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Vice President's Report ...

Hello members, welcome to my second Vice-Presidential report, some of which was written while at the CCQ State Rally in sunny Bundaberg. It was a joy to see so many members of QCC there, many of whom had taken an active role in its preparation, setup and operation. Tireless work by so many, but the reward of seeing it all come together and the interaction with members of the many other clubs, had made it all well worth it. Rest-assured, we all had an exceptionally good and relaxing time.

Although a state rally, it was also a designated QCC rally. Of significance to QCC, I congratulate Geoff and Dell Gray for attaining their 50th rally badges which were presented to them at the Saturday night dinner. Well done Geoff and Dell for reaching this milestone, albeit, it took some considerable time. You got there, that's the main thing.

In addition, I welcome Ken Chapman and Jan Darr as second-time visitors and for their presence at Bundaberg. Considering the distance and also that Ken and Jan are yet to be inducted into the Club, it was great to see them there and enjoying the occasion, being part of the event, and for their allegiance to the Club. I welcome, too, Ken and Dell McNab as day visitors. It was nice to see you both there also.

The rally itself is sited at the Bundaberg Recreational Precinct which is located on the southern side of town, is well-suited for the event with plenty of undercover facilities for the various seminars, entertainment, social interaction, and of course, the gala dinner at which about 310 people attended.

Almost 200 caravans, motorhomes and camper trailers, and 380 people attended of which 53 vans and 98 members were from the Queensland Caravan Club which had the biggest contingent by far. QCC members were scattered throughout the precinct but within easy reach of one another. I'm sure that you have seen the many photographs depicting the event which have appeared on the Club's Facebook Group. A lot more will be uploaded onto the website in due course.

My most sincere well wishes to Gordon Ison who unfortunately took a fall just prior to departing for the rally and sustained some injuries. As a result, Gordon was unable to attend the rally. All the very best Gordon and we thrust that you are well on the way to recovery.

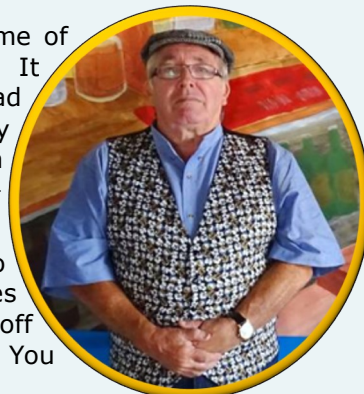
For me personally, I had the misfortune of blowing a tyre on my way to Bundaberg. A mere inconvenience more than anything. Many thanks to Muzza McGowan who stopped to offer a hand and some reassurance. On a more serious note, however, Col and Margaret James' van suffered a mechanical failure on the way home from the rally when it lost a wheel just north of Childers. Thankfully no major damage, and most thankfully, no injuries. Col and Margaret, we certainly hope that it all got sorted-out for you with minimum fuss and inconvenience. Our thoughts were with you.

A gentle reminder of the upcoming Goombungee rally which falls over the Remembrance Day weekend. QCC members have been cordially invited to attend the local Remembrance Day Service, which this year, commemorates the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice which saw the cessation of World War One, so 2018 is quite an important year in this respect. QCC will lay a wreath on behalf of the Club and its members at the town's heritage-listed war memorial. It is requested that medals be worn by those who have them. See page four for more info.

Those who attended last year's Goombungee rally, which also fell on the Remembrance Day weekend, will recall the enthusiastic presence of the many QCC members at the Service which out-numbered local participation. The community, and in particular, the Goombungee RSL, was most enthralled by this.

Well, that's enough from me; many things to do, people to meet and odd beverage to sink here at the state rally. Of course, looking forward to handing-back the reins to our illustrious and erstwhile leader, 'President John', at Goombungee.

George Lacey, Vice President.



Next Rally ~ Goombungee (Showgrounds), 07-13 November. Arrive no earlier than Wednesday 7th November and leave no later than Tuesday 13th November.

How to get there **From Brisbane** - follow the Warrego Highway to Toowoomba, then the New England towards Crows Nest. Seven kilometres north of Hampton, turn left onto Pechey Maclagan Road and follow to Goombungee, a distance of 21km. **From the Brisbane Valley** - At Esk, take the Esk-Hampton Road to Hampton, a distance of 42km and turn right onto the New England Highway. Refer above for directions from Hampton.

