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President's Report - Blackbutt

What a bonza, ripper, Australia Day rally we had at Blackbutt. Di and I arrived Wednesday morning after leaving home on the 28th of December and spending some wonderful time with our brother and sister-in-law, Des and Yvonne Lowrie. 18 vans arrived and most of us went to the pub for dinner that evening.

Thursday. Walkers were out early. Despite the weather being a bit hot, there were five ladies who played golf, but they had laugh and a good time. Today most of the members arrived and we had 22 who went to dinner, good size meals at the pub.

Friday. A very busy day with a good group of walkers who went at 6:30am and 12 men who played golf at the local course. The management committee had its meeting; Yvonne Robbins had a sewing class with around 16 ladies attending; Sue Baker teaching her pastel drawings and Bev Green with her card-making class. Thanks to our teachers and members who participated. It is good to learn and have a yarn with fellow members with similar interests, also thanks to Lyn Hill for her Tai Chi class. all members should try this as it's very relaxing. I went to bowls at Yarraman for my first try at it and had a lot of fun but room for a lot of improvement. After dinner many of members got together to play cards, and by the loads of laughter, a good time was had.

Saturday. The walkers were off AGAIN early to beat the heat. After morning tea we had our club meeting followed by a general meeting. Following this were art classes were held by Michael Burdett, then at 2:00pm, Ray and Gail Caddies put on a show 'Journey To Australia'. What a fantastic show from bush stories to leaving England (naturally I was a convict) to arriving in Australia. We had a thong-throwing competition with loads of fun. Mine didn't go far but it was pretty! Ray also was able to bring lots of old relics from pioneer days and explained how they were used. Who would have thought Ray knew so much about our pioneer history. Thanks to you both and your helpers. Later we had an Australia Day BBQ and thanks Roger, Beres, and supervisor Merv, for cooking the snags and a happy hour with bush ballad music from Barry and Wendy Gibson followed that night by a Aussie Quiz/Trivia Night. Thanks Cheryl Henry; well done.

Sunday. We paid the treasurer (membership fees are now due) and had our club meeting. Thanks to

all members who helped to make this rally so special and there is so many from our rally marshal Dennis Edney to chair stackers and floor sweepers. You all help to make our club friendly, strong and cohesive. We had a remarkable 25 vans stay the Sunday night with a relaxing and combined happy hour



to finish a wonderful rally. Please remember our auction next rally at Crows Nest so please look around and bring anything you no longer need; wine, scotch or alcohol not opened would be appreciated. ALL money raised go to our charities, namely the Royal Flying Doctor Service and Life Flight. Thanks to all the members who have already donated goods, but we do need more. I will also need some help on the night of the auction thanks.

All members stay healthy, safe and happy and I hope to see you all at Crows Nest.

Paul Brearley.

Lawnton Easter Rally Variety Night

We are now looking for performances for our April rally. Already, eight people have put their name down to perform and thank you all, but this is only half way there.

So if you can sing, dance, play a musical instrument, tell a yarn, put on a skit, form a trio or even a choir - anything, then contact Kev Day and put your name down. You might be missing something for you to perform, eg., a keyboard, then let Kev know and he will try to assist.

The club has not done this for quite some time, so let's make it a great night and maybe this can become an annual event.



Next Rally ~ Crows Nest, 05-11 February. Arrive no earlier than 12 midday, Wednesday 5th February and leave no later than 10:00am Tuesday 11th February.

From Brisbane (west): Follow Warrego Highway to Toowoomba. At the top of the range, turn right into Dawne Street, and then immediately left into Margaret Street, passing Queens Park. At the end of Queens Park, turn right into Hume Street and then left at next traffic lights (Chalk Drive). Turn right into Ruthven Street (which becomes the New England Highway) and follow for approximately 43 kilometres to Crows Nest. The showground is the north side of town on the right.

From Esk: Follow Esk-Hampton Road to Hampton then turn right and follow New England Highway for approximately 11 kilometres to Crows Nest. As per above.

From the D'Aguilar Highway: At Yarraman, turn left onto the New England Highway and follow for 75 kilometres to Crows Nest. The showground is the north side of town on the Left.

Nearest Hospital: Toowoomba Hospital, Pechey Street, Toowoomba. Phone: 07 4616 6000. 24 hours.

Nearest Doctor / Medical Centre: Crows Nest Medical Centre, Community Place, Curnow Street, Crows Nest. Phone: 07 4698 1176. Open Monday-Friday from 8:00am-5:00pm. Saturday 8:00am-12 Midday. Sunday closed. (present to Toowoomba Hospital if urgent medical attention needed or dial 000).

Rally Venue Address: 7301 New England Hwy, Crows Nest. 4355.

Nearest Cross-Street: New England Highway and Showground Terrace, Crows Nest.

Post Code: 4355.



