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**President's Report ...** Hi, all members, this is my first report so don't be too hard on me. I would like to thank all members for your confidence and support by voting me in as your president of the QCC. I will work very hard and continue the hard work made before me making the Queensland Caravan Club the very best club to be a member of.

### The Beaudesert Showgrounds Rally.

Arrived on Wednesday, we had a couple of light showers. There were 18 vans arrive. I think a record for a Wednesday night we had a very relaxed happy hour with someone making silly jokes [wonder who].

### Thursday;

We had three ladies play golf at the local course who had a fun day. The winner was Heather Edney with Desley Hinson closest to the pin. We would like to increase the number of lady players so any suggestions on how would be appreciated. That night we had 30 members go to the RSL for dinner and helping Bert Beker celebrate his 77th birthday. Excellent food and service.

### Friday;

Men's golf; 10 players competed and most said it was a very tough course with the winner being Richard Van Wyk. Closest to pin was Kerry Hogan and the longest drive was Rodger Adams. Golf is always good fun. Thanks to Daryl Kays for organising it. The committee had their meeting and the ladies their sewing session. Led by Di Brearley, 10 ladies attended with the main theme was making place mats with changeable inserts. The finished product was excellent.

**Lawn Bowls.** Ray MacDonald organised the bowls for our members at the local bowls club. All had a most enjoyable time.

Friday night another trip to the RSL to celebrate Robyn Langley's 70th birthday while other members tried the local pubs, and all seemed to enjoy their meals and time out.

There was a large number of members playing cards in the hall that night and by the laughter would seem most were having loads of fun.

### Saturday;

A lot of meetings. First the club meeting, then a general meeting followed by the AGM and the new committee was voted in. I am very proud of my new committee and you can be assured the club is in very good hands. Remember all are volunteers and are only trying to help our club in the best way possible.

After the meeting, Michael Burdette held his art class with some wonderful drawings emerging. The talent in our club is amazing.

Saturday night Cheryl and Rick Henry entertained us with Easter quizzes and games and making Easter hats. A lot of fun was had.

### Sunday;

My first Chairing of our club meeting all went reasonably well. Please excuse me if I have forgotten to mention anybody. Hopefully I will get better.

An easy lunch, and in the afternoon, Doug Burt arranged some disk bowls and with Keith McCallum organising Shane Jones and Ron Robinson-Petch to make-up a little band with a few singers as well. They played a lot of excellent music we all gathered around with drinks and nibbles playing disk bowls including some who have never played before. This is one of the best Sunday afternoons we have ever had. There were 29 vans who stayed for Sunday night; another record.

In total we had 49 vans at the Beaudesert rally.

Hope to see you all at the birthday rally at Boonah first week in May.

President Paul.





**Member Profile ~ Roger and Laurel Adams ....**

**L**aurel and Roger where both born in NSW Sydney and Parramatta respectively. Laurel lived at Yagoona and attended Bass Hill High School and then went on to the Commonwealth Government and trained as a stenographer.

Roger Lived at Wentworthville and attended James Ruse Agricultural High School and then studied to become a fully qualified wool classer. After a couple years of wool classing, he joined the NSW Police Force and was stationed at a number of stations in and around the Metropolitan area of Sydney.

He was then authorised by the police to drive high speed pursuit motor vehicles and motorcycles. This led to him being appointed to test all high-speed vehicles offered by motor companies, over a number of race tracks and proving grounds. This was needed to prove the capabilities of the vehicles before they were considered for purchasing.



Roger and Laurel with grandson, Thomas.

You have no idea of the weird and wonderful vehicles offered for testing. Roger's recommendations led to the purchasing of GT Falcons replacing American Motors Rambler Rebels, Holden Toranas replacing the Mini Cooper S and Honda four-cylinders 750 Motor Cycles replacing the old and outdated Triumph motorcycles. Roger Finished his career in the Police Force at the Special Traffic Patrol.

Laurel's working life commenced as a stenographer at the Commonwealth Statistician Office before moving to the Department of Foreign Affairs, where she met and performed confidential duties for Sir Roden Cutler VC the then Governor of NSW, and Sir Paul Hasluck, the then Minister for Foreign Affairs. She was also the sole operator for all confidential telex messages being transmitted to and from the Sydney office. This position required a very high confidentiality clearance.

In 1967, Roger had to get a security clearance before we married, and being in the Police Force was an advantage. Laurel took her confidentiality very seriously; Roger couldn't get bubbly-squeak out of her. We bought our first home at Guildford and then moved to Baulkham Hills. Laurel then transferred to the CSIRO in Prospect to be closer to home.

