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CROWS NEST DOWNPOUR

~ Next Rally
Pine Rivers
08-14 April
Easter Rally and
AGM ~

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President's Report - Crows Nest

A wonderful rally was had at Crows Nest. Things have been slow since the bush fires and the entire town just loved having us visit and made us feel so welcome. The local businesses donated a hamper and asked if we could keep the dockets of items purchased in town. These were put container for drawing at the Saturday night auction. No second-guessing who the lucky winner of the hamper was; yes, yours truly! The butcher and the publican both came to see me to thank QCC for coming to Crows Nest.

Wednesday. A bit wet and we had 18 vans arrive. Some had been at Pittsworth for a meeting regarding the September state rally. A group of members went to the pub for dinner and ended-up in a trivia competition and had a load of fun.

Thursday. Again a little wet. The ladies set-up the craft building and Bev Green had her card-making class which was well attended. Dennis Edney now had 30 vans in with some members ringing to cancel due to the heavy rain around their homes.

Friday. The rain stopped and the golfing members got out to play a game. The management committee had their meeting in a quaint little cottage on-site and thanks to all the members who give-up their time to attend. Bev Green did a second card-making class and Yvonne Robbins took the sewing class again with lots of members attending. Unfortunately, we could not have bowls due to work being carried-out on the green. More members went out for a meal, and afterwards, cards were the go with a lot of fun and good companionship.

Saturday. A few walkers out early. Morning tea was had thanks to our conveners and our meeting followed where we welcomed 1st timers Greg and Pat Mander. We also inducted Linda Clements as a full member and had Les and Brenda Usher as day visitors. Sue Baker, thank you for giving Colin a special pastel class. After lunch we set-up for the auction with thanks to Barbara Rutherford, Heather Edney, and Desley Hinson you were all a big help. Happy hour, the early start to the auction and dinner all kind of happened together. A big thanks to Denise and Terry Park for cooking Di and I dinner and bringing it down to us. A Big thank you to all members who donated goods for the auction we ended up with almost 200 items. It took me over four hours to finish and a Big thank you to everyone

who had a bid and to those who purchased goods we raised a total of \$1,796 for our two charities, namely the Royal Flying Doctor Service and LifeFlight. I am very proud of the generosity of our club.

Sunday. After paying the treasurer and having our Sunday meeting, most commenced to make their way home to check on any water damage. Nine of us went to the pub for lunch and I had the biggest burger ever. The food was fantastic. 10 vans stayed Sunday night and after handing the keys back Monday morning, Di and I headed for home after one of the best and greatest rallies we have ever had.

All members stay healthy, safe and happy and I hope to see you all at Allora for the President's picnic. Paul Brearley.



**LAWNTON
EASTER
RALLY
VARIETY
NIGHT ...**



QCC is seeking performers and participation at its April Lawnton Easter Rally Variety Night. Already, several people have put their name down to perform and thank you, but we need more.

If you can sing, dance, play a musical instrument, tell a yarn, put-on a skit, form a trio or even a choir - anything, then contact Kevin Day and put your name on the program. If do not have an instrument or something to perform with, eg., a keyboard, then let Kev know and he will try to assist.

The club not had a variety night for quite some time, so let's get together make it a great night. Maybe this can become an annual event.

Next Rally ~ Allora, 11-17 March. Arrive no earlier than 12 midday, Wednesday 11th March and leave no later than 10:00am Tuesday 17th March.

From Brisbane (west): Take the Ipswich Motorway, then the Cunningham Hwy to Warwick. Continue over Cunninghams Gap, and at the Cunningham Highway / New England Highway Interchange, turn right to Allora; a distance of 13 kilometres. Just before the Freedom Service Station (on left), turn left into Darling Street. The Allora showgrounds are on the left.

From the north: From the D'Aguilar Highway, take the Brisbane Valley Highway through Harlin and Toogoolawah to Esk, then right on to the Gatton/Esk Road to Gatton. From Gatton, take the Gatton/Clifton Road through Ma Ma and Heifer Creek to the T-intersection of where it meets the New England Highway at Spring Creek, then turn left. Allora is 10 kilometres south. Just after the Freedom Service Station (on right), turn right into Darling Street. Venue is on left.

⇒ **Nearest Hospital:** Allora District Hospital, 29 Darling Street, Allora. Phone: 07 4666 3171. 24 hours.

⇒ **Nearest Doctor / Medical Centre:** Allora Medical Practice, 45 Herbert Street. Phone: 07 4666 3336. Open Monday-Saturday from 8:30am-5:00pm. Sunday closed. (present to Allora Hospital if urgent medical attention needed or dial 000).

⇒ **Rally Venue Address:** Corner Darling and William Streets, Allora.

⇒ **Nearest Cross-Street:** Darling and William Streets, Allora.

⇒ **Post Code:** 4362.



Club equipment required: First aid kit, fire extinguisher, banner, flags and flagpoles.

Special needs, requirements or notifications: **DUMP POINT.** Located across the road from the showgrounds.

GPS Coordinates:

Lat: 28.02'25.20"° S

Long: 151.59'21.60° E

Those with a medical need who require to be sited close to the amenities are to contact rally marshal, Dennis Edney, on 0411 539 494 by the Monday prior to the rally otherwise this area may not be available.

Arriving late or cannot attend! Please let the rally marshal know.

Please do not drive over power leads or hoses.

Pets:	Permitted.	Dogs must be on a leash. Please pick-up after your pet.
Fees:	Per van, per night:	\$20.00 (powered/unpowered).
	Administration fee:	\$3.00.
	Hall hire:	\$3.00.

Allora In Brief Allora is known as 'The Best and Friendliest Little Town on the Downs'. The town nestles beside Dalrymple Creek just off the New England highway between Toowoomba and Warwick.

