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'Fellowship on Wheels'

EDITION 08/2025

STANTHORPE - MILLMERRAN



CONGRATULATIONS to Ted & Mary Slattery.
Their 50 rally badge & certificate was presented by
President Olive Jones.



QCC tag-a-long was well patronized by our members. Christmas Farm, Heeremans' Collections of Italian Cars & Motorcycles, Daniella's She Shed, Simon Fraser's Train Barn & Heavenly Chocolate Shop.



2025 RALLIES

Sept 29-Oct 08 Mudgee NSW
NATIONAL CARAVAN CLUBS RALLY

Nov 05-10 Chinchilla
QCC General Meeting

Dec 03-08 Imbil

2026 RALLIES

Jan 07-12 Kenilworth

Feb 04-09 Oakey

RALLY INFORMATION

Wed 10 Sept to Mon 15 Sept

MILLMERRAN SHOWGROUND

171 Millmerran Cecil Plains Rd
Millmerran QLD 4357

EMERGENCY CALL 000

Millmerran Hospital
50-60 Commens St
Millmerran QLD 4357
07 4695 3111



NEAREST INTERSECTION

Weaver St &
Millmerran Cecil Plains Road

GPS: -27.8600453, 151.2782182

DUMP POINT

ON SITE - near the lower end of
Walpole St.

DEFIBRILLATOR

ON SITE and with
Rally Marshall Steve Langley



Our Club's August rally saw our members visit Stanthorpe, as a Club, for only the third time in the Club's history. One of those previous rallies was a state rally, so for many of us this was new territory to explore and explore we did. True to its reputation, Stanthorpe also turned on some real winter weather. From clear cold days with even colder nights to drizzly cold days we were not deterred from enjoying the delights the region had to offer from wine and cheese tastings to sampling the finest chocolate.

Thursday

With the majority of the caravans parked up, the usual Thursday activities commenced after lunch. This rally we made use of the Tea Pavillion at the showgrounds. This building, built in 1910 is only one of five of its kind left in Australia using this particular design to achieve the large open space under the roof without floor supports in the central space.

First off was Bev Green's card making, which tested our fine motor skills with the fine lacework we made to decorate the front of our cards. Michael Burdette's aspiring artists followed attempting a variety of subjects. With thanks to Jeanette Chaffey and Marilyn Tebbit, for their organisation, a large number of us made our way to the Stanthorpe RSL for a very enjoyable dinner in good company.

Friday

Friday saw the first of the tag-a-longs venture out into a cold and wet morning to the Granite Belt Christmas Farm. While the weather was unkind the venue had lots to offer in the way of variety of Christmas decorations housed in three different shops. Probably the most popular was the one housing the café which served piping hot, hot chocolate and coffees which warmed the stomachs, if not the souls, of many of us.

Sadly, due to the weather, both the golf and bowls for this rally had to be cancelled.

Saturday

After a cuppa and a chat, we settled in for the Saturday morning forum. Sadly, once more, we took a minute to reflect on the life of past member Colin Green, who had passed away in the previous week. If you have a birth, death or marriage certificate issued in the 1980's you may well have Colin's signature on it as he was the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages during this period.

The morning forum also celebrated the achievement of 50 rallies for Ted and Mary Slattery. Ted and Mary have missed very few rallies since joining the club and achieved their 50 rallies in just over four and half years. After the forum the second tag-a-long set off to its destination, a whole 2.3kms from the showgrounds. Here we were hosted by Michael and Daniella Heeremans. While Michael shared his passion for Alfa Romeos with his workshop and prize collection of cars and motorbikes, Danielle entertained the ladies with her 'she-shed' and then a tour of their restored Queenslander home and its collection of collectables. It was then back to showgrounds for lunch and to regroup.

The afternoon saw the third tag-a-long assemble for the trip to Simon Fraser's Model train shed at Wyberba, 30 kms to the south of Stanthorpe. On arrival, Simon greeted the 28 of us with a pot-belly stove sporting a roaring fire and an afternoon tea spread that we had not expected. Many of our model train loving members, and a lot of the rest of us also, were green with envy with his shed which sported full lining, VJ panelling, dado-rail and carpeted floors. As a sign of appreciation, we did a quick whip around collection, which I had the pleasure of giving to Simon for hosting us in such a hospitable manner. After this many of us indulged our sweet tooth with a visit to the 'Heavenly Chocolate' shop and café.

