



# THE BULLETIN

## PRESIDENTS REPORT AUGUST 2019

By the time that you read this bulletin a number of you will have left or will be about to leave for Albany for the National Rally, and we do wish you all a safe and trouble-free trip. I know that you will have already spent many dollars on tyres, suspension and servicing of your cars and vans to have that trouble-free trip. Talking of dollars spent, do not forget your LEOD recordings please.

Earlier this year we sent out some information regarding hire agreement forms for show-grounds in an attempt to inform clubs of the expectations of our insurer after some clubs had the need to change venues. Since then the CCQ has had more queries about these forms as well as being asked why the CCQ had not made clubs aware of what to watch out for. At the delegate meeting on Monday night I spoke of this again and made available an info sheet for the delegates to take back to their clubs.

The main concern is that these agreements are treated as "our standard agreement form" which is fine if nothing goes wrong, BUT if something does go wrong then there is the potential for a club to have problems.

At the delegate meeting we had a guest speaker Sharon Whitchurch-Bell from an organization which Sharon has spearheaded called **Hypodrive**, which I know that some of our clubs are aware of, as she has appointments with them. Sharon had quite a personal story to tell and full credit to her for what she is doing and the CCQ are very happy to be working with her.

The Scout Association have an issue with some of their campsites as councils have a narrow interpretation of site zoning as people using these grounds should have a connection with scouting. With this in mind they initiated a process where families can, by paying \$20 per year, become **Supporters of Scouting**.

Barbara and I set up a meeting with Scouting Queensland last week with the hope that the CCQ can implement a bulk supporter program on behalf of all our affiliates. We will update you when we hear back.

A couple of other items that were raised at the delegate meeting included the **truck friendly program** where stickers and a leaflet were available, and we are sending out the itinerary for the International Caravan Assoc. East Coast Tour so that members may be able to catch up with them as they pass through.

On Monday morning I was invited to attend a forum on RV ROAD TOURISM in Qld. sponsored by the CMCA which brought together speakers from sporting, local government, private businesses, RV organization and others to look at a vision and action plan effecting RV tourism. There is a focus on three pieces of current policy that can restrict, make difficult or stop the development of changes that are needed if further develop not just local but overseas RV travel options as well. We were given a research document which makes interesting reading and other material will be made available as it comes to hand.

A few weeks ago, I joined up with members from the Toowoomba and QCC clubs at the showground but there are still some costing questions to finalize so we are not ready to sign off as yet. However, the dates are from 17<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept. and a backup site has been arranged.

Keep well and travel safe

Adrian



## Locality Expenditure Online Database (LEOD)

### Club Summary Expenditure Reports

Report is using the following Criteria.

Years	2019
States	QLD
Club	Clubs in this State
LGA/s	All LGAs across Australia
Localities	All Localities
Venue/s	All Venues

Participating Clubs	30			
Events	182	Max	Min	Avg
Vans	2963	94	1	16.28
Localities	95			
Local Government Areas	31			

Venues	Visits	Site Expenditures
Caravan Park	59	\$113,046.00
Free Stay	4	\$0.00
N/A	2	\$0.00
Other	21	\$19,668.00
Scout Ground	6	\$8,242.00
Showground	90	\$118,058.00
National Park	0	\$0.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$259,013.00</b>

#### Expenditures

Fuel	\$68,505.00
Major	\$29,763.00
Meals	\$187,596.00
Other	\$207,725.00
Site	\$259,013.00
Tours	\$812.00

#### Total Expenditures

	2019	\$753,214.00
	2018	\$1,441,928.00
Since	2014	\$6,847,861.00

## CARAVAN REPAIRS - RESEARCH PROJECT

I recently received a request from the Caravan Council to find caravan owners willing to take part in a research project aimed at identifying and reporting on safety issues related to caravans .

Rin Klasen

Director/Company Secretary/Public Officer

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### **Caravan repairs - Research Project** *(note specifically safety related only)*

The Australian National University, ANU College of Law is conducting research to identify whether the Australian consumer law and the Australian vehicle standards are ineffective in ensuring that only caravans that are fit for purpose are used on Australian roads.

A survey is being conducted looking for details of the consumer experience in obtaining remedies for defects in caravan manufacturer. ANU is interested in finding out **about your experience with defects that render the vehicle unsafe to tow.** This research is **not** looking at what is called 'defects of convenience' e.g. faults in design that affect whether the caravan is waterproof, or various fixtures and fittings work. Whilst no doubt inconvenient, disappointing and expensive to repair, these do not go to the safety of the vehicle.

***Within scope will be defects in gas and/or electrical installation as these must be certified as safe as part of the registration process and go to the question of whether the van is safe and fit for purpose.***

If you have relevant experience with defects and with trying to get those remedies corrected you are invited to complete this survey. The survey involves 21 questions that mostly ask you to select from various options and, in some cases, to add any comments you would like to make. The survey should take no more than 20 minutes.

