



# Q.C.C. Wanderer

## 'Fellowship on Wheels'



**LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

AWARDED TO: KEVIN & CAROL DAY

For their outstanding service to the Queensland Caravan Club Inc.

**CLUB HISTORY**

First Rally - Pomona Showground, June 2001  
 Second Rally - Madgeville Showground, July 2001  
 Third Rally - Toowoomba Showground, October 2001  
 51 Rallies Traversed 2006, 100 Rallies Morelandhead 2010  
 170 Rallies Covered Near Coonara Park 2013  
 Club Rallies 150 - State Rallies 14 - National Rallies 4  
 Total of 200 Rallies over 19 years an excellent achievement

**OUTSTANDING SERVICE**

Committee member held

2014 - 2018 Jan Vice President 2016/17 President  
 2019 - 2020 Jan Vice President 2019/20 President

**200 RALLIES**

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## President's Report - Oct/Nov 2020 ....

**N**anango Showgrounds; what an excellent venue with plenty of power, water and space. A large hall with a large kitchen and lots of shade areas. Also two dump points! The weather was very good with warm days and cool nights. All-up 65 RVs.

**Wednesday.** Di and I arrived mid-morning and collected keys to check-out how to set-up the hall for our COVID-19 plan. All went ok although a few members will need to sit outside the hall for the meetings. The showground staff could not have been more helpful allowing us to change things around to suit our needs. 22 vans arrived today and thank you all for having your COVID forms completed. A big thanks to our new COVID-19 coordinator, Jenni McGowan, for her hard and diligent work.

The RSL looked a good spot for dinner that night with around 20 members attending. The RSL had good food, good service and good prices. A very relaxing evening.

**Thursday.** The walkers set out around 6:30am with the lady golfers following soon after. Loads of fun on a fairly flat cause. Thanks again to Greg and Pat Mander for sanitising and cleaning the toilets every day. They did an excellent job which was very much appreciated by everyone. Bev Green held her card-making class with a very good attendance. 30 vans arrived for our marshals to park bringing the total to 52 thus far.

**Friday.** The walkers and some of the golfers headed -out around 6:30am. Good to see the numbers are growing with everyone enjoying themselves. Back at the hall, Yvonne Robbins had a large group cutting-out patterns for her Christmas table runner sewing project. They spent most of the day working and the results were amazing. The committee had its management meeting working-hard sorting-out issues and problems so that the Club can continue having safe and enjoyable rallies. Thank you team.

2:00pm saw the departure of a combination of 28 ladies and gents to lawn bowls which was a record number. With the experts displaying some skill, and the amateurs not so skilful, a lot of laughs ebbed culminating in a top afternoon. Following happy hour and dinner, 'DJ Vince' presented members with entertainment in the hall. Unfortunately his sound equipment had a fault, however we thank him for his efforts, humour and entertainment. A surprise visit by well-known entertainer, Paul 'Mary Robins'

Brearily capped-off the evening by singing El Paso. An endurance test!

**Saturday.** Lyn Hill held her first Tai Chi class. Thanks Lyn (I will endeavour to get to one of your classes soon!). Sue Baker had her pastel class with more members giving it a try. Well done Sue. Morning tea, followed by our general meeting, where we welcomed our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> timers and also inducted John Adams as a full member. Also congratulations to Kevin and Carol Day for their 200th rally plus my biggest privilege as president to be able to present them both with their life memberships of the Queensland Caravan Club, so thoroughly deserved. Congratulations.

Singles disc bowls championship was held in the afternoon. There were so many members who participated including the many spectators which made the event such a wonderful and an exhilarating experience for everyone. Following a close, hard-fought and entertaining final, the winner was our former president, John Carroll. Runner-up was Steve Langley. Well done John, Steve and all of the competitors. It was hard work in the hot sun. After happy hour and dinner we gathered in the hall for a fun game of 'Letterbox' presented by Tom and Jacky Smith. Lots of laughs.

**Sunday.** The walkers were out early and Lyn held her second Tai Chi class. Members paid the treasurer, had morning tea and attended the Sunday meeting during which the card-making, sewing and pastel art classes presented to members what they made or were working on. Bev Green (cards), Yvonne Robbins (sewing) and Sue Baker (pastel paintings); what fantastic results from all, especially those having their first go.

Thank you to all members for your understanding about changes we had to make with the COVID-19 rules. I believe this rally is getting close to what we once called 'normal'. Di and I really enjoyed this rally which will get better as the COVID restrictions ease.

Wishing all members good health, safe travels, happiness and hope to see you all at Goombungee.

I love our club.

*President Paul ....*



**Next Rally ~ Goombungee 11-17 November.** Members are requested to arrive no earlier than 2:00pm Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November and depart no later than midday 17<sup>th</sup> October.

**NOTE:** Planning to attend the Goombungee Remembrance Day Service? Members **WILL NOT** be permitted to enter the showground before 2:00pm on 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> November unless working (setting-up).

**From Brisbane:** Follow the Warrego Highway to Toowoomba, then the New England Highway towards Crows Nest. Seven kilometres north of Hampton, turn left onto Pechey Maclagan Road and follow to Goombungee, a distance of 21km.

**From the north:** (1) At Esk, take the Esk-Hampton Road to Hampton, a distance of 42km, and turn right onto the New England Highway. Refer above for directions from Hampton. (2) Follow the D'Aguiar Highway to Yarraman and turn left onto the New England Highway and follow through to the Pechey Maclagan Road, which is 10 kilometres south of Crows Nest, a distance of 80 kilometres. Turn right to Goombungee, a distance of 21 kilometres.



