



Q.C.C. Wanderer

'Fellowship on Wheels'



Happy Easter



At the present time, the Pine Rivers QCC Rally will go ahead, however, the Pine Rivers Country Markets have been cancelled.

Standown Park
Photograph by
Elizabeth Holmes



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Wednesday 10 March 2021

We arrived at the beautiful Standown Park Caravan Park which was very green following recent rain and still a bit of that (rain) around. I must say the parking marshal was a lot better looking to the one we are used to! 🙌😊

The park is so quiet and peaceful and we had a very relaxing afternoon with around 20 vans which arrived.

Thursday 11 March 2021

Standown Park management gave us full use of the undercover area where Bev Green held her cardmaking class which was well attended. The ladies golfers headed to Tin Can Bay Golf Club and had a great game although a little wet.

The committee and partners had a 'committee' farewell dinner at the Silky Oak Tea Gardens which is an excellent setup with good meals and service. I had to try their home-brewed beer. Surprise; it was excellent.

Friday 12 March 2021

We had some walkers head-off early and the men's golfers (14) left for their game. I played my usual game of 'not-so-good' golf.

Back for the club committee meeting and thanks to all the committee members who give-up their time to help the club.

Yvonne Robbins held her sewing class and the numbers are growing; well done. That afternoon, 30 members played bowls including quite a few first-timers, all having a good time. We followed with more members joining the bowls group for dinner and what a top night.

Saturday 13 March 2021

The walkers headed-out early as did the bike riders for a ride to Coondoo Creek which I am sure they enjoyed. I took the car. 🙌😊

We had our club meeting and thanks to Ray and Gail Caddies for the St Patricks Day theme. Sue Baker had her 'painting with pastels' class with a lot of interest. Lunch saw groups heading to Cooloola Berries, Silky Oak Tea Gardens, and to Tin Can Bay for fish-and-chips by the sea at the Snack Shack. I understand that some members may have had a chicken lunch at the new chicken shop called 'Mother Cluckers'. I heard no complaints from anyone.

I do love happy hours when we get together to tell a few stories and to have a laugh. That night we had the camp oven stew followed by apple crumble pie and ice cream plus the entrainment. It was a very good night with many dressing-up in striking St Patrick Day gear. Well done members.

Sunday 14 March 2021

The walkers were out again early. Members paid the treasurer their \$3.00 administration fee and milled about enjoying morning tea. Next was our club meeting; a bit sad for me as this was my last Sunday meeting as



president. Following the meeting, many headed for home, however, about 20 stayed the Sunday night.

The club had a total of 56 vans attending the rally. Unfortunately, this was the maximum the park could accommodate at the moment. What a top rally we had and at such a great location.

This being my last President's Report, I want to say how very proud I am to have served the Club as President for the past two years. I appreciate and acknowledge all of the support the committee and the membership have afforded me during my tenure.

I am looking forward to catching-up with everyone at the Pine Rivers AGM Rally where I will be handing over my reins to the new president.

Wishing you all good health and safe and happy travels.

President Paul

Next Rally ~ Pine Rivers Showground, Lawnton, 06-12 April. Members are asked to arrive no earlier than midday Wednesday 7th April and depart no later than midday Tuesday 13th April.

From the South - take the Gateway Motorway, continuing past the Depot Road and Brackenridge and Redcliffe exits. After the Gateway Motorway veers left from the Redcliffe exit, take the next exit (signed 'Brackenridge Road/Strathpine'). At the end of the ramp, turn right into Brackenridge Road and continue on until it becomes Hoyland Street, then Strathpine Road after it passes over the Gympie Arterial Road and eventually becomes Gympie Road.

Continue along Gympie Road through Strathpine to Lawnton. Bunnings and Supercheap (right). Just past Supercheap, turn right into the showgrounds entrance and follow the club signs.

From the North - travel south along the Bruce Highway and take Exit 133 to Anzac Avenue. At the traffic lights, turn right onto Anzac Avenue and follow it through into Kallangur. Follow Anzac Avenue through to the roundabout at Petrie and take the 1st turn left into Gympie Road. Follow Gympie Road into Lawnton, and 300 metres after the 2nd traffic lights (Lawnton Pocket Road), turn left into the showgrounds.

Other Relevant Information

Address: 757 Gympie Road, Lawnton Q, 4501, Nearest cross street Frances Road and Gympie Road.

Nearest Hospital: Prince Charles Hospital, 627 Rode Road, Chermside. 4032. Phone: 07 3139 4000. 24 hours. Dial 000 outside these hours.



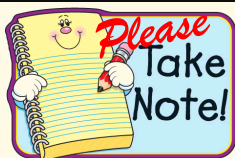
Nearest Doctor / Medical Centre: Strathpine Family Medical Centre, Shop 10a, Strathpine Plaze Shopping Centre, corner of Bells Pocket and Gympie Roads, Strathpine. Phone: 07 3889 8544. Open Monday-Friday from 8:00am-5:00pm. Saturday 8:00am-12 Midday. Sunday closed. (present to hospital if medical attention needed or dial 000).



