# 2025 February Edition No. 02/25 QCC – Established 1949 THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE QUEENSLAND CARAVAN CLUB INC.



Congratulations to Jenni & Murray McGowan for having achieved 100 rallies.



Bocce Finals Andy & Bralma Hine were defeated by Robyn & Ivan Burdett



# MARCH RALLY CHANGE OF VENUE NOW AT BLACKBUTT

Wednesday 5th to Monday 10th March Blackbutt Showground, 16 Bowman Road, Blackbutt 4314



#### REMEMBRANCE QUILT RAFFLE

\$2.00 per ticket Drawn April Laidley Rally Proceeds to QCC Charities Books of 10 tickets are available for you to sell to family and friends.

Quilt top by Olive Jones. Quilting and finishing by Bralma Hine





#### **2025 Future Rallies**

\* April 9-14 Laidley

\* April/May 30-5 Hillview

\* June 11-16 Kingaroy

\* July 9-14 Gin Gin

\* Sept 10-15 Millmerran \* Oct NATIONAL RALLY

\* Nov 5-10 Chinchilla

\* Aug 6-11 Stanthorpe

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#### NEXT RALLY: Wednesday 5th to Monday 10th March Blackbutt Showground, 16 Bowman Road, Blackbutt 4314 Arrive no earlier than 12.00pm on Wednesday

Caretaker: Leigh & Mark 0437 665 199 Dump point: Located at the entrance to the showground. Defibrillator: (i) President Steve Langley (ii) Murray McGowan

(iii) On Site



Blackbutt Medical Centre,

Cnr Pine St & D'Aguilar Hwy, Blackbutt

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Blackbutt Pharmacy, 2/91 Coulson St, Blackbutt Closed Sat & Sun 07 4163 0474 MARCH RALLY CHANGE OF VENUE NOW AT BLACKBUTT

# Nearest Intersection: James & Morris Sts. Morris St becomes Miller St. Venue GPS-28.8819427 S 152.101673 E

**From** Brisbane North—Follow the Bruce Highway north to the Caboolture/Bribie Island Interchange and take the D'Aguilar Highway exit (Exit 152). The D'Aguilar Highway will pass through Wamuran, D'Aguilar, Woodford, Kilcoy, Moore and Blackbutt. Continue into Blackbutt at the War Memorial in the roundabout take the 3rd exit onto Muir Street which continues into Morris St, Miller St then Bowman Rd. Showgrounds are on your right.

From Brisbane West - Take the M2/Warrego Highway exit towards Esk/Toowoomba. Use the left lane to take National route 17 slip road to Esk/Sth Burnett. Keep left at the fork, follow signs for National Rte 17/Brisbane Valley Hwy/Esk/S Burnett. Continue through Fernvale, Esk, Toogoolawah and Harlin. At the T-intersection where the Brisbane Valley Highway meets the D'Aguilar Highway, turn left onto the D'Aguilar Highway. Continue on to Blackbutt.

# SPECIAL NOTICES

• For all matters relating to the club you should contact the Secretary Pat Mander on phone, text or email. Ph: 0407 150 831

Email: queenslandcarvanclub@gmail.com

- Please contact our Secretary, <u>if you are OR if you</u> <u>are not</u> attending the Rally. The list of members thought to be attending the next rally will be emailed to members prior to the 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.
- Pets allowed. Please adhere to the Rules about Pets.

# RALLY MARSHAL COURTESY CALL



If you intend to arrive at a rally late in the day please give a courtesy call to either **Noel on 0418 885 584 or Olive 0407 640 993.** 



2025 19<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL CARAVAN CLUBS RALLY



Australian Rural Education Centre, 267 Ulan Road, Bombira NSW MUDGEE 29<sup>th</sup> Sept to 8<sup>th</sup> Oct 2025

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

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

Click on the Link below for more information:-•CCQ <u>http://www.caravanclubsqld.org.au</u> •State Rally <u>http://www.caravanclubsqld.org.au</u> •NACC <u>https://www.19thnationalcaravanrally.org.au</u> •HEARTSINE 500P Defibrillator HeartSine 500P Online Training Link

#### 2024 - 2025 COMMITTEE

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT OAKEY - FEBRUARY 2025

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Report for Oakey

This was a Valentine's Day themed rally, and a big thankyou must go to Gail Caddies for all of the decorations around the hall which really made it. This was the second time the club has been to Oakey Showground and I think it was a great venue with a very nice hall.

