



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



**Happy Easter**

*25th April*



*Lest We Forget*



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### President's Report - Allora

**W**ell, after the disappointment of not having had our rally at Killarney as originally planned, the arrangements by the committee to quickly change to Allora, turned-out to be a blessing with a superb site with well-maintained grounds and amenities. Mark, the president of the show society, and his volunteers, were just so helpful.

**Wednesday.** Dennis Edney and assistants arrived early to set-up the power and water. Just as well as we had 22 vans arrive which is a record for a Wednesday. Bev green had her card-making class, and 16 members going for a meal that night. Good food and prices.

**Thursday.** Cool and breezy weather conditions greeted members as they arrived resulting in some members preferring not to extend their awnings. The flies welcomed us, too! All impervious to Aerogard.

A lot of touching elbows or shoes instead of hand-shaking; a bit different, but as the Coronavirus spreads, we will all need to take more precautions.

Five ladies went for a game of golf and some thought the course was a bit of a goat track. A busy day for most setting-up and tying down awnings due to the persistent and strong wind. More members headed to the pub for a meal with good reports.

**Friday.** Walkers were out at 6:30am. 15 male members headed out to golf and it was a tough course. 17 members had a game of bowls at Allora Bowls Club.

The management committee had its meeting. Yvonne Robbins took the sewing class which was very busy and Bev had a second card-making class. Also, Michael Burdette had his drawing class.

Happy hour was at 4:00pm. Mark opened the bar, and then we had the President's Picnic which was a catered meal of fish, chips and salad which Mark and his team of volunteers had prepared. They cooked 110 meals in 30 minutes which is a record. Well done guys. The meal was funded by QCC. We had a top night and thanks to everyone.

**Saturday.** Morning tea was followed with our meeting at which I announced the birthdays and anniversaries of which there was just one anniversary; Neil and Marie Chesney. Unfortunately, Neil and Marie had to return home the day prior and

were not present to receive their celebratory chocolate treat. Will keep it for you Neil and Marie.

Sue Baker had her pastel drawing class. Regrettably, the tag-a-long had to be cancelled, however, there was a large group which visited Glengallen Homestead and another group which went to the Allora Sports Museum. Both were well worth the visit.

Enroute to the rally, Patrick and Ann Heatherman had to return home, therefore, Patrick's Muckers evening, which everyone was so looking forward to, had to be cancelled. As a substitute, and thanks to Kevin and Carol Day, who, in a couple of hours, organised and wrote-up a game called 'Majority Rules'. It was a load of fun with a lot of laughter and interaction. Thanks to Linda Jones for helping and for adding a few extra laughs. We missed you Linda while you and Shane were away travelling.

**Sunday.** After paying the treasurer, having our meeting, drawing of the raffles and auctioning the bottle of vintage Kelly Gang Shiraz and clock, both gifted to QCC by Neil Chesney, the rally came to an end.

22 vans remained on Sunday. Di and I went to Warwick to a café at a nursery with some of the best food we have had. Sunday night we had a big happy hour with guitar playing and some singing.

In summary, a total of 58 vans attended the rally. Well-patronised and very successful. I hope we can get back to Allora soon.

As a footnote; with the occurrences over the past month or so, it shows just how adaptable this club and its committee is in dealing with changes. With the cancellation of Killarney and the subsequent set-up of a substitute rally site, and now, the virus and the resultant changes it has brought. Hey ... life was never meant to be easy but we all cope in one way or another. There will always be another day! Whilst there may not be a rally within the foreseeable future, there will most certainly be a QCC Wanderer each month. Safe travels around your homes and back yards!

President Paul Brearley.



~ NEW MEMBERS ~



President Paul welcomes Ivan and Robyn Burdett.

~A brief outline of the Pine Rivers District~

The Shire of Pine Rivers is a local government area about 20 kilometres north of the Brisbane CBD in the Moreton Bay region. The shire covers an area of 771 square kilometres, and existed as a local government entity from 1888 until 2008, when it amalgamated with councils further north to form the Moreton Bay Region.

The Shire is named for three rivers contained within it: the Pine River, which empties into Bramble Bay, and its tributaries, the North Pine River and South Pine River. Two large artificial reservoirs, Lake Samsonvale and Lake Kurwongbah, form its centre.

The western half of the shire consists of the sparsely-populated foothills of the D'Aguiar Range, the land being mostly forested or used for grazing cattle and horses. Hays Inlet and Saltwater Creek forms the eastern boundary of the Shire, beyond which lies the City of Redcliffe.