Venue Address: 757 Gympie Road, Lawnton, 4501.

Nearest Cross-Street: Nearest cross street: Frances and Gympie Roads, Lawnton.

Club equipment required:	First aid kit, fire extinguisher, banner, flags and flagpoles.						
GPS Coordinates: (as per Google Maps).	DUMP POINT. On site. Located on caretaker's office side of grounds near the top toilets. Do not dispose of cassettes into toilets. => <u>Arriving late or cannot attend?</u> Please let the rally secretary of the marshals know. => COVID contact-tracing will be carried-out on entry. <u>Please sign the 'Attendance Register' promptly.</u> <u>Please do not drive over power leads or hoses.</u>						
Lat: 27°28'60.83" S Long: 152°98'41.66" E							
Pets:	Permitted. Dogs/cats must be on a leash. Please pick-up after your pet.						
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=> There will be the local markets held at the showground on Saturday between 3:00am and 3:00pm, therefore will be **NO** access to the dump point between these times. Exit or entry to and from showground for QCC during these market times will be via the back gate which will be open from 3:00am .

- => Members needing to take equipment to the showground hall for the weekend are required to have it there by Friday night or after 3:00pm on Saturday.
- => Linda Reedy will be at the rally from Wednesday and will collect items kindly donated for her Saturday market stall.
- => **Kallangur Bowls Club.** Kitty's Kitchen Restaurant at the Kallangur Bowls Club has great meals which are reasonably-priced. If you are going, please ring Colin Fitzgibbon before the 9th April (0407 776 670) so that he can add you top the list. See Page 10 for the menu.
- => Sue Baker will not be holding her pastel class at Pine Rivers.
- => **Friday 9th April.** 240VAC lead tag-and-testing by Tom Jessop. Committee 8:30am, members 9.00am. \$5.00 per lead.

PINE RIVERS SHIRE ...

The suburbs formerly within Pine Rivers are generally regarded as part of Greater Brisbane, both in a planning context and for statistical purposes. 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, formed its centre. The western half of the shire consisted 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 formed the eastern boundary of the Shire, beyond which lay the City of Redcliffe.



The main population concentration was in the east and southeast of the shire—the western part, which covered 76% of the shire's land area, contained only 18,309 residents in 2006. The key centres of population were Strathpine, which formed a mini-CBD for the area; Petrie and Kallangur further to the north, and Albany Creek and the Hills District closer to Brisbane's boundary. A new area based around North Lakes in the shire's northeast had also become reasonably established.

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 at what is now Petrie in 1868, to service mail coaches between Brisbane and Gympie. The Caboolture railway line reached the shire in 1888. Another railway line to Dayboro, in the western, mountainous areas of the shire 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.

Prior to European settlement, the Pine Rivers area was home to a number of Aboriginal clans belonging to the Turrbal, Kabi (Kabi Kabi or Gubbi Gubbi) and Waka (Wakka Wakka) language groups. These groups enjoyed a considerable amount of social interaction, especially at the time of the bunya feasts in the Blackall Range and the Bunya Mountains.

There were ceremonial bora rings at Samford, Samsonvale, Dayboro, Mount Pleasant, Lacey's Creek, Petrie, Keperra and Kippa-Ring where neighbouring groups combined to carry out rituals.

During the mid 19th century, Dalaipei was a distinguished elder of the North Pine clan of the Turrbal people. It was Dalaipei, then nearly sixty years of age, who encouraged one of the district's best-known pioneers, Tom Petrie, to establish a cattle run in the North Pine area during the late 1850s.

Archaeological evidence, as well as the oral traditions of Queensland Aboriginal people, indicate that these first inhabitants occupied the land for many tens of thousands of years.

Although James Cook and Matthew Flinders sailed past Moreton Bay during the late eighteenth century giving names to some features which are still in use today, land exploration did not commence until the early 1820s when a search was underway for a suitable site for a convict settlement.

It was at this time, on 1 December 1823, that a party under the leadership of John Oxley first navigated the North Pine River, landed at Oxley's Inlet and climbed a hill in the area now commemorated by the John Oxley Reserve in Murrumba Downs.

During a second visit a year later, Oxley collected samples of the Hoop Pines which were growing prolifically in the area. It is believed that these pine logs were the first items exported from the northern area of New South Wales that was later to become Queensland.

Although there is no record of Oxley naming the Pine River anything other than the Deception River, the former name was in popular usage by the early 1840s.

Currently about 150,000 people reside in the Pine Rivers Shire.

