



THE STATE ASSOCIATION FOR QUEENSLAND CARAVAN CLUBS
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THE BULLETIN

REGISTER NOW



2021 STATE RALLY PITTSWORTH

A COVID SAFE EVENT

- 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.

Please read the Rules and Regulations for Attendance at a State Rally

Simply complete the Registration form on-line/electronically, download/save the completed form to your device as a PDF document then email the saved file to the address on the form.

While your at the State Rally take the opportunity to visit the floral displays during the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers. Visit their web site to see the numerous events on offer during the Carnival.

TOOWOOMBA CARNIVAL OF FLOWERS

1-30 September 2021

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

SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS OF THE RALLY

- Morning & Afternoon Teas – BYO mugs
- Morning **BREAKFAST** – pre ordered on the Registration Form
- 2 course **DINNER** – pre ordered on the Registration Form
- **WINE & CHEESE** Night – pre ordered on the Registration Form
- Friday Night Dance
- Food, Drink & Ice Cream Vans
- Twilight Market Day
- Exhibitors, Seminars and Trade Days
- Arts & Crafts
- Line Dancing
- **BUS TOURS** to local attractions
- **BUS TOURS** to carnival parade plus more
- Trivia
- Great nights of entertainment
- The famous Drag Racing Competition
- Happy Hours

Plus the excitement, fun and colour of Australia's premier floral festival is at your door step

Missed something? Catch up with all the news in the State Rally Newsletters

<https://www.caravanclubsqld.org.au/2021-pittsworth/>

PITTSWORTH

Just off the Gore Highway 30 minutes' drive from Toowoomba is Pittsworth, home to some of the richest farming land in Australia.

Enjoy a country town feel and a strong sense of history here showcased at the Pittsworth Pioneer Village, surrounded by cotton and grain growing farmlands.

<https://www.southernqueenslandcountry.com.au/destinations/pittsworth/>

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT AUGUST 2021

Well, Covid is still leading our lives and will for the foreseeable future, with masks and restrictions being the norm, we need to remain positive for our future. To members who are not well at present, I do hope that you will be back to full health very soon.

While Covid is influencing our freedom, we are at least able to travel to some extent. There is a huge amount of people doing just that, as Gayle and I observed on our recent trip around our state. While on this trip we ran across a couple of our own club members, and when we registered at the Ravenshoe Railway Caravan park we were met by two volunteer couples who are members of one of our south east clubs.

Volunteers are used to manage this lovely park, and this is not the only business looking for casual staff so if anyone is looking for a break with a difference, there are opportunities.

The good news is that both the State Rally and the National Rally are both progressing well so to those who have not registered as yet, please do as this makes planning much easier.

We can all keep up to date by checking both web sites- State rally at:

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

and the National Rally at:

www.18thnationalcaravanrally.org.au

The state rally committee has been hard at it putting together a great program including tours to Toowoomba floral festival, seminars, entertainment including a military band etc., and on behalf of members I would thank the committee for their work, remembering they have had a twelve-month extension due to the postponement from last year.

It has been terrific that we have had such an early and strong uptake of registrations to date, and this includes 60 first timers which is absolutely fantastic, but we do need those who haven't as yet, to come on board.

At present we only have registrations from 16 of our 29 affiliated clubs, or just over 50%. At our meeting last week we have 180 vans registered and we would like to see at least 250 vans attending which at the end of the day is only 25% of our state membership.

While on the subject of the state rally please do not overlook the main fundraiser for our charity, the RFDS, with your clubs' support of donations and ticket sales.

The committee has planned an information session at the rally, so if you have any topics that you would like talked about please drop Barbara an email and we will try and fit it in.

Because of the lockdowns and travel restrictions, the next RVCAL meeting has been moved to later this month so I have nothing to report on at present but would again refer members to the website:

www.rvsafe.com.au

This site forms part of an ongoing effort to help reduce accidents and increase education when it comes to caravan and motorhome travel. While some of this information may appear old hat to some, it can provide good reference material to family members or club members new to caravanning.

Keep well, travel safe and see you at the rally.

Adrian

CCQ FACEBOOK PAGE

The CCQ would like to encourage more use of its Facebook Page.

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

The aim of the page is for the CCQ to be able to get messages out quickly to its members and for members to be able to interact both informatively and socially with each other and the CCQ.

Perhaps you would like to share photos of your favourite rally sites or special events in your club, i.e. your club celebrating so many years since its inception. The Facebook Page is also a great way to attract new members to your club.

