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Q.C.C. Wanderer

'Fellowship on Wheels'



Congratulations to Ian & Denise Farrell for having achieved 50 rallies.

Badge presented to Carol Day for winning the Mini Drag Races at Rockhampton State Rally.



Ray MacDonald & Ian Egen personally thank the QCC members who helped in the Mini Drag Races at the Rockhampton State Rally. Photo Barry Gibson, Ray MacDonald & Keith Fletcher.



2025 19th NATIONAL CARAVAN CLUBS RALLY

Australian Rural Education Centre,
267 Ulan Road Bombira NSW (Mudgee)
29th Sept to 8th Oct 2025



<https://www.19thnationalcaravanrally.org.au>

NSW Association of Caravan Clubs
Registration close 30th June 2025.

To secure your site, all payments must be paid no later than 30th June 2025.
No late payments will be accepted at the national rally.

RAFFLE CO-ORDINATOR

Over the years, Carmel Abraham has acted as Raffle Co-Ordinator. The club thanks you for all of your time and effort.

Elizabeth Holmes is our new Raffle Co-Ordinator.



CONGRATULATIONS 30 YEARS IN THE CARAVAN CLUB

30 years ago on 8 October 1994 Phil & Del Lowe had their first rally at Lowood. They became members of QCC in December that year.



ACTING PRESIDENT'S REPORT LOWOOD - AUGUST 2024

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ACTING PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Our August rally in Lowood saw a quick turnaround from the State Caravan Rally in Rockhampton with some participants extending their trip away from home to arrive directly at this rally. Sadly, the numbers were down due to illnesses afflicting a number of regular attendees. We wish them a speedy recovery so they can join us once more. Other regulars who ventured to the State Rally took the opportunity to extend their travels to the north of the state as they were half way there already.

The Lowood Showgrounds were immaculately presented and given that there was only 33 vans in attendance the job of the rally marshals was a lot less challenging. However, for some the setting up of their vans did prove challenging given the topography of the landscape; wooden chocks that often get carried and not get used certainly found their place at this rally.

Activities at the rally were a layback affair with time to kick back and relax with Lyn Hill encouraging many to a gentler start to their days with her morning Thai Chi. Sadly with Bev Green absent with the flu there was no card making this rally. On Friday the quilters group, albeit with reduced numbers, made good progress with their quilt blocks under the watchful eye of Fay Bell. Fay also brought along a selection of the quilts she has made over the years to inspire the group.

Friday morning saw a determined group of little white ball chasers head out to the local golf course for a hit out, while the afternoon saw 18 bowlers hit the rinks to improve their skills in an attempt to not part ways with yet more money for our charity when they chose the wrong bias for their shots and in so doing incurring a penalty fine by Ray MacDonald. The last year has seen Ray collect in excess of \$100.00 for wayward bowls. We thank Ray also for the donation of \$545 from the collection of cans and bottles that he methodically does every Tuesday when at home. A special mention of Graham Barr who donated \$57.10 from his endeavours doing the same.

Friday afternoon Noel Jones rounded up everyone present to attend a combined "Happy Hour" under the Lions covered area which the previous afternoon had been the venue for a 'jam session' for our talented musicians.

Saturday morning saw attendees meeting for the Forum and a General Meeting. With President, Steve absent I had the privilege of chairing both. Ian and Denise Farrell celebrated their 50th Rally. My sewing group on Saturday afternoon gathered to make oven mitts and while doing so learnt to sandwich fabric and quilt through multiple layers of fabric.

Saturday evening saw everyone join together for a most enjoyable "Pot Luck" meal and a game of 'Guess this Tune' hosted by Linda Jones and Jenni McGowan. Attendees enthusiastically joined in as we listened to a selection of music genres. Who knew we had our own Louis 'Richard' Armstrong as he gave his inspiring rendition of 'What a Wonderful World'! As to which table 'won' the 'competition' probably depended on their access to the online telephone app "Shazam"? It was all in good fun and enjoyed by all. The evening was completed by an awesome show of team work and fellowship as the room we had access to was cleaned and put back to right in break speed time.