🎵🎵🎵 *Happy Birthday to You for April 2021* 🎵🎵🎵

01 Sandra Smith
07 Jill Davis
09 Pat Barr
10 Megan Holland
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 2021* 🎵🎵🎵

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



56 Vans @ Standown Park

- **ABRAHAM**, Ber2s and Carmel.
- **ADAMS**, Roger and Laurel.
- **BAKER**, Darren.
- **BAKER**, Gordon and Sue.
- **BEKER**, Bert and Yvonne.
- **BELL**, Greg and Fay.
- **BREARLEY**, Paul and Di.
- **BRIDGES**, Roy and Carmel.
- **BURDETT**, Ivan and Robyn.
- **BURDETTE**, Michael and **SIFFLEET**, Lesley.
- **BURT**, Doug and Dorcas.
- **BUZZA**, Les and Lyn.
- **CADDIES**, Ray and Gail.
- **CHAPMAN**, Ken and **DARR**, Jan.
- **COXALL**, Terry and **COOK**, Gabby.
- **CRAWFORD**, Geoff and **KING**, Margaret.
- **DAY**, Kevin and Carol.
- **EDNEY**, Dennis and Heather.
- **FARRELL**, Ian and Denise.
- **FITZGIBBON**, Colin.
- **GIBSON**, Barry and Wendy.
- **GOWER**, Kevin and Pat.
- **GREEN**, Rod and Bev.
- **HASLEWOOD**, Lance and Karen.
- **HINSON**, Alf and Desley.
- **HOGAN**, Kerry and Dianne.
- **HOLMES**, Elizabeth.
- **HOLT**, Jim and Minnie.



- **JAMES**, Colin and Margaret.
- **JONES**, Noel and Olive.
- **JONES**, Shane and Linda.
- **JUDGE**, David and Helen.
- **KAHLER**, Merv.
- **LANDER**, Barry and Gail.
- **LANGLEY**, Steve and Robyn.
- **LILLIS**, Michael and Susan.
- **LUSCOMBE**, Ross and Bindra.
- **MACDONALD**, Ray and Pam.
- **MANDER**, Greg and Pat.
- **MAY**, Bruce and Gail.
- **McCALLUM**, Keith and Bev.
- **McGOWAN**, Murray and Jenni.
- **PARK**, Terry and Denise.
- **POMROY**, Lynne and Tony.
- **ROBBINS**, Yvonne.
- **RUTHERFORD**, Bob and Barbara.
- **SKINNER**, Adrian and Gayle.
- **SLATTERY**, Ted and Mary.
- **STEELE**, Ray and Jan.
- **STEGEMAN**, Rod and **HILLER**, Margaret.
- **THOMPSON**, Bob and Pam (first-time visitor).
- **THORPE**, Jim and Sue.
- **TRULOFF**, Bruce and Chris.
- **VAN WYK**, Richard and Linda.
- **WALDRON**, Kevin (second-time visitor).
- **WAYCOTT**, Bill and Denise.
- **WILSON**, Ivan and Jenny.

QCC welcomed and acknowledged the following at Standown Park:

⇒ **First-Time Visitors:** Bob and Pam **THOMPSON**.

⇒ **Second-Time Visitor:** Kevin **WALDRON**.

⇒ **Apologies:**

- Graham and Pat **BARR**,
- Jeff and Jean **COCHRANE**,
- Merv and Barbara **COOK**,
- Patrick and Ann **HETHERMAN**,
- Roy and Lyn **HILL**,
- Greg and Megan **HOLLAND**,
- Carolyn **KAHLER**,
- Harold and Bev **LILEY**,
- Phil and Del **LOWE**,
- Trevor and Mavis **MARTIN**,
- Tom and Jacky **SMITH**,
- Tony and Sue **STEPHENSON**.



APOLOGIES

Rally Programme for Pine Rivers ...
'Variety Night on Saturday ~ Av a great time!'

Thursday 08 April	6:30am 7:00am 1:00pm 6:00pm	Walkers. Golf, Ladies. Card Making (Bev Green). P7. Dinner (own arrangements).	
Friday 09 April	6:30am 7:00am 8:30am 9:00am 10:00am 11:00am 1:00pm 2:30pm 4:00pm 6:00pm 7:00pm 7:30pm	Walkers. Golf, Gents. Lead Tag and Testing (Committee). \$5.00 per lead. Lead Tag and Testing (Members). \$5.00 per lead. Bonsai with Michael Burdette. Management Committee Meeting. Sewing Class (Yvonne Robbins). P7. Bowls. Kallangur Bowls Club. (please register). P3. Happy Hour. Dinner (own arrangements). Rehearsal, Variety Night Cards (separate to variety night rehearsal).	 
Saturday 10 April	6:30am 8:00am 8:30am 9:30am 11:00am 1:00pm 4:00pm 6:00pm 7:00pm	Walkers. Tai Chi with Lyn Hill. Morning Tea. Annual General Meeting. Nominations close for Disc Bowls. Disc Bowls, Open Pairs Competition with Barry and Wendy Gibson. Happy Hour. Dinner (own arrangements). Variety Night with Kevin and Carol Day.	 
Sunday 11 April	6:30am 8:00am 8:30am 9:30am 11:00am 4:00pm 6:00pm	Walkers. Tai Chi with Lyn Hill. Pay Treasurer. Meeting and rally wrap-up. Tag-A-Long to 'Burke and Wills Dig Tree' departs. Happy Hour. Dinner (own arrangements).	

