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Striking sunset at historic
Urangan Pier. Built in 1917,
this impressive pier stretches
880 metres into Wide Bay.

Photo courtesy Tom Smith

**BREAKING
NEWS**

AGM to be held
@ PITTSWORTH
in September ...



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President's Report - June/July 2020

A big Hi to all my fellow QCC members. The good news is the next President's Report will be after our next rally to be held at Esk Caravan Park from 6th to 10th of August, and I can't wait for it to happen. At last we have something to look forward to. Our committee had a meeting at my house, and I thank all of them for their time and effort in getting together so we could start to organise our future rallies. September's rally will be held at Pittsworth Showgrounds where we will hold our belated AGM. Looking forward to seeing all members there.

Please understand that all bookings for venues, hall hire, catering and entertainment are normally booked at least 12 months ahead, but we will be doing our absolute best to make all our rallies are fun-filled and enjoyable for everyone.

Many thanks to Secretary Heather for her tireless work, and to the remainder of the committee members who are putting-in so much time and effort for the Club. And a special thanks to 'Luscious' Lance for getting the Wanderer out each month. Not easy when there is no rally and nothing much to write about.

Well, how has everyone been holding-up? George Lacey has had a serious operation and it looks like he has come-out OK, although a minor post-op hiccup meant another short stay in hospital. Not quite sure about this as we think he just wanted some little extra TLC and missed breakfast in bed

and good 'ol hospital service. A few other club members have had some health problems, too, and we wish everyone the very best in their recovery and rehab.

So, with the easing of restrictions, we can now start to clean-up and restock our caravans, do the safety checks, tyre pressures etc., ready to move. Many members have started or planned trips now that Queensland has opened-up again. Di and I are heading-up to Harvey Bay for a week then a trip around Murgon, Proston, Wondai and Blackbutt. Home for a week then up to Standown Park for a week, and from there, to our rally at Esk. YEA!

I have been 'starring' on TV promoting caravanning and have received a lot of comments. The best was from an old mate in Airlie Beach who said I could never be an actor if I tried for I am just to bloody ugly. Ha-ha!

Well I am looking forward to seeing as many members as possible at Esk. Please take extra care driving with the van as we may be a tad out of practice ☺ and stay well.



President Paul



From our most dedicated Secretary

Please don't forget our Esk rally, 5th - 11th August; just a month away. It's our first rally in five months and no doubt many members will be keen to get together, socialise and talk about their experiences over the 'virus crisis' period.



Most importantly, members will be required to book in advance with a booking fee of \$39.00 necessary. Unfortunately, the booking fee is non-refundable, however, should you cancel, it will be held in credit for you for one year. Bookings may

be made by contacting Jackie at the Esk Caravan Park on 07 5424 1466. Proprietors, Jackie and Paul Lawson, will be providing entertainment for QCC .

Esk is located in the beautiful Brisbane Valley with plenty to see and do in the area.

'Beautiful PicturEsk Jewel of the Brisbane valley'

Member Profile ~ Life and Times of Linda and Richard Van Wyk

Having just achieved forty years of marriage, this article is an opportunity to reflect on our journey thus far. Linda and I had a 'Shotgun Marriage' (not what you are thinking of) in 1980. Let me explain:

As a young man, I was encouraged by my father to Leave South Africa as he saw no future in the country for his children. Remembering that we were brought-up in the apartheid era where opportunities were very limited based on skin colour.

I applied to a number of embassies in order to follow my dream in life and I received several applications – including South American countries whose documentation was in Spanish as well as in English. I was an apprentice sheet metal worker at the time, and they encouraged me to reapply on completion of my apprenticeship. On completion, I reapplied to migrate to Australia and I was accepted.

By this time I had been courting Linda for two-and-a-half years, so also applied for her to migrate with me to Australia. I took her to the interview which was held in an international hotel in Dublin where blacks and whites were permitted to meet, and I pushed her into the interview room to meet with the Australian Ambassador, who, in turn, turn pulled me into the room and explained the process and our options, which were; (1) for me to migrate to Australia and then wait a year for Linda to come over, or (2), produce a marriage certificate which would allow us to leave together. We departed the hotel and set a wedding date for six weeks, and started making our plans to migrate to Australia. We were married on the 7th June 1980 and arrived in Australia on 26th August – That's my reflection of our 'SHOTGUN' wedding!

