



QCC Wanderer - Oakey/Nambour Edition

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President's Report

W ow what a fantastic rally we all had at Oakey so good to catch-up with all our members.

WEDNESDAY

Di and I arrived early on Wednesday morning to learn a little from our rally marshal Dennis Edney on how to organise caravan sites at a rally. We had 14 vans arrive that day.

<u>THURSDAY</u>

Woke-up to a very cold morning, but a busy day for our marshals finding spots for another 40 vans which arrived. The wind picked-up during the day which made conditions somewhat uncomfortable. Many members did not put their van's awnings out due to the blustery conditions.

<u>FRIDAY</u>

We had 16 men and two ladies who headed-off early for a game of golf with Daryl

Kays organising. There were 17 players who played lawn bowls with Roger Adams, and, should any member in the club wish to join ANY of the activities, or even tag along for just for a look, you would be most welcome; just ask.

Thank you Sue Baker for teaching the art class. Sharing your professional knowledge and your time was greatly appreciated by everybody. The sewing/craft class was led by Denise Park and how it has grown. I counted 22 ladies all of whom were busy participating and learning new skills.

The management committee had their monthly meeting and I would like to thank them all for their contribution and for their positive, constructive and helpful comments. Please remember the committee are all volunteers, and club members should appreciate the time, effort and work they put-in.

Myself, Kevin and Carol Day, Adrian Skinner and Ray Caddies met-up with members of the Toowoomba and Golden West Caravan Club to look at and to consider a venue for next years state rally. As you know, QCC will play an active role in the organisation and running of the state rally.

We had over 100 members attend the Oakey RSL for dinner specifically organised for QCC. It was served in very quick time and was most enjoyable comprising an alternate-drop of fish and pork with an abundant array of self-serve vegetables, salads and chips from two bain-maries.

Friday night saw a good crowd playing cards in the hall. A bit cold but we all had a ball.

SATURDAY

Morning tea then our club meeting followed by our general meeting. A few members had sore knees and legs from all the ups-and-downs voting. Recognition of guest speaker, Bob Waugh from the Stroke Foundation, who gave a presentation on strokes and what to look for in terms of symptoms and immediate treatment and care. Very important because you just never know! Thanks to Roger Adams for organising the visit to the Australian Army Flying Museum. I believe 30 members attended and also to Patrick Hetherman who did a marvelous presentation on the moon, planets and space. All members who reported back to me said it was most interesting. Thank you Patrick.

And the Op-Shop Ball was a huge success with most of our members attending dressed-up in their outfit bargains with Belle-Of-The-Ball award presented to Lynne Pomroy. What a enjoyable night.

<u>SUNDAY</u>

Morning tea and our club meeting. A total of 67 vans attended. Although a little cold, a wonderful rally with 16 vans staying for a sing-song and a fun night. The Sunday night gathering is getting bigger with everyone relaxing and enjoying themselves. Hope to see you all at Nambour. Wishing you safe travels and please stay healthy.

Paul Brearley, President.

Next Rally ~ Nambour (Showground), 07-15 August. Arrive no earlier than 12 midday, Wednesday 7 th August and leave no later than 10:00am Tuesday 15 th August.								
From Brisbane, follow the Bruce Highway then take Exit 208 on to the Nambour - Bli Bli Road. Travel about a kilometre in the direction of Nambour / Mapleton, turning left onto Coronation Avenue. Travel .4 of a kilometre then turn left into the Nambour Showgrounds. Continue for approximately 200 metres, then turn left into Sports Parade and follow around to Oval 3.								
 Nearest Hospital: Nambour General Hospital, Mapleton Road, Nambour. Emergency 24 hours. Phone. 07 5470 6600. Nearest Doctor / Medical Centre: Nambour Clinic Family Medicine, 6 Sydney Street, Nambour. Phone: 07 5441 1455. Open Monday-Friday from 8:00am-5:30pm. Saturday 8:00am-12:00 midday. Sunday 8:00am-10:00am. Venue Address: Coronation Avenue, Nambour. 4560. Nearest Cross-Street: Coronation Avenue, and Bli Bli Road, Nambour. 4560. Emergency: 000. 								
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Club equipment required:	First aid kit, fire extir							
Special needs, requirements or notifications. <u>GPS Coordinates:</u> Lat: 26°61'93"S	DUMP POINT. Bli Bli Road, Nambour at the sewage treatment plant. Operates 24/7. Turn left directly off the Bruce Highway roundabout, then immediately left. Only a short distance from the showgrounds. Well signposted.							
Long: 152°96'62"E	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.							
Arriving late or cannot attend! Please let the rally marshal know.								
	Leaving early! Be considerate to others when disconnecting from the water line. Please do not drive over power leads or hoses.							
Pets:	Permitted.	Dogs must be o	n a leash. Please pick-up after your pet.					
Fees:	Per van, per night:	\$17.00.	Power leads to be tested					
	Administration fee:	\$3.00.	and tagged.					
	Hall hire:	\$3.00.	und tagged.					