Completion of the survey is voluntary and anonymous. More details on the study and how the results will be stored and used is available when you open the link to the survey.

The results of the survey will be used to compare the lived experience of obtaining repairs and remedies against the stated aims of the Australian Consumer law.

The results will form the basis of recommendations to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission and the Federal Government for changes to the ACL and remedies. If you require more information contact Dr Michael Eburn, Associate Professor, School of Legal Practice, ANU College of Law. [michael.eburn@anu.edu.au](mailto:michael.eburn@anu.edu.au)

If you are ready to complete the survey – follow this link to the:

[Caravan consumer satisfaction survey:](#)

The project is reviewing relevant law applicable to the design and sale of caravans including the *Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989* (Cth), the *Road Vehicle Standards Rules 2019* (Cth) and *Vehicle Standards Bulletin VSB1 Building Small Trailers National Code of Practice*. Other relevant law will be the *Australian Consumer Law* (or ACL). The ACL is set out in Schedule 2 to the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth). It is complemented by state and territory laws to ensure that all manner of consumer transactions are covered.

12 - 14  
September 2019



**Laidley Spring Festival**  
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[www.laidleyspringfestival.com](http://www.laidleyspringfestival.com)

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**OUTDOOR**  
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**FRIDAY 13 – SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER**  
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AUSTRALIA'S NEWEST OUTDOOR LIFESTYLE EVENT IS COMING...

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A truly interactive and experiential event, OutdoorX will give adventure-seekers the chance to see, touch and interact with the very latest in outdoor lifestyle products – all in the unique setting at Sanctuary Cove on the Gold Coast.

For more information about OutdoorX, including exhibitor information checkout the website at:

<https://outdoorx.com.au/show/>

# WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING IN QUEENSLAND?

Then check out the “Wot’s on in Queensland” website for all the latest information on festival events and markets around Queensland.

## WOT'S ON IN QUEENSLAND

[www.wotsoninql.com.au](http://www.wotsoninql.com.au)



South East Queensland | Tropical Qld | The Outback

## Wot's on in Queensland

“G’day,

Welcome to “Wot’s on in Queensland” our Festivals, Events & Markets Guide available at Visitor Information Centres, Caravanning and 4WD Exhibitions. We have endeavoured to captivate the beauty and vastness of Queensland from coastal to country downs and allow people to see our calendar of over 2500 Festivals, Events & Markets. It is these grassroots festivals from the heart of the communities that showcase the extraordinary talents, culture and artistry for one to have an amazing experience, amongst the most scenic landscapes imaginable.

Once you see an event of interest contact the local Visitor Information Centre for more details on how to plan your trip as they are a great help.

We are also supporting the Queensland Police Service Campaign “Stay on Track Outback” for safety tips and useful links to plan your trip.

**Sign up for our monthly newsletter with Special Offers & Competitions**

Stay tuned for more updates, and follow us on **Instagram, Facebook, Twitter and YouTube**

**Note: sometimes events showcased here are subject to changes it is always important to check with your Visitor Information Centre in the area you travel, a list can be found in the menu above”. [wotsoninql.com.au](http://wotsoninql.com.au)**

# INTERNATIONAL CARAVAN ASSOCIATION EAST COAST TOUR

A group of 15 motorhomes which will include 11 members from the UK, 3 members from New Zealand, and 1 from the Netherlands (all members of the International Caravan Association) will be making their way down the East Coast, from Cairns on 27 August arriving in Sydney end of September.

They would love to meet up with locals along the way and make friends around the world which is what their association is all about.

Below is their website and their intended itinerary.



## East Coast of Australia Cairns to Sydney

Tuesday 27th August - Monday 30th September 2019

<https://www.icacaravanning.org/>

There has been sufficient interest registered for us to continue planning a motorhome tour in Australia from the end of August to the end of September 2019, starting in Cairns and ending in Sydney. We have had to bring the dates forward due to the availability of the motorhomes.

For the first night we will use a hotel. There will be a welcome meal where the participants will meet and get to know each other. On day two we will transfer to the RV depot and collect our motorhomes, we will then move to a nearby camp site where we will spend 4 nights. This will give us time to explore the area and visit some of the many attractions.

Leaving Cairns we travel down the east coast heading for Brisbane via the Atherton Tablelands, and then on to Sydney. The scenery will be outstanding and there will be plenty of opportunities to explore the area as we travel south.

The total distance will be approximately 2000 miles and the trip will take 5 weeks in total. There may be some days where the distance between camp-sites will be long, maximum 250 miles, however we have tried to keep the majority of travelling distance under 150 miles giving plenty of time to explore the area on the way.

