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# Q.C.C. Wanderer

## 'Fellowship on Wheels'

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**President's Report ... G'Day, G'Day, G'Day ...** A good rally for our caravan club in March 2019 a bush rally held at Mulgowie Hall. Good to see 56 caravans attend, although the weather was very hot and humid. This was an exceptional numbers as we had no power and water for most caravans.

The wind on Thursday afternoon stirred up the dust and made it quite unpleasant, although later in the night we managed to have a shower of rain. This helped settle the dust and the wind eventually stopped. It was good at night as the temperature dropped making it great to sleep at night.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights the local hotel managed to cater well for our club with good service and quality meals for many of our members. Everyone who attended spoke very highly about the hotel and the meals and service.

Thursday morning early three ladies played a round of golf, all reports although very warm they all enjoyed the outing in electric golf carts. Friday morning the men took to the golf course at Laidley for a stroll around the course. Again the weather was very hot and humid but all enjoyed the game.

Thursday and Friday nights saw the usual game of cards playing a variety of different games. I am sure all members who participated enjoyed the competition and fun.

Friday afternoon many ladies were involved with sewing and patchwork making steering wheel covers and a tidy bag for your car. This was conducted by Yvonne Robbins. Friday at happy hour Ray Steele conducted a pie and sausage roll drive, this was very popular with members and the [proceeds going to our both charities.

At the meeting on Saturday morning we had second time visitors Judy and Shane Graham also Mary Ditton. Tanya and Kim Moller came as guests of John and Jan Miers they were previous members of our club.

After the meeting Michael Burdette ran his usual art classes, members showed their skills with their drawings at the meeting on Sunday morning.

Saturday afternoon many members displayed their treasures and hobbies organised by Graham Sheehan. Good to see the interest shown by all members, the displays with hobbies and memorabilia go back many years.

Later in the afternoon at happy hour, we had the ladies disc bowls singles competition. This was a great event and I am sure all the ladies enjoyed the event. The two semi finals were between Yvonne Robbins and Mini Holt, Marilyn Tebbit and Desley Hinson. The final was between Mini Holt and Desley Hinson with the eventual winner being Desley Hinson. Congratulations to Desley and Mini for a great final. Thank you to all ladies for an enjoyable ladies disc bowls event.

Saturday night Lance Haslewood gave an introduction to accessing the QCC Wanderer via the Club's website and via the email link. I am sure all who attended now have a little better understanding on viewing the Wanderer, and easy ways to gather information better.

Later that night George Lacey showed a Movie on Africa, and a highlight of Cliff Richards's concert. Both these were very interesting and enjoyable for everyone, good to see many members stay back watching both these shows. This was then followed by a cup of tea and coffee.



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The meeting on Sunday morning we had day visitors Brenda and Les Usher and visitors Dell and Ken McNab. Good to see you all at the meeting, catching up with long time members. We miss you all.

Thank you to the rally marshals Dennis Edney and Muzza McGowan for another great job, parking 56 caravans in extreme heat, with very humid days.

Good to see the vacant positions in our club have slowly filled up during the past month. But we still have positions left to fill. Please consider coming on the committee and fill these positions. You will be appreciated by everyone.

As this will be my last report as President, I would like to thank, most sincerely, committee and all members for their most loyal, dedicated support during the last three years. I have enjoyed my time as President, but it is time to move on and give someone else a turn.

Stay safe, healthy and happy and look forward to catching up with you all for the next rally in Beaudesert next month and the AGM.

President JOHN.

### Member Profile ~ Ted and Fay Walker ....

**H**ello club members, we, Ted and Fay Walker, are your newest caravan club members and therefore thought we would give you a bit of information about ourselves.

Ted was born at Beaudesert and I was born at Bellingen, NSW. In 1972, I moved to Brisbane and obtained employment as a waitress at the Palms Café in Queen Street. Ted, at the time, was working at Cut Price at Sunnybank. From there, he went to the General Motors Holden (GM-H) facility at Acacia Ridge where he became an inspector. Ted remained with GM-H until its closure in 1984.

