Duplex channels (output)
49-60	⓪	General chat
61-63	ⓧ	<b>Reserved for future use</b> (restricted)
64-70	⓪	General chat
71-78	Ⓛ	Duplex channels (input)
79-80	⓪	General chat

ⓘ Duplex (output) ⓧ Restricted use ⓪ General use Ⓢ Safety Ⓛ Groups Ⓛ Duplex (input)

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### *What's Up The Road.*

**Bundy State Rally. 22-27 Oct.**

**Goombungee. 07-13 Nov.**

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 .

Medals to be worn.



### **Bundaberg State Rally Monster Raffle**

**Drawn Saturday 27th October**

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Just a heads-up that pairs disc bowls will be held at the Goombungee rally in November. More details will be provided in the next QCC Wanderer.



### Our Contribution to the Hillview Community, (September rally)

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- \* Dining ~ \$241.00.
- \* General Expenses ~ \$392.50.
- \* Major ~ \$501.00.

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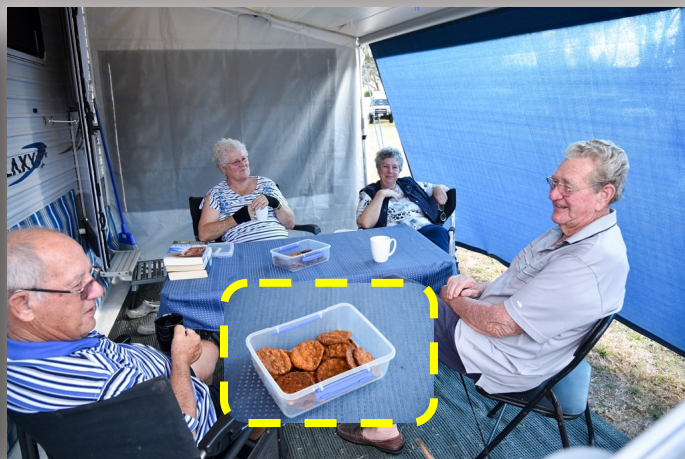


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 Step 2. Introduce yourself.  
 Step 3. Get the meeting over with quickly ...



Lorraine Lowcock thanking members for their assistance following her medical emergency the previous day. Great to see you back and OK, Lorraine.

# Saturday Night's

# Uncoordinated Dance Theme





# More of Saturday Night's Uncoordinated Dance Theme













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**Disc Bowls Competition at State Rally**

Barry and Wendy Gibson are co-ordinators for the Disc Bowls Competition at the State Rally at Bundaberg in October 2018.

Your assistance as Markers in this competition would be greatly appreciated. Please note that acting as Marker will not exclude you from playing in the competition. If you wish to act as Marker and/or have any query about the comp, please contact Barry or Wendy on [gibsonwa1@bigpond.com](mailto:gibsonwa1@bigpond.com).

To mark and/or play, please present yourself at the competition (in the Canine Area) at 8:30am on Friday 26 October.

Thank you for your assistance.



**Rumbling into Bundy and attending the gala dinner on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>? Then please be advised you will be required to take your cutlery and plates.**



Please take us to the rally dinner!

At the time of this newsletter going to press, there are 52 QCC members' caravans registered for the CCQ Bundaberg state rally. Can we get more? There's still time to register. See Lance, your loveable rally registrar for a registration form!

Important .... if you have been invited to assist with setup at the rally which will require you to arrive before the rally commencement date of 22<sup>nd</sup> October, then please obtain the concurrence of the relevant coordinator and obtain a 'Bump-In/ Bump-Out' registration form. The completed form is to be forwarded to the rally registrar (Lance Haslewood) along with payment by 10<sup>th</sup> October. Payment details are on the form.

Everybody loves a 'Groupie'! A group photograph of QCC members is planned for Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>, so please be sure to wear your club shirt and lanyards. Details of the photoshoot to be advised.

