



THE BULLETIN

PRESIDENT'S REPORT MAY 2020

Well what a momentous start we have had to this year, first bush-fires and now Covid-19, which has had big changes to our way of life, at present anyway. At least you all had time to service the van for a flying start when we are released, and not to mention all the repairs or upgrades around the house. Boy is Bunnings doing well.

Because of the virus you would all be all aware that we have put back the State Rally till next year, which was a pity but it will give the rally committee more time to put together an even more spectacular rally. The CCQ delegate and AGM has also been put back along with some club AGM's. On the plus side committee members have not had to campaign to keep their elected positions.

In my last report I reported that RVCAL group is planning a joint rally in Southern NSW to support the bush fire area, but again there are some changes to those plans as a result of the Virus. The suggested plan is now to hold a 4-5 day event in Bega in April 2021. Dates and times to be confirmed but I mention it here so that any of you that might be planning a trip down South at that time could plan it in your itinerary.

Also, in my last report I referred to a meeting, representatives from both the NACC and CMCA with the Minister of Transport NSW re the tolls in Sydney, unfortunately the Minister was in his electorate with fires, but they did receive a good hearing with a member of his department. To date I have not had any updates, other than there was an extension applied for people to apply for refunds.

As you may all be aware, QCC and the Gold Coast Clubs, had rallies planned at the Killarney Showground and had their rallies cancelled at the last minute as a result of a submission put to the SDRC by six caravan park owners, two in Killarney, one at Queen Mary Falls and three from the Warwick area. Both clubs were able to secure alternate venues. It was interesting to note that their submission only referred to Caravan Clubs, not the usual caravanners.

I made a trip to Killarney and had a meeting with one of the Park owners and it was no surprise that he had "blinkers on" and questioned almost everything that I told him about the needs of club, especially larger clubs, but I was armed with the necessities to support my comments. later that day I met with members of the Showground Committee. I later wrote to the park owner reiterating my previous comments and was able to tell him that QCC had recorded spending of over \$17,700.00 at the alternate venue which should have gone to Killarney businesses. He also commented that it was not right that tax payers money be used in that way, but was able to refer to a document that showed that caravan parks had received taxpayer grants, on average \$250,000, to upgrade their park facilities. One used it to upgrade their cabins from two to four star. I also let him know that the dump point that he has was subsidized, and that he charges five dollars to use it if you do not stay in the park. I have not received any reply.

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Barbara and I have put together a number of communications along with phone calls to support to Killarney Show Ground and that resulted in a request from SDRC to hold a tele-conference with council representatives.

We were explaining that we are clubs, like any other clubs, but our interest is in caravanning, and as such we need facilities that few caravan parks can supply. I also highlighted that where we can we do use caravan parks and that our LEOD figs show spending between parks and showgrounds are very similar.

At the same time, we had a similar situation raise its head in the Sunshine Coast Council Area at Beerwah Sports ground. Letters and phone calls have been supplied from both Barbara and myself with the Sports Ground Committee. We will keep you updated on outcomes in both areas.

I had a meeting with the CEO of QCAS re the hire agreement contracts, which did not go as well as it could, but I now have a contact with their insurance company to discuss this further, but with social distancing and that I would prefer a face to face meet I have not made contact as yet.

Both the NACC and the CCQ have been embracing technology, holding meetings with video conferencing. The NACC are using WEB-X and the CCQ are using ZOOM. It has certainly been different but I still prefer face to face meetings.

Just read that KTA insurance has transferred their operations to Allianz Global Assistance (AGA) and currently the road assistance package has been withdrawn for the time being. Not sure how many of our members this will affect.

With the possibility of being able to get together again, I want to remind committees of our earlier communication, that our Public Liability Insurance is all good provided that we are following Government guidelines.

Keep well and travel safe (when we can)

Cheers

Adrian

NEW CCQ VIDEO

Check out the latest CCQ video. Some very dedicated people have put together this video for the CCQ. Since overseas travel will be limited, we predict an increase in interest for camping and RV use.