Comments made by the public or members to the page are reviewed by CCQ before posting.

**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 12×16) – **\$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

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

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



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:

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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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WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON IN QUEENSLAND

Visit these sites for information

QUEENSLAND'S PREMIER FESTIVAL & EVENTS GUIDE

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

SOUTHERN QUEENSLAND COUNTRY

<https://www.southernqueenslandcountry.com.au/events/>

OUTBACK QUEENSLAND

<https://www.outbackqueensland.com.au/events/>

OUR FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND GUIDE

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

WANT TO KNOW WHAT TO VISIT AROUND AUSTRALIA

GO SEE OZ MENU

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

QUEENSLAND LEOD INFORMATION TO AUGUST 2021

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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	LGAs within QLD only
Localities	All Localities
Venue/s	All Venues

Participating Clubs	21			
Events	98	Max	Min	Avg
Vans	1788	61	1	18.24
Localities	62			
Local Government Areas	17			

Venues	Visits	Site Expenditures
Caravan Park	28	\$84,045.00
Other	13	\$11,276.00
Scout Ground	5	\$7,063.00
Showground	54	\$95,110.00
Free Stay	0	\$0.00
N/A	0	\$0.00
National Park	0	\$0.00
Total		\$177,494.00

Expenditures

General	\$334,325.00
Site	\$177,494.00
Meals	\$0.00
Fuel	\$0.00
Other	\$0.00
Major	\$0.00
Tours	\$0.00
Total	\$511,819.00

RFDS BASE VISIT

Earlier this year some members of the CCQ Committee were privileged to take in a tour of the RFDS base at Brisbane Airport. Tours are available for small groups of up to twelve people. Our group had only five participants. Les and Vicky Calvert, Chris Lloyd and Barry and Teresa Roberts. The RFDS Base at Brisbane Airport is housed in a two level building. The upper floor has office space for the administration staff, and doctors and nurses and engineering staff. The lower floor has hanger space for three of the five aeroplanes normally held at the base as well as store rooms for medical supplies for use during medical emergencies.

We were welcomed to the base by Val one of many enthusiastic RFDS volunteers. We were then introduced to Mark the Brisbane base manager. Next Mark set about ensuring we were issued with security clearance, a requirement of CASA (Civil Aviation Safety Authority), as we would be on the airport operational precinct.

That accomplished both Mark and Val then commenced our tour of the Base. We were given a short introduction to the RFDS and of its founder The Reverend John Flynn. He had worked in rural and remote areas of Victoria and was commissioned by the Presbyterian Church to look at the needs of Outback people. (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/>)

We were then proceeded to the ground floor level. Here we were shown the aircraft flight monitor that displayed in real time the position and occupants of each RFDS aircraft currently in flight in Queensland. We were fortunate that a Beechcraft B200 Super King Air was available for us to board and look at the layout of the aeroplane. This aircraft was fitted with two patient transport trolleys each fitted with an array of emergency equipment. Exceedingly cramped on board with seating for only two people (normally a nurse and doctor) and the pilot although Mark and tour party managed to all fit on board.



Beechcraft B200 Super King Air



We all managed to fit on board



Teresa & Barry Roberts, Chris Lloyd and Vicky & Les Calvert in front of a Beechcraft B300 Super King Air.

Next we were able to view a variety of rescue equipment notably a humidicrib and a number of monitor/defibrillators that were on charge and ready to be deployed on an aircraft as needed.



Humidicrib



Monitor/defibrillator



Mark explaining a training room mannequin

Mark then showed us the training room on the upper level of the complex. This room is fitted with surround sound and vision that can be programmed to replicate many different scenarios in which doctors and nurses may be required to work during a patient retrieval.

Scenarios such a vehicle crash site, industrial worksite, cattle station, mine site and the like. The trainees are observed by assessors via a one-way window.

These assessors are able to program changes to the patient symptoms on the life-like mannequin to further challenge the trainees in their techniques.

Having completed our tour we were then treated to morning tea with biscuits and cookies freshly baked by Val. We had had a very informative tour of the RFDS Base. Tours may be booked by contacting them at: **BRISBANE RFDS BASE**

ADDRESS: 12 Casuarina Street Brisbane Airport Qld 4008

PHONE: 07 3860 1100 FAX: 07 3860 1122

EMAIL: rfds_bne@rfdsqld.com.au

WEB: <https://www.flyingdoctor.org.au/about-the-rfds/our-bases/>



Display of early RFDS rescue equipment