



THE STATE ASSOCIATION FOR QUEENSLAND CARAVAN CLUBS
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THE BULLETIN

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I do hope that members are all well and out travelling our great country. Most I would think are now back from the National Rally. Though not part of the rally planning, a number of members took away a memento from Barmera which all would have preferred to have avoided, and I do hope that those that caught it, are now over it.

It was very sad that the secretary for the Barmera rally John Baans passed away soon after the rally and I know that you all would have joined me and the NACC in remembering John and thinking of his family.

I will take this opportunity to thank very much the members who helped out at the caravan show, it has been really appreciated. The committee would love to receive feed back from clubs of any results that they may have had from our stand at the show. Please do not forget to let Barbara know.

We have our state rally quickly approaching in Millmerran, the program is coming together, the registration forms out and can be either printed off from the web site, or completed online from the site, so book in the dates 10th Oct. to the 16th Oct. Millmerran awaits you all.

Talking of rallies, do not forget that your next payment for Mudgee falls due at the end of September, with the speed that the year is passing that will be on us very soon.

I mentioned last report that RVCAL as a LTD. Organisation has been closed and there is a new structure being formulated at present and will be presented at the next meeting, so more on that later as the information comes to hand.

The CMCA has produced a glove box book covering the topics produced thus far under the RV Safe program and we have ordered in copies to have on hand at Millmerran. There's more on the RV Safe program on p.10 with a link to the web site. It's well worth a visit.

The NACC has not met since Barmera, but our main project was the renewal of the public liability insurance that has gone ahead well. The Certificate of Currency should be available in the next couple of weeks.

I will take this opportunity, on your behalf, to thank the committee for the work that has been going on behind the scene, putting together the Millmerran rally program, planning events, meals, tours, the registration form, raffle prizes etc. etc. thank you all.

Keep well and travel safe and hope to see you in Millmerran.

Adrian



Where: Millmerran Showground
When: Tuesday 10 - Monday 16 October 2023 (6 nights)
Hosted by: Caravan Clubs of Queensland
Cost: \$30 per night per RV
Registration: ([2023 Millmerran State Rally \(caravanclubsqld.org.au\)](http://2023.Millmerran.State.Rally.caravanclubsqld.org.au))

SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS OF THE RALLY

- Opening Ceremony followed by supper - BYO plate to share
- Catch up with friends from previous State and National Rallies
- Morning & Afternoon Teas – BYO mugs. Catered by the Bayside Club
- Evening Sausage Sizzle – pre ordered on the Registration Form. Catered by the Queensland Club
- Lunch Sausage Sizzle – pre ordered on the Registration Form. Catered by the Capricorn Club
- Cooked Breakfast – pre ordered on the Registration Form. Catered by the Lions Club
- Pancake Breakfast – pre ordered on the Registration Form. Catered by the Jabiru Club
- Monster Raffle - Proceeds going to the RFDS
- Saturday Night Country Dance - Run by the Queensland Club
- Food, Drink & Ice Cream Vans
- Twilight Market Evening - Stalls by locals, Clubs and club members
- Great company in a friendly atmosphere
- Craft Sessions - Kits and bookings available on Registration Day
- CRAFT LESSONS: Thimblepip Class; Sashiko Class; Card Making; and Card Making
- OP Shop Parade
- Farm Bus Tour with morning tea and lunch – pre booked on the Registration Form. - Limited number of seats available
- Newsletters
- Trivia evening - Run by the Campervan Club
- Great entertainment
- Pittsworth Community and Concert Band
- Millmerran School Band and Choir
- Happy Hours
- Line Dancing
- Disc Bowls
- Barefoot Bowls – pre booked on the Registration Form.
- Delegates Meeting
- Saturday morning tea with damper
- Closing Ceremony

SECRETARY'S REPORT

I would like to sincerely thank all the volunteers who gave up their time to do a shift at the recent Caravan Show in the RNA Showgrounds. Without your help in this way, the CCQ would have had to decline the Application to Exhibit at the Show. Grateful thanks also to those CCQ Committee who also gave up their time and helped. It was certainly a great opportunity for gaining more members and the CCQ would be interested to receive any feedback from clubs in this regard.

As a matter of interest, there were 39,273 visitors over the six days of the Show – with Saturday being the biggest attendance of over 12,000 visitors.

It is pleasing to see Registrations coming in for the State Rally in Millmerran from 10-16 October. Don't forget registrations close on 22 September and forms are available on the CCQ webpage. There is a great line-up of activities, some of which are highlighted elsewhere in this "Bulletin" and on the webpage.

