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**Dayboro/Oakey**



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**President's Report ...** Di and I arrived midday on Wednesday to help set-up; beautiful weather but just a little cool. Dennis Edney and myself had to sort-out a few things with the caretaker (Bob), but when all done, Bob could not have been more helpful.

Dayboro showground is an excellent site with the best amenities block you will find anywhere. Its hall was perfect for our needs. In addition, the showground is located within an easy walk to town. We had 12 member vans stay. I decided to go to the pub for dinner, so nine of us parked at the back of the pub went in. There was a nice warm fire going but the bad news was no meals on Wednesdays. Was told that the restaurant down the road is good, so down we walked. Checked-out the specials board then told sorry booked-out so back up the road to the fish 'n chip shop. But must say the food was excellent. Best fish 'n chips in town! Then back to the pub to stand around the fire.

#### **Thursday:**

Woke-up to five degrees. In the van a bit cool. Cuddles needed! Thanks to David and Helen Judge who brought over power boxes so Dennis could put vans into the middle of the oval. Another 18 vans arrived. Happy hour did finish a little early due to the chilly weather. More cuddles needed!

#### **Friday:**

Steve Langley organised a golf chipping competition which was well supported and a lot of fun. Well done to everyone involved.

**Bowls:** Ray MacDonald had 15 members playing lawn bowls. Great to see this sport is growing within the club and it is a lot of fun. Please advise if you wish to play as all members (ladies and gents) are most welcome.

**Sewing:** 18 Members attended the sewing class with Di Brearley showing how to make bread roll holders. And Michael Burdette holding his art classes.

#### **Saturday:**

**Club Meeting:** Induction of new members Jan and Ross Munro. Hope you both have many happy years with us.

Di had the sewing ladies display their sewing which was a bread roll holder. Well done ladies. Mini drags practice in the afternoon with final check and registration of cars. **Happy Hour:** Committee members hosted small groups who were randomly picked. So far all reports were very positive. Let me know what you think.

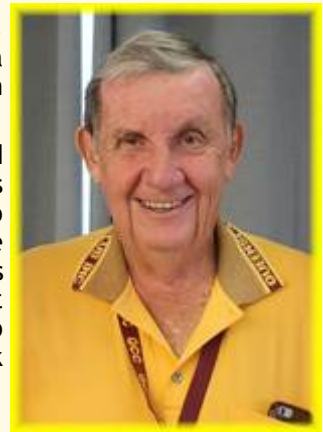
**Mini Drags:** What a fun night we had with so many members participating. There were protesters who seemed very serious. A judge hit by one of the speeding cars so lucky we had a ambulance man and a nurse quickly to the scene. Amputation was thought likely but they managed to save his leg. At great expense, the club managed to secure the STIG for an appearance. Thank you to the many members who gave up their time to make this a fun and memorable night.

#### **Sunday:**

**Meeting:** Had 58 Vans to the rally. Thank you to Kevin Day and all who are now helping with the library; to our conveners Ray and Gail Caddies; our sunshine lady Pam McDonald; Roy and Carmel Bridges for the CDs and Bob Rutherford for looking after the flags; Noelene Jarrett for the spending sheet; Carmel Abraham and Denise Sheehan doing the raffles and many more who All VOLUNTEER their time to help our Club. Thank you to everyone who assists including those who clean-up and stack and stow the chairs in the hall. We had 27 vans stay overnight after a fun happy hour with disc bowls and Peter Versace with his guitar and leading his group singing with him. What a top day.

A special mention of 'behind-the-scene-helper' this month is Kevin Day. You need to try to stay beside him at any rally to understand how much work he does. Kevin always puts his hand up for any job and normally has it done before you can turn around. Kevin is a long time and a very passionate member of our club and has helped to make this club so special. Thank you Kevin.

President Paul.



