



THE STATE ASSOCIATION FOR QUEENSLAND CARAVAN CLUBS
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THE BULLETIN



**Wishing you a Joyous Holiday
Season and a most prosperous
and healthy New Year**



PRESIDENT'S REPORT DECEMBER 2022

Welcome all to our final bulletin for 2022, I do hope that it finds everyone well and for those who are not, we hope that you get well soon and enjoy Christmas.

It was terrific to have been able to hold the face to face delegate meeting last month, as well as the committee meeting last Saturday. Both of these meetings were followed by light lunches after, giving us the opportunity to have social time together, something that I believe we have missed during Covid.

Don't get me wrong as I know that there are great advantages with zoom meetings, like no travel, less time to commit to a meeting, giving the opportunity to our country clubs to join etc. I was listening to an interview with company CEO's where they believed that their sales team spirit had been compromised because members were attending the zoom meetings in a form of isolation not as the team. An interesting observation.

In October the NACC held its AGM and Directors meeting. At the AGM two long standing directors from ACT and Victoria retired, and we welcomed the new director for the ACT who also took on the Treasurers roll. Victoria is currently vacant.

This year all the directors had to apply for a "Directors' Identification Number" as required by ABRIS.

Our new insurance scheme has now settled down with few problems.

We have almost completed a review of the LEOD scheme and we will provide an update when this is completed.

Our National Rally in Barmera is progressing well after having been put on hold for the last twelve months. A new shower block along with a second dump point has been completed.

There is still the opportunity for members to register and attend the rally so if you are one of those who are still thinking about it you will be welcomed. (www.18thnationalcaravanrally.com.au)

The 2025 National Rally planning is underway and is to be held in Mudgee, so pencil in the 29th September 2025 for this event. NSW will be providing a presentation at Barmera.

RV Cal held their meeting last month with all organizations submitting their reports.

Still working on the road tolls in Sydney but with the current government not interested it will become an issue at the next state election.

CMCA finally held their Rally at Bingara but suffered with rain, requiring many RV's needing a tow from the site at the end.

Richard Barwick the CEO has just chalked up 15 years with the CMCA, congratulations to Richard.

RVSafe is progressing with new items being added as they come to hand. (www.rvsafe.com.au)

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Barbara has included a year in review in this edition but I will comment on the State Rally 2023 in Millmerran.

This was discussed at our meeting last Saturday where we laid out a plan going forward and we will keep you up to date as details come to hand. But in the meantime, please pencil in the 9th to the 16th October 2023 into your diaries.

I will take this opportunity to thank your committee for their involvement and support throughout the year, in particular Barbara for keeping our minutes, setting up our zoom and face to face committee and delegate meetings, as well as all the other things that come up, also to Barry who diligently puts together our bulletins, to Les for looking after the finances, term deposits etc.,

Bob for all his work with the web pages, LEOD updates via the NACC and computer support, Pat who with Greg is always there for support as are Mark and Michael, thank you to you all and to your other halves.

In closing,

Gayle and I wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a great New Year.

Keep well and travel safe.

Adrian

YEAR IN REVIEW 2022

It has been a busy year despite obstacles like COVID and bad weather putting a stop to some of our rallies and get togethers.

The major disappointment for the year was the postponement of the South Australian National Rally till March 2023. However, it didn't stop some of us making the trek down to SA anyway and enjoying tours that we had already pre-booked. But – we will return next year for what promises to be a fun-filled National Rally.

To get around not being able to meet face-to-face as much as we would have liked to, the CCQ purchased a ZOOM licence which enables us to meet as often as need be and not be restricted by the time factor. Although it will never replace face-to-face meetings, it has proved very useful.

Another disappointment this year was the withdrawal of our application to man a stand at the Caravan Show which we have done for many, many years – due to the lack of volunteers to help out. Not to miss out on the opportunity to spread the word about clubs, an ad was placed in the Visitors' Guide to the Show and brochures on joining a caravan club were made available at the Show.

Possibly the biggest change to Clubs this year was the late notice received from the Insurance Provider that they would not be renewing cover this year and the scramble for another company prepared to take it on caused many a headache particularly because of the restricted time-frame. Thanks must be extended, in particular, to the NACC Secretary, Rin who, despite being on holidays spent many hours negotiating cover for the States and their affiliated clubs.