The main population concentration is in the east and southeast of the shire. The western part, which covers 76% of the shire's land area, contains approximately 20,000 residents. The key centres

of population are Strathpine, which forms a mini-CBD for the area, Lawnton, Petrie, Kallangur to the north, Albany Creek and the Hills District closer to Brisbane's boundary. A new area based around North Lakes in the shire's northeast has also become reasonably established.

Area History ....

The area was settled by homestead farmers in the mid 19th century. Many suburbs; Lawnton, Petrie, Griffin and Joyner, for example, are named after early European settlers. The first township in the area was established in 1868 at what is now Petrie, to service mail coaches between Brisbane and Gympie. The

Caboolture railway line reached the shire in 1888. Another railway line to Dayboro was opened in 1920, but due to lack of traffic, was closed and lifted in 1955.

During the Second World War, large areas of flat land around Brendale and Strathpine were used by allied forces as airfields and staging areas. It is estimated that around 50,000 allied servicemen passed through the area, at a time when the civilian population was less than 5000.



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Lucky Raffle and Lucky Van Draw Winners ...

- \$50.00 Random Numbers Draw ~ Murray McGowan.

**Raffle:**

- \$50.00 Gift Card ~ Dorcus Burt. Donated by QCC.
- 1<sup>st</sup> ~ Barbara Rutherford - Quilt. Made and donated by Olive Jones.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ Carolyn Kahler - Fire Blanket. Donated by Cheryl and Rick Henry.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ Jan Kirby - Cheese Knives. Donated by Bev McCallum.
- Lucky Door Prize - Keith McCallum. 1 X roll of toilet paper. Gift-wrapped.
- Lucky Van Draw winners ~ Colin Fitzgibbon and Jacky and Tom Smith.

Our thanks goes to our raffle ladies, Carmel Abraham and Gail Carrie Lander who did a great job. **Raffle sales = \$294.80.**

**Auction:**

- 'Silky Oak Clock' to Olive Jones. Hand-made by Neil Chesney.
  - 'Kelly Gang Commemorative Shiraz' to Shane Jones.
- Both items kindly donated by Neil and Marie Chesney.



**Member Profile ~ Ivan and Robyn Burdett ....**

Ivan was born in Texas, Queensland and wanted to try his hand at real estate, which Robyn in St. George, Queensland. In 1975, led to a move to Jimboomba and a salesman job Ivan commenced work at the with Century 21 in Logan Village. In 2009 he Commonwealth Bank at Goondiwindi, and in opened his own real estate business and 1976, was transferred to St. George where boy- operated from home.

met-girl. Romance blossomed and Ivan spent a lot of time with Robyn and her family and was a regular visitor to their home, especially around meal time.

After 18 months of romance, we married on the 11<sup>th</sup> of June 1977. Ivan was transferred to Acacia Ridge after the wedding therefore we spent our honeymoon finding somewhere to live and settled in nearby Salisbury prior to buy-ing their first home in Woodridge.

We adapted to city life with new friends and interests and formed a sound friendship with Kerry and Dianne Hogan. Our first daughter was born in 1981 and in 1984 our youngest daughter was born.

So that Robyn could spend more time with the children, we decided to rent our home and take country transfers around Queensland. This led to promotion and transfers to Beaudesert, Sarina, Goondiwindi then back to Brisbane with a transfer to Inala in 1994 and settling at Shailer Park. Robyn decided return to fulltime work in 1994, gaining a position with Woolworths at Sunnybank and many transfers within driving distance of home.

In 2002, Ivan decided he'd had enough of the banking world and decided a change was needed



Our daughters had matured into beautiful young women and it was not long before they married and the start of grandchildren being regularly welcomed into our world.

Robyn transferred up and down the coast for promotions, ending as the store manager at Beaudesert from 2006 to 2012, and then moving to a

couple of Brisbane stores. After a while, the travel plus late night callouts, Robyn decided to move into Real Estate and became the rental manager for Ivan and worked from our home office.

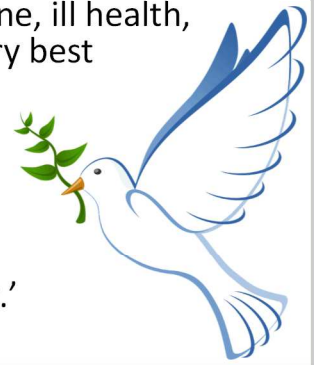
In 2019 we decided to sell the business and semi-retire to enjoy travel, fishing, driving our old cars and being with our grandchildren. Our friends, Kerry and Dianne Hogan, invited us to on a rally weekend with their caravan club which was to Nambour to see the how we would like it. Well, here we are now as members so something happened and we did enjoy the weekend away and met some wonderful people. We will make as many rallies as possible but we now have 10 grandchildren and they take-up a lot of time; you have already met two of the boys.