Nearest Hospital: Toowoomba Hospital, 154 Pechey Street, South Toowoomba. 24 hours. Phone: 07 4616 6000.

Nearest Doctor / Medical Centre: Goombungee Family Practice, 93 Mocatta Street Goombungee. Closed weekends. Phone 07 4696 5333.

Venue Address: Main Gate: 5 Lau Street, Goombungee. 4354. (See map P18.)

Nearest cross-street: Lau and Lilly Streets.

Emergency: 000.

Club equipment required: First aid kit, fire extinguisher, banner, flags and flagpoles.

Special needs, requirements or notifications. **NO DUMP POINT.** Closest at York Street, Oakey, 32km distant. Potable water on site. Those with a medical need who require 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. Long leads.

GPS Coordinates:

Lat: 27.3051°S

Long: 151.8575°E

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

Fees: Per van, per night: \$17.00. Powered. \$11.00 Unpowered.

Administration fee: \$3.00.

Hall hire: \$3.00.

A little about 'Goombungee' ... Goombungee is located 35km north-west of Toowoomba and is situated in the eastern Darling Downs, approaching the hilly dividing range and the headwaters of Oakey Creek. Much of the original vegetation was ironbark forest and brigalow scrub. The name 'Goombungee' was derived from the '*Goombungee Pastoral Run*', taken-up by Charles Pitts in 1847, east of Rosalie Plains. The origin of the name of the pastoral run, although possibly aboriginal, is unrecorded. Part of the *Goombungee* run's 16,000 ha was resumed in 1874 and a township reserve was gazetted in 1885. Surveyed town blocks were offered for sale in 1888. A school was opened in 1881, shortly after the formation of a progress association. The association organised the building of a public hall (1893).

By 1908 the Goombungee area was substantially cleared, with the numerous farms concentrating on dairying and fodder crops. There were two dairy factories, one in the township, and the larger of them producing both cheese (2.5 ton/week) and butter (8 ton/week) by the 1920s. A railway line through Goombungee, from Kingsthorpe to Haden, was opened in 1910. There were also numerous civic and business facilities: Lutheran (1890), Catholic (1902), Methodist (1903), Congregational (1903) and Anglican (1908) churches, a show society (1907), four hotels, a hospital and several shopkeepers and tradespeople.

Goombungee's population steadied at around 500-600 people in the prewar years, but by the 1960s fell to below 300. The butter factory, destroyed by fire, was rebuilt in 1935 and continued until closure in 1973, marking a time when dairying was contracting and factory facilities centralised in larger units. The railway line closed in 1964.

A population upturn began in the late 1970s as district residents were attracted to Goombungee's rural/residential lifestyle. The former Rosalie Shire offices, resident in Toowoomba since 1903, were transferred to Goombungee in 1985. Goombungee has a local shopping centre, the Goombungee-Haden showground, a primary school, a golf club, a public hall, four of its original five churches and one remaining hotel; the Pioneer Arms Hotel, dating back to 1897, it is a great lunch destination serving hearty a country meal and offering a warm welcome. The Rosalie Gallery hosts an ever-changing display of works by the region's artists.

Goombungee has a number of heritage-listed sites, including War Memorial which was unveiled by Sir T W Glasgow in December 1920 and the Pioneer Arms Hotel.

Each November, Goombungee hosts a Jacaranda Day Festival in the main street, celebrating the history of the town and the blooming jacarandas and silky oaks. The annual Goombungee-Haden Show is held each autumn at the picturesque showgrounds in the town. The Goombungee Rodeo is also held there on the first Saturday in November.



Rally Program

Friday 09 November	6:30am. 7:00am. 11:00am. 1:00pm. 4:00pm. 5:00pm. 6:00pm. 7:00pm.	Walkers. Golf. Management committee meeting. Sewing class. (Yvonne Robbins). P3. Happy hour. Combined happy hour. Dinner. (arrangements TBA). Cards.
Saturday 10 November.	6:30am. 9:00am. 9:30am. 1:30pm. 4:00pm. 6:00pm. 7:00pm. 7:30pm.	Walkers. Morning tea. Meeting and General Meeting. Disc Bowls (pairs). Barry Gibson. P10. Happy hour. Dinner. (own arrangements). Talk by Barry Gibson. Entertainment by Vince Pagett.
Sunday 11 November.	8:30am. 9:00am. 9:30am. 11:00am. 4:00pm.	Pay treasurer. Morning tea. Meeting. Remembrance Day Service. P4. Combined happy hour.

