



The Official Newsletter of the Queensland Caravan Club Inc.



QCC WANDERER

Club Motto.. Fellowship on Wheels



Wall at Standown Park



Next Rally **PINE RIVERS SHOWGROUNDS**
3rd—8th MAY
Theme: Coronation, Birthday, General & Annual Meetings
Details from page 6



Barmera National Rally Report

Thank you to SA Clubs for making the 18th National Rally such a great success, with 344 RV's, 69 Clubs represented, 639 people with 136 first timers.

The varied entertainment each night was very popular and well attended.



A QCC club forum was held during the rally and Adrian & Gayle Skinner were presented with their 250 rally badge, also George & Yvonne Lacey with their 150 rally badge, Congratulations to both members on your achievements.



The Major raffle was held over two nights, Greg Bell winning a major 2nd prize of a Baby Weber and 2 camping chairs.

Desley Hinson, Yvonne Robbins, Greg Mander, Denise Farrell & George Lacey winning Vouchers. There was Random prize draws throughout the rally and the Brearley's a travellers Eco pack



RALLY LIMPIX was held over a whole day and QCC won two Gold Medals, and three Bronze. Congratulations to Elizabeth Holmes, Gold in the Marathon & Gymnastics, Bronze went to Julie Cox in Gymnastics, Des Cox in Darts & Denise Farrell in the Ingredient Quiz

Photo competition, had two QCC winners Bert Beker, in "Still life" and Heather Edney in Seascapes & Sunset/Sunrises categories. Judges choice also peoples choice for both members

Disc Bowls, Campervan Club won Queensland title and the National title went to NSW.

Members looked great in their new club social shirts



QCC Club members enjoyed a beautiful lunch together at the Barmera Hotel.

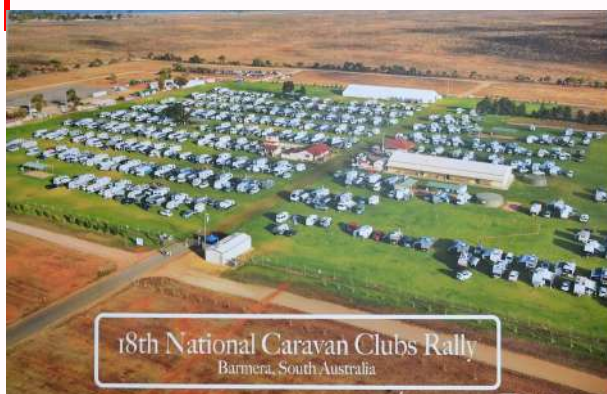
Geoff Crawford and Margaret King won the Lucky Van prize



*27th March—5th April 2023 Barmera National Rally
26 units Attended*

BEKER Bert & Yvonne
BELL Greg & Fay
BREARLEY Paul & Di
BURT Doug & Dorcas
COX Julie & Des
CRAWFORD Geoff & KING Margaret
DAY Kevin & Carol
EDNEY Dennis & Heather
EGEN Ian & Gwen
FARRELL Ian & Denise
GAFFNEY Frank & Paul Gaffney, guest of Frank Gaffney
HINSON Alf & Desley
HOLMES Elizabeth

JUDGE David & Helen
LACEY George & Yvonne
LILLIS Michael & Susan
MANDER Greg & Pat
MC GOWAN Murray & Jenni
MEACHAM Wayne & Leona
MUNRO Ross & Jan
PRISK Gavin & Rosemary
ROBBINS Yvonne
RUTHERFORD Bob & Barbara
SKINNER Adrian & Gayle
SMITH Tom & Jacky
STEGEMAN Rod & HILLER Margaret



Unfortunately 18 QCC members contracted Covid at the end of the National Rally, that we know of. This article shows the hospitality of country folk, when you are vulnerable & away from home.

Recently we travelled to South Australia from our home on the Sunshine Coast to attend the National Caravan Rally in Barmera, South Australia- 1900 km one way. All praise to the South Australian Clubs for staging this event, given the various dramas of the last few years.