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

**Route 1** – From Brisbane. Follow the Ipswich Motorway and then the Warrego Highway (A2) to Toowoomba. Continue along the A2 for approximately 25km and turn right onto Toowoomba Road which continues into Campbell Street, Oakey. At the end of Campbell Street, veer left into Bridge Street and continue for approximately 350 metres after which turn right into Davidson Street crossing the railway line. After crossing the railway line, follow Davidson Street to the left. At approximately 300 metres, turn right onto the Oakey-Cooyar Road and follow for a short distance then turn left into Showgrounds Road. The entrance to the showgrounds is on the left.

**Route 2** – From Brisbane North: Follow the D'Aguilar Highway to Yarraman, turning left onto the New England Highway. Follow for approximately 30km and turn right onto the Oakey-Cooyar Road and follow through to Oakey a distance of approximately 55km. The showground/racecourse will be on the right on entering Oakey. Turn right into Showgrounds Road. The entrance to the showgrounds is on the left.

**Nearest Hospital: Oakey Hospital - 2A Fitzpatrick St, Oakey. Emergency 24 hours. Phone. 07 4691 4888.**

**Nearest Doctor / Medical Centre: Cherry Street Medical Centre, 5 Cherry Street Street, Oakey. Phone: 07 4691 1750. Open Monday-Friday from 8:00am-5:00pm. Saturday 8:30am to 12:30pm. Closed Sundays.**

**Venue Address: Showgrounds Road, Oakey. 4401.**

**Nearest Cross-Street: Showgrounds Road and Oakey-Cooyar Road.**

**Emergency: 000.**



Club equipment required:	First aid kit, fire extinguisher, banner, flags and flagpoles.	
Special needs, requirements or notifications.	<b>DUMP POINT.</b> The Oakey Council dump point is located at the corner of York and Lorrimer Streets (free). Approximately 2.5km from showground.	
GPS Coordinates:	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.	
Lat: 27°41'87"S	<u>Arriving late or cannot attend!</u> Please let the rally marshal know.	
Long: 151°71'08"E	<u>Leaving early!</u> Be considerate to others when disconnecting from the water line. <b><i>Please do not drive over power leads or hoses.</i></b>	
Pets:	Permitted.	Dogs must be on a leash. Please pick-up after your pet.
Fees:	Per van, per night:	\$20.00.
	Administration fee:	\$3.00.
	Hall hire:	\$3.00.
	Waste removal.	\$3.00.

Long power leads and hoses.  
Arrive with full water tanks.  
No dump point on site.

**A Little about Oakey ....** Oakey is a rural town in the Darling Downs region and is situated 160 kilometres west of Brisbane and 29 kilometres north-west of Toowoomba. Oakey has one of those unintentionally funny town names. It was, reputedly named after the river oaks on the banks of Oakey Creek. Oakey is noted for two things: it was the home of Bernborough, one of Australia's most famous racehorses of the mid-1940s, and, just outside town, the Australian Army Flying Museum.



Prior to European settlement, the area around Jondaryan was occupied by members of the Barunggam aboriginal people. Oakey was first settled in the early 1840s when pastoralists moved into the area and claimed large areas of land for grazing. In 1859, the Jondaryan Woolshed was established in the area, and in 1867, the railway reached the district and a settlement grew-up around it.

The Oakey Post Office was opened in 1869, and in 1871, one daring entrepreneur opened a short-lived meatworks near the town. The plan was to tin and export kangaroo and wallaby meats under the dubious marketing name of 'Australian Game'. The enterprise was unsuccessful and closed down in 1876.

The town's moment of glory came with the birth of Bernborough at Rosalie Plains in 1939. For his first four years Bernborough was restricted to racing in the local area and became something of a legend on the tracks around Toowoomba. In 1945, Bernborough was sold to the well-known Sydney restaurateur, Azzalin Romano, who bought him for 2,600 guineas. Bernborough died in the USA in 1960.

During World War II, an air base was established to the north of the town. At its peak the base housed 2,000 airman. Today Oakey is a prosperous service centre.

### Dayboro Saturday Night Mini Drags ....

Varoom! Varoom!



**W**ell, what a night it was. You didn't know what was happening until it happened and then thought, "What just happened?" The night started with the march-in of the crew running the show. We then stood to attention singing 'Advance Australia Fair', just like they do with the big cars.