We both then got work General Electric Corporation (GEC) making components for power transformers. Ted was a winder, and later, he made transformer gaskets. He was with GEC for nine years. Meanwhile, I was a core builder and a winder and also safety representative. I was there for eight years. Following GEC, I was employed at BHP as machine operator while Ted found employment with IGA at its warehouse and distribution facility where he remained for over 20 years. Ted would still be at IGA if it were not for my health concerns which forced him to leave and become my fulltime carer.

Ted and I met at the Holden Club, but it took me 10 years to get him! We have been married 34 years in November. Ted was a long time Torana owner and only recently parted with his one-owner and beloved LJ GTR Torana. He was a member of the Queensland Torana Car Club which is where we met Lance and his wife, Karen.

Ted and Fay Walker.



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**Next Rally ~ Beaudesert (Showground), 10 - 16 April.** Arrive no earlier than 12 midday, Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April and leave no later than 10:00am Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April. ~ **BRING YOUR CHAIRS** ~

**How to get there .... From Brisbane South:** Follow Beaudesert Road, which becomes Mount Lindesay Highway, and continue to Beaudesert. At Beaudesert, turn left at the main intersection (traffic lights) into William Street, which becomes Albert Street. Shortly thereafter, turn right into Tina Street, and at approximately 200 metres, turn left into the showgrounds. Enter via Gate No 4 on Tina Street.

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

**Nearest Doctor / Medical Centre:** Beaudesert Family Practice, 38 William Street. Phone: 07 5541 3111. Open Monday-Saturday from 9:00am-6:00pm. Closed Sundays.

**Venue Address:** Albert Street, Beaudesert. 4285.

**Nearest Cross-Street:** Albert and Tina Streets.

**Emergency: 000.**



Club equipment required:	First aid kit, fire extinguisher, banner, flags and flagpoles.
Special needs, requirements or notifications.	<b>DUMP POINT.</b> A dump point is available at the Showground. Those with a medical need who require to be sited close to the amenities are to contact rally marshal, Dennis Edney, on 0411 539 494 by the Monday prior to the rally otherwise this area may not be available.
<u>GPS Coordinates:</u>	<u>Arriving late or cannot attend!</u> Please let the rally marshal know.
Lat: 27°99'35"S	<u>Leaving early!</u> Be considerate to others when disconnecting from the water line. <b>Please do not drive over power leads or hoses.</b>
Long: 153°00'48"E	
Pets:	Permitted. <b>SMALL DOGS ONLY.</b> Please pick-up after your pet.
Fees:	Per van, per night: \$22.00.
~ <b>BRING YOUR CHAIRS</b> ~	Administration fee: \$3.00.
	Hall hire: \$3.00.

**A Little about Beaudesert ....** Beaudesert is located on the Mount Lindesay Highway, 69 kilometres south of Brisbane. Known for its showgrounds, Beaudesert is the gateway to the Scenic Rim's spectacular scenery. The area sources its income predominantly from rural activities such as cropping, grazing and equine activities, as well as tourism.

The town was settled in 1847 and has grown to a small, bustling centre. The origins of Beaudesert's name have been the subject of debate for many years. It is possibly named after Beau Desert Park, the property of Charles Henry Alexander Paget of Staffordshire, England. Yet it is certain that Queensland's Beaudesert was named in about 1841 or 1842 by 'Ned Hawkins', or Edward Brace Hawkins (1821-1849), who was claiming the area as a sheep station on behalf of his employer William Henry Suttor senior (1805-1877) at Bathurst. It is not known why Hawkins picked the name Beaudesert.