We have lived on the southside of Brisbane all this time except for four years on the Gold Coast. We have two children whom we are very proud of and three grandchildren who are now the centre of our lives and all live in our suburb.

Our working life has evolved over time and I am no



longer working in the trade. Linda has been retired from the child care industry for the past ten years and I am self-employed in the disability field as an assessor. I have been fortunate to grasp my opportunities in life, resulting in me completing a degree in Adult Education at QUT. This position allows Linda and I to travel through our beautiful state as well as northern New South Wales and Western Australia. I do have three years left on my present contract after which I will retire fully. One might say that I am presently semi-retired as I play golf two times a week adjusting my working life to blend-in with my social life.

One of our highlights in life was to join the Queensland Caravan Club. This has allowed us to enjoy our motorhome outside of work and to meet some beautiful, wonderful and like-minded people.

Our mantra in life is to 'LAUGH', 'BE HAPPY' and 'GIVE THANKS' for we know not what the future holds.

Linda and Richard.



Members Out 'n About

Yvonne Robbins, Julie and Tony Swift, Lesley Siffleet and Michael Burdette @ Townsville

Happy Birthday to You for July 2020

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| 02 Judith Graham | 15 Lyn Hill | 25 Gail Lander |
| 02 Pam MacDonald | 16 Ann Dobe | 25 Noel Jones |
| 03 Desley Hinson | 17 Laurel Adams | 26 Bob Kearney |
| 05 Marina Bruno | 19 Gloria Bamberry | 29 Peter Johnston |
| 05 Carl Godwin | 22 Lance Haslewood | 29 Pam Robson-Petch |
| 07 Lynne Pomroy | 23 Bev McDowell | 30 Merv Kahler |
| 09 Barbara Rutherford | 23 Jenny McLeod | |
| 14 Gayle Skinner | 24 Jan Darr | |



Happy Anniversary to You for July 2020

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



From the Editor.

Like the President Paul with his report, I am struggle to find something to say in my Editor's Report. The 'virus crisis' is taking its toll. Thinking the best solution is to grab a glass of wine or two hoping his will stimulate the grey matter some.

I was pleased to receive several items for input for this edition, although a couple were a bit touchy, so thought it best, and wisely so, to give these a wide birth. Thank you just the same, contributor no names, no pack-drill, as the 'ol saying goes. Being a former military man, I know what pack-drill is all about! Been there, done that; believe me!

Not really my call, however, but reminding everyone of the upcoming and belated AGM which will be held at the Pittsworth rally in September. Unfortunately, Karen and I will not be at the Pittsworth rally for we will be in Sydney visiting our son and family. Have yet to see our new grandson born in early May. We have the urge to go, and September it is, providing the Victorian 'second wave' doesn't impact and interrupt plans. However, members, in my absence, please do sweat over the possibility of being pressured into taking-on the editor's role for I have offered to do the job for another year. I was offered a gratuity I was unable to resist! Two glasses of wine did the trick. I feel good!

Editor Lance

If you solve this, you are a critical thinker:

Mr. Smith had four daughters. Each daughter had four brothers. How many kids does Mr. Smith have?

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GREAT, CHEAP, CORONAVIRUS BREAK.

Tom and Jacky Smith

Many thanks to Secretary Heather for passing-on the email from the Ingenia Caravan Park at Hervey Bay.

Jacky and I took advantage of their ‘five-day stay for \$25.00 per day’ offer, and when we arrived, in no time at all, we were set up at Site 17.

Already in residence were Kevin and Pat Gower, Michael Drought and Linda Reedy (with dog Gretel), Colin and Margaret James, and two minutes behind us at check-in, were Bob and Kathy Kearny. Reception had put us all in the



scones with jam and cream one morning, pancakes with jam and cream another morning, two different types of savoury bun on another, then savoury scones (Linda is a magic baker!) and little quiches and sausage rolls. Morning tea started about 10:30 a.m. and went till long past noon.

