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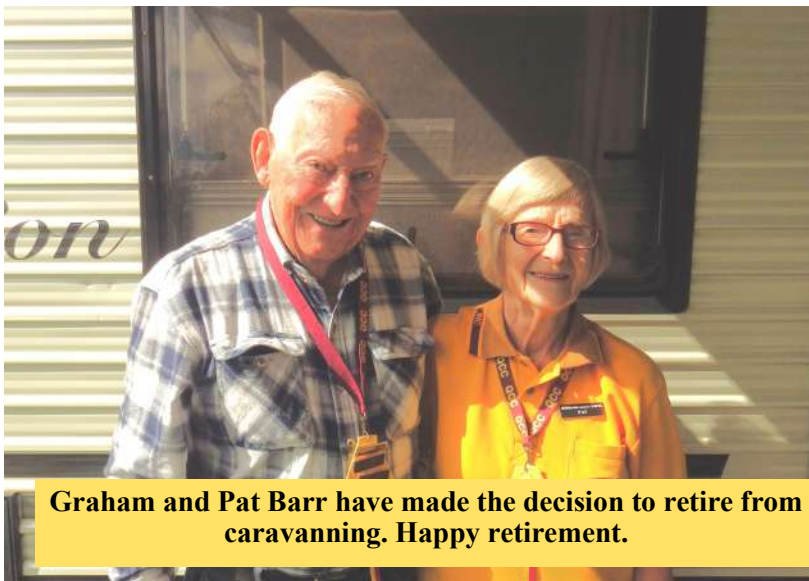
'Fellowship on Wheels'

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HILLVIEW - KINGAROY



Carmel and Beres Abraham receive their 100 rallies badge and certificate. Congratulations.



Graham and Pat Barr have made the decision to retire from caravanning. Happy retirement.



Our 76th birthday celebration was held at the Hillview Rally.



2025 RALLIES

July 09-14	KENILWORTH
August 06-11	Stanthorpe
Sept 10-15	Millmerran
Sept/Oct 29-08	Mudgee NSW NATIONAL CARAVAN CLUBS RALLY
Nov 05-10	Chinchilla
Dec 03-08	Imbil

KINGAROY RALLY

Wed 11 June to Mon 16 June

Kingaroy

Showground Caravan Park

31 Youngman St.

Kingaroy QLD 4610

EMERGENCY CALL 000

Kingaroy Hospital

166 Youngman St.

Kingaroy QLD 4610

Ph: 07 4162 9200



Nearest Intersection

YOUNGMAN / AVOCA STS.

GPS: 26°32'49.04"S

151°49'55.51"E

DUMP POINT ON SITE

DEFIBRILLATORS - Two

On Site Defibrillator is attached to the outside wall of the office and with

Rally Marshall Steve Langley



What a lovely part of the world Hillview is! This was my first visit. Having grown up over the hills from here I don't remember my family ever venturing this far on our Sunday drives. Maybe it was just a bit too far to do the round trip to and be home in time for milking in the afternoon. It was also of interest to find the stone in the long grass opposite the hall that bares a plaque identifying this was the location of the Widgee, later to become Hillview, railway station from which passengers and cream, along with other local produce were shipped to Beaudesert.

For those that did not attend, there were 25 trusty campers that did make the trip along with a couple of day visitors. While the grounds had been prepared for us the continuing showers of rain and lingering summer warmth meant that the grass was still growing strongly. The cooler evenings lent themselves to a couple of members lighting camp fires to cook their dinner followed by a bit of tall story telling as we shared company and the warmth they generated.

While regular activities of Golf and Lawn bowls were not on offer, the card makers under the guidance of Bev Green and the sewing ladies, this time with their sashiko, under my watchful eye and the crafty Ladies made good use of the halls supper room during the day. Night time saw Kevin Day teaching us some new dance steps on the beautiful dance floor that Hillview Memorial Hall is renowned for, on the Thursday evening in preparation for the Country Hoedown on the Saturday evening. Thank you, Kevin.

Saturday Morning's forum saw us welcome first timers, Cheryl And Garry King, Second timers, Willy and Daisy Hinds and the presentation of '100 Rally' badges and a certificate to Carmel & Beres Abraham. Carmel and Beres are much loved members of the Club and as I write this I'm wishing I'd taken notes of when they first joined the Club etc. etc. but I can tell you, as you are well aware, their contribution through Beres' involvement with rally marshalling and Carmel's organisation of the monthly club raffles, their support of Club activities is held in the highest of esteem. We hope that you both continue to caravan with us for a long time to come.