*Ivan and Robyn Burdett.*



To those who have endured the loss of a dear one, ill health, hospitalisation, surgery or misfortune; the very best wishes to you all. We are thinking of you.

'Dennis and Heather Edney, Marie Chesney, Jean Cochrane, Ann Dobe, Noeleen Jarrett, Helen Judge, John Carroll, Fay Walker, Barry Gibson, George Lacey, Ray MacDonald, Brian Sheehan, Ray Steele, Des McLeod, Bill Waycott.'  
Apologies to anyone overlooked.



**Cover Photo:** Cropped from a photograph of a mural which graces the outside of the Allora Showgrounds, the mural, some twenty metres in length, depicts and reflects the early, developing days of Allora. Beautiful artwork. For protection, the mural is covered and fenced.



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 02 Graham Dukes  
 07 Jill Davis  
 09 Pat Barr  
 10 Bev McCallum  
 11 Jim Holt

11 Bert Beker  
 12 Robin Langley  
 15 Wendy Gibson  
 18 Greg Mander  
 19 Roy Bridges  
 21 Chris Truloff

22 Janelle Donaldson  
 28 Gordon Baker  
 28 Bill Dobe  
 29 Ross Munro  
 30 Ian Farrell  
 30 Dorcas Burt

Happy Anniversary to You for April 2020

03 Ann and Patrick Hetherman  
 04 Dorcas and Doug Burt  
 06 Helen and Stewart Hornibrook  
 11 Carolyn and Merv Kahler

15 Denise and Terry Park  
 15 Bev and Kem McDowall  
 16 Jill and Tom Davis  
 17 Sue and Jim Thorpe

22 Jan and Ray Steele  
 24 Jean and Jeff Cochrane



**58 Vans at Allora ....**

**ABRAHAM**, Beres and Carmel.  
**ADAMS**, Roger and Laurel.  
**BAKER**, Darren.  
**BAKER**, Gordon and Sue.  
**BEKER**, Bert and Yvonne.  
**BARR**, Graham and Pat.  
**BREARLEY**, Paul and Di.  
**BRIDGES**, Roy and Carmel.  
**BURDETT**, Ivan and Robyn.  
**BURDETTE**, Michael and **SIFFLEET**, Lesley.  
**BURT**, Doug and Dorcas.  
**CADDIES**, Ray and Gail.  
**CARROLL**, John and Jenny.  
**CHESNEY**, Neil and Marie.  
**COCHRANE**, Jeff and Jean.  
**COOK**, Merv and Barbara.  
**CRAGG**, Merv and Barbara.  
**CRAWFORD**, Geoff and **KING**, Margaret.

**DAY**, Kevin and Carol.  
**DITTON**, Mary.  
**DROUGHT**, Michael and **REEDY**, Linda.  
**EDNEY**, Dennis and Heather.  
**EGEN**, Ian and Gwen.  
**FARRELL**, Ian and Denise.  
**FITZGIBBON**, Colin.  
**GAFFLEY**, Frank.  
**GREEN**, Rod and Bev.  
**HASLEWOOD**, Lance.  
**HENRY**, Rick and Cheryl.  
**HILLS**, Wayne and Vicki.  
**HINSON**, Alf and Desley.  
**HOGAN**, Kerry and Dianne.  
**JONES**, Noel and Olive.  
**JONES**, Shane and Linda.  
**KAHLER**, Merv and Carolyn.  
**LANDER**, Barry and Gail.  
**LANGLEY**, Steve and Robyn.  
**LOWE**, Phil and Del.  
**MANDER**, Greg and Pat.