Seems all I can report on is disappointments this year. Another one was the resignation of the GetAway Caravan Club bringing the number of clubs affiliated with the CCQ down to 28.

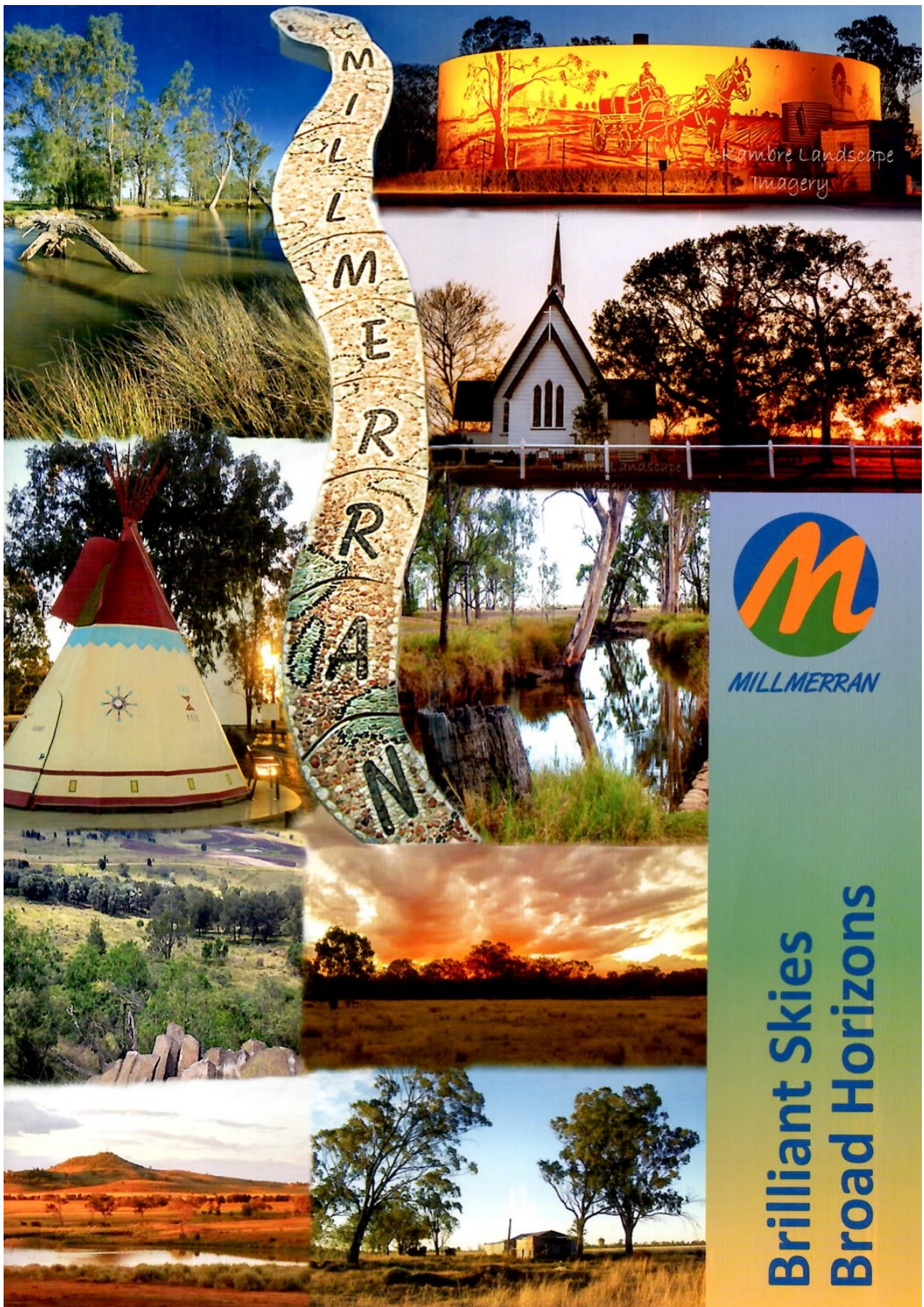
There were the usual battles still going on in the background – like Showground Hire Agreements. However, there seems to be a tiny light at the end of the tunnel as a couple have come up with simple forms and, at least, acknowledged the problems.

