



*Q.C.C. Wanderer*  
*'Fellowship on Wheels'*



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**Jandowae/Standown Park**

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## President's Report - Jandowae

**H**ello members, what a great time we had at Jandowae.  
Wednesday.

Di and I arrived early Wednesday with Dennis and Heather Edney and were met by Lillian the caretaker who had a cup of tea and some bickies ready for us. Lillian could not have been more helpful for us. Dennis went around the grounds sorting out where to park everyone, Lyn Hill had a Tai Chi class, we had 10 vans in that night.

Thursday. The weather was a bit cool in the morning but soon warmed-up to a beautiful day but very dry. Dennis had everything under control parking vans, three ladies played golf, around 44 of us went to the pub for dinner where the meals were a good size, price and quality just a little slow coming but a good night was had.

### Friday.

We had some walkers leave at 6:30am and six men went to play golf (very dry and stony). Michael and Sue had a combined art class which was very successful. We had our committee meeting. Thanks to all the committee members who are dedicated in helping our club I hope all members appreciate the work they do. The sewing class was run by Di and was well attended but someone was kept in to finish her work. 🤔 The bowlers had an easy walk to the bowls club and all enjoyed the afternoon. That night a bunch of members played cards which is always fun.

### Saturday.

First-up we had the walkers with an easy walk into the town. Lyn Hill again had her Tai Chi class which is well worth doing. All members are invited. We had our meeting. Thank you, Ian Egen, for the information on rear marking plates VSB12 very informative. Good news as Harold's phone was found. Seems it was wrapped-up in a mat thanks Colin. We then had a general meeting which didn't take long, YEA!! The tag-a-long to Jimbour House was tops organised by Bob Kearney. It is a very impressive homestead with a wonderful history and gardens. Then back at the rally site where Roy Bridges set-up a darts competition. Lots of laughs and a few stray darts. All good fun. That evening Richard (Tiger) Van Wyk and helpers John Carroll and Michael Burdette put-on the trivial pursuit show with a good crowd. It was always going to be hilarious and it didn't disappoint. It seems some don't know what geography is, and most of us could not make a paper plane that could fly and all of the singing showed we are not professional entertainers but it was all a lot of fun. Thank you, guys.

### Sunday.

We were so lucky to have perfect weather although the whole area needs rain bad. Payed the treasurer and we had a good meeting. The sewing and art groups showed us their talents. Well done. Thank you to all who helped clean up and stack the chairs. A big thanks to Carol Day for her second iPad class so many of us are learning and need to understand more on how we can use iPads better. The afternoon main activity was watching the football with a few very excited Eels fans watching them score try after try not much noise from the Broncos fans. Maybe next year.

### Monday.

21 vans stayed until this morning. The last group leaving for Albany National Rally; please enjoy your trip, safe travels and keep healthy.

Again, many thanks to Lillian for her help and her cakes she cooked for us. She is a wonderful Australian. Hope to see as many as possible of our remaining members at Standown Park October 9 to 15th. I am sure we will have a laugh or two there.

Paul Brearley.



**Next Rally ~ Standown Park, Goomboorian, 09-15 October.** Arrive no earlier than 12 midday, Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October and leave no later than 10:00am Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October.

**From Brisbane:** Follow the Bruce Highway north to Gympie. On approaching Gympie, take the Tin Can Bay Road turnoff to the right. Continue for approximately 27 kilometres and turn left into Radtke Road (dirt). Standown Park is one kilometre on the left. Cant' miss it!

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Club equipment required:	First aid kit, fire extinguisher, banner, flags and flagpoles.	
Special needs, requirements or notifications.	<b>DUMP POINT.</b> Onsite. A pretty blue one! 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:	<p><u>Arriving late or cannot attend!</u> Please let the rally marshal know.</p> <p><u>Leaving early!</u> Be considerate to others when disconnecting from the water line. <b>Please do not drive over power leads or hoses.</b></p>	
Lat: 26°01'39.20"S		
Long: 152°47'32.64"E		
Pets:	Permitted.	Dogs must be on a leash. Please pick-up after your pet.
Fees:	Per van, per night:	\$25.00 (powered) ~ \$20.00 (unpowered)
	Administration fee:	\$3.00.
	Hall hire:	\$Nil.

**A Little about Standown Park ....**

Standown Park is the creation of Rod and Pam Elkington. Originally a ginger, pumpkin and watermelon farm, it was purchased by them as a base at which to retire and to travel. Then their friends came, and stayed, and stayed, and stayed.

