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'Fellowship on Wheels' 2019

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President's Report ... The Christmas rally, held at the Kenilworth Showground, was a great success lovely weather although a little windy. We had 75 caravans attend this rally, and thanks to the Show Society for many improvements have been made, since the last time our club held a rally in Kenilworth.

Happy New Year

Thursday lunch and dinner at night saw many of our club members visiting the local hotel for a meal. Also Friday night and Sunday lunch many members visited the hotel. All reports the service was good as well as the meals.

On Sunday night a few members visited the local bowls club for dinner and everyone enjoyed the fish and chips and the service. All managed by volunteers.

Friday afternoon craft and quilting sessions was run by Yvonne Robbins, this has been very popular and the numbers are getting larger every rally. Thanks to Yvonne for making the afternoon so enjoyable for all the ladies.

Friday afternoon, 10 members from our club visited the bowls club for a game of lawn bowls. Many comments came back to me what a good afternoon they all had; it was a friendly club and they appreciated our clubs visit. Thanks to Shane Jones and Ray MacDonald for organising the event for the bowlers.

We had 12 keen line dancers on Friday afternoon doing line dancing. This was organised by Carol and Kevin Day thanks to both of you for helping improve all our line dancers' skills.

Friday night in the hall upstairs we were entertained by Wendy and Barry Gibson with Christmas carols. Great to see so many members attend and enjoy the night. Thanks to Wendy and Barry Gibson, Heather Edney, Bev and Keith McCallum, Michael Drought, Linda Reedy and Helen Judge as well as the committee for your sing-along skills.

Thanks to Lyn Hill who conducted Tai Chi on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. Good to see the numbers are good supporting Lyn's time and effort.

Colin Fitzgibbon was inducted into our club at the meeting on Saturday morning. Also, Jan Darr and Ken Chapman were inducted at this meeting on Saturday morning. Terry Coxall, Yvonne Robbins, Lance and Karen Haslewood all received their 50 rally badges at the meeting on Saturday morning. Dennis Edney, Ian Farrell and Ray MacDonald all received their badges for winning the State Rally Bundaberg Golf Championship.

Ian and Denise Farrell received their badges for State Rally Bundaberg winning the Disc Bowls Championship. Barry Lander received his badge for State Rally Bundaberg runner-up in the Mini Drags Championship. Congratulations to all members for your well earned awards.

Saturday night all members assembled in the hall at 5:30pm for the Christmas dinner meal and entertainment. The meal was very enjoyable as well as the service. We were all entertained throughout the night by Billy Guy, who did an amazing job getting everyone tapping their feet and up dancing. Good to see the amount of members who stayed and listened to the variety of music. I am sure this was very well received by everyone, and the money was well-spent on the night's entertainment.

Thank you to Sue Baker who iced the Christmas cake at short notice, Margaret Hiller and her helpers who made the hall a lovely setting for our Christmas party. Thank you to all members who helped make the night a success.

Thanks to our rally marshals Dennis Edney and Muzza McGowan for another great job parking 75 caravans safely. Also for the year you have done an incredible job through all types of weather. Thanks to all committee members for your support and help during the year. To you the members, thank you for your support and patience. I believe we have had an amazing year.

Don't forget power leads to be checked at the next rally in Woodford.

Stay safe, healthy and happy and look forward to seeing you all at the next rally at the Woodford Showground in January. Jenny and I would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.

Best wishes, President JOHN.



Next Rally ~ Woodford (Showground), 09 January - 15 January. **Arrive no earlier than 12 midday, Wednesday 9th January and leave no later than 10:00am Tuesday 15th January.**

How to get there From Brisbane: Follow the Bruce Highway north to the Caboolture/Bribie Island interchange and take Exit 152. Continue onto the D'Aguilar Highway passing through Wamuran and D'Aguilar and onto Woodford. Pass through town and take Neurum Road, which is on the left. The showground is located about 500 metres on the right.

From the west: Follow the D'Aguilar Highway through Kilcoy and onto Woodford.

Nearest Hospital: Caboolture Public Hospital - 120 McKean Street, Caboolture. Phone. 07 5433 8888. 24 hours

Nearest Doctor / Medical Centre: Woodford Family Medical Centre, 64 Archer Street. Phone: 07 5434 5000.

Woodford Doctors, 71 Archer Street. Phone: 07 5432 9399. Both practices Mon-Fri 0830-1700. Closed weekends.

Venue Address: 2 Neurum Road, Woodford. 4514.

Nearest cross-street: D'Aguilar Highway and Neurum Road.

Emergency: 000.

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

Special needs, requirements or notifications. **DUMP POINT.** Available 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: 26.9481°S

Long: 152.7699°E

Arriving late! Please let the rally marshal know.

Leaving early! Be considerate to others when disconnecting from the water line. **Please do not drive over power leads or hoses.**

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.

Hall hire: \$3.00.

A little about 'Woodford' ... Woodford is a town located in the Moreton Bay Region, 72 km north-west of Brisbane and 24 km west of Caboolture and borders the Stanley River. In 1841 the Archer brothers established Durundur station along the Stanley River near where Woodford now stands. After the lease of Durundur expired in October 1878, some land was thrown-open for selection. Mr W. Yates was the first to take possession of his selected portion of the country and he built a hotel near a ford across the river. The hotel, and the town, which developed around it became known, unofficially, as Yatesville.