Now for some positive news... The CCQ held a very successful meeting with the Millmerran Commerce and Progress Association in August and came away very enthusiastic to hold an event in the Millmerran Showgrounds. It has since been approved by the Delegates to hold a State Rally there in October 2023 so watch for more information on this as planning progresses. Meanwhile, please put the dates (9-16 October 2023) in your diary and come along prepared for a good time whilst supporting the town and its surrounds.

Our year culminated in a very successful Delegates' Meeting in the Salisbury Senior Citizens' Centre followed by a Sausage Sizzle afterwards. It was a great opportunity to meet up with Delegates formally and then socially afterwards.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the members of the affiliated clubs, a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. Safe travels and hoping to meet up again soon.

Barbara



Millmerran Commerce & Progress Inc.

www.millmerrancommerce.com

Millmerran - The venue for our 2023 State Rally

Tuesday 10th - Monday 16th October 2023

CHANGE STARTS HERE. CAN WE COUNT YOU IN?

Caravan Clubs of Queensland is moving on towards a new and exciting future. With the next State Rally just announced and the probability that Queensland will be invited to host the 2031 National Caravan Rally.

Now that may seem to a long way in the future but the timeline for organising such a national rally according to the National Association of Caravan Clubs (NACC) guidelines is much shorter than that.

Consequently the CCQ is looking forward to succession planning for the all of the committee positions.

The CCQ AGM will be held in early May of 2023 and nominations will called prior to that. Please consider if you have the skills and expertise to fill some of the committee positions. This is a call particularly for the younger generations who would need to take the CCQ towards the 2030's.

Roles of the CCQ Committee positions:

- President:
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Committee Members
- Bulletin Editor
- Web Master

The Roles & Responsibilities of Management Committee Members are listed on PP 5 - 6.

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES - MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

ALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Manage affairs, regulations, rules and other relevant laws according to Office of Fair Trading and the rules and by laws of the Caravan Clubs of Qld Inc.
- Awareness of the requirements of an incorporated association under the Act
- Liaise with all committee members on decisions pertaining to the C.C.Q. Inc.
- All Committee Members liaise with Delegates
 - Explore Delegates attitude to progress of the Inc. Body within its aims and objectives
 - Explore Delegates acceptance or refusal of prospective New Clubs after nomination and acceptance
- Approve or revise State rally sites submitted by the Rally Coordinator
- Approve and ratify past and future payment of accounts
- Discuss and appoint new Auditor if required
- Equipment – Ensure storage and / or Transport of C.C.Q. Inc. equipment to State and National Rallies complies with OH&S Regulations and Insurance requirements.
- Ensure that C.C.Q. Inc. Equipment is maintained in and stored in a ready to use standard at all times.

PRESIDENT

- Chair meetings
- Induct new Clubs.
- Maintain an open dialogue with all Delegates and Member Clubs.
- Seek and maintain an open dialogue with Local, State, Federal, Tourism, and Statutory Authorities in furtherance of C.C.Q. Inc. ideals.
- Ultimately responsible for the performance of the C.C.Q. Inc.

SECRETARY

- Record minutes of meetings including Committee, Delegate, Annual and Special meetings of the C.C.Q. Inc.
- Keep and maintain a register of Member Clubs available to all stake holders to inspect upon request.
- Maintain a register of committee members
- Arrange Annual General Meetings according to the act
- Take nominations for the Management Committee at least 14 days prior to the AGM
- Provide appropriate notice to all Club Secretaries of an AGM
- Provide Committee members with at least 14 days notice of any special management committee meeting
- Send completed forms to Office of Fair Trading.(See separate schedule)
- Respond to enquiries from prospective Clubs outlining ideals and aims of the C.C.Q. Inc.
- Receive all correspondence and reply as appropriate
- Keep and file all correspondence.
- Give each new member of the committee a committee handbook
- Maintain electronic database of members who have agreed to be included
- Maintain electronic mailing list for purposes of the newsletter and send out accordingly
- Send annual accounts to member clubs for Affiliation Fees, Public Liability Insurance and other fees as determined by the Executive / Delegates, from time to time passed to the Treasurer for banking