The town was originally set-out in a grid pattern, however, several of the streets followed cart tracks. The area was originally settled for growing cotton and sheep, however, the area is also notoriously short of water and cotton was not a successful crop. Hoop pine was very successfully collected from the area. In 1863, cotton workers were indentured labourers from the south sea islands, the first such use in Queensland. In the 1880s, Cobb & Co stagecoaches ran between Beaudesert and Jimboomba. And, in 1885, the Beaudesert railway line commenced being pegged-out and the railway was opened in 1888. Timber, cattle and dairying were the main industries in the area.

The Beaudesert Shire Tramway to Christmas Creek, Lamington and Rathdowney, operated by the Beaudesert Shire, opened in 1903 and closed in 1944. A local newspaper, the Beaudesert Times was established in 1908.

The population of Beaudesert is approximately 6,500.



**Rally Program ....**

Thursday 11 April	PM hours	Ladies Golf. (Heather Edney or Linda Jones).
Friday 12 April	6:30am. 7:00am. 11:00am. 1:00pm. 1:30pm. 4:00pm. 6:00pm.	Walkers. Golf. (Daryl Kays or Steve Langley TBA). Management committee meeting. Sewing class. (Yvonne Robbins). P8. Lawn Bowls. (Barry Lander). TBA. Happy hour. Dinner (own arrangements).
Saturday 13 April	6:30am. 9:00am. 9:30am. 10:45am. 1:00pm. 2:00pm. 4:00pm. 6:00pm. 7:00pm.	Walkers. Morning tea. Meeting, General Meeting, AGM. Art Classes (Michael Burdette). P6. Art Classes (See P7 for explanation). Nana-nap. Happy hour. Dinner (own arrangements). Games with an Easter theme. Proudly hosted by our games guru, Cheryl Henry.
Sunday 14 April	8:30am. 9:00am. 9:30am. 10:30am. 4:00pm. 6:00pm.	Pay treasurer. Morning tea. Meeting. Sweep-out hall. Assistance required. Happy hour. Dinner. (own arrangements).

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

⇒ Entrance to the show-ground is via Tina Street, Gate No 4.

⇒ The Beaudesert Show Society has stipulated that while pets are permitted, only small dogs, please.

⇒ **IMPORTANT** - Remember to bring your chairs to Beaudesert as they will be required at the meeting and at the Saturday night games night.

⇒ 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.

**S**hirley and Graham Sheehan wish to express their utmost appreciation to those members who supported them in displaying their treasured items at Mulgowie. The participation from members far exceeded our expectation as did the diverse range of items displayed all of which required considerable time to set-up and in somewhat humid conditions. Because of the success of the event, we may consider holding another at some point in the future. Again, thank you. Shirley and Graham.



**2019+ QCC Rally Calendar ....**

Apr 10-16 Beaudesert Showground. (AGM)  
 May 01-07 Boonah Showground. (Club B'Day)  
 Jun (29 May-04 Jun) Dayboro Showground.  
 Jul 10-16 Oakey Showground.  
 Aug 07-15 Nambour Showground.  
 Sep 11-17 Jandowae Showground.  
 Oct 09-15 Standown Park (Goomborian).

Oct 14-22 National Caravan Rally, Albany, WA.  
 Nov 06-12 Kilcoy Showground.  
 Dec 04-10 Laidley Showground. (Xmas Rally).  
 Jan 2020 Blackbutt. Date TBA.  
 Feb " Crows Nest. Date TBA.  
 Mar " Killarney. Date TBA.

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 *Happy Birthday to you for April 2019* 

01 Sandra Smith  
02 Graham Dukes  
07 Jill Davis  
09 Pat Barr  
10 Bev McCallum  
11 Jim Holt

11 Bert Beker  
12 Robin Langley  
15 Wendy Gibson  
19 Roy Bridges  
21 Chris Truloff  
22 Janelle Donaldson

28 Gordon Baker  
28 Bill Dobe  
29 Ross Munro  
30 Ian Farrell  
30 Dorcas Burt

 *Happy Anniversary to you for April 2019* 

03 Ann and Patrick Hetherman  
04 Dorcas and Doug Burt  
06 Helen and Stewart Hornibrook  
11 Carolyn and Merv Kahler  
15 Denise and Terry Park  
15 Bev and Kem McDowall