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

⇒ For those preferring to eat-out, there are a few local eateries. The closest hotel is the Pioneer Arms which is a short walk from the showgrounds. Arrangements for the Friday night hotel meal to be advised.

⇒ 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.

QCC Bundaberg State Rally Contingent



George presenting Geoff and Dell Gray with their 50 rally badges.

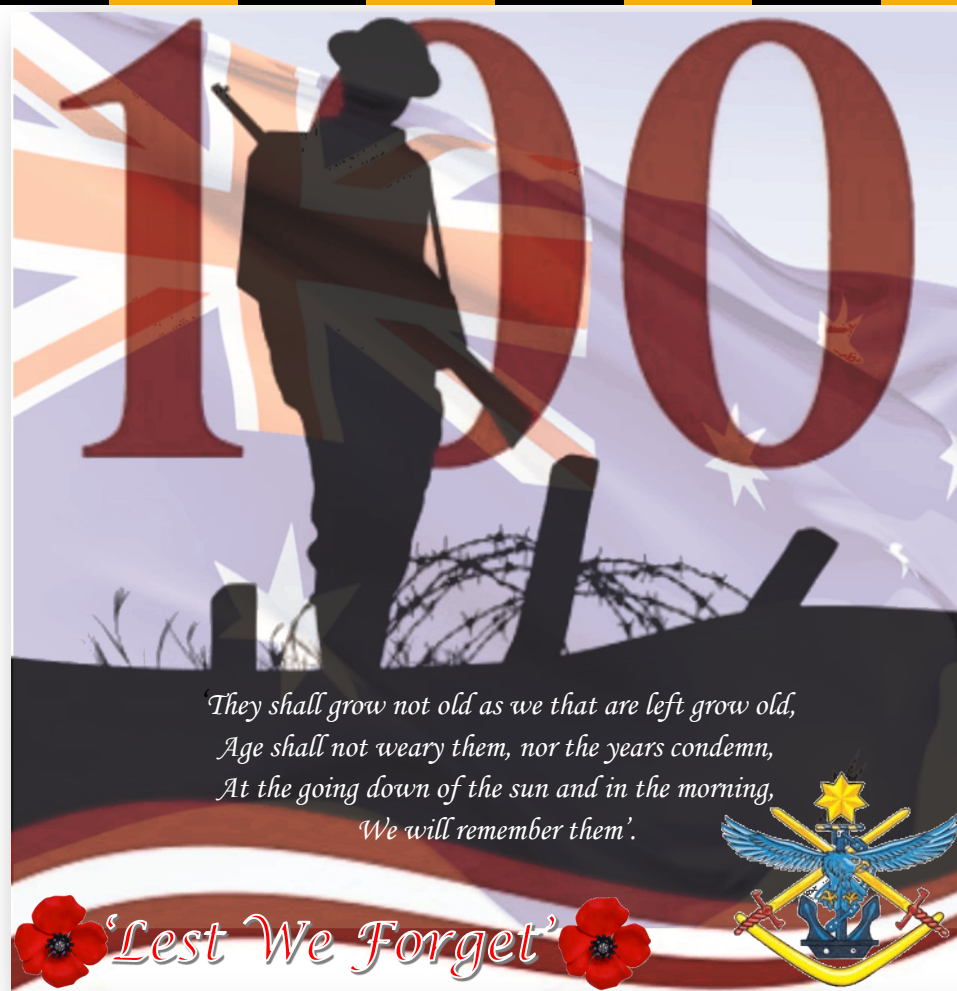
Yvonne's Sewing Class
Fold and Stitch Wreath

You will need:

- ⇒ 12 X 6½ inch squares of fabric. One colour.
- ⇒ 12 X 6½ inch squares of another coordinated colour.
- ⇒ 12 X 5½ inch iron-on facing or iron-on pellow squares.
- ⇒ Sewing machine, threads to match and accessories such as scissors, pins, band-aids and so on.