**MARTIN**, Trevor and Mavis.  
**MATERNE**, Rudi and Marianne.  
**MCCALLUM**, Keith and Bev.  
**McGOWAN**, Murray and Jenni.  
**METCALFE**, Rodney and Mary.  
**MIERS**, John. And Jan.  
**MUNRO**, Ross and Jan.  
**NOFFKE**, Owen and **KIRBY**, Jan.  
**PARK**, Terry and Denise.  
**POMROY**, Tony and Lynne.  
**ROBBINS**, Yvonne.  
**RUTHERFORD**, Bob and Barbara.  
**SHEEHAN**, Graham and Shirley.  
**SKINNER**, Adrian and Gail.  
**SMITH**, Tom and Jacky.  
**STEPHENSON**, Tony and Sue.  
**STOCKER**, Eddie and Sylvia.  
**TEBBIT**, Bob and Marilyn.  
**VAN WYK**, Richard and Linda.  
**VAN LUNTEREN**, René and Sylvia.

Queensland Caravan Club welcomed the following to Allora:

**First Time Visitors:** René and Sylvia VAN LUNTEREN.

**Second Time Visitors:** Greg and Pat MANDER.

**Day Visitors:** Ray and Pam MacDONALD, and, Bill and Denise WAYCOTT.

**Apologies:** Graham and Pat BARR, Barry and Wendy GIBSON, Shane and Judith GRAHAM, Karen HASLEWOOD, Margaret HILLER and Rod STEGEMAN, Roy and Lyn HILL, George and Yvonne Lacey, John RIDER, Adrian and Ann SAVAGE, Brian and Denise SHEEHAN, Jim and Sue THORPE.



DARYL KAYS has numerous Caravan and Motorhome magazines - old and new - that he has no further use for. These magazines contain some very interesting articles and might be useful for a new caravanner (or not-so-new caravanner). If interested, please give Daryl a call on 0408 113 443 or email him at dmk8@bigpond.com.

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**Allora Golf:**

15 gents and 5 ladies attended ....

**Ladies:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Denise Park.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Marilyn Tebbit
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Heather Edney.

**Gents:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Rod Green.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ian Farrell.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Bob Tebbit.



**Spending @ Allora:**

Meals:	\$4,019.00.
Fuel:	\$4,967.00.
Site Fees:	\$4,140.00.
General:	\$4,226.00
Major:	\$350.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$17,702.00.</b>



In addition to the above, a min-auction was conducted on Sunday morning (15<sup>th</sup> March), the takings of which will be gifted between the Club's two charities. The items auctioned were a bottle of commemorative Kelly Gang Shiraz and a clock, hand-made by Neil Chesney from silky oak . Both items were gifted to the Club by Neil and Marie Chesney. All-up, the auction brought-in \$73.00.



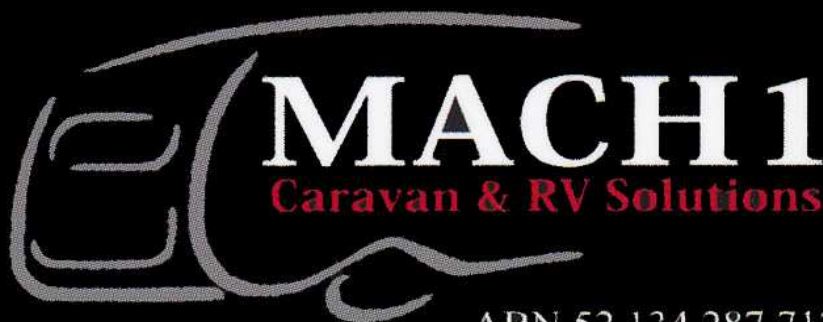
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Considering the elements (wind and flies), the Allora rally bowls were a remarkable success with a record 18 attending. Some cunning tactics used to counter the strong crosswinds. Bowls is becoming very popular amongst QCC members with attendance steadily growing. If the numbers continue to grow, we may soon have to have our Saturday meetings at the local bowls club!



**From the Editor.** Although there will not a rally for several months or so, there will be a QCC Wanderer each month. Not having a rally does give me a little more flexibility in terms of timeframes by which to get the QCC Wanderer out, however the aim remains the same in

that I will endeavour to have it completed within the first week of the month. Please don't expect the newsletter to be lengthy, however, I will try to make it as informative as I can. Input would be appreciated.



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 Sep 17-23 State Rally, Pittsworth (Showground)  
 Oct 07-13 Nanango (Showground)  
 Nov 11-17 Kogin (Showground).  
 Dec 01-08 Toogoolawah (Xmas/Showground).

2020 QCC Rally Calendar ....  
 Apr 08-14 Pine Rivers (Pine River Community Centre). SM followed by AGM.  
 Apr 29-05 May. Pittsworth (Showground).  
 Jun 10-16 Samford (Showground).  
 July 08-14 Kenilworth (Showground).