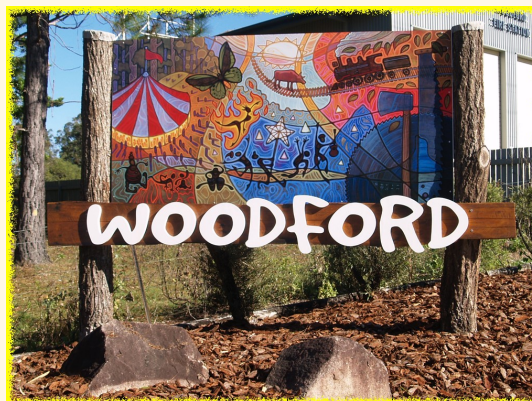
The town was positioned on a hill closer to the Stanley River than the present day town. When the introduction of a regular mail service required the town to have an official name, a meeting was called and 'McConnel' was decided on in honour of the senior partner of Durundur Station, but the Postmaster General would not accept that name. Therefore, another meeting was called and those present called it 'Woodford' in honour of the junior partner, Mr H.C. Wood, and in recognition of the importance to the community of the ford across the river.

Timber cutting is the town's main industry. Most of the timber sourced from the area is sent to a sawmill in Caboolture, although Woodford does have a small mill to cater for local needs.

Dairying is also a major industry. A cooperative dairy factory opened in the town in 1904. Wine growing also flourishes in the region.

Woodford was a stop on the now-closed Kilcoy railway line. The line reached Woodford in 1909 and connected the town to the small regional centre of Caboolture. Most of the railway infrastructure was removed after the line closed in the mid-1960s, and much of the land has been sold.

New housing subdivisions were established on Kropp Road and Ironbark Drive during 2010 and 2011. In addition, a Woolworths supermarket opened in the town in 2010. Woodford is renowned for its yearly folk festival which commences two days after Christmas and continues until 1st January. It generally attracts upwards of 100,000 people from within Australia and from overseas. The Woodford Correctional Centre, which is high-security, is located on the outskirts of town along Neurum Road.



Rally Program

Thursday 10 January	PM hours	Ladies Golf. (Heather Edney and Linda Jones).
Friday 11 January	6:30am. 7:00am. 10:00am. 11:00am. 1:00pm. 2:00pm. 3:00pm. 4:00pm. 5:00pm.	Walkers. Golf. (Daryl Kays and Steve Langley). Test-and-tag of cables. P10/13. Management committee meeting. Craft class. (Olive Jones). P8/13. Tai Chi (Lyn Hill). Nanna nap. Happy hour. Dinner (arrangements TBA).
Saturday 12 January	6:30am. 8:00am. 9:00am. 9:30am. 10:30am. 1:30pm. 4:00pm. 6:00pm. 7:00pm.	Walkers. Tai Chi. (Lyn Hill). Morning tea. Meeting. Art Classes (Michael Burdette). P13. Woongooroo Estate Winery and tag-a-long. (Olive/Noel Jones). P3/13. Happy hour (combined). Dinner (own arrangements). Board games.
Sunday 13 January	8:00am. 8:30am. 9:00am. 9:30am. 10:30am. 4:00pm. 6:00pm.	Tai Chi (Lyn Hill). Pay treasurer. Morning tea. Meeting. Sweep-out of hall. Help required. Happy hour (combined). Dinner (own arrangements). Note that the Woodford Village Hotel restaurant is closed on Sunday evenings. The D'Aguilar Hotel Restaurant is open.

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

⇒ For those preferring to eat-out, there are a several local eateries and coffee shops. Both the Woodford Village Hotel and D'Aguilar Hotel serve excellent meals. Woolworths and IGA are within easy reach. Coffee shops and eateries include:
 ⇒ Woodford Seafood and Curry House, 92 Archer Street.
 ⇒ Braisen Hussy, 69 Archer St.
 ⇒ Woodford Gardens, 71 Petersen Road.
 ⇒ Jalla's Cafe, 97 Archer Street.
 ⇒ Cutter's Rest, 93 Archer St.
 ⇒ Woodford Village Hotel.
 ⇒ D'Aguilar Hotel. (3kms east of Woodford on the D'Aguilar Highway).

⇒ 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.



Saturday, 12 January ~ Tag-a-long and afternoon tea at Woongooroo Estate Winery, Mount Archer. GPS coordinates: 26.9754° S, 152.6757° E. Assemble at 1:30pm for a 1:40pm departure. Enjoy a 12km scenic drive along Neurum Road to the venue at 35 Doyles Road, Mount Archer. Pre-departure assembly point to be advised at the Saturday morning meeting.

The program commences at 2:00pm and comprises afternoon tea of pikelets with jam and cream, slices, tea and coffee. Also included is wine tasting (four to six different types), bush poetry and song/bush games (dependent on the weather). Cost: \$12.50 per person.

Woongooroo Estate Winery and Cellardoor is one of the first wineries to be established in the Somerset Valley Wine Region in Southeast Queensland, and offers the perfect setting for a variety of wine tasting experiences, enjoyable meals, social events, celebrations, private gatherings, and more. Hosts: Phil and Gail Close.

Web: www.woongoorooestate.com



New members
Ken Chapman and Jan Darr



New member
Colin Fitzgibbon



50 Rallies - Terry Coxall



50 Rallies - Yvonne Robbins



50 Rallies - Lance Haslewood



Bundaberg State Rally
Golfing Champions
Dennis Edney, Ian Farrell and
Ray MacDonald with
President John



Denise and Ian Farrell
Winners Disc Bows Championship
Bundaberg State Rally



Barry Lander
Runner-Up, Mini Drags
Bundaberg State Rally



Goombungee Pairs Disc Bows
Champions



Proud sewing class members
displaying their casserole
dish holders

Member Profile ~ Yvonne and George Lacey



The Lacey Story

Both Yvonne and I were born-and-bred in Leeds, Yorkshire, England. We first met in 1960, whilst employed in menswear manufacturing; Yvonne a tailoress, me a cutter.

Married in 1961, we welcomed our first child, Ian, into the world in 1962, followed by two daughters, Odette in 1963, and Deborah in 1964. Unfortunately, Deborah was very prone to chest problems and our doctor, after diagnosing her with a gamma globulin deficiency, recommended, if possible, we move to a warmer climate for her health's sake.

After much thought and discussion, we decided to try for emigration to the then country of Rhodesia in Africa, but Ian Smith, the rebellious leader, chose to declare unilateral independence from the Crown, causing a diplomatic furore.