Photographs of members may appear in the QCC Wanderer, the website or on Facebook. Should a member not wish this for this to occur, then the member should inform the Secretary in writing as well as the photographer. Whilst all care will be taken to comply with this request, no guarantee may be given that this will not occur.



About the Centenary

- Mateship
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These are the qualities we associate with the Anzac tradition and those brave individuals who signed-up for the unknown at Gallipoli and beyond.

More than 57,700 Queenslanders enlisted in the First World War and many of them made the ultimate sacrifice.

From 2014 to 2018, Australians will commemorate 100 years since the country's involvement in the First World War.

The Anzac Centenary is a great opportunity for you, your community or your organisation to get involved to honour those Queenslanders who served in this 'war to end all wars'.



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The Goombungee Remembrance Day programme is shaping-up to be a good one as RSL officials are expecting QCC members to attend the Service. Following the Service, the RSL is planning a BBQ to which QCC members are cordially invited to attend. It will be nothing flash; along the lines of a sausage sizzle, steakettes with salad on bread or a roll. The cost of which will be an unspecified donation.

Refreshments will be available (at cost) at the Pioneer Arms Hotel which is next door to the RSL. The hotel will be serving normal meals to customers while the RSL BBQ is going on, however, please feel-free to eat at the hotel if you wish.

The Service commences at 11:00am, therefore members should make their way from the showgrounds by 10:30am.





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 diary-free. Should a member find this menu unsuitable and have already paid for their dinner, please contact Barry Lander (Treasurer) for a refund.

Some interesting trivia ...

As we pay a considerable attention to the marshals at our rallies, the following may be of interest:

Usually the first person whom we come into contact with at a rally is one of the marshals. Where did the term, 'marshal', come from?

According to the book, 'The Chronology of Words and Phrases', by Linda and Roger Flavell, the word, 'marshal', comes from the prehistoric German word, Markhaskalkaz. That compound word is made-up of 'Markhz', which means, 'horse', and, 'Skalkaz', which means, 'servant'. Therefore marshal meant groom or stable-hand. Later the word meant, 'master of the horse'. The word passed into Old French as, 'Mareschal'.



With cavalry so essential to medieval warfare, the maresahals were given the additional responsibilities of maintaining order both in the King's military camp, and the King's court, and of judging matters relating to the laws and practice of chivalry.

In the present, it is the military men who mainly use the title for officers of the very highest rank. The British army has used the title Field Marshal since 1736. After the World War One, King George V approved four new titles: Marshal of the Air; Air Chief Marshal; Air Marshal; and Air Vice Marshal. The title, Marshal of the Royal Air came in after World War Two.

Since the 16th century, the verb 'to marshal' meant to draw-up soldiers for battle or for parade. The verb can mean to arrange in a methodical order, as in, to marshal one's thoughts. In formal modern English, the verb can mean to conduct a person ceremoniously, as in, he marshalled him to the door. The Marshal of the Hall is responsible for the organising of banquets and ceremonies.

It seems therefore that a marshal has a certain amount pedigree about him. We could call our rally marshals parking attendants but in doing so we would not be paying the respect that should be paid to the person in such high office.