44 caravans attended the rally, with numbers down a little due to a few members not one hundred per cent fit, but I hope you will be back with us soon.



Some members started the day with their early morning walk, Card Making with Bev Green I think I saw about 10 ladies making cards so well done to you all. With no art teacher at this rally the art class was small. Some golfers did play but not enough to talk about.

Friday morning the members partaking in the Health and Wellbeing challenge came to weigh-in with Minnie and Di. The Sewing ladies all looked to be busy working away. The Crafty ladies always do more talking than anything else. Graham Barr looked after the Lawn Bowls in the afternoon with 22 members playing and Graham reported that everyone had a great time at the friendly Bowls Club. Friday night some of us played cards, others played board games, and, some went out for dinner to Oakey R.S.L. Club.

Saturday morning always the walkers out early, then morning tea followed by the club forum. COVID is still around and we must not forget to hand sanitize etc. no new updates in the purple folder, but thanks to Jenni Mc Gowan for keeping us up to date. This must be a first time where everyone signed the attendance book by Saturday morning. Rally Marshals did a great job, so thank you to Noel Jones and Keith Fletcher. No dump point at the showground however in Oakey at the corner of York and Lorrimer street there is a public dump point.

This rally had no first, second, or third timers but we did have an Award of 100 rallies for Murray and Jenni Mc Gowan. Jenni has been on the committee for 5 years, and, Murray has been a rally Marshall for may-be more than 5 years, so very well deserved.

Thanks to Ray Caddies and Barry and Wendy Gibson for the Bocce event and after a lot of play in the afternoon the runners-up were Bralma and Andy Hine while the winners for the second time were Robyn and Ivan Burdett. Well done to you all.

The nights entertainment was with Matthew Peters and his lovely wife Shanesia. A lot of dancing to celebrate Valentines Day. It was nice to see plenty of members on the dance floor having a great time.

Sunday morning after paying the treasurer and morning tea, the club forum was conducted by Olive who did another good job.

Next Rally is at **<u>BLACKBUTT SHOWGROUND</u>** on 5 to 10 of March. So, stay healthy, travel safe, and remember the Club Moto Fellowship on Wheels.

President Steve Langley.

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

# **QUEENSLAND CARAVAN CLUB INC**

Nominations for a Committee Position – 2025/2026 Annual General Meeting 12th April 2025, Laidley Rally.

QCC members are urged to consider serving on the Committee of the Queensland Caravan Club Inc. The Club values your input and is happy to discuss any aspects of the positions as well as serving on the Committee. Without a Committee, QCC is unable to function and may fold. Should a Committee position be not for you, then why not consider the many other non-Committee jobs such as marshalling, raffle ticket sales, assisting the convener, flags custodian, carrying books for the library, introduction person, checking the amenities, helping with entertainment to list a few. The AGM is only a few weeks away – so please think about helping-out in 2025/26.

## **Committee Positions**

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Assistant Secretary
- Treasurer
- Assistant Treasurer
- Editor
- Convenor
- Rally Venue Coordinator
- Entertainment Coordinator
- Committee Member
- Committee Member
- Committee Member

## Non-committee positions:

- Archivist
- CCQ Delegates x 2
- Chief Rally Marshal
- Assistant Rally Marshal
- Safety Coordinator
- Social Secretary
- DVDs
- Information Technology
- Introduction Coordinator
- Library
- Merchandise
- Shirts & Jackets
- Raffles
- National Rally Coordinator
- State Rally Coordinator
- Sunshine Person
- Webmaster



# SEE PAT MANDER, SECRETARY FOR NOMINATION FORMS.

# ALL POSITIONS ARE VACANT

Any queries contact our Treasurer

Bob Thomson on 0417 150 201.



cinemas in the local area we visit.

The closest cinema to Blackbutt is Kingaroy.

# CARD MAKING with Pat Barr



#### Thursday 1.00pm Cost \$5.00

You need to phone or text Pat Barr on 0432 150 760 if you want to join the class at Oakey.

What you will need: Metal Ruler, sticky tape, liquid glue, pencils, scissors, rubber, scorer, foam squares, metal knife with blades, double sided tape 6mm & 3mm.

ART Thursday 2.30pm

Note: No art teacher at this rally. Drawing or painting - continuing on from Oakey.

Basic Drawing Techniques Contours, Shapes, Proportion & Perspective, Tones & Shades, Details & Textures.