IMPORTANT

- * **'COVID Tracing' applies.**
- * **Remember to check the rally noticeboard for any last minute changes to the published program.**
- * **Remember to sign the attendance book as soon as possible after arrival.**
- * **Remember to indicate your planned attendance to the next rally on the rally attendance sheet.**
- * **Remember to add your rally expenditure to the expenditure sheet.**
- * **Kindly give a hand to clean-up, stack the chairs and to sweep the hall following the Sunday meeting.**

- * **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 the rally.**



Paul Brearley and Pam Elkington.

QCC President Paul Brearley is all smiles as he proudly accepts four complimentary one-week stay vouchers donated by Standown Park co-owner Pam Elkington. The vouchers will be auctioned at an upcoming QCC rally with the proceeds eventually going to the club's two charities, LifeFlight and the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

**2021 QCC Open PAIRS Disc Bowls
Disc Bowls Competition**

With COVID-19 hanging around trying to spoil our fun, be assured that we'll be doing our level best to keep you safe.

It's a pairs competition. Everyone can play – teams made up of 2 ladies, or 2 gents, or mixed pairs are all welcome. You don't have to be experienced to join in – someone will show you how to play if you've not played before.

But, if you don't wish to play, we also love to see lots of spectators (just bring your chair).

Will a lady's name be on the perpetual trophy this year? Ladies have reached the finals and semis, but so far have not won ... maybe this year?

To play, please place your nomination in the box (in the hall).

- The times to remember on Saturday are:
- Nominations to play close at 11:30am.
 - Games will be posted on the Noticeboard by noon.
 - Games commence at 1:00pm sharp.

Please note – if you are unable put your name in the nomination box by 11:30am, please advise Wendy Gibson beforehand and she will be happy to add your name to the list.



Your help as Marker will be very much appreciated. Also, we may not have shade for the players or spectators – so, if you can bring along a gazebo you will be very appreciated by everyone.

.... **Imbil Sewing, Art and Craft Classes**

'Card-Making Class with Bev Green'
'Hat Easel Card'

Thursday 11th April @ 1:00pm

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.

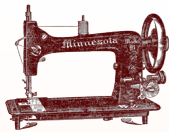
Bev would appreciate a text or call (0418 881 890) prior to the rally from those attending her class so that she will know how many kits to put together.

Ladies, please don't forget to bring your 'scorer'.



'Sewing Class with Yvonne Robbins'
Drink Bottle Cover and Place Mat

Friday 9th March @ 1:00pm



Requirements (Drink Bottle Cover):

Main Cover

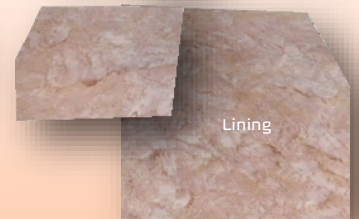
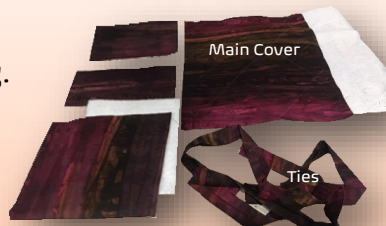
- Cut a rectangle 11" high x13" wide.
- Cut a 6" square for the base. This will then be cut into a circle after it has been quilted.
- Cut 2 x 1½" x 21" for the ties.
- Cut 2 x 5" x 3" for the ties casting.

Lining

- Cut a rectangle 14" x 13".
- Cut a 6" square for the base.

Insulbrite Batting

- 30cm. Available at any patchwork shop or at Spotlight.
- Cut a 6" square for the base.



Requirements (Place Mat):

- Feature fabric - 45" wide x 1/2 meter.
- Back and sides - 1 meter iron-on pelion.
- Threads to match.



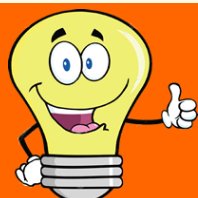
Hairdressing time - Lesley and Yvonne



Peek-a-boo Linda



Hairdressing is so boring - Ivan Wilson



QCC 2022 AGM

Just a heads-up on the April 2022 QCC AGM due to a confliction with the National Rally, the QCC 2022 AGM will now be held at the MAY rally.

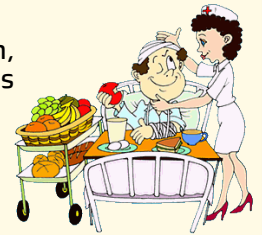
Sunshine Column



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.