After the birth of our son Chris in 1970, we made a decision to leave Sydney and buy a farm at Wyreema near Toowoomba. This was a bit like the old story, we bought the best farm with worst house. I can assure you that this was a huge culture shock for Laurel. She had not seen the house but after a few discussions as you would imagine, she organised the upgrading of the house very quickly.

This was basically a dairy farm but as all our relatives in the district were poultry farmers, we swapped quickly to poultry farming. It was the best day of our lives when we quit the dairy. Later-on we moved our poultry farm to Pittsworth where we operated for a number of years.

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In 1972 we had a daughter Cheryl. During this time, Roger was appointed as a director of a number of companies, both state and federal, including Sunny Queen Egg Farms Pty Ltd and the Australian Egg Marketing Board and as well chairing a number of grower organisations and government enquiries relating to the poultry industry, and Rotary for a number of years. As Roger was away a considerable amount of time, Laurel became an expert poultry manager.

Chris is now the maintenance manager for Ridley Agriproducts Pty Ltd and has a partner and one son, Thomas.

Cheryl is an organisational psychologist and has her own training company. She is married and has two children, Chloe and Lucas.

Over the years we have had caravans, tents and camping trailers. About seven years ago, Laurel decided to buy another van and do some touring, however, Roger was not that interested but we bought a Jayco Heritage and we set-off. The upshot was that we thought this is the way to go and decided to change vans and buy a Jayco Sterling Outback.

About three years ago, Merv and Carolyn Kahler invited us to a QCC rally at Millmerran. So as they say that was that. We enjoyed that rally and after three rallies we were fully fledged members.

The fellowship and friends made at the club are fantastic, so much so we decided this is the life for us. Roger resigned from all the committees etc., that he belonged to, so we could fully enjoy the club and touring in the van. We look forward to many more rallies and friendships.

Roger also enjoys road cycling, bush walking, golfing and fishing.

Laurel also enjoys quilting, craft, bird-watching and volunteers at the local historical society.

Like all grandparents we are always involved in looking after grandchildren.

Laurel and Roger.



Thank you and congratulations to the new committee:

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 Committee, Barry Gibson  
 Committee, George Lacey  
 Committee, Richard Van Wyk  
 Committee, Merv Kahler

**Next Rally ~ Boonah (Showground), 01-07 May.** Arrive no earlier than 12 midday, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May and leave no later than 10:00am Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

**How to get there .... Route 1:** From Brisbane, travel west on the Ipswich Motorway. At Dinmore, turn left onto the Cunningham Highway towards Warwick and continue for 14kms. Turn left onto the Ipswich-Boonah Road and continue to Boonah, a distance of approximately 40km.

**Route 1:** From Brisbane, proceed along Beaudesert Road, which becomes Mt Lindesay Highway, and continue to Beaudesert. At Beaudesert, turn right at the main intersection (traffic lights) towards Rathdowney. After approximately 500 metres, turn right onto the Beaudesert-Boonah Road continue to Boonah, a distance of approximately 40km.

At Boonah, both the above roads combine to become Coronation Drive. With the park at the Boonah Sports Complex on the left, turn left at the roundabout and left again into Walter Street (the park still on the left). Take the first turn left into Cossart Street, which leads to the showgrounds (opposite the Boonah Caravan Park).

**Nearest Hospital: Boonah Hospital - 11 Leonard Street. 24 hours. Phone. 07 5463 3300.**

**Nearest Doctor / Medical Centre: Boonah Medical Centre, 86 High Street, Boonah. Phone: 07 5463 1200. Open Monday-Friday from 8:00am-4:45pm. Saturday 8:00am to 12 midday. Closed Sundays.**

**Venue Address: 8 Melbourne Street, Boonah. 4310.**

**Nearest Cross-Street: Melbourne and Cossart 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.	
GPS Coordinates:	Arriving late or cannot attend! Please let the rally marshal know.	
Lat: 27°99'66"S	Leaving early! Be considerate to others when disconnecting from the water line. <b>Please do not drive over power leads or hoses.</b>	
Long: 152°68'76"E		
Pets:	Permitted.	Dogs must be on a leash. Please pick-up after your pet.
Fees:	Per van, per night:	\$17.00.
	Administration fee:	\$3.00.
	Hall hire:	\$3.00.

**A Little about Boonah ....** Boonah is both a town and a locality of the Scenic Rim Region in south-eastern Queensland with a population of approximately 2,500. It is a rural town located 70 km south-west of Brisbane. To its south and west are the scenic rim of mountain ranges and Cunninghams Gap. The scenery has been characterised as 'Switzerland without the snow'. In its early years the area was stocked with sheep but the region was discovered to be well-suited for cattle, and over time, became renowned for the quality of its beef and dairy herds.