Saturday evening, we tried our luck at bingo. Initially the calls left all of us wanting numbers over 76 when the barrel was empty. The reason, this bingo kit only went to 75 not the 90 on our playing cards. Luckily Robyn Langley had her phone handy with the trusty random number app. Consequently, we were soon back on track. Thankyou to Steve Langley, Bingo caller extraordinaire, Robyn Langley, Gail Caddies and Linda Jones for your efforts. We all enjoyed the laughs along the way.

Sunday

After paying our camp fees, enjoying a cuppa and a chat the rally was wrapped up with the Sunday morning Forum. While many members departed after this, there was a number that stayed on to enjoy the Markets in the Mountains being held in the showgrounds main pavilion and to take in a display of cars and machinery at the Stanthorpe Historic Vehicle and Machinery Group's shed which was also on the grounds.

Sunday evening saw those of us who stayed behind gather around a fire for happy hour which was followed by a cook-up in the Tea Pavillion for dinner.

Stanthorpe is certainly one venue that we are all looking forward to visiting again in the near future, for there is still much to explore.

Until Millmerran, stay safe, stay healthy and remember our motto of 'Fellowship on wheels'!

Olive Jones, President

HOW TO GET TO MILLMERRAN FROM BRISBANE

Ipswich Motorway, keep left to A2 Warrego HWay, continue to Toowoomba bypass A39 Gore High way, At Millmerran, turn first right into Millmerran Cecil Plains Road, continue to showgrounds gate displaying the QCC Banner.

Nearest Intersection:

Weaver St & Millmerran Cecil Plains Rd

MILLMERRAN SHOWGROUNDS



Gates are NOT locked at night.
Grey water is allowed on the ground.
Large mats can be placed under awnings.
Open fires are allowed if contained in a fire box which is off the ground. The fire area is to be cleaned of all ash and debris.

OTHER CLUB INFORMATION

As costs continue to increase, the Committee has decided to make our rallies cost neutral so as not to be a burden on club's finances.

To this end at all rallies commencing at Millmerran rally, hall fees of \$5.00 per van will be charged to members.

'Lucky Van Draws' will now be limited to two draws, each of one night's fees on the usual conditions.



COVID AWARENESS

A new COVID variant '*Stratus*' designated by the World Health Organization (WHO) as *a variant under monitoring* is spreading fast.

To reduce the risk of transmission, wearing a mask in crowded indoor settings, focusing on air quality and ventilation to protect against COVID is recommended and continuing with hand washing and sanitising when possible. More information is available in the COVID-19 folder at each rally.

REMEMBER BE AWARE - BE SAFE



HEARTSINE 500P Defibrillator

Members please take time to go to the website and familiarize yourself with how to use the Defibrillator.



NOTE: The green flag indicates where the Defibrillator is located at a rally. Please take note of where the green flag is.

HeartSine 500P Online Training Link

QCC Defibrillator Holder - Steve & Robyn Langley

INFORMATION

Millmerran Showground

Caretaker for Millmerran
Allen Hunter 0493 448 164

Millmerran MPHS Primary Clinic

45 Campbell St.
Millmerran
Ph.07 4616 6610



Millmerran Pharmacy

43 Campbell St
Millmerran
07 4695 1458
Closed Sun



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 Assistant Secretary Barbara Rutherford on phone, text or email.
Ph: 0409 480 390 Email: queenslancarvanclub@gmail.com
- Please contact our Assistant 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.
- Next General Meeting will be held in November at Chinchilla rally.

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

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QCC - Established 1949

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

MILLMERRAN the 'Gateway to the Outback'



Thursday: 11 Sept

- 6.30 Walkers
- 1pm Card Making
- 2.30 Art
- 4pm Happy Hour
- 7pm Cards & Board Games



Friday: 12 Sept

- 6.30 Walkers
- 7am Golf
- 9am Craft & Chat
- 9am Hand Sewing
- 11am Committee Meeting
- 2pm Lawn Bowls
- 4pm Happy Hour
- 7pm Cards & Board Games



Saturday: 13 Sept

- 6.30 Walkers
- 8.30 MH&WB Weigh-In
- 8.30 Morning Tea
- 9am Club Forum
- 1.30 Open Singles Disc Bowls
- 4pm Happy Hour
- 6.30 Pot Luck Dinner followed with mystery games



Sunday: 14 Sept

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



Monday: 15 Sept SAFE TRAVELS

Sept 29 - Oct 08
NATIONAL CARAVAN CLUBS RALLY
MUDGEES NSW

NO CLUB RALLY FOR OCTOBER

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Qld State Rally

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

National Rally NACC

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

2026 State Rally Hosted by

Roustabouts RV Club

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Heartsine 500P Defibrillator

[HeartSine 500P Online Training Link](http://HeartSine500POnlineTrainingLink.com)

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/)

RALLY FEES

Site Fee \$30 per night
 \$25 unpowered

Administration Fee \$ 3.00
Hall Hire Fee \$ 5.00



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.

