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Presidents Report

A very enjoyable weekend for the August rally, held at the Kalbar showgrounds. The weather was good except for showers on Thursday afternoon and at night. Sunny days, but cool mornings and night. Friday was a very busy time for the local hotel with 30 attending lunch & 45 for dinner. All reports the meals were great and large servings made everyone happy.

We had 3 couples as first time visitors Gene & Colleen Medford, Carl Goodwin & Lorraine Lowcock & Jeff & Jean Cochrane. Second time visitors were Michael Drought & Linda Reedy. Peter & Gayle Johnston were inducted into the club at this meeting.

The disc bowls pairs championship was held on Saturday afternoon, the overall winners were Bert Beker & Muzza McGowan. Congratulations to both members, who will represent our club at the National rally in Canberra next month.

The runner ups were Adrian Savage & Brian Sheehan, the competition was very spirited with all members enjoying a fun afternoon. Thank you to Barry & Wendy Gibson for organising this event, and again very well run. Thank you to all members who helped to make the event run smoothly with no problems.

Saturday afternoon we were entertained during happy hour by Garry Jarrett, Peter Versace, Shane Jones, Trevor Bromley & Richard Van Wyk. Thank you guys for your music & singalongs, I am sure all members enjoyed yours skills & talents.

Saturday night 70 members enjoyed a fun night with musical trivia & name that tune. Everyone had a good fun night with plenty of laughs, although it was very cold. Thank you to Margaret Hiller & Kevin Day for your skills in making this a great night. Everyone warmed up after this event with a cup of tea, coffee and a biscuit. (continued on page 9)

Photographs of members may appear in publications eg: the club magazine or website, or other club sponsored publications. If a member does not wish this to occur, the member should inform the Secretary in writing, and 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.

Rally at Allora

How to Get There

Allora Showgrounds
(5/07)

GPS: -
28.03863,
151.99017.

- (1) From Brisbane take the Ipswich Motorway. At Dinmore, turn left onto Cunningham Hwy towards Warwick. Continue past Aratula and up the long, very steep incline of Cunningham Gap. Approx 60 kms past Aratula, you'll come to the T-junction of New England Hwy. Turn right onto New England Hwy towards Toowoomba – it is 13 kms to Allora. Continue on the New England Hwy until you see a Freedom Service Station (on your left). Turn left just before the service station (into Darling St). The Allora showgrounds are on your left and the gate is approx 80 metres from the junction.

Alternative (in parts narrow, winding and hilly, but an easier ascent than through Cunningham Gap):

- (2) Alternative – Take the Ipswich Motorway and turn off onto the Toowoomba bypass (Warrego Highway). At the Gatton bypass, exit the motorway and drive into Gatton (the old highway). Turn left at the 2nd traffic lights (signposted Clifton, Warwick). Continue on the old highway for about 6 klms and then turn left. Continue through Ma Ma Creek Village – please note that the road becomes narrow (down to 1 lane in one section), winding and hilly, but it is bitumen all the way and has a reasonable surface. Turn left at New England Hwy (signposted Clifton, Warwick). Allora is approx 13 kms past the turn. Continue on the New England Hwy until you see a Freedom Service Station (on your right). Turn right just after the service station (into Darling St). The Allora showgrounds are on your left and the gate is approx 80 metres from the junction.

Rally Info (Needs, Emergencies, etc)

Rally dates:

Official dates: 15th & 16th October
Arrive no earlier than: **2-00pm**, 12th Oct
Depart no later than: 18th Oct

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Emergency**

Nearest Hospital: Allora District, 29 Darling Street, Allora....ph 4666 3171

Details

Showgrounds: Address & Cross street: Corner of William & Darling streets

**Post Code
4362**

Medical
Needs:

Allora Medical Practice, 45 Herbert Street, Allora. Ph 4666 3336

Club
equipment
required:

Kitchen equipment and urns, first aid, PA system, library & souvenirs, fire extinguisher, banner, flags and flagpoles.