Just to add a bit of history – the first time QCC visited Lowood for a rally was in 1965 with a similar number of caravans. Since then we have come back another 12 times and had to cancel one rally here due to the floods of 2022.

In closing I'd like to remind members to check regularly their emails from QCC and open to all attachments as well as respond to requests for the smooth running of our events.

Thankyou to all who have supported me in the absence of President Steve in ensuring the smooth running of our rallies. I'm looking forward to seeing you all at Pittsworth from 11th to the 16th September. To those whose health has been challenging we wish you a speedy recovery so that we can see you again in our midst.

Olive Jones (QCC Vice President)

2024 Future Rallies

- * Oct 9-14 Allora
- * Nov 6-11 Samford
- * Dec 4-9 Toowoomba
- * Jan 8-13 Maleny
- * Feb 5-10 Oakey
- * March 9-14 TBA



EMERGENCY 000

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**Wednesday 11 September to Monday 16 September
Pittsworth Showgrounds, Railway St Pittsworth QLD 4356
Arrive no earlier than Noon on Wednesday 11th**

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Dump Point: ON SITE**



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SPECIAL NOTICES

- For all matters relating to the club contact the Secretary Pat Mander on phone, text or email. Ph: 0407 150 831 Email: queenslandcarvanclub@gmail.com
- Contact our Secretary, **if you are OR if you are not** attending the Rally. The list of members thought to be attending the next rally will continue to be emailed to members prior to a rally.

- Remember to check the rally noticeboards for changes to the published programme.
- All persons attending a QCC rally, whether members or visitors, must register in the Attendance Book. Please print your name clearly.

Remember to record all spending in the local area.

- When you are the first to connect to a tap, attach a two-way connector.

RALLY MARSHAL CO-ORDINATOR

If for Medical or Mobility reasons you want to be parked close to the amenities you must, at least 7 days prior to the start of each rally, tell either our Chief Rally Marshal, **Noel Jones 0418 885 584** or our Secretary **Pat Mander 0407 150 831** of your requirements.

Have a CB radio? If so, give an inbound call to the rally marshals so that your site placement may be speedy and hassle free – **CH18**

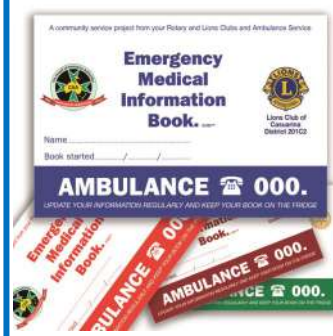


MEMBERS MEDICAL INFORMATION

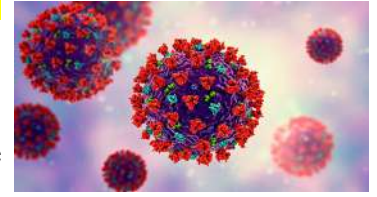
It is recommended that members have a Personal Medical Record and details displayed in your RV to assist Ambulance staff and others in case of an emergency. This information should include any medical conditions, medications and In Case of Emergency (I.C.E.) contact/s. Please see Bob or Jeanette Chaffey for booklets.

DO NOT FORGET TO KEEP THIS UPDATED

NOTE: It is recommended that a Personal Medical Record be displayed in your home and in the car.



COVID-19 INFORMATION & CONTACTS IF REQUIRED



TO: QCC members & visitors:

(Q) Do you still need to isolate?

(A) Anyone diagnosed with COVID-19 can pass the virus onto others. While **isolation is no longer a legal requirement**. **During your infectious stage it's recommended to:**

- avoiding contact with people who are at higher risk of severe disease
- wear a mask outside the home
- avoid going to public areas, or travel on public transport, in taxis or ride-share services
- practice good hand hygiene

If you have any appointments let them know in advance that you have COVID.

Acute symptoms include wheezing, coughing and a sore throat. **If you still have acute symptoms like a cough after seven days, you may still be infectious.** You should continue to wear a mask and physically distance whenever possible. You should also avoid contact with household members if possible.

Regularly clean high touch surfaces, which include doorknobs, remotes and benchtops, thoroughly with detergent and warm water.