**ALL QCC RALLIES ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

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Want to know what it’s like to be a truck driver? Consider upgrading your normal car licence to a light or medium rigid truck licence. Rest assured, it is a lot more complicated than when you got your car licence. There is just so much you have to think about when driving a truck that we all take for granted in the car. For example, they teach you to expect a car to pull-out in front of you at every intersection, so you are required to physically look at every side road as you approach them. You have to be able to reverse a large vehicle into a loading bay using mirrors only. The skills you learn are invaluable for towing and will make you a better driver. RV Daily.

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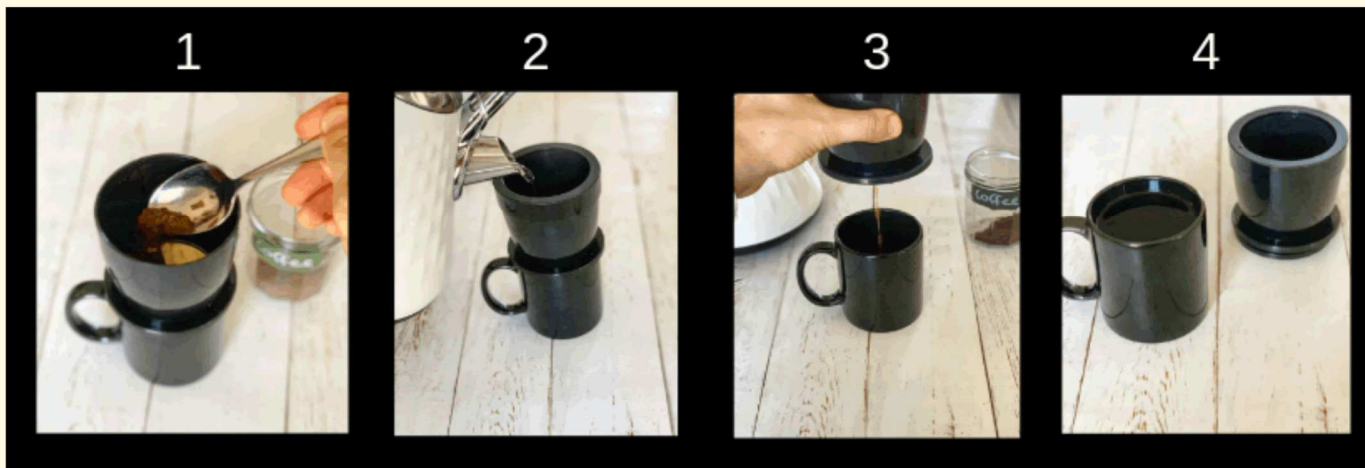
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## Our Pet Policy ....

This Policy applies to all members, visitors and guests whilst at a rally site for the entire duration of the rally, i.e., upon arrival on site and until departure. This Policy runs in conjunction with any other pet policy imposed by the venue at which our rally is being held.

It must be remembered that although many of us enjoy pets, not all club members are pet lovers. However, if we abide by a few simple rules, there is no reason why we cannot all be happy and have a harmonious rally environment. Refer to the By-Law No. 19 for further details.

It is important to be aware that:

- Pet owners/carers are responsible for keeping their pets quiet at all times.
- Barking dogs will not be tolerated as this can be disturbing to others.
- Pets must be restrained and kept within the confines of the owner/carer's caravan/annex.
- Pets are to be kept on a short leash or other type of restraint at all times.
- When walking a pet, it must be on a short leash or other type of restraint and be in the hands of a responsible adult.
- A pet must not be off its leash anywhere on the rally site. The only exception being if a specific area designated for this purpose is provided by the venue.



Pets are not permitted in the following areas:

- Where food is eaten, prepared and/or served.
- Toilet/shower facilities.
- The hall or meeting area.
- Happy hour. The only exception being where happy hour is being held under a member's caravan awning and it is at the discretion of the caravan owner as to whether a pet is permitted.
- Pet owners/carers must clean-up after their pet/s.



If a member is attending a rally with a pet, the rally marshal is to be advised on arrival.

**IF WE ALL EMPLOY A LITTLE BIT OF CO-OPERATION AND COMMON SENSE, OUR MEMBERS WILL BE HAPPY NEIGHBOURS.**



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**I**n case you haven't noticed, the vintage caravan movement has taken-off in a big way in Australia. become a trendy accessory at weddings and events, with savvy owners transforming them into pop-up bars, coffee stalls, cafés and ice-cream parlours. But they are also being used for their original purpose as enthusiasts turn their backs on modern conveniences and embrace the down-sizing movement.

