



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

Another year is almost finished, and I do hope that you have fared well during the year.

The year has been a busy one starting with the National Rally in Barmara with many members using the opportunity to extend travel, with some unfortunately taking away a Covid Infection.

Once back from Barmara the committee moved into gear, with great support from the locals, to put together our State Rally in Millmerran. Without the support from the Millmerran community the rally would not have happened. The short time frame meant that we had to accept changes to the normal format, but most people reported from the survey which returned 114 replies out of the 124 who attended had a great time.

I want to also offer the committee's very big thank you to all the club members who put up their hands to help make the rally a goer, without your support we would not have had the success that we had.

In the middle of this activity, we also organized a stand at the Caravan Show, and a big thank you to members who volunteered to man this stand.

We were concerned about the State Rally in 2024 as Barbara had not received any expressions of interest from clubs, but then at Millmerran Capricorn Club put in an interest, with support, to host in Rockhampton. There have been many phone calls, emails, zoom meetings and after successfully receiving a favorable quotation from Rocky Showground we are now in a position to report there is a rally being held in Rockhampton at a new time of July which will provide good temperatures for Rocky. Please note in your 2024 calendar the rally dates of 20<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> of July. There will be much more info coming forward as soon as we put things together. I want to thank Keith and his members in Rocky for the work that they have put in to get this off the ground, allowing us all to participate in another successful State Rally.

The NACC held its AGM in October where three Directors were up for re-election after their three years, and a new director for NSW has been appointed. The National Rally in Mudgee is progressing well, and do not forget to keep up to date with this rally by checking the website ([www.19thnationalcaravanrally.org.au](http://www.19thnationalcaravanrally.org.au)) and the newsletters.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Cont'd)

There have been some LEOD updates and/or changes to better reflect the success of the scheme, and we do have some states not as involved as we would like. The secretary Rin specifically noted the efforts and his thanks for the support, direction, and observations that our Bob Barnett has contributed to both himself and our computer programmer.

RVCAL has now been deregistered as a company as we believe that the joint meetings with the associated organizations can still operate successfully without the ongoing costs that a company structure involves.

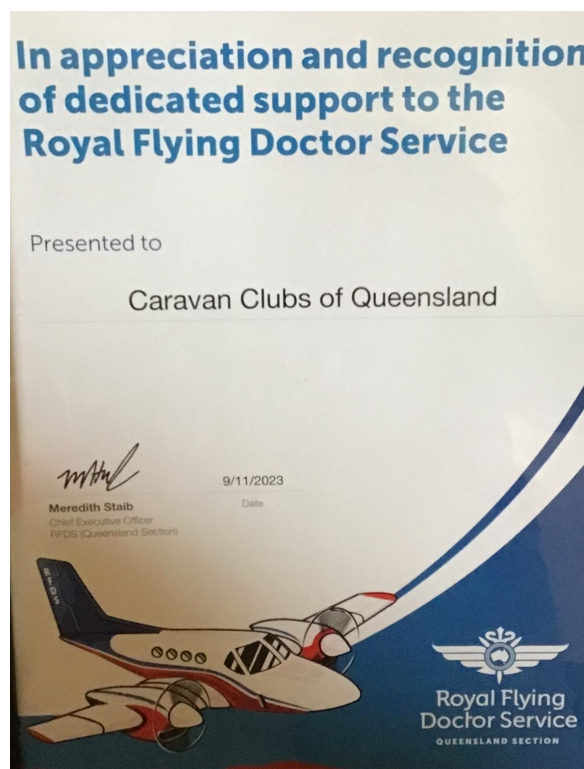
I take this opportunity to thank all of our members who have supported the CCQ and helped out with the year's activities and wish you all a very happy Christmas and a safe and

healthy New Year, so we can come together in Rockhampton in July.

In closing I extend a very big thank you to the committee for all their input and support throughout the year and ask that my thanks be extended to their wives/partners who I know have supported them. On behalf all members, I offer our sincere thank you to your state secretary Barbara Rutherford for all the work that she puts in each year, organizing our Zoom meets, passes to members for the caravan Show, the paperwork for insurance renewals, affiliation fees, sending of C of C's etc. etc... I could go on.