Tom Davis, Ann Hetherman, Greg Holland, Ken McNab, Owen Noffke, Ron Robson-Petch, Barbara Rutherford and Tom Smith.

Apologies if we have missed anyone.



Standown Park Recreation, Spending and Raffle Draws

Raffles (\$351.00):

\$50.00 Card (donated by QCC) - Jenny Wilson.

- ⇒ Lucky Numbers Draw (\$50.00) - Jim Holt.
- ⇒ 1st - Crofton Storage Containers (donated by Lorraine Lowcock) - Laurel Adams.
- ⇒ 2nd - McGuigan Black Label Wine (donated by Roy and Carmel Bridges) - Murray McGowan.
- ⇒ 3rd - McGuigan Black Label Wine (donated by Roy and Carmel Bridges) - Helen and David Judge.
- ⇒ 4th - Stefani Water Filter (donated by Ray and Gail Caddies) - Denise Waycott.

Luck Caravan Draw:

- ⇒ Ted and Mary Slattery.
- ⇒ Karen and Lance Haslewood.

Cans Update: (Ray MacDonald). Over \$1,500.

Standown Park: Owners, Rod and Pam Elkington kindly donated to QCC four, one-week stays at Standown Park. Thank you so much Rod and Pam for your generous gift.

Spending:

General: \$11,426.00.

Site Fees: \$5,018.00.

Total: \$16,444.00.

Golf:

Four ladies and 14 gentlemen:

Ladies:

- 1st - Desley Hinson ~ 66.0.
- 2nd - Heather Edney ~ 66.25.
- 3rd - Di Brearley ~ 68.25.

Men:

- 1st - Bob Thompson ~ 36.00.
- 2nd - Ivan Burdett ~ 36.75.
- 3rd - Ian Farrell ~ 37.00.

Bowls:

30 members attended. Great result



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COVID REQUIREMENTS QUEENSLAND CARAVAN CLUB Inc Pine Rivers Showground



- ◇ To assist QCC endeavours 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 contact-tracing will be carried-out on arrival by venue staff. 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.



Dinner on the go ...



Dinner



Dinner

St Patricks Day Theme @ Standown Park



Muzza, Alf and Greg

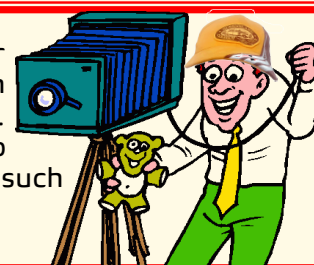


Paul and Di



Lynne

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.





Kitty's Kitchen Dinner Menu

Garlic Bread	\$2.00
Garlic Bread with Cheese	\$3.00
Roast Lamb and Mint Sauce	\$16.00
Chicken Parma	16.00
Chicken Schnitzel	\$16.00
Seafood Platter	\$16.00
Eye Fillet w/Mushroom or Pepper Sauce	\$20.00
Beef Stroganoff	\$15.00
Battered Whiting Fillet	\$16.00
Pork Steak w/Pineapple Sweet and Sour Sauce	\$17.00
Crumbed Calamari	\$16.00
Tasmanian Salmon and Hollandaise Sauce	\$18.00

SERVED WITH YOUR CHOICE OF CHIPS, SALAD or VEGETABLES

Potatoes are - Baked Scallop
 Vegetables are - Carrots and Sweet Potato in White Onion Sauce
 Zucchini with Bacon and Cheese

SWEETS

Plum and Fruit Puffs with Ice Cream

OUR AWNINGS

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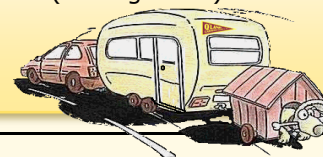
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2021/2022 QCC Rally Calendar ...

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).

January Laidley (Showground).
February Dayboro (Showground).
March Chinchilla (Showground).
April Goomeri Caravan and Bush Camp.
May Toogoolawah (Showground). AGM.



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RV DAILY

One of the most common questions on caravan forums and Facebook groups is "How do I plug my 15 amp lead into a 10 amp domestic power point?" While to most of us the answer to this would seem simple, the number of wrong and dangerous replies would suggest otherwise. Let's set the record straight.

The problem with people handing out poor or dangerous advice is so bad that many forums and facebook groups now delete such posts mainly because these people who offer incorrect advice are not just putting other people's lives at risk, but they are also, in many cases, openly incriminating themselves. In this article, we give you a basic understanding of the issue and the laws behind what you can do and what you can't do regarding your caravan's 240V mains power.