First known as Blumbergville (after the Blumberg Brothers' stores opened in 1882), and Dugandan, the town was named Boonah in 1887 when the railway station was opened. It is thought that the name was derived from an Aboriginal word describing the bloodwood tree or a brigalow-type acacia.

By 1890, Boonah contained a number of public buildings, and over the years, it established itself as the main service centre for surrounding rural enterprises. The rural sector continued to grow, too, thriving on the rich agricultural and grazing land. Dairying brought prosperity into the 1890s and continued to be a key local industry until the dairy deregulation in the late 1990s caused the industry to consolidate.



**Rally Program for Boonah ....**

Thursday 02 May	6:30am. PM hours 6:00pm	Walkers. Ladies Golf. (Heather Edney). Pub Dinner (own arrangements).
Friday 03 May	6:30am. 7:00am. 10:30am. 11:00am. 1:00pm. 1:30pm. 4:00pm. 6:00pm.	Walkers. Golf. (Steve Langley). Art classes (Michael Burdette). P13. Management committee meeting. Sewing class. (Yvonne Robbins). P11. Lawn Bowls. (Barry Lander). TBA. Happy hour. Pub Dinner (own arrangements).
Saturday 04 May	6:30am. 9:00am. 9:30am. 10:45am. 12:00pm. 1:00pm. 4:00pm. 6:00pm. 7:30pm.	Walkers. Morning tea. Meeting. Art classes continued (Michael Burdette). P13. Anniversary Lunch and party games. P13. Flying Tigers Aero Club Tour (Ray Caddies). Happy hour. Dinner (own arrangements). Sing-a-long with local entertainers.
Sunday 05 May	6:30am. 10:00am. 1:00pm. 4:00pm. 6:00pm. 7:00pm. 7:30pm.	Walkers. Combined morning tea. P13. Singles disc bowls (Barry Gibson). P11. Happy hour. Dinner. (own arrangements). QCC Wanderer/Website/Facebook famil (Lance). Movie night (George Lacey).
Monday 06 May	6:30am. 9:00am. 9:30am. 10:30am. 4:00pm.	Walkers. Pay treasurer. Meeting. Sweep hall. Combined happy hour.

**IMPORTANT**

- ⇒ Remember to check the rally noticeboard for any last minute changes to the published programme.
- ⇒ Entrance to the show-ground is via Melbourne Street.
- ⇒ Remember to sign the attendance book as soon as possible after arrival.
- ⇒ This is QCC's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rally. Wishing you a humongous and a thoroughly enjoyable celebratory long weekend.

**IMPORTANT**

- ⇒ Remember to bring a plate of nibbles to the Sunday morning combined morning tea .

- ⇒ 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, fluid and hassle-free. Similarly, indicate your planned attendance to the following rally by checking (ticking) the rally attendance sheet located at the Saturday/ Sunday meeting.

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

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 (Goomboorian).

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

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01 Roy Hill  
04 Dianne Hogan  
05 Lesley Siffleet  
07 Marilyn Tebitt  
07 Ann Savage  
07 Marie Chesney  
11 Bindra Luscombe

11 Bev Liley  
13 Les Usher  
18 Ann Hetherman  
19 Tony Swift  
21 Carmel Bridges  
21 Mary Ditton  
21 Ted Walker  
21 Rudi Materne

23 Jill Boyle  
23 Janet Green  
25 Rod Green  
27 Peggy Finlayson  
27 Harold Liley  
28 Ken Cragg  
31 Phil Lowe  
31 Yvonne Lacey

 *Happy Anniversary to you for May 2019* 

01 Judith and Shane Graham  
05 Dell and Geoff Gray  
06 Yvonne and Bert Beker  
12 Heather and Dennis Edney  
14 Shirley and Greg Sneddon

14 Chris and Bruce Truloff  
16 Denise and Brian Sheehan  
17 Marilyn and Bob Tebbit  
24 Lyn and Ken Cragg  
24 Janet and Col Green