Keep well and travel safe and see you next year.

Adrian



The CCQ recently received from the RFDS this Certificate that recognises the contribution that the CCQ and its affiliated clubs have made to the RFDS over many years.



### 19th NATIONAL CARAVAN CLUBS RALLY - 2025

Australian Rural Education Centre  
267 Ulan Road Bombira NSW (Mudgee) 2850

Mon. 29th Sept. to Wed. 8th Oct. 2025  
NSW Association of Caravan Clubs

[www.19thnationalcaravanrally.org.au](http://www.19thnationalcaravanrally.org.au)



# YEAR IN REVIEW 2023

Another year is almost over, and it has been a busy one for the CCQ. Some of us packed up our vans and headed for the National Rally in Barmera, South Australia which had been postponed from the previous year, because of COVID, to March this year. The Rally was a huge success and enjoyed by all who attended.

The AGM was held in May and there was little change to the Standing Committee apart from welcoming a new Committee Member to the team – Yvonne Robbins of the Queensland Club and Pat Mander stepping up as Vice President.

The next big event on our calendar was being granted a Stand at the Caravan Show. Although it has become harder and harder to get volunteers for the Stand, fortunately, this year we managed to be able to adequately staff it for the week of the Show and the CCQ thanks those volunteers who stepped up and helped.

It is a great opportunity for Clubs to gain more members – a topic that has been the focus of meetings this year as membership numbers in some Clubs go down. This is, in no small part, due to the aging demographic of our members and there is an urgent need to attract younger members to existing clubs or to start up new clubs. Any suggestions to facilitate this are always welcome by CCQ.

The CCQ set up a new Facebook Group this year as one way of spreading the word about joining a caravan club. The Group name is Caravan Clubs of QLD. It is a Public Group where members can make Posts that have to be approved by CCQ Admin before they go live. Clubs are encouraged to make use of this facility to publicise their Club and its activities by Posting photos of their Rallies and other useful related information.

CCQ Webmaster, Bob Barnett continued to keep our website up to date. Bob was also busy assisting with the updating of the National Association's LEOD scheme which saw simpler reporting methods for roving rallies. It is so important that spending figures from club rallies are collected in this way. Thanks to those Clubs who regularly input this data – any club needing assistance with this scheme are encouraged to contact the CCQ.

As the CCQ took on the task of organising the 2023 State Rally in Millmerran, much of its focus was dedicated in that direction and resulted in a very successful Rally due, in no small way, to the overwhelming support of the Millmerran community and all the volunteers from the Clubs who willingly pitched in to help.

The CCQ appreciates all the help and acknowledges how fortunate we are to have such backing from the membership.

The annual donation to our chosen charity, RFDS was made after the State Rally where an amount of \$7000 was passed on to this worthy cause – one we hope to not have to use but comforting to know they are there if we need them whilst travelling this wide land of ours.

And ... as we go to press, negotiations are in hand for the 2024 State Rally. So, watch out for further news on this front.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all Club members and their families a very happy Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year. Travel safe and enjoy your caravanning.

*Barbara*

# CCQ 44th STATE CARAVAN RALLY

## ROCKHAMPTON SHOWGROUND

Saturday, 20 July 2024 to Friday, 26 July 2024

Please mark your calendars and reserve **Saturday, 20 July 2024 to Friday, 26 July 2024.**

It's a beautiful time of year for visiting Rockhampton. Registration forms will be available in the New Year.

Those who attended the 15th National Caravan Clubs Rally in 2013 at Rockhampton will recall the great venue and the good times had by all.

The local Capricorn Club has put up their hand to host the Rally with the support of the CCQ. They are a very enthusiastic group and promise to put on a great rally so ...

Please support them, spread the word, and make the 2024 State Caravan Rally another great rally, one not to be missed. The theme for the rally will be **"Christmas in July"**. Come prepared.