We decided to abandon the idea of living there as we realised this was bound to lead to trouble, turmoil and unrest. (A pity really, as we had quite liked the thought of having servants doing all the chores as we understood the lifestyle to be). It was seven years before the bloodbath eventuated.

Canada was closest to home, but too cold, so after seeing an advert in a local paper by Broken Hill Pty Ltd (BHP), seeking migrant families to come to Australia, providing sponsorship, fast-tracked application, a guaranteed job on arrival and accommodation waiting for us; all for the princely sum of 20 pounds!!

After two interviews, for which we had to travel to Manchester along with all three children each time, we were finally given a departure date of 18th October 1966.

Ironically, the day dawned sunny and warm. We had plumped for flying rather than sailing as we saw no sense in wasting six weeks on a boat, and our goodbyes had been said in Leeds rather than drag everyone down to London. I must admit now, that when we think of those moments, we sometimes feel sick in the stomach, just the memories of the emotional stress of getting on a plane and leaving everything and everyone you know for a strange country 12,000 miles away.

We hopped-off the bus and approached the stairs up to the B.O.A.C. Boeing 707 (no aerobridges in those days). We stopped at the bottom and I turned to Yvonne and said, "If you want to change your mind, love, now is the time to do it!" With that, we climbed the stairs to the start of our new life in a new country.

After stops at Frankfurt, Rome, New Delhi, Rangoon, Hong Kong, Singapore and Darwin, we arrived in a wet and miserable Sydney, about mid-morning. From there, along with the rest of a busload, to Berkeley Migrant Hostel in Wollongong, to our first big shock. We were shown, along with our worldly possessions packed in four tea chests, to our new 'home', an old army Nissen hut, furnished with a couple of tiers of bunkbeds for the kids, a convertible vinyl-covered lounge, which doubled as our bed, and a few assorted chests of drawers and cupboards. No bathroom or kitchen, just a rudimentary hob to make snacks or a cuppa! The toilets and showers were in a separate building. We were then told a meal was available for us in the dining hall, so we went along for our first non- airline meal for nearly three days, and our second shock; a lukewarm, greasy, and totally unpalatable mess of fish and chips! Thoroughly tired, emotionally drained, dishevelled and dirty, we had a shower, made our beds and went to sleep.

The next day we saw things a little differently; more like a challenge. It proved to be so, mainly because there were so many disgruntled migrants that were just waiting their two years stay to be up so they could go back to UK without having to pay the full return fares.

I started work in the Port Kembla works of Australian Iron and Steel (AIS), a subsidiary of BHP, but after a couple of months decided it wasn't for us, so I went to Sydney on my rostered four days off and found myself a cutting job and rented a house in St. Peters. I gave my notice and we moved-up to Sydney. Yvonne got a job as a tailoress, got the kids into school and kindy ... we were on our way after a disastrous start.

After a few months in Sydney, we felt we couldn't settle there so decided to head for Brisbane. Sold what bit of furniture we had accumulated, loaded-up the old FJ and headed north!

Stayed overnight in a motel in Maxville (first and only time we've ever had pork chops for breakfast!!). Arrived at the



Ian, first day at school ~ 1966

only set of traffic lights on the Gold Coast in those days (at the Nerang turn-off), and lo-and-behold, a car came-up alongside of us; a couple we had befriended in Wollongong and lost touch with. We joined them for a meal at their unit at Broadbeach and finished-up going to an estate agent and leasing a house at Palm Beach!

The only work on the coast in those days was in the building game so I learned to be a plasterer's labourer. Yvonne found work managing a fruit shop on the highway at Palm Beach which I think it's still there.

We found the lifestyle there so relaxing; nothing like today. No traffic jams; the only drug was a bit of weed. The kids would get up in the morning, togs on, down to the surf, back for brekkie, off to school, back for homework, togs on, down to surf until teatime. Their hair was bleached nearly white, and they were the bronze colour of the genuine 'surfie'. Their usual dress code consisted mainly of school uniform or swim togs. Fantastic life.

Then our fourth child Donna was born, and the work was getting scarce, so in 1970, we decided to move to Brisbane, two years after leaving Sydney!

Life in Brisbane was a little hard first-up, as it took us a while to find jobs in our own trades. I eventually scored a cloth cutting position in the Valley and Yvonne tried her hand at bar work in bowls clubs and we settled at Mt. Gravatt.

In 1979, our family was rocked to the core when we suffered a tragic loss, our youngest child Donna aged nine, lost in a road accident, the consequences of which we are still dealing with today.

About 1980, I took a production management position with Goldform Leisurewear Pty Ltd, the company that won the contract to supply T-shirts for the 1982 Brisbane Commonwealth Games, a very exciting experience, Yvonne joining the sales crew at one of the venues. It was in 1981 that Yvonne made her first trip back to UK, after which we made many more return trips usually every three or four years. 1982 was the year our first grandchild, Simon, was born.

I stayed eight and a half years with Goldform, and it was then Yvonne and I decided to pour our resources into our own clothing manufacturing company, 'Fabric To Fashion Pty Ltd', of which we were both working directors. This began a very hectic and rewarding period of our life.

The company was very successful, but we were forced to close the doors in 2003, five years after a flood of immigrants into the trade caused price wars to erupt and make the effort to compete untenable. 2003 also saw the birth of our first great-grandchild, Hayley.

Yvonne retired and I carried-on working for a few more years, slowly dropping my working week to three days.

2008 and 2009 saw Yvonne spending a huge amount of time travelling between here and staying in the UK, tending to her very ill parents. Her only sister died suddenly and most unexpectedly, followed by their dad, then she had to arrange for her mum to go into care; all in 2009!

After many years solo caravanning, we joined QCC in 2005 and are now on our way to 150 Rallies. In 2010, I retired fully, but after a couple of years, found it wasn't for me, so I now still work a couple of days per week for a small clothing company, whenever they need me.