CARD MAKING with Bev Green

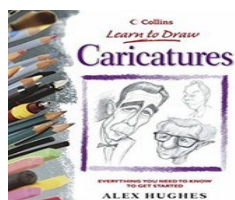
Thursday 1.00pm
Cost \$5.00

You will need to phone or text Bev Green 0418881890 if you want to join the class at Millmerran.

If you are travelling onto the National rally you will not need your full kit.



Requirements for this card -
STICKY TAPE & SCISSORS.



ART

Thursday 2.30pm

No art teacher at this rally. Try your hand at drawing caricatures.

Suggested book - C. Collins
Alex Hughes Learn to Draw Caricatures.

MILLMERRAN SEWING

Friday 9.00am

**Zip-itself Zipper Coin Purse –
NO MACHINE NEEDED.**

Requirements

1 x 20" dress zip
1 m x 5/8 (15mm) ribbon
150mm of narrow ribbon for purse loop
Cotton to match
Sewing Needle
Pins
Scissors



MILLMERRAN GOLF CLUB

Friday 7.00am

Campbell St, Millmerran
07 4695 1476



CRAFT & CHAT GROUP

Friday at 9.00am

Check the whiteboard for location.



LAWN BOWLS

Friday 2.00pm START
\$6 per person

Millmerran Bowls Club
38 Walpole St, Millmerran
Robin 07 4695 1169



Register your name in the Lawn Bowls book. Any queries contact Bob Thomson.

MENTAL HEALTH & WELL-BEING

Weigh-In Saturday 8.30am



If you gain weight you will pay \$1 to our charity. Further information contact Minnie 0431210278

OPEN SINGLES DISC BOWLS

Saturday start 1.30pm

Competition is open to all. 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 Millmerran rally.

MILLMERRAN CAMP OVEN HAS BEEN CANCELLED

and replaced with a
POT LUCK DINNER



POT LUCK DINNER
Saturday 6.30pm

- BYO Dinner (no need to share)
- BYO cutlery, plates/bowls,
- Urn will be on for a cuppa.
- Followed with games & activities.



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
Roustabouts RV Club are seeking assistance for the organising of parking sites, water & power to each site. As well as the organising of the Mini Drag races.
Further information please contact Mike Holden of Roustabouts RV Club.

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

Pam MacDonald,
Stewie Hornibrook
Tom Smith
Denise Waycott

Our thoughts are also with Col Green's family and friends.

Thank you to Mary Slattery for her kind donation of a book of stamps to help with the costs of sending out cards to QCC members wishing them all a quick recovery.

2031-21st NATIONAL CARAVAN CLUBS RALLY is to be held in Queensland.

CCQ is seeking assistance to organise a start-up committee.
If interested contact Barbara Rutherford on 0409 480 390 or email ccqsecretary@gmail.com



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- 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.

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



QCC Care Package for Barmardes Charity at Mudgee

The photo is a sample of suggested items to include in the bathroom package for those members who wish to put together a donation for taking to the National rally and will be passed onto Barmardes Charity at Mudgee.

Items for men, women and/or children e.g. - Toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner, wipes, cake of soap, body wash, vaseline, hairbrush, comb, hand towels, towels, creams etc.

If you wish to have your name added to the item see Heather Edney.

Michael Burdette will be running the Art Classes on Wed 1st Oct.

You must purchase your own kit. Listed below are what you will need.

Sketch Drawing Set Signature 30pc includes: 9 x graphite pencils Woodless graphite pencil (6B) 3 x graphite sticks (2B, 6B, 12B) 3 x charcoal sticks (hard, medium, soft) 3 x charcoal pencils (hard, medium, soft) 4 x coloured charcoal pencils (white, sanguine, sepia, burnt sienna) Eraser & sharpener, Sandpaper block Paper stump, Tortillon 50 A4 sheets sketching diary (210 x 297mm, 8.3 x 11.7in) .