Ventilation is important increasing ventilation, opening doors and windows is particularly important, you should also wear a mask if you have to be in the same room as family.

COVID sneeze etiquette of sneezing or coughing into your elbow or tissue, washing and sanitising hands remains important both within and beyond outside the van.

24 to 48 hours after your symptoms disappear it's probable that you're least infectious but if you have to leave the house/van when you have symptoms, wear a mask.

You can also do a Rapid Antigen Test, if the test is negative & your symptoms are down, you're probably okay. Consider wearing a mask.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 DURING A RALLY:

If you have a positive RAT, try to remain in or around your van for the next 5 days with good ventilation (fresh air), limit going out & avoid crowded areas, if necessary, wear a mask, continue to do so for a few days after getting a negative RAT.



If you feel unwell or need COVID-19 advice speak to a nurse by calling the healthdirect helpline on 1800 022 222.

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PITTSWORTH PROGRAMME

MINI OLYMPICS



&

ROCK N ROLL WITH ELVIS

Thursday: 12 Sept

- 6am Walkers
- 1pm Card Making for Charity
- 2.30 Art Class
- 3pm Mini Olympics Team Meeting
- 7pm Dancing

Friday: 13 Sept

- 6am Walkers
- 7.30 Golf
- 8am Mental Health & Well Being Challenge
- 9am - 11am Members to be in contact with your Mini Olympics Team Captain
- 9am The Crafty Ladies Chat Group
- 9am Quilting with Fay Bell
- 9am Sewing for Charity with Olive Jones
- 11am Committee Meeting
- 2pm Lawn Bowls
- 6.45 Mini Olympics



Saturday: 14 Sept

- 6am Walkers
- 9am Morning Tea
- 9.30 Club Forum
- 2pm Open Singles Disc Bowls
- REMINDER please bring gazebos to the rally.**
- 6.45 Elvis



Sunday: 15 Sept

- 6am Walkers
- 8.30 Pay Treasurer
- 9 am Morning Tea
- 9.30 Club Forum
- 4pm Happy Hour followed by BYO Sausage Sizzle. *This event will be confirmed at Sunday Club forum.*



Monday: 16 Sept

Safe travels.

Next rally **ALLORA RALLY**
9 to 14 October



RALLY FEES

- Site Fee per night: \$12
- Administration Fee \$ 3.00
- Hall Hire Fee \$ No charge



IF USING EFTPOS a 1.6% of your bill will be added automatically to your rally fees. At our previous rally we were unable to connect to the internet. So have some cash just in case.

Any queries contact our Treasurer Bob Thomson on 041715020.

2024 MINI OLYMPICS

Friday at 6.45pm



The world has witnessed the spectacular Paris Olympics and Para Olympics but now we have the one that tops these – the Pittsworth 2024 Mini Olympics.

All club members attending will be placed in teams. You can participate in individual or team events with the opportunity to win gold, silver or gold medals and help your team be the 2024 champions. So your training starts now.



Watch your emails over the next week to find out your team and to get further information.

SINGLES DISC BOWLS

Saturday at 2.00pm



All welcome to play. Come along and join in the fun.

Nominations close 5pm on Friday

Remember if you have registered to play Disc Bowls but your availability changes, please let Wendy Gibson know asap.

THOSE MEMBERS CARRYING GAZEBOS PLEASE BRING THEM TO THE RALLY.

SATURDAY NIGHT with ELVIS

Please be seated by 6.45pm for a 7.00pm start



Remember to dress-up in your favourite Rock-n-Roll outfit.

Bring your dancing shoes, your voices and be entertained by Matthew Peters.

MENTAL HEALTH & WELL-BEING CHALLENGE

Our aim is to stay healthy by maintaining a healthy weight

Friday 8.00am New 6 month challenge starting at our Pittsworth Rally **\$5.00 Joining Fee**
Guidelines set-out below for the new challenge.