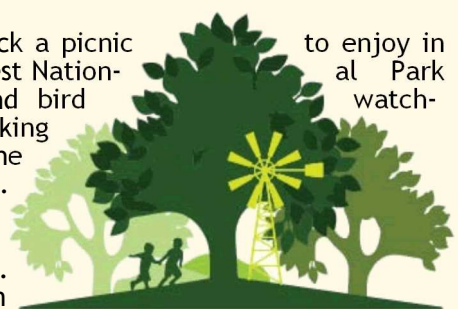
Club equipment required:	First aid kit, fire extinguisher, banner, flags and flagpoles.
Special needs, requirements or notifications:	DUMP POINT. Located on site. Those with a medical need who require to be sited close to the amenities are to contact rally marshal, Dennis Edney, on 0411 539 494 by the 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°15'27.25"S	<i>Please do not drive over power leads or hoses.</i>
Long: 152°02'43.11"E	
Pets:	Permitted. Dogs must be on a leash. Please pick-up after your pet.
Fees:	Per van, per night: \$20.00 (powered/unpowered). Administration fee: \$3.00. Hall hire: \$3.00.

Crows Nest In Brief Crows Nest is a rural town located in the Toowoomba Region. It is located in the Darling Downs on the New England Highway, 158 kilometres from Brisbane and 43 kilometres from Toowoomba. In the 2016 census, Crows Nest had a population of 2160 people.

Perched on the crest of the Great Dividing Range, the old timber town of Crows Nest lies amongst pretty, undulating hills and is built around an attractive village green. In the centre of the green, known as Centenary Park, is the statue of Jimmy Crow, a local Aboriginal man, after whom some believe the town was named. Its streets are filled with striking old buildings that house antique shops, cafes, galleries and a museum. Centenary Park has won awards for its design, including its innovative underground water catchment.

This small town packs a lot of historical punch. Within an easy walk of the town centre, you'll find Salts Antiques, Carbethon Folk Museum, the Regional Art Gallery and a community arts and crafts centre. After hoofing it around town make for the Apple gum Walk - a pleasant stroll along the creek between Bullocky's Rest and Warmann Park. The Crows Nest Show is a significant regional event held annu-

ally in May. Pack a picnic to enjoy in nearby Crows Nest National Park where you'll find bird watching and bushwalking trails through the eucalypt forest. After rains you'll see Crows Nest Falls in action. You may even spot a brush-tailed rock wallaby perched on the high granite boulders.



CROWS NEST

There is a selection of retail shops, restaurants, and cafes. It has a butcher, bakery, supermarket, two banks, a produce store, newsagent, library and art gallery as well as arts and crafts outlets in and around the town. The highway passing through town offers great opportunities for passing trade.

Of note; local man, Jack French, was awarded the Victoria Cross for his valour in the face of the enemy in World War II. He was killed in action on 04 September 1942, Milne Bay, Papua New Guinea. He was 28 years old.

Rally Program for Crows Nest

Thursday 06 Feb	6:30am 9:00am 6:30pm	Walkers. Card making with Bev Green. Pub Dinner (own arrangements).	
Friday 07 Feb	6:30am 07:00am 11:00am 1:00pm 1:00pm 2:30pm 4:00pm 6:30pm 7:00pm	Walkers. Golf. Management Committee Meeting. Card Making with Bev Green. Sewing Class (Yvonne Robbins). Bowls (not confirmed). Happy Hour. Pub Dinner (own arrangements). Cards.	
Saturday 08 Feb	6:30am 9:00am 9:30am 11:00am 1:00pm 4:00pm 6:00pm 7:00pm	Walkers. Morning Tea. Meeting followed. Art Classes (Sue Baker). Auction Setup. Assistance required. Happy Hour. Dinner (own arrangements). Auction (by 'who'll give me a dollar' Paul Brearley).	
Sunday 09 Feb	6:30am 8:00am 9:00am 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

- * 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.
- * Enjoy your time at Crows Nest. There is a lot to see and do in the area.

2020 QCC Rally Calendar

Feb 05-11 Crows Nest. (Showground/Auction).
 Mar 11-17 Killarney (Showground).
 Apr 08-14 Pine Rivers (S/ground. Easter and AGM).
 Apr 29-05 May. Pittsworth (Showground).
 Jun 10-16 Samford (Showground).
 July 08-14 Kenilworth (Showground).
 Aug 05-11 Esk (Caravan Park).
 Sep 17-23 State Rally, Pittsworth (Showground). Oct
 Oct 07-13 Nanango (Showground).

Nov 11-17 Kyogle (Showground).
 Dec 01-08 Toogoolawah (Xmas/Showground).



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To those who have endured ill health, hospitalisation or misfortune, the very best wishes to you all. We are thinking of you and wishing you a speedy recovery. 'Fay Walker, Sylvia Stocker, Brian Sheehan, Noleen Jarrett, Ann Dobe, Graham Barr, Ray Steele and Wild Bill Waycott.' Apologies to anyone overlooked.

From poet, Joanna Fuchs:

*'Has a bad bug gotten hold of you, making you feel queasy?
You're energy's low, you're indisposed, being sick's not easy!
Just take this opportunity to recuperate and rest,
And then when you return to us, you'll be your very best!'*

A gentle reminder that club memberships are due by 29th February 2020. Ordinary membership being \$50:00 per van, and social membership being \$25:00 per person. Those who will not be attending the Crows Nest rally and would like to pay their membership fees should contact the Secretary or Treasurer for the club's EFT details. Similarly, those who would prefer to pay by via EFT should also contact the secretary. The email address is: queenslandcaravanclub@gmail.com



The QCC Crows Nest Rally Charity Auction is shaping-up to be a doozy. A good flow of goods for auction has already been donated, but we are in need of more. Most happy to accept anything and everything from unwanted Christmas and birthday gifts to wine and spirits etc. Donated items should be in as-new or good condition. All monies taken will go to the Club's two charities, namely Life Flight and the Royal Flying Doctor Service.