Tai Chi - catch up with our own, Lyn Hill for a session of Tai Chi Qigong Shabashi. Flowing movements that harmonise mind, body and breath.



Charity Donations Please note that they still need knitted or crocheted 8" x 8" squares. The intention is to join these squares, during our Yarn & Yarn sessions at Mudgee. The squares will be joined making useful items for the charities.

Disc Bowls QCC representatives for the National Disc Bowls Competition are Greg Mander & Steve Langley.





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07 Rob **FORSTER**
 08 Bob **RUTHERFORD**
 09 Jenni **MC GOWAN**
 09 Shane **JONES**
 09 Bruce **TRULOFF**
 10 Alf **HINSON**
 10 Bryan **MARRINAN**



14 Keith Mc **CALLUM**
 20 Lynda **FLEWELL-SMITH**
 21 Fay **WALKER**
 22 Jan **KIRBY**
 22 Michael **LILLIS**
 26 Lyn **CRAGG**
 29 Bob **THOMSON**

ANNIVERSARIES FOR SEPTEMBER

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



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



WINNERS

Lucky Van Winners are:-

- ♦ Helen & David Judge
- ♦ Pam & Bob Thomson

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

Lucky No. Winner \$45 - Jenni McGown

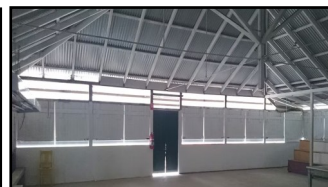
Raffle WINNERS

- Pam Thomson - Club \$50 Voucher
- Pam Thomson - Teapot & Cup
- Bralma Hine - Chocolates & Picture Frame

QCC's contribution to
Stanthorpe community

Camp fees	\$ 4,590.00
Other	<u>\$10,324.00</u>
Total	<u>\$14,914.00</u>

Over the past couple of months Ray MacDonald has collected \$1,070.00 in the recycling of cans. Thankyou so very much Ray.



QCC meeting place at Stanthorpe Showgrounds was the Tea Pavilion. Built in 1910 the pavilion is the oldest building on the showgrounds site.

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STANTHORPE RALLY ATTENDEES

38 -VANS

ADAMS John **BELL** Greg & Fay **BURDETTE** Michael & **SIFFLEET** Lesley **CADDIES** Ray & Gail
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FARRELL Ian & Denise **GIBSON** Barry & Wendy **GREEN** Rod & Bev **HILLER** Margaret **HINE** Andy &
Bralma **HINSON** Alf & Desley **HOGAN** Kerry & Dianne **HOLMES** Elizabeth **JONES** Noel & Olive
JONES Shane & Linda **JUDGE** David & Helen **KEARNEY** Bob & Kathy **KERKIN** Nev & Susan **LACEY**
George & Yvonne **LANGLEY** Steve & Robyn **MANDER** Greg & Pat **MARRINAN** Bryan & Jennifer
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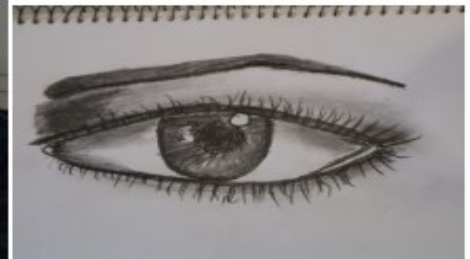
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Budding artists display their work from Stanthorpe rally.



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IMBIL SHOWGROUNDS CHRISTMAS RALLY CHRISTMAS MEAL



Imbil caterers will prepare a smorgasbord style meal. The menu will consist of warm ham and turkey with salads followed by a choice of sticky date pudding or pavlova nests with fruit and cream.

Cost of meal is \$25 per person.

Payment of Christmas meal can be paid to the treasurer as from Millmerran rally.



IT COULD ONLY HAPPEN TO GEORGE

Mishaps that followed George to and at Stanthorpe Rally.

1. Blow out of caravan tyre travelling to the rally.
2. Tag-a-long George turned R instead of L.
3. Car alarm set off by the wind and QCC emergency plan went into action with no George to be found.
4. No pressure in car tyre - it looked flat.

George, Good luck in getting to the National Rally in Mudgee.

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Card making at Stanthorpe with Bev Green



Happy Hour in the Stanthorpe Tea Pavillon





Stanthorpe Rally



Stanthorpe Tag-a-long visits