- Weigh-in to be on scales provided at rally.
- Each person will be given a card to keep record of their own weight.
- This card should be kept in their caravan & brought to each weigh-in.
- Only record kept by organisers, will be weight lost or gained (i.e. 500g)
- If you gain weight or don't weigh-in (if you're at the rally) you lose \$1.00.
- At the end of the challenge you will receive your \$5.00 back if you have lost weight or stayed the same weight.
- Others will receive back any of their remaining fee.
- Any funds forfeited will go to QCC charities.

If you require any further information, please contact Minnie 0431 210 278 or Robyn 0427 495 167.

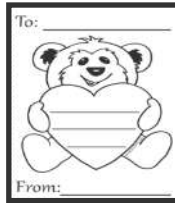


CHARITY CARD with Bev Green Thursday at 1.00pm

Card Kit will cost you a donation to go to charity.

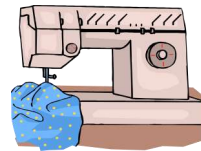
What to bring with you:-

- ♦ Metal Ruler
- ♦ Sticky Tape
- ♦ Liquid Glue
- ♦ Pencils
- ♦ Scissors
- ♦ Rubber
- ♦ Scorer
- ♦ Foam Squares
- ♦ Metal Knife with blades
- ♦ Double Sided Tape 6mm & 3mm



THE CRAFTY LADIES CHAT GROUP Friday at 9.00am

Nothing set for Pittsworth but if you would like to help with the Charity project please pop in at the sewing group.



CHARITY SEWING with Olive Jones Friday at 9.00am Page 8 for details

ART CLASS with Bert Beker Thursday at 2.30pm

Development of skills already learnt.

Materials required for drawing:-

- A4 Pad 120 gsm pad - 150GSM or higher
- Set of graphite pencils - 2H to 6B
- A set of paper blending stumps
- Erasers - 1 hard eraser, 1 soft eraser
- Ruler 30cm
- Pencil sharpener



LAWN BOWLS

Friday 2pm at a cost of \$5

Pittsworth Bowling Club
14 Weale St Pittsworth
(07) 4693 11041



2024 PITTSWORTH MINI OLYMPICS Friday at 6.45pm

Friday morning 9am-11am please make contact with your team leader Find out what your team colour is; your team war cry; and, the activity you are involved in. Be in the stadium by 6.45pm with your team captain ready to commence at 7.00pm. A full night of activities, fun and medals to win.



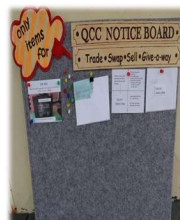
GOLF Friday 7.30am START

Pittsworth Golf Club
43 Hill St Pittsworth

2025 Daryl Kays is semi-retiring as Golf Co-Ordinator. If you are interested in taking on this position contact Daryl on 0408 113 443 or our Secretary Pat on 0407 150 831.

QUILTING with Fay Bell Quilt block continues Friday at 9.00am

If you need further information contact Fay Bell on 0433 203 355.



SWAP-SELL-GIVEAWAY-TRADE-BUY

A noticeboard is set up at each rally. Members are encouraged to bring along a written notice & or a picture of items to swap-sell-giveaway-trade-buy, to place on notice board, along with their contact details. Ads to be no bigger than 5.5inches x 4 inches (102mm x 42mm) See Jenni McGowan if you have any questions.

CHARITY SEWING at Pittsworth with Olive Jones

Friday at 9.00am

The QCC Committee has granted me permission to run a 'charity sewing day' in lieu of our normal sewing group. Anyone who owns a sewing machine is invited to take part.

The project that we will be supporting is the making of Christmas bags for 'Bright Bags', previously known as 'Buddy Bags' the charity group that QCC supported at last years Christmas rally with the donation of toys. This year Bright Bags has been charged with supplying 1443 sponsored Christmas gift bags for children in crisis. Requirements to assist with this are:

- Sewing machine
- Cream or white sewing thread
- General sewing needs- scissors, pins, tape measure

Materials you will be supplied with will be:

- Calico
- Tape for handles
- Christmas fabric

If you would like to donate to this cause we are happy to accept donations. Each bag requires 1/2m x 112cm width of fabric in any colour, 1 x 15cm x 50cm piece of Christmas fabric and 1m x 30mm heavy cotton tape.