Some may well think they are taking a trip into history when driving down the main street, a street described by one travel writer as 'one of the three best streetscapes in Australia'. Make sure you visit Saint David's Anglican Church built in 1888, and reputedly one of the finest examples of a timber church in country Queensland.

Allora is located 158 kilometres west of Brisbane and has a strong sense of history. A signed heritage trail takes walkers from one historic building to the next, street banners reflect the theme, and a series of murals at the gates of the showground depict local milestones. The town was the childhood home of P.L Travers who wrote the Mary Poppins stories, and the Fallen Soldier's Memorial is one of only two Boer War memorials in Queensland.

Also of interest is Glengallan Homestead and Heritage Centre. Now restored, it embodies the history of the

Allora region since the late 19th Century. A major draw-card on the Heritage Building Trail, Glengallan divulges a fascinating insight into the workings of a pastoral station.

The region surrounding Allora, a farming community, was first explored by Europeans in the 1840s; the town was surveyed in 1859. Its name is believed to derive from an Aboriginal word 'Gnarallah', meaning waterhole or swampy place.

Allora Post Office opened on 31 March 1863. The Allora State School opened on 1 May 1867. On 31 December 2008, it was renamed Allora P-10 State School. In 1886 the first fossil evidence of early human occupation in the area, the 'Talgai Skull', was found on Talgai Homestead embedded in the wall of Dalrymple Creek. Radiocarbon dating suggests the Talgai skull is between 9,000 and 11,000 years old. It is believed to be the skull of a boy of approximately 15 years of age who had been killed by a massive blow to the side of the head. From the 1870s, red cedar, pine and beech logged from the Goomburra valley were milled at Allora. The 2016 census revealed a population of 1,223 people.



Rally Program for Allora

Thursday 12 Mar	6:30am 9:00am 6:30pm	Walkers. Card making (Bev Green). Pub Dinner (own arrangements).	
Friday 13 Mar	6:30am 07:00am 11:00am 1:00pm 1:00pm 2:30pm 3:00pm 4:00pm 5:00pm 7:00pm	Walkers. Golf (Allora Golf Club, Warwick Street). Management Committee Meeting. Sewing Class (Yvonne Robbins). Card Making (Bev Green). Bowls (Allora Bowls Club, Warwick Street). Nana-Nap Happy Hour. President's Picnic. Nil cost. Catered. Cards.	
Saturday 14 Mar	6:30am 9:00am 9:30am 11:00am 12:30pm 6:00pm 7:00pm	Walkers. Morning Tea. Meeting. Art Classes (Sue Baker). Tag-a-long, Goomburra National Park. Picnic lunch at Manna Gums Day Area. BYO. Followed by visit to Glengallen Homestead. Entry Fee \$10.00. P6. Afternoon tea available at cost. Dinner (own arrangements). Muckers (Patrick Hetherman). P11.	
Sunday 15 Mar	6:30am 8:00am 9:00am 2:00pm 4:00pm 6:00pm	Walkers. Pay Treasurer. Meeting. Nana-Nap. Happy hour. Dinner (own arrangements).	

IMPORTANT

- * Remember to check the rally noticeboard for any last minute changes to the published programme.
- * Remember to sign the attendance book as soon as possible after arrival.
- * Remember to indicate your planned attendance to the next rally by checking (ticking) the rally attendance sheet located at the Saturday/Sunday meeting.
- * Kindly give a hand to stack the chairs and to sweep the hall following the Sunday meeting. Many hands make light work.

- * 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 Allora; join-in and participate. There is a lot to see and do in the area.

2020 QCC Rally Calendar

Apr 08-14 Pine Rivers (Easter) (Showground. GM followed by AGM).

Apr 29-05 May. Pittsworth (Showground).

Jun 10-16 Samford (Showground).

July 08-14 Kenilworth (Showground).

Aug 05-11 Esk (Caravan Park). Members are required to book. \$39.00 deposit.

Sep 17-23 State Rally, Pittsworth (Showground).

Oct 07-13 Nanango (Showground).

Nov 11-17 Kyogle (Showground).

Dec 01-08 Toogoolawah (Xmas/Showground).

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Lucky Australia Day Raffle and Lucky Van Draw Winners ...

- \$50.00 Random Numbers Draw ~ Yvonne Beker.

Raffle:

- \$50.00 Gift Card ~ Terry Coxall (donated by QCC).
- 1st ~ Cheryl Henry - Crocheted Blanket (donated by Robyn Langley).
- 2nd ~ Graham Barr - Thermos/Coffee Mugs (donated Wendy and Barry Gibson).
- 3rd ~ Di Brearley - Beauty Products (donated by Jan Steele).
- Lucky van draw winners ~ Owen Noffke and Jan Kirby, Alf and Desley Hinson.

Our thanks goes to our raffle ladies, Carmel Abraham and Gail Lander who did a great job.

Member Profile ~ Linda Clements

Lit all started in 1950, Lower Hutt Hospital New Zealand.

I was born on Saint Andrews Day, the Patron Saint of Travellers, so it was kind of a 'gimme' that I would love to travel.

My first adventure was leaving home at the age of 16 to visit Sydney Australia with my parents, and while here, I took a train to the city and had myself an interview. Success, I got a job in Clarence Street as a Girl Friday and never used my return ticket.

A friend introduced me to the Balmain Tigers; I have been Balmain Tiger girl ever since.

After a year at my sister's, two friends and I decided to hitch-hike to the Gold Coast. I met Peter, my first husband, not long after arriving and married in 1970. Our first-born arrived 1972 and second during the 1974 Gold Coast floods.

We settled for 13 years until I convinced all of us to move to South Africa for a couple of years. Following our return, we settled on the Sunshine Coast; all was very normal for 35 years of marriage and I was very fortunate to be a stay-at-home mum; only started working when the kids started high school.