The idea is to find an old van, restore it and tow it behind a car of a similar period, preferably with matching colour schemes.



The vintage caravan movement is not only taking holidaymakers on a trip down memory lane, but also strengthening their social interactions. Owners of vintage and classic vans, and towed by classic cars, are taking holidays together and finding their nostalgic vans are starting conversations with strangers everywhere they go. "People don't talk to you when you turn-up in a you-beaut modern caravan, but when you arrive in one of these, people take notice and knock on the door and want to say hello," Marianne Lawson said of the 1976 Adelma van she shares with husband, Chris.

The tiny rounded timber vans of the 1950s have

are adding and embracing memorabilia from the era and enjoying the opportunity to open their vans to the public.



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.

## SATNAV

*A Poem by Pam Ayres*

I have a little Satnav; it sits there in my car.  
 A Satnav is a driver's friend, it tells you where you are.  
 I have a little Satnav; I've had it all my life.  
 It's better than the normal ones, my Satnav is my wife.  
 It gives me full instructions, especially how to drive  
 "It's 60 miles an hour", it says, "you're doing 65".  
 It tells me when to stop and start, and when to use the brake,  
 And tells me that it's never ever safe to overtake.  
 It tells me when a light is red, and when it goes to green,  
 It seems to know instinctively just when to intervene.  
 It lists the vehicles just in front, and all those to the rear,  
 And taking this into account, it specifies my gear.  
 I'm sure no other driver has so helpful a device  
 For when we leave and lock the car, it still gives its advice.  
 It fills me up with counselling, each journey's pretty fraught,  
 So why don't I exchange it and get a quieter sort?  
 Ah, well, you see, it cleans the house, makes sure I'm properly fed.  
 It washes all my shirts and things, and keeps me warm in bed!  
 Despite all these advantages, and my tendency to scoff,  
 I only wish that now and then I could turn the bugger off.

Sent-in by Merv Cook.

### THINKING OF CARAVAN WHEEL BEARING KITS and/or WHEEL BEARING REPLACEMENT for YOUR CARAVAN?

Considering the fact that the wheel bearings are the components that keep your wheels turning, it is crucial to ensure they are always in good condition. You may need to change them frequently depending on towing conditions, but a good rule is checking and re-greasing every 10,000km or 12 months. You'll also need to understand the various caravan wheel bearing kit options.

It's important to remember that a new split-pin and a bearing seal for each axle will be required and the inner and outer bearings may need replacing if they are worn-down.

Generally, caravan repair facilities can assist with questions or help with your wheel bearing replacement, or if you want to purchase a caravan wheel bearing kit to go the DIY route.



#### **Bearing types:**

It is quite common for Holden or Ford bearings to be used in most caravans, but 'parallel bearings' may often be found in caravans that are used for off-roading. You may, however, hear different terms for bearings, so stick to this guide:

- Standard bearings = Holden bearings.
- Slimline bearings = Ford bearings.

These terms are interchangeable between the two categories. You will be able to identify which bearings your caravan uses by a code that is printed on the actual bearing.

#### **The difference in bearings:**

The different types of caravan wheel bearing kits are relevant to the different load carrying capacity of the caravan. The more weight carried requires a thicker axle and larger diameter bearings.

#### **Choosing a caravan wheel bearing kit:**

A caravan wheel bearing kit will include all of the necessary parts for one wheel. You may need to measure your axle to identify which bearing kit will fit.

The bearing itself is made up of two parts, the cup, and the cone. The cup is pressed into the hub, and the cone contains the rollers. The smaller cup and cone are known as the outer bearings which fit the outside face of the wheel along with the grease cap. The grease seal and inner bearings are then placed on the inside toward the centre of the caravan.

#### **Hubs:**

When it comes to the hubs, there are two options; non-braked or braked; both are fine for all caravan wheel bearing kits.

How to select the correct bearings:

The quality of the bearings is indicative of their price and brand. It is worth considering spending a little extra for a finer quality set of bearings so you can avoid the issue of a failed bearing and possibly be stranded somewhere.

*Some facts to ponder over and to take your minds off the virus!*

- The human eye can detect the light of a candle from over a mile (1.6km) away.
- 80% of taste is determined by aroma.
- About 99.9% of human genes are identical.
- The scientific name for a stomach grumble is 'borborygmi'.
- 11% of people are left-handed.
- August has the highest percentage of births. Therefore November is the sexiest month!
- Unless food is mixed with saliva, you can't taste it.
- The average person falls asleep in seven minutes.
- A bear has 42 teeth.