At this forum, as you will be aware now, I advised those present that the Committee had resolved to cancel our proposed July rally at Gin Gin. This was done because of two main concerns. Firstly the hall hire costs, even with a discount were to be \$250 per day, something we are finding is happening at a lot of our venues now and something we as a club are going to have to address in the future. Secondly, the rules of this showgrounds required us as campers to decant our grey water to a dump point and not let it go on the ground something we felt was an onerous task that would need to be done daily and unacceptable at this time. Information about the new site for July is, hopefully, included in this newsletter.

Saturday afternoon saw the Club celebrate its 76th Birthday with a special afternoon tea and birthday cupcakes made by Gail Caddies. Before this however the members were treated to a horsemanship demonstration and some whip cracking by Erin, Alex and Lilly Buchannan, friends of the Caddies who live just across the road from the hall. What a pair of 'bonza' kids Alex and Lilly are. Not only did they entertain us in the afternoon they joined in the Hoedown after dark that night taking to the floor to demonstrate their line dancing skills. Best dressed Country Gentleman was Rod Green and Donna Wilson was chosen as Best Dressed Country Lady, while Patrick and Carolyn Zalewski were awarded Best Dressed Country Couple.

Perhaps one of the most moving sights I've seen in a long time was Robyn Langley mounted on a horse and riding independently. Horses are one of Robyn's passions and to ride again, a dream come true. Thank you, Alex and 'Only' (his steady and trustworthy horse).

After paying our camping fees to treasurer, Bob Thomson and finishing off the remainders of the previous days afternoon tea treats we gathered for our Sunday forum and celebrated the achievements of the participants at the card making and sewing activities before drawing our monthly raffles. The prizes for this months' rally included two beautifully healthy plants kindly donated by Ted and Mary Slattery's daughter and son-in-law who own Ironbark Landscapes. Thank you for your generosity.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT HILLVIEW RALLY MAY 2025



As a Club we would also like to pay our respects to Adrian Savage for the recent loss of his beloved wife and Club member, Ann. Our condolences also go out to George and Yvonne Lacey for the untimely passing of their son. Sadly for George and Yvonne this is the second child they have had pass. No parent should have to farewell a child, no matter the age.

Sadly, for us our friends, Graham and Pat Barr have made the decision to hang up the keys on their caravanning days. Hillview was their last rally as camping participants. We sincerely hope that we will continue to see them as day visitors when our rallies are within easy travel distances. We commend them for making this decision for themselves and not have it forced upon them by the revenges of age. As a point of interest 78% of the QCC club members are over the age of 75. Hence within the next 5 to 10 years most of these members will have to make that decision also. As a Club we need to find ways to extend our membership and encourage younger people to join.

Lastly, I want to inform you of a proposal that has been brought to the Committee and now subsequently to you the members. The proposal is that the Saturday morning forum be moved to Friday afternoon and be part of a combined Happy Hour. That is, a combined Happy Hour would commence at 4:00pm and the forum in a simpler format would commence at 5:00pm, allowing everyone to return from the normal Friday afternoon Bowls. It is envisaged that the forum would take no longer than 30 minutes allowing members to still go out to dinner if they so wish or have dinner at home before their normal Friday evening activities. The clubs main forum would be Sunday morning with the presentation of awards etc. being done at that time. Individual 'Happy Hours' would continue on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.

This would then leave Saturday morning and afternoon, if there were no disc bowls etc. organised for the venue, for members to go and enjoy what the communities we visit have to offer. All too often we visit a community but because of the commitment to the Saturday morning forum we are not able to avail ourselves of community events and other offerings, especially for those members who try and support the activities provided at the rally site. As a Club we pride ourselves on the financial contribution we currently make but it would also be lovely to take in what the communities we visit have to offer more widely. It was also suggested that tag-along runs to local attractions could also be organised, combining a picnic lunch or lunch at a pub somewhere.

This change sits positively with the Club's objectives of promoting and developing caravanning fellowship among its members and providing social intercourse for the members of the association. Ultimately the approval to make this change lies with you the members. If you are not available to attend the next rally, at Kingaroy, please convey you feelings on this matter to the Committee in writing through the secretary - Queenslandcaravanclub@gmail.com.