DONATE AUCTION ITEMS

IMPORTANT: Items brought-in for auctioning at Crows Nest are to be delivered to Paul and Di Brearley as soon as possible after arrival at Crows Nest for cataloguing .

COVER PHOTO: President, Paul Brearley partaking in an Australia Day activity; knickers and thong-throwing. The women threw the thongs, while the men threw the knickers. Winners were:
1st - Jenny Wilson and Bob Rutherford.
2nd -Lyn Hill and Jake Traynor.
3rd - Heather Edney and Ivan Burdett.
3rd - Jenny McLeod and Bruce Truloff.
Also, Minni Holt and Colin Fitzgibbon won first place nibbling the outline of 'Australia' out of a Milk Arrowroot biscuit.

Paul, you are meant to throw the knickers, not eat them!

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Craft Project for Crows Nest with Yvonne Robbins

'A Helping-Hand from Everyone'



"Many hands make light work" as the age-old saying goes. Yvonne has set aside the Crows Nest rally for a 'working-bee' to prepare, fold and iron fabric for items for the September Pittsworth State Rally. As it would be letting the cat-out-of-the-bag to disclose what the items are in the QCC Wanderer, let's just say that the preparation work will require many hands.

Those at the Blackbutt rally would have heard Yvonne discuss the project. So please don't hide away in your air-conditioned vans on Friday, cause we will come a-knocking! Men are equally as welcome to participate, too. The more the merrier and the quicker the job will get done. Rumour has it that our editor has a V8-powered iron at home!

Happy Birthday to you for February 2020

01 Sue Stephenson.
01 Di Brearley.
03 Jan Steele.
04 Robyn Burdett.
05 Ron Smith.
05 Shirley Sheehan.

07 Sue Thorpe.
10 Marianne Materne.
11 Carolyn Kahler.
15 Les Buzza.
17 John Carroll.
17 Steve Dunn.

18 Gayle Johnston.
20 Graham Barr.
23 Sue Baker.
24 Steve Langley.
24 Minnie Holt.

Happy Anniversary to you for February 2020

05 Jan and John Miers.
06 Barbara and Merv Cook.
08 Sandra and Ron Smith.
09 Minnie and Jim Holt.
14 Pam and Rob Robson-Petch.

18 Helen and David Judge.
18 Mavis and Trevor Martin.
19 Gwen and Ian Egen.
20 Pat and Graham Barr.
24 Marina and Paul Bruno.

51 Vans at Blackbutt

ABRAHAM, Beres and Carmel.
ADAMS, Roger and Laurel.
BAKER, Darren.
BAKER, Gordon and Sue.
BEKER, Bert and Yvonne.
BREARLEY, Paul and Di.
BRIDGES, Roy and Carmel.
BURDETT, Ivan and Robyn.
BURDETTE, Michael and **SIFFLEET**, Lesley
BURT, Doug and Dorcas.
BUZZA, Les and Lyn.
CADDIES, Ray and Gail.
CLEMENTS, Linda.
CRAGG, Ken and Lyn.
DAY, Kevin and Carol.
DUKES, Graham and Dawn.

EDNEY, Dennis and Heather.
FITZGIBBON, Colin.
GIBSON, Barry and Wendy.
GOWER, Kevin and Pat.
GREEN, Rod and Bev.
HASLEWOOD, Lance.
HENRY, Rick and Cheryl.
HETHERMAN, Patrick and Ann.
HILL, Roy and Lyn.
HINSON, Alf and Desley.
HOGAN, Kerry and Dianne.
HOLT, James and Minnie.
JONES, Noel and Olive.
JUDGE, David and Helen.
KAHLER, Merv and Carolyn.
KAYS, Darryl and Margaret.
KEARNEY, Bob and Kathy.
LANDER, Barry and Gail.

LANGLEY, Steve and Robyn.
LOWIE, Dee and Yvonne.
MACDONALD, Ray and Pam.
MCCALLUM, Keith and Bev.
MCGOWAN, Murray and Jenni.
MCLEOD, Dee and Jenny.
MEDFORD, Colleen.
MIERS, John. And Jan.
MUNRO, Jan and Ross.
PARK, Terry and Denise.
RIDER, John.
ROBBINS, Yvonne.
RUTHERFORD, Bob and Barbara.
SKINNER, Adrian and Gail.
TEBBIT, Bob and Marilyn.
THORPE, Jim and Sue.
TRULOFF, Bruce and Chris.
WILSON, Ivan and Jenny.

Queensland Caravan Club welcomed the following @ Blackbutt:

Second Time Visitors: Linda Clements, Ivan and Jenny Wilson and Ivan and Robyn Burdett.