16 Jill and Tom Davis  
17 Sue and Jim Thorpe  
22 Jan and Ray Steele  
24 Jean and Jeff Cochrane  
25 Nola and Trevor Bromley

### Attendees @ Mulgowie (56 Vans) ....

- \* **ABRAHAM**, Beres and Carmel.
- \* **ADAMS**, Roger and Laurel.
- \* **BARR**, Graham and Pat.
- \* **BEKER**, Bert and Yvonne.
- \* **BREARLEY**, Paul and Di.
- \* **BRIDGES**, Roy and Carmel.
- \* **BURDETTE**, Michael and **SIFFLEET**, Lesley
- \* **BURT**, Doug and Dorcas.
- \* **CADDIES**, Ray and Gail.
- \* **CARROLL**, John and Jenny.
- \* **CHESNEY**, Neil and Marie.
- \* **COCHRANE**, Jeff and Jean.
- \* **COXALL**, Terry and **COOK**, Gabbie.
- \* **DITTON**, Mary.
- \* **DOBE**, Bill and Ann.
- \* **EDNEY**, Dennis and Heather.
- \* **EGEN**, Ian and Gwen.
- \* **FARRELL**, Ian and Denise.
- \* **FITZGIBBON**, Colin.
- \* **GIBSON**, Barry and Wendy.
- \* **GRAHAM**, Shane and Judy.
- \* **HASLEWOOD**, Lance.
- \* **HENRY**, Rick and Cheryl.
- \* **HETHERMAN**, Patrick and Ann.
- \* **HINSON**, Alf and Desley.
- \* **HOGAN**, Kerry and Dianne.
- \* **HOLT**, Jim and Minnie.
- \* **JONES**, Shane and Linda.
- \* **KAHLER**, Merv and Carolyn.
- \* **KAYES**, Darryl.
- \* **KEARNEY**, Bob and Kathy.
- \* **LACEY**, George and Yvonne.
- \* **LANDER**, Barry and Gail.
- \* **LANGLEY**, Steve and Robyn.
- \* **LOWE**, Phil and Del.
- \* **MacDONALD**, Ray and Pam.
- \* **McCALLUM**, Keith and Bev.
- \* **McDOWALL**, Kem and Bev.
- \* **McGOWAN**, Murray and Jenni.
- \* **MEDFORD**, Colleen.
- \* **MIERS**, John and Jan.
- \* **NOFFKE**, Owen and **KIRBY**, Jan.
- \* **RIDER**, John.
- \* **ROBBINS**, Yvonne.
- \* **ROBSON-PETCH**, Ron and Pam.
- \* **SCHRIER**, Victor.
- \* **SHEEHAN**, Brian and Denise.
- \* **SHEEHAN**, Graham and Shirley.
- \* **SMITH**, Tom and Jacky.
- \* **STEELE**, Ray and Jan.
- \* **STEGEMAN**, Rod and **HILLER**, Margaret.
- \* **STEPHENSON**, Tony and Sue.
- \* **STOCKER**, Eddie and Sylvia.
- \* **TEBBIT**, Bob and Marilyn.
- \* **VERSACE**, Peter and Nerida.
- \* **WAYCOTT**, Bill and Denise.

### Queensland Caravan Club welcomed the following at Lowood:

#### Day Visitors:

Ken and Dell McNab.  
Stewart and Helen Hornibrook  
Les and Brenda Usher

#### Guests:

Kim and Tanya Moller

#### Second-Time Visitors:

Mary Ditton  
Shane and Judy Graham

### *From the Editor/Webmaster ....*

I trust that attendees to the Mulgowie website/newsletter familiarisation session got some benefit. It was pleasing to receive feedback from a couple of members who said that they had enjoyed the experience and that they had learnt from it. I will endeavour to hold another presentation at some point in the near future. In relation to the QCC Wanderer; should members have any queries particularly with its email distribution or its content, please come to me directly rather than through the Secretary. This will lighten Heather's workload a tad. Lastly Facebook ... just a reminder that the QCC Facebook Group is a closed group for QCC members only. Please do not invite your Facebook friends, relatives or associates to join the group. Such join requests will be promptly declined.