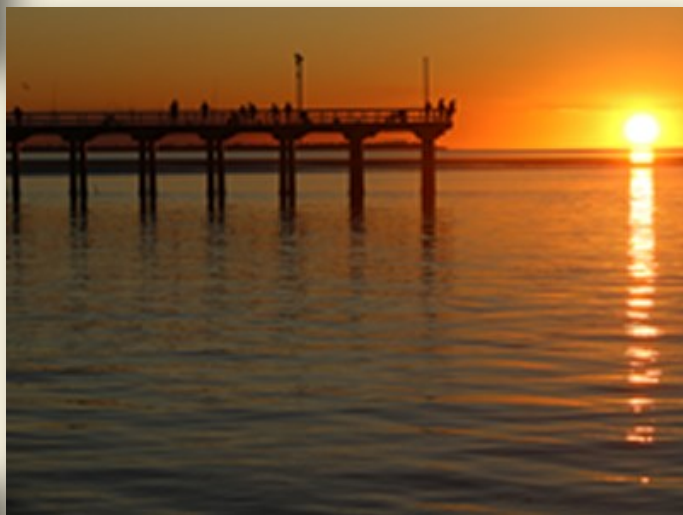
The Park’s offer continues until the 28th July 2020. We decided to stay an extra two days as did the Gowers and they only charged us the

same area.

The site, our ensuite (complimentary), the amenities block and the Park itself, were in great condition. We got to know some of the staff from our ‘Monstrous Morning Teas’ and all were cheery and ever-ready to help.

Colin and Margaret’s time was up on Wednesday morning, but we partied on without them.

Each van provided morning tea and we had



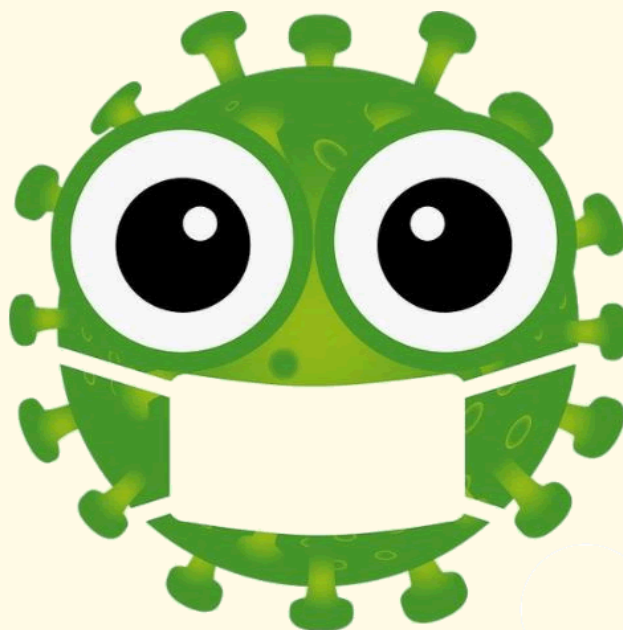
same \$25.00/night rate. Jacky and I highly recommend the Park and this rate which, I think, is about half their normal tariff. I don’t believe Club members could do better if they’re looking for a short break. The Park is just two (big) blocks from the beach.

Tom and Jacky Smith.

- Pic 1 - Morning tea at the Park.
- Pic 2 - Bob Kearny enjoying a morning tea of pancakes with jam and cream.
- Pic 3 - Sunset in the end of the Urangan 880 m long pier.
- Pic 4 - Bob and Kathy Kearney indulging!