HR for Coles Myer for 10 years, PR for a real estate guru, Sales and Office Assistant for Bartercard. After 35 years, I told the family I wanted to take a

year off to travel and get inspired to, as they say "find me again". Like my first journey, I never used my return ticket and stayed away for eight years, and whilst away, I joined a girlfriend and we started our own trading company teaching people to trade the American stock market. I also worked and travelled extensively with an Australian International Company heading-up their sales training team, where I met Charlie Clements, a Ferrari racing car driver. Charlie and I enjoyed 13 very exciting years together until in August 2017 when he passed way.

I have decided to leave home again to travel solo around Australia with my 'Bestie', a four-year-old border collie. Maybe I will meet some of you on the road and share a story. I intend to attend as many rallies as I can to create new friendships and learn from you all the art of camping and travelling.

Linda Clements.



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To those who have endured ill health, hospitalisation or misfortune, the very best wishes to you all. We are thinking of you and hoping you have a speedy recovery. 'Jean Cochrane, Ann Dobe, Barry Gibson, Noeleen Jarrett, Helen Judge, Daryl Kays, Brian Sheehan, Ray Steele, Sylvia Stocker, George Lacey, Des McLeod, Fay Walker, Bill Waycott.' Apologies to anyone overlooked.

There are some times that we need to know that people care about us. This is one of those times, and we, the members of the Queensland Caravan Club happen to be those people. Hope you feel better soon and make a full recovery.



'Glengallen Homestead and Heritage Centre...'

Glengallen Homestead, built 1867-1868, is located on the southwestern slope of Mount Marshall at the mouth of a wide valley, running west from Cunningham's Gap, near the junction of the Cunningham and New England Highways approximately 15 kilometres north of Warwick.

In 1885, Glengallen covered 42,000 acres (17,000 ha), and from 1896 to 1904, Glengallen was progressively broken-up into smaller units. After the original leases had expired in the 1860s, lease holders were permitted to acquire large areas by pre-emptive claim and further purchases.



Restored from ruin in 2001, the iconic Glengallen House emerges from the ruins of the 1867 sandstone mansion as a unique heritage experience. Re-live the Glengallen story from squattocracy to farmer settlement through an innovative interpretation that allows the place to tell its own story. Glengallen is an exceptional venue for day trippers, tour groups, school visits, reunions, weddings, workshops, seminars, markets and rallies; available for garden weddings and professional photography.

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Cover Photo: A wet Saturday morning (08 February) at the Crows Nest rally as rain bucketed-down. 'Puddles-a-plenty' but not enough to deter members from attending the rally indoor activities such as the meeting, art and card-making, and afterwards, setting-up for the auction. However, it wasn't an entirely wet weekend as the sun did peek through on the odd occasion, plus a few thunder-storms skirted the periphery of Crows Nest on Saturday evening creating a spectacular thunder/lightening show. Unfortunately the wet weather did have an affect on attendance as numbers were well-short of what it generally is. Those who braved the wet enjoyed the rally immensely.

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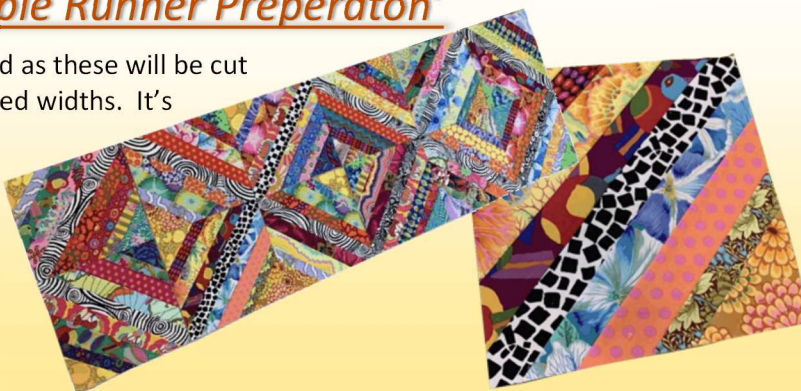
Craft Project for Allora with Yvonne Robbins

'Table Runner Preperaton'

Requirements: Plenty of scrap fabric ironed as these will be cut this into strips of either equal width or varied widths. It's your choice.

- ⇒ 12 x 10 inch squares of plain fabric.
- ⇒ 12 x 10 inch squares of wadding.

The aim is to prepare the fabric for producing a table runner of one of our future sewing classes.



🎵 Happy Birthday to you for March 2020 🎵

06 Adrian Savage
07 Des Lowrie
08 Tony Pomroy
09 Colin James
16 Ray MacDonald

16 Helen Judge
18 Tom Smith
21 Gordon Ison
21 Ray Caddies
22 Daryl Kays

22 Nola Bromley
23 Adrian Skinner
27 Michael Burdette
28 Michael Drought

🎵 Happy Anniversary to you for March 2020 🎵

01 Marie and Neil Chesney

40 Vans at Crows Nest

ABRAHAM, Beres and Carmel.
ADAMS, Roger and Laurel.
BAKER, Darren.
BAKER, Gordon and Sue.
BEKER, Bert and Yvonne.
BARR, Graham and Pat.
BREARLEY, Paul and Di.
CADDIES, Ray and Gail.
CLEMENTS, Linda.
COXALL, Terry and **COOK**, Gabby.
DROUGHT, Michael and **REEDY**, Linda.
EDNEY, Dennis and Heather.
EGEN, Ian and Gwen.

FITZGIBBON, Colin.
GOWER, Kevin and Pat.
GREEN, Rod and Bev.
HASLEWOOD, Lance.
HENRY, Rick and Cheryl.
HETHERMAN, Patrick and Ann.
HINSON, Alf and Desley.
HOGAN, Kerry and Dianne.
HOLT, James and Minnie.
JUDGE, David and Helen.
KAHLER, Merv and Carolyn.
LANDER, Barry and Gail.
LANGLEY, Steve and Robyn.
LUSCOMBE, Ross and Bindra.