Your committee ~ 2018/2019 ...

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Webmaster	Lance Haslewood	0414 295 888	webmaster@qldcaravanclub.com.au

Committee: Jenny Carroll, Gwen Egan and Barry Gibson.

Lucky Mulgowie Raffle and Van Draw Winners ...

- 1<sup>st</sup> \$50 Coles/Meyer Gift Voucher, donated by QCC ~ George Lacey.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Book/Maps 'Back Roads Australia, donated by unknown ~ Les Usher (re-donated) and won by ~ Minnie Holt.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Slippers with Shower Gel/Body Lotion, donated by unknown ~ Di Brearley.
- Lucky Van Draws ~ Sue and Tony Stephenson / Carolyn and Merv Kahler.



*Mulgowie (Laidley) Golf ....*

13 players partook in golf at Laidley.

RESULTS:

Mens:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Roger Adams, 34.25.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob Tebbit, 35.25.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Steve Langley, 37.25.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Jim Holt, 38.75.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Steve Langley, 38.75.
- Longest drive: Bob Tebbit.  
NTP: Bob Tebbit.

Ladies:

Desley Hinson.



Michael Burdette's Art Class ...

Michael's art class will continue immediately following the AGM on Saturday morning. Some may need a relaxing art lesson in

order to wind-down from a gruelling AGM, and what better way to do it than with our vibrant art director, Michael Burdette. Great to see that the quality of the student artwork to date has been most impressive. It's amazing what can be learnt and achieved in a relatively short period of time and under excellent tuition. Well done. Don't forget the homework ~ fully-proportioned sketch of a human!

Should the AGM encroach into the period allocated for the art class, then it will continue at 1:00pm.



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From Ann and Patrick Hetherman - a very sad notation to the QCC Wanderer.

"Sooty attended his last QCC Rally at Mulgowie. Sadly he passed away on 14 March aged 20 years."

Sooty was a veteran of QCC, and caravanning, and travelled for miles and miles, even around Australia.

His passing will no doubt impact on the many members who would call by our van to see and to cuddle him. Sooty was such a loveable and friendly cat. He was very much a part of the Club and will be sadly missed by many.

Ann and Patrick, QCC members wish you comfort at your loss.



## An Introduction to 'Rear Marking Plates' and

### 'DO NOT OVERTAKE TURNING VEHICLE' Signage

Authority: Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development

(Vehicle Standards Bulletin 12)

National Code of Practice



#### Rear Marking Plates. MUST be fitted to:

- All vehicles with a gross vehicle mass over 12 tonnes.
- Trailers with a gross trailer mass over 10 tonnes.

This requirement applies to:

- Trailers which are hauled by trucks.
- Prime movers with a gross combination mass of over 12 tonnes.
- Buses with a gross vehicle mass over 12 tonnes.

#### Rear Marking Plates. May be fitted to:

- Any motor vehicle with less than 12 tonnes gross vehicle mass.
- Any trailer with less than 10 tonnes gross trailer mass

#### DO NOT OVERTAKE TURNING VEHICLE Sign. MUST be fitted to:

- Vehicles or combinations with a combined length of 7.5 metres or more that have to straddle lanes or turn from an adjacent lane in order to turn left or right at an intersection.

#### DO NOT OVERTAKE TURNING VEHICLE Sign. MUST NOT be fitted to:

- Vehicles or combinations with a combined length of less than 7.5 metres.

Displaying the 'DO NOT OVERTAKE TURNING VEHICLE' gives the driver a special turning concession. The sign is, however, not compulsory, but not displaying the sign and straddling lanes in order to turn is illegal.