There will be free days to give us time to catch up on domestic tasks such as laundry, shopping, explore the area, or just relax. We plan to organise a few activities along the way, including Whale/Dolphin watching, wine tour and lunch in the Hunter Valley, an Aussie Barbecue on the central coast, and walking in the Blue Mountains.

We complete our tour with a final night at a camp site near Sydney and farewell dinner, returning our motorhomes the following day. Some participants may wish to extend their stay a few days in Sydney where there is lots to see and do. We will have a few happy hours when appropriate, and one or two quizzes and games etc. along the way.

As we are in the early planning phase and we can't predict the exchange rate in 2019 it is impossible to be precise on the cost. However we estimate that the rally fee will be £950 per outfit to include the 1 hotel night, welcome and final meals, and the above mentioned trips planned and general rally expenses.

The Motorhome hire and Camp site fees will be in addition. Please note there is no upper age limit to hiring motorhomes in Australia, and visas can be obtained online free of charge and no medical is required. Travel to the start of the rally in Cairns and return home from Sydney will be the responsibility of the participants.

The Rally is now FULL however there is a waiting list so if you are interest and want to be added to the list the please email Mike & Pat.

**Rally Officers** : Mike & Pat Potter

**Assistant Rally Officers** : Steve & Marina Harvey

# GO SEE OZ eLIBRARY

## OVERVIEW

Go See OZ is an internet reference eLibrary, with a wealth of information, designed to encourage & assist the travelling community to venture further outdoors, more often, for longer, experiencing our 2 wonderful countries, down under.

This is a free of charge service, so, share with family, friends & on social media.

Ideal to browse, choose, prepare, GO & be guided to many towns/regions, where freedom camps, events, places of interest, activities & amazing sceneries will provide everlasting memories.

## INSTALLATION

To install on a modern IT device:-

Google [tiny.cc/GoSeeOZ](http://tiny.cc/GoSeeOZ) or

Copy <http://tiny.cc/GoSeeOZ> to [Create a main screen](#) "Shortcut".

For smartphone or tablet, [create a main screen link](#)

## CONCEPT

From the simple "Index", tap/click your choice.

The displayed pdf document provides a list of organised website links for direct access to the item website chosen.



### CCQ Executive

**President:** Adrian Skinner

**Secretary:** Barbara Rutherford

**Treasurer:** Les Calvert

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Or via email at: [ccqsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:ccqsecretary@gmail.com)

## SUPPORTERS

Go See OZ, highlights the following organisations

- [Aussie Towns](#) - details of those smaller towns we are inclined to transit.
- [Blazeaid](#) – helping communities rebuild after natural disasters.
- [Camplify](#) - hire your caravan, camper trailer or RV Motorhome
- [Camps Australia Wide](#) – find awesome campsites on the go.
- [Google Maps](#) - towns A to B & all places en route with times & klms.
- [National Assoc. of Caravan Clubs](#) – supporting caravanners around Australia
- [QORF](#) (Queensland Outdoor Recreation Federation) Live Life Outdoors.
- [Queensland Driving Holidays](#) – touring routes to experience & enjoy.
- [Queensland Places](#) - history of settlements, their growth, decline & regrowth
- [Royal Flying Doctor Services](#) - aeromedical emergency health throughout Aust.
- [Savannah Way](#) – Australia’s Adventure Way, Cairns Qld to Broome W.A.
- [Truck Friendly](#) – being safe with Trucks. Join the Program.



**GO SEE OZ**

John & Olwen  
ph. 0403 500 779

The graphic features a map of Australia with various locations marked. On the left side, there are four green icons: a caravan, a tent, a calendar, and a shopping cart. The text 'GO SEE OZ' is prominently displayed at the top, and contact information for John & Olwen is at the bottom. A legend indicates 'World Heritage Area'.

## KALBAR COUNTRY DAY

Saturday 19th October

Bush poets breakfast \* rides - for the kids \* carrot tossing \* horse shoe quoits \* hay scramble \* hay sculptures \* lots of stalls \* arts and crafts \* homemade cakes, sweets and jams \* fresh fruit and

At the Kalbar Showground

Check out their Facebook page for more details

## KALBAR SWAP MEET

Sunday 20th October

At the Kalbar Showground

Check out their Facebook page for more details

# DIABETES AND DRIVING

## THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

- Do you or any of your friends and relations have diabetes?
- Have you or they had a hypoglycaemic episode particularly while driving?

Check out the HYPODRIVE website shown below for their national awareness program.

## HYPODRIVE

### DRIVING WITH DIABETES - WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

<http://www.hypodrive.com.au/>

Ph. 0408 232 049

“HYPODRIVE® is a national educational awareness program and road safety initiative aimed at providing road safety education for individuals diagnosed with diabetes or existing diabetics. The aim of the program is to assist with the reduction of motor vehicle accidents and fatalities on Australian roads, simultaneously promoting healthy lifestyles and creating awareness among drivers.