MACDONALD, Ray and Pam.
MANDER, Greg and Pat.
MARTIN, Trevor and Mavis.
MCGOWAN, Murray and Jenni.
MIERS, John. And Jan.
NOFFKE, Owen and **KIRBY**, Jan.
PARK, Terry and Denise.
ROBBINS, Yvonne.
RUTHERFORD, Bob and Barbara.
SHEEHAN, Graham and Shirley.
SKINNER, Adrian and Gail.
SMITH, Tom and Jacky.
TEBBIT, Bob and Marilyn.
VAN WYK, Richard and Linda.

Queensland Caravan Club welcomed the following @ Crows Nest:

First Time Visitors: Greg and Pat **MANDER**.

Third Time Visitor: Linda **CLEMENTS**.

Day Visitors: Les and Brenda **USHER**, Bob and Kathy **KEARNEY**.

Apologies: Roy and Carmel **BRIDGES**, Paul and Marina **BRUNO**, Jeff and Jean **COCHRANE**, Kevin and Carol **DAY**, Barry and Wendy **GIBSON**, Shane and Judith **GRAHAM**, Karen **HASLEWOOD**, Roy and Lyn **HILL**, Bob and Kathy **KEARNEY**, Rodney and Mary **METCALFE**, Tony and Lyn **POMROY**, John **RIDER**, Adrian and Ann **SAVAGE**, Tony and Sue **STEPHENSON**, Jim and Sue **THORPE**, Bill and Denise **WAYCOTT**.

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Free entry to Heritage Centre Café which serves traditional fare with modern flair; souvenirs, arts and crafts and local produce available from farm shop; seasonal markets in the heritage gardens first Sunday of March, June, September and December. A wide range of locally made souvenirs are available including Aloomba lavender products, Hidden Creek wines and

Glengallan's own commemoratives wines: Gentleman Jack, Eliza D, King Billy and Ghost Gate Port.

Glengallan hosts markets in the gardens on the first Sunday of March, June, September and December.

*Glengallen Homestead
18515 New England Highway, Glengallen.*

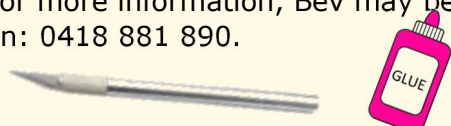
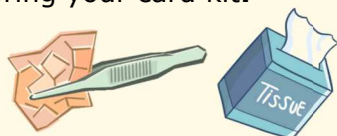
Card-Making Project for Allora

Thank You Card

Please be sure to bring your card kit:

- ⇒ Craft Knife.
- ⇒ Tweezers.
- ⇒ Glue Clear.
- ⇒ Tissues.

For more information, Bev may be contacted on: 0418 881 890.



A man takes his Rottweiler to the vet. "My dog is cross-eyed, is there anything you can do for him, doc?" "Well," said the vet, "let's have a look at him."

So he picks the dog up and examines his eyes, then he checks his teeth and ears.

Finally, he says, "I'm going to have to put him down!"

"WHAT, because he's cross-eyed?"

"No," said the vet. "Because he's rather heavy."

Crows Nest Golf:

7 men attended

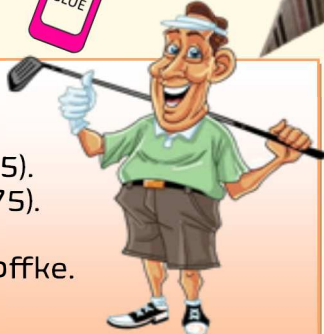
1st Owen Noffke (42.25).

2nd Dennis Edney (43.75).

3rd Bob Tebbit (44.5).

Longest drive: Owen Noffke.

Nearest to the pin: Nil.



Allora Golf, Friday 13 March at 7:00am.

Spending @ Crows Nest:

Meals: \$1,794.00.

Fuel: \$2,628.00.

Site Fees: \$2,760.00.

Other: \$2,962.00

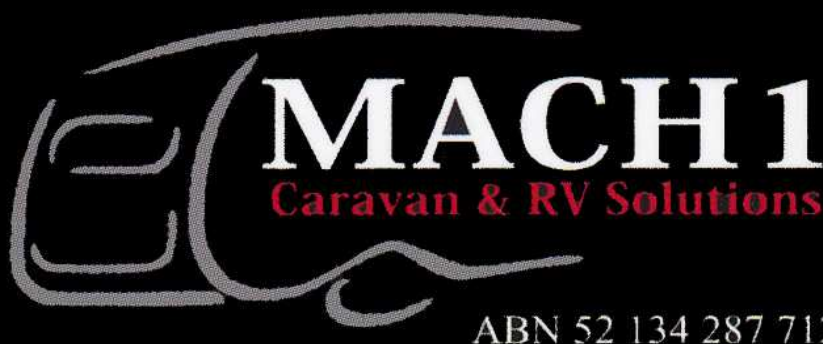
Total: \$10,144.00.



The auction was a monumental success with \$1,796.00 raised for distribution to our two charities, RFDS and LifeFlight. This amount also included \$8.00 which was from the sale of passionfruit and also a \$10.00 donation. Jolly good effort! Thank you to all who contributed items especially to Rod and Pam from Standown Park for their generosity in providing accommodation vouchers. These were a very popular item.



Allora rally bowls will be held at the Allora Bowls Club, which is part of the Allora Sports Complex, located in Warwick Street, Allora. Hoping for a good weather and for a good turnout.



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A Synopsis of What's-Up-The-Road ...