### Attendees @ Beaudesert (49 Vans) ....

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| * <b>ABRAHAM</b> , Beres and Carmel.                     | * <b>JACOBSON</b> , Lionel and Mary.   |
| * <b>ADAMS</b> , Roger and Laurel.                       | * <b>JONES</b> , Shane and Linda.      |
| * <b>BANBERRY</b> , Ian and Gloria.                      | * <b>JUDGE</b> , David and Helen.      |
| * <b>BEKER</b> , Bert and Yvonne.                        | * <b>KAHLER</b> , Merv and Carolyn.    |
| * <b>BREARLEY</b> , Paul and Di.                         | * <b>KAYES</b> , Darryl.               |
| * <b>BRIDGES</b> , Roy and Carmel.                       | * <b>KEARNEY</b> , Bob and Kathy.      |
| * <b>BURDETTE</b> , Michael and <b>SIFFLEET</b> , Lesley | * <b>LANDER</b> , Barry and Gail.      |
| * <b>BURT</b> , Doug and Dorcas.                         | * <b>LANGLEY</b> , Steve and Robyn.    |
| * <b>CARROLL</b> , John and Jenny.                       | * <b>LILEY</b> , Harold and Bev.       |
| * <b>CHAPMAN</b> , Ken and Jan DARR.                     | * <b>MacDONALD</b> , Ray and Pam.      |
| * <b>DAY</b> , Kevin and Carol.                          | * <b>McCALLUM</b> , Keith and Bev.     |
| * <b>DITTON</b> , Mary.                                  | * <b>McGOWAN</b> , Murray and Jenni.   |
| * <b>EDNEY</b> , Dennis and Heather.                     | * <b>MEDFORD</b> , Colleen.            |
| * <b>FITZGIBBON</b> , Colin.                             | * <b>MIERS</b> , John and Jan.         |
| * <b>GAFFNEY</b> , Frank.                                | * <b>PARK</b> , Terry and Denise.      |
| * <b>GODWIN</b> , Carl and Lorraine LOWCOCK.             | * <b>RIDER</b> , John.                 |
| * <b>GOWER</b> , Kevin and Pat.                          | * <b>ROBSON-PETCH</b> , Ron and Pam.   |
| * <b>GRAHAM</b> , Shane and Judith.                      | * <b>RUTHERFORD</b> , Bob and Barbara. |
| * <b>GREEN</b> , Rod and Janet.                          | * <b>SAVAGE</b> , Adrian and Ann.      |
| * <b>HASLEWOOD</b> , Lance.                              | * <b>SCHRIER</b> , Victor.             |
| * <b>HENRY</b> , Rick and Cheryl.                        | * <b>SHEEHAN</b> , Brian and Denise.   |
| * <b>HETHERMAN</b> , Patrick and Ann.                    | * <b>SHEEHAN</b> , Graham and Shirley. |
| * <b>HINSON</b> , Alf and Desley.                        | * <b>SMITH</b> , Tom and Jacky.        |
| * <b>HOGAN</b> , Kerry and Dianne.                       | * <b>VAN WYK</b> , Richard and Linda.  |
| * <b>ISON</b> , Gordon.                                  |  |

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

#### Day Visitors:

Gail and Ray Caddies.  
Bill and Denise Waycott  
George and Yvonne Lacey  
Graham and Pat Barr

#### Guests:

Bruce Clayton  
Rebecca Carroll  
Jimmy Carroll (K9)

#### Third-Time Visitors:

Mary Ditton  
Shane and Judy Graham

**Apologies:** Merv and Barbara **Cook**, Bill and Ann **Dobe**, Ian and Gwen **Egan**, Ian and Denise **Farrell**, Carol and Gus **Fraser**, Geoff **Crawford** and Margaret **King**, Karen **Haslewood**, Jim and Minnie **Holt**, Phil and Del **Lowe**, Trevor and Mavis **Martin**, Ross and Jan **Monro**, Owen **Noffke** and Jan **Kirby**, Tony and Lynn **Pomroy**, Marg **Hiller** and Rod **Stegeman**, Ray and Jan **Steele**, Tony and Sue **Stephenson**, Eddie and Sylvia **Stocker**, Bob and Marilyn **Tebbit**, Jim and Sue **Thorpe**.

Your committee ~ 2019/2020 ...

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Lucky Mulgowie Raffle and Van Draw Winners ...

- 1<sup>st</sup> \$50 Coles/Meyer Gift Voucher, donated by QCC ~ Colin Fitzgibbon.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Laundry Hamper, donated by Carmel and Beres Abraham ~ Robyn Langley.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Christmas Plates, donated by Karen Haslewood ~ Ron Robson-Petch.
- Lucky Van Draws ~ Daryl Kays / Adrian and Ann Savage.
- Lucky Caravanning Australia Magazine Draw ~ Carmel and Roy Bridges, Mary Ditton, Heather and Dennis Edney, Pat and Kevin Gower, Carl Godwin and Lorraine Lowcock, Colin Fitzgibbon, Robyn and Steve Langley, Bev and Keith McCallum, Jacky and Tom Smith and John Rider.



*Boonah Golf ....*

13 players partook in golf at Beaudesert; 10 gents and three ladies.

**RESULTS:**

**Gents:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Richard Van Wyk, 34.00.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Frank Gaffney, 36.25.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> John Rider, 40.75.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Kerry Hogan, 40.75.
- Longest drive: Roger Adams.
- Nearest to the Pin: Kerry Hogan.