Rally
Marshal
Co-ordinator:

If you have a medical need to be close to the amenities, please contact Dennis Edney on 0411539494 by the Monday prior to the rally. **If you do not phone and all sites near the amenities have been pre-allocated, a site near the amenities may not be available.**

Pets:

Ok on Lead

Fees:

Site Fee:	\$ 16.00 per caravan per night
Administration Fee:	\$ 3.00 per caravan
Hall Hire:	\$ 0.00 per caravan

Margie Hiller would like to remind Members to please have their numbers and fees of \$5-00 per head for the Xmas Dinner paid by 19th November at the latest. They can be fixed up at Canberra, Allora, Esk or alternatively Contact Kevin Dav.

Winter Meetings Programme			(Remember to check the noticeboard at the rally for changes, particularly for any activities on Friday!)		
Fri;	1;30pm	Committee Meeting	Sun:	9;00 am	Pay Treasurer
Sat:	9:30 am	Morning tea		9.30 am	Morning tea
	10;00 am	Meeting		10;0 am	meeting

Club News

Special Notices – PLEASE READ

For info on CCCQ, their website address is <http://sites.google.com/site/caravanclubsqld/>.

All persons on a QCC rally site, both members and visitors, must sign the Attendance Book.

It would be greatly appreciated if members, when purchasing goods from the Souvenirs cabinet and paying their fees at the end of the rally, could please tender the correct amounts where possible. Many thanks.

If possible, when members are the first to connect to a tap, could they attach a two way connector so as to save the next arrival having to hunt around the venue to find you and let you know they are going to turn your water off for a period whilst they connect.

The same applies when leaving. Please, would the connectors advise all fellow connectees of your intentions, as folk may be enjoying a luxurious shower. Thank you kindly.

Do you have a CB radio? If so, would you be kind enough to let the Rally Marshalls know of your impending arrival so they can have some idea of where to put you. Ta Muchly!

Future Rallies

2016

November- Esk Caravan Park-12th & 13th
December-Dayboro-3rd & 4th

2017

January-Laidley showground-14th & 15th
February-Millmerran Caravan Park-11th & 12th
March-Standown Park-11th & 12th
April-Toogoolawah showground-8th & 9th

Exciting Future Entertainment

Allora to be decided at the Rally.

New Members & Member Milestones



Left: Newbies, Peter & Gayle Johnston.

Centre: George & Yvonne Lacey, 100 Rally Badges.

Right: Barry Gibson for his and Wendys 150 Rallies. (Wendy was unwell)

🎵 Happy Birthday to you for September

2nd Gary Jarrett
6th Marj Kasper
8th Bob Rutherford
9th Shane Jones
9th Jenni McGowan
9th Bruce Truloff

10th Alf Hinson
10th Olive Richardson
11th Carolyn Coxall
11th Brian Stevens
14th Keith McCallum
15th Trevor Martin

17th Audrey Schrier
22nd Michael Lillis
26th Lyn Cragg
27th Kaye Chorley
30th Ross Luscombe

& October

3rd Pat Gower
7th Shirley Jones
8th George Lacey
9th Merv Pedwell
12th Brenda Usher
14th Brian Lewis

16th Barry Gibson
18th Stewart Hornibrook
19th Barbara Cook
19th Del Lowe
20th Ron Petch

21st David Judge
22nd Dell Gray
26th Mal Dale
28th Paul Brearley
31st Dennis Edney

🎵 Happy Anniversary to you for September 🎵

1st Wendy & Barry Gibson
5th Yvonne & Des Lowrie
9th Noeleen & Gary Jarrett
16th Gail & Barry Lander

17th Shane & Linda Jones
19th Marianne & Rudi Materne
24th Carolyn & Terry Coxall
28th Ann & Bill Dobe
28th Carmel & Beres Abraham

& October 🎵

1st Kay & John Evans
5th Ian & Gloria Bamberry
5th Gayle & Adrian Skinner
8th Pam & Barry Easter
10th Jill & Eue Boyle
10th Barbara & Bob Rutherford
19th Carmel & Roy Bridges

21st Jacky & Tom Smith
23rd Lyn & Roy Hill
28th Jean & Mal Dale
28th Yvonne & George Lacey-55 years
28th Pam & Ray MacDonald
29th Heather & Keith Burgess
31st Vicki & Wayne Hills