⇒ Allora, 11-17 March

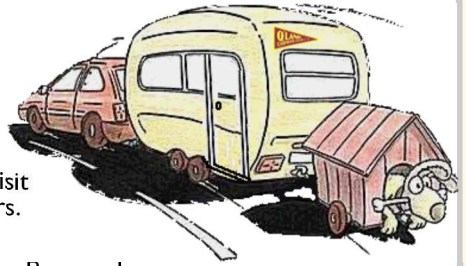
- **Friday:** 7:00am - Golf, 1:00pm - Sewing/Craft, 2:30pm - Bowls, 5:00pm - President's Picnic ('nil cost to members and catered), 7:00pm - Cards.
- **Saturday:** 11:00am - Art, 12:00pm - 'Scenic Tag-A-Long', Goomburra National Park. Picnic lunch at Manna Gums Day Area. BYO. Followed by visit to Glengallen Homestead. Afternoon tea available at cost. 7:00pm - Muckers.

⇒ Pine Rivers (Lawnton), 08-14 April (Easter Rally and AGM)

- **Thursday:** 7:00am - Golf, 9:00am-11:00 - Lead Testing, 10:00am - Hot Cross Buns and EZICAF Coffee, 1:00pm - Sewing/Craft, 2:30pm - Bowls, 7:00pm - Caboolture Choir.
- **Saturday:** 8:00am - Tai Chi, 9:00am - Meeting/AGM, 11:00am Sewing/Craft, 7:00pm - Variety Concert Night.
- **Sunday:** 7:00am - Tai Chi, 8:30am - Easter Egg Hunt, 9:30am - Meeting (brief), 1:00pm - Singles Disc Bowls, 7:00pm - Letterbox.

⇒ Pittsworth, 29 April-05 May

- **Friday:** 7:00am - Golf, 1:00pm - Sewing/Craft, 2:30pm - Bowls, 6:00pm - Dinner at Club Pittsworth (not confirmed).
- **Saturday:** 11:00am - Art, 1:00pm. Visit to Boomaroo Seedling Nursery, 7:00pm - Film night and dancing. Free lollies from the lolly factory - here's hoping!!



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Michael, from 'All Current Test and Tag' (Narangba), will be at the Pine Rivers Rally to test-and-tag members' electrical leads. He will be on-site on Thursday the 9th April 2020 between 9:00am and 11:00am. Cost is \$5.00 per lead, same as last year. Members are urged to have their leads tested.



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IMPORTANT: QCC rallies span Wednesday through to Tuesday. If planning to arrive at a rally site on the first day, namely the Wednesday, please do so after 12:00 midday. This is to allow the rally marshals time to establish themselves and to set-up. Similarly, if departing on the last day of the rally, namely the Tuesday, please do so before 10:00am.

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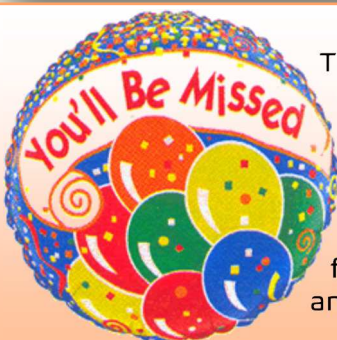
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The QCC Committee sadly announces the resignation from the Club of Nola and Trevor Bromley. Nola and Trevor have been members of the Club for quite a considerable time, and as many members are aware, Trevor has not been well which has resulted in the absence of both he and Nola from rallies for quite some time.

The Queensland Caravan Club wishes you, Nola and Trevor, the very best for the future and thank you for your membership, companionship, support and dedication to the Club.

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Our Pet Policy

This Policy applies to all members, visitors and guests whilst at a rally site for the entire duration of the rally, i.e., upon arrival on site and until departure. This Policy runs in conjunction with any other pet policy imposed by the venue at which our rally is being held.

It must be remembered that although many of us enjoy pets, not all club members are pet lovers. However, if we abide by a few simple rules, there is no reason why we cannot all be happy and have a harmonious rally environment. Refer to the By-Law No. 19 for further details.

It is important to be aware that:

- Pet owners/carers are responsible for keeping their pets quiet at all times.
- Barking dogs will not be tolerated as this can be disturbing to others.
- Pets must be restrained and kept within the confines of the owner/carer's caravan/annex.
- Pets are to be kept on a short leash or other type of restraint at all times.
- When walking a pet, it must be on a short leash or other type of restraint and be in the hands of a responsible adult.
- A pet must not be off its leash anywhere on the rally site. The only exception being if a specific area designated for this purpose is provided by the venue.

Pets are not permitted in the following areas:

- Where food is eaten, prepared and/or served.
- Toilet/shower facilities.
- The hall or meeting area.
- Happy hour. The only exception being where happy hour is being held under a member's caravan awning and it is at the discretion of the caravan owner as to whether a pet is permitted.
- Pet owners/carers must clean-up after their pet/s.

If a member is attending a rally with a pet, the rally marshal is to be advised on arrival.

IF WE ALL EMPLOY A LITTLE BIT OF CO-OPERATION AND COMMON SENSE, OUR MEMBERS WILL BE HAPPY NEIGHBOURS.



'MUCKERS'

As we are now all aware, Patrick Hetherman will be OIC entertainment on Saturday night at Allora when he will be overseeing the ever-popular game of 'Muckers'. Below is a short description of the origins of Muckers followed by the rules and protocols of the game.

THEME: Muchers is based on the ancient game 'Ludo' with changes as developed by the Royal and Commonwealth Navies. It is played with enthusiasm and robust vocal support (no bad language). It is played with four teams of a minimum of one person to a maximum of whatever! Each team has four counters to move around the board to finally run home. The team to get all four home is the winner. It is essential that teams throw sixes to assist with tactics. Each team has a captain who makes final decision on moves, also a dice collector to pick up dice ready for a throw. Moves are directed by the team in a vocal way. It is a tactical game.

