



THE STATE ASSOCIATION FOR QUEENSLAND CARAVAN CLUBS
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THE BULLETIN

PRESIDENT'S REPORT MARCH 2021 AGM

In spite of the year just past I do hope that you are all looking at a happy New Year, and planning much travel. I see that if you travel to Tasmania between March 1 and June 30 you will be able to obtain an extra discount on the ferry crossing of \$240.

With covid the last year has been fairly quiet so that does not leave a lot to report on, however we are getting back into gear having held our first committee meeting for the year, and we are exploring ideas to encourage new members, and clubs, to the association.

We are having another attempt at having committee personnel available to visit affiliated club rallies, as a day or rally visitor where required, to provide the opportunity for members to ask questions etc.. Barb and I kicked off with a visit to the Jabiru Club which went well and gave us some ideas for changes to our script.

The state rally committee has held their first planning meeting for our rally in Pittsworth, and we are hoping that we have a clear run for the running of this year's rally. They have booked Pittsworth showgrounds for a planning rally in July.

On the subject of rallies, the planning for National Rally in Barmera S A is also proceeding well, and they are looking for members to continue with registrations.

In the last newsletter it was reported that there is will be supplies of potable water delivered in tankers during the rally with the method of distribution still to be finalized.

Both the NACC (National Association of Caravan Clubs) and RVCAL (RV Clubs Australia Ltd) have held their respective AGM's, and I am chairing the NACC's first meeting tomorrow via ZOOM.

In case you have not seen the reports, there have been a couple of incidents where solar panels have come adrift from the roof of Caravans, we are now being encouraged to have the mounting of these panels checked from time to time.

We have been made aware that in Qld we have licensed gas certifiers when you want to sell your van but these people are not qualified to carry out gas repairs, and this has caused some problems for owners along with extra expense.

While on the subject of gas I believe that there is movement on the suburban hot water systems.

We are hopeful of receiving updates re the use of showgrounds for club rallies. Barbara and I sent out a letter of support to the Moreton Council but are yet to have any follow-up.

I want to take the opportunity to thank the Committee and their partners for all their support over the year and also to thank all the delegates who have supported their clubs and the CCQ over the year.

Most of our clubs need our collective support to keep them running, so bring forward any suggestions that you feel may help clubs grow, and also share those ideas with other clubs and the CCQ.

I also wish to say a very big thank you to Vicky for all the suppers that she and Les have provided.

Adrian

PRESIDENTS REPORT MAY 2021

Hi all, I do hope that you are all well and staying healthy, and are able to travel, and to those who are not feeling as well as they want, we wish you get back to good health soon.

Covid is still having effects on our old freedoms, but we are better off than this time last year, with our clubs back to rallying again.

The CCQ have had to put off our last committee meeting due to health, hospital and members being away so there has been more email activity between ourselves and to clubs.

These include info on an updated brochure, which clubs have been asked if they would like to be supplied with, income tax info for not for profit clubs, Office of fair Trading re updating constitutions or model rules and information relating to the caravan show.

The good news is that both the State Rally and the National Rally are both progressing well so to those that have not registered as yet please do as this make planning much, much easier. We can all keep up to date by checking both web sites.

State rally at:

<https://www.caravanclubsqld.org.au> and

National Rally at:

www.18thnationalcaravanrally.org.au

NACC, our national body, held their last meeting on zoom, where we continued working on ongoing items including both national rallies as well some other ongoing problems that some members have been experiencing.

RVCAL's last meeting was transferred to a Zoom meet at the last minute when Qld had their last lockdown.

They are developing a newsletter format to better send out information to our members. We also have a website that members may find of interest, and this site will share information and media releases that we may be involved with. www.rvsafe.com.au.