**Ladies:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Heather Edney.
- Nearest to the Pin: Desley Hinson.



Michael Burdette's Art Class ...

Michael's popular art class will continue on

Friday morning and again following the Saturday morning meeting. By now, students should be getting the hang of things and producing images well advanced of that on day one. Remember that it takes practice and patience, and in the end, the results will be most rewarding. Keep at it!

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## QCC - Past, Present and Future ....

**W**here were you 70 years ago? I wasn't even thought of in 1949. But 70 years ago, in May 1949, The Caravan Club of Australia, Brisbane Branch, was born. Not too many years later the name was changed to the Queensland Caravan Club (ah, now that's a name we all know!)

How did it all start? Well, apparently it was the idea of a few people in the local caravan industry. The first meeting of this group was called by Alex Chesney (Neil Chesney's dad), who at the time was manager of Caravan Park Pty Ltd, later becoming Carapark Ltd. At the meeting (at the Edward Street Temperance Hall) were Les Laurence, Alex Chesney, Sam Emmett, Eric Neville, Mr McNamee, Arthur Doherty, Bill Bates, Ben Fleck, George Bevan, Alan Wright, Whopper Sinclair, Merv Lather, Dick Corney, Mr Irons, Gordon Harris, Norm Clarke, Mr Apps, Charlie Eaton, Andrew Mackie and Don Mackie.

Records don't show any women at the meeting, but in the early years only the men were members and their wives were associates. The women were only permitted to serve on the 'Ladies Auxiliary' (to make cups of tea). How times and attitudes have changed! I should mention that our first (and only) lady president was Jackie Smith in 2000-01.

Our foundation president was Sam Emmett, with secretary Arthur Doherty. The rest of the committee were George Bevan (vice president), Charlie Eaton (publicity officer), Alex Chesney, Norm Clarke and Gordon Harris.



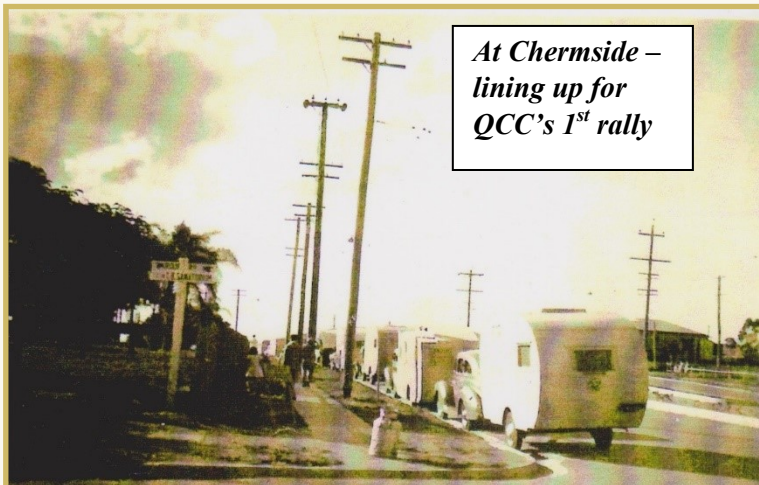
Anyhow, the first rally was held on the King's Birthday weekend of 14 to 16 May 1949 on the foreshore of Deception Bay. It was held over the weekend as, in those days, most of the men were working.

You can no longer camp in this area at Deception Bay. However, there is a picnic area (covered tables etc) on the high ground above this site and we lunched there for President's Day in 2006. QCC also celebrated its 21st birthday in May 1970 by holding the rally at the same grounds.

In the early days, and still in the 1980s, QCC was very much a family club. It was also quite normal years ago to have larger families; there would have been more children than adults at early rallies. In the 1980s, we still had lots of families with young children. Members who joined in the 1980s (Rutherfords, Smiths, Bekers, Bakers and the Robson-Petches) can tell you how their children grew up in QCC.

In the early days, the men were in some way connected with the caravan industry or were very keen private caravan builders. I can imagine the talk around the vans being very technical and a great venue to pass information around within the industry or find out some useful information if you were building your own van. Over the years the membership pool changed; for many years now most members have been caravan enthusiasts rather than being connected with the industry.

