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Fellowship on Wheels

QCC WANDERER

Next Rally at IMBIL Showgrounds

9th-14th November 2022

Theme:
Horses & Fashions

November



Friday
11th Nov
20 22



Remembrance Day
Let Us Forget



OCTOBER RALLY 2022



Wayne & Leona MEACHAM



Gavin & Rosemary PRISK

President Jim Thorpe inducting QCC's newest members



October Birthdays

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Tom & Jacky 50 Years

October Anniversaries



Club Bikers



Ray MacD sprung



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President's Report Nanango (Kalbar) Rally October 2022

With just less than two weeks' notice, club Secretary Carol was advised by the Kalbar Show Society that they had cancelled our rally booking due to flooding and damage to their site. Carol advised me of the situation while we were holidaying in Dublin, Republic of Ireland. She also advised all club members and our known visitors of the situation so everyone could make the necessary preparations for a different but unknown alternative rally venue.

In short order Carol organised Nanango Showgrounds as the alternative rally site. The club is very grateful for Carol's successful effort in organising an alternate venue and to the Nanango Show Society for accepting our booking at such short notice. We are also grateful for the flexibility of our members many of whom had to significantly change their travel plans to attend a new rally site.

The Nanango Showgrounds are situated high on firm ground in the Nanango township which is in the South Burnett region on the edge of the Great Dividing Range an easy two-hour drive from Brisbane. Unfortunately, we were unable to secure use of the big hall, but we were able to use the Ted Nielsen Pavilion which while being much smaller proved adequate for our purposes.

Pleasingly a total of 51 units attended the rally. A total of 28 units arrived on Wednesday with the balance arriving by Friday. This reflected a recent trend whereby a significant proportion of units are arriving at the earliest opportunity. While all sites were on firm ground every unit required some form of levelling assistance. Fine weather was experienced during daylight hours each day with some rain on Thursday evening and Sunday morning.

Fortunately, the program organised by Pat, the clubs Entertainment Co-ordinator for Kalbar could be applied at Nanango with minimal change. Golf was played on both Thursday and Friday mornings. The Nanango Bowls Club accepted a short notice booking for a nominal 20 bowlers to play on Thursday afternoon. They demonstrated their flexibility and welcoming approach by accepting 42 bowlers on the day. Lawn bowls is becoming very popular amongst both male and female club members.

Our other regular Thursday and Friday activities such as Card making, Sewing, Crafty ladies, Cards/Board Games, and Mental Health and Wellbeing were well supported. The 6.30am walker numbers varied each day depending on the amount of sunshine available. A small number of members also explored and exercised by bicycle. On Friday night over 40 members supported both the RSL club and the local pub for dinner. A highlight of Saturdays club forum was the induction of four new members. Wayne and Leona Meacham and Gavin and Rosemary Prisk were welcomed into the club.

The Oktoberfest theme for Saturday night was organised by Yvonne Robbins and embraced by members many of whom dressed for the occasion wearing various interpretations of German traditional dress. A delicious Oktoberfest dinner consisting of a German sausage, Sauerkraut & mustard in a roll, followed by Apple Strudel, Custard & Cream was prepared and served by members under the direction of our Convenor Gail & Ray Caddies with Wendy Gibson playing some traditional German music in the background. Dinner was followed by some fun group participatory games and dancing.

Happy hours throughout the rally were organised at the individual level apart from Sunday when a group sausage sizzle was held.

We head north to Imbil for our November rally to be held from 9-14 Nov. The Clubs annual Open Singles Disc Bowls competition will be held during this rally.

Despite the challenges of a changed venue and modified program, members experienced "fellowship on wheels" at its best.

Take care and travel safely. I look forward to seeing you at our Imbil rally.