In the old days, when we didn't know a lot better, in order to get power to our caravan from a domestic household power point, it would be a simple matter of taking a regular 10 amp electrical extension cord, chopping off one of the ends and replacing it with a 15 amp plug. Job done. Almost everyone did it and no one thought anything of it. The problem with this setup is that the potential exists for the caravan to draw more current than the 10 amp power point, and the wiring behind it, is designed to cope with. An additional five amps may not seem like a lot but I can tell you that at 240v, a five amp load is enough to kill a human being. The potential for wires to melt and start a fire is a real possibility with this setup.

The other problem with this setup is that not everyone is familiar with how to wire 240 volt leads correctly, creating yet more potential for an electrical nightmare. The number of possible dangers that arise out of this one simple act is mind-blowing.

What are the risks?

According to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, between 1 July 2014 and 30 June 2016, a total of 1,065 people were hospitalised after sustaining an electrical related injury, and 55 people died as a result of electrocution or lightning strike. Almost half of the people hospitalised with an electrical injury occurred while the person was in paid work (497 cases or 47%), and a further 150 people sustained an electrical injury while doing unpaid work (14%).



Electrical faults are a common cause of caravan fires.

Electrical fires started by appliances, overloaded power points, damaged power outlets and general cabling wear and tear has become one of Australia's leading causes of fires. According to some statistics, 20% of all fires are caused by electrical failure or faults.

If the dangers listed above are not enough to convince you, then you should also be aware that doing your own electrical work will most definitely have an effect on your insurance cover. According to Youi Insurance, if the illegal electrical job is done incorrectly and a fire results, you will not be covered.

What does the law say?

The law on this matter is reasonably clear, with state and territory governments being quite strict in dealing with do-it-yourself electrical work. The NSW Fair Trading, for instance, states: "An electrical licence is required before any electrical wiring work can be undertaken in NSW, regardless of the cost of the work and regardless of whether the work is residential, commercial or industrial. It is an offence to do electrical wiring work without a licence or certificate. You can be fined \$22,000.00 as an individual."



Similarly, WorkCover Queensland says that you must always get a licensed electrical contractor to do any electrical work. Performing unlicensed DIY electrical work has penalties of up to \$40,000 for individuals, while breaches that cause a death/grievous bodily harm draws a maximum penalty of \$100,000 for individuals or a jail term of two years.

Energy Safe Victoria puts it quite simply. Doing your own electrical work is illegal, so find a qualified electrician to complete electrical work. *Look closely at this illegal 15 – 10 amp power adaptor. You can see how the 10 amp plug on the right had started to melt.*

But what is actually defined as electrical work?

Again, looking back at what NSW Fair Trading says, the term means: "The actual physical work of installing, repairing, altering, removing or adding to an electrical installation or the supervising of that work."

Where the term 'electrical installation', refers to: 'Fixed appliances, wires, fittings, apparatus or other electrical equipment used for (or for purposes incidental to) the conveyance, control and use of electricity in a particular place.'

While the regulations in other states differ slightly, their definitions are largely the same.

Queensland's Electrical Safety Act 2002, for instance, states what isn't covered by the term 'electrical work', which includes:

Replacing electrical equipment or a component of electrical equipment if that task can be safely performed by a person who does not have expertise in carrying out electrical work (e.g., replacing a light bulb).

Connecting electrical equipment to an electricity supply by means of a flexible cord plug and socket outlet (e.g., plugging in an appliance).

Under Queensland's Electrical Safety Act 2002, forbidden tasks include: installing a new power point.

- replacing a light switch.
- replacing a batten holder with a new light fitting.
- repairing an appliance such as a heater.
- altering the location of an existing power point.
- replacing a light fitting with a ceiling fan.
- constructing an extension lead.
- replacing a plug on the end of a lead.

At the end of the day, they all say the same thing. Only licensed electricians or registered electrical contractors may perform home, commercial or industrial electrical work. That includes caravan, motorhomes and camper trailers. All that the home DIYer can do in the 240V mains system is replace a lightbulb. That's about it.

These laws extend beyond just home electrical work. They are applicable to any work involving voltages over 50 volts. So performing such work on a caravan or even a generator or inverter is also covered by these laws, whereas 12V power systems are not.

The Ampfibian range of power safety products is highly regarded by many caravan enthusiasts.

So when I read about people who have ground down 15 amp power plugs to make them fit into a 10 amp power point, I cannot understand how that could be considered a reasonable and legal thing to do. I also read recently how someone had drilled out the 10 amp outlets on their generator so they could fit the 15 amp extension cord. It is just madness! Not only are these actions dangerous, but they can also render your insurance void in the event of a claim.

Today, there are so many off the shelf products that allow you to safely and legally connect a caravan to a domestic power point. The Ampfibian would be the most popular and highly regarded but there are others that are also safe and compliant. They are not all that expensive either with prices ranging from \$89.00 up to around \$199.00. When you consider the cost of a new caravan, it's a very small price to pay for the safety of your property and, more importantly, your life.