RULES: Moves around the board are dictated by numbers shown on the dice after throwing. To commence the game, each team throws the dice, the team with highest score gets to start the game, the others follow in a clockwise direction. Each member of a team is eligible to take a turn in throwing the dice (two). To achieve a score, the dice, when thrown, must revolve at least twice in the air or on the ground, before coming stationary on the floor and the dice must lay on the floor with one side completely flat on the floor. If not, the referee calls "Cocky Die" and the throw is made again.

If the dice show a six, then the thrower is entitled to a second throw and can continue until there is not a six showing after a throw. Before a counter

can be placed on the board, a six has to be showing. Thus four sixes are required to get all four counters on the board. Counters move around the board from square-to-square at the rate of score shown on the dice, eg., if dice shows a two (2) + three (3), then one counter can move five (5) squares or one counter two (2) squares and another counter three (3) squares. If a team's counter lands on the same square occupied by a single counter of the opposition team then that counter is removed from the board. If a team has two of its counters on the same square (one on top of the other) that is called a 'blob' and single counters of another team (colour) cannot go past it. If a counter comes up against a 'blob' then that team needs to throw a six. If it does, then they can shout "challenge" and they throw again. If they throw two sixes, then the 'blob' is removed from the board. If a challenger throws a single six, of course they have another throw if a second six is thrown the 'blob' is removed from the board. If a 'blob' of one team challenges the 'blob' of another team, then a single six is all that is required.

Once counters are in the home run, all numbers on the dice must be taken. This is achieved by counting into the home square then back out.

SIMPLE TACTICS: Get all four counters onto the board. Try and keep them grouped together by leap-frogging counters, and wherever possible, keep a 'blob' at the rear of the group. Strangely, the team yelling "six! six!" whilst the thrower is tossing the dice it seems to work. If a team has four counters on the board, opposing teams need to try and remove one of their counters. It is very difficult to move a single counter around the board safely. Each team needs to carefully watch the opposing teams to prevent them cheating.

Referee decision is final. The referee is entitled to advise a captain of tactics.

Esk Rally, 05-11 August, Esk Caravan Park.

A reminder to those planning to attend the Esk rally in August that you are required to book in advance. The booking fee is \$39.00. Naturally, being a caravan park, the tariff is going to be somewhat higher to what members are accustomed to at

\$30.00 / \$39.00 per night unpowdered/powered respectively. As

caravan parks are generally privately-owned and have more overheads to that of council showgrounds, this is understandable.

Unfortunately, refund on the booking fee is not available, however, the amount will be held in credit for the next time you stay at

Esk. Staff at the Esk Caravan Park are very keen to have QCC and are putting-on free entertainment on the Saturday night. This, in itself, is a bonus, and very considerate. To book, please ring 07 5424 1466. The Esk Caravan Park is located at 16 Hassall Street, Esk. Support Esk See you there. More info in due course.



BEAUTIFUL PICTUR-ESK ~ A PIECE OF PARADISE

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.

A gentle reminder that club memberships were due by 29th February 2020. Ordinary membership being \$50:00 per van, and social membership being \$25:00 per family unit. Those who will not be attending the Allora rally and would like to pay their membership fees should contact the Secretary or Treasurer for the club's EFT details. Similarly, those who would prefer to pay by via EFT should also contact the Secretary or Treasurer. The Club's email address is: queenslandcaravanclub@gmail.com. (without the period on the end!)



Kindly donated to QCC by the many businesses in Crows Nest was a well-stocked hamper for a lucky QCC member to win. To be eligible for the draw, members were asked to retain their docket for items and services purchased in Crows Nest during the rally weekend. With the name of the purchaser of the socket, they went into a container for drawing at the Saturday night auction. First Lady, Di Brearley was asked to do the honours, and low-and-behold, she drew a docket belonging to her hubby, President Paul. How lucky is that? Well-deserved as Paul and Di had put -in a considerable amount of time and effort into setting-up the auction, not to mention the four hours Paul put-in as auctioneer. Well done, Paul, and well-deserved.

What makes other drivers hate caravanners? Are you guilty as charged? It seems that to some road users, the mere sight of a caravan in front of them gets their blood boiling. The profile reminds them of a snail, crawling slowly along the highway without a care in the world. Not all caravanners are the same though, most are courteous, unselfish and do nothing wrong or upsetting at all when travelling. Unfortunately, there are several rogues out there that make it hard for everyone else. Here's how not to be a jerk. Here are a couple of tips to go from being the most detested vehicle on the road to the most loved.

Speed Up at The Overtaking Lane: It's extremely frustrating and a leading cause of road rage when a caravanner sits on 80-90km/h on the highway but then puts the foot down at overtaking lanes so other road users must either continue to be stuck behind you or exceed the speed limit to get past. Now, it isn't just caravanners that do this, but they seem to attract the most attention. The courteous thing to do is to drop your speed a little more to enable as many vehicles past you as possible. This type of action won't slow you down at the end of the day, you'll still reach your destination in time and you will make life easier for other road users. Another contentious situation is when a caravanner allows traffic to build up behind. If you do this, why not find a safe place to pull over and let everyone past? Let those in a rush get past and you can continue without a care in the world without being stressed by a conga-line of vehicles behind you.

UHF: Ready to head-off, so you nick down to Autobarn and pick-up some stickers for the back of your caravan 'Bill & Beryl UHF 18 & 40'. So happy with yourself you then forget to turn the UHF on as you head-off down the road. Only it doesn't just happen this once; it happens regularly. Ever wonder why when that bloke passed you waving his fist? He was trying to call you to ask if it was safe to pass. If it wasn't to pass, it could have been that he wanted to tell you your caravan door, window or spare wheel fell-off back there. If you advertise your UHF handles on the back of your caravans, please switch them on and respond when someone calls.