Then the 'WHY DON'T YOU' tribe came along ... "WHY DON'T YOU build some showers and toilets." they said. "It will be fun", they said. Then the 'YOU SHOULDA' tribe came along. "YOU SHOULDA put power and water in." they said. "It will be fun." So, Standown Park, as a caravan park, came alive with the aim of being established as a veterans' retreat for vets and their mates. Later it was opened to the public to enjoy.



Over the years, Standown Park has grown to become a 'home away from home' for veterans of all ages and their families. "We are finding younger veterans from more recent wars have found peace and mateship here in a safe and relaxing atmosphere." said Rod. "We love living here and know you'll enjoy your stay", said Pam.

After 15 years of hearing the adventures of our visitors it is now time for us to see for ourselves, so we are looking for either a buyer or manager to take over this beautiful place. Standown needs a couple who are military-minded and passionate who want to enjoy a unique lifestyle. If you are interested please give us a call on 07 5486 5144.

### Rally Program for Standown Park ....

Thursday 10 Oct	6:30am	Walkers.	
Friday 11 Oct	6:30am 07:00am	Walkers. Golf. Gympie or Tin can Bay. Golfers to make own bookings.	
	10:30am 11:00am	Art classes (Michael Burdette). Management committee meeting.	
	1:00pm	Sewing class (Di Brearley). P5.	
	1:00pm	Card Making (Bev Green). P4.	
	4:00pm 6:30pm 7:00pm	Free afternoon. Happy hour. Dinner (own arrangements). Cards.	
Saturday 12 Oct	6:30am 9:00am 9:30am	Walkers. Morning tea. Meeting.	
	4:00pm 6:30pm	Free time. Happy Hour. Dinner (Camp Oven, damper and stew. \$10.00pp).	
Sunday 13 Oct	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.
  - \* Remember to sign the attendance book as soon as possible after arrival.
  - \* Remember to indicate your planned attendance to the next rally by checking (ticking) the rally attendance sheet located at the Saturday/Sunday meeting.
  - \* Kindly give a hand to stack the chairs and to sweep the hall following the Sunday meeting. Many hands make light work.
- \* 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.
  - \* Trust you have booked in advance of your arrival at Standown Caravan Park.

2019/2020 QCC Rally Calendar ....

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 ~ TBA.  
 August ~ TBA.  
 September ~ State Rally.

2020 - Year of the rat!



### Card Making

Bev Green will be conducting a card making class at Standown Park. Should any of the ladies (gents also welcome) like to try their hand at making a card, please ring or text Bev so that she will have an idea of the number of kits to put together prior to Standown. Bev may be reached on 0418 881 890.

**CARD KIT TOOLS NEEDED FOR CLASS:**

- Pencil.
- Scissors.
- Metal ruler (metric preferred).
- Eraser.
- Scorer (Cheap Shop sells these).
- Double-sided tape, 6mm (Reject Shop sell this) \$2.00 or \$2.50 approximately.
- Metal craft knife with spare blades (Cheap Shop).
- Liquid glue.
- Foam squares 3D, acid-free (Cheap Shop sell these).
- Sticky tape with dispenser.
- A4 cutting mat or similar.

Ladies will need for first class: double-sided tape, 3D foam squares, liquid glue, metal knife and cutting mat or similar.



## Calling for Interest in the Art of Bonsai

**B**onsai is a fascinating art-form that combines horticultural techniques and Asian aesthetics in a unique way. The art originates in the Chinese empire and was copied and adapted by the Japanese to what we know now as Bonsai trees. Literally translated 'bon-sai' means 'planted in a container'.

To understand what Bonsai is, we need to learn more about its meaning and history. The Chinese started creating miniature landscapes over 2000 years ago. The further the reproduction was in size from the original, the more magically potent it was likely to be. A student could focus on its magical properties and gain access to them. During the Kamakura period (700 years ago) the Japanese copied the art-form and from that moment on, a distinctive Japanese style emerged. Instead of entire landscapes, the Japanese started growing individual trees. These trees are what we know as Bonsai today.

Over the years many styles to classify Bonsai trees have been advanced, closely resembling circumstances in nature. These styles are open to personal interpretation and creativity, meaning that trees do not necessarily need to conform to any form.