Please - no matter what you may read in a forum or Facebook group, NEVER make your own power cables. Do not do any work on your RV's 240V electrical systems. Always buy quality products from major retailers that conform to Australian Standards.

If in doubt, seek professional advice from a reputable and licensed electrician.

Safe travels



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Greg and Pat Mander



Les and Lyn Buzza



Rod Elkington overseeing dinner



Dinner is served



Helen and David Judge



Minnie and Jim Holt



Shane and Linda Jones



Jan and Ray Steele



Silky Oak Tea Gardens Restaurant, Kia Ora. "Definitely Jenny Craig-approved" said Barry.



Ray MacDonald demonstrating the best and quickest way to do a camp oven dinner!!



Birthday Greetings. Are we keeping you awake, Col?



Sue Baker's pastel art class



Bev Green's card-making class



Yvonne Robbins' sewing class



Well, it's again that time of the year; meaning AGM time. Of all of the rallies held throughout the year, the Club's AGM rally (Pine Rivers 2021) would be the most important. It's one which members should hold of special interest because the prosperity and wellbeing of the Club depends on its outcome.

AGM
Annual General Meeting

Members are urged to be proactive towards the AGM and to support it. Looking forward to seeing a big roll-up at Pine Rivers, for in addition to the AGM, much social interaction and memorable times are on the agenda. Pine Rivers is a great location and within easy reach of 'everything'. See you there.



Sewing project (sun hat) - Fay Bell



Sewing project - Carmel Abraham and Pat Mander



Sewing project - Pat Mander



Card-making class



Impressive art - Jan Darr



Bindra and Ross Luscombe



Mr Muscles - Kev Gower



Fay Bell



A proud moment for Merv Kahler He's excellent at shovelling it!



Mary Slattery



Lance Haslewood making a spectacle of himself yet again. It pays to check you have grabbed the correct shirt before heading-out to dinner!!



Dinner done! L-R: Merv Kahler, Roger Adams, Sue and Jim Thorpe, Laurel Adams, Denise and Ian Farrell



Rod Stegeman and Margaret Hiller



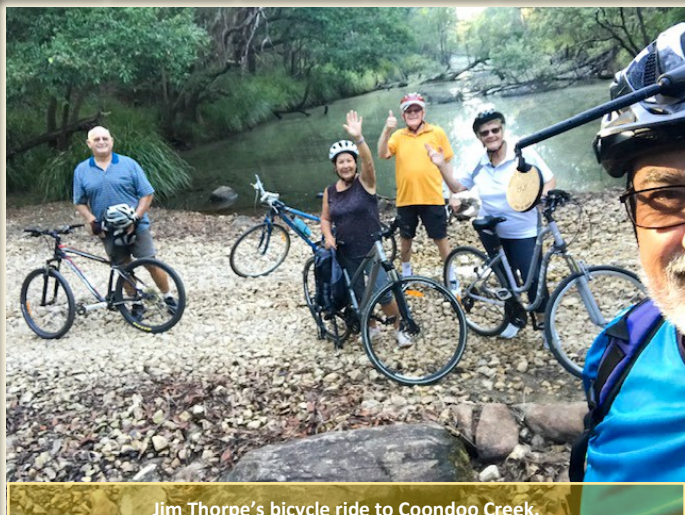
A display of masculinity by Terry Coxall, Michael Burdette and Alf Hinson



Mary and Ted Slattery rather jubilant at not having to spend the night sleeping under their annexe (caravan door issues fixed!)

From the Editor This being my last newsletter as editor for the Queensland Caravan Club, I want to express my utmost delight and enjoyment at being part of the committee for the past three years serving as your editor. I have worked alongside a composite of very hard-working, dedicated and most interesting people, who collectively, have strived to ensure the best for the club and its members. I have no doubt that my successor, Richard Van Wyk, will equally enjoy his time as editor as I have and I wish him the very best. On'ya, Richard. Lance Haslewood.





Jim Thorpe's bicycle ride to Coondoo Creek. Watch this space ... name change coming soon!



Our new editor, Richard Van Wyk. Wrong finger, Richard!



Bill Waycott. It must be good stuff, Bill. Please share!



Bev and Rod Green



One good thing about a Cruiser. You just walk away and leave 'em!



Bert and Yvonne Beker



This little fellow enjoys travelling around on the roof of his owner's Hilux.



Gordon Baker and Michael Burdette (in the dress of the day!)

Member Profile ~ Lance Haslewood. In brief I was born at the Grange Private Hospital, Brisbane, on 22nd July 1949 to Leslie and Alexa Haslewood. My father was born in Bournemouth, UK, and my mother in Mount Morgan, Queensland. Dad migrated solo from the United Kingdom at an early age and he worked as a stockman in rural Queensland until the commencement of World War Two. He was a WWII veteran (signals) and later a morse code specialist and examiner, and postmaster for Postmaster Generals Department; Australia Post as it is known today.