Tragedy struck again in 2014 when Yvonne lost her remaining sibling, her younger brother (again unexpectedly!), and her mum, technically leaving her an orphan.

Since joining QCC, Yvonne and I have held positions on the committee, handling club shirt and souvenir sales. I moved on to the position as editor of the QCC Wanderer in 2012, passing-on the position in 2018 after six years. I was re-elected to the committee, taking-on the Vice Presidency position, which I hold at present.

After 52 years in Australia and a roller coaster life, we now have grown our extended family from its humble beginnings of five souls to a still rising total of 27. Yvonne and I, our children and partners six, grandchildren 11, and great-grandchildren eight





The glow of Christmas at Kenilworth



Queensland Caravan Club Inc
RALLY CALENDAR 2019

REMEMBER TO CHECK QCC WANDERER FOR ANY CHANGES

January

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New Years Day Australia Day Hol 28th
WOODFORD Show/G

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LOWOOD Show/G
President's Picnic

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MULGOWIE Hall & Grounds

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Easter 19-22 ANZAC Day 25th
BEAUDESERT Show/G

70th May

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Mother's Day 12th Labour Day 6th
BOONAH Show/G

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DAYBORO Show/G

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Oakey Show/G

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BRISBANE Show Holiday 14th
NAMBOUR Show/G

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Father's Day 1st
JANDOWAE Show/G

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Queen's B/D 7th
STANDOWN PARK Own Booking
NATIONAL RALLY 14-22ND

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KILCOY Show/G

December

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Christmas & Boxing Day
LAIDLEY Show/G

2019 QCC Rally Calendar

Feb 06-12	Lowood Showground.
Mar 06-12	Mulgowie (bush rally).
Apr 10-16	Beaudesert Showground.
May 01-07	Boonah Showground.
Jun 05-11	Dayboro Showground.
Jul 10-16	Crow's Nest Showground.
Aug 07-13	Nambour Showground.

Sep 11-17	Jandowae Showground.
Oct 09-15	Standown Park.
Oct 14-22	National Caravan Rally, Albany, WA.
Nov 06-12	Kilcoy Showground.
Dec 04-10	Laidley Showground.

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Membership:

- Just a gentle reminder that QCC membership fees are now due. Please see the Treasurer at Woodford.

QCC Facebook Group:

- QCC members who use the Club's Facebook Group are urged to be familiar with its policy statement. Please do not add friends as the Group is for members only.

QCC Website:

- Yes, the Club does have a website! Rally pictures, newsletters and other information may be found there. The URL is: www.qldcaravanclub.com.au



Craft Projects for the January Woodford Rally Bag and Tissue Box Cover

Why two projects? Purely for choice and variety, and to cater for competency levels.

Bag Requirements:

- ⇒ 27 x 5 1/4 inch squares in two fabrics = 54 squares in total.
- ⇒ 2 x 2" x 24 inch in the two colours = 4 strips.
- ⇒ 1 x 2 1/2 inch x 40in in strip, ie., width of fabric - for binding the top of the bag.
- ⇒ 27 x 4 inch squares of double-sided adhesive foam.
- ⇒ 2 x 1 1/8 inch x 24 inch of double-sided adhesive foam.

(This totals about 1/2 metre of the foam. Spotlight has it available in the 'Birch' brand for \$19.99 per metre).

For those who do not want to use foam, normal wadding may be used instead.

However cut wadding into 5 1/4 inch squares and NOT four (4) inch squares. Note that wadding will not allow the bag to free stand.

- ⇒ 4 large buttons.
- ⇒ Pins, sharp scissors, matching cottons, sewing machine etc.

Tissue Box Cover Requirements:

- ⇒ 2 fat quarters 1.5 m 20-25 mm ribbon.
- ⇒ 30 cm elastic (5-10 mm).
- ⇒ 1 standard box of 228 tissues.
- ⇒ Sewing cotton to contrast.
- ⇒ Pins, Scissors, sewing machine etc.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME IF YOU HAVE DIFFICULTY UNDERSTANDING THESE REQUIREMENTS. Ph: 0418 885 584.

Yvonne Robbins is planning a visit to our local craft shop, which operates from a ladies garage, on the Thursday morning. The shop has a lovely range of fabrics (but not the foam required above) as well as other art supplies and card-making materials.



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8th Rod Stegeman
11th Dawn Dukes
12th Jeanette Walker
13th Bill Waycott
13th Kevin Day
16th Eddie Stocker

17th Doug Burt
14th Jeff Cochrane
20th Owen Noffke
20th Linda Jones
20th Terry Park
21th Yvonne Lowrie
22nd Bruce May

30th Brian Sheehan
31st Jean Cochrane
31st Cheryl Henry
31st Gwen Egen
31st Gail May
31st Murray McGowan

♪ *Happy Anniversary to you for January 2019* ♪

1st Olive and Noel Jones
2nd Kathy and Bob Kearney
7th Nerida and Peter Versace
10th Jenny and John Carroll

15th Sue and Gordon Baker
16th Ann and Adrian Savage
17th Cheryl and Rick Henry
21st Brenda and Les Usher