As we left Barmera on the last Wednesday, we had a few coughs and sneezes. By Thursday, we realised that trouble was looming. The RATS test confirmed that Covid was upon us. We made it through to Hay where we immediately informed the managers of the Hay Caravan Park, Jo and Andrew, that we had tested positive. We offered to go elsewhere. However, the managers would not accept that. Instead, they welcomed us into the park and offered an ensuite site. Our isolation dilemma was solved. However, by then, Easter was just around the corner. We were aware of the closing times for the various services we needed. Again, Jo and Andrew rescued us. They directed us to the Hay Medical Centre and the JAPP Pharmacy.

Speedily, the Doctor and the pharmacy staff worked together to prescribe and deliver the necessary medication. Thus, we were able to commence treatment immediately. We fully understood the urgency of commencing treatment for Covid, especially for our age group.

We shall always be grateful to these good people of Hay - the park managers, the Doctor and the Pharmacist.

Should you ever need medical assistance in Hay, we cannot give a higher recommendation to this country town, other than to say “be confident, Hay will assist you “.

All parties certainly exhibited a truly professional approach.

As Jo said, “We’re happy to help. After all, we are all caravanners. “

Thank you, Hay.

Sincerely, Jan and Ross Munro

**5th - 11th April Standown Park Easter Rally 2023
17 Units Attended**

ABRAHAM Beres & Carmel
ADAMS John
ADAMS Roger & Laurel
BARR Graham & Pat
BURDETTE Michael & SIFFLEET Lesley
FLETCHER Keith & Jenny
GIBSON Barry & Wendy
GREEN Rod & Bev
HOGAN Kerry & Dianne

JONES Noel & Olive
LANGLEY Steve & Robyn
LOWE Phil & Del
LUSCOMBE Ross & Bindra
THORPE Jim & Sue
TREVITHICK Eric & Lyn
VAN WYK Richard & Linda

Second Timers
CUZZOLARO Toni & Nida

Day Visitor
Terry Coxall

**Raffle
Winners**

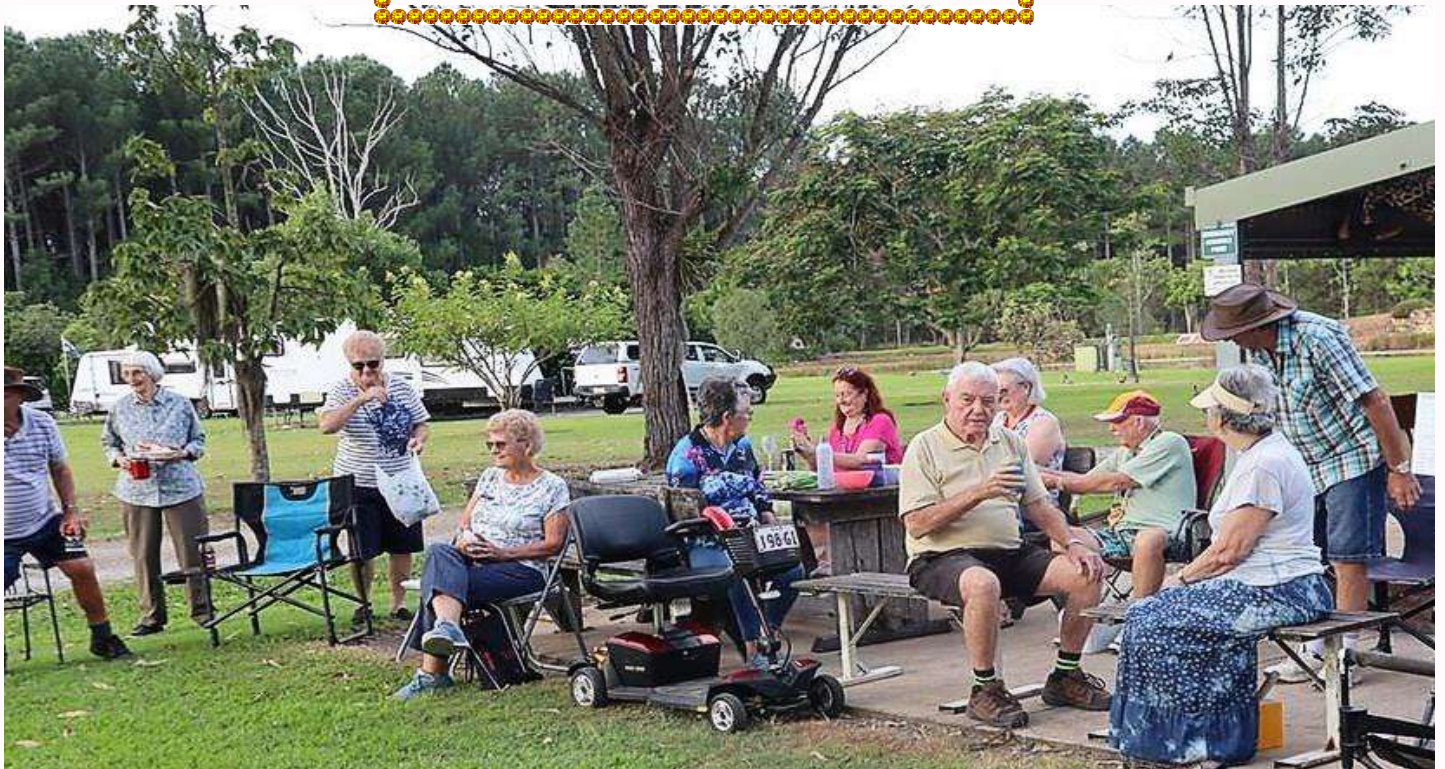
Easter Egg Raffles: Del Lowe
Beres Abraham
Keith Fletcher
Lucky Van Draw: John Adams