Sorry this has been a little long winded,

Until our next rally,
Stay well and travel safely,
Olive



2026 CARAVAN CLUBS OF QUEENSLAND STATE RALLY

Hosted by the Roustabouts RV Club.

The 2026 State Rally will be held at Chinchilla Showgrounds
Thurs 17 Sept to Wed 23 Sept 2026

For further information or offers of assistance, please email



Roustabouts RV Club, Mike Holden on Staterallycoordinator@roustaboutsrvclub.com.au

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QCC - Established 1949

Link to QCC Website: [Queensland Caravan Club Inc](http://QueenslandCaravanClubInc.com.au)



Best Dressed lady was
Donna Wilson



Best dressed man was
Rodney Green

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Best dressed couple was
Partick and Carolyn Zalewski



REMEMBRANCE QUILT

RAFFLE

REMEMBER to return all
tickets at Kingaroy. Quilt
drawn at Kingaroy Rally.

Click on the Links below for more
information about :-

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CCQ

<http://www.caravanclubsqld.org.au>

Qld State Rally

<http://www.caravanclubsqld.org.au>

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

2026 State Rally Hosted by

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Heartsine 500P Defibrillator

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Gallery of Rally photos QCC Website

[Queensland Caravan Club Inc](http://QueenslandCaravanClubInc.com.au)

or Members can go to QCC Facebook

[\(20+\) Queensland Caravan Club Inc | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/QueenslandCaravanClubInc/)



HEARTSINE 500P Defibrillator

Members please take time to go to the website and
familiarize yourself with how to use the Defibrilla-
tor. [HeartSine 500P Online Training Link](http://HeartSine500POnlineTrainingLink.com.au)

Defibrillator Holder - Steve & Robyn Langley

Kingaroy Cinema 4 Short St, Kingaroy 07 4162 2336

[What's On - kingaroy Cinema](http://What'sOn-kingaroyCinema.com.au)

COVID AWARENESS

The virus that sparked the pandemic, **SARS-CoV-2, is still circulating**. Most people who get COVID today will experience only a mild illness. Some people are still at risk of severe illness. COVID peaks aren't seasonal, peaks appear around every six months. A negative RAT doesn't mean that you don't have COVID especially if you are symptomatic. **If you do test positive you don't have to isolate it's best to stay at home. If you do leave the house while experiencing COVID symptoms minimise the spread to others by wearing a well-fitted mask in public places such as hospitals and avoiding contact with those at higher risk of severe COVID**

BE AWARE - BE SAFE always and especially this winter season



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DIRECTIONS TO KINGAROY

From Brisbane - Via the D'Aguilar Highway turn left into River Road. On the second roundabout turn right onto the Bunya Highway (also known as Youngman Street). The Kingaroy Showgrounds will be on your left.

KINGAROY REGISTRATIONS



Members will need to provide our Secretary with car and van registration numbers to ensure hassle free entry into Kingaroy Showground.

Please forward CAR & VAN registrations to QCC Secretary Jenny Fletcher Ph: 0400 778 967

Email queenslandcaravanclub@gmail.com

Kingaroy Showground entrance is very short and all caravanners are required to stop at the office upon entering.

Two vans will fill up this space.

If more than two vans arrive at one time they will be required to form a queue on the road outside the grounds.

The concern from the Showground is that it might cause a traffic hazard.

They require our club members names, car and caravan registration numbers. This will enable the office staff to wave them straight through to our rally marshalls to minimize queueing and alleviate their safety concerns.

FIRES ALLOWED AT KINGAROY ON THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS.



- 1) You must comply with the requirements of the South Burnett Regional Council.
[Caravan and Camping Grounds Permits – South Burnett Regional Council](#)
- 2) The fire must be in a metal container that is off the ground.
- 3) The fire must be in an area that is clear of any debris e.g. dry grass.
- 4) Members are to consider where the smoke might drift to.
- 5) The member lighting the fire is responsible for the fires control and extinguishment. QCC will not be liable for any damage caused by a fire lit by a member.
- 6) Members are responsible for the cleaning of the fire site including taking home all burnt materials and firewood.
- 7) Remember to locate your fire away from flammable hazards eg gas bottle.