Painting Principles/Composition Balance, Contrast & Harmony, Emphasis, Movement, Pattern & Repetition, Rhythm, Variety & Unity.





# CRAFT & CHAT Friday at 9.00am

This is a "self-organise" session where you come for a chat and/or work on your latest craft project.

# HEALTH & WELL BEING

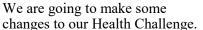
We have completed our 6 months (Sept - Feb) Health Challenge

Results:Females: Weight loss - 13kgFunds forfeited to charity \$12.00Males:Weight loss - 13.25kgFunds forfeited to charity \$15.00

Members have been good trying to maintain or lose weight over this period.

Our downfall has been Christmas/ New Year Festivities....

All remaining fees will be returned to Members.



The weighing scales will be taken to each rally. Weight will still be recorded on card

supplied to members but no records kept by club. If you gain weight a fee of \$1.00 is required to be paid. This money will go to charity.

Any further information you may require, please contact Minnie Holt or Dianne Hogan.

# GOLF at BLACKBUTT

Friday 7am Blackbutt Golf Course 51 Langton Rd Blackbutt Contact: Fay Ph: 0429 630 215 Green fees are \$15 - 9 holes Buggy fees \$25 - 9 holes.



Only a few buggies will be available therefore bookings are essential.

The Golf Club has offered to help with some prizes so let us support the Club in any way possible.

Thank you to Daryl Kays and Steve Langley who between them organise the golf games.

# SEWING with Fay Bell

Friday 9am

INSULATED BAG Material Requirements – PLEASE PRECUT BEFORE THE RALLY

Main fabric -32x15" Heavy duty like denim or cotton twill. <u>Quilting cotton is NOT suitable</u> Insulbrite -32x15" (Available from Olive) Lining -30x14" Any waterproof material such as plastic or rip stop. Even an old shower curtain will work.

**Notions -** Velcro, 1" wide - 6" strip, Denim or size 16 needles, large safety pin, large press studs.

All general sewing requirements including walking foot for sewing machine. Coordinating thread.



# LAWN BOWLS at YARRAMAN Friday 2pm

Yarraman Bowls Club, Margaret St, Yarraman Contact: Brad Little 0408 704 521 Cost \$5.00 Please register.

Oakey Lawn Bowls saw 22 members enjoying an afternoon of bowls. Thank you Graham Barr who



stepped in for Ray MacDonald on his absence.

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# BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

03 SLATTERY Ted
06 SAVAGE Adrian
07 LOWRIE Des
08 POMROY Tony
09 JAMES Colin
16 MAC DONALD Ray
16 JUDGE Helen
18 SMITH Tom
20 MEACHAM Wayne



21 CADDIES Ray

23 SKINNER Adrian

22 KAYS Daryl



MEMBERS WITH FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



# ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH

03 HINE Andy & Bralma 07 OSBORNE Ken & Sandra 14 MARRINAN Bryan & Jennifer 24 CUZZOLARO Toni & Nida



# **MEMBERS COVID AWARENESS**

Updated Notice for Wanderer: 14.1.25 If you feel unwell you are urged to isolate and stay home as Covid-19 is still in the community. Authorities suggest anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms to stay at home and to wear masks in crowded public settings during the holidays as families are still gathering. Those experiencing mild symptoms are encouraged to self-isolate.

COVID-19 reminder to members:

- Check that your RATs are still <u>within the date of</u> <u>expiry</u>. They could give a false result if out of date
- Storage temperature is important, recommendation is between 2 to 30 degrees Celsius to work as intended
- Regular hand washing & sanitising, covering your mouth when coughing/sneezing remains a recommendation, as well as wearing a mask if unable to keep a distance when in crowded spaces. Be in well-ventilated rooms when possible.
- You are infectious for the first 2 days when symptoms appear.

# DON'T BECOME COMPLACENT, COVID IS STILL AN ACTIVE INFECTIOUS VIRUS.

Please contact QCC secretary if you become unwell during or following a club rally. This information will remain

confidential but will assist to inform members if others also report becoming infected. **BE AWARE BE SAFE** 



# **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 go out to Bill & Denise Waycott, Ian Farrell, Alf Hinson, John Ross, and John Miers.