Members Present at the Rally

– Beres & Carmel Abraham; Roger & Laurel Adams; Gordon, Sue & Darren Baker; Bert & Yvonne Beker; Roy & Carmel Bridges; Trevor & Nola Bromley; John & Jenny Carroll; Neil & Marie Chesney; Ken & Lyn Cragg; Kevin & Carol Day; Tom & Jill Davis; Janelle Donaldson; Dennis & Heather Edney; Ian & Gwen Egen; Ian & Denise Farrell; Barry & Wendy Gibson; Rod & Bev Green; Patrick & Ann Hetherman; Margaret Hiller; Alf & Desley Hinson; Gary & Noeleen Jarrett; Colin & Margaret James; Shane & Linda Jones; Peter & Gayle Johnston; David & Helen Judge; George & Yvonne Lacey; Gail & Barry Lander; Steve & Robyn Langley; Harold & Bev Liley; Murray & Jenn McGowan; Trevor & Mavis Martin; John & Janette Miers; Kim & Tanya Moller; Tom & Shirley Miles; Bob & Joyce Nicol; Ron & Pam Petch; Bob & Barbara Rutherford; Adrian & Anne Savage; Victor, Paul & Audrey Schrier; Brian & Denise Sheehan; Adrian & Gayle Skinner; Barrie & Pamela Smith; Tom & Jacky Smith; Ray & Jan Steele; Brian & Karon Stevens; Les & Brenda Usher; Peter & Nerida Versace; Bill & Denise Waycott;

Visitors – 1st time- Jeff & Jane Cochrane, Carl Goldwin & Lorraine Lowcock, Gene & Colleen Medford

Day visitors- Gordon Ison, Rod & Mary Metcalfe, Syd & Corinne Foster, Michael Lillis, Liz Geraghy?

Lucky Winners

Desley and Alf Hinson were the winners of the Lucky Van Number. They've won Two free nights at the next non-caravan park rally they attend.

- Raffle Prizes:
- 1- was won by Patrick Hetherington
 - 2- was won by Gail Skinner.
 - 3- was won by Kim Moller

Bits and Pieces

Thursday was a bit miserable weatherwise but a casual wander around found me some "Camera Fodder". Don't miss the "Comic" on page 8)



Friday,



Yvonne and I joined the Lunch time crowd at the local pub. Quite a nice feed. As we came out we stood admiring this swish cop car and a lady came towards us across the road, stopped in front of me, bent down, then stood up holding a \$50 note.



"Any of you own this" she asked. Dumbstruck, we all replied no!!

She went inside the pub and did the rounds and getting no takers, did the right thing and crossed back over and told the policeman on the motorcycle (which was out of shot) who told her to keep it !!...Jammie sod.

There was another good turnout for the "Cardies" that evening, although you could hear the teeth a- chattering and knees a-knocking from the cold.

Saturday

Neil Chesney gave us another timely talk regarding towing gear and braking system upkeep. (See article on page 10 regarding Tyre Pressures Whilst towing)

Saturday afternoon saw the playing of the Pairs Disc Bowls Competition. An added incentive for the players was the fact that owing to the National Rally Rules only allowing one team from each club in their competition, the winners of this afternoons Comp will be representing QCC in Canberra.

48 Members (24 teams) nominated for the game and it was played with the usual Zest and Vigour, and was well attended by spectators.



It was a beautiful day for just chilling out watching the proceedings. Even the locals shared the event. A Stray gust of wind caused a little concern when it decided to demolish one of our gazeboes, luckily with little damage.



Saturday night was a game of "Name that Tune", designed to test our memories of the music we grew up with. Marg Hiller was the Quiz Master and had to try and bring the unruly Mob that is the competitive QCC, to order, without any bloodshed!!

She put together a varied programme of questions with the odd curly ones! It was a fun, although a little raucous at times, nights entertainment. And a nice cup of whatever took your fancy to finish of the night with a nightcap.