President ***Jim Thorpe***



51 ATTENDEES

Nanango Showgrounds- 5th-10th October Rally 2022

ABRAHAM Beres & Carmel
 ADAMS John
 ADAMS Roger & Laurel
 ANDERSON Darryl & Margaret
 BARR Graham & Pat
 BEKER Bert & Yvonne
 BELL Greg & Fay
 BURDETTE Michael &
 SIFFLEET Lesley
 CADDIES Ray & Gail
 COX Julie & Des
 EDNEY Dennis & Heather
 FITZGIBBON Colin
 FLETCHER Keith & Jenny
 GAFFNEY Frank
 GIBSON Barry & Wendy
 GREEN Rod & Bev
 HOGAN Kerry & Dianne
 HOLMES Elizabeth
 HOLT James & Minnie
 JONES Noel & Olive
 JONES Shane & Linda
 JUDGE David & Helen
 KAYS Daryl
 KERKIN Nev & Susan
 LANGLEY Steve & Robyn
 LOWE Phil & Del
 LUSCOMBE Ross & Bindra
 MAC DONALD Ray & Pam

MANDER Greg & Pat
 MARTIN Trevor & Mavis
 MC GOWAN Murray & Jenni
 MEACHAM Wayne & Leona
 MIERS John & Jan
 PRISK Gavin & Rosemary
 ROBBINS Yvonne
 ROSS John & Robyn
 RUTHERFORD Bob & Barbara
 SLATTERY Ted & Mary
 SMITH Tom & Jacky
 STEGEMAN Rod &
 HILLER Margaret
 STEPHENSON Tony & Sue
 STOCKER Eddie & Sylvia
 TEBBIT Bob & Marilyn
 THOMSON Bob & Pam
 THORPE Jim & Sue
 TRULOFF Bruce & Chris
 VERSACE Peter &
 FERREIRA Debbie
 WALDRON Kevin
 WALKER Ted & Fay
First Timers
 CHAFFEY Bob & Jeanette
 MARSHALL Stephen & Lesley
 friends of Michael Burdette.
Second Timer
 FREDERIKS Christine

**Clubs Charity
 Quilt Raffle**

\$1 a ticket, Raffle drawn at Imbil, November Rally



Lucky Van Draw -
 Rod & Bev Green
 Barry & Wendy Gibson

**Club's Charity draw
 Lucky Number -**
 Pat Barr

Club Raffle -
 Frank Gaffney
 David Judge
 Margaret Anderson



These are a few of the things that QCWA needs you to collect: -Hearing Aids – Used Spectacles – sent to Fred Hollows Foundation. Flannel, flannelette, and Muslins – Other assorted cloth and materials – Ribbons and lace – Wool – Used greeting cards Contacts- Lynn Cragg or Linda Jones. Please leave donations in CWA box at rally

LEOD Spending:
 Nanango Rally:
Total: \$11,291.00

Nanango Golf Results

- 1st Bob Thomson 36.75 L Drive
- 2nd Steve Langley 38.75
- 3rd Roger Adams 39.5 NTP
- 4th Daryl Kays
- 5th Frank Gaffney



Members, please be familiar with the use of the club **HeartSine 500P Defibrillator** click on a Training Video below

[HeartSine 500P Online Training Link](#)

Next Rally IMBIL Showgrounds 9th-14th November 2022

Venue: Imbil Showgrounds Post Code 4570 GPS: Lat: 26°46'14.50" S Long: 152°67'90.01" E
Address: 16 Edward Street Imbil Qld. (One way only)

Nearest Intersection: Edward & Arthur Streets Imbil, Qld 4570

Please do not enter grounds before 12 midday

Closest Hospital: Gympie General, **Address:** 12 Henry Street, Gympie 4570

Phone: 07 5489 8444 24 hrs

Nearest Doctor/Medical Centre: Imbil Family Medical

Address: 6 Imbil Island Road, Imbil, Qld. 4570 .. Monday - Friday 8am-5pm.

Phone: 07 5488 6868 (Please Ring 000 if urgent medical attention needed).

Emergency Contact: QCC President, Jim Thorpe Mb. 0418 493 853

Defibrillators: McGowan's & President's Caravans or in the hall
please look for the AED signs

Closest Dump point and Showers are at the far side of Oval

Pets: Permitted but must be on a leash.