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20th Wayne Hills

26th Margaret Hiller
28th Stan Thomas
30th Merv Cook

♪ *Happy Anniversary to you for November* ♪

2nd Fay and Ted Walker
6th Desley and Alf Hinson
6th Pat and Kevin Gower

12th Karon and Brian Stevens
14th Mary and Rodney Metcalf

Attendees @ Bundaberg

- * **ABRAHAM**, Beres and Carmel.
- * **ADAMS**, Roger and Laurel.
- * **BAKER**, Gordon and Sue.
- * **BAKER**, Darren.
- * **BARR**, Graham and Pat.
- * **BEKER**, Bert and Yvonne.
- * **BREARLEY**, Paul and Di.
- * **BUZZA**, Les and Lyn.
- * **CHAPMAN**, Ken and **DARR**, Jan.
- * **COCHRANE**, Jeff and Jean.
- * **COXALL**, Terry.
- * **CRAGG**, Ken and Lyn.
- * **CRAWFORD**, Geoff and **KING**, Margaret.
- * **DAY**, Kevin and Carol.
- * **DONALDSON**, Janelle.
- * **DROUGHT**, Michael and **REEDY**, Linda.
- * **EDNEY**, Dennis and Heather.
- * **EGEN**, Ian and Gwen.
- * **FARRELL**, Ian and Denise.
- * **GIBSON**, Barry and Wendy.
- * **GOWER**, Kevin and Pat.
- * **GRAY**, Geoff and Del.
- * **HASLEWOOD**, Lance.
- * **HENRY**, Rick and Cheryl.
- * **HETHERMAN**, Patrick and Ann.
- * **HILLER**, Margaret.
- * **HINSON**, Alf and Desley.
- * **HOGAN**, Kerry and Dianne.
- * **JAMES**, Colin and Margaret.
- * **JONES**, Olive and Noel.
- * **JUDGE**, David and Helen.
- * **KAHLER**, Merv and Carolyn.
- * **KAYS**, Daryl.
- * **LACEY**, George and Yvonne.
- * **LANDER**, Barry and Gail.
- * **LOWE**, Phil and Del.
- * **LOWRIE**, Des and Yvonne.
- * **MacDONALD**, Ray and Pam.
- * **McGOWAN**, Murray and Jenni.
- * **MEDFORD**, Colleen.
- * **METCALF**, Rodney and Mary.
- * **MIERS**, John and Jan.
- * **PARK**, Terry and Denise.
- * **POMROY**, Tony and Lynne.
- * **RIDER**, John.
- * **ROBBINS**, Yvonne.
- * **RUTHERFORD**, Bob and Barbara.
- * **SAVAGE**, Adrian and Ann.
- * **SHEEHAN**, Brian and Denise.
- * **SHEEHAN**, Graham and Shirley.
- * **SKINNER**, Adrian and Gayle.
- * **SMITH**, Tom and Jacky.
- * **THORPE**, Jim and Sue.
- * **WAYCOTT**, Bill and Denise.

Second-Time Visitors

QCC welcomes back: Ken Chapman and Jan Darr.

Day Visitors

QCC welcomes: Ken and Dell McNab.

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Member Profile ~ Bert and Yvonne Beker

Yvonne and Bert's first rally with the Queensland Caravan Club was the 32nd birthday rally in May 1981 at Stinson Park; a black-and-white themed night in the club marquee.

There was a male member dressed as a French maid, seven others in uncoordinated black-and-white outfits, a birthday cake, and lots of kids all having a wonderful time.

Fortunately nothing has changed over the years, and Bert and Yvonne, and their children Ben and Trish, knew they would enjoy being part of this friendly fellowship.

Bert was born in Utrecht, Holland, which is a city in the central Netherlands. He went to technical school and even joined the Salvation Army as a young teenager so he could learn to play the althorn and euphonium. Then at 16, he entered the Royal Netherlands Navy and trained to be a sonar operator. He was ship's photographer, and did many other general seaman's duties. He even saw conflict in Dutch New Guinea in 1961 – 1962 while serving with his ship.

After his discharge from the navy, Bert continued his studies in photography and in graphic arts, and immigrated to Australia in 1970 where he met Yvonne.

Yvonne was also born in Holland in The Hague and immigrated to Australia with her parents in 1952. They settled in Brisbane. After her schooling, Yvonne obtained a cadetship with Red Cross Blood Bank and went on to become a medical laboratory technician where she worked in blood banking at the Royal Brisbane Hospital for 34 Years.

Yvonne and Bert met through mutual Dutch friends and married in 1972.

Bert has had a variety of jobs in Australia; photographer, litho camera operator/platemaker, reprographics and print manager and even did a stint 'in jail' as the Industries Development Manager.

Yvonne and Bert both retired in 2007 and have recently moved from their family home of 44 years in Albany Creek to Mountain Creek on the Sunshine Coast (still up the creek but with a paddle).

Ben, their son, is an avionics engineer, while Trish, their daughter, is also a medical laboratory technician. Both children studied and learned their trades in the RAN and the RAAF. Bert and Yvonne also have two beautiful sorry, handsome grandsons, Lachlan and Oliver.

During the 37 years with the Queensland Caravan Club, Bert has served as Committee man, Vice President and President. Yvonne has also served on the committee as Secretary for two years. Both are proud to be life members, and still enjoy the club rallies and treasure the old lasting friendships made, as well as the new ones.