Keep safe and get out and about

Adrian



STATE RALLY 2021

PITTSWORTH

Where:- Pittsworth Showground
When:- **Thursday 16 to Wednesday 22 September (7 nights)**
Hosted by:- **Toowoomba and Golden West and the Queensland Caravan Clubs**
Cost:- **\$30.00 per night per rig**

Going to the Rally? Register [here](#) now

Simply complete the Registration form, download and save it for your benefit then email it to the address on the form

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5/18/2021

National Association of Caravan Clubs Ltd |

Club Summary Expenditure Reports

Report is using the following Criteria.

Years	2021
States	QLD
Club	Clubs in this State
LGA/s	All LGAs across Australia
Localities	All Localities
Venue/s	All Venues

Participating Clubs	21			
Events	64	Max	Min	Avg
Vans	1255	61	4	19.61
Localities	49			
Local Government Areas	16			

Venues	Visits	Site Expenditures
Caravan Park	19	\$49,633.00
Other	9	\$6,501.00
Scout Ground	3	\$4,501.00
Showground	33	\$56,592.00
Free Stay	0	\$0.00
N/A	0	\$0.00
National Park	0	\$0.00
Total		\$117,227.00

Expenditures

General	\$208,662.00
Site	\$117,227.00
Meals	\$0.00
Fuel	\$0.00
Other	\$0.00
Major	\$0.00
Tours	\$0.00
Total	\$325,889.00

CLUB PAGE

The Campervan Club held a Mad-Hatters Tea Party at their March Rally at the Boonah Showground



From the left: Ray & Sue Smith, Dot Menzies & partner Geoff Johnson,
John & Fay Fletcher, Teresa & Barry Roberts

A Young Man's Dream of Finding Gold at Kookynie

Hot beers
cold pies
grey haired old lady
tears in her eyes.

Snakes in the long drop
spiders on the ground
where once lay gold nuggets
once so easily found.

Days getting hotter
nights freezing cold
diggers get restless
grow weary and old.

Horse on the veranda
he won't go away
found by a digger
who thought him a stray

Bull dust and blow flies
pot holes galore
shafts now are empty
only dreams to explore.

The pub is still standing
though nature's taken its toll
OH! why did we stay here
our dreams to unfold.

Yarns around the fire pit
of tales brazen and bold
few fortunes were made
some lost some sold.

The gold has run out
no money for rent
young men once bold
lay broken or dead.

Head stones at the cemetery
tell stories of dread
lost souls forgotten
the Curlews lament.

N D Williams.....2020.

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Scamwatch radar alert

Further help for consumers

If you have been the victim of a scam, contact your bank as soon as possible and contact the platform on which you were scammed to inform them of the circumstances.

If you have experienced a loss online and believe the perpetrator is located in Australia, you can also report the scam to [ReportCyber](#). ReportCyber triages reports and allocates them to the relevant law enforcement authorities for further action.

Victims of identity theft, or cybercrime can contact IDCARE, a free government-funded service that will work with you to develop a specific response plan to your situation and provide support. You can contact IDCARE on 1800 595 160 or visit www.idcare.org.



18th National Caravan Clubs Rally Riverland Events Centre, Barmera SA

28th March 2022 to 6th April 2022 (10 nights)

Arrive 28th March, Depart 7th April 2022

To register go to the National rally website at:

And follow the links at:

www.18thnationalcaravanrally.org.au

KNITTERS

There are some knitting patterns suggestions for articles for the National Caravan Rally
Craft Collection

To access the patterns click on the highlighted link shown above and then go to
Notice Board

DISC BOWLERS

To find out information on the Disc Bowls Competition at the National Caravan Rally
click on the highlighted link shown above and then go to
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Will your holiday go up in smoke?

CARAVAN FIRE SAFETY

Unfamiliar surroundings, poor preparation and lack of attention to detail can quickly result in a fire. Simple precautions, prioritising, pre-planning and care can help ensure you have a safe and relaxing holiday. These simple tips could prevent your holiday from going up in smoke.