**Nearest Hospital:** Toowoomba Hospital, 154 Pechey Street, South Toowoomba. 24 hours. Phone: 07 4616 6000.


**Nearest Doctor / Medical Centre:** Goombungee Family Practice, 93 Mocatta Street, Goombungee. Monday - Friday 8:00am-5:00pm. Closed weekends. Phone 07 4696 5333.

(present to the Toowoomba Hospital if urgent medical attention needed or dial 000).



**Rally Venue Address:** 5 Lau Street, Goombungee. 4354.

**Nearest Cross-Street:** Lau and Lilly Streets. **Post Code:** 4354.

Club equipment required:	First aid kit, fire extinguisher, banner, flags and flagpoles.	
GPS Coordinates:	<b>DUMP POINT.</b> Nil. Nearest - Crows Nest, across from Showground (21.0km). 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.	
Lat: 27°18'18.93"S	Arriving late or cannot attend! Please let the rally marshal know.	
Long: 151°51'33.91"E	<b><u>Please sign the 'Attendance Register' promptly.</u></b> <b><u>Please do not drive over power leads or hoses.</u></b>	
Pets:	Permitted.	Dogs/cats must be on a leash. Please pick-up after your pet.
Fees:	Site:	\$17.00 per caravan/motorhome per night (powered). \$11.00 per caravan/motorhome per night (unpowered).
	Administration:	\$3.00 per caravan/motorhome.
	Hall Hire:	\$3.00 per caravan/motorhome.

*President Paul Brearley congratulates Carol and Kevin Day on achieving a remarkable milestone of 200 rallies. Adding to this, Carol and Kevin were honoured with being bestowed life memberships for exceptional, loyal and outstanding service and contribution to the Queensland Caravan Club over many years. Well done Carol and Kevin. We luv 'ya!*



# GOOMBUNGEE

Goombungee is located 35km north-west of Toowoomba and is situated in the eastern Darling Downs, approaching the hilly dividing range and the headwaters of Oakey Creek. Much of the original vegetation was ironbark forest and brigalow scrub.



The name 'Goombungee' was derived from the 'Goombungee Pastoral Run', taken-up by Charles Pitts in 1847, east of Rosalie Plains. The origin of the name of the pastoral run, although possibly aboriginal, is unrecorded. Part of the Goombungee run's 16,000 ha was resumed in 1874 and a township reserve was gazetted in 1885. Surveyed town blocks were offered for sale in 1888. A school was opened in 1881, shortly after the formation of a progress association. The association organised the building of a public hall (1893).

By 1908 the Goombungee area was substantially cleared, with the numerous farms concentrating on dairying and fodder crops. There were two dairy factories, one in the township, and the larger of them producing both cheese (2.5 ton/week) and butter (8 ton/week) by the 1920s. A railway line through Goombungee, from Kingsthorpe to Haden, was opened in 1910. There were also numerous civic and business facilities: Lutheran (1890), Catholic (1902), Methodist (1903), Congregational (1903) and Anglican (1908) churches, a show society (1907), four hotels, a hospital and several shopkeepers and tradespeople.

Goombungee's population steadied at around 500-600 people in the pre-war years, but by the 1960s fell to below 300. The butter factory, destroyed by fire, was rebuilt in 1935 and continued until closure in 1973, marking a time when dairying was contracting and factory facilities centralised in larger units. The railway line closed in 1964.

A population upturn began in the late 1970s as district residents were attracted to Goombungee's rural/residential lifestyle. The former Rosalie Shire offices, resident in Toowoomba since 1903, were transferred to Goombungee in 1985. Goombungee has a local shopping centre, the Goombungee-Haden showground, a primary school, a golf club, a public hall, four of its original five churches and one remaining hotel; the Pioneer Arms Hotel, dating back to 1897, it is a great lunch destination serving hearty a country meal and offering a warm welcome. The Rosalie Gallery hosts an ever-changing display of works by the region's artists.

Goombungee has a number of heritage-listed sites, including War Memorial which was unveiled by Sir T W Glasgow in December 1920 and the Pioneer Arms Hotel.

Each November, Goombungee hosts a Jacaranda Day Festival in the main street, celebrating the history of the town and the blooming jacarandas and silky oaks. The annual Goombungee-Haden Show is held each autumn at the picturesque showgrounds in the town. The Goombungee Rodeo is also held there on the first Saturday in November. Unfortunately COVID necessitated the cancellation of these events for 2020.



Tai Chi with Lyn Hill



Denise and Terry Park



Di and Paul Brearley



Jim and Sue Thorpe

Spud dancing on Saturday night

**Happy Birthday to You for November 2020**

02 Mary Metcalfe	17 Dell McNab
04 Ken Chapman	18 Geoff Gray
05 Margaret Kays	20 Peter Gawen
09 Carol Fraser	20 Wayne Hills
11 Jean Dale	26 Margaret Hiller