**The world's first cosmonaut was a dog.** In 1957, the USSR launched a stray dog named Laika into Earth's orbit to test whether living creatures could survive space travel. Sadly, Laika died in orbit, as her vessel lacked the ability to return to Earth.

**A day is longer than a year on Venus.** The rotation of Venus is very slow, making a full rotation only every 243 Earth days. In contrast, the planet goes around the sun once every 225 Earth days, making its year 18 earth days shorter than its day.

**The Eiffel Tower is shorter in winter than in summer.** The Eiffel Tower is made of iron, which expands in heat and contracts in the cold. In warm weather, the tower grows by as much as 6 inches, and also leans slightly away from the sun.

**Russia was founded by Vikings.** You probably think of Scandinavia or Iceland when you think of Vikings. But the founder of Russia was a Viking named Oleg. His people were called the Kievan Rus, the origin of the current name Russia.

**All blue-eyed people have a common ancestor.** Blue eye pigmentation is the result of a mutation on the OCA2 gene, which controls melanin production. Scientists have recently tracked the mutation to a single human who lived somewhere around 6,000-10,000 years ago. Before that, brown was the only eye colour.

**Abraham Lincoln was a licensed bartender.** Before becoming president, Lincoln was a business man and owner of the Lincoln General Store and Tavern. He earned his bartending licence in 1833. It was discovered in 1930 and is currently on display in a liquor store in Lincoln's hometown of Springfield, IL.

**Penicillin was originally called 'Mould Juice'.** Alexander Fleming accidentally discovered penicillin, the world's first antibiotic, when he left a petri dish out in his lab. He called the liquid 'mould juice' until he analysed it and discovered the mould was from the penicillin.

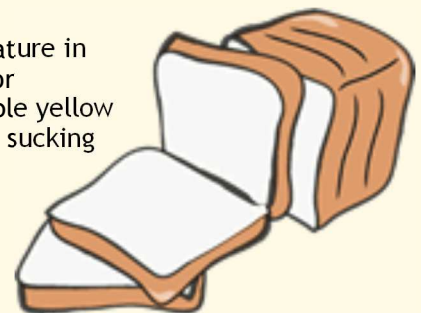
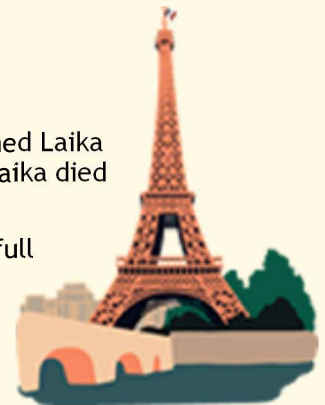
**There are 2,000 thunderstorms in progress at any given moment.** About 16 million thunderstorms happen around the world every year, though only about 10% of those are considered severe. While they're most common in the evening in spring and summer months, thunderstorms can happen anywhere and anytime.

**Workers are most productive on Mondays.** You might hate Mondays, but it's probably your boss' favourite day. About 29% of workers report being at their most productive the first day of the week, and only 11% are at their most productive on Fridays.

**Did you know the active ingredient in dynamite is used to treat heart attacks?** Nitro-glycerine, which is the explosive compound in dynamite, is also kept in tablet form in hospitals for use in heart attacks and other cardiac emergencies. When taken orally, it relaxes the muscles and blood vessels, increasing blood flow and oxygen in the heart. Boom boom!!

**Penguin urine makes up about 3% of Antarctica's glaciers.** The low temperature in Antarctica means urine freezes almost instantly, before it can be washed off or evaporate. This means penguin pee just becomes part of the ice, leaving visible yellow and orange streaks in many glaciers. So the next time you visit Antarctica, no sucking on glacial ice!

**Sliced bread wasn't invented until 1928.** It's something we take for granted now, but prior to the '20s bread was sold only in full loaves. The first mass-produced pre-sliced bread came from the Chillicothe Baking Company in Chillicothe, Missouri.