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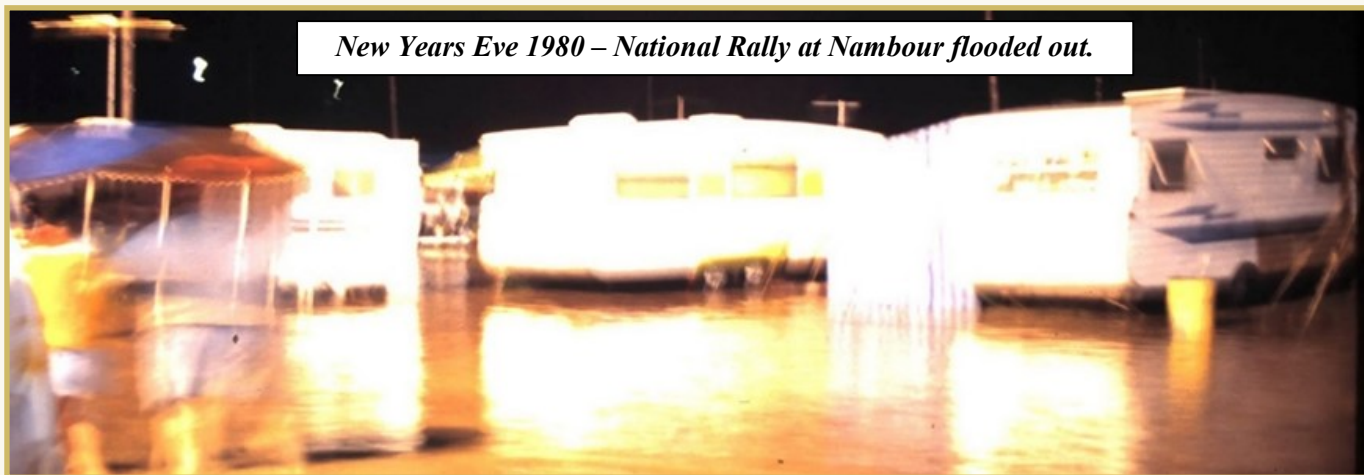
*At Chermside - lining up for QCC's 1<sup>st</sup> rally*

By the 1990s, members' average age had grown with new members often retired. The Gibsons joined in 2001 and I was in my late 40s, which was still not all that rare at the time. But now, how often do we have current or new members in their 40s? We are affiliated with a family club in which you must have a family to join; but how many of the of the clubs affiliated with CCQ have children (that is not grandchildren or great-grandchildren) attending?



*Ces Robson-Petch crowned "Father of the year" 1970*

In the 1960s official roaming rallies were very popular, but then they would have had fewer caravans at a rally than we do now. Can you imagine the havoc on the highway with 60 plus caravans touring in a line together?



*New Years Eve 1980 – National Rally at Nambour flooded out.*

QCC probably started rallying at showgrounds in the 1960s, a habit that has grown in popularity as these days we regularly have our rallies at showgrounds. Not only have caravan parks become very expensive, but how many of the parks can fit 60-70 vans comfortably in their grounds? Further, the facilities at showgrounds may not be perfect, but most of us have our own facilities these days.



*Having fun in 2000*

How has the club grown? So I looked at our attendance record for every 10 years at our May birthday rally. At our first rally in 1949 we had 19 caravans attend. In 1962 we had 22 vans, 1970 33 vans, 1980 29 vans, 1990 23 vans, 2000 33 vans, 2010 43 vans and finally in 2018 we had 49 vans. You can see how the numbers have slowly increased over the years, especially this century. These days we regularly seem to have around 60–70 vans at a rally.

Entertainment - how has that changed over the years? Surprisingly, it has not changed all that much. There was a time when QCC had a Teen Committee, which would be fairly useless now, but we have always been good at entertaining ourselves and I hope we will continue to do so. Right from 1949, music has been popular, as well as dancing, games. I remember when we used to play cricket and indoor cricket, and go on bicycle rides—sporting activities have become a little more gentle—are we becoming too old and fragile?

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But where will QCC go from here? QCC has certainly changed since inception and it will keep on evolving - such is life! I acknowledge that QCC has changed a fair amount since we joined early in 2001. QCC's rules, by-laws and the way it is run should always represent what most of its members want. And that is the job of our committees - to find out what our members want and then try to produce it. It's a difficult and sometimes thankless job (and it doesn't pay too well either), but our committees do try to fill our needs and for that we should thank them.



The questions our committees will have to face in the future is – will showgrounds and other similar grounds remain viable? With the swing towards economy in fuel and retirement age being later in life, will caravanning itself remain viable? Will QCC have to start looking at

members who don't caravan at all - but who enjoy camping? If I had a crystal ball (one that actually works that is) then I could probably answer these questions. But, we'll have to wait for time to give us the answers.



Whatever the future holds, I hope that both caravanning and QCC live on, filling the needs of its members, even though I am

quite sure these needs will be different from what they are now.

Wouldn't it be great for QCC to celebrate its centenary in May 2049?

So - viva la Queensland Caravan Club!

Wendy Gibson.  
Your Archivist.