28 Stan Thomas
30 Linda Clements
30 Merv Cook



**Happy Anniversary to You for November 2020**

02 Fay and Ted Walker
06 Desley and Alf Hinson
06 Pat and Kevin Gower



12 Karon and Brian Stevens
14 Mary and Rodney Metcalfe



**65 Vans @ Nanango ...**

- ABRAHAM, Beris and Carmel.
- ADAMS, John (third time).
- ADAMS, Roger and Laurel.
- BAKER, Darrin.
- BAKER, Gordon and Sue.
- BARR, Graham and Pat.
- BECKER, Bert and Yvonne.
- BELL, Fay and Greg (second time).
- BREARLEY, Paul and Di.
- BRIDGES, Roy and Carmel.
- BURT, Doug and Dorcas.
- BUZZA, Les and Lyn.
- CADDIES, Ray and Gail.
- CARROLL, John and Jenny.
- CLEMENTS, Linda.
- COCHRANE, Jeff and Jean.
- COOK, Merv and Barbara.
- COXALL, Terry and COOK, Gabbie.
- DAY, Kevin and Carol.
- DOBE, Bill and Ann.
- DONALDSON, Janelle.
- DROUGHT, Michael and REEDY, Linda.
- EDNEY, Dennis and Heather.
- EGEN, Ian and Gwen.
- FITZGIBBON, Colin.
- GIBSON, Barry and Wendy.
- GODWIN, Carl and LOWCOCK, Lorraine.
- GRAHAM, Shane and Judith.
- GREEN, Rod and Bev.
- HASLEWOOD, Lance.
- HETHERMAN, Patrick and Ann.
- HILL, Roy and Lyn.
- HILLER, Margaret and STEGEMAN, Rod.
- HINSON, Alf and Desley.
- HOGAN, Kerry and Dianne.
- HOLLAND, Greg and Megan (first time).
- HOLMES, Elizabeth (second time).
- ISON, Gordon.
- JAMES, Colin and Margaret.
- JONES, Noel and Olive.
- JONES, Shane and Linda.
- JUDGE, David and Helen.
- KAYS, Darryl.
- LANDER, Barry and Gail.
- LANGLEY, Steve and Robyn.
- LOWE, Phil and Del.
- LOWRIE, Des and Yvonne.
- MACDONALD, Ray and Pam.
- MANDER, Greg and Pat.
- MCGOWAN, Murray and Jenni.
- MIERS, John and Jan.
- NOFFKE, Owen and KIRBY, Jan.
- PARK, Terry and Denise.
- ROBBINS, Yvonne.
- RUTHERFORD, Bob and Barbara.
- SHEEHAN, Graham and Shirley.
- SKINNER, Adrian and Gayle.
- SLATTERY, Ted and Marg (first time).
- SMITH, Tom and Jacky.
- STEELE, Ray and Jan.
- STEPHENSON, Tony and Sue.
- STOCKER, Ed and Sylvia.
- TEBBIT, Bob and Marilyn.
- THORPE, Jim and Sue.
- WALKER, Ted and Fay.
- WILSON, Ivan and Jenny.



***QCC welcomed the following people to Nanango:***

- ⇒ **First-Time Visitors** - Greg and Megan HOLLAND and Ted and Marg SLATTERY.
- ⇒ **Second-Time Visitors** - Fay and Greg BELL and Elizabeth HOLMES.
- ⇒ **Third-Time Visitor** - John ADAMS. Congratulations to you and Lynda Flewell-Smith on your memberships to the Queensland Caravan Club.



### Rally Programme for Goombungee ...

Tue 10 Nov	Admittance to showground not permitted before 2:00pm.	
Wednesday 11 Nov	11:00am	Goombungee Remembrance Day Service. <u>Admittance to showground not permitted before 2:00pm.</u>
Thursday 12 Nov	6:30am ----- ----- 1:00pm 6:30pm	Walkers. Highfields Pioneer Village (self-organised tour). 73 Wirraglen Road, Highfields. Phone 07 4696 6309 to book. 24km. Meringanden Hotel. Lunch or Dinner. Main Street, Meringanden. Phone 07 4695 7146 to book (essential). 19km. Card Making (Bev Green). P13. Dinner (own arrangements).
Friday 13 Nov	6:30am 7:00am 11:00am 11:00am 1:00pm 2:00pm 4:00pm 6:30pm 7:00pm	Walkers. Golf. Art Class. Painting with Pastels (Sue Baker). P8. Management Committee Meeting. Sewing Class (Yvonne Robbins). P12. Ladies Singles Disc Bowls (practice). Happy Hour. Pub Dinner (own arrangements). Cards.
Saturday 14 Nov	6:30am 9:00am 9:30am 2:30pm 4:00pm 6:00pm 7:00pm	Walkers. Morning Tea. Club Meeting followed by General Meeting. Ladies Disc Bowls (Wendy and Barry Gibson). Happy Hour. Dinner (own arrangements). Video Entertainment (George Lacey). P7.
Sunday 15 Nov	6:30am 8:30am 9:30am 2:00pm 4:00pm 6:00pm	Walkers. Pay Treasurer. Meeting and rally wrap-up. Nana-Nap. Happy hour. Dinner (own arrangements).



### IMPORTANT

- \* 'COVID Tracing Form' to be filled-in and signed on arrival at the gate checkpoint.
- \* 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.
- \* Remember to add you rally expenditure to the expenditure sheet.
- \* Kindly give a hand to stack the chairs and to sweep the hall following the Sunday meeting. Many hands make light work.

- \* Have a UHF radio? If so, please give an inbound call (Ch 18) to the rally marshals so that your site placement may be both speedy, fluid and hassle-free.
- \* Enjoy your time at Goombungee, join-in and participate.

### Goombungee Topics

- Sorry, no Friday lawn bowls.
- Art class \$7.00 per person. Includes Consumables (Sue Baker).
- Pay treasurer for Christmas Dinner. Page 9.
- Pay membership. Page 12.
- Goombungee Pioneer Arms Hotel is available for meals.
- Goombungee now has a 'Spar' supermarket.

Advising members of QCC's

### GENERAL MEETING Saturday 14 November 2020

Following the regular 9:30am meeting



President Paul with new member John Adams.



### BATTLER'S AWARD

Two members who are battling serious health issues and yet keep bouncing back and still managing a smile; Sylvia Stocker and Ray Steele.

With President Paul and 'Sunshine Lady' Pam MacDonald.