Thank you to those Clubs who have indicated they will be donating a prize for the Monster Raffle and to those who have sent in their annual donation to the RFDS. Tickets are not being sent out to Clubs prior to the Rally this year and will only be available on site at the Rally itself.

Looking forward to meeting up with everyone at the State Rally. Don't forget ...

MILLMERRAN IS THE PLACE TO BE IN OCTOBER TWENTY TWENTY-THREE

See you there,
Barbara



CARAVANNERS GOT TALENT

STATE RALLY TALENT SHOW

Attending the State Rally and have a talent to share with others?

If you sing, play a musical instrument, pull a rabbit out of a hat or have some other amazing talent, and be willing to participate in a Talent Show at the State Rally, the CCQ would love to hear from you.

Email: ccqsecretary@gmail.com

COUNTRY HOEDOWN

Dance up a storm at the Hoedown
on Saturday Night 14th October at the rally



SEVEN PM START
PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED COUNTRY GARB
FUN FOR EVERYONE
GOOD OLD FASHIONED COUNTRY DANCES AND TUITION
BYO DRINKS
QUILT RAFFLE



Country Hoedown Quilt Raffle Prize

DISC BONNLS



Hey! It's time for the Disc Bowls Pairs Championship at the 2023 Millmerran State Rally



Come along and have a bit of fun – the comp is open to all – whether you're first timers or old hands.

Your team may be two men, or two ladies, or a man and a lady (but a team must be from the same club).

And if you don't wish to play, we need lots of spectators to cheer the players on – so please bring a chair and cheer your hardest!

To play, the blank Nomination Forms are with the Disc Bowls Nomination Box in the rally office. Just drop the completed Nomination Form into the Nomination Box by the closing time.

Please join us to help make this a very exciting club competition. May the best players win!

Happy Disc Bowling!

CCQ Executive

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RALLY CRAFT

There will be a table available at the registration area on Tuesday with a display of the crafts available. There will be a charge for all crafts as the craft organisers will supply all the necessary needs.

There will be a limited number of participants due to the room we have available. We will take names of interested people and collect money on registration day and when numbers are full there will be no more. The cost for all projects has not decided yet but there will be some charge for each project.



Card Making.

These beautiful cards can be achieved even by a novice. An instructor will be available to assist with the assembly. All items will be supplied.

Only 10 people per class.



Thimble Pips. These little pouches are also known as thimble buds, pinch purses or clam shells. The little pouches have a pinch opening and just enough room inside to hold 2-3 thimbles or whatever treasure you wish. All materials supplied.



Card Holder.

This useful item will hold your playing cards while you enjoy a game. Very attractive, you can choose from fabric we have available. All materials supplied.



Delight your grandchild with this special little doll. Many different styles can be made. Your imagination will create a Pillow Popper or two. All materials supplied



Embroidery.

Learn the art of creating these beautiful stitches. Instruction will be supplied to make a handy needle case when you return home with this completed embroidered front.

RALLY CRAFT



Sashiko

Sashiko is a form of Japanese folk embroidery using a variation of running stitches to create a patterned background. An instructor will guide you through the process. This may not be the available design. We cannot guarantee a specific design. All materials supplied.



Christmas Tree.

Fabric Tree made with scraps and buttons. Lots of fun to make and easy for everyone to achieve. We will not be making star for top but printed instructions will be available if you want. All materials supplied



Crochet

Learn to crochet class. Class for the beginners. Material will be supplied.

AND THERE'LL BE OTHER CRAFTS AVAILABLE

MONSTER RAFFLE

Tickets in this year's Monster Raffle will be sold only at the rally.

Tickets this year will be \$2.00 each.

First Prize is a Brass Monkey Rovin model 30Lt refrigerator with insulated cover .

Thank you to all the clubs who are donating prizes towards the raffle.

Also thank you to Adventure Caravan Centre for their generous donation of prizes.

Remember all nett proceeds go the RFDS.



Brass Monkey Rovin refrigerator shown for illustrative purposes only

Let's Go Queensland Caravan & Camping Supershow 2023



CCQ Stand at the Caravan & Camping Supershow

This year's event was the largest in Australia with over 50,000m² of space being occupied by over 230 exhibitors. The weather was beautiful, with milder than average temperatures and no rain over the six days of the Supershow.