Card Making Class



Sewing class



For Rally photos go to QCC Website.. [Queensland Caravan Club Inc \(qldcaravanclub.com.au\)](http://www.queenslandcaravanclub.com.au)
Members: QCC Facebook Group

Members enjoying an Easter cuppa together at Standown Park

President's Report Standown Park Easter Rally April 2023

This month, both the National Rally in Barmera SA, and the club rally at Standown Park counted as official club rallies. Twenty-six units attended Barmera and 17 Standown Park, a total of 43 which is many less than our usual average attendance. The explanation may be the timing over the Easter weekend for the Standown Park rally. Easter is family time for many people. Easter was the theme for the rally. The rally was also the designated caravan park rally for the year.

The club was last at Standown Park in March 2021. The grounds continue to be improved. Everyone attending enjoyed the shady, peaceful setting. It was very conducive to experiencing a relaxing time together. It was also a great area to explore by vehicle with Tin Can Bay, Rainbow Beach and Gympie all close by.

It was pleasing to witness the depth within our club, as absent members duties were performed seamlessly by 'volunteers'. Members were appreciative of the work performed by Roger (entertainment), Richard (Editor), Steve (Covid and Golf), Olive (Sewing) and Graham (Bowls) in keeping things rolling along.

The Art class with Michael, and Card making with Bev, followed by happy hour and Card games made up the Thursday program. Informal games of Disc bowls were played during happy hour around the campfire.

Unfortunately, on Friday, both Golf and Bowls were cancelled due to rain. However, a very productive sewing group proceeded, as did an informal Management committee meeting. At happy hour time, Wendy and Barry conducted a sing-a-long in the camp kitchen area. The Australiana and Easter themed songs, with words shown on a screen with interesting graphics by Wendy, were very much enjoyed by club members and other caravan park residents. The card games which followed were even more popular this time. Each morning of the rally a select group of members enjoyed some early morning cycling or walking exercise.

Coffee time on Saturday and Sunday mornings were enhanced through the provision of fresh Hot Cross Buns thanks to an early morning drive by Roger and Laurel to a bakery at Cooloola Cove. Both Forums were conducted expeditiously with early starts and quick finishes each day. Fun games of Finska and Disc Bowls were enjoyed by all under the shade of park trees. From 4pm until 8pm entertainment by a singer and a sausage sizzle was put on by the park around the campfire, for a gold coin donation. Once again this was a very relaxing time for us all.

We welcomed Toni and Nida Cuzzolaro to their second time rally and Terry Coxall as a day visitor on Sunday. Congratulations from us all to George and Yvonne upon their 150 rally recognition and Adrian and Gayle upon their 250 rally achievement which were presented at Barmera.