Goombungee, Saturday 14th November @ 7:00pm

**QUEENSLAND CARAVAN CLUB**

AND

**GEORGE LACEY**

*Presents ...*



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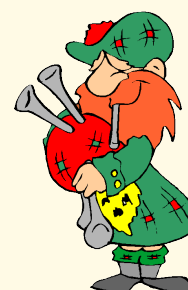
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**E V E N I N G**

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*'50/60s Rock and Roll, Piano, Uke, Country and Western, Choral, Pipes, Spanish and Portuguese, Orchestral, Comedy and lots more ....'*



So, sit and watch, tap your feet, and sing-a-long to the tunes you know. No doubt a lot will get 'itchy' feet for a bit of a dance and there will be plenty of material to satisfy anyone's preferred style, so put-on your dancing shoes and let it rip. The show will run until enough has been had !!!! *(alcohol permitted ... yippee!!)*



### Goombungee Pastel Art Class with Sue Baker

Sue's popular art class is on the program for Goombungee, scheduled for 11:00am, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November. To cover the cost of consumables (paper and pastels etc), there will be a modest fee of \$7.00 requested of each participant.



Those wanting to attend the art class should contact Sue in advance so that she can determine the quantity of materials to bring. Sue can be contacted on 0447 447 928.



John Carroll, winner, Singles Disc Bowls with President Paul Brearley.



Photo: Tom Smith

Runner-up, Singles Disc Bowls, Steve Langley, with President Paul Brearley and game organiser, Barry Gibson.

Wedding bells and congratulations to QCC member, Michael Lillis (Caboolture), and partner, Susan, who were married at a ceremony at North Lakes on 10th October 2020. Michael, a long-time member of the Queensland Caravan Club, joined the club in 1981, giving him 39 years of continuous membership. Unfortunately, Michael's job as a ventilation shaft driller in the mining industry prevented him from attending many rallies, however he has attended, as well as QCC rallies when his employment allowed, several national rallies over the years. Michael said he is looking forward to attending the 2022 National Rally at Barmera, South Australia. Good news in that Michael has now retired, and as such, he said he expects QCC to see a lot more of him, and Susan, in the future.







**MEMBERS PROUDLY DISPLAYING THEIR 2022 NATIONAL RALLY SHIRTS**

L-R: Ted and Marg Slattery, Greg Mander, Di Brearley, Pat Mander, Paul Brearley, Barbara and Bob Rutherford, and Carol Day.



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY for OCTOBER**

Rear L-R: Barbara and Bob Rutherford, Jacky and Tom Smith.

Front L-R: Ivan and Jenny Wilson, Gayle and Adrian Skinner, Kerry and Di Hogan, Carmel and Roy Bridges, Lyn and Roy Hill and Pam and Ray MacDonald (with President Paul (rear)).



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY for OCTOBER**

L-R: David Judge, Dennis Edney, Barry Gibson, Kerry Hogan, Roger Adams, Barbara Cook and Del Lowe (with President Paul).

## Member Profile ~ Life and Times of Janelle Donaldson ....

As told by Riker Donaldson

**H**i! I'm Riker Donaldson. I'm the Collie you've probably seen at rallies with my human, Janelle. And in the last two to three years an addition to our household, who you've also probably seen at rallies, is Dobbe. She's a cute Red Heeler cross and is the love of my life, after Janelle, of course.

Here's a bit of background on Janelle. She was born at Charleville in 1957. Last year, on our rally to Western Australia, we went to Charleville and looked for where her family had lived. She only had the street name so was going on a description of the house. We found a couple of houses that it could have been.

Janelle's brother was born in Lismore in 1959. They soon moved back into Queensland and lived in Gatton for a while and then moved to Caloundra. Sadly, they lost Janelle's brother in a drowning accident just a couple of weeks before his 4th birthday. Something that her parents never really got over. Her father, who found him on the bottom of a swimming pool, died of cancer just 14 years later.

Educated at the Caloundra State Primary and Secondary Schools, Janelle would have liked to have gone on and studied to become a vet but that wasn't an option for her. She got an office job in Brisbane and boarded with her best friends' family in Banyo. Life was pretty good for the next few years. She eventually moved into a flat of her own.

In 1979 she met the man who she married in 1981. That was followed by the birth of a baby girl, Crystal, in 1982 and then in 1984 the birth of their son, Michael. Both children are now married and Janelle is the proud grandmother of two boys and one girl aged from two to seven years and the proud step-grandmother to two teenagers, both at high school.

Janelle left her job in 1982 to be a full-time mum. In 1987 her husband's work took them to Cairns. They all loved life in Cairns. Once they got past that first, stinking hot and humid summer, they enjoyed being there all year round.

Then she and her husband decided that the educational opportunities would be better in Brisbane, so in 1994, made the difficult decision to move back to Brisbane. Crystal started high

school the next year and Michael two years later. They got a puppy, which they named Kira. Six months later a cousin found a kitten on the side of the road which she couldn't take home because of her dogs, so they took her, too, and named her Kes. Both named after Star Trek characters; by the way, I'm named after a Star Trek character, too. Janelle also began a course at TAFE in accounting, and soon after went back to work. Beginning as a casual, then part-time, she eventually gained a full-time position in the company.

Janelle and her husband separated in 1998 and divorced the next year. In 1998 she, the kids and pets moved to Bray Park, where Janelle still lives.

Over time there were staff changes where Janelle worked and by the time 10 years had clocked-up, many of the people she had worked with had gone and been replaced by unpleasant, nasty @#!>\*&.

Janelle found it difficult to look for another job while still working, then she had an idea; a mobile dog wash business.