## Things To Do in Central Queensland

Visit the likes of:

- \* **Yeppoon and the Capricorn Coast**
- \* **Southern Barrier Reef and Keppel Islands**
- \* **Rockhampton and Mount Morgan**
- \* **Carnarvon Gorge and Sandstone Wilderness**
- \* **Sapphire Gemfields and Emerald**

## Top 25 FREE Attractions in Rockhampton and the Capricorn Coast

They say the best things in life are free.

From taking a plunge in an iconic infinity-edged pool, to watching an exciting cattle auction, Rockhampton and the Capricorn Coast are jam-packed with free things to fill your days.

Holidaying across our Southern Great Barrier Reef destination doesn't require you to dig deep.

**Check out our top 25 freebies...**

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

## ROCKHAMPTON REGION 2024 EVENT CALENDAR

Want to stay a little longer!

**Then check out the website:** <https://www.queensland.com/us/en/things-to-do/events/capricorn-events>



# 43rd STATE RALLY REPORT

## AT

# MILLMERRAN

It may have been a relatively small rally but the camaraderie of those who attended was great and went towards making a very successful rally.

Although Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> was slated as the official start of the 43<sup>rd</sup> State Rally there were already quite a few vans already on site. These were the early workers. Crews to lay-out water lines, power cables, mark-out caravan sites and office staff. It takes an enormous amount of work to stage such an event and without all those who volunteered their time in any way possible.

The Committee of the Caravan Clubs of Queensland thank all of the volunteers who helped in any way during the rally. Without mentioning personal names at the risk of missing someone these are the tasks that had to be covered during the rally. There were many.

- Ground marking out
- Water hook up
- Meet and Greet
- Office and registration
- Registrar
- Marshalling
- Gate Security
- General duties e.g. shifting furniture etc.
- Entertainment: e.g. Talent Quest, Trivia, Crazy Whist, Country Hoedown,
- Events: e.g. Line dancing, Craft, Farm tours, Lawn bowls, Book club, Twilight markets, Disc bowls, Sausage sizzles and Pancake breakfast.
- Morning, afternoon and supper tea/coffee by members of the Bayside Club with a special thanks to the Club ladies.
- Daily newsletter
- Many members took on multiple roles during the rally and so would be represented in maybe several of the categories above.
- There are probably tasks that've been missed, but thank you.

## THANK YOU

By early Tuesday morning there were vans parked at the showground gate anxious to be parked onsite and able then to register.

The rest of Tuesday was an easy day for most although the marshalling and office were kept busy. For most this was a catch-up day with friends and acquaintances from previous rallies.

There was tea and coffee available for morning tea, afternoon tea and supper when needed courtesy of the Bayside Club throughout the rally.



Colin Fitzgibbon  
First in on Tuesday



Bayside Club members

# RALLY OPENING CEREMONY

Before the commencement of the Opening Ceremony at 7pm we were entertained by the Millmerran State School Band & Choir. Their performance was quite exceptional.



At the conclusion of their performance Emcee Barry Steinhardt introduced Emcee Barry Steinhardt introduced Adrian Skinner, president of the CCQ and Patrick Lunney, president of the Millmerran Show Society.

Then Barry acknowledged "Welcome to Country" following which was the Parade of Club representatives.

Patrick Lunney then declared the rally open. A BYO supper then held outside in the meeting area.

## Rally Opening Ceremony

From left: Adrian Skinner, President CCQ; Patrick Lunney, President of the Millmerran Show Society and Emcee Barry Steinhardt

## Clubs that attended the rally were:

- Bayside
- Campervan
- Capricorn
- Coolum
- Jabiru
- Kookaburra
- Newcastle (NSW)
- Peninsula
- Queensland
- Qld Masonic
- Roustabouts
- South Burnett
- Summerland (NSW)



Patrick Lunney being thanked by Adrian Skinner



# Monster Raffle

This year Monster Raffle tickets were sold only at the rally. Even-so there were many books of tickets sold.

Many thanks to Les Calvert in sourcing the first prize and to all those club members who assisted in selling the tickets.