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# **0AKEY WINNERS**

Lucky Van Winners are:-

- George & Yvonne Lacey
- Murray & Jenni McGowan
- Ted & Mary Slattery

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

# **Raffle WINNERS**

Lucky No. - Donna Wilson

- \$50 Woolworths Voucher Kerry Hogan
- 2,3 Tier Cake Stand Jenni McGowan
- Duo of Mugs Darryl Anderson

#### QCC's contribution to

**OAKEY** community: Site fees \$3,564.00 Other \$ 5,429.00 \$ 8,993.00 Total





Wonderland RV Dealership! Come and see our display vans today!



**OAKEY RALLY ATTENDEES** 44 VANS Rally Marshals - Noel Jones & Keith Fletcher ABRAHAM Beres & Carmel ANDERSON Darryl & Margaret BARR Graham & Pat BELL Greg & Fay BURDETT Ivan & Robyn CADDIES Ray & Gail CHAFFEY Bob & Jeanette COX Des & Julie CUZZOLARO Toni & Nida DELUCA Nicky & FORSTER Rob EDNEY Dennis & Heather **FITZGIBBON** Colin **FLETCHER** Keith & Jenny GAFFNEY Frank & KENNEDY Sandra GIBSON Barry & Wendy GREEN Rod & Bev HINE Andy & Bralma HOGAN Kerry & Dianne HOLMES Elizabeth HOLT James & Minnie JONES Noel & Olive KEARNEY Bob & Kathy LACEY George & Yvonne LANGLEY Steve & Robyn MANDER Greg & Pat MANTTAN Terry & Elaine MARRINAN Bryan & Jennifer MC GOWAN Murray & Jenni MIERS John OSBORNE Ken & Sandra ROBBINS Yvonne ROSS John & Robyn RUTHERFORD Bob & Barbara SLATTERY Ted & Mary STEGEMAN Rod & HILLER Margaret STOCKER Eddie & Sylvia TEBBIT Bob & Marilyn THOMSON Bob & Pam THORPE Jim & Sue TREVITHICK Eric & Lyn TRULOFF Bruce & Chris WALKER Ted & Fay WILSON Roger & Donna ZALEWSKI Patrick & Carolyn



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# HELLO FELLOW CARAVANERS

#### It's time to think about smoke alarms in caravans and motorhomes.

Smoke alarms are a vital safety feature for caravans and motorhomes as they can help detect fires early and give occupants time to escape.

Queensland Fire Department website <u>fire.qld.gov.au</u> contains detailed information about the smoke alarm rules and you should refer to the Department's website, but, here is my take on the smoke alarm rules.

#### Smoke alarm requirements:-

- From 1 July 2024 (i.e. 2024 not 2025) all caravans and motorhomes whose registration in Queensland is commencing for the first time, or, where ownership is being transferred must have at least one working photoelectric smoke alarm installed on the ceiling;
- From 1 January 2027 all other Queensland registered caravans and motorhomes must have at least one working photoelectric smoke alarm installed on the ceiling; and
- It is recommended that where your caravan, motorhome, or mobile home is unregistered you should nevertheless have a working smoke alarm installed in it.

#### Smoke alarm placement:-

- At least one smoke alarm should be installed inside where the bed(s) is located; and
- If you sleep outside in the annex, a smoke alarm should be installed in the annex as well.

#### Smoke alarm type:-

- The smoke alarm must meet Australian Standard 3786-2014; and
- A photoelectric smoke alarm powered by a 10-year, non-removable battery is recommended.

#### Testing smoke alarms:-

- Hold down the button for five seconds to test the smoke alarm;
- If the alarm does not sound, you need to replace the battery; and
- If you replace the battery and the alarm still does not sound, you need a new smoke alarm.

#### **Carbon monoxide alarms**

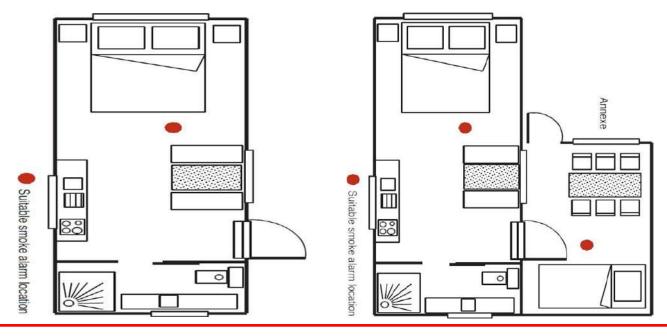
In addition to a smoke alarm, you should consider installing a carbon monoxide alarm to detect carbon monoxide from gas sources.