The second concern that seems to raise its head occasionally is caravan convoy chatter over the UHF, particularly if using channels 18 or 40. It's great that you are sharing your adventure with friends, but other travellers don't want to hear about your shopping, hip replacement or Pat's sleeping habits. If you are going to travel in a convoy and want to chat with your fellow travelling companions, find another channel that no one else is using and chat to your heart's content. Now I know sometimes truck drivers can be heard having a conversation on channel 40, often with a few purple words added for flavour, but even they are frowned upon in their own community. Keep the channels open so that real issues can be talked about like the road ahead, price of fuel, campsites, etc.

Bill and Beryl **UHF 18/40**

Freebie Site Offer from Patrick Hetherman (the lad from Kobbie Creek).

Freebie stop-over on way to Allora. 'QCC members are cordially invited!' Patrick has received an offer for a couple of nights FREE camping on powered sites, plus showers and toilets at Peaks Crossing. In on Tuesday 10th March. Wednesday 11th, spend day at the resort then sausage sizzle happy hour, night photography with possible camp fire, then leave Thursday morning for Allora. All for FREE. Just fill in a questionnaire on how to make the site more caravan-friendly. Would be a fun stopover on the



way to the QCC Rally at Allora. If interested and willing please contact Patrick on 0412 141 992 for more information and for catering purposes.

Easy to get there. Leave Brisbane on Ipswich bypass. Keep right and take the road towards Warwick on the Cunningham Highway. Continue and take Yamanto/Boonah exit, keeping left to Ipswich Boonah Road, then turn left towards Boonah and follow. Take care 60km/h. As approaching Peak Crossing, keep left into filter lane and turn left into Mt Flinders Road, (sign Conference Centre). At resort, enter via gate on the right.



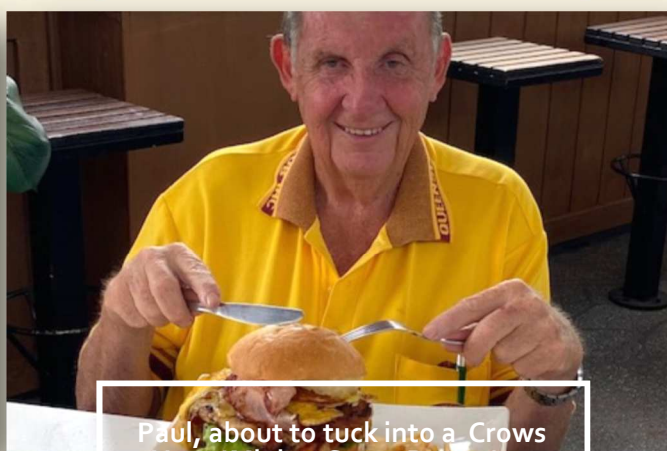
Birthday Greetings



Happy Birthday, Pat Mander



Happy Anniversary



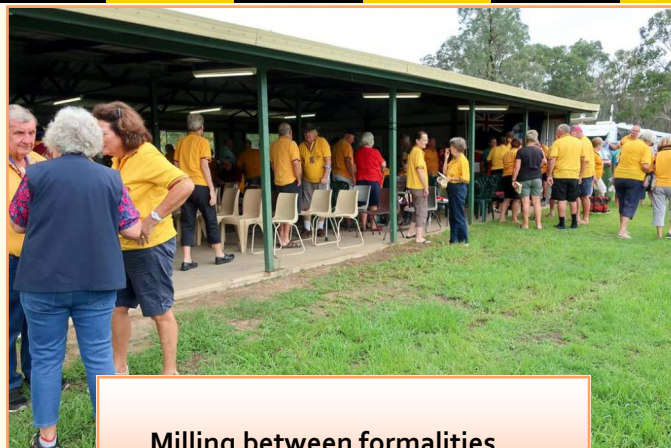
Paul, about to tuck into a Crows Nest 'Mighty Super Burger'....



Tom Smith happily accepting the 'Golden Turd Award' from President Paul Brearley



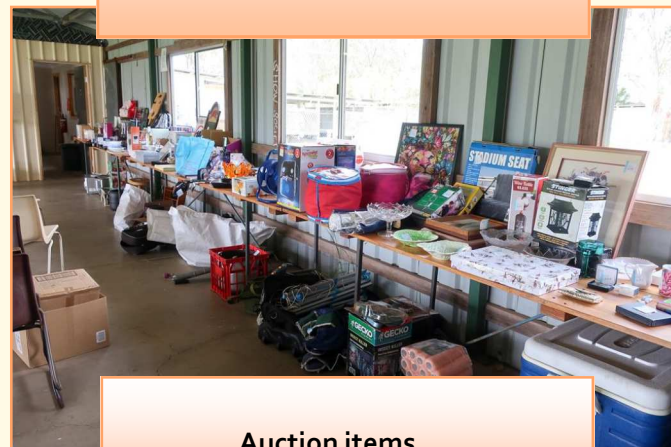
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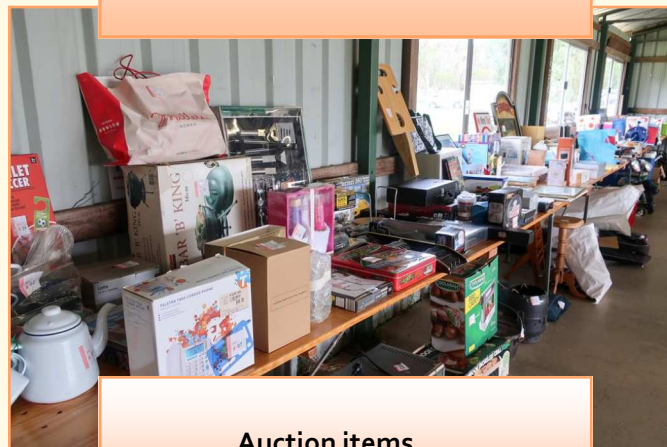
Milling between formalities



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Auction items



Auction items



Quiet please.
Auction in progress



Paul proudly displaying the
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Rod and Pam from Standown Park.