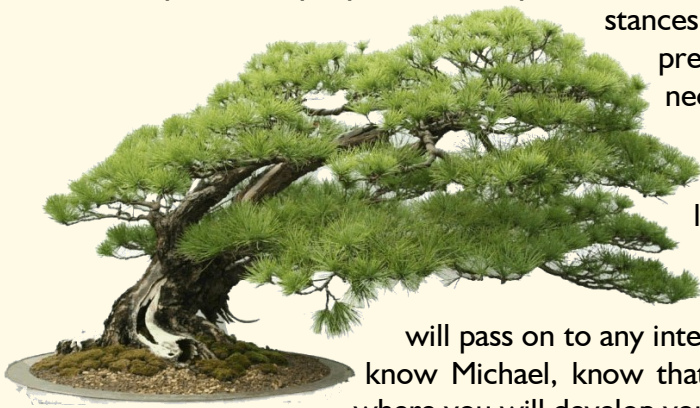
Still, the styles are important to gain a basic understanding of shapes and should serve as guidelines to successfully train miniature trees.

These are all techniques that our multi-talented and indisputably renowned, Michael Burdette,

will pass on to any interested club members, however, those of you who know Michael, know that these will not be 'lectures' but real workshops where you will develop your own Bonsai – your own personal creation.

Michael was a competitive bonsai grower for many years and has won awards for his Bonsai creations.

Anyone interested please register your interest by email with a view to start workshops at a rally early next year at [michael@bigburd.com.au](mailto:michael@bigburd.com.au)



### Craft Project for Standown

#### 'Fabric Box'

#### Material Requirements:

- ⇒ Sewing machine. A walking foot would be an advantage.
- ⇒ 2 x 10" Squares of fabric. Different colours with cotton to match.
- ⇒ 4 x Buttons.
- ⇒ Wadding. Will be supplied for those who do not have any.



Fabric boxes can be used for a multitude of things also made different sizes.



**W**ith the Laidley Christmas rally and function on the horizon and many QCC members heading-off to Albany for the National Rally and places beyond, those wishing to pay for the Christmas dinner at the Standown rally may do so. Please see the treasurer. The cost of the Christmas function to members is \$10.00 per person. More about the Laidley rally in the coming months.



***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 (limited). Plenty of unpowered.***

 *Happy Birthday to you for October 2019* 

03 Pat Gower  
 05 Kerry Hogan  
 08 George Lacey  
 12 Paul Schrier  
 12 Brenda Usher  
 15 Mavis Martin  
 16 Barry Gibson

18 Colleen Medford  
 18 Stewart Hornibrook  
 19 Dell Lowe  
 19 Richard Van Wyk  
 19 Barbara Cook  
 20 Ron Robson-Petch  
 21 David Judge

22 Dell Gray  
 26 Mel Dale  
 28 Paul Brearley  
 28 Roger Adams  
 31 Dennis Edney



 *Happy Anniversary to you for October 2019* 

05 Gail and Adrian Skinner  
 05 Gloria and Ian Bamberry  
 10 Barbara and Bob Rutherford  
 10 Jill and Eugene Boyle  
 12 Dianne and Kerry Hogan  
 19 Carmel and Roy Bridges

21 Jacky and Tom Smith  
 23 Lyn and Roy Hill  
 28 Pam and Ray MacDonald  
 28 Yvonne and George Lacey  
 28 Jean and Mel Dale  
 31 Vicki and Wayne Hills

**38 Vans @ Jandowae ....**

**BAKER**, Darren.  
**BAKER**, Gordon and Sue.  
**BARR**, Graham and Pat.  
**BEKER**, Bert and Yvonne.  
**BREARLEY**, Paul and Di.  
**BRIDGES**, Roy and Carmel.  
**BRUNO**, Paul and Marina.  
**BURDETTE**, Michael and **SIFFLEET**, Lesley  
**CADDIES**, Ray and Gail.  
**CARROLL**, John and Jenny.  
**COOK**, Merv and Barbara.  
**COXALL**, Terry and **COOK**, Gabby.  
**DAY**, Kevin and Carol.

**EDNEY**, Dennis and Heather.  
**EGEN**, Ian and Gwen.  
**FITZGIBBON**, Colin.  
**GAFFNEY**, Frank and **STEENSON**, Mary.  
**GIBSON**, Barry and Wendy.  
**HETHERMAN**, Patrick and Ann.  
**HILL**, Roy and Lyn.  
**JAMES**, Colin and Margaret.  
**KEARNEY**, Bob and Kathy.  
**LACEY**, George and Yvonne.  
**LANDER**, Barry and Gail.  
**LUSCOMBE**, Ross and Bindra.  
**MACDONALD**, Ray and Pam.