KINGAROY INFORMATION

Kingaroy Caretaker
Maddy 0477 011 787
Office No.: 07 4162 5037

Medical Centres

Note: All Centres closed Sat & Sun

South Burnett Medical Centre

19 Avoca St Kingaroy
07 4162 2122

Bunya Pines Family Practice

219A Haly St, Kingaroy
07 4162 2033

Taabinga Family Practice

213 Haly St, Kingaroy
07 4162 3116



SPECIAL NOTICES

- Arrive at a rally no earlier than **12 noon** on the Wednesday of that rally.
- For all matters relating to the club, you should contact the Secretary Jenny Fletcher on phone, text or email.

Ph: 0400 778 967 Email:

queenslandcaravanclub@gmail.com

- Please 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 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.
- Pets - allowed.
Please adhere to the Rules about Pets.



COURTESY CALL

If you intend to arrive at a rally late in the day, please give a courtesy call to Chief Rally Marshall

Steve Langley 0400 652 691

KINGAROY THE PEANUT CAPITAL PROGRAMME



Thursday: 12th June

6.30 Walkers
1pm Card Making with Bev Green
2.30 Tag-a-long to Mt Wooroolin
Take your own afternoon tea to the lookout.
4pm Happy Hour
Local organisers have the hall booked for the evening. **NOTE:** QCC members have been invited to join the local community in an evening of dance activities at a small cost. Check the whiteboard.

Friday: 13th June

6.30 Walkers
8am MH&WB Weigh-In
8am Rail Trail - Kingaroy
Bike ride & mobility scooters.
7am Golf
9am Craft & Chat
9am Sewing with Fay Bell
11am Committee Meeting
2pm Lawn Bowls
4pm Happy Hour
7pm Cards & Board Games



Saturday: 14th June

6.30 Walkers
9am Morning Tea
9.30 Club Forum
1.30 Pairs Disc Bowls
4pm Happy Hour
7pm Mixed Table Games



Sunday: 15th June

6.30 Walkers
8.30 Pay Treasurer
9am Morning Tea
9.30 Club Forum
4pm Happy Hour



Monday: 16th June

Next rally **KENILWORTH July 9-14**

RALLY FEES

Site Fee per night \$ 30.00 Powered
\$ 20.00 Unpowered

Administration Fee \$ 3.00

Hall Hire \$ 3.00

IF USING EFTPOS a 1.6%

of your bill will be added automatically to your rally fees. Any queries contact our Treasurer Bob Thomson on 0417 150 201.



TAG-A-LONG TO MT WOOROLIN Thursday 2.30pm



BYO Afternoon Tea to Mt Wooroolin Lookout

Assemble: - See the Club's notice board – car pooling would be a great idea.

What to take: Chairs, your afternoon tea, a beverage and maybe a jacket.

Lead Vehicle: Noel & Olive's Silver 100 series Landcruiser

Directions: From the Showground travel north along the Bunya Highway to Haly Street. Turn left into Haly Street. Travel west approx. 2.3km then turn right into Mt Wooroolin Road. Travel 600m then turn left into Mt Wooroolin Lookout road. Travel 1km to the picnic area and lookout. Afternoon tea under the shade shed.

RAIL TRAIL - BIKES, MOBILITY SCOOTERS



Friday 8.00am

Kingaroy to Wondai (30km)
Wondai to Murgon (13.9km)
Murgon to Goomeri (17.2km)
Goomeri to Kilkivan (27.7km)

- * Kingaroy, Wooroolin, Tingoora, Wondi, Murgon Goomeri, Kilkivan facilities - toilets & drinking water.
- * The facilities at Memerambi have toilets only.
- * Most of the rail trail has mobile phone reception.
- * Dogs on leash are permitted on all sections of the trail.

Kingaroy to Murgon (43.9km) It is an asphalt trail for walkers and cyclists only. Several bridges have been restored. There is a short section (400m) of unsealed trail from the Kingaroy trailhead to the Bunya Highway crossing. The asphalt commences on the other side of the highway.

Murgon to Goomeri (17.2km) The unsealed trail surface is variable. Much of this section is good, firm gravel. There is exposed rock ballast from underneath the (removed) old sleepers and tracks in sections and there are sandy sections that can be challenging to cycle. Some steep gully crossings which may have water in them at times. Many gates to open.

Goomeri to Kilkivan (27.7km) no water available on this section. The trail surface has a gravel and dirt surface that, mostly, is in good firm condition. It is an unsealed shared path for walkers, cyclists and equestrians. There are some rough gully crossings under existing old railway bridges that require care. Many gates to open.