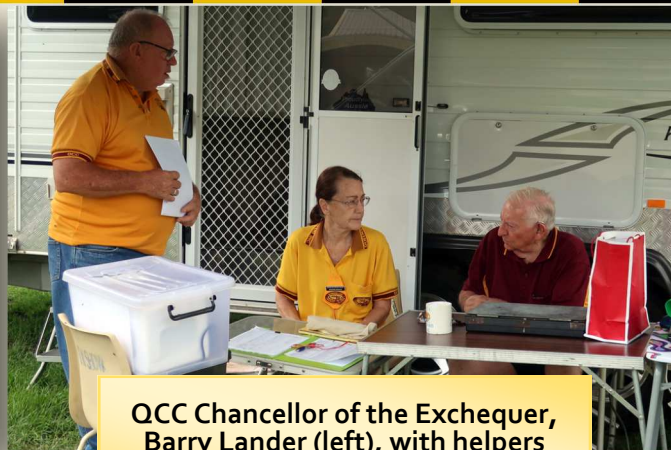
Standown Park Vouchers



Alf Hinson working hard at the
auction; supervised by Terry Park ..



Denise Park displaying a sample item for manufacture for the upcoming state rally



QCC Chancellor of the Exchequer, Barry Lander (left), with helpers Dianne Hogan and Graham Barr.



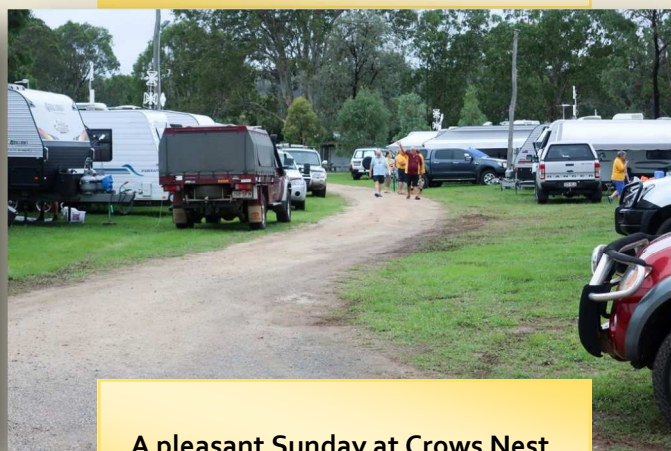
Owen Noffke with raffle ticket ladies, Carmel Abraham and Gail Lander. Beres Abraham (right) overseeing!



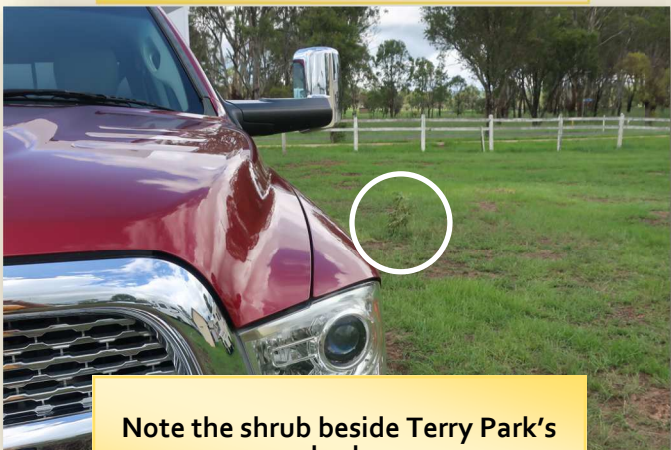
Card-making in progress - Linda Reedy and Bev Green.



Owen and Jan's new caravan. BRILLIANT!



A pleasant Sunday at Crows Nest.



Note the shrub beside Terry Park's abode.



Rapid growth of flora after Terry pierced a water main with an awning peg. Amazing what a bit of water will achieve!



QUEENSLAND CARAVAN CLUB INC

Nominations for Office – 2020/2021

General Meeting and Annual General Meeting 11th April 2020, Pine Rivers Showground.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING QCC members are urged to give consideration to serving on the Queensland Caravan Club Inc Committee. The Club value your input and would only be too happy to discuss any aspects of the positions as well as serving on the committee.

Without a committee QCC club is unable to function. Should a committee position be not for you, then please consider the many other jobs that are not on the committee, eg., to list a few; mar-shalling, selling raffle tickets, assisting the convener, looking after the flags, carrying some books for the library, induction person, checking the amenities, helping with entertainment. And there are many more. The AGM is only a month away – so please think about helping out in 2020/21.



QUEENSLAND CARAVAN CLUB INC

Nominations for Office - Annual General Meeting 11th April 2020
to be held at Pine Rivers Showgrounds

Committee Positions: President Vice President
Secretary Minute Secretary
Treasurer Assistant Treasurer
Editor Convener
Rally Venue Coordinator
Entertainment Coordinator
Plus three (3) other members for the committee

I hereby nominate:
Name of Nominee

For the position of:.....

Proposed by:
Name and Signature

Seconded by:
Name and Signature

If elected, I agree to act:
Signature of Nominee

Please return to QCC Secretary no later than Saturday 14th March 2020.

The QCC's current Public Liability Insurance is \$20,000,000 with Ansvar Insurance.

Non-Committee Positions: Library Raffles
Archivist Chief Rally Marshal
National Rally Coordinator
Introduction Coordinator
2 X CCQ Delegates