Grand winner Peter Versace (left) with President Paul Brearley.

Then - "Let the races begin." The 68 entrants lined-up six at a time to run their race. With the loser of each race exiting the comp, the number of entrants left in the field were very quickly reduced.

To ease the pain of losing, our lollipop lady, Yvonne Robbins, handed a lolly to the loser of each race. Every time I saw Yvonne she seemed to be munching on a lolly - how many races did she lose?

The evening was interrupted by three very noisy protestors, Di Brearley, Barbara Rutherford and Richard Van Wyk, waving their placards. Protest indeed! They were threatened with being evicted from the hall and they almost calmed down after that.

Have you ever watched the British TV show 'Top Gear'? Well, we were visited by 'The Stig', the resident racing specialist on this show.

Finish Judge, Dennis Edney, had a fit (I think it was a fit) falling-down on the floor. He was quickly attended to by track doctor (Michael Drought) with his nurse (Linda Reedy), who decided that what he needed was an

enema. Their diagnosis must have been correct, because talking about an enema seemed to fix the problem rather quickly!!

Throughout the evening we listened to Integrity Judge, Jim Holt, in awe and amazement as he made sure that all actions were above board (or is that above catching-out?).

Then we came to the final, which was the best of three races. Grand



Runner-Up, Stewie Hornibrook (left) with President Paul Brearley.

winner was Peter Versace, who was awarded his trophy by President Paul Brearley, who also awarded the trophy to runner-up Stewie Hornibrook. And last, but not least, our first lady Di Brearley awarded the trophy to the fastest lady, Lesley Siffleet.



Fastest lady driver, Lesley Siffleet (left) with First Lady, Di Brearley.

This report cannot be finished without thanking all the crew of the night, who all played their part to make it a great night - Scorers: Barbara Cook and Carmel Abraham, Start Marshal: Des McLeod, Line-Up Marshal: Roger Adams, Announcer John Carroll, Starters Denise & Terry Park, Finish Judges Michael Burdette, Dennis Edney & Richard Van Wyk, Integrity Judge: Jim Holt, Doctor: Michael Drought, Nurse: Linda Reedy, Protestors: Di Brearley, Barbara Rutherford and Richard Van Wyk, The Stig: Stewie Hornibrook and Lollipop Lady: Yvonne Robbins. Varoom! Varoom!

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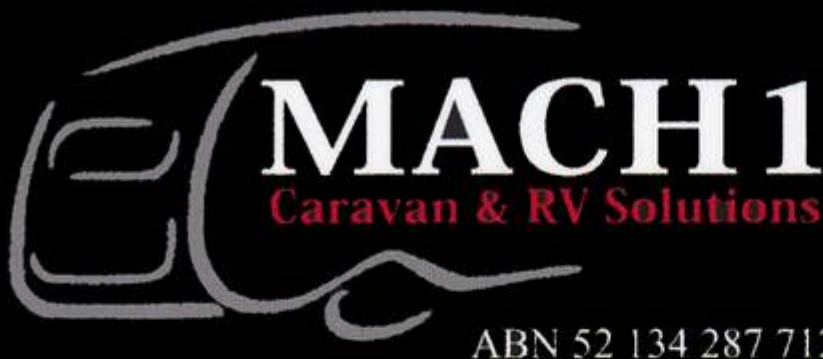
*Please check the QCC website for a complete complement of Dayboro photographs*

**Freebie Site Information from Patrick Hetherman ...** *(the man from Kobble Creek).*

Weengallon Rest Area. (Lat: 28°21'29" S Long: 149°3'17" E). Site 678 in Camps Australia Issue No 8. Weengallon is a tiny dot on the map between St George and Goondiwindi, near Queensland's border with New South Wales. It is located 133 kilometres west of Goondiwindi along the Barwon Highway. Basic site, flat and spacious with good facilities (toilets). Nothing much else. Limit of 20 hour stay. The town has a population of 117 people and is best known for its annual Pink Ladies Day which is held in August each year. The event began 17 years ago as a kindy fundraiser.



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## Member Profile ~ Jan and Ross Munro ....