The interest rate announcement and the negativity in the media around cost of living had the organisers a little worried leading into the event, but it ultimately had little impact on attendance. The official attendance over the six days of the show was: 39,273

The different format for manning the CCQ stand this year proved successful with different clubs being responsible for a half day to "manage" the stand to advertise their club and the CCQ. For example, the Family Caravan Club managed the stand on the Sunday with 4 x shifts of 2 members for each stint and spoke to many young and emerging families at various stages in the caravan/rv ownership journey.

We are there by invitation and constantly need more members to keep our clubs 'alive' because members leave for various reasons, it's a "no brainer".

IT'S LIVE!
in Queensland



Mackay REGIONAL COUNCIL



NQ's ROCK'N COUNTRY 2023



18-20 AUG '23

MACKAY QLD



MORGAN EVANS

TROY CASSAR-DALEY KASEY CHAMBERS SHANNON NOLL
ADAM BRAND THE WOLFE BROTHERS GORD BAMFORD JAYNE DENHAM
DAN DAVIDSON KAYLEE BELL SOUTHBOUND XO ANDREW SWIFT CATHERINE BRITT
CHRISTIE LAMB BEN RANSOM BRITTANY ELISE LUKE GEIGER HAYLEY JENSEN
COLIN LILLIE VIXENS OF FALL CHAD MORGAN KELLY LLEWELLYN KIMBERLEY BOWDEN PETER DENAHY
ELLA & SIENNA SONS OF ATTICUS TAMEKA REBOOT COMPETITION ACOUSTIC SESSIONS

SPECIAL SHOWS FROM: OZ BUSH POETS MICK MARTIN & GARY FOGARTY

DANCE LIKE AN ANIMAL WITH KEELY JOHNSON & FRIENDS

MC'S: PETER DEHANY ROB KIDD BIG DEEZ KIDS ACTIVITIES BUCKING BULL LINE DANCING KARAOKE

STALLS & FOOD VENDORS M&P SERVICES MAIN BAR RED DOG BREWERY CORPORATE TENT BAGULEY GROUP SPORTS BAR

Only thing better than Country Music, is LIVE COUNTRY MUSIC

This will be the third year running for the only country music festival held in Mackay. There are over 30 major Australian and international acts from Canada and New Zealand performing over the three-day festival, with our headlining act being world-renowned Morgan Evans.

Other well-known artists performing this year are Troy Cassar-Daley, Kasey Chambers, Shannon Noll, Gord Bamford and Jayne Denham. We will also be showcasing some up-and-coming artists through our Reboot Competition. This festival proudly works with and raises money for Variety – The Children's Charity through their annual Variety Bash. This year we have a fundraising target of \$100,000!

There is on-site camping available for tents, caravans, and campers. Our campsite is conveniently located in the same vicinity as the main venue, and the facilities that are available to campers include showers, toilets, and the option of one power outlet per site. There will also be a campers only bar allowing for easy bar access. We will also be having a campers only stage, where performers will take to the stage once the main event concludes. You can find all information regarding camping at this event at: <https://nqsrockncountry.com.au>

Next National Rally



19th National Rally - 2025 NSW Association of Caravan Clubs

Monday 29th September to Wednesday 8th October 2025

Australian Rural Education Centre

267 Ulan Road Bombira NSW (Mudgee) 2850

Follow this link: <https://www.19thnationalcaravanrally.org.au/>



rvSafe RV Road Safety

Hello from CMCA

As part of the RV community, we are touching base with Clubs and Associations such as yourselves in relation to the **rvSafe** program.

The Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia (CMCA) has been working with the Federal Government and industry partners since December 2020 on an education and awareness program aimed at drivers of recreational vehicles in becoming safer on our roads.

In this short time, the **rvSafe** program has developed educational and instructive material, including a website, safety checklist app, a range of videos and animations and much more. The aim is to support improved behaviours on our roads, minimise issues in relation to overloaded or non-compliant vehicles, and to provide resource materials available to everyone.

The **rvSafe Handbook** in the below link, is our best resource to date and is the most comprehensive recreational vehicle safety guide containing everything for the experienced RV driver and any newcomer to the open road.

<https://rvsafe.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/rvSafe-Handbook-A5-WEB.pdf>

The content aims to support and provide the resource materials for better knowledge, target areas of risk that are specific to RV travellers, and to educate these road users to try and reduce the number of incidents and encourage consistent and compliant behaviour on our roads. It features information on towing, vehicle weights and weight distribution, speed, overtaking safely, UHF radio communication, rest, roadside services, consumer behaviour and licensing.

Check out the rvSafe website for all of the other categories related to keeping you safe on the road at: <https://rvsafe.com.au>