2018/2019 QCC Rally Calendar

The Goombungee rally will be a special one as club members are invited to attend the local Remembrance Day Service which will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice which saw the cessation of World War One. QCC will lay a wreath on behalf of the Club and its members. Those with medals are requested to wear them.

Nov 07-13	Goombungee Showground.
Nov 28-Dec 04	Kenilworth Showground.
Jan 09-15	Woodford Showground.
Feb 06-12	Lowood Showground.

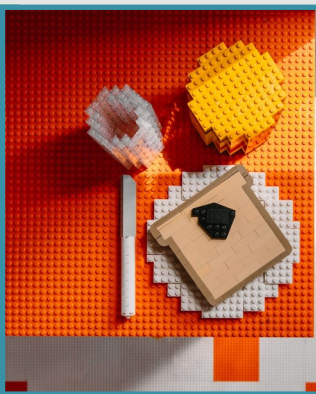
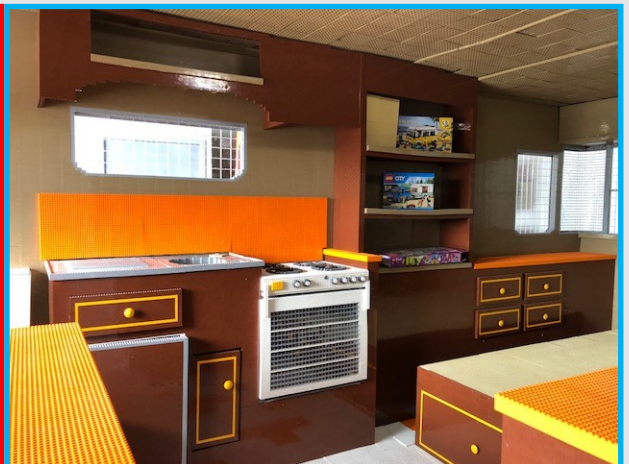
Mar 06-12	Mulgowie (bush rally).
April 10-16	Beaudesert Showground.
May 01-07	Boonah Showground.

Your committee ~ 2018/2019 ...

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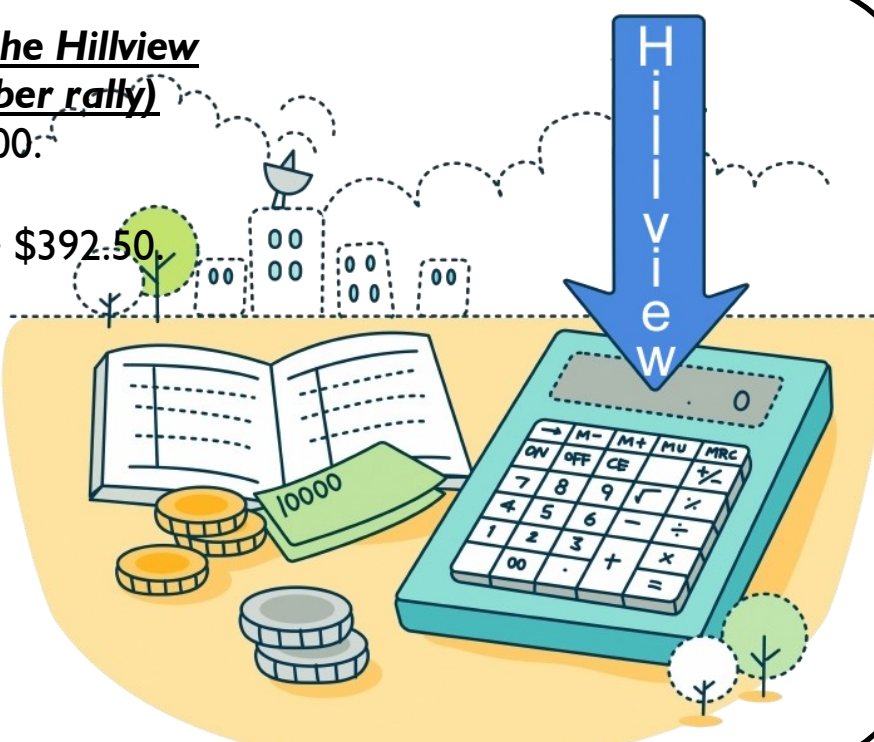
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CONGRATULATIONS TO ...