Happy Cycling

CARD MAKING with Bev Green

Thursday 1.00pm

Cost \$5.00

You will need to phone or text Bev Green on 0418 881 890 if you want to join the class at Kingaroy.

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.



KINGAROY GOLF CLUB



Friday 7.00am

Bunya Hwy, Kingaroy

Ph: 07 4162 1720

9 Holes Green Fees \$21 / Buggy Fees \$21
Buggies must be booked after 8.00am.

MENTAL HEALTH & WELL-BEING

New 6 month challenge starts at Kingaroy Rally
Weigh-In Friday 8.00am

No Joining Fee.

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. Your weight will be recorded.



If you gain weight you will pay \$1 to our charity.

See you for weigh-in at Kingaroy.

LAWN BOWLS AT KINGAROY

Friday 2.00pm START

Cost \$10 per person

Kingaroy Bowls Club

141 Youngman Street, Kingaroy

Ph: 07 4162 1404

Register by printing your name in the Lawn Bowls book.



MIXED TABLE GAMES NIGHT

Saturday 7.00 pm

Come along and join in the fun



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. Quilting cotton is NOT suitable

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.

PAIRS DISC BOWLS

Saturday start 1.30pm

Competition is open to all. Your team may be two men, two ladies, or a man and a lady. All welcome to play.

Come along and join in the fun.

Nominations close 5pm on Friday

- ♦ Saturday Setup at 1pm
- ♦ Commence play at 1.30pm

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 TO
THE KINGAROY RALLY.**

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 Lyn Trevithick, Shirley Sheehan, Jacky Smith, John Dow and Carol Day. Also with the families of George & Yvonne Lacey and Adrian Savage.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

06 **VAN WYK** Linda
11 **MUNRO** Jan
13 **CUZZOLARO** Toni
13 **FARRELL** Denise
16 **OSBORNE** Sandra
16 **TEBBIT** Bob
20 **JAMES** Margaret



21 **MARRINAN** Jennifer
22 **MC NAB** Ken
23 **SHEEHAN** Denise
24 **MANTTAN** Terry
26 **ZALEWSKI** Patrick
26 **GREEN** Bev
28 **STOCKER** Sylvia
29 **GREEN** Col

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

04 **SHEEHAN** Graham & Shirley
05 **BREARLEY** Paul & Di
07 **VAN WYK** Richard & Linda
11 **BURDETT** Ivan & Robyn
14 **FARRELL** Ian & Denise
18 **FLETCHER** Keith & Jenny
19 **TREVITHICK** Eric & Lyn
25 **STEPHENSON** Tony & Sue



WINNERS

Lucky Van Winners are:-

- Bob & Pam **Thomson**
- Patrick & Caroline **Zalewski**



Each of them have won two free nights at the **NEXT NON-CARAVAN PARK RALLY** they attend.

Raffle WINNERS

Lucky No. \$50 Bob & Marilyn **TEBBIT**

\$50 Voucher - Barry **GIBSON**
Plant & Frame - Greg **MANDER**
Plant - Olive **JONES**

QCC's contribution to **Hillview** community:

Camp fees	\$ 1,088.00
Other	\$ 686.00
Total	\$ 1,774.00



MAY ANNIVERSARIES



HILLVIEW RALLY ATTENDEES

25 -VANS

DAY VISITORS: Toni and Nida **CUZZOLARO**, Bill and Denise **WAYCOTT**, Ray and Pam **MACDONALD**, Vanessa, Ruby and Ivy **SHEEDY**. The daughter and granddaughters of Ted & Mary Slattery.

FIRST TIME VISITORS: Gary & Cheryl **KING**

SECOND TIME VISITORS: William & Donna **HINDS**

ABRAHAM Beres & Carmel **ADAMS** Roger & Laurel **BARR** Graham & Pat **BELL** Greg & Fay **CADDIES** Ray & Gail **DAY** Kevin & Carol **EDNEY** Dennis & Heather **FITZGIBBON** Colin **FLETCHER** Keith & Jenny **GIBSON** Barry & Wendy **GREEN** Rod & Bev **HOLMES** Elizabeth **JONES** Noel & Olive **JUDGE** David & Helen **KEARNEY** Bob & Kathy **LANGLEY** Steve & Robyn **MANDER** Greg & Pat **SLATTERY** Ted & Mary **TEBBIT** Bob & Marilyn **THOMSON** Bob & Pam **TRULOFF** Bruce & Chris **WILSON** Roger & Donna **ZALEWSKI** Patrick & Carolyn

Rally Marshall: Steve Langley



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.