Attendees @ Kenilworth

- * **ABRAHAM**, Beres and Carmel.
- * **ADAMS**, Roger and Laurel.
- * **BAKER**, Darren.
- * **BAKER**, Gordon and Sue.
- * **BEKER**, Bert and Yvonne.
- * **BREARLEY**, Paul and Di.
- * **BRUNO**, Paul and Marina.
- * **BURDETTE**, Michael and **SIFFLEET**, Lesley
- * **BUZZA**, Les and Lyn.
- * **CADDIES**, Ray and Gail.
- * **CARROLL**, John and Jenny.
- * **CHAPMAN**, Ken and **DARR**, Jan.
- * **COCHRANE**, Jeff and Jean.
- * **COOK**, Merv and Barbara.
- * **CRAWFORD**, Geoff and **KING**, Margaret.
- * **DAY**, Kevin and Carol.
- * **DOBE**, Bill and Ann.
- * **DONALDSON**, Janelle.
- * **DROUGHT**, Michael and **REEDY**, Linda.
- * **DUKES**, Graham and Dawn.
- * **EDNEY**, Dennis and Heather.
- * **EGEN**, Ian and Gwen.
- * **FARRELL**, Ian and Denise.
- * **FITZGIBBON**, Colin.
- * **GAWEN**, Peter.
- * **GIBSON**, Barry and Wendy.
- * **GODWIN**, Carl and **LOWCOCK**, Lorraine.
- * **GOWER**, Kevin and Pat.
- * **GRAY**, Geoff and Dell.
- * **HASLEWOOD**, Lance.
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- * **STEVENS**, Brian and Karon.
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- * **THORPE**, Jim and Sue.
- * **TRULOFF**, Bruce AND Chris.
- * **VAN WYK**, Richard and Linda.
- * **WAYCOTT**, Bill and Denise.

Day Visitors

QCC welcomes:
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Guests Grandchildren:

Melonie Window (Bob and Barbara Rutherford).
Lachlan and Oliver Kear (Bert and Yvonne Beker).
Lia and Jaden (Janelle Donaldson).

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Testing and Tagging of Power Leads



IMPORTANT: Some may not be aware of the requirement for the upcoming August Nambour rally that all electrical leads be tested and tagged prior to entering the Nambour showgrounds. This is a stipulation by the Nambour Show Society which under



the governance of the local regional council.

As such, our ever-so-hard-working secretary (Heather) has obtained the services of 'Michael' of Caboolture-based company, 'All Current Test and Tag', to attend the Woodford rally in January. Michael will be at the showgrounds from 10:00am, Friday 11th January, and for \$5.00 cash (per item), he will test and tag your leads.

Mulgowie Rally, 06-12 March. A heads-up on the Mulgowie's 'Display of Treasured Items' which will be organised and overseen by Graham Sheehan.

Members are encouraged to bring along and display items of interest which may basically be anything such as: family heirlooms, craft work, hobbies, lace work, embroidery, cross-stitching, jewellery, paintings and other art work, old earthenware, cameras, sculpture, family history and photos, clocks, period clothing and items of yesteryear.

Items for display will be received at the hall from 1:00pm Saturday. Graham will make a register of items as they arrive at the hall. Exhibitors will arrange their own display which will show exhibitor's name and a description of the items.

Once the items have been received, then for security reasons, the hall will be closed and secured.

The display will run on the Saturday only from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. No other activity will occur in the hall from 1:00pm to 4:00 pm on that day.

At the conclusion of the display period, exhibitors are to collect their items and Graham will cross-off collected items from his register. Exhibitors may stay with their exhibited items.

There may be plenty of questions from members for Exhibitors to answer. Start thinking about what you want to display and support Graham's enthusiastic interest in this club event.



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IMPORTANT
NOTICE

Next Rally ... Lowood, 06-12 February.
There will be a general meeting held at Lowood.

Your committee ~ 2018/2019 ...

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Committee: Jenny Carroll, Gwen Egan and Barry Gibson.

Lucky Kenilworth Raffle and Van Draw Winners ...

- 1st \$50 Voucher, donated by QCC ~ Dianne Hogan.
- 2nd Book, donated by Gail and Adrian Skinner ~ Brian Stevens.
- 3rd Slow Cooker, donated by Carmel and Roy Bridges ~ Pam MacDonald.
- 1st, \$50.00, Colin Fitzgibbon.
- 2nd, \$50.00, Helen Judge.
- 3rd, \$50.00, Dawn Dukes.
- 4th, \$50.00, Darren Baker.
- 5th, \$5.00, Ian Egen.
- 6th, Cheese platter, Chris Truloff.
- 7th, \$20.00, Colin James.
- 8th, \$10.00, Jim Holt.
- 9th, Cake, Colin Fitzgibbon.
- 10th, \$10.00, Jan Miers.
- 11th, \$10.00, Bev Liley.

- 12th, \$20.00, Ray MacDonald.
- 13th, \$20.00, Barbara Rutherford.
- 14th, \$10.00, Jan Miers.
- 15th, \$20.00, Ray Steele.
- 16th, \$20.00, Jean Cochrane.
- 17th, \$10.00, Mavis Martin.
- 18th, \$20.00, Marilyn Tebbit.
- 19th, \$20.00, Bert Beker.
- 20th, \$20.00, Gabbie Cook.
- 21st, \$17.00, Des McLeod.
- 22nd, \$20.00, John Carroll.
- 23rd, \$20.00, Colin Fitzgibbon.
- 24th, Cake, Brian Sheehan.
- 25th, Cake, Carmel Abraham.
- 26th, Cake, Kevin Gower. ??
- 27th, Cake, Karon Stevens.
- Lucky Van Draws ~ Owen Noffke and Jan Kirby, and, Geoff Crawford and Margaret King (re-donated by Kerry and Dianne Hogan).



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Woodford RSL. Woodford has a small RSL which is located at Memorial Park, 123 Archer Street (adjacent the water tower and Leopard tank). The club does not provide meals unless pre-arranged for functions and the like. However, it is open Friday afternoons from 3:00pm for locals to drop-in for a drink and to have a chat. QCC members are more than welcome to visit the RSL if they so desire. There is adequate parking in the street at the front of the park.