Our next Rally on 03/08 May 2023 is at Pine Rivers Showgrounds. This rally is special for three reasons. It is our AGM, our 74th birthday and also the rally where our annual Testing and Tagging will take place. All positions will be declared vacant at the AGM. Please consider how you can serve the club for the next twelve months?

I look forward to seeing as many members as possible at the Pine Rivers AGM and 74th birthday Rally. Meanwhile travel safely.

QCC President Jim Thorpe

Pine Rivers Showgrounds 3th–8th MAY 2023

Venue: Pine Rivers Showgrounds.

Address: 757 Gympie Rd, Lawnton, QLD Post Code 4501

GPS: -27.28596127617595,

Nearest Intersection: Gympie Road and Francis Road

Closest Hospital: Redcliffe Hospital, Anzac Avenue, Redcliffe

Phone: 0738837777

Nearest Doctor/Medical Centre: Lawnton Country Market Medical Centre 718 Gympie Road, Lawnton. Ph. 0732058118

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

Defibrillators: President Jim Thorpe & Kerry Hogan.

please look for the AED Flags flying from these Van's

Closest Dump point: On Site

Members, please be familiar with the use of the club's



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click on a

Training Video below

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Online Training
Link](#)**



Pets: Permitted but must be on a leash.

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

Please do not enter grounds before 12 midday Wednesday

\$\$ RALLY COSTS FOR PINE RIVERS \$\$

Site fees \$25 Admin: \$3 Hall \$3

Please text, email or call

Secretary Carol if you are coming to the Rally, and have not yet indicated.



To all those recovering from illness of any kind, Our thoughts are with you for a speedy recovery

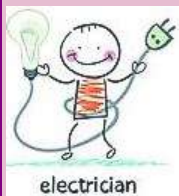
Directions to Pine Rivers May 2023

From the South - take the Gateway Motorway M1 North, take exit 123 (signed 'Bracken Ridge Road/Strathpine'). At the end of the ramp, turn right and continue through Strathpine to Lawnton Showgrounds on the right

From the North - M1 continue on M3 Gympie Arterial road exit left to Strathpine, keep right then turn right into Strathpine Road, continue to Lawnton. Enter through gate on right displaying the QCC Banner

TEST & TAG

Friday 5th May 2023, Please have club equipment ready to be tested at **7.30 am. at the Camp Kitchen**. Members Leads can be Tested & Tagged for \$5 per lead cash following club equipment.



Please contact...**Parking Marshal, Noel Jones on 0418 885 584** If you are in need of a site close to the amenities -

From Wednesday of the Rally, If you are going to arrive at the rally after 4pm, or unable to come to rally at last minute, Please phone, leave a message or text Noel, and he will get back to you.

Please Call Rally Marshals on UHF 18 as you approach the Rally Venue and **Please enter the Gate displaying the club banner**. Thank You, Noel.



PINE RIVERS RALLY PROGRAM

THEME: CORONATION



Wednesday: Arrival at venue not before 12 midday

Thursday: 6am Walkers

12pm ART Class with Michael Burdette

1pm Card making with Bev Green (details page 10)

6pm Own arrangements for Dinner

7pm Dancing (Board & Card games if not dancing)

Friday: 6am Walkers 7am Golf

7.30am Test & Tag (details Page 6)

9am Crafty Ladies (see page 10)

9am Yvonne's Sewing Group (details page 10)

11am Committee Meeting

1.30pm. Lawn Bowls (Kallangur Bowls Club) \$10

4pm Happy Hour

6pm Own arrangements for Dinner (See details below)

7pm Cards etc.