Coronavirus At Its Best

- **2019:** Stay away from negative people.
- **2020:** Stay away from positive people.
- **The world has turned upside down.** Old folks are sneaking out of the house, and their kids are yelling at them to stay indoors!
- **You think it's bad now?** In 20 years, our country will be run by people home-schooled by day-drinkers...
- **This virus has done what no woman had been able to do ...** cancel all sports, shut down all bars, and keep men at home!!!
- **Do not call the police** on suspicious people in your neighbourhood! Those are your neighbours without makeup and hair extensions!
- **Day 7 at home** and the dog is looking at me like, "See? This is why I chew the furniture!"
- **Does anyone know** if we can take showers yet or should we just keep washing our hands???
- **I never thought the comment** "I wouldn't touch him/her with a six-foot pole" would become a national policy, but here we are!
- **Me:** Alexa what's the weather this weekend?
- **Alexa:** It doesn't matter - you're not going anywhere.
- **I swear** my fridge just said "what the hell do you want now?"
- **When this is over,** what meeting do I attend first ...Weight Watchers or AA?
- **Quarantine has turned us into dogs.** We roam the house all day looking for food. We are told "no" if we get too close to strangers. And we get really excited about car rides.



NOW go and wash your hands!

Answers to 'RESTOCK THE FARM' (from last Month's Wanderer)

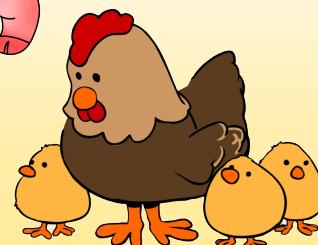
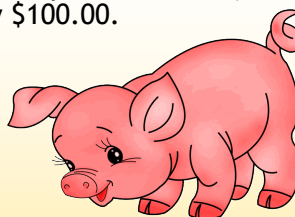
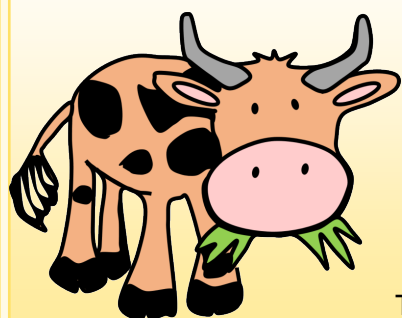
You are required to restock the farm. You must purchase exactly 100 animals (at least one of each animal type) and spend exactly \$100.00.

Animals are priced at:

- Cows - \$10.00 each.
- Pigs - \$1.00 each.
- Chickens - 8 for \$1.00.

ANSWERS:

- 7 Cows @ \$10 each = \$70.00.
 - 21 pigs @ \$1 each = \$21.00.
 - 72 Chickens @ 8 for \$1.00 = \$9.00
- Total = 100 = \$100.00



Jan and John Miers are proud grandparents to a very talented grandson, Joshua Wiedman, who is excelling in off-road motor sport winning several awards. Joshua began his off-road racing in a trophy cart when he was 11 years old, and at 14 years of age, he entered his first competitive race.

Joshua loves the feeling of going fast through the bush, sliding and doing huge jumps and says the hardest thing is that it is a very demanding sport both physically and on the equipment. Also, being the youngest competitor, and having to compete against drivers with many more years of experience, adds to the challenges. His ambition is to make a career out of motor racing with a combination of driving and business, but says unfortunately, motor racing is a very expensive sport and without sponsors, it would be very difficult, but he is very fortunate and thankful to have some great organisations helping and supporting him even at this very young age.

Some of these companies include KMC Wheels, Shoreline Sea-Doo and Can-Am, UTV Surgery and Bliss Custom Machinery.

Joshua completed his 3rd race in the Queensland Off-Road Championships in June coming home with another 1st place. He is currently in 1st place overall in the 2020 Junior Off-Road Championship points.

Joshua’s Achievement Details:

October 2019

Gladstone Stadium Short Course, Barnaby, Queensland.

- 1st place - SXS Turbo Junior.

February 2020

Round 1 - Queensland Junior Off-Road Championship, Sexton, Queensland.

- 2nd place .

June 2020

Round 2 - Queensland Junior Off-Road Championship, Weranga, Queensland.

- 1st place.

Joshua’s parents, Kylie and Paul, are very proud of their son’s achievements thus far. They said he puts considerable time and effort into the sport and he absolutely loves it. “Just wish he did as well at his schooling!” Kylie said.