President John Carroll welcomes and congratulates new members, Mary Ditton and Judith and Shane Graham to the Queensland Caravan Club.



Mary Ditton



Judith and Shane Graham





Wishing those members who are recovering from surgery or convalescing due to illness or for other reasons, a speedy recovery and we look forward to seeing you at a rally sometime in the very near future.

Shirley Sneddon, Trevor Bromley, Trevor and Mavis Martin, Yvonne Lacey, Ian Egan, Barry Gibson, Carmel and Roy Bridges, Fay Walker, Lorraine Lowcock, Linda Reid, Helen Judge and Jimmy Carroll.

Sincere apologies if anyone has been overlooked.

**Queensland Caravan, Camping and Touring Super Show**

**05-11 June 2019**

For those new members to the club who maybe unaware, QCC members assist at the CCQ stand at the annual Queensland Caravan, Camping and Touring Show held at the Brisbane Exhibition Grounds.

Assistance is needed again this year, so anyone who can afford a little of their time to help-out, it would be most appreciated. Please see Barbara Rutherford or one of the QCC committee members.

**2019 QCC Open Singles Disc Bowls Competition – Boonah**

This is a long weekend – so the comp is on SUNDAY 5 May.

It's a singles comp – both ladies and gents are welcome. If you've not played before, still join in – someone will show you the ropes. Beginners do extraordinary well – you can win the perpetual trophy too! But if you don't wish to play, we love to see spectators too (just bring your chair).

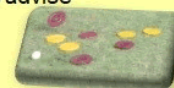
Will a lady win the comp this year? Ladies have reached the finals and semis, but so far have not won ... maybe this year?

To play, please place your nomination in the box (in the hall).

Times to remember are:

- Nominations to play close at noon on Saturday 4 May.
- Games will be posted on the Noticeboard by 4:00pm on Saturday 4 May.
- Games commence at 1:00pm on Sunday 5 May.

Please note – if you are unable put your name in the nomination box by the given time, please advise Wendy Gibson beforehand and she will be happy to add your name to the list.



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

**Craft Project for Boonah**  
**'Reversible Loop Bag'**

**Material Requirements:**

- ⇒ ½ metre each of two different patterns which will be enough for two small or one large bag. Any type of material (not too heavy)
- ⇒ Machine, scissors and cotton.
- ⇒ Any queries to Marg Hiller on 0407 335 074.



**From the Editor ....**

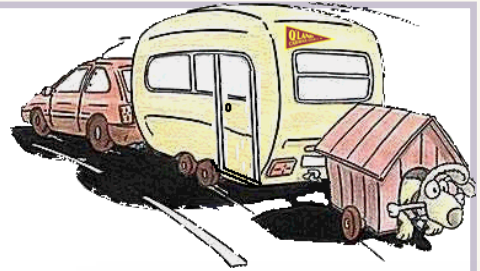
This edition of the QCC Wanderer will hit the newsstands early as I'm about to head-off to Texas, Inverell, Gloucester and Sydney on a bit of a caravanning sojourn and not returning until the end of the month. No time for 'QCC Wandering' while on the road, unfortunately. Maybe that should be 'fortunately'! Great to keep getting good feedback about the newsletter and also from the brief computer familiarisation session held at Mulgowie. Another is planned for Boonah, time permitting. The reason I chose Boonah is because George will have the projector and screen set up for his movie night which will allow me to slide-in and use it.

There are still some concerns with the odd member not receiving the Wanderer email. I don't quite know what to do about it. Please remember that you can get it direct from the QCC website. Lance.



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

- Dayboro, 29 May-04 June ~ Mini Drags (Ian Egan).
- Oakey, 10-16 July ~ High Fashion Ball (Kevin and Carol Day).
- Nambour, 07-15 August ~ Family Feud (Barbara Rutherford).
- Jandowae, 11-17 September ~ Muckers.



### QCC's contribution to the Beaudesert community:

- \* Site fees ~ **\$4,082.00.**
- \* Dining ~ **\$2,426.00.**
- \* General Expenses ~ **\$3,043.90.**
- \* Major ~ **Nil.** Takings: Raffles: \$247.00.
- \* Fuel ~ **Nil.** Library: \$17.85.
- \* **Total ~ \$9,551.90.**
- \* **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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## Boonah 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rally 01-07 May ....

70 years; what a milestone! Please read Wendy's 'QCC - Past, Present and Future' article commencing on Page 8.

To celebrate this milestone in the Club's history, the committee have put together a programme of non-stop activities to fill the entire long weekend. Unlike at Beaudesert, there will be no time for nana-napping at Boonah!

**Thursday** will comprise ladies golf in the afternoon followed by a pub dinner in the evening for those desirous in attending. Thursday evening pub dinners are proving to be quite popular.