Peter and Nerida Versace who have become proud grandparents. Their daughter, Jules, has had a girl born 29th October. The baby is named Alice and she weighs 6.1 lbs. Jules and Alice are both doing well.




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QCC 2018 Pairs Disc Bowls Competition



GOOMBUNGEE

ENTERTAINMENT

Well, our 2018 Disc Bowls Comp was washed-out in September at Hillview, so we have rescheduled it for November at Goombungee.

Anyone can play - teams made-up of two ladies or two gents, or mixed pairs are most welcome. You don't have to be experienced to join-in as someone will show you how to play if you have not played before.

Timings on Saturday are:

- 11:30am – nominations close. Nomination box situated near 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 as she will be happy to add your names to the list of players.

The winning pair will each be awarded a 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 be very much appreciated.

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

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

Vince Pagett will be entertaining members on Saturday evening. Vince is a caravanner who you might recall volunteered his services to play his guitar and sing for us at our Laidley rally in April. Vince has kindly offered to attend our Goombungee rally, and he intends to remain for the entire rally. He has a wide repertoire and he welcomes you to sing along and get up and dance. Please support Vince by attending his performance. And the bonus is that alcohol is permitted while Vince performs.

What's Up The Road ...

- December Christmas Rally, Kenilworth ~ Saturday night entertainment from professional entertainer, Billy Guy. Billy performs for four hours from 6:00pm.
- January Rally, Woodford ~ Saturday night bingo. More information to come on this event.

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Disc Bowls Statistics

CCQ State Rally Bundaberg 2018

Winners:

Skip: Ian Aland
 Lead: Barry Sawtell 7
 Club: Jabiru

Played

Runners-Up

Skip: Denise Farrell
 Lead: Ian Farrell 6
 Club: QCC

Marker of Final:

Barry Gibson

Semi-Finalists

Skip: Denise Farrell
 Lead: Ian Farrell 12
 Club: QCC

Played

Skip: Ray MacDonald
 Lead: Adrian Savage 5
 Club: QCC

and

Skip: Ian Aland
 Lead: Barry Sawtell 13
 Club: Jabiru

Played

Skip: Jim Edge-Williams
 Lead: Roger Beighton 3
 Club: Suncoast

Markers of Semis:

Number of Teams Playing:

Total No of players: 116 (ie 58 teams).
 Players from QCC: 44 (ie 22 teams).

Numbers of Ends Played Each Game:

Heats: 5
 Semi Finals: 10
 Finals: 10

Appreciations:

Organisers: Barry and Wendy Gibson.
 Competition Referees: Barry Gibson and Ian Egen.
 Scorers: Wendy Gibson and Gwen Egen.
 Markers: Many - from different clubs.

Setting-up and taking-down:

Many - all from QCC.

Clubs which provided their own disc bowls sets:

Peninsula Caravan Club, and Suncoast Caravan Club.

Other Comments:

The day was very hot - but so were the players. The grounds were almost perfect, the groundman did a great job the day before mowing the area. We decided to lay out 12 rinks as it was so hot and the more rinks you have the shorter the time. They went very quickly through the heats and finished the finals at lunchtime. They were great games and it was a great day. The finals game was very close. Congratulations to all.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Advising members that a general meeting will be held following the normal meeting at Goombungee.

—ooOoo—

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As coordinator of the state rally craft area, I am so proud of the effort put-in by our tutors, Denise Park, Di Brearley, Olive Jones, Sue Baker and Yvonne Robbins, and their helpers, and my thanks go to them all. I also wish to thank Terry Park and Paul Brearley who didn't blink when I needed tables and chairs brought back and forth throughout the rally.

After receiving many positive comments about the way the sessions were conducted and the fun that was had by all, I am sure all who participated in the sessions had a great time. (These comments came from people from many clubs.)

I would also like to thank everyone who put their hand up and helped make our Saturday market stall such a great success. We made \$670.00 for our two charities, namely the R.F.D.S and Life Flight. This is in addition to over \$500.00 made at the Hawaiian night by Yvonne Robbins and Kev and Carol Day. WELL DONE.

A BIG thank you to all who made the rally the success it was. If it were not for you (QCC Members) I reckon the rally would not have happened. Happy Crafting, Marg Hiller.



Lynne Pomroy, Del Lowe, Denise Park, Gwen Egen, Helen Judge.