Please give me a call if you would like further details. Olive Jones (mb 0407 640 993)



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MEMBERS WITH AUGUST BIRTHDAY



MEMBERS WITH AUGUST ANNIVERSARY



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

07 Rob Forster
08 Bob Rutherford

09 Shane Jones
09 Jenni McGowan
09 Bruce Truloff
10 Darren Baker
10 Bryan Murrinan
10 Alf Hinson
14 Keith McCallum
15 Trevor Martin

20 Lynda Flewell-Smith
21 Fay Walker
22 Jan Kirby
22 Michael Lillis
26 Lyn Cragg
29 Bob Thomson
30 Ross Luscombe



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

01 GIBSON Barry & Wendy
03 THOMSON Bob & Pam
06 CHAFFEY Bob & Jeanette
17 JONES Shane & Linda
19 MATERNE Rudi & Marianne

20 MANDER Greg & Pat
24 KERKIN Nev & Susan
28 ABRAHAM Beres & Carmel
28 DOBE Bill & Ann



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SUNSHINE REPORT

Caring thoughts go out to all those who have endured the loss of a dear one, ill health, hospitalisation, surgery or misfortune our thoughts are with you.

Special thoughts are extended to Carmel Abraham, Roy Bridges, Yvonne Robbins, Sue Baker, Merv Kahler, Les Usher, Brenda Usher, Doug & Dorcas Burt, Jacki Smith, Jim Holt, Alf Hinsen, Ray Caddies.



A THANK YOU TO ALL MEMBERS.

Sometimes we forget those working behind the scenes.

Ray MacDonald, Graham Barr, & Beres Abraham for collecting bottles & cans continuously every month adding to our donation for our Charities - The Royal Flying Doctors & Life Flight.

Lowood rally for their collection of cans \$545 from Ray and \$57.10 from Graham.

Library & DVD team. Another group of members carrying these items to and from a rally with donations going to our charities.

Lawn Bowls - an incorrect bias adds to our charity collection box.

Donated to QCC for the wrong bias \$105 and to CCQ at the Rockhampton State rally for wrong bias \$35.

Funds received at the Rockhampton rally and donated to CCQ for charities were:-

Tai Chi - Lyn Hill donated \$100; Craft Workshops lead by Fay Bell \$360, and QCC Market Stall, Margaret Hiller and team \$1,300.



LUCKY CLUB MEMBERS

Lucky Van Winners are:-

- ◆ Graham & Pat **BARR**
- ◆ Pam & Bob **THOMSON**
- ◆ Owen **NOFFKE** & Jan **KIRBY**

Each of them have won two free nights at the next non-caravan park rally they attend.



GOLF RESULTS at Lowood

1st 38.5 Richard Van Wyk

2nd 39.0 Murray McGowan

3rd 39.25 Daryl Kays

Lucky No.

\$40 won by Bob **CHAFFEY** donated by QCC.

Club Raffle

\$50 Gift Card donated by QCC was won by Di **HOGAN**.



Raffle Items


Won by:

Owen **NOFFKE** - Bottle of Chandon

Jenni **McGOWAN** - Cheese board & timber bowl

Daryl **KAYS** - Wine & Serving Picnic Board

QCC's contribution to **GOOMBUNGEE** community from June rally:

	Site fees	\$ 4,006.00
	Other	\$ 6,251.00
	Total	\$ 10,257.00

QCC's contribution to **LOWOOD** community from August rally:

Site fees	\$ 2,200.00
Other	\$ 3,238.00
Total	\$ 5,438.00



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LOWOOD SHOWGROUND RALLY ATTENDEES - 33 VANS