Day Visitors: Khloe Greentree and Jake and Alex Traynor.

Apologies: Neil and Marie **CHESNEY**, Jeff and Jean **COCHRANE**, Geoff **CRAWFORD** and Margaret **KING**, Michael **DROUGHT** and Linda **REEDY**, Ian and Gwen **EGEN**, Ian and Denise **FARRELL**, Karen **HASLEWOOD**, Wayne and Vicki **HILLS**, Gary and Noeleen **JARRETT**, George and Yvonne **LACEY**, Phil and Del **LOWE**, Trevor and Mavis **MARTIN**, Jem and Bev **McDOWALL**, Phil and Del **LOWE**, Tony and Lynne **POMROY**, Brian and Denise **SHEEHAN**, Tom and Jacky **SMITH**, Tony and Sue **STEPHENSON**, Ed and Sylvia **STOCKER**, Bill and Denise **WAYCOTT**.



Card-Making Project for Crows Nest

The following items are required for the card-making class at Crows Nest:

- ⇒ Craft Knife.
- ⇒ Tweezers.
- ⇒ Glue Clear.
- ⇒ Tissues.



Blackbutt Golf:

11 Men and 5 Ladies

1st Kerry Hogan (35.5).

2nd John Rider (36.00).

3rd Steve Langley (36.25).

3rd Jim Holt (36.25).

Longest drive: Kerry Hogan.

Nearest to the pin: Kerry Hogan.

Sorry, no scores available for the ladies.

Crows Nest Golf, Friday 07 February at 7:00am.



Spending @ Blackbutt:

Meals: \$2,440.00.

Fuel: \$4,049.00.

Other: \$2,210.00.

Site Fees: \$3,460.00.

Total: \$12,259.00.



Why do we need to keep track of our spending? RV'ers, and in particular, caravan clubs, inject considerably into a community when members attend a club caravan rally. For example, amounts greater than \$170,000 have been injected into a Queensland community when the affiliated clubs attend an annual state caravan rally. These expenditures boost the local and national economy by injecting money into it, and in addition, the statistics provided assist in added and improved facilities throughout the state.



16 attended lawn bowls at Nanango including three newbies. Excellent turnout and everybody had a great time. Nice to see the number of attendees growing. Let's see if we can get a few more at Crows Nest!

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

⇒ Crows Nest, 05-11 February

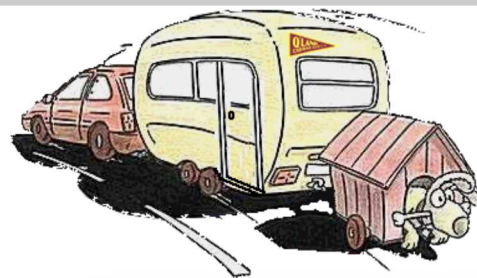
- **Friday:** 7:00am - Golf, 1:00pm - Sewing/Craft, 2:30pm - Bowls, 7:00pm - Cards.
- **Saturday:** 7:00pm - Auction (Paul Brearley).

⇒ Killarney, 11-17 March

- **Friday:** 7:00am - Golf, 1:00pm - Sewing/Craft, 2:30pm - Bowls, 4:00pm - President's Picnic, 7:00pm - Cards.
- **Saturday:** 11:00am - Art, 12:00pm - 'Scenic Tag-A-Long', 13 crossings of the Condamine River. Queen Mary Falls. Picnic lunch or Afternoon Tea, 7:00pm - Muckers (Patrick Hetherman).

⇒ Pine Rivers (Lawnton), 08-14 April (Easter Rally and AGM)

- **Thursday:** 7:00am - Golf, 9:00am-11:00 - Lead Testing, 10:00am - Hot Cross Buns and EZICAF Coffee, 1:00pm - Sewing/Craft, 2:30pm - Bowls, 7:00pm - Caboolture Choir.
- **Saturday:** 8:00am - Tai Chi, 9:00am - Meeting/AGM, 11:00am Sewing/Craft, 7:00pm - Variety Concert Night.
- **Sunday:** 7:00am - Tai Chi, 8:30am - Easter Egg Hunt, 9:30am - Meeting (brief), 1:00pm - Singles Disc Bowls, 7:00pm - Letterbox.



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Michael from All Current Test and Tag (Narangba) will be at the Pine Rivers Rally to test-and-tag members' electrical leads. He will be on-site on Thursday the 9th April 2020 between 9:00am and 11:00am. Cost is \$5.00 per lead, same as last year. Members are urged to have their leads tested.



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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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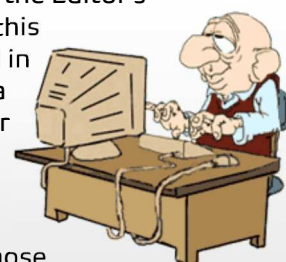
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From the Editor... The worst part of putting the QCC Wanderer together is writing the Editor's Report. Can rarely find anything so say. Nothing exciting ever seems to happen in this job except for last month when I erroneously forgot to have the hard-copies printed in duplex. I rocked into OfficeWorks and walked-out with the printing thinking, "feels a bit heavy!" It was when I got home and commenced stapling the newsletter together that I found I had 16 pages per newsletter in-lieu of eight. No way was the post office going to allow me to get away with standard letter postage, that's for sure. Will ensure that I take my senior pills before I put this newsletter in for printing.