We need to take this opportunity to promote the benefits of club membership. Please share the video with anyone you think may be interested.

<https://youtu.be/84df0m6M5Xs>

CHECK OUT THE LATEST INFORMATION ON THE CCQ WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGES

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SECRETARY'S REPORT MAY 2020

As you will see from President Adrian's Report, the CCQ has remained active and busy during lockdown. If anything good has come out of the situation, it has been a chance to embrace and learn new skills and technologies like Zoom for our meetings.

Annual General Meetings

Speaking of meetings, the CCQ, and many clubs, have had to put their AGMs on hold. Advice from the Office of Fair Trading is:

Until further notice, please be advised that, if required, a grace period of six (6) months has been granted to all incorporated associations for the holding of Annual General Meetings.

The association does not need to make a written application for extension of time.

The CCQ AGM was scheduled for 11 May 2020. Once restrictions have been lifted, a new date will be set and clubs and delegates notified.

Royal Flying Doctor Service

Annual donations from the Clubs to the RFDS were called for earlier than usual this year in response to a letter received from RFDS in late March, part of which is quoted below:

To date, the Flying Doctor across Australia has transported 14 patients for confirmed or suspected COVID-19.

- This has included emergency evacuations from the cruise ship *The Grand Princess* and flights for patients from rural and remote Australia to major hospitals for ongoing isolation and care. We have also flown high-risk patients from hospital care to home-based isolation

And we are ready to respond as the situation evolves. Since January, the Flying Doctor in Queensland has made extensive preparations and put in place precautions to ensure we continue to be there for those who need us most over the coming months.

As a result of donations from Clubs, an amount of \$4280 has been forwarded to the RFDS. Many thanks to those Clubs who donated towards this worthy cause.

Resignation of Club

It was with regret that the CCQ accepted the resignation of the Gumnut Caravan Club from its Association at the end of March.

The Club had been with the CCQ since 1988 and contributed in many ways over the years but, unfortunately, they were unable to form a Committee to be able to continue as an incorporated association.