Once fitted, the sign will enable the driver to use multiple lanes at roundabouts or when turning. But remember that other drivers are often prepared for trucks to use multiple lanes when turning and may not necessarily be prepared for caravans doing these manoeuvres. So whenever using multiple lanes to conduct a turn, exercise caution and be vigilant of other drivers.

Positioning of the DO NOT OVERTAKE TURNING VEHICLE sign:

- No higher than 2000mm from the ground.
- No lower than 400mm from the ground.
- No further from the left of the vehicle than 500mm.

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## Craft Project for Beaudesert 'Placemat'

**Material Requirements:**

- ⇒ Qty 1 rectangle of outer fabric, 20" x 24".
- ⇒ Qty 1 rectangle of inner fabric, 14" x 18".
- ⇒ Qty 1 rectangle of iron-on pellon.

Fuse the iron on pellon to the wrong side of the inner 14"x18" rectangle

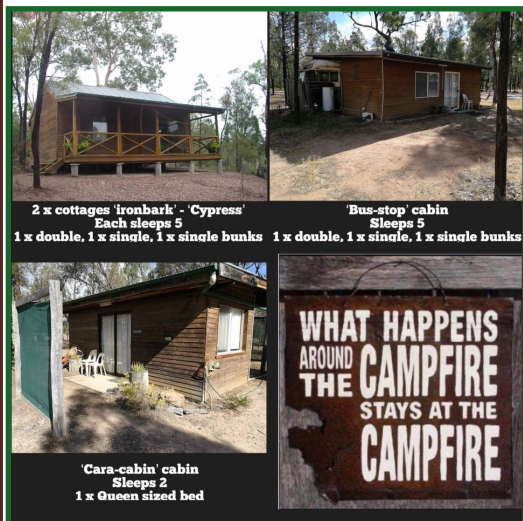
This place mat can be used for different occasions, eg., Christmas, Easter as the insert can be changed for the occasion. The outer on this picture is black with mitred corners to form a frame. The placemat also makes a great gift.

Inner Insert

Completed Item



### For the information of members who are planning a trip through Miles ....



**H**i, My name is Colin Jackson. I am the owner of Columboola Country Caravan Park and Camping Grounds located near Miles/Chinchilla, Queensland. My property is 265 acres of bush setting but with modern amenities including cabins and a function hall.

I have owned this property for the past 15 years, and over that time have had many veterans come and stay here because they like to just get away from the hustle-and-bustle of life.

We are not a very busy place, and even when we are busy, there is heaps of room for people to simply disappear into the bush surrounds.

I have many veteran friends and family.

My brother is a Gulf War veteran and my neighbour a Vietnam 4 RAR veteran. And my live-in caretaker is a former Vietnam helicopter pilot.

These people, as well as visitors, have suggested I

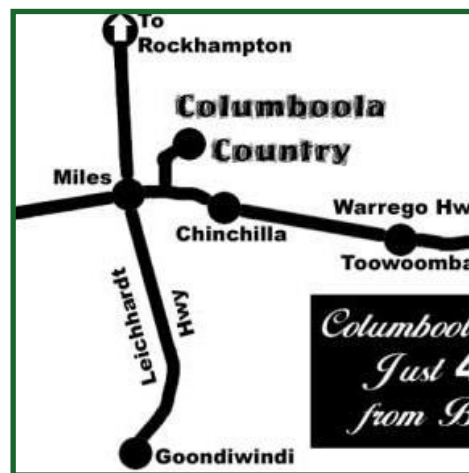
contact the Department of Veterans' Affairs to see about promoting this property to vets. I have tried, but we seem to hit walls with our requests for information.

Is it possible for you to promote Columboola Country to your club members via your newsletter or Facebook?

The Columboola Country Caravan Park web site: [www.columboolacountry.com.au](http://www.columboolacountry.com.au) and our Facebook page is: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/columboola-country/164807246885>.