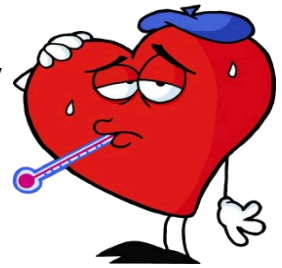


Sunshine Column

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.

George Lacey

Apologies to anyone overlooked.



1. The bandage was wound around the wound.
2. The farm was used to produce produce.
3. The dump was so full it had to refuse refuse.
4. We must polish the Polish furniture.
5. He could lead if he would get the lead out.
6. The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
7. Since there is no time like the present, she thought it was time to present the present.
8. A bass was painted on the skin of the bass drum.
9. When spooked, the dove dove into the bushes.
10. I did not object to the object.
11. The insurance policy was invalid for the invalid.
12. There was a row among the oarsmen concerning how to row.
13. They were too close to the door to close it.
14. The seamstress and the sewer fell down the sewer line.
15. To help with planting, the farmer taught the sow to sow.
16. The wing was too strong to wind the sail.
17. After a number of injections, my jaw became number.
18. Upon seeing the tear in the painting, I shed a tear.
19. I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
20. How may I intimate this to my most intimate friend.

No so easy English!



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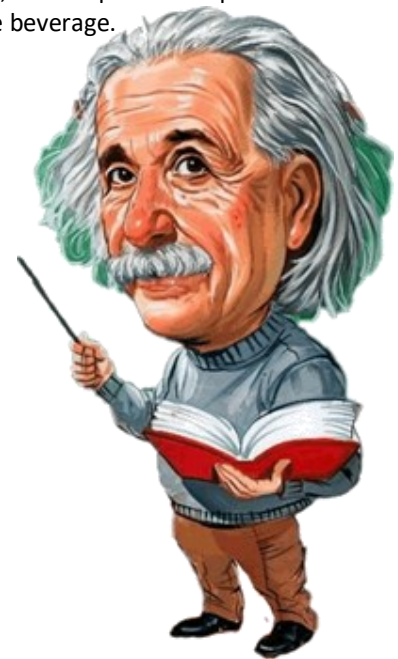
Answer to EINSTEIN'S RIDDLE (from last month's Wanderer)

- There are five houses in five different colours. In each house lives a person with a different nationality.
- The five owners drink a certain type of beverage, smoke a certain brand of cigar, and keep a certain pet.
- No owners have the same pet, smoke the same brand of cigar or drink the same beverage.

The question is: Who owns the fish?

FACTS

- The Brit lives in the red house.
- The Swede keeps dogs as pets.
- The Dane drinks tea.
- The green house is on the left of the white house.
- The green house's owner drink coffee.
- The person who smokes Pall Mall rears birds.
- The owner of the yellow house smokes Dunhill.
- The man living in the centre house drinks milk.
- The Norwegian lives in the first house.
- The man, who smokes Blends lives next the one who keeps cats.
- The man who keeps the horse lives next to the man who smokes Dunhill.
- The owner who smokes Blue Masters drinks beer.
- The German smokes Prince.
- The Norwegian lives next to the blue house.
- The man who smokes Blends has a neighbour who drinks water.

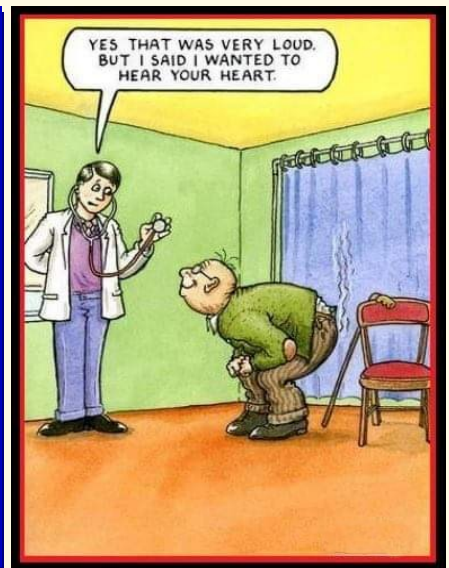


Answer:

1 st	The Norwegian	Yellow house	Water	Dunhill	Cats
2 nd	The Dane	Blue house	Tea	Blends	Horse
3 rd	The Brits	Red House	Milk	Pall Mall	Birds
4 th	The German	Green house	Coffee	Prince	Gold Fish
5 th	The Swede	White House	Beer	Blue Master	Dogs



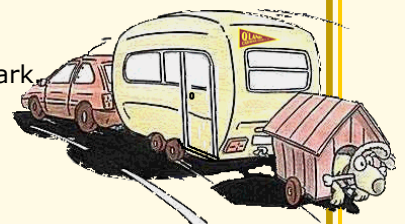
Husband and I went shopping with masks, got home, took-off masks, brought home wrong husband! Stay alert members!



2020/2021 QCC Rally Calendar

- Aug 05-11 Esk (Caravan Park). Members are required to book. \$39.00 deposit.
- Sep 09-15 Pittsworth (Showground) AGM.
- Oct 07-13 Nanango (Showground).
- Nov 11-17 Kyogle (Showground).
- Dec 01-08 Toogoolawah (Xmas/Showground).

- January Kalbar.
- February Imbil.
- March Standown Park.
- April Pine Rivers.
- May -
- June -
- July Kenilworth.



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Ken Chapman and Jan Darr @ Warnambool ...



Chanelle @ Moura ...



Ross and Bindra Luscombe @ Mount Isa ...



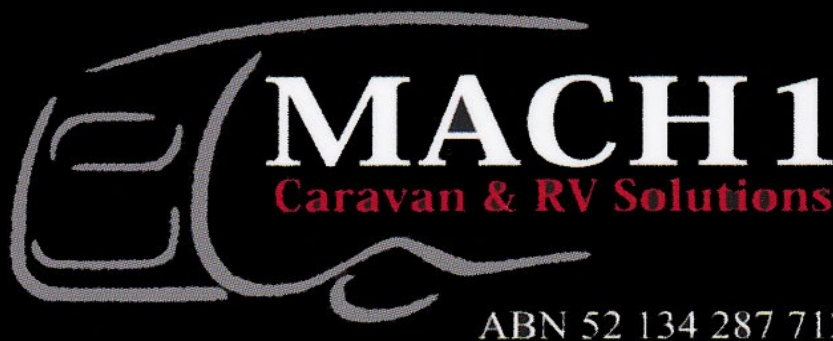
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Kevin Gower and Michael Drought @ Hervey Bay ...



Bob and Kathy Kearney @ Hervey Bay ...



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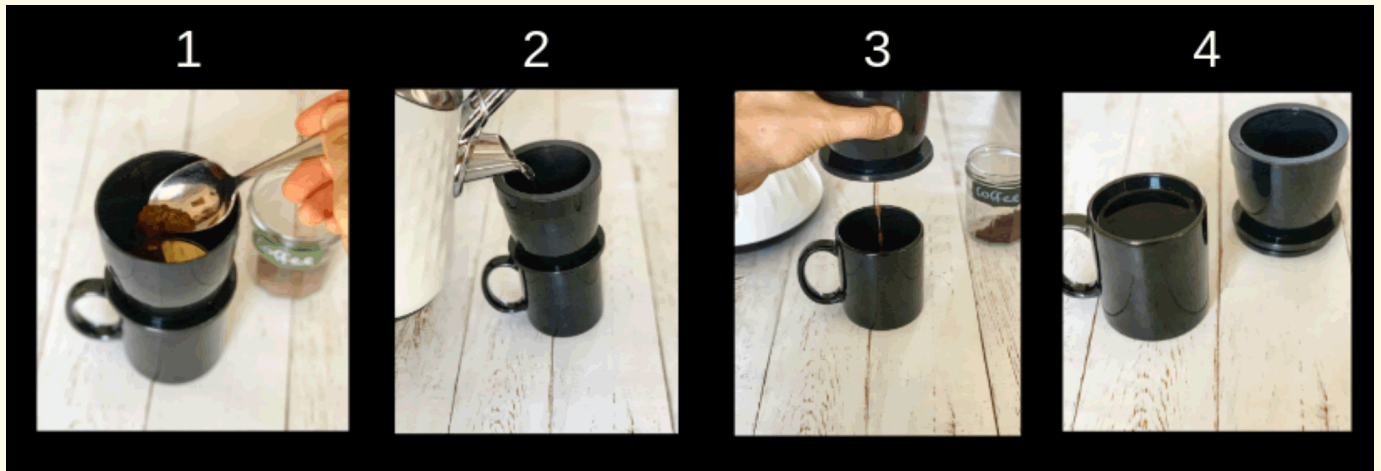
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Adrian and Gayle Skinner, Margaret Hiller, Sue Stephenson, Linda Reedy, Tony Stephenson and fur-baby families.
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Members Out 'n About