**McCALLUM**, Keith and Bev.  
**McLEOD**, Des and Jenny.  
**MEDFORD**, Colleen.  
**MIERS**, John.  
**POMROY**, Tony and Lynne.  
**SAVAGE**, Adrian and Ann.  
**SKINNER**, Adrian & Gayle.  
**SMITH**, Tom & Jacky.  
**STEELE**, Ray & Jan.  
**STEVENS**, Brian and Karon.  
**THORPE**, Jim & Sue.  
**VAN WYK**, Richard and Linda.  
**WAYCOTT**, Bill & Denise.

Queensland Caravan Club welcomed the following:

Visitor: Mary Steenson.

Apologies: Beres and Carmel **ABRAHAM**, Roger and Laurel **ADAMS**, Neil and Marie **CHESNEY**, Jeff and Jean **COCHRANE**, Janelle **DONALDSON** and John **RIDER**, Doug and Dorcas **BURT**, Ann and Bill **DOBE**, Carl **GODWIN** and Lorraine **LOWCOCK**, Shane and Judy **GRAHAM**, Lance and Karen **HASLEWOOD**, Rick and Cheryl **HENRY**, Alf and Denise **HINSON**, Kerry and Dianne **HOGAN**, Olive and Noel **JONES**, Shane and Linda **JONES**, David and Helen **JUDGE**, Merv and Carolyn **KAHLER**, Daryl **KAYS**, Steve and Robyn **LANGLEY**, Harold and Bev **LILEY**, Phil and Del **LOWE**, Trevor and Mavis **MARTIN**, Rudi and Marianne **MATERNE**, Murray and Jenni **McGOWAN**, Ross and Jan **MUNRO**, Terry and Denise **PARK**, Linda **REEDY** and Michael **DROUGHT**, Bob and Barbara **RUTHERFORD**, Tony and Sue **STEPHENSON**.



From first-time visitor at Jandowae, Mary Steenson:

*I would like to thank all the beautiful people of the QCC who welcomed me so warmly to my first rally at Jandowae making me feel part of the group. The new friends I made there in just a few days was great. Wow, what a wonderful group. Thank you. I will be back Mary Steenson.*

## Some quips to ponder on ....

- I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes.
- Can you cry under water?
- How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated or murdered?
- Why do you have to 'put your two cents in', but it's only a 'penny for your thoughts'?
- Once you're in heaven, do you get stuck wearing the clothes you were buried in for eternity?
- What disease did 'cured ham' actually have?
- How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?
- Why is it that people say they "slept like a baby" when babies wake-up like every two hours or less?
- If a deaf person has to go to court, is it still called a hearing?
- Why are you 'in' a movie, but you're 'on' TV?
- Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?
- Why do doctors leave the room while you change? They're going to see you naked anyway.
- Why is 'bra' singular and 'panties' plural?
- Why do toasters always have a setting that burns the toast to a horrible crisp, which no decent human being would eat?
- Can a hearse carrying a corpse drive in the transit lane?
- If the professor on Gilligan's Island can make a radio out of a coconut, why can't he fix a hole in a boat?
- If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, what is baby oil made from?
- If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons?
- Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dog's face, it gets mad at you, but when you take it for a car ride, it sticks his head out the window?



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



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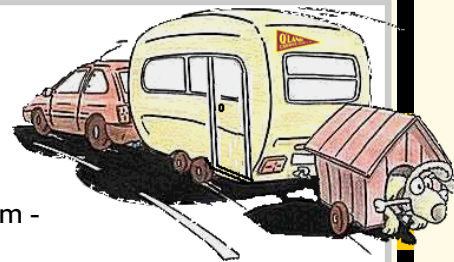
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## A Synopsis of What's-Up-The-Road ...

- **Standown Park, 09-15 October** ~ Attendees to book. \$20.00 powered. Limited powered sites. 07 5486 5144. **Friday:** 7:00am - Golf (make own booking), 1:00pm - Sewing and Card-Making. **Saturday:** 6:30pm - Camp Oven Dinner (Stew and Damper, \$10.00 per head).
- **Kilcoy, 06-11 November** ~ **Friday:** 7:00am - Golf, 1:00pm - Sewing, 2:30pm - Bowls, 7:00pm - Cards. **Saturday:** 1:30pm - Presentation from Power Solutions, 7:00pm - Dance night with a well-known DJ (surprise guest) and his vinyl records.
- **Laidley, 04-10 December (Christmas Rally)** ~ **Friday:** 7:00am - Golf, 1:00pm - Sewing, 2:30pm - Bowls, 7:00pm - 'Carols by Caravan'. **Saturday:** 11:00am - Members' Art Exhibition, 3:00pm - Santa Claus and Helpers, 6:30pm - Entertainment 'Stepping Stones', 7:00pm - Meal, Entertainment, Social Interaction and more.