Thanks in advance for taking the time to read this, and for any assistance you are able to give.

Thanks again,  
Colin Jackson  
07 4665 8293





**Membership ...**

Are you an active member; one who would be missed?  
 Or are you just contented that your name is on the list?  
 Do you attend meetings and mingle with the flock?  
 Or do you not partake, stay at home and criticise and knock?  
 Do you take an active part to help the Club along?  
 Or are you satisfied to only just belong?  
 So please attend the rallies and meetings and help with hand and heart.



**QCC's contribution to the Mulgowie community:**

- \* Site fees ~ \$2,636.00.
- \* Dining ~ \$2,698.00.
- \* General Expenses ~ \$1,992.00.
- \* Major ~ Nil.
- \* Fuel ~ \$175.00.
- \* Total ~ \$7,501.00.
- \* Expenditure April 2018-March 2019 ~ \$110,549.00



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**IMPORTANT:** QCC rallies span Wednesday through to Tuesday. If planning to arrive at a rally site on the first day, namely the Wednesday, please do so after 12:00 midday. This is to allow the rally marshals time to establish themselves and to set-up. Similarly, if departing on the last day of the rally, namely the Tuesday, please do so before 10:00am.

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

### Boonah, 01-07 May

- ◆ This is the Club's 70th birthday rally which will be celebrated at Boonah. This is quite a milestone for the Club with activities and events to cover the entire long weekend being planned.

### Saturday, 04 May

- ◆ 12:00. **Lunch.** Hamburger and chips (club subsidised). Party games (Yvonne Robbins). Party hats, costumes etc.
- ◆ 4:00pm. **Happy Hour.**
- ◆ 7:30pm. **Guest Singers.** Country gear. Tea and Coffee.

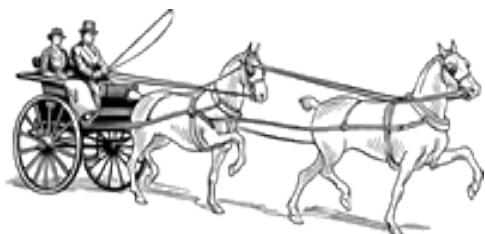
### Sunday, 05 May

- ◆ 10:00am. **Morning Tea.** Bring a plate (not empty!). Presentation and cutting of Club's 70th anniversary birthday cake.
- ◆ 1:00pm. **Disc Bowls** (gents singles).
- ◆ 4:00pm. **Happy Hour.**
- ◆ 7:00pm. **QCC Facebook Group Overview.** If time permits, a rehash on QCC Wanderer access, downloading and printing (Lance Haslewood).
- ◆ 7:30pm. **Film Night.** (George Lacey). Tea and Coffee.

Do not forget that this is a long weekend, and as such, perhaps members would consider remaining at the rally until Tuesday. It will be a great weekend of activities and social interaction.



## A Bit of Trivia. Why do we drive on the left side of the road in Australia?



**D**riving on the left-hand side of the road in Australia is based on the traditions of the English. During the Middle Ages, people travelled on the left side of the road for protection. If a stranger was coming along from the opposite direction or was passing you, it was important to keep your sword handy in your right hand in case the stranger turned out to be a

villain and you were attacked. Too bad if you were left-handed!! In A.D. 1300, Pope Boniface VIII mandated that all pilgrims going to Rome had to travel on the left side of the road.

**Right-Hand Side.** Over 400 years later in France, farmers hauling their products to town in large wagons usually rode on the horses rather than in the wagon. The farmer sat on the horse that was on the left and at the back of the team, thereby keeping his right arm free to whip the team if needed. Sitting on the left also made it easier to look down and make sure the wagon wheels didn't hit those of other passing wagons. In this way, people started driving on the right side of the road. During the French Revolution, Napoleon enforced a keep-right rule in France and in all countries he occupied.