Please pick-up after your pet & be familiar with the QCC Pet Policy



RALLY COSTS FOR IMBIL

Site fee: Power: \$25 Van per night

Unpowered \$20 Admin: \$3

**Please text, email or call Carol ASAP,
 if you are coming to the Rally, and have not
 yet indicated**

LOST

1 x 50 Rally Badge and 1 x club 50 year Badge
 Please see Carol if you have lost either of these
 items

If you are in need of a site close to the
 amenities - Please contact

Parking Marshal, Noel Jones on

0418 885 584 or leave message or
 text & Noel will get back to you.

If you are going to arrive at rally after 4pm, or
 unable to come to rally at last minute, Please
 contact **Noel as from Wednesday of rally**

Please Call Rally Marshals on UHF 18 as you
 approach the Rally Venue. Thank You, Noel.



Directions to Imbil Rally November 2022

From Brisbane: Travel north on the M1 (Bruce Highway) and at approximately 16 kilometres north of Cooroy turnoff, take the Mary River Tourist Drive to the left and continue to the T-intersection with the Mary Valley Road. Turn left and follow the Mary Valley Road for approximately six kilometres then veer right onto the Kandanga/Imbil Road and follow through to Imbil a distance of about eight kilometres. At the T-intersection, turn right into Yabba Creek Road (Imbil's main street) and then take the second street on the left (Edward Street).

The entrance to the showground is just past the showground hall on the right opposite the Mary Valley State College. **Word of Warning:** Edward Street is a one-way street. On exiting the showground, be sure to turn right and follow Edward Street around to the Imbil/Brooloo Road.

Be alert, Imbil speed limit is 40km/h

IMBIL Rally Program

November 9th-14th 2022 Theme: Horses and Fashions

Wednesday: Arrival at venue not before 12 midday

Thursday: 6.30am Walkers

1pm. Card making with Pat Barr (details page 7)

2pm. Committee Meeting

6pm. own arrangements for Dinner

7pm. Dancing in Hall (slow rhythm, 4 step rock n roll, old time & line dancing.)

Friday: 6.30am Walkers

8am - 10am Mental Health & Well-being, weigh in with Robyn and Minnie.

(Bring your cards with you)

8am - 10am Yvonne's Sewing Group (details page 7)

9am Crafty Ladies

10.30am Remembrance Day (details below)

1.00pm Crafty Ladies

2pm. Lawn Bowls (Register on sheet in Hall)

4pm Happy Hour

6pm Meals available at Bowls Club.

Please make Own arrangements

7.00pm Friday night cards and games

Saturday: 6.30am Walkers

9.30 am Club Forum

10.45am Creating a Bonsai with Michael Burdette (details page 7)

1pm Open Singles Disc Bowls Competition. (details below)

4pm Happy Hour

7.00pm Movember for the men **Support your favourite Mo and donate**

7.30pm Horse Racing with FASHIONS ON THE FIELD (see insert)

Sunday: 8.30am Pay Treasurer

9.30am Club Forum

4.00 pm Happy Hour followed by BYO sausage sizzle

Members please read the notice board for Full Program and for any Changes

Race Day at Imbil

Come to the Imbil races,

There will be seven races, 20c per race to enter, so please bring your 20c pieces with you.

Dress as Fashions on the Field or be a Jockey or whatever takes your fancy Prizes for best dressed

QCC is invited to lay wreaths at the Remembrance Service at Imbil, Service starting at 10.30am Friday 11th Nov 22 in the main street.

Light refreshments provided at the RSL after the service.

Gold coin donation would be welcomed.



DISC Bowls Competition

Please register for the Club Open Singles Competition, no later than 11am Saturday.

Members going to the National Rally should have already nominated with Barry & Wendy, if they wish to play off for the National Rally Pairs team. Mini Competition will be held after the Open Singles Comp.

BEV GREEN'S CARD MAKING CLASS 1pm Thursday

CARD KIT tools

- Pencil
- Scissors
- Scorer
- Metal Ruler with Inches & Metric measures
- Rubber
- Double sided tape 6mm
- Double sided tape 3mm
- Sharpe Metal Knife with spare blades
- Tombow Aqua Mono Liquid Glue
- 3D Foam squares acid free, (pack of different sizes)
- Sticky tape with dispenser
- Small craft molding mat
- Some things can be found in cheap shops



Bev will be away for a few rallies so Pat Barr will be taking the class. You need to phone or Text Pat on **0432 150 760**

If you wish to buy a card pack. You will also need your regular Card kit If you wish to make the card.