**Friday** will include the usual golf, sewing and art classes, lawn bowls, happy hour and the customary pub dinner in the evening.

**Saturday** the party atmosphere will continue to escalate where the programme will liven-up with the continuation of Michael's art class followed by a club-subsidised lunch of hamburgers, chips and salad on the side. The lunch will be combined with a multitude of party games, party hat/costumes and prizes and overseen by Yvonne Robbins. Playing in the background will be recorded music from the late 40's.

At 1:00pm or thereabouts, Ray Caddies will be taking interested members on a tour of the Flying Tigers Aero Club. More information on this at the Saturday morning meeting.

In the evening, commencing at 7:30pm, members will be entertained by local singers with members being encouraged to sing-a-long. Definitely not to be missed. Country gear. Tea and coffee.

**Sunday.** No meeting on Sunday, but at 10:00am, there will be an anniversary morning tea and members are asked to bring a 'loaded' plate. A feature of the morning tea will be the cutting of the birthday cake. "Who will be cutting the cake?" you might ask. Not the editor, that's for sure! The cake cutters will be announced on the day.

Singles disc bowls commencing at 1:00pm with Barry Gibson. Barry has asked for assistance to set-up, and in addition, he requests gazebos for shade. Then at 4:00pm, a combined happy hour will commence.

In the evening, commencing at 7:00pm, will be a brief overview of navigating the Club's website (by Lance Haslewood), and if time permits, a brief look at Facebook. At 7:30pm, George Lacey will be running his ever-popular movie night. Throwing of Jaffas will not be tolerated. Fantales are better! Tea and coffee available.

**Monday.** 'Wind-down day'. Financials at 9:00am followed by a brief meeting. Afterwards members are asked to sweep the hall and tidy-up.

Phew! Want a weekend. Will have to take a week off to get over it all!



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## Did You Know ....

- It is physically impossible for you to lick your elbow.
- Like fingerprints, everyone's tongue print is different.
- Your heart beats over 100,000 times a day.
- It takes approximately 12 hours for food to entirely digest.
- A sneeze travels out your mouth at over 160 km/h.
- The tongue is the strongest muscle in the human body.
- Guinness Book of Records holds the record for being the book most often stolen from public libraries.
- A giraffe can clean its own ears with its 21-inch tongue.
- A group of pugs is called a grumble.
- Australia is the world's 6<sup>th</sup> largest country by area.
- The name Australia derives from Latin 'australis' meaning 'southern', and dates back to 2<sup>nd</sup> century legends of an 'unknown southern land' (that is Terra Australis Incognita). The explorer Matthew Flinders named the land Terra Australis, which was later abbreviated to the current form.



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 Inserts: George Lacey (Committee), Jeff Cochrane (Assistant Treasurer).



Incoming President, Paul Brearley with outgoing President, John Carroll (right)

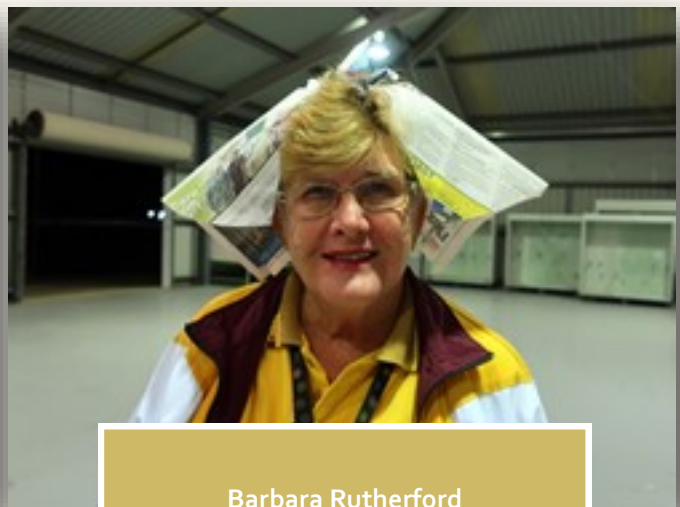


50 rally presentation to Carolyn and Merv Kahler with President John.

Easter Bonnet Parade



Alf Hinson and Laurel Adams



Barbara Rutherford





Tamia



Dianne Hogan



Di Brearley



Linda Jones



Craft Girls: Di Brearley, Denise Park, Judith Graham, Carmel Abraham, Desley Hinson and Pat Gower

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



*Celebrations are in order ....*



Robyn Langley, 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration



Bert Beker, 77<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration



Doug and Dorcas Burt  
55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary



Ann and Patrick Hetherman  
58<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

*Games night and Easter Bonnet making ....*