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QUEENSLAND CARAVAN CLUB INC.

WHEN RESPONDING TO EMERGENCY ALARM BRING:

- A MOBILE PHONE
- FIRST AID KIT
- FIRE EXTINGUISHER
- DEFIBRILLATOR

This Emergency Procedure directs you:-

- To react to an emergency as quickly as possible; and
- Not to place your life or the life of anyone else in danger.

1. 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.

2. ASSESS EMERGENCY AND TAKE ACTION AS REQUIRED.

3. ACTIVATE EMERGENCY PLUS APP IF REQUIRED

- Open App on your phone.
- Follow prompts.

OR

DIAL 000 AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS.

Details of the nearest street or intersection are in the Club's First Aid Kit and in the "QCC Wanderer".

4. A COMMITTEE MEMBER WILL BRING THE DEFIBRILLATOR, FIRST AID BOX AND FIRE EXTINGUISHER

5. IF REQUIRED, OPEN AND FOLLOW PROMPTS ON THE DEFIBRILLATOR

6. COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO MANAGE SCENE UNTIL PROFESSIONAL HELP ARRIVES.

Preferably two committee members to act as follows:-

- One to assist at the emergency scene; and
- The other to manage communication with Emergency Services and with other QCC members.

7. A COMMITTEE MEMBER TO DIRECT OTHERS.

To wait at entry point to direct emergency vehicles within the grounds. Some members may be required at intermediate points to help with directions for emergency vehicles.

8. IF YOUR ASSISTANCE IS NOT NEEDED AT THE SCENE OF THE EMERGENCY, Go to the designated **Emergency Assembly Point** and await instructions. If the **Emergency Assembly Point** has not been designated go to the main entrance of the hall and await instructions.

***BE FAMILIAR WITH THIS EMERGENCY PROCEDURE
AND ALWAYS RESPOND TO AN ALARM.***

As approved at Committee Meeting, July 2023



KINGAROY, QLD

Kingaroy is known as the 'Peanut Capital of Australia'. During the 1980s it was one of Australia's best known country towns because it was the home of the late Sir Johannes Bjelke-Petersen, long time Premier of Queensland, would-be aspirant Prime Minister in the 'Joh for PM' campaign, and one of the most controversial, frustrating and entertaining politicians of recent times. Today the town is dominated by peanuts. There are big peanut signs in the street; a peanut selling point known as 'The Peanut Van' sells the local product around South East

Queensland and as far south as Casino; the huge peanut silos dominate the town; and even the Visitors Centre has peanuts for sale. The district is now one of Australia's major peanut producers with part of the crop being exported to New Zealand, Britain and Japan.

Location Kingaroy is located 212 km north-west of Brisbane via Caboolture and Nanango. It is 431 m above sea level.

Origin of Name Kingaroy was probably named after a local Aboriginal word for a small red ant. A book of local Aboriginal words explains that it is: "Derived from 'king', a small black ant, and 'dhu'roi', meaning hungry. The name was suggested by a local Aboriginal helper of the surveyor, Hector Munro, who surveyed the original grazing holding. The ants were a pest at the survey camp."

THINGS TO SEE AND DO

KINGAROY INFORMATION, ART AND HERITAGE PRECINCT

The ideal starting point for any visit to Kingaroy is the Kingaroy Information, Art and Heritage Precinct which includes a number of historic buildings including Carroll's Cottage, the Carrollee Hotel and the Shire's earliest Council Chambers. The complex includes the Kingaroy Regional Art Gallery, Visitor Information Centre, Heritage Museum, and an interpretative area.

KINGAROY HERITAGE MUSEUM -

Located as part of the Information, Art and Heritage Precinct at 128 Haly Street, the town's Heritage Museum is housed in the old Power House which dates from 1925.

The history of the local peanut industry is a main focus of the collection, with exhibits of agricultural machinery showing the ingenuity and inventiveness of the local farmers and trades people. Machinery for farming peanuts was not available in the early 1920s, so farmers invented their own. The first being a bicycle powered thresher built in 1909, then an American-made wheat thresher was converted by a local farmer to thresh peanuts. In the late 1920s Mr Harry Young designed and built his very own dinosaur – a stationary peanut thresher



HISTORIC BUILDINGS

St Michael and All Angels Church Located at 2-6 Alford Street,

Carroll Cottage Located at 6 Edward Street

Kingaroy Shire Council Chambers Located at 126 Haly Street.