BEFORE YOU TRAVEL:

- Ensure that all gas equipment is tested and in good working order.
- Gas cylinders on caravans should be external, secure and with valves facing away from the van. Purchase and locate a fire extinguishers and fire blanket near an exit where they are easily accessible.
- Install a photo-electric smoke alarm with a hush button close to the sleeping area in the caravan.
- Ensure all fire safety equipment is maintained according to the manufacturer's instructions e.g. smoke alarm, fire blanket and fire extinguisher.
- Develop an emergency escape plan that takes all occupants of the caravan into consideration.
- Ensure that you turn off any pilot lights before towing or when the towing vehicle's engine is running.
- Service all electric and mechanical brakes and bearings.

CARAVAN PARK STAYS:

- Check the connections after driving on country roads.
- Locate fire safety equipment such as hose reels in the caravan park and be aware of local emergency procedures.
- Never leave cooking unattended.

OFF ROAD CAMPING:

- Check the connections after driving on country roads.
- Keep up to date with weather conditions and fire restrictions that may be enforced.
- Park in a safe location that is clear of flammable vegetation such as long grass and spinifex.
- Always ensure there is a safe distance of at least five metres between other caravans and pack in a location that will provide an easy exit in the event of a fire.
- Store all flammable liquids outside and away from the caravan.
- Consider the Fire Danger Rating for your campsite.

FIRE SAFETY TIPS:

- Never leave cooking unattended.
- Keep matches and lighters out of the reach of children.
- Never leave children unsupervised in a caravan.
- Extinguish all camp fires, candles and naked flames prior to leaving or retiring.

INFORMATION SHEET



FIRE SAFETY FOR CARAVANS AND MOBILE HOMES

Make your next trip fire safe by following these vital steps.

Gas cylinders

- Turn off all gas cylinders while the caravan is being towed or campervan 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

- 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 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.

Photoelectric is a type of smoke alarm, not a brand.

A hush button will desensitise the alarm for a short period of time during cooking to reduce false alarms.

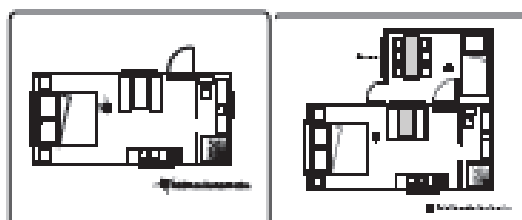
Battery powered photoelectric smoke alarms can be installed by anyone with home handy person skills.

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.
- Fit a fire blanket in the caravan.
- Test safety switch before each trip.

Where do smoke alarms need to go?

It is recommended that you have at least one working photoelectric smoke alarm inside the van where the bed is, and one also in the annex if you sleep there. You can buy smoke alarms from most hardware stores, large supermarkets, electrical suppliers and a variety of retail stores.



The smoke alarm must meet Australian Standards 3786 (AS3786) however Queensland Fire and Emergency Services recommends you install a photoelectric type smoke alarm that is powered by a 10-year, non-removable, non-replaceable battery.

For more information or advice -

CALL 13 QGOV (13 7468) or go to www.fire.qld.gov.au.

CARAVAN COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA

Warning for Potential-Buyers of New Caravans

Potential buyers of caravans need to be extremely careful to ensure that their proposed caravan is in fact fully-compliant with Australia's vehicle safety Regulations, as stated in the national ***Australian Design Rules***.

The Federal government's ***Vehicle Safety Standards*** branch has recognised the problems in the caravan industry and is introducing a new ***Road Vehicle Standards Act*** in July this year. This replaces the ***Motor Vehicle Standards Act***, which has been in force since 1989.

Caravan industry veterans have warned potential buyers to be well aware that there are currently *many non-compliant* caravans on our roads, and that the new regulations will ***not*** guarantee that ***all*** future caravans will be fully-compliant. The new safety and quality regulations will ***not*** apply to ***all*** manufacturers and importers.

This is of *serious concern* as ***some*** companies - that produce caravans in *small* numbers - will be ***exempt*** from having to meet the requirements of the new laws. These companies that will ***not*** be subject to the same level of government scrutiny of the new laws, are usually *new-comers* to the market, and often *lack* the necessary *resources* and *experience* that are *essential* to manufacture ***safe*** and ***high-quality*** caravans. They also lack the expected professional after-sales service and repair facilities across the country.