Having always loved animals, she hadn't been without a dog since she was 13, it seemed perfect. And, it would be her business, so she didn't have to deal with rude, obnoxious people if she didn't want to. So that's what she did. In 2006 Janelle enrolled herself into TAFE course, Certificate III in Companion Animal Services and set-up Janelle's Mobile Pet Service. The service offered hydrobaths, grooming and pet care, where pets could be looked after while their family was away.

This business no longer does mobile dog washes but still operates from home with some grooming and pet care.

In June 2012, her darling Kira was diagnosed with an aggressive cancer in her mouth. Aged 15 years and with a heart murmur she probably wouldn't survive surgery and there was a 90% chance this cancer would grow back in a couple of months if it was removed. So, Janelle took her home with advice on her care and medications.

A phone call later that day told Janelle that her



Riker and Janelle

Mum wasn't well, so she headed over and spent a few hours with her until dinner time. Her Mum passed away the next day.

Five weeks later was Crystal's (Janelle's daughter) wedding. It was lovely, though a little sad because Crystal's grandmother wasn't there.

Then, one day in August, it was time to say goodbye to Kira. She had made it to her 16th birthday. Now there was only Janelle and Kes.

One day Janelle was looking on the internet when she found a picture of a handsome collie, who was no longer wanted by his owner.

The beginning of a beautiful relationship - Janelle and me, Riker.

Sadly, Kes was later diagnosed with cancer in her lungs. We said goodbye to her in February, 2013. Kes made it to her 16th birthday, too.

Janelle decided not to get another cat, instead she bought a Billabong caravan with plans that we would travel around Australia. We eventually joined the QCC to meet likeminded people, the hope of sometimes having others to travel with and the wealth of knowledge regarding caravanning.

One morning Janelle backed out of our driveway to find that the Billabong was gone! .... stolen!

Eventually, with no sign of the van, the insurance was paid-out and Janelle bought a new van.

Janelle discovered a farm animal rescue at Dayboro and went to an open day. She loved it, so she started volunteering there and now volunteers one day a week and at every second open day. It means she's away from home more, but she really likes it and feels that she is contributing to something worthwhile. When

she comes home, she sometimes is covered in a myriad of scents - sheep, goats, pigs, chooks or cattle. Very interesting.

Then Dobbe came to live with us and Jesse, a cockatiel. After our trip to Western Australia

for the national rally last year, our Swift Sprite is our home away from home.

We all love to get in the car and head-off to our next adventure.

As the male (man as you humans put it) of the house, I look out for Janelle, Dobbe and Jesse. Though, from what I've heard from

some humans with bitten fingers, Jesse can look out for himself. Ouch! He never bites any of us though.

Janelle looks out for us and she really respects Dobbe and me, too. When we go walking, if Dobbe or I do a poo, Janelle picks it up and carries it around in a little bag for a while. That's real respect.

While we were locked-down because of the pandemic, Janelle completed a Certificate IV in Celebrancy. She can now perform Vow Renewal, Commitment and Naming Ceremonies and Funerals. Because a marriage is legally binding, Janelle must register with the Attorney General's Department before she can officiate a wedding. Apparently, that's quite a process. She was, however, the celebrant at Michael's wedding in September, but she hired an authorised celebrant to look after the legals.

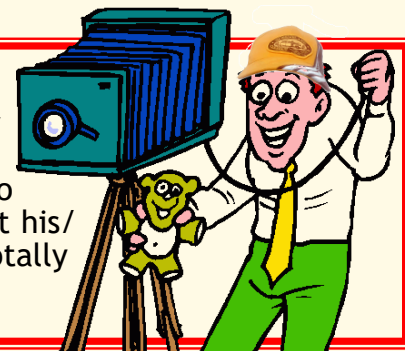
If Dobbe and I decide to tie the knot (I'm not referring to toys) Janelle will be our celebrant.

Right now, we've got the next national rally at Barmera in South Australia to look forward to. Bring it on! Woof!

*Riker Donaldson ....*



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.



## 'Goombungee Sewing Project with Yvonne Robbins'

~ Continued from Nanango ~

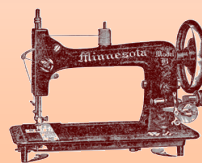
### 'CHRISTMAS TABLE RUNNER'



Members will be finishing-off their Christmas table runner by adding a 3 inch border and 2 1/2 inch binding.

#### Requirements:

- ⇒ Fabric to finish the border and binding.
- ⇒ Wadding for the back measuring 52" x 23".
- ⇒ Backing fabric for the back of the table runner which will measure 52" x 23".
- ⇒ Cotton to match fabric for quilting.
- ⇒ Walking foot.



### COVID REQUIREMENTS QUEENSLAND CARAVAN CLUB INC Goombungee Rally



- ◇ To assist QCC efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19, we ask of the following:
  - Feeling unwell or have cold or flu-like symptoms? Please do not attend the rally.
  - COVID Tracing Form to be signed on arrival at the gate checkpoint after satisfactorily answering the following questions. **Have you?**
    - ⇒ Returned from overseas in the past 14 days.
    - ⇒ Been required to be in self-isolation or self-quarantine.
    - ⇒ Been previously diagnosed with COVID-19.
    - ⇒ To the best of your knowledge, been in close contact with a person who has a reported or suspected case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days.
    - ⇒ Been in a COVID-19 hotspot (as defined by the Queensland Chief Health Officer) in the past 14 days.
    - ⇒ Had or have/had a fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath or other cold/flu like symptoms in the past 72 hours or are otherwise unwell. If so, **STAY at HOME.**
- ◇ By answering **YES** to any of the above questions, you will not be permitted into the rally facility and you may be referred to the local health authority.