Submissions for the Wanderer to be in NLT 25th day of the month. A reminder to those receiving a hard-copy of the QCC Wanderer that this service will cease with the March/April edition.

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Lucky Australia Day Raffle and Lucky Van Draw Winners ...

- \$50.00 Random Numbers Draw ~ Carmel Bridges.

Raffle:

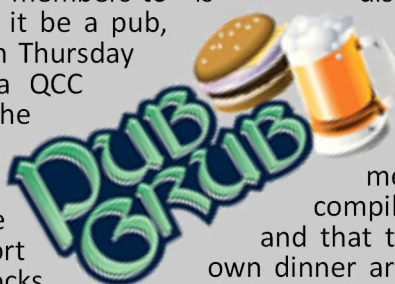
- 1st ~ Darren Baker - \$50.00 Gift Card donated by QCC.
- 2nd ~ Gail Caddies - Latte Cups, donated by unknown.
- 3rd ~ Jig Saw Puzzles - Ray MacDonald, donated by unknown.
- Lucky van draw winners ~ Barry and Gail Lander, Steve and Robyn Langley.
- Caravanning Australia Book Draw ~ Bob and Barbara Rutherford, Roger and Laurel Adams, Colleen Medford, Bruce and Chris Truloff, Alf and Desley Hinson, Ray and Gail Caddies, Murray and Jenni McGowan, Denise and Terry Park, Paul and Di Brearley, Ken and Lyn Cragg, Jim and Minni Holt.



Our thanks goes to our raffle ladies, Carmel Abraham and Marilyn Tebbit who were the raffle ladies for the weekend. Superb job ladies.

PUB MEALS. As you are aware, it's been somewhat a tradition in the past for members to congregate at a local venue, either it be a pub, bowling club, RSL etc., for dinner on Thursday and/or Friday nights. Generally a QCC member volunteers to compile the attendance list and then submit it to the local venue.

As you can appreciate, compiling the list does take a considerable effort particularly as the member door-knocks. Added effort occurs when the member is required to locate members due to their absence from their van when he calls-by, or the sign,



'Don't come a-knock'n when the van is a-rock'n, is displayed! (A joke!!) These, combined with the recent extreme high temperatures and dusty conditions have made compiling the list difficult and uncomfortable. As such, members are advised that the compilation of a dinner list will cease and that they are requested to make their own dinner arrangements. The phone number of the local eatery will be placed on the Club's noticeboard. Sadly, many good things eventually come to an end.

I would like to share an experience with you all, about drinking and driving. Not good! As you well know, some of us have been known to have had brushes with the authorities on our way home from the club or the odd social session over the years. A couple of nights ago, I was out for a few drinks with some friends and had a few too many beers, some rather nice claret topped-off with a Bacardi and Coke. Knowing full-well I may have been slightly over the limit, I did something I've never done before - I took a bus home; a Kangaroo Lines bus. Beautiful bus with plush velvet seats. I arrived home safely and without incident, which was a real surprise considering I have never driven a bus before and am not even sure where I got it from!

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Special offer to QCC members thinking of getting your car and caravan weighed? If so, don't do anything until you consider an offer to QCC members by Aussie Escape Caravans.

Aussie Escape Caravans is offering half-price weighs (\$55.00) for a caravan and car at its permanent weigh station situated in Brendale (North Brisbane). The weigh takes around 30 minutes and customers receive a full report to take home with them. The offer is running from now through until 29th February 2020.

Aussie Escape Caravans prides itself on being one of Brisbane's leading Caravan Repair and Service facilities. Its dedicated team of professional caravan fitters and repair specialists can take-on any job no matter how big or small including handling your Insurance claim from beginning to end.

So, why weigh your caravan? Statistics from the RACQ estimate up to 70% of caravans on Queensland roads are overweight and yours could very well be one of them.

If you are in any doubt, you should have your caravan weighed to make sure your rig is perfectly balanced and safe for you, your passengers and other road users. One of the leading causes of caravan-related road accidents is due to overweight caravans, or caravans that have the wrong weight distribution and safety gear.

One other good reason to make sure your caravan is the right weight, is the cost to your hip pocket. Police or inspectors can enforce hefty fines between \$600 and \$1,500 if you are caught with an overweight caravan. That's not all, in addition to the fine you could lose up to four demerit points off your driving licence.

Ensure peace-of-mind and get your rig weighed. Phone Aussie Escape Caravans on 07 3205 7738.

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A hamper of local Crows Nest business goods has been donated for a 'Shop Local' raffle exclusively for QCC members visiting in February. The hamper includes samples of the famous Crows Nest Softdrinks and much more. Locals cannot wait for Queensland Caravan Club members to immerse themselves in the 'High Country' and are encouraged to head to crowsnestinfo.com and to the [High Country Hamlets](http://HighCountryHamlets.com) website to get the most their visit to Crows Nest.



Since the November 2019 Pechey fires, which burnt 20,000 hectares of local grazing country, local businesses have reported a devastating 30% decrease in sales. This is reflective of the ongoing drought and devastating fires and locals wish to spread the word ... "Crows Nest is still open for business".