<u>A Little about Nambour</u> The town, which formed in the area around 1870, was initially known as Petrie's Creek. It was renamed Nambour in 1891 after a local aboriginal word (Naamba) which meant red flowering tea-tree (Callistemon viminalis). Nambour lies 101 kilometres north of Brisbane and is situated in the sub-tropical hinterland of the Sunshine Coast at the foot of the Blackall Range. It has a population of 11,187.

The main industry around Nambour is sugar growing. The Moreton Central Sugar Mill Company was formed in Nambour in 1894. The mill was built in 1895-96 and commenced operations in 1897. It drew an increasing number of mill and cane workers to Nambour and made it a centre of industry and business. It also brought the introduction of services such as a doctor, chemist and a solicitor. In 2002, the Moreton Central Sugar Mill closed and sugar transported to Bundaberg for refinement.

A major attraction in the area is the Big Pineapple which lies south of the town on a 56-acre plantation. It was opened 15th August 1971 but sold in 1981. In 1986 it was expanded to 165ha with the Big Pineapple being moved 15 metres to accommodate a new, expanded reception area. In 2009 it went into receivership and was closed due 2010. The Big Pineapple was reopened in 2017 under new management.



Another attraction in Nambour is the Nambour & District Historical Museum which is located at 18 Mitchell Street. Step back in time and experience life through the generations since the first settlers arrived in the area. The museum showcases the rich heritage of the local district, major industries such as sugar

Rally Program for Nambour

	5:30am 5:00pm	Walkers. Pub Dinner (own arrangement	:s).	IMPORTANT * Remember to check the	
09 Aug 0	5:30am)9:00am			rally noticeboard for any last minute changes to the published programme.	
1	L0:30am L1:00am L:00pm			* Entrance to the show- ground is via Coronation Avenue, Nambour.	
6	1:00pm 5:30pm 7:00pm	Happy hour. Dinner (own arrangements). Cards.		 Remember to sign the attendance book as soon as possible after arrival. 	
10 Aug 8 9 9 1	5:30am 3:00am 9:00am 9:30am 11:00am 11:00am	Walkers. Tai Chi (Lyn Hill). Morning tea. Meeting. iPad Familiarisation Presentation. Cautoria Nominations close for 'Pairs Disc Bowls'. P5. Games to be posted to noticeboard by 12:00. Pairs Disc Bowls. Happy hour (organised by Richard Van Wyk). Dinner (own arrangements). Family Feud (Barbara Rutherford).		* Remember that your power leads need to be tested and tagged. And that the dump point is located by turning immediately left after exiting the Bruce Highway Bli Bli exit roundabout. (Exit 208).	
4 6	L:00pm 4:00pm 5:00pm 7:00pm			* Have a UHF radio? If so, please give an inbound call (Ch 18) to the rally marshals so that your site	
11 Aug 8 9 9 2 4	5:30am 3:00am 9:00am 9:30pm 2:00pm 4:00pm 5:00pm	Walkers. Tai Chi (Lyn Hill). Pay Treasurer. Meeting. Nana-Nap. Happy hour. Dinner. (own arrangements).		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 Mar 11-17 Killarney Showground.					

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).

1-17 Killarney Showground. Apr 08-14 Pine Rivers (Easter and AGM). Apr 29-05 May. Pittsworth Jun 10-16 Samford. July ~ TBA. August ~ TBA. September ~ State Rally. October ~ TBA. November ~ TBA. December ~ TBA.



Those QCC members who have the urge to explore the surrounds of Nambour, there is quite a lot to see and do. Nambour is nestled between the hinterland and the beach. You will find small quirky shops and cafes dotting the main street. A visit to the region will have you admiring the Big Pineapple and mixing with the animals at Wildlife HQ. There you will find a whole range of animals, from native koalas and kangaroos (which are always favourites) to exotic animals like red pandas, meerkats and Queensland's only Asian sun bear, Maly.