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### QCC'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE JANDOWAE COMMUNITY:

- \* Site fees ~ **\$1,500.00**
- \* Dining ~ **\$1,667.00.**
- \* Fuel ~ **\$2,325.00.**
- \* Tours ~ **\$40.00.**
- \* Other ~ **\$1,470.00.**
- \* Total ~ **\$7,012.00.**



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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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**S**crumptious cakes generously made by the Jandowae show-ground caretaker, Lillian, and shared with QCC members. In addition, tea and bickies greeted members on Wednesday. The hospitality and friendliness shown to QCC by Lillian was absolutely outstanding. Very much appreciated. We'll be back!!  
Chocolate, Cinnamon Tea , Banana and Butter cakes .....





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Lucky Oakey Raffle and Lucky Van Draw Winners ...

- 1<sup>st</sup> \$50 Coles/Meyer Gift Voucher, donated by QCC ~ Ray Steele.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Power Pak, donated by unknown ~ Gwen Egen.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Picnic Blanket, donated by Jan Kirby ~ Barbara Cook.
- Lucky van draw winners ~ Karon and Brian Stevens and Yvonne and George Lacey.



**A**s caravan owners, you are probably familiar with the unnerving experience of encountering caravan sway. Caravan sway, commonly referred to as 'yaw' or 'fishtailing', can range from a brief and frightening experience through to a complete loss of vehicle control resulting in an



accident. Swerving, side winds and air pressure changes caused by passing trucks are causes of caravan sway. Fortunately, electronic stability control systems are available to be installed on your caravan to increase your towing safety and confidence. Two systems available are the 'Dexter Sway Control (DSC)' and the 'AL-KO Electronic Stability Control (AL-KO-ESC)'. Both work to detect and control the side-to-side movement of a caravan in relation to the tow vehicle.

In an emergency, both DSC and AL-KO ESC will engage to control sway and save you from a potential accident, however there are a few key differences in the systems and the way they operate. DSC applies the left and right brakes separately similar to anti-locking braking (ABS) in a vehicle for quick sway correction. The sway control braking level is automatically varied, based on the severity of the sway. DSC is more sensitive to sway than the AL-KO ESC and will engage when smaller amounts of sway are detected. AL-KO ESC applies a measured amount of braking based on the preset weight of the van and applies brakes on all wheels after significant sway force is detected. DSC adjusts the braking for any caravan weight where AL-KO ESC is customized to each caravan with the unit programmed to the weight of the caravan specifically. This factor makes DSC more suitable when empty and loaded. Tow weights vary as with plant trailers and horse floats. DSC is powered from the caravan battery and avoids the requirement for the system to be wired to the vehicle which is the case for AL-KO ESC.

If you take your van off-road you may be more inclined towards DSC as it features automatic off-road detection where AL-KO ESC needs to be unplugged from the vehicle. For AL-KO ESC, a switch can be additionally installed in your vehicle to enable you to manually disengage/re-engage the system when off-road.

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### What is a 'Brake Controller' and how does it work?

**D**id you know that brake controllers are vital components to a safe towing experience? Chances are, you are already aware that it takes more than just the tow vehicle's brakes to bring both the vehicle itself and its trailer to a full stop in a suitable time frame. If you take into account trailer weight and speed, it becomes clear that the trailer also needs to pitch-in with its own braking power. This is accomplished via the trailer's brakes, which can be one of two types: surge (mechanic or hydraulic), which rely on inertia to automatically slow down, or electric brakes, which require an electric connection to the tow vehicle to work. The principle behind surge (also known as override or overrun) brakes is simple. The coupling contains a sliding shaft attached to the tow ball; the shaft slides when pushed due to the vehicle slowing down and exerts pressure directly on a mechanical linkage (mechanical brakes) or on linkage connected to a hydraulic cylinder, which in turn creates hydraulic pressure on the braking system (hydraulic brakes). These are most often found on boat trailers. Electric trailer brakes, on the other hand, work by activating electromagnetic brake drums to create attrition and therefore slow the trailer down. While surge brakes operate independently, electric trailer brakes need to be connected to the power of the tow vehicle and be regulated by a brake control unit, or electric brake controller.