Tom and Jacky Smith, Michael Drought, Pat and Kevin Gower, Bob and Kathy Kearney, and Linda Reedy. Celebrating 'Release from Coronavirus Detention' @ Hervey Bay



Tony Stephenson, Adrian and Gayle Skinner, Sue Stephenson, John and Jenny Carroll, Steve and Robyn Langley and Margaret Hiller. @ Murgon

Some Unusual Facts to take your minds off the 'Virus Crisis'.

- If you lift a kangaroo's tail off the ground it cannot hop.
- Bananas are curved because they grow towards the sun.
- During your lifetime, you will produce enough saliva to fill two swimming pools.
- Heart attacks are more likely to happen on a Monday.
- Tennis players are not permitted to swear when they are playing at Wimbledon.
- The top six foods that make you fart are beans, corn, peppers, cauliflower, cabbage and milk.
- A lion's roar can be heard from five miles away.
- A baby octopus is about the size of a flea when it is born.
- The average male gets bored of a shopping trip after 26 minutes.
- 95% of people text things they would never say in person.
- Honeybees can recognise human faces.
- Polar bears could eat as many as 86 penguins in a single sitting.



The Great Caravan Debate ~ Fibreglass vs Aluminum

We look at a question that has occupied caravan owners since the 1960s; is fibreglass or aluminium a better option?

The question of whether your caravan should be made from aluminium or fibreglass dates back to the 1960s when fibreglass was first put to serious use by manufacturers such as Roadmaster and Spacemaster. Materials and manufacturing methods have taken great strides since then, but it's still useful to know how they differ in terms of strength, durability and other factors. Here's an overview.



Benefits of Fibreglass

Moulding: The ability to mould large sections is still perhaps the biggest advantage fibreglass has over aluminium. Fibreglass can be formed into a nose cone, rear or a complete van in aerodynamic shapes that are only limited by the designer's imagination.

Strength: Fibreglass's ability to wrap around corners can greatly strengthen the van and mounting points for lights, shaped tank inlets and window reveals can all be built into the mould. This eliminates the need for many of the fittings and heavy corner bracing found in aluminium models.

Impact resistance: A fibreglass caravan also has greater impact resistance. A small bump that will dent an aluminium van can leave fibreglass unscathed. Hail, for example, may pockmark an aluminium roof but is likely to leave fibreglass undamaged. If minor damage occurs, the fibreglass can be repaired by boat builders or even a surfboard craftsman.



Maintaining the coat: Some early fibreglass models suffered from 'crazing' of the gel coat, which can be expensive to repair but does not affect the strength or structural integrity of the van. Later models offer more resistance to UV light and reduced fading and discolouration. If you are restoring an older model, the finish may be improved with a good polish, but always use a polish recommended by the manufacturer rather than regular car polish.

Benefits of Aluminium

Weight: Even when the extra fittings and bracings are taken into account, an aluminium caravan can be lighter than a fibreglass equivalent. This can be critical if you have limited towing capacity or want to save fuel.

Repairs: Another key advantage of aluminium is ease of repairs. Fibreglass is more resistant to small bumps, but severe damage to a large panel may see an older fibreglass van written off due to the high cost of repairs or replacement. An aluminium van, on the other hand, may only require a replacement sheet.

In addition, panels for older fibreglass vans may no longer be available, whereas aluminium sheets are sold in all but the oldest textures.