Take a trip down memory lane and a refuel at Rick's Garage and Bar in Palmwoods. The walls and ceiling are plastered with old school posters and classic memorabilia and out the front visitors will find the real deal - with classic and vintage cars and bikes lining the

street on any given day. Rick's Garage is also renowned for its humongous hamburgers; more than just a mouthful! Nambour has a few good parks for walks, a barbie or a picnic. Petrie Park is smack-bang in the centre of town. Koala Park is a natural reserve for the preservation and protection of koalas. It is less than a five-minute drive from the centre of town and is located on Panorama Drive. Cilento Bushland Conservation Reserve is on Waterfall Road, immediately across from the Nambour Hospital on the Mapleton Road side. Quota Park on Matthew Street in town is also a war memorial, as well as, a themed garden with a green space (park) and a kids' playground.

Mapleton is just a 12-minute drive up the hill from Nambour affording splendid views along the way. Mapleton is generally a popular little town on weekends but well worth the drive. Perhaps continue-on to Flaxton and to Montville.

2019 QCC Open Pairs Disc Bowls Competition – Nambour

It's a pairs comp - a pair may comprise either two men, or two ladies, or a lady and a man.

If you've not played before, please still join in - someone will show you the ropes. Beginners do extraordinary well - you can win the perpetual trophy! But if you don't wish to play, we love to see spectators too (just bring your chair).

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

Times to remember are:

- Nominations to play close 11:00am on Saturday 10 Aug.
- Games will be posted on the Noticeboard by noon on Saturday 10th.
- · Games commence at 1:00pm on Saturday 10th.

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

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



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

'Dell Gray, Dell McNab. Graham Dukes, Bob Rutherford, Olive Jones, Trevor and Mavis Martin'.

Congratulations to proud grandparents Dennis and Heather Edney and Noel and Olive Jones. More Christmas and birthday presents to buy!

As advised by George at the Oakey rally, he will be taking orders for club jackets at Nambour.

> These jackets are especially made for QCC by a Caboolture firm and cannot be purchased commercially. Excellent quality, light-weight, durable and prominent. Stand-out in the crowd at any national or state rally or elsewhere in your quality club jacket. Don't be seen without one!! Moderately-priced at \$80.00 with payment upon ordering.

As George wants to finalise the jacket order at Nambour, he urges those requiring one to place their order with him at the rally. It may be some time before another order is submitted.

When ordering your jacket, it is important to know your size beforehand as there are not any samples to try-on apart from those already purchased by members.

Finally, and following delivery of your jacket, should a member require the QCC logo and his/her Christian name embroidered onto their jacket, please see Lance Haslewood. Both Lance and the Secretary have their jackets done. Check'm out!

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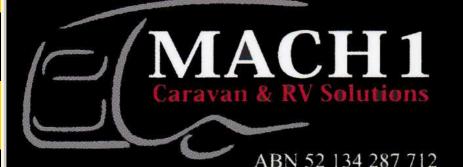
Freebie Site Information from Patrick Hetherman (the lad from Kobble Creek).

Westmar Rest Area. (Lat: 27°55'8" S Long: 149°43'5" E). Site 718 in Camps Australia Issue No 8. Westmar is 69 kilometres west of Moonie or 119km East of St George on the Moonie Highway and around 45 minutes drive west of Moonie. A great site with all facilities, toilets (including disabled), hot showers, water and plenty of flat space. Located next door is the Westmar Hotel with great counter meals and a small general store.

The Andersen brothers, owners of Western and Maranoa Transport companies, opened a fuel depot and rest stop at this location. The name Westmar was derived from the first part of the words WESTern and MARanoa.

The community's roadhouse offers everything from fuel and groceries to an evening meal and a cool beer; great to refresh and replenish on your journey. The community holds gymkhanas, sports days and movie nights. Southwood National Park lies further east along the Moonie Highway. Worth noting.





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Philip Hooper

Caboolture, 4510

Member Profile ~ Terry Coxall

was born at the Salvation Army Hospital in Marrickville, Sydney, on Saturday 2nd August 1952, to a dressmaker mother and owner-driver truckie father. I grew-up in the western suburbs of Sydney and commenced school at five years of age. When I was seven, I picked-up a tennis racket and started playing tennis and finally represented my high school in tennis. I played baseball from age 13 until I was 20 and represented NSW in the under 20's state championships.