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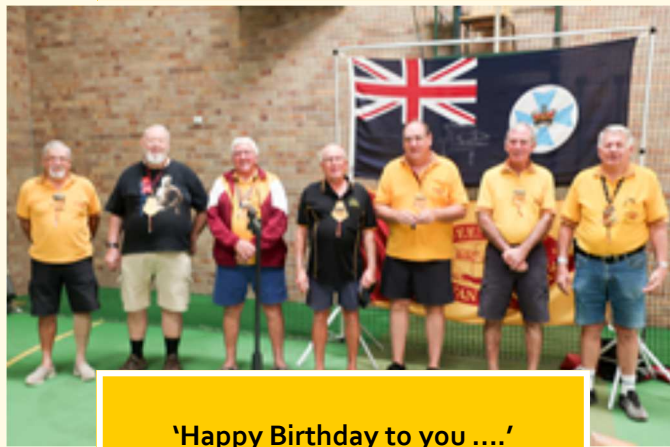
QCC welcomes Ivan and Robyn Burdett.



Noel receives the QCC 'Bullshit Award'. Well overdue!!



A great turnout at Allora.



'Happy Birthday to you ....'



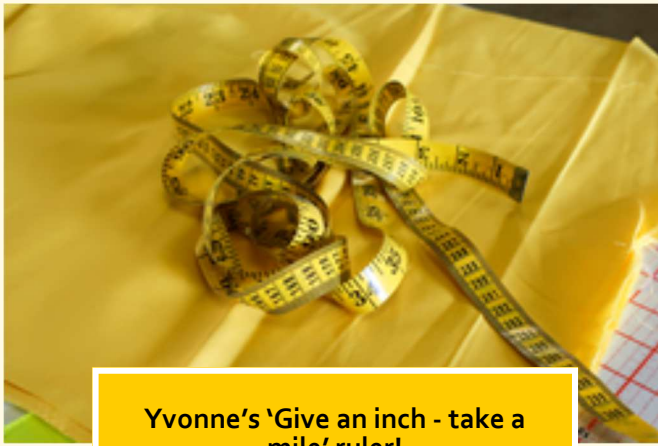
Bev and Robyn preparing items for the state rally.



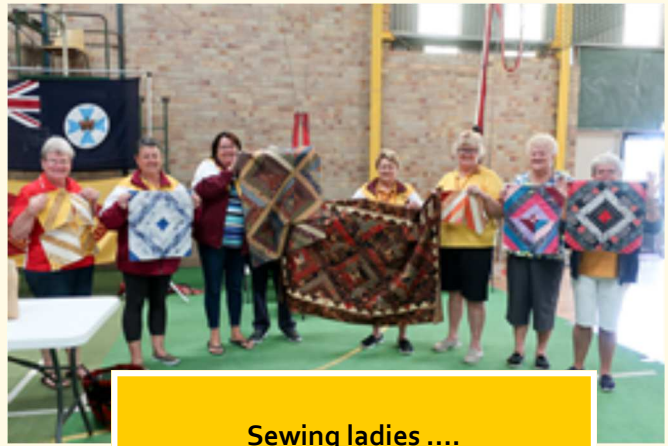
Sylvia and Bev at card-making.



Sewing ladies in action! 'The Janome Club'



Yvonne's 'Give an inch - take a mile' ruler!



Sewing ladies ....



Yvonne displaying a project for the state rally.



Yvonne's mesh bag. A project for another day!



Michael with his art class.



Sue and the pastel drawing class.



Art class with a ring-in!



Pastel ladies exhibit their work.



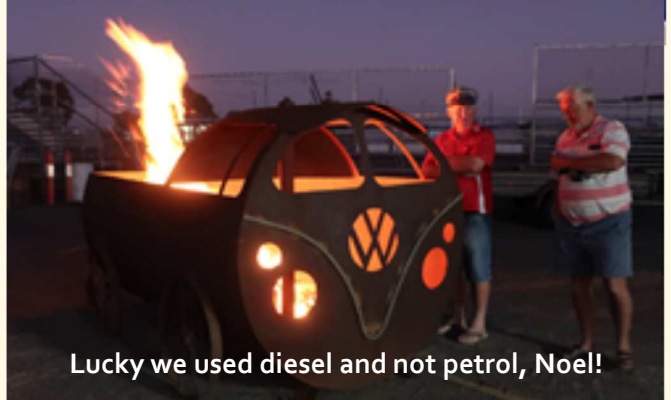
President's Picnic ....



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Lucky we used diesel and not petrol, Noel!



Saturday sing-a-long and happy hour ....



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"Keep calling, Gail, I'll find you ...."



Goodies for the state rally ....



Colin, sharing his abode with his Jeep. Couldn't ask for better company!



Presentos for auction from Neil and Marie Chesney.