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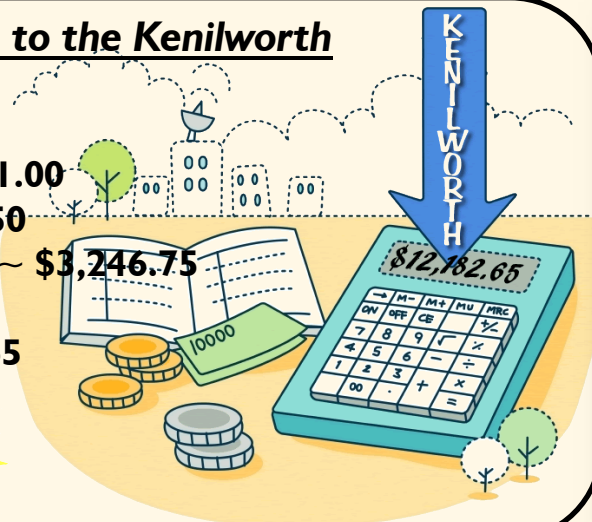
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A Synopsis of What's Up The Road ...

Woodford Rally, 09 - 15 January

- ◇ Saturday, 10:00am. Power lead test-and-tag. Page 10.
- ◇ Saturday, 10:30am. (following the meeting). First of a series of art classes to be given by Michael Burdette. Materials needed: A5 sketch pad recommended, weight 180 gsm, graphite HB pencil and an eraser.
- ◇ Saturday, 1:30pm. Tag-a-long to Woongooroo Estate Winery. \$12.50 per head. Page 3.



Lowood Rally, 06 - 12 February

- ◇ Saturday AM. Art classes with Michael Burdette.
- ◇ Saturday night. Bingo presented by Roger and Laurel Adams.

Please note that the Lowood Show Society can provide meals. Details in the next rag.

Mulgowie Rally, 06 - 12 March

- ◇ Saturday AM. Art classes with Michael Burdette.
- ◇ Saturday 2:00pm - 4:00pm. Display of arts, crafts, hobbies, and other treasured items presented by Graham Sheehan. Page 10.
- ◇ Saturday night. Movie night presented by George Lacey.

Ten (10) things I know about you:

1. You are reading this.
2. You are human.
3. You can't say the letter 'P' without separating your lips.
4. You just attempted to do it.
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FORBES RURAL AID MEGA FARM RESCUE ~ OCTOBER 2018

BY GREG AND SHIRLEY SNEDDON



Along with another 180 lucky individuals, Shirley and I were chosen for the first mega farm rescue in Australia for 'Rural Aid/Buy a Bale'. The idea behind the scheme is to help the farmers with much needed renovations and maintenance around their homes and properties, to help them face each day under very trying conditions. Until now the scheme had helped individual farms in Queensland and New South Wales with just one team at a time. This project involved 12 farms within a radius of 50 odd kilometres of Forbes, and boy, did they need help!

Our luck was in again with the fantastic team we had and the immensely likable and affable young man (Pic 1) who was trying to run the farm, 'Glenlossie', single-handedly. Mark has a degree in psychology, and has since completed a post-grad as well, a pilot's licence, helps-out on community radio on Saturdays when he can, and also helps maintain the grounds for an elderly lady in town so she can stay in her own home.

Volunteers came from everywhere, three from Queensland, three from Victoria, one from Adelaide; the rest from New South Wales. There were two builders from Sydney and Dubbo who were the backbone of the team, and we were the willing labourers. It is still amazing to us what was achieved in such a short time; five days. Each farmer was asked to make-up a wish list of what improvements they needed most around the home and Mark's certainly needed plenty of help. It comprised of a small two-bed cottage with just a minimal slab of concrete across the front and surrounded by red dirt. Inside was like a bomb-site, an unfinished kitchen with no tiling, dirty clothes everywhere in the laundry etc.

Mark's father had run the farm for years while having to work a full time job in town. His son was no sooner back to lend a hand when he was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, and was in Royal North Shore Hospital in Sydney. As we know, his prospects would not be good.

The farm ran sheep and cattle, and Mark was struggling to feed them with hardly a blade of decent grass on the property. So he spent three months virtually every day from before sun-up to dark, with the herd on the road, looking for feed. Some of the only grass around was near railway lines, and even tho' he had train time-tables, sometimes extra trains were added as needed and he lost two cows that way; \$2,000 hit.

Last year the district experienced a sudden storm which only





lasted minutes but dumped enough rain to turn the soil in creeks to mud, and he lost cows which became stuck. Hay was in short supply and getting much more expensive, and \$30,000 worth of seed had been lost to the drought.

Just some of the donations to Rural Aid nationally: Bunnings donated the proceeds of one day's sausage sizzle around the country - \$1.2 million; Woolworths donated \$1.8 million plus a large truck for permanent use; Kennards Hire donated heaps of new tools and machinery including two dingoes, trailers, helicopters etc., Caltex

gave all helpers a \$250 fuel voucher as well as money to the cause.

First job was to put a concrete slab around the back and sides of the house. Not having any boxing, the back fence was dismantled, and the iron railing used for that with old star pickets and any length of timber they could find for bracing. The setting-out took one day, and concrete started arriving next morning, all 8.5 cubic metres of it. This whole job was finished by that afternoon, and then the carpenters used the remaining concrete to build a path to the back fence, complete with stairs which one of them hand made.

While this was taking shape, the two girls were clearing old timber and rubbish from around the property with a truck and the dingo, the shearing shed was being cleaned out, tool sheds were being put in order and cleared of tumbleweeds, and yours truly dodged all that by getting the job of assembling the kitchen flat packs and installing them.

Our workaholic carpenters then lined a garage with sheeting to make a 'man cave' for Mark, and it was duly painted. They finished all the external mouldings around doors and windows and installed a rotary clothes line.

Having run out of jobs, these boys then set about badgering the Rural Aid hierarchy to build a fence around the house. They baulked at this for awhile, as it would cost another \$4,500 roughly. Undeterred, the boys set-out the fence and Mark used his John Deere to do the post holes; all 58 of them. The O.K. was given that afternoon, Thursday, and supplies ordered, which only left Friday to finish. Our truck arrived at about 8:00am and every one pitched-in, cutting six-metre lengths of 75mm box section, distributing bags of concrete, roughly three bags to a post, setting these, cutting and fitting corrugated sheeting along the bottom and a similar rail along the top as to the back fence. Only things missing were gates which could not be supplied then. This job was finished by 2:30 that afternoon, after a big lunch.