Kingaroy Peanut Silos Located at 117-131 Haly Street,

The Peanut Van Located at 77 Kingaroy Street,

Kingaroy Observatory The Kingaroy Observatory is located at Geoff Raph Drive near Kingaroy Airport

Lookouts

There are two lookouts around the town. (i) Mt Wooroolin Lookout can be accessed by driving west on Haly Street and turning right into Mount Wooroolin Road. It is 7 km from the centre of town (ii) Apex Park in Fisher Street (turn north of Haly Street) offers impressive panoramic views over the town.

OTHER ATTRACTIONS IN THE AREA

Taabinga Homestead Located at 7 Old Taabinga Road, Haly Creek is the historic Taabinga Homestead. .

Kingaroy to Kilkivan Rail Trail This 88 km rail trail was opened in 2017 and "traverses undulating farmland and some bushland, with several towns along the route and points of interest. The Kilkivan to Murgon section is built to basic standard while the Murgon to Kingaroy "South Burnett Rail Trail" section is built to a higher standard having a sealed surface.

Bunya Mountains National Park Located 57 km south-west of Kingaroy

Barker Creek Circuit - a 10 km circuit (about 3-4 hours) of medium difficulty, from the Dandabah Picnic Area,

Barker Creek Lookout Track - 5.4 km one way (2 hours) from the Paradise Car Park which follows Barker Creek and passes Paradise and Little Falls before reaching the Big Falls Lookout.

Bunya Bunya Track - only 500 m one way from the Dandabah Picnic Area (10 mins walking time)

Cherry Plain to Burtons Well Track - 6 km one way (2 hours) from the Burtons Well Picnic Area, .

Koondaii Circuit - a challenging 2.5 km circuit (1 hour) down a steep slope from the Westcott Picnic Area

Mount Kiangarow Track - a 2.3 km return walk from Burtons Well Picnic

Paradise to Westcott Track - a 3.2 km one way walk (2 hours) from the Paradise Car Park

Scenic Circuit - a 4 km circuit (90 minutes) from Dandabah Picnic Area

Westcott to Cherry Plain Track - a 4.8 km one way (2 hours) challenging walk



HISTORY

- * Prior to European settlement the area was occupied by the Waka Waka Aboriginal people.
- * The Kingaroy area was opened up in the 1840s when Henry Stuart Russell and the Haly brothers moved into the area in 1843.
- * Taabinga Station homestead was built in 1846.
- * In 1878 the area where the town now stands was settled by the Markwell Brothers.
- * Areas of Taabinga Station were set aside for a town as early as the 1880s and the town was established at one corner of the property.
- * In 1902 serious development of the town centre began. In the next five years the town grew rapidly.
- * In 1904 the railway reached the town and Kingaroy became the terminus. That year the Post Office and Police Station were built and the first hotel was constructed.
- * In 1907 Taabinga Station was opened up for closer settlement and a butter factory was built.
- * Between 1908-1910 Methodist, Anglican, Catholic and Presbyterian churches were built in the town.
- * In 1910 a School of Arts was built.
- * By 1911 the railway line had been extended to Nanango.
- * Kingaroy Shire was proclaimed in 1912.
- * The local High School was opened in 1918.
- * The Kingaroy Hospital was opened in 1919.
- * By 1924 a local power station was providing the town with electricity.
- * In the 1920s the first significant crops of peanuts was harvested.
- * The first peanut silo was built in 1928.
- * By 1929 the local butter factory was producing 100 tons of butter a week.
- * The Kingaroy Lutheran Church was opened in 1936.
- * In 1942 the RAAF used the town as a training area for eight squadrons.
- * A swimming pool was built in the town in 1953.
- * The Kingaroy High School opened in 1958.
- * In 1959 snow fell in the town.
- * By the 1960s Kingaroy had the largest pork abattoir in Queensland.
- * The local butter factory was closed in 1977.
- * A Lutheran Primary School opened in 1989.
- * The Booie Range Distillery opened in 2001.
- * The centenary of Kingaroy was celebrated in 2004.
- * The Kingaroy Council Offices, headquarters of the South Burnett Regional Council, were opened in 2008.
- * In 2013 Cyclone Oswald dropped 230 mm of rain on the town one night resulting in severe flooding.
- * The Kingaroy Observatory opened in 2015.
- * A new Court House opened in 2018.