**J**an and I are pleased to be members of the Queensland Caravan Club, having been encouraged to join by Kevin and Carol Day. Kevin and I went to high school together and so have been good friends for decades.

Jan and I married in 1971 and have two children and four grandchildren. We are very proud of all of them and their achievements.

Camping for us as a family began when our children were quite small and it pleases us immensely that they have encouraged their children to enjoy the great outdoors.

I spent my teaching career in Brisbane, mostly as Teacher in Charge of Somerset Hills Special Education Unit. Jan, as a speech pathologist, became the Speech Pathologist in Charge for the Education Department and worked later in private practice, specialising in paediatrics.

1993 was a very special year for us when I was given a posting to London on the teacher exchange program. I worked at a school for autistic children. The year provided many opportunities to travel and we bought a 20+ year-old Kombi with the \*Westfalia conversion. We travelled in this faithful vehicle throughout the UK and Europe on weekends and holidays.

Our camping experiences have included tenting, campertrailer and small motorhoming. Now we are enjoying the Avan which we purchased last year.

Having spent our working lives in Brisbane, Jan and I now live on the Blackall Range between Montville and Maleny. Our small acreage of old macadamia trees keeps us busy.

Travels for short periods since we retired, have been focused on music festivals at Townsville, Sydney, Glen Innes, Yass and Wangaratta. Various visits to Canberra, a Wooden Boat Show in Hobart and a trip to Western Australia have been some other highlights of our travels in recent years. We are looking forward to travelling to the National Rally in WA later in the year.

Thank you, club members, for welcoming us into the fold. We look forward to enjoying many more rallies together.

Ross and Jan Munro

\*Westfalia is the designation of various specially converted Volkswagen camper vans. It is named after Westfalia-Werke, the contractor that built the vans, which is headquartered in the town of Rheda-Wiedenbrück, located in the Westphalia region of Germany.



**Planning on attending the Standown Park rally in October? If so, it will be necessary for you to make your own booking. Call Standown Park on 07 5486 5144.**

**Rally Program for Oakey ....**

Thursday 11 July	6:30am. 6:00pm	Walkers. Pub Dinner (own arrangements).
Friday 12 July	6:30am. 07:00am. 10:30am. 11:00am. 1:00pm. 2:30pm. 3:00pm. 4:00pm 6:30pm.	Walkers. Golf. Art classes. (Sue Baker). P14. Management committee meeting. Sewing class. Denise Park. Lawn Bowls. (Ray MacDonald). Line Dancing. Happy hour. Dinner (RSL Club). First bus pick-up at 5:20pm. \$16.00 per head. P13.
Saturday 13 July	6:30am. 9:00am. 9:30am. 11:00am. 1:15pm. 2:00pm.  4:00pm. 6:00pm. 7:00pm.	Walkers. Morning tea. Meeting (followed by General Meeting). P10. Guest Speaker Stroke Foundation. Australian Army Flying Museum. \$8.00pp. P14. A talk with power point presentation about the space and moon shots. Patrick Hetherman. Happy hour. Dinner (own arrangements). High Fashion Op-Shop Ball. P13.
Sunday 14 July	6:30am. 9:00am. 9:30pm. 2:00pm 4:00pm. 6:00pm.	Walkers. Pay Treasurer. Meeting. Nana-Nap. Happy hour. Dinner. (own arrangements).

**IMPORTANT**

⇒ Remember to check the rally noticeboard for any last minute changes to the published programme.  
 ⇒ Entrance to the show-ground is via Showgrounds Road.  
 ⇒ Remember to sign the attendance book as soon as possible after arrival.  
 ⇒ Remember to bring long power leads and hoses and to ensure that your van's water tanks are full on arrival. And that the dump point is located at the corner of York and Lorrimer Streets; a distance of about 2.5km from the showgrounds.

⇒ 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.