**NOTE:** This information is for contact-tracing purposes only and maybe shared with police or the Department of Health if required. The venue is required to retain personal details for up to 56 days.

- Members are asked to provide their own masks.
- Please remember to social and physical distance at all times.
- Please cleanse your hands regularly with the sanitiser provided.
- Please minimise what you touch.
- Line-ups or groups congregating around the morning tea area to collect requisites for tea or coffee is to be strictly avoided.
- Please go easy on the biscuits!

#### For the Interest of Members

Advising that due circumstances associated with COVID-19, the committee has decided in the best interest to members, only DVDs and library books will be available at the Goombungee rally.

## Goombungee Card Making with Bev Green



Bev's card project for Goombungee will be a 'Calendar and Note Pad' as well as a 'Christmas Card'.

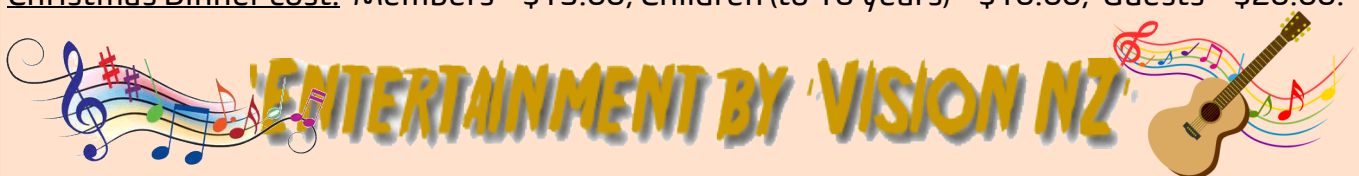
**REQUIREMENTS/TOOLS REQUIRED FOR CLASS:** Pencil, scissors, metal ruler (metric preferred), eraser, scorer (Cheap Shop sells these), double-sided tape, 6mm (Reject Shop sell this) \$2.00 or \$2.50 approximately, metal craft knife with spare blades (Cheap Shop), adhesive tape with dispenser, A4 cutting mat or similar. The class commences at 1:00pm Thursday 12 November.



QCC's Christmas rally which, this year, will be held at the Toogoolawah Showground from 02-08 December. Due to the virus, there will be a couple of minor changes to our regular Christmas routine in that there will be no 'Secret Santa' or 'Santa Photoshoot' this year.

However, please do not allow this deficiency to get in the way of a great rally as there will still be plenty of other things on such as our Friday evening Christmas Carols (Carols-by-Caravan) hosted by Wendy and Barry Gibson, and our scrumptious Christmas dinner the following night. This, of course, will be complimented with entertainment. Being the last rally for the year, let's make it a memorable one.

Christmas Dinner cost: Members - \$15.00; Children (to 16 years) - \$10.00; Guests - \$20.00.



### QCC Membership:

- Just a gentle reminder that QCC membership fees are due in January. Those members wishing to pay early, may do so. Please see the Treasurer at an upcoming rally. Social: \$25.00 - Full: \$50.00.



### QCC Facebook Group:

- QCC members who use the Club's Facebook Group are urged to be familiar with its policy statement. Please do not suggest to friends to join the Group as it is for members only. Such requests will be promptly declined. The URL (address) is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/228176857695884/>

### QCC Website:

- Yes, the Club does have a website! Rally pictures, newsletters and other information may be found there. The URL is: <https://www.qldcaravanclub.com.au>





**ALICE SPRINGS OR BUST...** QCC members, Ivan and Jenny Wilson, both classic car enthusiasts, decided to take a trip to Alice Springs for the September 2020 Red Centre Nats and enter their beautiful 1962 SV1 Chrysler Valiant.

The decision to attend the Red Centre Nats was made about a month prior to the event. Originally, Ivan and Jenny planned to stay at motels to and from Alice Springs, but not being impressed with motel stays and roadhouse food, they decided to purchase a small camper trailer which they then towed to the Alice behind the Valiant.

Following the planning for the long trip, they had a setback due to COVID-19 with borders being closed to them as they lived in the Logan COVID hotspot area. Thankfully the hotspot was lifted about 14 days prior to them arriving at the Northern Territory border allowing them access.

Ivan and Jenny travelled through Mt Isa to Mataranka, and

from there, down to Alice Springs. There were 750-plus cars registered for the show, and all very stunning, which made for some stiff competition. They were most elated at being awarded the 'Judges Choice' award. This certainly added a nice touch to the event and made the journey so worthwhile.

What a fantastic event. The street parade was electric with people lining the streets of Alice Springs for nine kilometres. Another plus for Ivan and Jenny, and an honour, was having their Valiant chosen in a photo shoot to promote Alice Springs.

From Alice Springs, they travelled to Darwin where they arranged to have two Hillman Imps transported back to Brisbane for restoration. The return trip home to Brisbane went well with no problems with the 58 year-old car. All-in-all, a great trip! Congratulations Ivan and Jenny.





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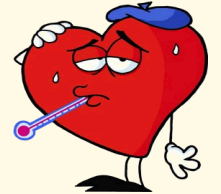
# Sunshine Column

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.



Kathy Kearney, Pam MacDonald, Jenny McLeod, Sylvia Stocker,  
Linda Van Wyk and Fay Walker,

Denise Waycott, Beres Abraham, Merv Kahler, Keith McCallum, Bob Rutherford,  
Ray Steele, Denise and Brian Sheehan.



Sincere apologies if we have missed anyone.

## Nanango Golf:

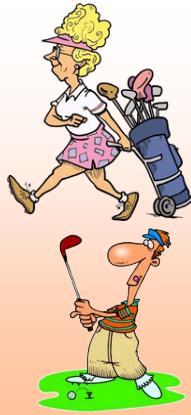
15 gents and 6 ladies attended.