Here's what members need to do. Purchase from any of the businesses within the township and retain the docket. On the back of the docket, write your name and then deposit it into the receptacle provided. Details of where the receptacle will be positions will be made known at the rally. The docket will need to show that the purchase was made in Crows Nest.

DID YOU KNOW ...

- That no word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, sliver or purple.
- Snails can sleep for three years.
- Pearls dissolve in vinegar. One way to upset your wife, girlfriend or de facto (or all three), is to throw their string of beloved pears into a glass of vinegar and leave over night. Then it might be a good idea to leave home!
- The longest recorded flight of a chicken is thirteen seconds.
- It is possible to lead a cow up a flight of stairs but not down.
- Humans are the only primates not to have pigment in the skin on the palms of their hands.

Some Fish Stories

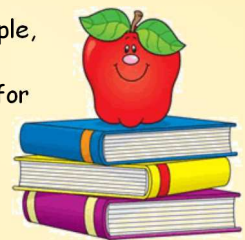
- Although fish do not drink water, their primary method of obtaining fresh water is through osmosis, ie., water seeps into their body through holes in their skin.
- Some very small reef fish live only a few weeks or months, but sturgeons can live for than 50 years and the Rougheyeye Rockfish can live to 150 years.
- The ocean Sunfish is so heavy that it is difficult to catch and weigh. All species of this fish measure from seven to 10 feet long. One Sunfish tipped the scales at just over 1,400 kilos (3,100 pounds).
- The largest fish is the whale shark which can be more than 50 feet long and weigh about 2,050 kilos (4,500 pounds).
- The smallest fish is the Goby which is less than a centimetre when fully grown.



Using the Right Word

- How often do we screw-up the words 'bought' and 'brought' without knowing it. Two very simple, like-sounding words with totally different meanings. Basic Grade 3 English!
- I 'brought' I my caravan from Slezzy Jim's in 1996 for \$14,500, and, I 'bought' this book in for you to read, and, I 'bought' a bottle of wine home to have with dinner. In all instances above, brought and bought have been used incorrectly.
- Brought' means 'to bring' _ 'Bought' means 'to buy'.

No doubt people will continue to use 'bought' and 'brought' in the wrong meaning. It's rampant!



Photographs of members may appear in the QCC Wanderer, its website or on its Facebook Group. Should a member not wish for this to occur, then the member should inform, in writing, the Secretary and the photographer. Whilst all care will be taken to comply with a member's request, no guarantee may be given that his/her photograph will not appear. Any such appearance will be totally unintentional.

That set of wheels sitting in the driveway is more than just a means of getting you from A to B. Fix a towbar to the back and it can open a whole world of life-enhancing possibilities from caravanning to dragging that boat or transporting that horse float you've always wanted. But towing is a serious business, involving the laws of physics and potentially serious consequences. Here are a few things you need to keep in mind to do it right.

Use the Right Car

Not all cars are natural towing vehicles. Front-wheel drives are inherently disadvantaged because towing pushes a vehicle's weight distribution towards the rear, away from the wheels with the power.

Rear-drive cars cope better with a wider breadth of scenarios – say, a heavy boat/trailer combination and greasy boat ramp – because the weight is over the driving wheels, leading to better traction. A four-wheel drive is even better.

Then there's your engine. A petrol engine isn't a reason not to tow but diesels typically produce their grunt lower in the rev range and are more economical when worked hard.

Know Your Numbers

First, you need to know the weight of whatever you're towing and your car's maximum towing capacity. However, in the real world, a safety margin should be applied: 20% is a common recommendation (that is, a 2000 kilogram maximum should really mean 1600kg).

Next, tow ball download (TBD), which is essentially the vertical force applied to the tow ball. This is typically about 10 per cent of the weight you're towing (that is, a 2000kg trailer will push 200kg onto the towball) and most cars' maximum TBD ratings are in proportion to their overall maximum towing capacity. Some cars, though, have even lower TBD ratings, so you need to check.

Carrying Complicates Things

If you're using your vehicle both to tow and carry heavy loads – a common scenario for ute owners – you need to know your maximum gross vehicle mass (GVM) and gross combination mass (GCM). The GVM is the maximum weight allowed for your

Towing Tips ...



vehicle, while the GCM is the weight for your vehicle and a trailer combined. A fully-loaded vehicle will often have a reduced maximum towing capacity.

Always Do Pre-Flight Checks

Caravans, boat trailers and the like are often left idle for long periods, then the kilometres get stacked on in one big session. Unsurprisingly, this no-use/hard-use scenario can lead to mechanical trouble.

A pre-flight check is therefore a must before setting-off. This should include tyre pressure, brake, tail and indicator lights and, for caravans, disconnecting or fastening hot spots (power, gas bottles, water, waste water, etc).

Your towing vehicle will need to work harder than usual too, so a pre-trip service before any longer haul should be mandatory.