**2019/2020 QCC Rally Calendar ....**

Jul 10-16 Oakey Showground. (General Meeting).  
 Aug 07-15 Nambour Showground.  
 Sep 11-17 Jandowae Showground.  
 Oct 09-15 Standown Park (Goomboorian). Page 6.  
 Oct 14-22 National Caravan Rally, Albany, WA.  
 Nov 06-12 Kilcoy Showground.  
 Dec 04-10 Laidley Showground. (Xmas Rally).  
 Jan 08-14 Blackbutt Showground.

Feb 05-11 Crows Nest. (Auction).  
 Mar 11-17 Killarney Showground.  
 Apr 08-14 Pine Rivers (Easter and AGM).  
 Apr 29-05 May. Pittsworth.  
 Jun 10-16 Samford.  
 July ....  
 August ....  
 September ....

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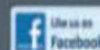
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**A** sultry day didn't dampen the enthusiasm of members who turned-up en masse to attend the Queensland Caravan Clubs 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon held at the Summit Restaurant, Mt Coot-tha on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June. 89 in attendance who enjoyed a casual, social get together, combined with a splendid lunch comprising Black Angus Steak, Floured Chicken Breast or Huon Salmon. The highlight of the event was the cutting of the birthday cake by President Paul Brearley and wife Di.

Carol Day and Gwen Egen were instrumental in putting it all together which included making souvenir place mats which everybody received. The place mats not only looked decorative, but were colour-coded to align with the member's menu choice enabling restaurant staff to easily identify individuals' meals. Congratulations Carol and Gwen, and others, for a superb function.



QCC member, Patrick Hetherman, will be giving a PowerPoint presentation at the Oakey rally on Saturday afternoon commencing at 2:00pm. The presentation will highlight Patrick's experiences while working at the Cooby Creek Tracking Station which was involved in the moon landing of 21 June 1969. Cooby Creek, which was located 23 kilometres north of Toowoomba, provided a vital link by relaying communications between NASA and the moon mission. The station was built in 1966 to support NASA's Application Technology Satellite Program and was a part of the Spacecraft Tracking and Data Acquisition Network. It had approximately 100 electronic/electrical technical staff and 50 support (diesel mechanical and other) personnel; an average 'space operation' involved approximately 100 staff. The station was self-powered by four jet turbines and most likely held the first computer in Queensland. The station ran on the American 115VAC system, not the Australian 240VAC system. A 12-metre (40-foot) parabolic antenna was used to receive and transmit information to geostationary satellites. The Cooby Creek Tracking Station closed in 1970.





 *Happy Birthday to you for July 2019* 

02 Judith Graham  
02 Pam MacDonald  
03 Desley Hinson  
05 Marina Bruno  
05 Carl Godwin  
07 Lynne Pomroy  
09 Barbara Rutherford  
11 Shirley Sneddon

14 Gayle Skinner  
15 Lyn Hill  
16 Ann Dobe  
17 Greg Sneddon  
17 Laurel Adams  
19 Gloria Bamberry  
22 Lance Haslewood  
23 Bev McDowell

23 Jenny McLeod  
24 Jan Darr  
25 Gail Lander  
25 Noel Jones  
26 Bob Kearney  
29 Peter Johnston  
29 Pam Robson-Petch  
30 Merv Kahler

 *Happy Anniversary to you for July 2019* 

08 Robyn and Steve Langley  
13 Karen and Lance Haslewood  
21 Denise and Bill Waycott  
21 Margaret and Stan Thomas  
21 Carol and Gus Fraser  
27 Gail and Ray Caddies