Finishing high school at 16, I commenced a motor mechanic apprenticeship with Rowes Bus Service, now known as Busways. I went to Sydney TAFE full-time and finished my training at Granville TAFE where I gained my diesel mechanic and automotive engineering certificates.

My career as a diesel mechanic has had me working on cars, trucks, buses, trailers and machines, and anything with wheels or tracks. I was head mechanic at Budget Truck Rentals in Sydney, was working for NSW Railways on the on-track machines and travelling throughout NSW doing repairs in the field. This was when I bought my first caravan which I used for my accommodation.



Another opportunity had me selling new trucks for a truck dealer in Homebush where I was promoted to fleet sales manager. In this role, I looked after TNT Australia for their Isuzu trucks. Later, a major coach tourist operator employed me as its maintenance manager until 1999 then I moved to the Gold Coast where I again worked on buses and trucks. I joined the Gold Coast Veterans Tennis Club where I was fortunate to represent Queensland in under 60's men's national championships in Sydney.

I owned a half-cabin boat in Sydney and loved the waterways for fishing, but the waterways on Gold coast were no comparison so I was forced to sell my boat to man in Sydney; go figure!

An opportunity began for me at Riveria Boats as a pre-delivery engineer. Great job doing sea and speed trials but due to the global financial meltdown, I was forced to leave. Then employed by Queensland Transport and Main Roads carrying-out field service on trucks and machines in the greater Gold Coast area until made redundant by the Newman Government in December 2013. I finished my 51-year career with the Gold Coast Council and I am now a full-time Aussie pensioner and looking forward to doing more travelling. Safe travelling. Terry Coxall.

Craft Project for Nambour

'Go Cushion'

Material Requirements:

- \Rightarrow 1 x 5/½ inch x 23 inch fabric.
- \Rightarrow 6 x 2/½ inch x 20 inch (not the same fabric as the 5/½ inch) but a coordinating colour.
- \Rightarrow ½ meter of fabric for the back of the cushion.
- \Rightarrow 20 inches of Velcro for the opening of the cushion at the back.
- \Rightarrow Sewing machine, cotton, scissors and pins.
- \Rightarrow I x box of Johnson & Johnson band-aids and suture kit.

With the Laidley Christmas rally on the horizon and many QCC members headingoff to Albany for the National Rally and places beyond, it is advised that the cost of the Christmas function meal to members is \$10.00 per person. Those wishing to pay in the lead-up to the Laidley rally may do so commencing from the upcoming Nambour rally and onwards. Please see the Treasurer.

Planning on attending the Standown Park rally in October? If so, it will be necessary for you to make your own booking. No deposit required. Call Pam at Standown Park on 07 5486 5144. \$20.00 powered.

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6. Happy Birthday to you for August 2019 6.

- **Terry Coxall** 02 Kem McDowall 02 05 Linda Reedy 07 Beres Abraham 07 Victor Schrier 08 Kevin Gower 10 Heather Edney
- John Rider 11 14 Mackenzie Thorogood 16 Eugene Boyle 17 **Denise Park**
- 17 **Olive Jones**
- 17 Margaret Thomas
- 18 Ray Steele
- 20 Paul Bruno
- 21 Jim Thorpe

- Des McLeod 21 25 Colin Fitzgibbon
- 25 Gus Fraser
- 27 Vicki Hills
- 27 Denise Wavcott
- 28 Helen Hornibrook
- 28 Patrick Hetherman
- 29 **Yvonne Becker**
- 31 Neil Chesney

Happy Anniversary to you for August 2019 6110

Lyn and Les Buzza 09

Kathy Kearney

Peter Versace

- Laurel and Roger Adams 12
- 12 Carol and Kevin Day
- 13 Margaret and Colin James
- Bev and Keith McCallum 19
- 28

67 Vans @ Oakey

ABRAHAM, Beres and Carmel. **ADAMS**, Roger and Laurel. BAKER, Darren. BAKER, Gordon and Sue. BAMBERRY, Ian and Gloria. BARR, Graham and Pat. BREARLEY, Paul and Di. BRIDGES, Roy and Carmel. BRUNO, Paul and Marina. **CADDIES**, Ray and Gail. CARROLL, John and Jenny. **CHESNEY**, Neil and Marie. COCHRANE, Jeff and Jean. COXALL, Terry. CRAWFORD, Geoff and KING, Margaret. DAY, Kevin and Carol. DITTON, Mary. EDNEY, Dennis and Heather. EGEN, Ian and Gwen. FARRELL, Ian and Denise. FITZGIBBON, Colin. GAFFNEY, Frank.