Hybrid models: Both materials have their benefits and drawbacks, and a smart manufacturer who recognises this may build a van with an aerodynamic fibreglass nose cone, aluminium roof and walls, and a fibreglass rear section. Moulded fibreglass corners can provide added strength and prevent the van from shaking apart on rough roads.

And the winner is...

Fibreglass does offer exciting design possibilities, but the lighter weight and lower construction costs associated with aluminium make it likely that it will continue to be popular for many years to come.



CARAVAN DIESEL HEATER VS CARAVAN GAS HEATER

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Baby it's cold outside, but that doesn't mean you should store your caravan until warmer weather. Get yourself a caravan heater and long may the adventures continue.

When buying your caravan heater, there's one important question to answer: diesel or gas? There's no right or wrong answer. As with all caravan appliances, it depends on a few important factors, including your set-up, how you like to travel and how cold it's going to get.

Let's look at how they compare:

Pros of Diesel Heaters:

Readily available fuel source. This is a pro if you already have a diesel vehicle. The heater gets the fuel it needs for heating directly from the vehicle's tank. This is an advantage since you can fill-up with diesel at every service station.

Super-efficient. Caravan diesel heaters have a very low rate of fuel consumption and are highly efficient form of heating.

Flexible installation. Unlike gas heaters, diesel units do not have a flue that goes through the wall but rather an exhaust that goes through the floor of the vehicle. This gives greater flexibility for installation, which can also be carried out DIY without the need for a qualified tradesperson.

Pre-warm the van. Use a diesel heater to pre-warm an RV interior while you're still driving. Perfect for when you arrive in the high country and the temperature has already dropped!

Clean dry heat. Caravan diesel heaters produce a clean dry heat, which means none of the humidity and condensation that you can get from gas heaters.

Cons of Diesel Heaters:

Requires a diesel fuel tank. For caravans this is a definite drawback of diesel heaters and means extra cost. That said, for diesel engine motorhomes, the fuel supply is already in place.

Can be more expensive than LG gas heaters. This depending on brand and country of manufacture. The upfront cost of a diesel caravan heater can bust the budget for some people. But it's worth remembering that they can be a more economical option for larger vans in the long term.

Louder than their gas counterparts. Noise can be minimised by selecting quality units and ensuring they are installed properly.

Pros of Gas Heaters:

Gas setup is already in place. Most caravans already have a gas cooker, water heater and maybe a three-way fridge, so the gas is already installed and ready to go. On the other hand, if you choose a diesel heater, you need a separate fuel tank.

Runs independently from the engine. The heater runs straight from a gas bottle to provide an economical heat source.

Very quiet to run. Only the fan creates any noise. For example, the Truma Vario Eco Gas Heater boasts near silent operation for the perfect night's sleep.

Cheaper than diesel. Gas heaters tend to be cheaper upfront, making them a good option for shorter trips.



Cons of Gas Heaters:

Regulatory requirements. A big downside to gas heaters are the regulations. They must be installed by a licensed gas fitter in accordance with gas regulations. For example, a gas heater flue cannot be installed too close to a window, door, other gas appliance inlet or outlet, under awning and so on. For some caravans, this rules-out a gas heater completely. However, it's worth bearing in mind that Truma, a top name in gas heaters, offers extremely compact gas heaters that can be installed in almost any position.

Increased demand on gas supply. Although they are becoming more energy efficient, the higher demand on your gas supply could become an issue if you're away from towns and have limited gas refill options.

Before You Buy:

When choosing between a gas heater and a diesel caravan heater, answer these questions:

- What temperatures will you experience on your trip?
- How big is your vehicle?
- What's the available space for installation?
- Do you already have a diesel fuel tank or gas installed?
- Will it be enough to run a heater too?
- What's your budget (including installation)?

End.

Costs of Gas Heaters:

The cost of both diesel and gas heaters can vary. One can easily pay up to \$2,000 or more for a top-brand model, however, much cheaper brands may be found on eBay from as little as \$200 which are just as efficient. Club member, Bob Kearney, recently purchased one such brand (diesel) which he self-installed. He has documented the installation process which he intends to upload onto the QCC Facebook Group. So, stay tuned.