### 58 Vans @ Dayboro ....

- \* **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
- \* **BUZZA**, Les and Lyn.
- \* **CADDIES**, Ray and Gail.
- \* **CARROLL**, John and Jenny.
- \* **CHAPMAN**, Ken and **DARR** Jan.
- \* **CHESNEY**, Neil and Marie.
- \* **COCHRANE**, Jeff and Jean.
- \* **COOK**, Merv and Barbara.
- \* **DAY**, Kevin and Carol.
- \* **DONALDSON**, Janelle.
- \* **DROUGHT**, Michael and **REEDY**, Linda.
- \* **EDNEY**, Dennis and Heather.
- \* **FITZGIBBON**, Colin.
- \* **GAWEN**, Peter.
- \* **GIBSON**, Barry and Wendy.
- \* **GODWIN**, Carl and Lorraine LOWCOCK.
- \* **GOWER**, Kevin and Pat.
- \* **GREEN**, Rod and Janet.
- \* **HASLEWOOD**, Lance.
- \* **HENRY**, Rick and Cheryl.
- \* **HILLS**, Wayne and Vicki
- \* **HINSON**, Alf and Desley.
- \* **HOLT**, Jim and Minnie.
- \* **ISON**, Gordon.
- \* **JACOBSON**, Lionel and Mary.
- \* **JARRETT**, Gary and Noleen.
- \* **KAHLER**, Merv and Carolyn.
- \* **LACEY**, George and Yvonne.
- \* **LANGLEY**, Steve and Robyn.
- \* **MACDONALD**, Ray and Pam.
- \* **MARSHALL**, Steve and Lesley.
- \* **MCLEOD**, Des and Jenny.
- \* **METCALFE**, Rodney and Mary.
- \* **MIERS**, John and Jan.
- \* **MUNRO**, Ross and Jan.
- \* **PARK**, Terry and Denise.
- \* **RIDER**, John.
- \* **ROBBINS**, Yvonne.
- \* **RUTHERFORD**, Bob and Barbara.
- \* **SAVAGE**, Adrian and Ann.
- \* **SHEEHAN**, Brian and Denise.
- \* **SHEEHAN**, Graham and Shirley.
- \* **SMITH**, Tom and Jacky.
- \* **STEELE**, Ray and Jan.
- \* **STEPHENSON**, Tony and Sue.
- \* **STOCKER**, Eddie and Sylvia.
- \* **TEBBIT**, Bob and Marilyn.
- \* **THORPE**, Jim and Sue.
- \* **VAN WYK**, Richard and Linda.
- \* **VERSACE**, Peter and Nerida.
- \* **WALKER**, Ted and Fay.
- \* **WAYCOTT**, Bill and Denise.

### Queensland Caravan Club welcomed the following:

Guests: Steve and Lesley Marshall from Victoria (guests of Michael Burdette and Lesley Siffleet).

Day Visitors: Noel and Olive Jones, Ann and Patrick Hetherman, Kem and Bev McDowall, Helen and David Judge and Stewart and Helen Hornibrook.

Apologies: Paul and Marina Bruno, Doug and Dorcas Burt, Ian and Gwen Egen, Karen Haslewood, Kerry and Di-anne Hogan, Rod Stegeman and Margaret Hiller, Shane and Linda Jones, Daryl Kayes, Gail and Barry Lander, Harold and Bev Liley, Del and Phil Lowe, Murray and Jenni McGowan, Tony and Lynne Pomroy, Les and Brenda Usher.

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**A** reminder to members that there will be a general meeting held immediately following the standard Saturday morning meeting at Oakey. At the general meeting, Special Resolution amendments of the QCC Rules will be presented to members for discussion, moving and voting upon.

The Special Resolution amendments have previously been emailed to members to enable familiarisation prior to the general meeting.



Lucky Dayboro Raffle and Lucky Van Draw Winners ...

- 1<sup>st</sup> \$50 Coles/Meyer Gift Voucher, donated by QCC ~ Gordon Ison.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Coffee cups/biscuits and chocolates ~ Lorraine Lowcock.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Book on railway disasters ~ Beres Abraham.
- Lucky van draw winners ~ Ross and Jan Munro - John and Jan Miers.



*Dayboro Golf Chipping ....*

RESULTS:

Gents:

Short Pin: Kev Gower.  
Long Pin: Richard 'Tiger' Van Wyk.

Ladies:

Short Pin: Minnie Holt.  
Long Pin: Jean Cochrane.



*Golf at Oakey is scheduled for 7:00am on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July.*

*Take your beanies and gloves as they will probably be needed.*

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*From the Editor ....* Quite a gap between the Dayboro rally and the Oakey rally which gave me a bit of breathing space this month. Apologies for me not being around for much of the Dayboro rally as I had other commitments to attend to on Sunday and therefore I had to depart on Saturday.