'Momma Shirl' (as she became known) tested-out the new clothes line with a mountain of washing, and along with keeping us all fed, rearranged the kitchen to be more functional, and it was then tiled. We also repaired some old





furniture and our South Australian mate got the communications going between house and tractors. There were also a myriad other small jobs completed, including gardening. No one was more surprised than Mark at the amount of jobs completed. He didn't expect half as much.

There were nightly dinners at the Forbes showground, with one night out at a couple of the pubs in town and a Sydney radio station donated a bar tab for us. Yeehah!

At the end of the trip we were worn-out, had made some great friends, had a fantastic overall experience, and not least of all, came away with that warm glow that goes with helping-out someone who really needed and deserved it. If our farmers get sick of the continual struggle and walk away from the land and we have to start importing food of dubious quality, then we will certainly have something to complain about.

Our team is meeting-up again at the farm at Easter for a reunion and to attend the (in)famous camel races at Forbes showgrounds. Hope I pick a pretty one! Would we do this again? YOU BETCHA!!

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The Grey Nomad

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They don't rob steal or plunder, they enrich the lives of their fellow band members with tales of hidden hideaways and far off places yet to visit.

Their vans are their pack horses. They load entire lives into them, allowing them to stop where and whenever they choose to put down roots for short or long periods of time.

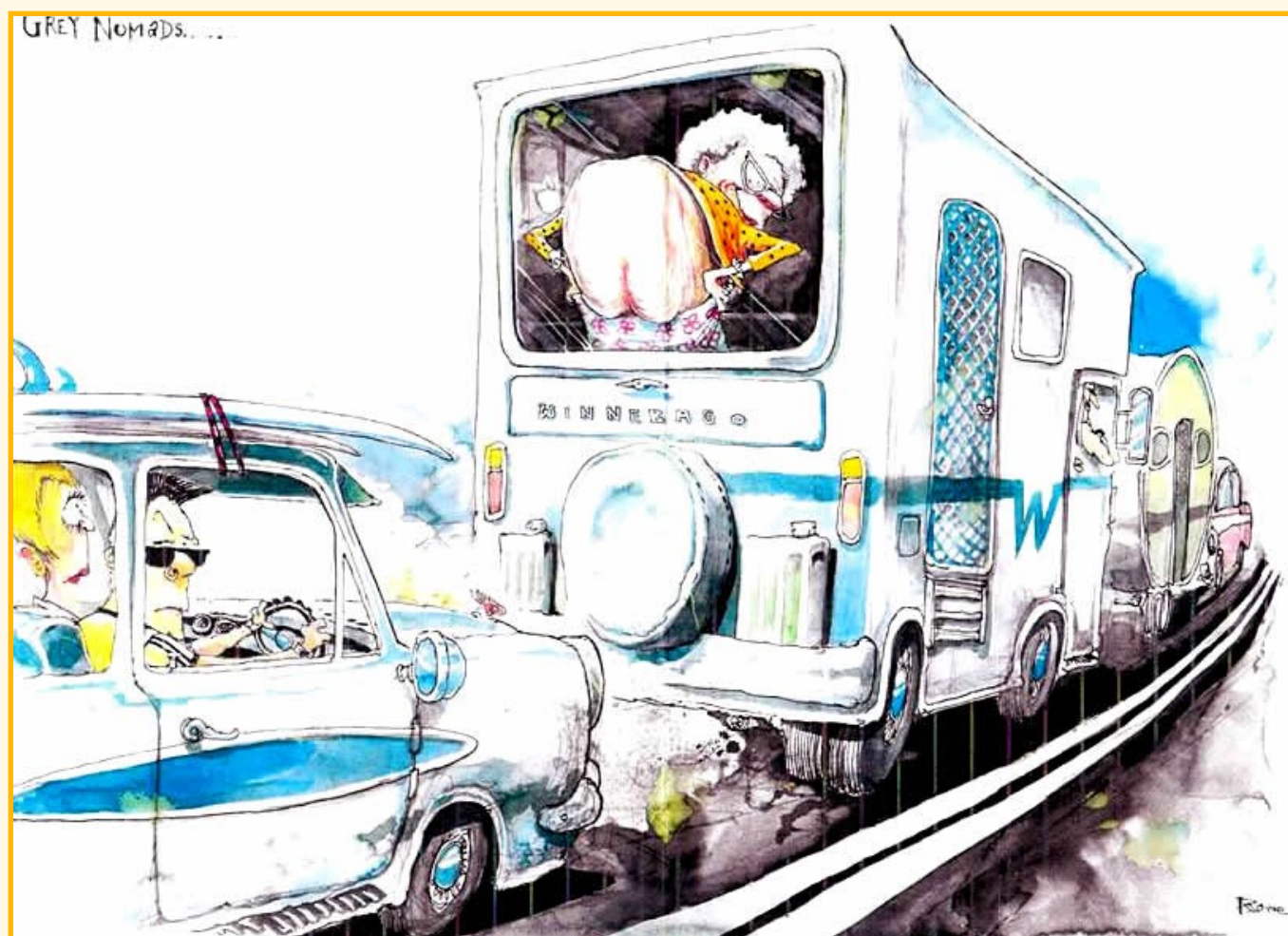
They often circle their vans and plan their next attack on unsuspecting tourists spots. They take no prisoners and leave little evidence of any major gatherings.

They quite often have afternoon board meetings where the entire band attend; no invitation is needed, just take your own bottle and they will all listen to and spin their top war story of the day's travel. They speak of their adventures, their near misses and of sights seen and yet to see, whilst all listen-on in awe.