Industry insiders have long been worried that there are *too* many *new* manufacturers and importers competing in a very ***limited***, and ***highly-competitive***, market. ***Vehicle Safety Standards*** will allow larger caravan companies a lengthy "*phase-in*" period to "*get up to speed*" with the new requirements, so it may well be that the *intended* benefits of the new laws will ***not*** become apparent for up to one year after their introduction.

Unfortunately for the many owners of defective *non-compliant* caravans, there are ***no*** *retrospective* provisions in the new *Act*, hence they are being forced to continue to pursue *rectification* action against the Dealers who sold them their vehicles.

Despite the good *intentions* of the ***Australian Consumer Law*** to protect customers who bought *unsatisfactory* – or even *unsafe* – products, it is well known that getting the Dealers to honour their responsibilities, is often *very* difficult.

With "***Self-Certification***" permitted – combined with the lack of acceptable ***Regulatory*** auditing of *businesses*, and auditing of *vehicles* – it is ***not*** possible for prospective buyers to have sufficient ***confidence*** in the Design / Manufacturing / Compliance / Safety / Quality of all new caravans.

It is ***vital*** that potential-buyers "*do their home-work*" *thoroughly*, before deciding on a particular Make and Model - rather than being "*persuaded*" by a sales-person to buy a "*better*" (higher priced) caravan, which *may*, or may ***not***, live up to the promises made.

They ***must*** decide beforehand, ***precisely*** what *type* of caravan they really *need* that will suit their *intended* travel *plans*, and what they can *afford*.

CARAVAN COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA

Warning for Potential-Buyers of New Caravans

There are **free** detailed independent **Check-Lists** available for potential-buyers of caravans, where:

- (a) An **Evaluation** can be determined of what they need / want / prefer in a new 'van, and
- (b) A **Comparison** can be made of what Makes and Models come the *closest* to matching the required and preferred *criteria*.

This will be a *major* investment, and as such, the purchase *must* be made on a **practical** basis... and **not** on an **emotional** basis.

Sales-personnel are professionally trained to **sell**. Caravan buyers are **not** trained to **buy**, and as a result, they will very often suffer severe *disappointment* and *distress*, when they realise that what they have purchased is **not** up to their expectations.

**Sadly, there are currently too many serious
Non compliance, Safety and Quality problems... with
subsequent complaints and litigation.**

When someone buys a new **car** or **truck**, there is **no** need for them to know all about the *Australian Design Rules* (ADR's) and other *regulatory* requirements, because **Vehicle Safety Standards** (VSS) would have **approved** the Manufacturer's **Compliance** submission and **Quality** program.

However, because of the permitted "**Self-Certification**", *caravan* buyers are **not** afforded any where *near* the same degree of *assurance*.

Obviously, caravan buyers are certainly **not** expected to be experts on all applicable **Regulatory** requirements, hence a *very* high level of **confidence** in the Manufacturer and Dealer is required.

There are freely-available "**Buyer-Assist**" *Check-Lists* that include important **Questions** that potential-buyers need to ask the Dealer. It is *most* prudent to obtain the answers in *writing*.

All too often, caravanners who have purchased a new 'van, some time later conduct a fine-tooth inspection of their new pride-and-joy, and pedantically note every *minor* blemish. These annoying imperfections should *clearly* have been detected during the **Pre-Delivery Inspection** and advised to the Dealer.

www.caravancouncil.com.au caravancouncil@optusnet.com.au

Check out the many technical articles on the Caravan Council of Australia website