Many thanks to Wendy who provided me with imagery from the Saturday night mini-drags. Remember that rally photographs may be found on the club's website as well as on Facebook. Lance.



### What do you know about gold? What is 'true' or 'pure' gold?

Pure gold is too soft to be used for jewellery so it is usually alloyed with copper, silver, nickel, platinum or some other metal to give it strength or durability. Adding these metals to gold can give the gold a rose, green or white hue.

Gold is measured in 'karat' weights. Some typical karats are:

24 karat = 100 percent gold.

18 karat = 75 percent gold.

14 karat = 58.5 percent gold.

10 karat = 41.6 percent gold.

The higher the karat weight, the more valuable the jewellery. Generally, jewellery must be at least 10 karats to be classed as gold. According to law in some countries, all gold jewellery must be marked with the karat weight. This mark is usually on the inside of rings and on the clasps of necklaces or bracelets.

A word of warning. In Mexico, it is legal to call an item gold if it is at least eight karats.

### Did you know ....

- It is easier to find gold than to win a state lottery.
- It is rarer to find a one-ounce gold nugget than a five-karat diamond.
- About three tonnes of ore must be mined and processed to produce a single ounce of gold.
- One cubic foot of pure gold weighs 1,000lbs (2,2046kg).
- Gold is extremely malleable and can be hammered or rolled into sheets so thin that a one-inch stack of sheets would require 200,000 sheets of gold. A single ounce of gold can be rolled into a sheet covering 100 square feet.
- Gold will not tarnish, corrode or rust. Gold-leaf church towers hundreds of years old still shine as if they were new. The mask of the Egyptian pharaoh, Tutankhamem, was still bright and shiny when found even though it was about 4,000 years old. (Did you know that King Tutankhamem was a 'mummy's boy'? Ha ha!
- If all of the gold in the entire world were compressed into a single cube, it could easily be placed under the Eiffel Tower. It would form a cube of about 20 yards on each side.



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

Oakey, 10-16 July ~ (1) RSL Club Dinner Friday evening. Courtesy bus provided.

(2) Australian Army Flying Museum Saturday afternoon. (3) High Fashion Op Shop Ball (Carol and Kevin Day). Complimentary soup served. Cups provided.

Nambour, 07-15 August ~ (1) Mixed Disc Bowls (Barry Gibson). (2) Family Feud (Barbara Rutherford). (4) All leads must be tested and tagged for Nambour.

Jandowae, 11-17 September ~ Mockers (Patrick Hetherman).



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

- \* Site fees ~ \$2,995.00.
- \* Dining ~ \$1,675.00.
- \* General Expenses ~ \$2,270.00.
- \* Fuel ~ \$1,976.00.
- \* Total ~ \$8,976.00.



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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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**Did You Know?** Many scientists believe that cats have a very complex language. In addition, each cat has a unique voice. Not only does pitch and loudness vary among cats, different cats even pronounce vowels differently. Although dogs can produce 10 different vocal sounds, a cat can produce almost 100 different sounds.



## Happenings at the Oakey Rally ....

A reminder that at the July Oakey rally, QCC will be having a dance. The theme of the dance will be that of an 'Op-shop Ball'. The idea is that members acquire their dance outfits from an Op-shop or similar source. Price tags **MUST** remain on the garments as there will be prizes for the best outfits under \$10.00 and \$20.00. There is plenty of time to go through numerous Op-shops to find that special outfit. Good hunting.



Oakey RSL has offered to put-on a Friday night group meal for QCC members at a moderately-priced sum of \$16.00 per head. Courtesy bus provided; first pick-up at 5:20pm. Those planning on attending the RSL and have not already notified Roger Adams, must do so by COB Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July as final numbers are required by the RSL the following day. Roger's contact details are: Ph: 0490 854 721 or Email: rogera2810@gmail.com.



To those who have endured ill health, hospitalisation, the passing of a loved one, birth of a grandchild or misfortune; the very best wishes to you all. We are thinking of you.