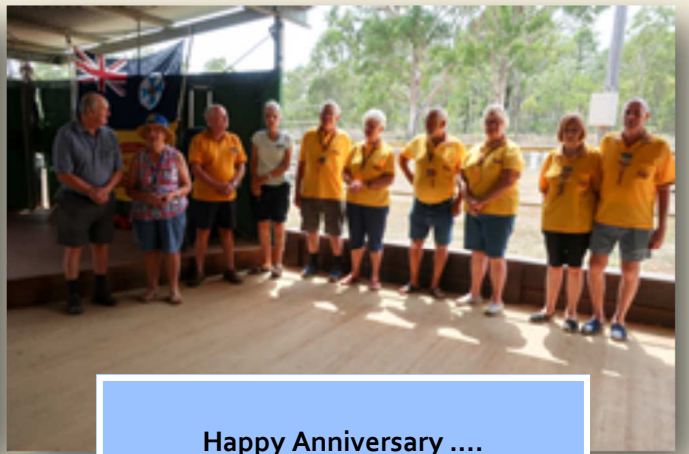
Apply a Soft, Steady Touch

Your car will feel very different and react differently when it's towing a load. It won't accelerate as easily, will take much longer to stop and require a wider line to avoid cutting tighter corners. Reversing manoeuvres will naturally require more skill and patience and, at high speeds, trailer sway could make it a potentially uncontrollable pendulum. If you're expecting to reverse regularly, do some practise before turning-up to a slippery boat ramp. When reversing, if you're not sure, get out and have a look or employ a wing-walker (wife of partner).

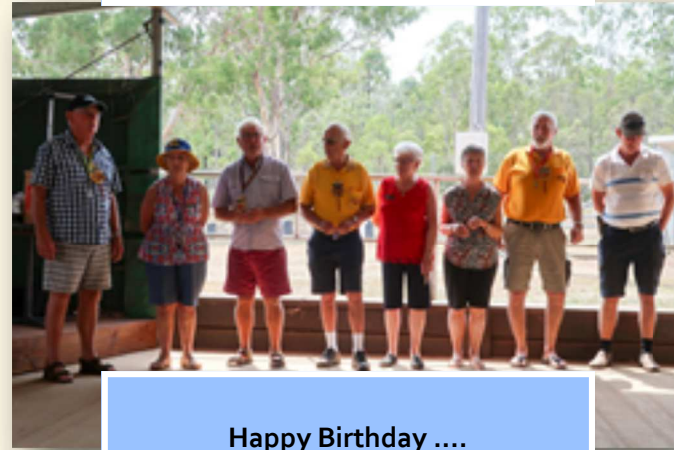
Safe towing is all about knowing your vehicle's limits, anticipating what's going-on around you, and applying a soft, steady touch. This won't just make for a smoother driving but less wear-and-tear for the towing vehicle. If you're a rookie, start with smaller trips and familiarise yourself before progressing to more challenging drives. Don't be afraid to book into towing courses offered by some driver-training organisations. You can't be too safe.



"Welcome to Blackbutt", so-named after local timber, the straight-trunked Australian eucalyptus tree.



Happy Anniversary



Happy Birthday



**(Sewing Machine Cover)
Sewing ladies: Desley, Marilyn, Denise, Carmel and Jenny**



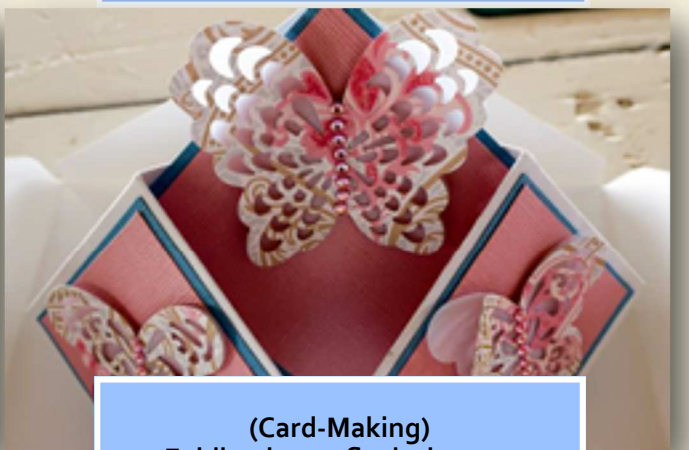
**(Pastal Drawing)
Denise, Marilyn, Bert, Pat and Colin**



**(Art)
Yvonne, Lyn, Jenny, and Carmel ...**



**(Card-Making)
Bev, Carmel, Yvonne, Denise, Lyn, Kathy, Lyn and Marilyn**



**(Card-Making)
Folding butterfly design**



Australiana Afternoon
Hosted by Gail and Ray Caddies



First Fleet Prisoners
Bert Beker and Bob Rutherford



Barbara reciting an Australiana
poem



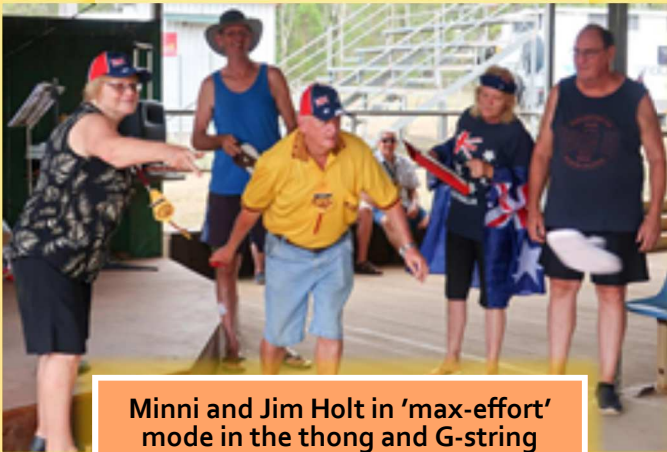
Barry Lander spinning some 'true'
Aussie yarns