I live at Delaneys Creek, which is near Woodford, and married to Karen (1974). Have two children: Rick (39) and Nardia (42). Rick is a RAAF Flight Sergeant (avionics technician / C17A loadmaster) and is presently in a ground posting at RAAF Richmond, NSW, while Nardia is a hairdresser. Karen is a medical secretary (radiography) for several major hospitals and clinics along the eastern seaboard and works from home.

I have a twin sister, Lynette, and a younger sister, Julie. I was educated at the Caboolture Primary and Secondary Schools, and upon leaving high school in 1965, and while waiting enter the ADF, I worked for a short time at Woodford Motors Caboolture and later at Murrumba Star Caravans, Morayfield.

Most of my working life was spent in the ADF (RAAF) where I progressed through the ranks, retiring a senior officer in 1996. Probably the highlights of my RAAF career were my flying days, first with 5 Squadron Canberra then 9 Squadron, Amberley, as an Iroquois helicopter crewman operating in tactical, gunship, search and rescue and MEDEVAC roles along with those in support of RAAF, Army, Navy and state police operations. 'Intercapital ballistic billycart' was my analogy for the Bell Iroquois helicopter. From helicopters I progressed onto C130E Hercules, and later, Boeing 707s as a loadmaster at RAAF Richmond, NSW.

My 10 years of flying in the RAAF took me to all corners of Australia and the globe, and the Boeing fleet, although primarily used in long-haul, strategic transport and tanker roles, was often converted to VIP to convey Australian and foreign dignitaries. Most memorable and notable were two royal tours in which I was involved; the first in 1982 when I went to England to convey the Queen and Prince Philip to Brisbane for the Brisbane Commonwealth Games. It was on this tour that I also had the opportunity of literally 'bumping into' the then British Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher, and her husband Denis. A story for another day!

in 1983, I again went to England, this time to convey Prince Charles, Princess Diana and young Prince William to Australia for their royal tour. On this this occasion, I had the pleasure of being invited, along with the aircraft captain, who was the squadron commanding officer, to Buckingham Palace for a light lunch and to meet the royals and their entourage prior to departing England for Australia a few days later.

Again in 1983, I conveyed Prime Minister Bob Hawke on his first overseas tour which included New Guinea, Indonesia and Europe. Hazel accompanied him. She was terrified of flying and would continually knit and with the blinds down so that she could not see the wings flexing or the engines swaying in the turbulence.

The royal tours were a strategic and logistical nightmare. Getting the jet to the UK and back required three crews with a crew each staging in Singapore and in the Middle East, normally Abu Dhabi or Muscat. The third crew, who were passengers to this point, would then fly the jet from the Middle East to London and back to the Middle East. On arrival in the Middle East port, the staging crew would take over and fly through to Singapore where the remaining crew would board. Quite a holiday for those staging along the way!

As a commissioned officer, I served in many and varied roles all of which were challenging, rewarding and fulfilling. On retirement, I was in a senior staff position in HQADF, Canberra. Post-RAAF, I worked as a logistics manager for a cosmetics company in Sydney, then for a short time contracted to Australian Defence Industries (ADI) where I wrote computer-based ground training modules for C130J Hercules aircrew. It was when this contract ended (2001) that I decided to retire. However, I was enticed to stay-on with ADI to undertake a similar project with the Republic of Singapore Air Force, but I declined. At this point, Karen and I had spent over 28 years living interstate, mostly in NSW, so we decided to sell our Bligh Park (NSW) home and return to our home state of Queensland. We have been in Queensland since 2003.

My interests are varied. I was a keen motorcyclist for over 45 years, and unfortunately, have the odd scar to prove it. I also held a commercial pilot licence and a full aerobatic endorsement amongst others. Other interests are my 1976 SL/R 5000 Torana and my 1982 DMC-12 DeLorean, both of which I have owned for many years. I belong to several car clubs including the Caboolture Regional Car Club and the Queensland and NSW Torana Clubs, amongst others.

Caravanning-wise, Karen and I bought our first van in 2008 which was a second-hand 15ft Empress Gem. We had never heard of or even seen such a brand previously, but it seemed to be just what we wanted. A great little entry-level caravan. In 2015 we decided to upgrade to a larger one and chose a new Lotus Frelander (Freeloader as I like to refer to it as). Our tug is a 2015 Jeep Grand Cherokee. "Don't Hold Back!" After buying the Jeep and the Lotus, we couldn't afford to buy a bigger boat!

Because of our like for caravanning, we joined the Queensland Caravan Club in 2010 and remain in the club to this day. A great club full of great people with many diverse and varied backgrounds. 'Fellowship On Wheels' as its motto recites. I am currently on the committee as editor but will retire from this role at the upcoming April 2021 QCC AGM.

Looking back on my life, I don't think I would have done things any differently; maybe with the odd exception here and there.

Lance Haslewood