#### What is a photoelectric smoke alarm?

A photoelectric smoke alarm is an alarm that is more responsive to smoking, smoldering fires (such as a cigarette) while an ionization smoke alarm is an alarm that is more responsive to flaming fires i.e. where you can see the flame.

#### SUITABLE INSTALLATION LOCATIONS

You must have at least one working smoke alarm inside the van where the bed is, and an additional working smoke alarm in the annex if you sleep there.



# SOME SAFETY TIPS

Make your next trip fire safe by following these steps:

### GAS CYLINDERS

- Turn off all gas cylinders while the caravan is being towed or the mobile home engine is on.
- Keep gas cylinders outside unless a properly designed storage cupboard has been fitted.
- Turn off all appliances not being used before going to bed.
- Gas cylinders, pipes and fittings should be checked regularly, particularly after driving on country roads.

# ESCAPE PLAN

- Prepare an escape plan in case of emergencies.
- Make sure you know where escape windows and hatches are and how they work keep them and all doors clear of obstructions.

# COOKING

• Never leave cooking unattended.

# STORAGE

- Store all clothes and bedclothes well away from the kitchen area.
- Store all flammable liquids outside the caravan or mobile home.
- Ensure that the extension lead for connecting electricity supply to your caravan or motor home is in good condition and of suitable size for the current load. Damaged cords must be replaced immediately.

# **SMOKE ALARMS**

• Fit photoelectric smoke alarms with a hush button. Caravan specific ones are available from hardware stores. A hush button will silence the alarm for a short period of time allowing the air to clear.

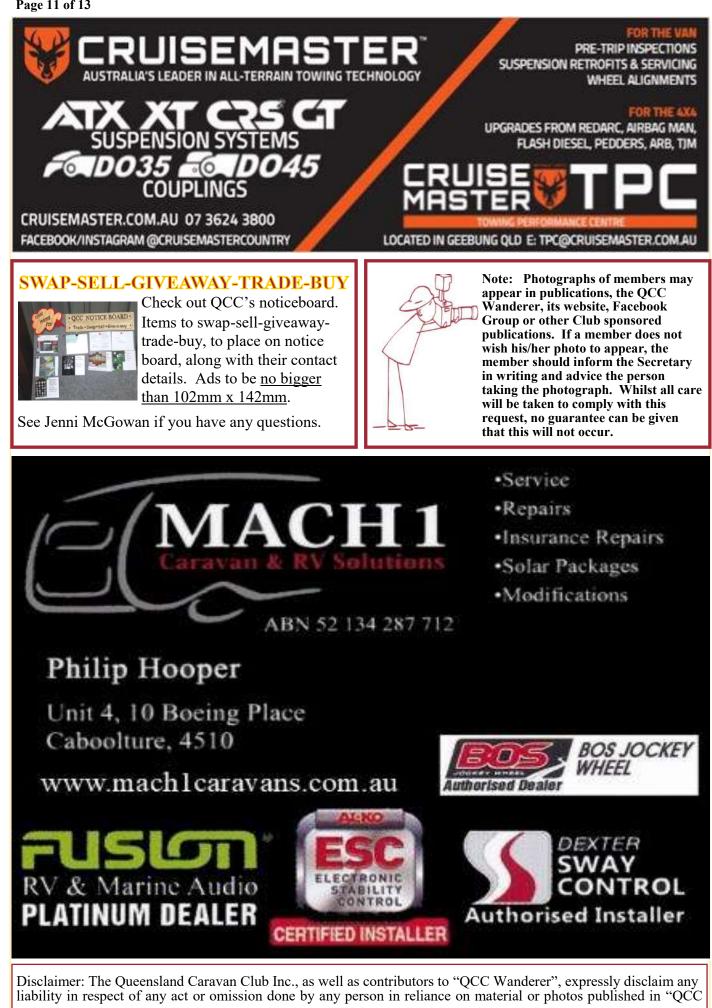
# • Battery powered photoelectric smoke alarms can be installed by anyone with home handy person skills. **OTHER FIRE SAFETY EQUIPMENT**

- Ensure you have a fire extinguisher and fire blanket. The extinguishers and fire blankets should be located near an exit where they are easily accessible and where escape is also an option.
- Make sure fire extinguishers are charged, inspected and regularly serviced.
- Check electrical appliances for frayed cords and any other visible damage, and dispose of appropriately.
- Test the safety switch before each trip.

# If anybody needs advice or an inspection on your van don't hold back, come and get me.

Prepared by Bob Chaffey,GIFireE Retired Fire Inspector



























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