Saturday: 6am Walkers

9.30am Club Forum followed by General Meeting and AGM (see page 8)

1pm Disc Bowls Pairs competition (Gazebo's needed please)

4pm Happy Hour

6pm Own arrangements for Dinner

7pm A Special Event, (please read details below)

Sunday: 6am Walkers 8.30am Pay Treasurer

9am Club Forum 4pm Happy Hour followed by BYO sausage sizzle

**Members please read the notice board for any Changes or extra happenings.
and Please be COVID safe.**

Saturday night Special Event VIP Special Guest

Dress: Regal

Please Bring with you to this special event:

A Magazine

Scissors

Glue stick or Sticky tape

2 sheets of plain paper

A plate to share for Supper

There will be meals available at Kallangur Bowls Club Friday evening after Bowls. Bookings needed ASAP. Meals available at Pine Rivers bowls club also through out rally. Members holding Gazebo's please bring to May Rally for Disc Bowls.



QCC Happy 74th Birthday Cake see notice board for details

May 2023 Birthdays



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| 1 METCALFE Rodney | 4 HOGAN Dianne | 5 SIFFLEET Lesley |
| 7 TEBBIT Marilyn | 7 SAVAGE Ann | |
| 11 LILEY Bev | 11 LUSCOMBE Bindra | 13 USHER Les |
| 16 ADAMS John | 16 ROSS John | 18 HETHERMAN Ann |
| 21 BRIDGES Carmel | 21 DITTON Mary | 21 WALKER Ted |
| 23 BOYLE Jill | 23 GREEN Janet | 25 GREEN Rod |
| 27 FINLAYSON Peggy | 27 LILEY Harold | 28 CRAGG Ken |
| 31 LOWE Phil | 31 LACEY Yvonne | |

May Anniversaries

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| 6 BEKER Bert & Yvonne | 12 EDNEY Dennis & Heather | |
| 14 TRULOFF Bruce & Chris | 17 TEBBIT Bob & Marilyn | |
| 24 CRAGG Ken & Lyn | 24 GREEN Col & Janet | 26 BELL Greg & Fay |



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of The Queensland Caravan Club Inc will be held on:

Saturday 6 May 2023

**Following both the morning forum, and the General Meeting
At the Pine Rivers Showground.**

All positions on the Management Committee will be declared vacant.

Nominations close on 22 April 2023. and can be emailed to:

queenslandcaravanclub@gmail.com

PLANNED FUTURE RALLIES 2023

- | | |
|---|--|
| June 7-12 Laidley Showgrounds | July 5 - 10 Boonah Showgrounds |
| Aug 9-14 Blackbutt Showgrounds | Sept 6-11 Goomeri Bush Camp |
| Oct 9-16 Millmerran (State Rally) | Nov 8-13 Nanango Showgrounds |
| Dec 29 Nov-4 Dec Dayboro Showgrounds | 2024 Jan 10-15 Crows Nest Showgrounds |
| Feb 7 - 12 Imbil Showgrounds | March 6 - 11 Maryborough Showgrounds |

Yes, it's QCC's 74th BIRTHDAY in May 2023.

QCC's very first rally was in May 1949 (and I wasn't even born then!).

Now, what should I write about in my QCC birthday article this year? I tossed a coin and decided to look at the decade 1960 to 1969. So, what was it like being a member of QCC in the 1960s? QCC was not incorporated then; that did not happen until 1986. But QCC still had rules, and was organised by committees who to all accounts were very enthusiastic.

In the 1960s, in the main the committee were made up of men. Originally women and children were associate members and only the men were actually members. The committee of club year 1963/64 consisted of President, two Vice Presidents, Hon Secretary, Hon Treasurer, Editor & Publicity Officer and four committee men – yes they were all men of course. However, this changed in the 1964/65 committee, which had a Ladies Auxiliary of five ladies added to the Committee. The Ladies Auxiliary was only the beginning and our first lady President was Jackie Smith in the 2000/01 year. Who will be our next, I wonder?

There were older members in the 1960s, but there were also lots of younger families consisting of dad, mum and children. I have often heard older members say that their children grew up in the club. It wasn't until the 1970s, though, that the teenagers formed their own sub--committee and arranged their own entertainment. In the '60s, rally attendance was lower than it is now and so I presume the membership was lower.

Roving rallies were also popular over Easter in the '60s. Easter would have been the only suitable time for such rallies as many members would have been unable to take time off work and school to go on a roving rally at any other time. Can you imagine trying to hold a roving rally with the numbers of vans we have at rallies these days? The line of caravans would string from one town to the next!