- Caravan & Camper-Trailer Axle Alignment
- Caravan & Camper-Trailer Wheel Off-set
- Caravan Tare Mass - GTM - ATM - Ball-loading
- Check-List - Used Caravan
- Tyres
- Caravan & Trailer Handling & Stability Issues
- Caravan Inspection - Basic
- Caravan Inspection - Detailed
- Caravan Towing Test - Theory
- Caravan Towing Test - Theory - Answers
- Selection of a Suitable Tow-Vehicle
- Caravan Maintenance
- Caravan - Ratings & Ball-Loading Optimization
- Caravan – Pre-Delivery Inspection
- Towing Caravans for Rec-reation
- Over-taking - Basic
- Over-taking - Detailed

Here are some events in the Somerset Region worth a visit

Somerset Art Beat Festival - 29th May

Where: The Condensery - Somerset Regional Art Gallery -
29 Factory Road, Toogoolawah

- Saturday 29th May from 12pm to 4pm

Toogoolawah Show & Show Ball

<https://www.toogoolawahshowsociety.org.au/index.htm>

4 June 2021 - 5 June 2021

Camping available

Esk Races

Saturday - **12th** June, 10 July 21 & 18th December

<https://eskracingclub.com.au/esk-races/>

Good morning Vietnam

4th September

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

Esk garden & Lifestyle fair - Saturday 19th June

In the grounds of the Old Esk Railway Station

8am- 3pm

QCWA – Craft Fair –Saturday 19th June

9am-12pm QCWA Hall, Corner Heap Street and Nelson
Place, Esk.

Brisbane Air Show– 3rd to 4th July 2021

Watts Bridge Memorial Airfield

801 Cressbrook-Caboombah Road,

Cressbrook, QLD, 4313, Australia

<https://www.brisbaneairshow.com.au/>

eventsenquiry@australianairdisplays.com.au

www.brisbaneairshow.com.au



The Condensery - Somerset Regional Art Gallery - 29 Factory
Road, Toogoolawah

Esk
Garden & Lifestyle
Fair
2021
Saturday, 19 June

In the grounds of the Old Esk Railway Station
Pipeliner Park, Esk-Hampton Road, Esk

8 am till 3 pm - Entry gold coin donation
Over 150 sites with quality stallholders
Huge variety of plants & everything gardening
Informative Guest Speakers
Live chairmaw sculpture carving
Delicious food - Specialty coffee - ATM
Acres of off-street parking via Esk-Hampton Rd

Winner of 2017 & 2019
"Somerset Event of the Year"

When in town be sure to also visit the
The CWA Craft Fair & The Esk Country Markets
And the many unique shops, cafes & pubs.

www.facebook.com/magnumdancesanddollyfor valleyofthetownandcountrysideuk@gmail.com

★ GOOD MORNING VIETNAM ★
MUSIC FROM THE VIETNAM WAR ERA
LIVE IN CONCERT!
SOMERSET CIVIC CENTRE

**Somerset Civic Centre is located
at- 35 Esk-Hampton Road, Esk**

For more information go to the Somerset Regional Council website at:

<https://www.somerset.qld.gov.au/>

**QCCS Presents NQ's Rock'n Country Music Festival which is being held in Mackay at the showgrounds
20th - 22nd August 2021**