Sunday

The rally wrapped up with another glorious Winter Day. At the meeting we had a show of interest from the Kalbar Show Society Boss in joining our Club and attempting to drum up interest in his invention, a "portable happy hour table". Also Adrian Skinner along with Jackie Smith, demonstrated his latest gadget, the "Towbar Toilet". Luckily the Demo was only a "dry run"!!!



The Winners of the Disc Bowls Final were Murray McGowan & Bert Beker and will represent QCC in the National Rally Competition. Good Luck Fellas. Runners up were Adrian Savage & Brian Sheehan.



Golf results



Ladies;

- 1-Heather Edney
- 2-Desley Hinson
- 3-Linda Jones

Gents; 1-John Carroll, 2-Steve Langley, 3-Adrian Savage.

Longest Drive; Long Steve Langley. Nearest the pin; No one got there !

Satellite Sufferings !!



(Presidents report continued:)

At the meeting on Sunday morning, David Gilchrist a representative from "Caravan World", talked to us all about caravanning in general. He had interviews with many members from singles & couples about travelling on your own, small groups & larger groups. All reports he was very happy with the overall discussions & took many ideas & notes for publication in the Caravan World.

Sunday afternoon Kevin Day had 8 members involved in a power point presentation lesson, with photos from everywhere. This was enjoyable for all who were attending; they now have more knowledge about arranging photos from slides & cameras. 50 members all enjoyed happy hour sitting around the large tree outside the hall building, discussing the weekend, all with positive results.

Ken McNab will be filling in for me at the next rally in October at Allora, I will be away travelling after the National Rally in Canberra. Ken thank you, for your time & running the meetings in my absence.

Stay safe, healthy & happy and will see you all in Canberra or my next rally in November at Esk.

President John.



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Dealing with pressure

A TPMS device helps you understand your tyres ... and keeps you on track

The nightmare prospect of suffering a tyre blowout while towing a caravan or driving a large motorhome is enough to make even the most steely-nerved grey nomad break out in a cold sweat.

The sometimes catastrophic consequences of these incidents, whether they be on a busy highway or a narrow rural road, command huge publicity. Newspaper pictures of overturned caravans or motorhomes make sobering viewing for all who dream of taking the Big Lap.

While accidents are always possible and careful driving is always necessary, there is a growing realisation that the use of tyre pressure monitoring systems (TPMS) can play a part in reducing the carnage. Certainly the message is getting through overseas. In Europe, all new models of passenger cars must be equipped with a TPMS and, in the US, the systems have been fitted to all vehicles since 2006.

Many experts, quoting statistics that 80% of tyre failures are due to under-inflation, think it is a matter of time before the systems are mandatory here. Aside from the safety benefits of reduced blowout risk and optimising braking capability and road handling, the systems can help cut motoring costs ... a fact which can help justify



Drivers can take steps to reduce the risk of blowouts

the after-market cost of several hundred dollars. Driving with under-inflated tyres means you are spending a lot more on fuel (a 20% under-inflated tyre may use up to 5% more fuel), and you will significantly reduce the life of your tyre.

So how does a tyre pressure monitor system help? Basically, it alerts drivers to the fact that their tyres are under-inflated or are becoming too hot ... and before the issue becomes a major problem. They can be used to monitor pressures in individual tyres in both a towing vehicle and in caravans or camper trailers.

Direct systems directly monitor tyre pressure against pre-set values and send a pretty much instantaneous warning to drivers when pressure falls below set values. Pressure and temperature sensors can either be mounted inside the tyre, or simply screwed on the outside of the tyre in place of

the normal valve cap. Internal mounting of monitors reduces the chance of damage or theft but will probably mean installation by a tyre specialist.

Messages from sensors are communicated via mini transmitter to in-car display monitors which may be plugged into a cigarette lighter socket, be wired in, or run on battery power. Sometimes an additional remote antenna kit may be required to improve the reception of the signal.

With ever greater numbers of grey nomads hitting the road, the focus on travelling safety is becoming ever more intense.

In much the same way that interest in electronic stability control devices has skyrocketed, so too has the demand for information about tyre pressure monitoring systems. Many nomads have decided that the price of extra peace of mind is one worth paying.

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