ADAMS John **ADAMS** Roger & Laurel **ANDERSON** Darryl & Margaret
BARR Graham & Pat **BELL** Greg & Fay **BRUNO** Paul & Marina
CHAFFEY Bob & Jeanette **CUZZOLARO** Toni & Nida **DAY** Kevin &
Carol **DELUCA** Nicky & **FORSTER** Rob **FARRELL** Ian & Denise
FITZGIBBON Colin **FLETCHER** Keith & Jenny **GIBSON** Barry &
Wendy **HILL** Lyn **HOGAN** Kerry & Dianne **HOLMES** Elizabeth
JONES Noel & Olive **JONES** Shane & Linda **KAYS** Daryl **LILLIS**
Michael & Susan **LOWE** Phil & Del **MAC DONALD** Ray & Pam
MANDER Greg & Pat **MATERNE** Rudi & Marianne **MC GOWAN**
Murray & Jenni **MIERS** John **NOFFKE** Owen & **KIRBY** Jan **SLAT-**
TERY Ted & Mary **THOMSON** Bob & Pam **VAN WYK** Richard &
Linda **ZALEWSKI** Patrick & Carolyn



2nd TIME VISITORS: **WILSON** Roger & Donna



Note: Photographs of members may appear in publications, the QCC Wanderer, its website, Facebook Group or other Club sponsored publications. If a member does not wish his/her photo to appear, the member should inform the Secretary in writing and advise the person taking the photograph. Whilst all care will be taken to comply with this request, no guarantee can be given that this will not occur.

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EMERGENCY PROCEDURE

IF YOU HEAR THE ALARM OR ARE AT THE SCENE OF THE EMERGENCY, RAISE ALARM any way possible such as:
Sound car horn continuously or instruct someone to do so.
Call out for help.
Bang on caravan walls.
Turn on car head lights, indicators or hazard lights, especially at night.



THE MARSHALS' JOB CAN SOMETIMES BE CHALLENGING. YOU CAN MAKE THEIR JOB EASIER BY FOLLOWING THESE GUIDELINES.

PLANNING YOUR FUTURE ATTENDANCE AT A CARAVAN RALLY

1. If you are at a caravan rally and you know you will be attending the next monthly rally, please put a mark (tick or cross) against your name on the check list for that upcoming rally. There is no need to mark this sheet other than to indicate your plan, at that point in time, to attend. The only check sheet available at any rally will be for the next rally as it is felt that putting out more sheets than this is unrealistic as a lot of things can happen in a 2 month period that are unknown when you first indicate your attendance.
2. Two weeks out from the next rally the Club Secretary will email out the checklist for that upcoming rally as an attachment. **PLEASE OPEN THIS ATTACHEMENT and check it!** If your:
 - i) Name is on the list and you are still planning on attending – **DO NOTHING!**
 - ii) Name is on the list and you are NOT attending – Please contact the secretary by phone or email and ask to have your name removed from the list.
 - iii) Name is missing from the list and you intend to go to the Rally – **Please contact the secretary** by phone or email and ask to have it added to the list of attendees.
3. If you have **special needs** e.g. you have a medical or mobility condition or your van has no toilet or your needs may have changed since the last rally, please contact the Chief Rally Marshal (who's contact details will be in the 'Wanderer') and advise the Chief Rally marshal of your needs. Also **advise which day you plan on arriving at the rally** so the appropriate space can be reserved.
4. Remember that unless otherwise requested by the Committee or the Chief Rally Marshal, entry to the rally is **after 12 Noon** on the Wednesday the rally commences.
5. Attendees who want to arrive **after 3:30pm** on the **Wednesday or Thursday** or at **any time** on **Friday or Saturday** need to advise the Chief Rally Marshal of their **expected time of arrival**. If this is not done the attendee may need to park up, not connected to power & water and generally unable to setup their van until a marshal is available to put them in place. **If the marshals are aware of your arrival time, in these circumstances, you will be accommodated.**
6. **If attendees circumstances change after the Wednesday morning** of the commencement of the rally, and they are no longer attending or there is a change in their arrival time to the rally ie anytime after 3:30pm on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, or you intend to arrive anytime on a Saturday they need to make contact **first with the Chief Rally Marshal** and not their friends as messages via friends often do not get passed along in a timely manner.
7. When leaving a voicemail or sending a text message to either the Secretary or the Chief Rally Marshal please make sure you **clearly state your FULL name**.

•For information about



•CCQ Website <http://www.caravanclubsqld.org.au>

•NACC <https://www.19thnationalcaravanrally.org.au>

•HEARTSINE 500P Defibrillator

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