Ladies:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Marilyn Tebbit, 58.25.
- =2<sup>nd</sup> Desley Hinson, 58.75.
- =2<sup>rd</sup> Denise Park, 58.75

Gents:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Owen Noffke, 35.75.
- =2<sup>nd</sup> Shane Graham, 40.75.
- =2<sup>rd</sup> Alf Hinson, 40.70.
- Longest Drive - Rod Green.
- Nearest to the Pin - Daryl Kays.



## Spending @ Nanango:

- Total:** \$11,319.00.
- Site Fees:** \$4,086.00.
- Total:** \$15,405.00.



## Raffles @ Nanango:

- \$50.00 Lucky Number ~ Jacky Smith.
- 1<sup>st</sup> \$50.00 Gift Card ~ Terry Coxall. Donated by QCC.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> (Books) ~ Linda Reedy. Donated by Gail Lander.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> (Coffee Mug and Serving Tray) ~ Michael Drought. Donated by Sue and Ji, Thorpe.
- Amount taken ~ \$279.00.



Nanango Lawn Bowls: Attendance = 28.



## Lucky Van Draw Winners ...

- Greg and Pat Mander.
- Gordon and Sue Baker.



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December 02-08 Toogoolawah (Xmas/Showground).  
January 06-12 Kalbar (Showground).  
February 10-16 Imbil (Showground).  
March 10-16 Standown Park (Caravan Park).  
April 07-13 Pine Rivers (Showground).  
May 01-04 Hillview (Apr 28-04 May (bush rally))

June 09-15 Samford. (Showground).  
July 07-13 Kenilworth. (Showground).  
August 11-17 Gin Gin (Showground).  
September 14-22 Pittsworth (State Rally).  
October 06-12 Allora (Showground).  
November 10-16 Blackbutt (Showground).  
December 01-07 Boonah (Xmas/Showground).



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## The definitive guide to the caravan toilet cassette ....

The fact that using the caravan toilet involves physically removing a cassette full of excrement, wheeling it to the dump point and having to empty the contents into a shared cesspool is not exactly first-world living. Let's face it, some dump points are pretty feral.

But there is so much more to this seemingly simple task that it fills the caravan and camping Facebook groups with many questions and an endless supply of opinions expressed in the answers. It's hard enough to bring yourself to deal with your own sewage, let alone ask embarrassing questions about it. So here is our definitive guide to the caravan toilet cassette.



### Push this button

You may have noticed the little button on the top of the cassette and wondered what it is used for. It is actually an air bleed valve that, when depressed, allows air to enter the cartridge as the contents flow freely out of the nozzle. The idea is that you carefully lower the nozzle to just above the drain hole, push the button and tip the contents out in a free-flowing action with minimal splashback. Make sure you don't push this button too early or you'll end up with excrement in all the wrong places.



### Removable Wheels

The designers of the toilet cassette must certainly have put some thought into the process. The path from your caravan park site to the dump point is usually nothing more than a rough gravel path. It's easy to understand how the wheels of the cassette can break in these conditions. Fortunately, the wheels simply pull away from the cassette and can be replaced with new ones.

### Oil the seal

Many owners are not aware that the rubber seal at the top of the cartridge needs to be kept in good condition. They are prone to perishing, leading to leaks inside the caravan ensuite and no one wants that to happen. Fortunately, it's a simple exercise. Just slide the cover back to expose the seal, spray it with a small amount of olive oil, ensuring the whole seal is covered and replace the cover. It's that easy!



### Don't ignore the red light

On the top of your toilet inside the van, you may notice a red indicator light telling you the cartridge is full. Do not ignore this light, the results can be catastrophic if you do. Some of our more experienced readers may think this is bleedingly obvious but you would be amazed at how many times I've seen novice RVers cleaning out the inside of their vans because they didn't realise what this light meant.

While we're on the subject, there may be times when you return the newly emptied cassette to its cavity only to find the indicator light still on. This is normally traced back to the float inside the cassette getting stuck in the full position. If this happens, either remove the cassette and give it a tap on the side or give it another flush out with water. Both should resolve the problem.

### My toilet won't flush

The issue here may depend on which model toilet your RV has. If it is the sort with a separate flush water tank (Thetford C2), make sure this flush tank is full. If that doesn't resolve the problem, the culprit will most likely be a jammed impeller pump. There are plenty of videos on YouTube explaining how to remove this pump and free the impeller but, if you don't feel confident resolving this on your own, any caravan repairer will be able to sort this out very easily and cheaply. In extreme cases, the pump may need replacing.

If, after fixing the pump, it still won't flush, the culprit is likely to be a blown fuse protecting the pump. Many RV toilets have a fuse located within the cassette cavity, either on the left side wall or down the back of the cavity. It's a normal three-amp automotive fuse so it is easy to replace. Other things to check include all wiring connections within the cassette cavity as these are prone to corrosion and perishing.

### Where should I empty my toilet cassette?

First and foremost, you should always find a proper RV dump point. All caravan parks should have one but some don't. If in doubt, ask the park manager. Most dump points are pretty obvious, being the familiar grey tub with a blue lid. Some definitely are not so obvious. We've seen everything from a porcelain toilet placed outside the amenities block to nothing more than a small and inconspicuous drain hole in the ground.

Most towns across Australia have a public dump point and the majority are well sign-posted. If you're having trouble locating one, there are a number of smart device apps that can tell you where the nearest dump point is. We use WikiCamps and have found it to be accurate and reasonably up to date. Be aware many of these apps rely on users to provide and update the information. They have been known to be wrong.