They talk of the roads, the tracks, the flooded river crossings, the wonderful sunrises and magnificent sunsets. Time and distance has no meaning for these nomads for many have circumnavigated the land many times.

They choose their time and destinations by the seasons; memories and stories of folklore to be shared by all.

Their caravan, motorhome or trailer is their castle, their home, and this allows membership into this fraternity of road travellers who follow the moon, the stars. and the tides of this great land.



MINI HA HA QUOTE'S:

- "I was married by a judge. I should have asked for a jury!" Groucho Marx.
- "If you want to keep your daughter out of hot water ... try putting some dishes in it!" Alfred E. Neuman.
- "I never hated a man enough to make me give him his diamonds back." Zsa Zsa Gabor.

Quiz 1

1. Johnny's mother had three children. The first child was named April. The second child was named May. What was the third child's name?
2. There is a clerk at the butcher shop, he is five feet ten inches tall and he wears size 13 sneakers. What does he weigh?
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10. Which is correct to say, 'The yolk of the egg are white' or 'The yolk of the egg is white'?
11. If a farmer has five haystacks in one field and four haystacks in the other field, how many haystacks would he have if he combined them all in another field?

Quiz 2

Keep that brain working try to figure-out what these seven words all have in common

1. Banana. 2. Dresser. 3. Grammar. 4. Potato. 5. Revive. 6. Uneven. 7. Assess.

Look at each word carefully. You'll kick yourself when you discover the answer. No, it is not that they all have at least two double letters. Give it another try!

Answers on page 26.

From the Editor By the time you receive this newsletter, year 2019 will be in its infancy. Trust you all had a most enjoyable Christmas and that 2019 will be a fulfilling and a rewarding one.

Having got the salutations out of the way, what better way to see-in 2019 than with a 26-page newsletter. "What!", you may well say. 26 pages! Well, December is always the busiest month with the Christmas function and associated entertainment playing a big part. Hundreds of photographs, awards and presentations plus member input. It doesn't take much to quickly consume 26 pages. Naturally I cannot include every photograph taken, so I merely randomly selected a batch. If your photograph does not appear in the QCC Wanderer, please do not feel despondent. Go to the Club's website where you'll find all 237 of them. Here is the link: <http://qldcaravanclub.com.au> > Gallery > Event Photographs > 2018 > Kenilworth 2018.



Looking forward to catching-up with everyone at Woodford, which, by the way, is my stamping-ground. And, yes, I'll be hauling the Lotus to the rally behind my trusty steel steed, even though the Woodford showground is just five kilometres up the road. Best wishes, Lance H. The newsletter link is below.

http://qldcaravanclub.com.au/images/newsletters/2018/11_november_2018/12_qcc_wanderer_kenilworth_001.pdf



THE WAGERS OF SIN

Dexter Doppelganger was in trouble.

Dexter was in deep s...serious trouble.

He was down to his last dollar.

It had been his brilliant idea to save his crumbling marriage by arranging this weekend for the two of them at an interstate casino. He had a history of gambling problems and this afternoon was not getting any better.

Selma had decided to spend the day at the resort pool, then have her hair done, a manicure and a massage. This was fortuitous for Dexter, as he had paid for the pampering one way or another, but it had also allowed him to try to make good his losses.

It was not going well. He had maxed-out three credit cards, had lost spectacularly on the dice table and then roulette. He nervously shifted that last dollar around in his trembling hand while eyeing-off the poker machines. One of these had a huge jackpot which would just about cover his debts.

Hand trembling even more, he slipped the coin in the slot and haltingly reached to press the button. If this didn't work he would lose his business, his wife would leave him, his children would hate him, and every one else would despise him.

The wheels rolled to a stop: a cherry, a persimmon, an orange and a cumquat.

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Travelling north through to April 2019 and looking for a sea change? Andergrove Van Park in Mackay is offering QCC members powered sites for \$25.00 per day. Also 'furry-friend' and fifth-wheeler friendly, however prior notice is requested.

GRIM PRIX

Seymour Klutzenhiemer had a very inferior race car, or so every one thought.

All the other entrants were backed by large companies and superior mechanical workshops. How could a home-built racer even begin to compete with the hundreds of thousands of dollars which were poured into each team?



As he drove into the circuit with the car (painted red with spray cans) on the back of his home-made trailer, he could hear the whinnying and guffawing of the other competitors.

"Hey Seymour, my John Moose tractor could beat that in reverse!", sneered Chester, his old arch adversary. He was from the rich Drawers family who made their fortune from paper-clips during the 'paperless revolution' of the eighties.

Seymour burned inwardly as Chester and his girlfriend Fifi VaVoom high-fived each other at this hilarity.

Seymour would have liked to put the creep into orbit via a knuckle rocket! But he knew that it took a lot more than money to win races. Like guts, skill, determination, an unflinching belief in his own ability, and a willingness to take chances often spelled the difference between victory and defeat. Seymour came from a long line of independent, rugged individuals and was prepared for anything!

As the green light flashed on, Seymour slammed the pedal to the floor and kept it there throughout the race. He challenged one expensive flashy car after another.

He took chances that no-one else dared take, and his pace never slackened until he roared across the finish line in last place.

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Answers to Quiz 1:

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8. What was the President's Name in 1975? Answer: Same as it is now - Donald Trump [such a stupid question!]
9. If you were running a race, and you passed the person in 2nd place, what place would you be in now? Answer: You would be in 2nd. Well, you passed the person in second place, not first.
10. Which is correct to say, 'The yolk of the egg are white' or 'The yolk of the egg is white'? Answer: Neither, the yolk of the egg is yellow [Duh].
11. If a farmer has 5 haystacks in one field and 4 haystacks in the other field, how many haystacks would he have if he combined them all in another field? Answer: One. If he combines all of his haystacks, they all become one big one.

Answers to Quiz 2:

In all of the words listed, if you take the first letter, place it at the end of the word, and then spell the word backwards, it will be the same word.