How did the club's bulletin start? At the committee meeting on 2 May 1962, the President suggested the creation of a booklet with locations of future rallies with suitable advertising covering the cost of printing. The decision was held over until the next general meeting. At the committee meeting on May 21, Merv Lather was elected the new Publicity Officer (or Editor as called today) of the publication, "The Wanderer". At the general meeting on 20 July 1962, it was agreed that 4/- (40 cents in today's money) be paid annually by each membership so that "The Wanderer" could be posted to everyone – early issues of "The Wanderer" had no advertisements. The first edition of "The Wanderer" is dated July 1962. In more recent years, "The Wanderer's" name was changed to "QCC Wanderer".

Current Life members Ron and Pam Robson-Petch were inducted as new members on 7 July 1968. In 2018 we celebrated with them their 50 years as members of QCC. But that wasn't Ron's first relationship with QCC. Ron's Dad and Mum, Cec and May Robson-Petch, were inducted as members in August 1964 and Ron used to attend rallies with them.



Well, that's QCC's story of the 1960s.

Wendy Gibson
Your Archivist.

THE CRAFT PAGE

BEV GREEN'S CARD MAKING CLASS
1pm Thursday

If you wish to make the card,
Please contact Bev on 0418 881 890

Via Text or phone

You will also need to bring your regular
Card Kit Thank you **Bev Green**



CARD KIT tools

Pencil, Scissors, Scorer, Rubber
Metal Ruler with Inches & Metric measures,
Double sided tape 6mm and 3mm.,
Sharpe Metal Knife with spare blades
Tom bow Aqua Mono Liquid Glue, 3D Foam squares
acid free, (pack of different sizes)
Sticky tape with dispenser, Small craft molding mat

The Card for Pine Rivers Rally

Crafty Ladies 9am Friday

No planned project, please bring whatever handcraft you are doing, and enjoy a chat.

Yvonne's Sewing Group

Fabric Requirements:

22x10 inches Outer fabric x 1
22x10 inches lining fabric x 1
22x10 inches iron on vilene or wadding
This can be used as a small bag with
addition of a strap or a chain



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



Art Class with Michael Burdette Graphite Sketching.

For beginners, we will learn all the basic techniques of shading. You will finish the class with your very first art piece.

For more experienced artists, we will be developing a complete 3D drawing with pencils.

All you need to bring is:

1. Set of graphite pencils – Monte Mart supplies a set of 12 pencils which is ideal. Monte Marte is found in most cheapie shop.
2. A4 Drawing paper pad 150GSM or higher – MonteMarte have these too.
3. A good eraser and pencil sharpener.

This Class has been very popular, so come along and join in and have a go. You will surprise yourself.

Please email Michael at: michael@awritingnook.com.au if you need more info.



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Members Please remember to read the updated info in the purple folder at the Pine Rivers Rally
Carry a mask with you at all times/Consider voluntarily wearing a mask anywhere, anytime
Please read updated information re mask wearing in Qld. In the purple folder at the rally)

Try to be in open spaces & well ventilated areas

Continue to hand wash & hand sanitise regularly, cover your mouth when coughing & sneezing.

Keep physical contact to a minimum

If unwell PLEASE stay at home & get tested **BE AWARE BE SAFE**

QCC Members be advised that Qld Health has lowered its coronavirus alert level from Amber to Green current as of the 18/01/2023

Refer to [Queensland Health](https://www.health.qld.gov.au) for the latest COVID updates

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The best and most
beautiful things in the
world cannot be seen or
even touched - they must
be felt with the heart.

Helen Keller

BrainyQuote

CCQ



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of
Caravan Clubs of Qld Inc will be held on:

Tuesday, 2 May 2023

Following a Delegates' Meeting commencing at 7.30 pm

At the Salisbury Senior Citizen's Centre,

87a Cripps Street, Salisbury

All positions on the Management Committee will be declared vacant and Delegates (or other financial club members) are invited to nominate using the attached Nomination Forms which can be emailed to: ccqsecretary@gmail.com or posted to CCQ Secretary, 1 Colvillea Close, Carseldine 4034 to be received by **Tuesday, 18 April 2023**

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