'Cheryl Henry, Olive Jones, Ann and Patrick Hetherman, Jim Holt, Gordon Baker, Trevor Bromley, Ray Steele and Trevor Martin.'

Colds, and flu are a plenty at the moment. Trust that members are managing to steer clear of both.

Apologies to anyone overlooked.

### Craft Project for Oakey

#### 'Non-Slip Sewing Machine Foot Pedal Pad'

##### Material Requirements:

- ⇒ 2 x 11 inches x 6 inches of non-slip spongy material.
- ⇒ 1 x 9 inches x 5 inches of scrap fabric for roll front.
- ⇒ 1 x 40 inches x 3 inches material cut for binding ironed in half so ends-up 1 1/2 inches wide.
- ⇒ Sewing machine, cotton, scissors and pins. Scraps of wadding for roll supplied.



#### 'Cathedral Windows Hand Sewing'

##### To make one 5 inch square you will need:

- ⇒ Black homespun. Enough fabric to make a 8 inch circle.
- ⇒ Coloured fabric 5 inch square with 5 inches of iron-on pelion ironed on back.
- ⇒ Needle for hand sewing (with large eye) and cotton (white crochet cotton to do decorative tacking).



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The Oakey district has the unenviable reputation of being one of the coldest regions in Queensland. To add warmth to the internals of QCC members at the Oakey rally Saturday evening High Fashion Op-Shop Ball, the Club will be providing complimentary soup, made by, and served by our hard-working and conscientious convenors, Ray and Gail Caddies. Soup cups will be provided.



In the absence of Michael Burdette who is caravanning around this great country of ours, the art class (Friday 10:30am) will be conducted by Sue Baker. Sue will be presenting an introduction to pastels, therefore artists will need to acquire a Montmarte pastel pad (A5) and also a set of soft pastels; also Montmarte. These are available at art shops or at most cheapie shops. Perhaps also bring some wet wipes as hands can become a tad dusty from the pastel sticks.



## Australian Army Flying Museum Oakey



A brief background on the Australian Army Flying Museum for those intending to visit it on Saturday (1:15pm). The Museum is located on the eastern side of the Oakey Army Aviation Centre and has vast collection of aircraft and related memorabilia from all eras of Australian military flying. See innovations required to survive in the theater of war, and the advancements in aviation technology across time. The memorabilia room houses an array of smaller items of a more personal nature, carried and used by Australia's soldiers and airmen throughout their service in numerous conflicts around the globe.

Restoration and maintenance of the exhibits is a credit to those people who volunteer their time to man the museum. Aircraft on display is covered from the early 1900's to today from fixed-wing to helicopters.

The Army Aviation Centre was originally constructed in 1943 by the Royal Australian Air Force and known as RAAF Base Oakey as a training facility for No 6 Aircraft Depot and overflow aircraft maintenance depot for RAAF Base Amberley. It was later to store surplus aircraft after the war.

On 1 July 1968, the Australian Army Aviation Corps was formed with the Department of Civil Aviation aerodrome at Oakey transferred to Army control on 1 July 1969. During the period up to the early 1990s, aircraft types operating from the base included Bell OH-58 Kiowa, Bell UH-1 Iroquois, Sikorsky S-70A-9 Blackhawk, Pilatus Porter, and GAF Nomad. Blackhawk, Tiger and Chinook helicopters conduct aerial operations from the Oakey Army Aviation Centre in recent times.



Newest members Jan and Ross Munro with President Paul Brearley.



Sewing ladies, Pat Gower, Pat Barr, Carmel Abraham, Desley Hinson and Di Brearley.



Paul Brearley's display of collectibles Mini-Drags.



Stew Hornibrook, Des McLeod and Carol Day sending their cars down the track.



Greenies .... they are everywhere!



Medics Richard Drought and Linda Reedy awaiting the inevitable.



'Medics in action'. Linda Reedy and Michael Drought attend to finish judge, Dennis Edney, who collapsed with stress due to a rigorous event.



Starters, Denise and Terry Park.



Finish Judges, Richard Van Wyk and Michael Burdette.



Scorers, Barbara Cook and Carmel Abraham.



Members in serious contemplation.



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