If you're in doubt, the local visitor information centre should be able to direct you to the correct location.

Whatever you do, NEVER empty your cassette into a stormwater drain or out onto the open ground. NEVER empty a cassette into a drop toilet. NEVER empty a cassette into a public toilet unless you are directed to do so by a park manager.

If you intend to do any long-term, remote free camping, consider carrying an additional cassette to extend your times between needing to visit a proper dump point.

### What chemicals should I use?

Last .... the hardest question.

Unfortunately, you will find it very difficult to get an answer that everyone agrees on. This is mainly because not all dump points are connected to a regular sewerage system. Many across regional and remote Australia are connected to septic tanks. Some may be even more primitive. You should only use proper RV toilet chemicals and only in concentrations according to the directions on the packaging. Always ensure they are marked 'septic safe'.



You may have heard some people use products such as Nappy San and other similar chemicals. There is much debate about whether these products are septic safe and there is no way my opinion is going to sway readers either way. At the end of the day, it may well come down to the desires of those who are responsible for maintaining the individual dump point itself. Some managers may insist you do not empty your cartridge into their site if you use Nappy San. Some may not want any chemicals at all to go down their drain.

If you must use Nappy San, never use more than half a capful mixed with about one litre of hot water in your cassette.

We have started to use the Green2Go range of RV toilet concentrates. These are Australian made, septic tank safe, environmentally-friendly products that use beneficial bacteria to breakdown waste without the use of harmful chemicals. So far, they appear to work very well.



### A final word:

Disposing of your daily excretions while travelling in your caravan or RV requires a completely different mindset to how you deal with it at home. It really isn't as simple as pushing a button and flushing it away. You have to keep in mind that you are not the only person who could be affected by your actions. With a little thought, education and consideration, it certainly doesn't have to be an erroneous chore for you or anyone else.

The definitive guide to the caravan toilet cassette: Tops Tips

#### Top tip 1

Avoid disposing of your toilet paper into your cassette. It bulks up, quickly filling your cassette and requiring more frequent emptying. Instead, place a small bin in your ensuite and line it with a nappy bag. Place your soiled toilet paper into the bag and dispose of it responsibly as you would with other garbage. You don't have to purchase special toilet paper either.

#### Top tip 2

Most dump points have a tap nearby to allow you to rinse out your cassette after emptying it. The same can't be said for many in remote areas. In order to ensure your cassette is as clean as possible, consider having a small container dedicated to holding rinse water for your cassette. Place a small amount of the toilet chemicals into the water to ensure the cassette is returned to the van as fresh as possible.

#### Top tip 3

At some point, you are going to have to use your toilet for number twos and, to be perfectly blunt, it will result in some unpleasant smells permeating through the rest of the van. If you're intending to do a lot of free camping, especially for extended periods, consider fitting an SOG system to your RV toilet. These are extremely effective at keeping the odours to a minimum. The only drawback being that should your toilet access be on your awning/annex side of your RV, then there's a likelihood of filling this area with an unpleasant odour.



#### Top tip 4

When emptying the cassette, be very careful where you place the cap. Many RVers have lost their caps down the drain of the dump point. Apart from the inconvenience to yourself, these can block the system, causing all sorts of havoc.

#### Top tip 5

If you need to measure out the amount of chemicals required for your cassette, use the measuring cup conveniently integrated into the cap.

Next issue of the QCC Wanderer ..... *'Do's and Don'ts of Grey Water Controversy'*

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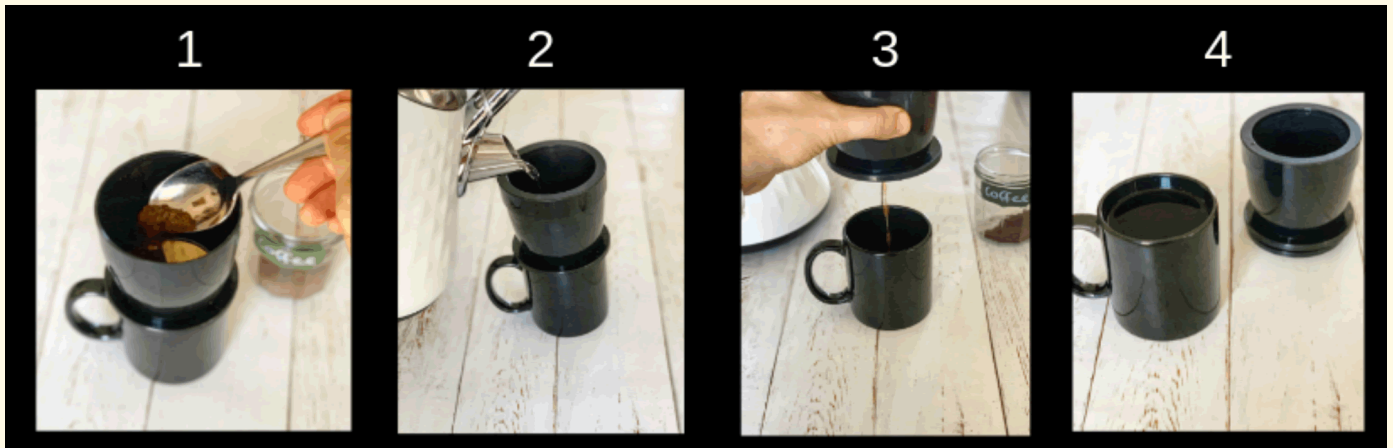
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Singles Disc Bowls Championships





QCC's hard-working merchandise officer, Helen Judge, assisting Ivan and Jenny Wilson while Linda Clements (rear) looks-on.



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A picturesque entrance to the Nanango Showground.

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