The English, however, didn't drive huge wagons and the driver sat on the right side of the wagon seat, so that when he whipped the horses the whip wouldn't get hung-up on the load behind him. Because of this, the English continued to drive on the left side of the road and this practice continues to this day.

**DID YOU KNOW** the first caravan club in Queensland was formed in 1949 by Alex Chesney, a Cherside caravan dealer which was known as the Caravan Club of Australia, Brisbane Branch. In 1955, it's name was changed the Queensland Caravan Club. Alex's son Neil, a caravan manufacturer and a long-time member of the Queensland Caravan Club, formed the Chesney Caravan Club which later changed its name to the Carousel Caravan Club.

**Annual General Meeting - April Rally** Just a reminder that the Annual General Meeting will be held at the April Beaudesert rally. This being the most important meeting of the year, needs your support and attendance. Please remember that voting is restricted to life and financial ordinary members. Most Important; 'one van - one vote'. The Club thanks the outgoing committee for its commitment and hard work during the past year and welcomes the new committee.

# AGM

Next March, QCC is scheduled to rally at Killarney which is a small town located 35 kilometres south-east of Warwick, on the Condamine River. The town forms part of the Southern Downs and is situated about 8 kilometres from the Queensland/New South Wales border. This is a beautiful part of the country with much to see and do.

Recently QCC received an email from Leonie and Ray who are the owners of the Killarney Sundown Motel and Tourist Park. Here is what Leonie had to say:

"Our Motel has seven rooms catering for 1-4 people each and we have one cabin that sleeps two. Our caravan park can cater for 20 caravans/motorhomes/tent sites with power and a further four un-powered.



Queen Mary Falls

We would like to invite QCC members to come check-out our facilities and the beautiful area around Killarney. We have spotless amenities, including a disabled shower and toilet. Our camp kitchen is fully equipped and has a wood stove and wood heater for the cooler nights and lots of interesting old wares around the camp kitchen.

We have a herb garden for all to share and a fire pit for group get togethers. Our motel units all have cooking facilities and ensuite bathrooms.

The beautiful, friendly town of Killarney has cafes and a hotel with great food, a heritage centre, art gallery and quirky retro/vintage/old wares shops.

The town is only a short drive to Queen Mary Falls, Dagg Falls, Browns Falls and the spectacular view from Carr's Lookout.

If you have a 4wd there is the Condamine River 14 crossings.

If you are travelling this way by car, with caravan, motorhome, motorbike, pushbike or 4WD come and stay with us, we would love you to have a look around our beautiful area."

The Sundown Motel and Caravan Park is located at 2/4 Pine St, Killarney QLD 4373. Phone: 07 4664 1318.

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Desley Hinson, proud winner of the 2019 QCC Ladies Disc Bowls competition played at Mulgowie. Desley, and final round opponent, Minnie Holt, fought their way through to the finals, and following a tense last few rounds, Desley walked away with the trophy (perpetual). Despite the sweltering conditions, the game drew a good crowd. Photo shows Desley and trophy with game organiser and disc bowls guru, Barry Gibson.



**DID YOU KNOW**



- ◆ A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul.
- ◆ If you sneeze too hard, you can fracture a rib. If you try to suppress a sneeze, you can rupture a blood vessel in your head or neck and possibly die. If you keep your eyes open by force, they could pop out.
- ◆ On a study of 200,000 ostriches over a period of 80 years, no one has reported a single case of an ostrich burying its head in the sand.



- ◆ Rats multiply so fast, that in 18 months, two rats could have over a million descendants.
- ◆ The only difference between the tax man and a taxidermist is that the taxidermist leaves the skin.



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*Friday Night Dinner ~ Mulgowie Hotel*



*Art Class ~ with Michael Burdette*



*Minnie Holt and Desley Hinson compete for the Women's Singles Disc Bowls*



*Craft Class ~ with Yvonne Robbins (Steering Wheel Cover)*



*Treasured Items Display ~ with Graham and Shirley Sheehan*



*Please check the QCC website for a complete complement of Mulgowie photographs*