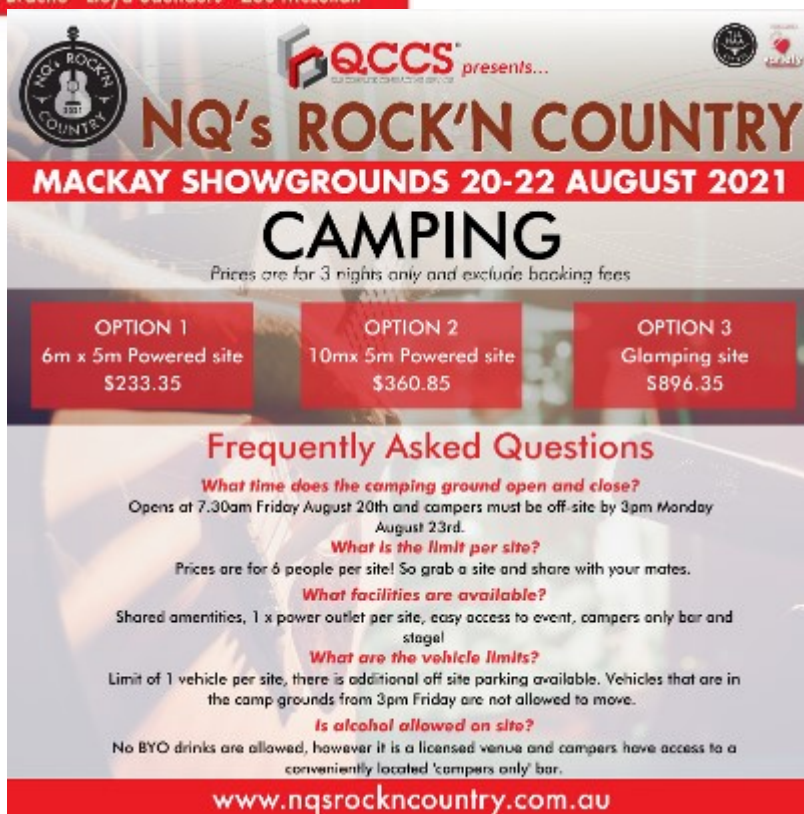


NQ's ROCK'N COUNTRY 2021 LINE UP

Lee Kernaghan Graeme Connors The Wolfe Brothers Troy Cassar-Daley

Sara Storer Shane Nicholson Fanny Lumsden Adam Harvey
James Blundell Sunny Cowgirls Jasmine Rae Jayne Denham

Deep Creek Road Christie Lamb Brad Butcher Melanie Dyer Jody Direen
Cass Hopetoun Raechel Whitchurch Luke Geiger Route 33 Tommy Contor
Damien Agius Keely Johnson Alyssa Brache Lloyd Saunders Zoe McLellan



NQ's ROCK'N COUNTRY
MACKAY SHOWGROUNDS 20-22 AUGUST 2021

CAMPING
Prices are for 3 nights only and exclude backing fees

OPTION 1	OPTION 2	OPTION 3
6m x 5m Powered site	10mx 5m Powered site	Glamping site
\$233.35	\$360.85	\$896.35

Frequently Asked Questions

What time does the camping ground open and close?
Opens at 7.30am Friday August 20th and campers must be off-site by 3pm Monday August 23rd.

What is the limit per site?
Prices are for 6 people per site! So grab a site and share with your mates.

What facilities are available?
Shared amenities, 1 x power outlet per site, easy access to event, campers only bar and stage!

What are the vehicle limits?
Limit of 1 vehicle per site, there is additional off site parking available. Vehicles that are in the camp grounds from 3pm Friday are not allowed to move.

Is alcohol allowed on site?
No BYO drinks are allowed, however it is a licensed venue and campers have access to a conveniently located 'campers only' bar.

www.nqsrockncountry.com.au

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

**Coming to the State Caravan Rally at Pittsworth in September?
Then why not extend your stay and visit the Millmerran Camp
Oven Festival in early October!**



2021 Event Details

- **When:** 1st – 3rd of October 2021
- **Place:** Millmerran Show Grounds
- **Address:** Millmerran-Cecil Plains Road, Millmerran QLD 4357

2021 Adult Ticket Pricing

- Weekend Pass – **\$45 Online** | \$50 at the Gate
- Saturday Pass – **\$27 Online** | \$30 at the Gate
- Sunday Pass – **\$18 Online** | \$20 at the Gate

Note – Children 17 and under are free.

2021 Onsite Camping Pricing

- Powered sites (regular 12x16) – **\$160**
- Powered sites (large 12x7) – **\$170**

Unpowered sites – **\$70**

Camping is available between **Monday 27 September to Monday 4 October** (only) – you can stay for as many nights as you like during that time at the same price.

CAMPSITE BOOKINGS WILL OPEN 1st JULY 2021

Shower and toilet facilities are available in the camping grounds for the full week.

For more information visit the Australian Camp Oven Festival website at:

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