Pat Barr



The Card for Imbil Rally



Bonsai class with Michael Burdette 10.45am Saturday

Everyone participating needs to bring the following:

1. A pot with holes in the bottom. Pot can be any shape you choose but keep it reasonably small (roughly 150mm by 300mm)
2. \$10 for plant and soil – I will provide these.

Please bring along any existing bonsai, so we can look at trimming and/or repotting them.

Please email Michael at: michael@awritingnook.com.au or Call/Text on

0426 592 984 so that we know how many plants to buy.

Michael Burdette



Yvonne's Sewing Group



Class will be at 8am Friday, due to the Remembrance Day service

Requirements... No sewing machines required

- Round polystyrene balls, you won't be happy with just one
- Pins (plain pins) Thimble if you have one
- 2 different Christmas fabrics preferably one pattern & one plain
- Scraps or fat quarter of each will do
- Depending on the size of the ball we will cut the fabric either
- 2 inch for the 9 inch circumference ball
- 3 inch for the 11 inch circumference ball

Unfortunately we couldn't get the Christmas tree pattern to work



Feel free to give Yvonne a call/txt on mb. 0417 785 783 if you need more information



Birthdays of the Month November



Anniversaries November 2022

2 METCALFE Mary
5 KAYS Margaret
9 FRASER Carol
10 FLETCHER Keith
11 DALE Jean

17 MC NAB Dell
20 GAWEN Peter
26 HILLER Margaret
28 THOMAS Stan
30 COOK Merv

2 WALKER Ted & Fay
6 HINSON Alf & Desley
6 GOWER Kevin & Pat
12 STEVENS Brian & Karon
14 METCALFE Rodney & Mary

HEALTH & WELL BEING

Thank you to all members who weighed in, it was a good roll up.

Just a reminder, you are maintaining or losing your weight to feel good and have more energy to do the extra activities, you want to do.

Our weigh in times are 8am to 10am on the Friday morning, golfers can weigh in Saturday morning due to early starts. 2 more Rallies for this challenge

Hope to catch up with you all at Imbil rally.



Robyn and Minnie

PLANNED FUTURE RALLIES



2022

Nov-Dec 30th-5th Laidley Showgrounds

2023

January 11th-16th Maleny Showgrounds

February 8th-13th Kenilworth Showgrounds

March 8th-13th Millmerran Showgrounds ?

National Rally "Barmera" South Australia

March 27th-April 4th

April 5th-10th Standown Park (Easter)

May 3rd -8th Pine Rivers Showgrounds AGM & Birthday rally

June 7th -12th Laidley Showgrounds

July 5th - 10th Boonah Showgrounds



18th

National Caravan Clubs Rally

Riverland Events Centre, Barmera, South Australia.

Date: 27th March 2023 to 4th April 2023

Those QCC members contemplating attending the 2023 National Caravan Rally and have not yet registered, are urged to do so ASAP. Rally information may be found at the following link:

[Welcome page \(18thnationalcaravanrally.org.au\)](http://www.18thnationalcaravanrally.org.au)

Christmas Rally at Laidley

Approaching fast and time to Pay for the Christmas Meal

Members \$20 payable at Imbil Rally. Alternately Direct Debit into Club Account by the **26th Nov.22**

For account details contact Secretary Carol Day

Menu:

Main. Roast Ham or Chicken & Roast Veggies

Desert: Pavlova or Steam Pudding & custard

Secret Santa \$10 if you wish to participate.

Get creative, Handmake a decoration for the Christmas Tree at Laidley



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IMBIL Queensland.

Is a rural town in the Mary River Valley, is 30 km south of Gympie and 120 km north-west of central Brisbane. Named after the Imbil homestead and pastoral run, it is thought that the name was derived from an Aboriginal word that described scrub vine.

The area was taken up as a sheep-grazing run in the early 1850s, it changed to a cattle run when the sheep were found to suffer from foot rot and the effects of spear grass.