Even though this program focuses on people with diabetes, it is also useful for anyone diagnosed with any medical condition, along with their family and friends”. [www.hypodrive.com.au](http://www.hypodrive.com.au)

## TRUCK FRIENDLY PROGRAM

<https://truckfriendly.com.au/>

Ken Wilson has devised a program called “Truck Friendly” that examines the interaction between caravanners and truck drivers in particular. “The purpose of the Truck Friendly Program is to help caravanners, RV drivers and other road users work with the many truck drivers whose workplace is on our roads and highways”. [truckfriendly.com.au](http://truckfriendly.com.au).

The program examines:

- Communication
- Overtaking lanes
- Travelling in convoy
- Truck stops
- Entering traffic

Check out the website on how to join the Truck Friendly Program to learn more about sharing the road with other road users.

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Camper trailer & caravan water filter with standard hose ends for DIY

Colin Hopgood

## AUTOHOUSE STORAGE

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# CARAVANNING AUSTRALIA

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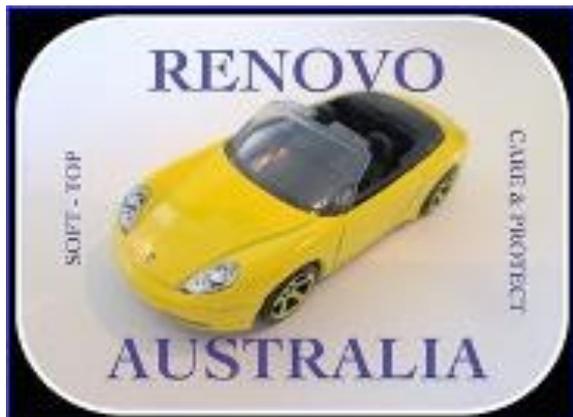


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# CCQ SUPPORTERS

## What defines a Supporter of the CCQ

The Supporter must make an ongoing commitment to the CCQ, e.g.

- Regular annual support of State Rallies by way of presenting a seminar, donating a prize or other tangible items or in-kind support.
- Offer ongoing discounts, through the Management Committee of the CCQ, to its Affiliated Club Members for goods and/or services.
- Offer other tangible support to the CCQ Management Committee and its members to assist in the operation of the Association and its Affiliated Clubs, e.g. Website and IT Support.

SUPPORTER	CONTACT	OFFER
AUTOHOUSE STORAGE	Ph. 07 3557 9800 E: <a href="mailto:admin@autohousetorage.com.au">admin@autohousetorage.com.au</a> W: <a href="http://autohousetorage.com.au">http://autohousetorage.com.au</a>	Exclusive 15% discount* for CCQ affiliated members. Quote discount code 'CCQ15' when booking.
BEST WATER FILTERS	Colin Hopgood <a href="mailto:colin@bestwaterfilters.com.au">colin@bestwaterfilters.com.au</a>	Discount to Members and Support of State Rallies with donation of prize
CARAVANNING AUSTRALIA	<a href="https://caravanningoz.com.au/">https://caravanningoz.com.au/</a>	Caravanning Australia magazine supplied free to clubs . Listing of all Australian caravan clubs contact details.
CARAVANNING QUEENSLAND	Ron Chapman, CEO <a href="mailto:info@caravanqld.com.au">info@caravanqld.com.au</a>	Caravan Show Stand and general advice on caravanning when required
CIL INSURANCE	1800 112 481 National Association of Caravan Clubs Referrer A/c No: 14310549	Pays a referral fee to clubs when a member takes out insurance with them
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KUI PARKS	Bert van Spronsen Managing Director P O Box 572 Yarra Glen VIC 3775 Ph: 03 9730 2077 Web: <a href="http://www.kuiparks.com.au">www.kuiparks.com.au</a> Email: <a href="mailto:info@kuiparks.com.au">info@kuiparks.com.au</a> Your members can go to: <a href="https://kuiparks.com.au/join-kui-parks">https://kuiparks.com.au/join-kui-parks</a> .	<b>CCQ</b> members can get a 20% discount off a Loyalty Membership. Pay \$22.40 instead of \$28 for a 24mth Membership. Complete the form. Enter the COUPON: <b>CCQ20</b> - to receive the discount. This offer is only available on-line and not in the caravan parks. Complete the payment. T&C's apply. They will then send a Loyalty Pack and Card off to the member within a couple of days. Also provide prizes for State Rallies.
RENOVO AUSTRALIA	Neil McAllister <a href="mailto:renovo@bigpond.com">renovo@bigpond.com</a>	10% discount on all products including already discounted kits. Members need to enter the discount/coupon code 4213 near the end of the checkout process.
True Nomad RV	Anthony Clark <a href="mailto:truenomadrv@gmail.com">truenomadrv@gmail.com</a> 0456 380 606	10% off service labour for CCQ members