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES - MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS (Cont'd)

TREASURER

- Must keep
 - Register of Assets (Property & Cash) (depreciate property annually)
 - Register of Equipment
 - Receipt Book
 - Bank Statements
 - Cash Book or statement of amounts received and paid(All records must be kept for a period of five years after the final entry for that financial year).
- Submit invoices for payment at management meetings.
- Prepare an annual budget and report on income and expenses in relation to budget at each management meeting.
- Liaise with State/National Committees to manage and record funds received and pay accounts received in due process.
- Arrange for annual audit of accounts
- After the AGM each year, if there is a change of office bearers, collect forms from the Suncorp Bank to change details of authorised signatories for all accounts.

EDITOR

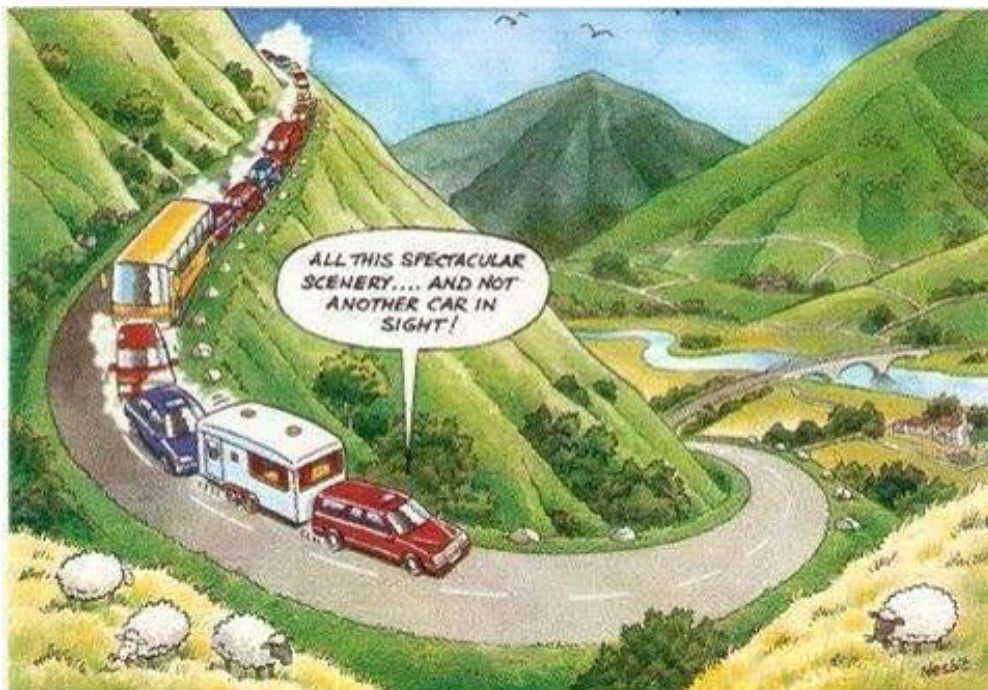
- Publish a newsletter as required.
- Liaise with Member of Parliament (Federal, State, and Local) for photocopying if required.

EQUIPMENT CO-COORDINATOR

- Maintain an up to date list of equipment owned by the C.C.Q. Inc.
- Maintain an up to date list of where equipment is stored or held and by whom.

STATE RALLY COORDINATORS

- Plan a state rally as per separate handbook
- Supervise the election of a committee from the host clubs
- Ensure advance funding is provided to the nominated treasurer
- Attend all meetings of that committee and observe all steps taken in the planning of that State Rally
- Provide a report to the C.C.Q. Inc. Committee meeting detailing the progress of the State Rally Committee deliberations
- Provide copies of the State Rally Committee minutes to all members of the C.C.Q. Inc. Committee
- Ensure that the State Rally Treasurer provides financial reports to the C.C.Q. Inc. Treasurer in a timely manner.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the RFDS



Dear Supporters,
Thank you for another extraordinary year. Because of your support, every Queenslander knows that life-saving care is never more than two hours away, even over the festive season. I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

Meredith
Chief Executive Officer
RFDS (Queensland Section)



Cunninghams Gap Reconstruction Project

December 2022

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) will commence construction this month on the Cunninghams Gap Reconstruction Project.