A **brake controller** is an electronic device that activates, and, as the word suggests, controls the electric brakes of a trailer. A brake controller can be roughly split in an interface, positioned in the cab within the driver's reach, and a main part, responsible for activating the brakes of the trailer. Electric brake controllers can essentially be classified in non-proportional, or time-based, and proportional, or inertia-based types. The older non-proportional electric brake controllers are activated when the driver presses on the car's brakes, applying braking force over time-based on the chosen setting. The drawback of this kind of brake controllers is that even though the pressure applied on the tow vehicle's brake pedal can vary (for instance, compare a gentle brake to an abrupt one), the response of the trailer brakes will be the same, the one configured in its settings. The newer proportional electric brake controllers on the other hand measure the changing momentum, or inertia, of the moving car via an accelerometer; they are not directly connected to the car's brakes and work independently of them. Continuously monitoring the vehicle's dynamics, these controllers send the precise amount of voltage to the trailer brakes to ensure that the speed of the trailer matches that of the tow vehicle. This generally makes for a smoother braking experience and more efficient braking, ensuring your trailer brakes last longer. For instance, when going downhill, you'll want to engage lower gears to slow down in order to decrease brake wear; inertia-based brake controllers sense that the vehicle is slowing down (rather than the vehicle's brakes being applied) and therefore adjust trailer braking power accordingly. More in the next Wanderer.

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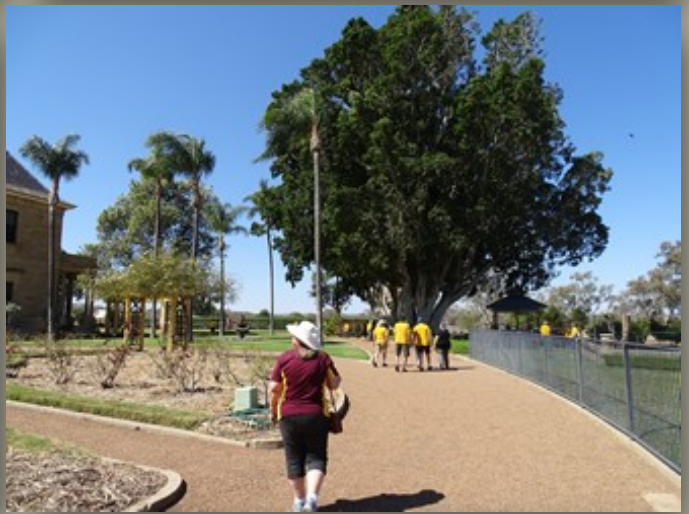
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## STANDOWN PARK

by Mary E. Metcalfe ©  
13 March 2017

A haven of peace and natural tranquility - one of the best  
This rural Caravan Park stands-out from the rest  
Originally envisioned as a retreat for Vietnam Vets  
Now catering to Over 50's, and sometimes, their pets.  
Lately, as members of a caravan club  
We journeyed to Goomboorian out Gympie way  
And for four autumn days gathered there  
How we did enjoy our stay!

That splendid memorial around the lake  
Could not anyone fail to impress  
It reminds us of those who served in a defence force intake  
and one needed while there a reflective pilgrimage to make.

Early morning bird calls are part of the natural order  
Pine trees behind the lake form a forest border  
The nightly lit campfire keeps veterans' memory to the fore  
Many of them served and died on a foreign shore.

Baby boomers well recall the era of the Vietnam War  
Others of us even married those who active service there saw  
'Standown' is such an applicable a name  
For a place which remembers military pain.

Congratulations to Ron, Pam, Craig and Prue  
And all those who continue to labour there  
We must certainly give them their due  
What vision, what scope  
To give all who visit a chance for relaxation and hope.

The best camp oven stew I've ever tasted  
Was served one evening from a huge great pot  
Didn't take our camping crowd long  
To demolish the lot.

So folks, if you are seeking a few days away from the crowd  
Head east out Tin Can Bay Road when Gympie you reach  
You'll also be enabling them the ANZAC stories to teach loud  
As Standown Park community raises funds for their 'push to the bush'.

When our generation has long gone to its rest  
It will be the youngsters of today who will our servicemen's legends attest.