GIBSON, Barry and Wendy. GODWIN, Carl and LOWCOCK, Lorraine. HASLEWOOD, Lance. HETHERMAN, Patrick and Ann. HILLS, Wayne and Vicki. HINSON, Alf and Desley. HOGAN, Kerry and Dianne. HOLT, Jim and Minnie. JACOBSON, Lionel and Mary. **JAMES**, Colin and Margaret. JARRETT, Gary and Noeleen. JONES, Noel. JUDGE, David and Helen. KAHLER, Merv and Carolyn. KAYES, Daryl. **KEARNEY**, Bob and Kathy. LACEY, George and Yvonne. LANGLEY, Steve and Robyn. LILLY, Harold and Bev. LOWE, Phil and Del. MARTIN, Trevor and Mavis. McLEOD, Des and Jenny.

MEDFORD, Colleen. METCALFE, Rodney and Mary. MUNRO, Ross & Jan. NOFFKE, Owen & KIRBY, Jan. PARK, Terry & Denise. POMROY, Tony & Lynne. RIDER, John. ROBBINS, Yvonne. ROBSON-PETCH, Ron & Pam. RUTHERFORD, Bob & Barbara. SHEEHAN, Brian & Denise. SKINNER, Adrian & Gayle. SMITH, Tom & Jacky. STEELE, Ray & Jan. STEPHENSON, Tony & Sue. STOCKER, Eddie & Sylvia. TEBBIT, Bob & Marilyn. THORPE, Jim & Sue. USHER, Les & Brenda. VAN WYK, Richard & Linda. VERSACE, Peter & Nerida. WALKER, Ted & Fay. WAYCOTT, Bill & Denise.

Queensland Caravan Club welcomed the following:

Guests: Ron and Sandra SMITH (with van.) Allanah AITKEN. (Nice to see Ron and Sandra who were visiting from Victoria) Day Visitors: Chloe and Lucas SONDERGEND.

Apologies: Doug and Dorcas BURT, Jan DARR and Ken CHAPMAN, Bert and Yvonne BEKER, Merv and Barbara COOK, Michael BURDETTE and Lesley SIFFLEET, Kevin and Pat GOWER, Geoff and Dell GRAY, Karen HASLEWOOD, Linda REEDY and Michael DROUGHT, Shane and Linda JONES, Olive JONES, Barry and Gail LANDER, Keith and Bev McCALLUM, Murray and Jenni McGOWAN.

> Ever wondered why these creatures were so named? Platypus and Octopus. To be honest, few people probably would have thought about it. But imagine if they had been named 'Platycock' and 'Octocock'!



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- - 20 Jenni and Murray McGowan
 - Margaret and Daryl Kays 22
 - 22 Bev and Rod Green
 - Del and Phil Lowe
 - 31 Jenny and Des McLeod

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Lucky Oakey Raffle and Lucky Van Draw Winners ...

• 1st \$50 Coles/Meyer Gift Voucher, donated by QCC ~ Laurel Adams.

- 2nd Folding Ironing Board, donated by Rod and Mary Metcalf ~ Terry Coxall.
- 3rd Cheeseboard, donated by Marg Hiller ~ Colin Fitzgibbon.
- Lucky Draw, \$100.00 ~ Roger Adams. Proceeds to the Royal Flying Doctor Service.
- Lucky van draw winners ~ Ian and Gwen and Egen Phil and Del Lowe. Lucky Winners ~ Australia Caravanning Magazine ...

Roger and Laurel ADAMS, Ian and Gloria BAMBERRY, Graham and Pat BARR, Ray and Gail CADDIES, Geoff CRAWFORD and Margaret KING, Barry and Wendy GIBSON, Steve and Robyn LANGLEY, Colleen MEDFORD, Terry and Denise PARK, Brian and Denise SHEEHAN.

Do you have an unwanted item at home which would be suitable as a raffle prize? If so, and you are desirous in donating it to the Club, please have a chat with the Secretary.

Oakey Golf

2 Ladies and 14 Gentlemen.

RESULTS:

Ladies (draw): Nerida Versace. Noeleen Jarrett.