Getting back to rallies

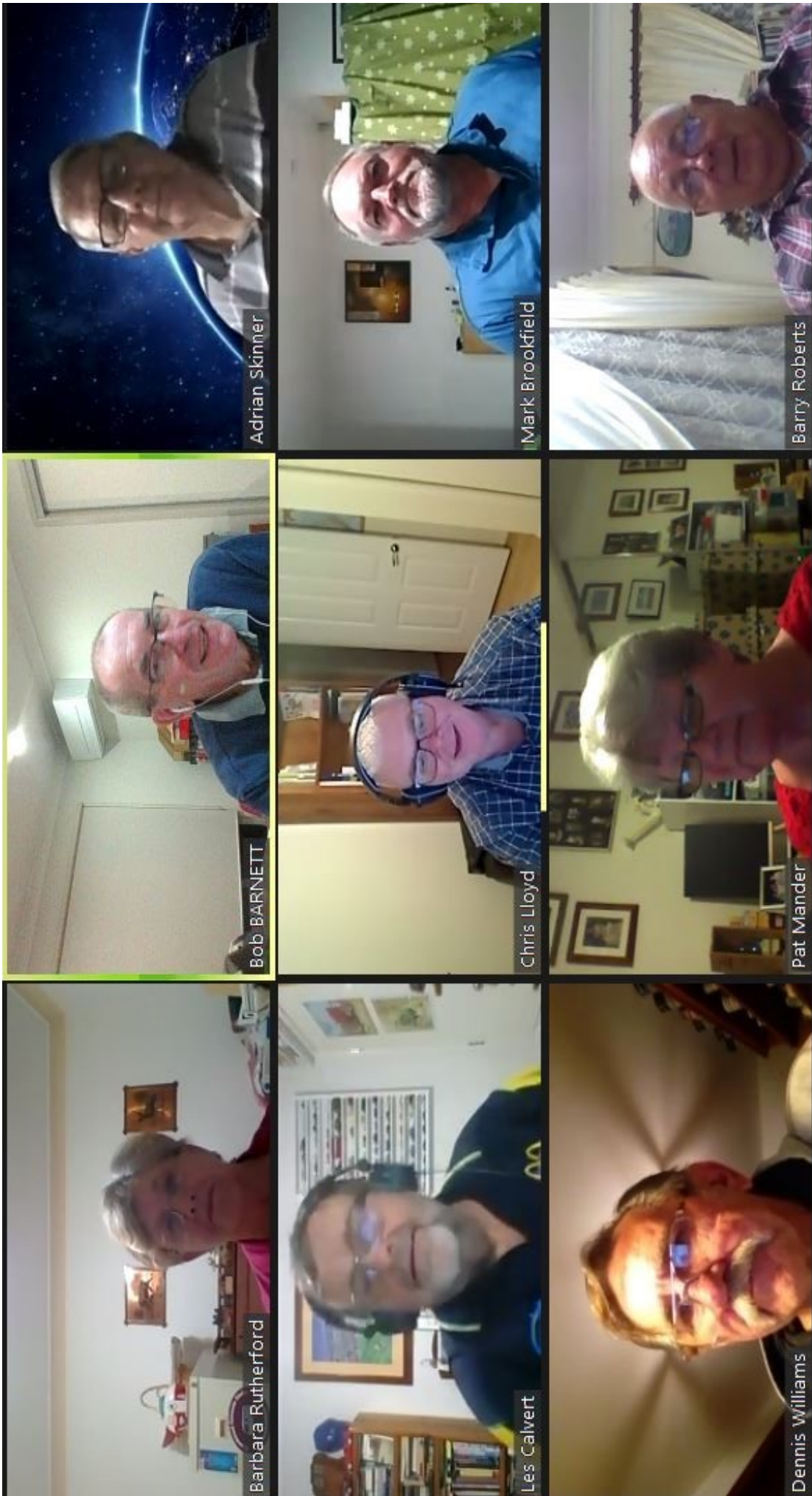
It can't come soon enough, I know! But please be mindful of government advice on when this can happen. Lots of things come into play like distances for unessential travel, when are campgrounds open, restrictions on gathering numbers and the like.

Remember, going against government advice, renders our Insurance cover null and void.

The advice can change with circumstances so, to stay up-to-date, visit the government website at: www.covid19.qld.gov.au

Stay safe and stay well,
Barbara

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Committee Meeting using Zoom Cloud Technology



18th NATIONAL CARAVAN CLUBS RALLY Riverland Events Centre, Barmera SA 28th March - 7th April 2022 (10 nights)

Registrations for 18th National Caravan Clubs
Rally 2022 now being accepted at:

<https://www.18thnationalcaravanrally.org.au/>

You may register online or by downloading the PDF form. The form should be downloaded, completed and posted to the respective address as indicated on the form.

TEST YOUR CARAVANNING KNOWLEDGE

Here's a chance to brush-up on your caravanning towing knowledge before you haul your caravan out of storage and get back on the road. The latest issue of GORV has some interesting articles.

GORV ISSUE 38

Page 38: RV Workshop - Clever caravanning ideas
Page 40: Take our towing test - Test your knowledge

<http://www.emag.gorv.com.au/gorv-digital-magazine-issue-38/0269654001588123750/p40>



Held in Millmerran QLD, the Australian Camp Oven Festival is a two day celebration of all things Australian! Take part in our camp oven cooking competition, enjoy our live entertainment and see heritage displays, sheep shearing, damper throwing and more.

<https://www.facebook.com/AustralianCampOvenFestival/>

Keep up-to-date with Covid-19 restrictions as to whether this event will occur

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