In the late 1860s a consolidated Imbil cattle station was formed. By then, gold fossickers were working southwards from Gympie. The Boyd's Hill find (1868) was made about a mile from the Imbil homestead. However, as the easily won alluvial gold ran out there was some pressure for farm selections, which occurred in the Mary Valley in 1869.

The formation of a township was several decades away: a provisional school was not opened until 1897, and township lots were sold only a short time before the opening of the railway from Gympie in 1915. This activity coincided with the cutting up and sale of the Imbil run.

The first Imbil Post Office opened on 9 July 1870 and closed in 1872. The second office opened in 1877 and closed in 1907. The third office opened by 1919. An Imbil Railway Station Post Office opened in 1917 and closed in 1920.

By the 1920s Imbil had a population of about 600 people. *Pugh's Queensland Directory* (1925) recorded several stores, a bank, a joinery works and three sawmills in Imbil.

The sawmills removed much of the naturally occurring hoop and bunya pine, and by 1919 the Imbil forest station had been opened and a tree nursery established.

Imbil is the largest village in the Mary Valley, located in the Gympie region in South-East Queensland, Australia, with an estimated population now, of 1000 people. Imbil is often referred to as the **Jewel of the Mary Valley**.

Imbil has a warm community with many active groups, and that, combined with its picturesque main street perched on the banks of Yabba Creek, is one of its main attractions.

Some visitors come to try their luck fishing at Borumba Dam, where the saratoga is a common catch, or to pack a picnic and take the four-wheel-drive for a run to Jimna, kayak on the creek, or to simply soak up the country air and slow down

The town is also home to the motor rally event, the International Rally of Queensland, a long running event on the Queensland and Australian Rally Championships. It was recently promoted to international standing as a round of the Asia Pacific Rally Championship. Stages are held in surrounding forests and the showgrounds are converted into the garage facilities for approximately 70 race cars over the course of the three-day event. It is now the longest running national level rally event in the country. Globe Roamer III Rally – was held 10th Sept 2022

**SUNSHINE COLUMN**

To QCC members who are feeling unwell, those who are in hospital, or have had a stay in hospital for one reason or another, those that are rehabilitating from Flu, injury or surgery, we send our thoughts and get well wishes for a speedy recovery. Please let Pam know if you need a friendly phone call.

Looking forward to seeing you back at a Rally soon.

Pam 07 3489 1817

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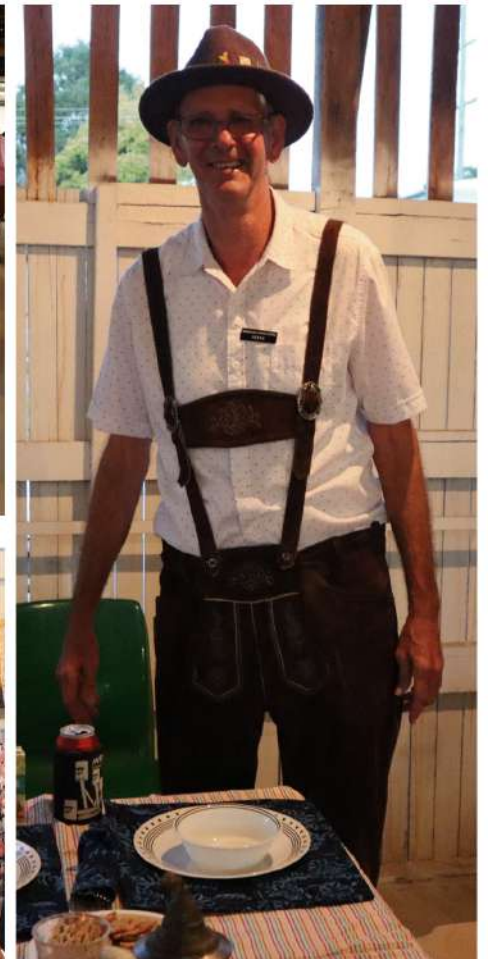
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Australian Trivia

1. What is the name of the food every Australian loves to eat?
2. Which is the Sunniest Capital in the World?

Answers in next Issue



Well done to all members, Thank you for participating in the Oktoberfest activities. Great night