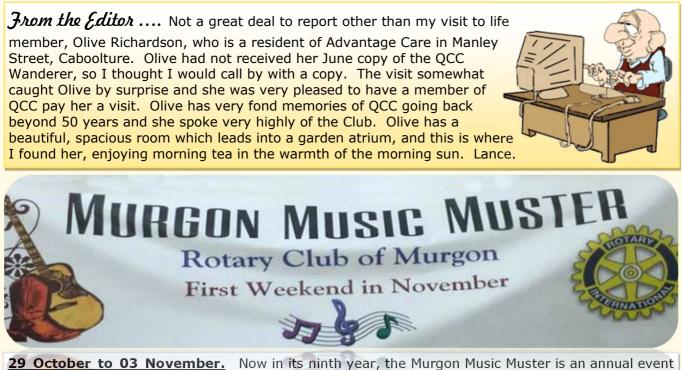
Gents:

 1^{st} Frank Gaffney ~ 31.75. 2^{nd} Peter Versace ~ 32.5. 3^{rd} Roger Adams ~ 34.75.

Longest Drive: Peter Versace. Nearest to the Pin: Frank Gaffney.







held over six days at the Murgon Showground and is proudly run by the Rotary Club of Murgon. The 2019 Muster will include a wide variety of country music including Australia's premier country music artists, Tania Kernaghan, Anne Kirkpatrick, Tracy Coster, Amber Lawrence and Chris

Callaghan. Along with other award winning artists Brendan Smoother, Bridget O'Shannessy, Clarrie Weller, Steve Sparrow, Chris Pritchard, Jack Viljoen, Homegrown and Brendan Radford. Backed by one of Australia's best country music bands led by Brendan Radford, musical director for the Golden Guitar Awards.

Powered and unpowered camping sites are available as well as hot showers, including a disabled shower and toilet and a caravan dump point on the grounds. EFTPOS will also be available at the gate for the convenience of attendees.

Please contact Yvonne Robbins for some good info if you are planning to attend this popular event.

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when dealing with any living creature are quite simple: love, patience and care.

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Greenwood Hall Rocks to the Op-Shop Ball.

Compiled by Max and Pam Bacon



Club Secretary) and President Paul Brearley from Elimbah enjoyed the Op-Shop Ball in the Greenwood tive to speak on how to cope Hall at the Oakey Showgrounds.

ith an age spread from the early 60's to 83 years, a group of retirees set up house at the Oakey Showgrounds over the weekend. Caravans, numbering 67, gave a carnival atmosphere to the grounds. Caravan owners were there to share a friendship building weekend with those of common interest. Three male guitar players attracted a group of music lovers. Greenwood Hall was full of line dancers. Patrick Hetherman, a club member who worked at the nearby Cooby Creek Space Station when Armstrong walked on the moon came along leather Edney from Brisbane, (Queensland Caravan to share his memories. The Stroke Foundation sent a representa-

with a stroke. On Friday night

100 people dined at the R.S.L. in Oakey. In-Max and Pam Bacon Photo 13th July 2019



Janet Steele from Windaroo looked pretty in the fur coat she bought in an Op-Shop while on a tour of New Zealand. Janet is originally from the east end of London. She was enjoying the Op-Shop Ball in the Greenwood Hall.



terested sportsmen were keen to try local bowling greens and golf courses. The Queensland Caravan Club aims to support local business on their weekend excursions. Local business owners that could supply club members needs were forewarned of the vis-Club Secretary Heather Edney said. it.

Members keep a tally of their spending and Jan Munro from Montville with her progressive usually leave \$10,000 to \$12,000 in a town joyed the magic of the Op-Shop Ball in the Green-

during a visit. The group feels this is a boost to local business and local attractions. The Club organises 12 events each year. In May the Club celebrated their 70th Birthday. Ron and Pam Robson-Petch from Boonah have been members for 50 years. The former mechanic from Samford

shifted to Everton Park in Brisbane before seeking a quieter lifestyle in Boonah. Ron's parents were also members of the Club. Many visited Oakey's Op-Shops looking for gar- These three retirees showed their enthusiasm for the Congo

Max and Pam Bacon Photo 13th July 2019

dance partner Terry Park from Palmwoods, enwood Hall at the Oakey Showgrounds.



ments for the Op-Shop Ball which was held in the Greenwood Hall on Heir entry and Denise Park, Palmwoods.