McIlwain Civil Engineering has been awarded this contract which will involve restoring the Cunningham Highway back to pre-bushfire functionality and installing rockfall protection (barriers and fencing) for motorist safety.

This reconstruction project will feature about 1.4 kilometres of continuous rockfall protection and 11-metre high rockfall catch fences. To make optimum use of the available road corridor space, catch fences will be built close to the upslope rockface and create a safety barrier or shield against falling debris.

Initial works will involve rock-scaling activities to remove unstable material from the slopes above the highway. Specialist teams will use a variety of methods to assess, stabilise or remove boulders and other hazards at a high risk of falling. It is likely that some hazards will not be able to be pinned in place and will require scaling, which at times require controlled rockfalls that could reach the road. This means there will be periods where the highway will need to be temporarily closed to create an exclusion zone for safety. This is essential to keep road users at a safe distance away from the potential rockfall path and also allow for road clean up.

We thank you for your patience and support as we deliver these important reconstruction works.

TRAFFIC CHANGES

Significant temporary traffic changes will be required during reconstruction activities for the safety of motorists and workers. Temporary road closures will be communicated well in advance through electronic roadside signage on the highway, QLDTraffic (www.qldtraffic.qld.gov.au), project updates and social media.

Phone 13 19 40, visit the [QLDTraffic website](http://www.qldtraffic.qld.gov.au) or download the QLDTraffic app for the latest road condition information.

Current heavy vehicle restrictions apply through Cunninghams Gap, however further restrictions will be required in early 2023. You must check the Conditions of Operation Database before you start your journey.

KEY FEATURES OF THE CUNNINGHAMS GAP RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

- 1.4km of continuous rockfall protection
- 11m high rockfall catch fence
- reinstating the left (slow) lane
- Installing slope monitoring cameras
- relocating the pedestrian crossing.

KEEP UP TO DATE

We encourage all road users to:

- subscribe to receive project updates and traffic alerts, by emailing the project at cunninghams_gap@tmr.qld.gov.au
- view the flythrough video of the Cunningham Gap Reconstruction Project
- view design phase engagement summary from road users and freight operators in late 2021.

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rvSafe an Initiative of the CMCA

The RV Safety Awareness Project

The Campervan & Motorhome Club of Australia is working with state and federal governments and industry partners to launch an education and awareness program aimed at drivers of every kind of recreational vehicle safer on our roads.

As at November 2019, there were approximately 700,000 registered recreational vehicles (RVs) in Australia. RVs have the second highest growth rate for a registered vehicle type in Australia which, with increasing demand from consumers, is a trend that is expected to continue.

Recreational vehicles vary greatly and each of the vehicle types can come with their own challenges and safety risks. Recreational vehicles include motorhomes, campervans, converted buses/coaches, slide-ons, caravans, fifth-wheelers and camper trailers.

The RV Safety Awareness Project aims to target areas of risk that are specific to RV travellers and educate these road users to try and reduce incidents and encourage consistent and compliant behaviour on our roads.

The project will develop educational and instructive material which will be available to all RV users across Australia. This material aims to support improved behaviours on our roads, minimise issues relating to overloaded or non-compliant vehicles and provide resource materials available to everyone. The project will focus on nine core areas that including towing, vehicle weights and weight distribution, speed, overtaking safely, UHF radio communication, rest, roadside services, consumer behaviour and licensing.

(This article from rvSafe)

Visit the rvSafe website at:

[Learn About The RV Safety Awareness Project: RVSafe](#)



18TH NATIONAL CARAVAN CLUBS RALLY - 2023

Riverland Events Centre, Barmera SA

27th March 2023 to 4th April 2023
Arrive 27th March 2023, Depart 5th April 2023



19TH NATIONAL CARAVAN CLUBS RALLY - 2025

Australian Rural Education Centre
267 Ulan Road Bombira NSW (Mudgee) 2850
Monday 29th September to Wednesday 8th October 2025
NSW Association of Caravan Clubs

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



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