Colin Fitzgibbon playing
bushranger and ambushing
members



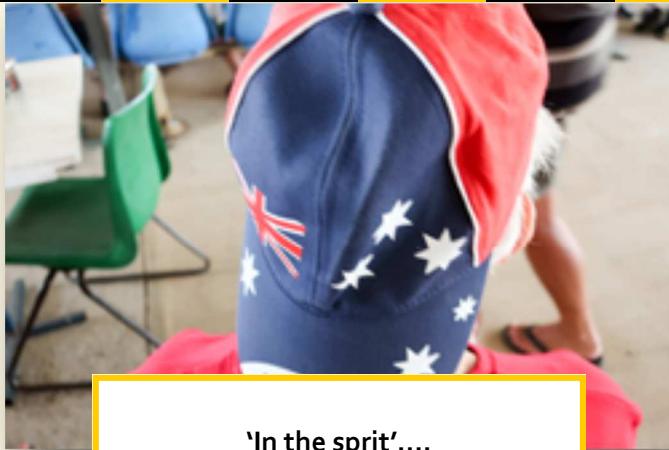
Terry Park ambushing members
from the opposite side - 'a
crossfire tactic!'



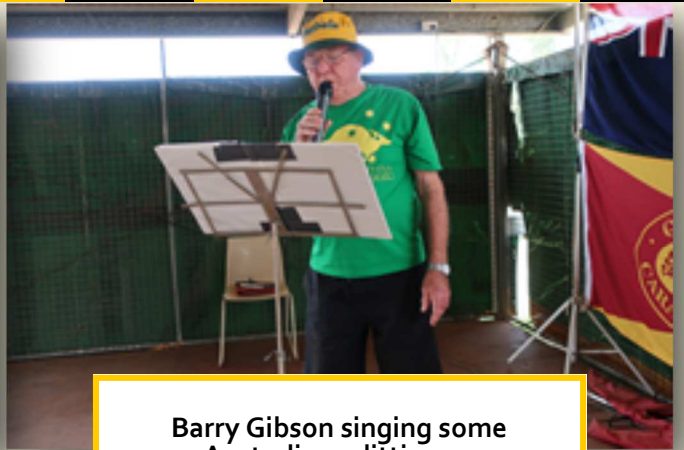
Minni and Jim Holt in 'max-effort'
mode in the thong and G-string
throwing competition



We're not sure about this G-string
and thong-throwing bit!!



'In the spirit'....



Barry Gibson singing some
Australiana ditties



'Australia Day BBQ'
Cheryl Henry and Daryl Kays



'Australia Day BBQ'
Master chefs, Beris Abraham and
Roger Adams



Cheryl Henry holding her Oz-
Theme Trivia and Quiz Night



Cracking-the-whip! Australia Day
BBQ Officer-In-Charge,
Merv Kahler



'In the spirit'....



'In the spirit'....



QUEENSLAND CARAVAN CLUB INC

Nominations for Office – 2020/2021

Annual General Meeting 11th April 2020, Pine Rivers Showground.

QCC members are urged to give consideration to serving on the Queensland Caravan Club Inc Committee. The Club value your input and would only be too happy to discuss any aspects of the positions as well as serving on the committee.

Without a committee QCC club is unable to function. Should a committee position be not for you, then please consider the many other jobs that are not on the committee, eg., to list a few; mar-shalling, selling raffle tickets, assisting the convener, looking after the flags, carrying some books for the library, induction person, checking the amenities, helping with entertainment. And there are many more. The AGM is only a few months away – so please think about helping out in 2020/21.



QUEENSLAND CARAVAN CLUB INC

Nominations for Office - Annual General Meeting 11th April 2020
to be held at Pine Rivers Showgrounds



- Committee Positions:
- | | |
|--|---------------------|
| President | Vice President |
| Secretary | Minute Secretary |
| Treasurer | Assistant Treasurer |
| Editor | Convener |
| Rally Venue Coordinator | |
| Entertainment Coordinator | |
| Plus three (3) other members for the committee | |

I hereby nominate:
Name of Nominee

For the position of:

Proposed by:
Name and Signature

Seconded by:.....
Name and Signature

If elected, I agree to act:
Signature of Nominee

Please return to QCC Secretary no later than Saturday 14th March 2020.

The QCC’s current Public Liability Insurance is \$20,000,000 with Ansvr Insurance.

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- Non-Committee Positions:
- | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Library | Raffles |
| Archivist | Chief Rally Marshal |
| National Rally Coordinator | |
| Introduction Coordinator | |
| 2 X CCQ Delegates | |