Saturday night. The visitors from Brisbane were mindful of Oakey's reputation for cold weather and served soup for supper. Club members, who come from all over South-East Queensland, support The Flying Doctor and Life Flight.

Mooloolah Valley resident Des McLeod found a cup of soup helped insulate him from the cold winter night in July at Oakey. The former Upper Brookfield Paw Paw and Banana farmer was enjoying the Op-Shop Ball in the Greenwood Hall





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Boonah couple celebrate golden anniversary of club membership



Ron and Pam Robson-Petch, who have recently moved to Boonah from Brisbane, have clocked-up 50 years of continuous, active membership of the Queensland Caravan Club.

by DON ROBINSON

QUEENSLAND Caravan Club members and now Boonah residents, Pam and Ron Robson-Petch, have been active members of the club for 50 years. "Club records show we've at-

tended 300 rallies," Ron said. "But

there's a few years of records missing so we've done more than that.

"Mum and Dad were members so it was natural for us to become members too. That was 50 years ago.

"We've been driving through Boonah for years and have always liked it here. "We lived for 30 years on acreage at Samford a rural area outside Brisbane.

"When I retired, I was a motor mechanic, we moved to a town house at Everton Park but found it too busy with too much traffic so we made the move to Boonah."



Many thanks to members for the beautiful 'Get Well Card'. I really appreciated your thoughts and your comments.

I am getting along OK and will soon be throwing away the crutches. Thanks one and all. Sincerely, Dell McNab.



Op-Shop 'Bell-of-the-Ball, Lynne Pomroy looking radiant in her very expensive, but moderatelypriced fur shawl. Seen here with Roy Bridges at the Oakey rally Op-Shop Ball.

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Caravaners chose Boonah for club's 70th birthday

by DON ROBINSON

THE Queensland Caravan Club chose a rally to Boonah Show Grounds to celebrate the club's 70th Birthday over the long weekend.

Club president, Paul Brearley said Boonah was always a popular choice because it was one of the best venues.

"Everything we need is here, it's close to town and everyone is so helpful and friendly," Paul said.

"We have 60 plus caravans and motorhomes at this special birthday rally including a couple who have been active club members for 50 years."

He said the 120 member Queensland Caravan Club, which commenced in 1949, had up to 12 rallies each year.

"We mostly stick to venues within two hours of Brisbane," Paul explained. "We usually get a good turnout, which

means most caravan parks can't accommodate pur number, so we go to local showgrounds. "We come to Boonah about every two years."

Talking to the club's executive it's soon obvious that their rallies generate a boost to trade for Boonah businesses and local attractions.



Queensland Caravan Club vice president Carol Day, secretary Heather Edney and president Paul Brearley, at the club's 70th Birthday celebration rally to Boonah Show Grounds last weekend. Photo DON ROBINSON

"On a typical weekend rally our members spend \$10,000 to \$12,000 in town and at local attractions - like golf and lawn bowls." Paul said. "And of course, the showgrounds picks up more than \$4,000 in fees.

"This long weekend, our expenditure in Boonah will be substantially more due to the extra day and we've engaged local entertainers and caterers for our 70th birthday celebrations – even a locally made birthday cake.

"Our members keep tabs of how much they spend and what they spend it on so that at the end of the rally we can then tally up and see the total value of our visit to the town. "We usually forewarn traders like

"We usually forewarn traders like bakers, newsagents and hotels that we'll be in town and to expect an influx -50 of us went to a local hotel for dinner last night.

"Besides supporting country towns our club is a long term supporter of the Royal Flying Doctor and LifeFlight."



Paul Brearley and Graham Barr



Pat Barr and Les Usher



Di Brearley and John Rider with Margaret in the background



Chloe enjoying the evening and displaying her gift for her attire (best dress under \$10.00).

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Jim Thorpe and Desley Hinson.

Jim Thorpe, Alf and Desley Hinson, and Lynne Pomroy.



Oakey RSL.

Dinner, Oakey RSL.



Sewing ladies with their 'Non-Slip Sewing Machine Foot Pedal Pad'. Carmel Abraham, Pat Barr, Denise Park, Di Brearley and Yvonne Robbins.



Special Guest, Bob Waugh from the Stroke Foundation.



Sikorsky UH-60 Blackhawk



Fokker DR1 Triplane





Bell UH1H Iroquois

Dunno!



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Oakey Gathering (67 vans)

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