TYRONE – this will melt your heart ...

Tyrone was having trouble at school. His teacher, Thelma, a stern authoritarian (as most teachers are), was always yelling at him, "You're driving me crazy, Tyrone. Can't you learn anything? You will never amount to anything in later life. You are a dead-set loser!"

One day, Tyrone's mother came to school to check on his progress. Thelma told her directly, that her son was simply a non-performer, getting very low marks, and that she had never, in her entire teaching career, taught a boy so intellectually impaired.

The mother was so shocked at the teacher's remarks that she immediately withdrew her son from school and moved from Canberra to the Gold Coast. 25 years later, Thelma was diagnosed with an almost incurable cardiovascular disease.

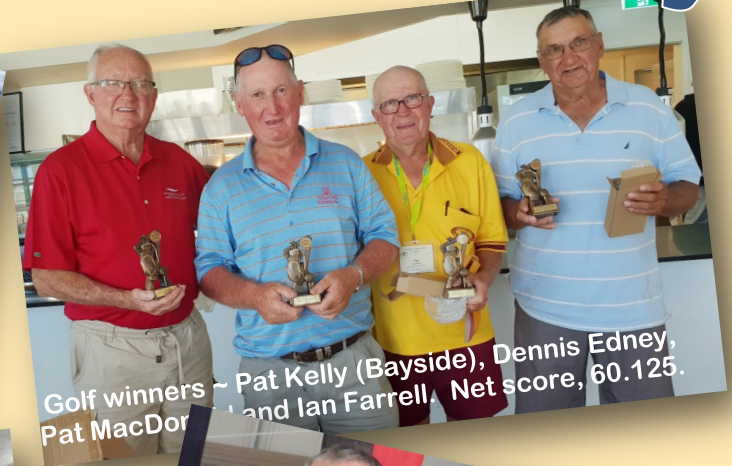
Specialist doctors strongly advised her to have the condition corrected and that open-heart surgery was the only option. There was just one surgeon at the Gold Coast University Hospital who could perform such a delicate operation. Left with no other alternative, the teacher decided to have the enduring operation, which, under the circumstance, was remarkably successful.

When Thelma opened her eyes in ICU following the surgery, she saw a handsome young doctor, with a familiar face, smiling down at her. She wanted to so dearly thank him, but was unable to talk. Suddenly, and most unexpectedly, Thelma began struggling to breath, her lips commenced to turn blue, and in desperation, she raised her hand, trying to tell the doctor something. Suddenly she passed away.

The doctor was absolutely shocked and dumbfounded, wondering what had gone so terribly wrong when the post-operative prognosis was looking so good. Then he turned around and saw Tyrone, a janitor in the hospital, mistakenly unplug the life-support equipment in order to connect his vacuum cleaner.

If you thought Tyrone had become a renowned heart surgeon, then there is a strong likelihood that you will believe pigs fly.

Snaps from the state rally



Golf winners ~ Pat Kelly (Bayside), Dennis Edney, Pat MacDermott and Ian Farrell, Net score, 60.125.



Disc Bowls winners ~ Ian Aland and Barry Sawtell (Jabiru).



Disc Bowls

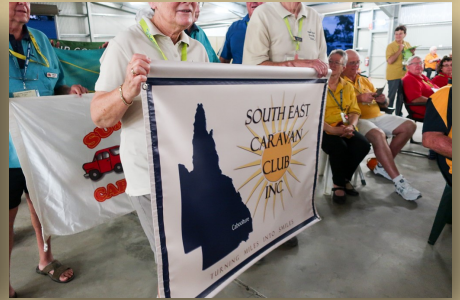


Disc Bowls ~ 'winners are grinners'. Ian and Denise Farrell. Marker and game organiser, Barry Gibson.



A remarkable throw by Dennis Edney.









Iveco chauffeured to the rally after suffering gearbox failure. \$16,000 repair bill in the mill!



Jabiru Aircraft and Engines Facility.



A good turnout at the Police and Department of Transport seminar.



Vehicles under cover from several threatening thunderstorms (Sunday 21 Oct).



Rally marshals enjoying a break during a lull in the arrival of caravans.



Vintage and classic vehicle display.



Vintage and classic motorcycle display.



George positioning entrants' photographs for the photographic competition.