First Prize was a Brass Monkey Rovin model 30Lt refrigerator with insulated cover. Many clubs donated prizes to the raffle prize pool. Thank you to all the clubs who donated prizes towards the raffle.

Thanks also to the Adventure Caravan Centre for their generous prizes.



Brass Monkey Rovin refrigerator  
shown for illustrative purposes only



Monster Raffle Prize Pool



## WEDNESDAY

Wednesday was the commencement of the farm tours.

These proved to be very popular taking in two very different farms.

The first “Narrawarra” was devoted to raising Scottish longhorn cattle particularly as pets for people living on larger blocks.

Morning tea was enjoyed there.



Scottish longhorn cows

Then followed a visit to “Bellevue Station” a sheep property dedicated to raising stud dorper sheep for their lamb meat. These sheep actually shed their fleece and there is no necessity to shear them.

The property owner gave a quite detailed explanation of the process involved in tracking the development of their sheep, being able to track each animal from birth and throughout its life.

Lunch was provided here with the opportunity to sample some of their prime lamb.

The farm tours were repeated throughout the week.

Throughout the day were craft lessons in the hall with line dancing in the afternoon.



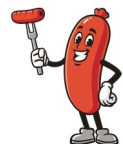
Dorper sheep



Dinner on Wednesday evening was a sausage sizzle catered by the Queensland Club.

Club members busily cooking and preparing to serve.

Many thanks to the QCC for dinner.



The evening entertainment started with “Caravanners Have Talent Quest” or a least something could be loosely described a talent.

There were several singing acts in the “Caravanners Have Talent Quest”. Then Tom Smith entertained us with a convoluted tale about a recalcitrant baby squirrel and its quest to harvest acorn nuts and it’s fathers futile attempts to discover what was happening.

Then Margaret led a numbers game with cast of volunteers followed by the Kookaburra Club with a politically correct version of Waltzing Matilda.





Giving out the prizes for the "Talent Quest" as all were winners.



Once a jolly swagman camped by a billabong, Under the shade of a coolibah tree, He sang as he watched and waited 'til his billy boiled.



Down came a jumbuck to drink at the billabong,  
Up jumped the swagman and grabbed him with  
glee, he sang as he shoved that jumbuck in his  
tucker bag. You'll come a-Waltzing Matilda, with  
me .

Up rode the squatter mounted on his thorough-  
bred, Up rode the troopers, one, two, three,  
With the jolly jumbuck that you've got in your  
tucker bag?



Up jumped the swagman and sprang into the billabong,  
You'll never take me alive, said he,



And his ghost may be heard as you pass by that billabong,  
you'll come a-Waltzing Matilda, with me.



## THURSDAY

Thursday was another very busy day with 76 members making their way to the Millmerran Lawn Bowls Club for a game of "Barefoot Bowls" that was followed by a sumptuous morning tea catered by Club's Ladies Auxiliary. Then in the afternoon members of the QCC conducted "Mini Downhill Drags". Great fun.



Front green of the Millmerran Bowls Club



Back green of the Millmerran Bowls Club



A sumptuous morning tea followed the barefoot bowls



Teresa and Bob at their turn at the Downhill Drags with the eventual winner Toni Cuzzollaro (on far right) being congratulated by event organiser Barry Gibson





Camp oven dinner being cooked

Dinner on Thursday was a “Camp-Oven Meal” with a variety of dishes with vegetables followed by dessert.

Our meal was catered by the Millmerran Show Society.

Thanks to Joy and members of the Campervan Club for orchestrating the Trivia Quiz on Thursday.

Teams of six competed across several trivia topics with bonus questions thrown in to add a little more frustration into the game.

A very enjoyable evening with the Northside Six the eventual winners and the Bush Wackers in second place.

## FRIDAY

Friday was also another busy day full of activities. Breakfast was catered by the local Lions Club. Bacon and eggs with toast went down a treat.

Then throughout the day there was, apart from the usual daily activities, the last of the farm tours and also, during the morning there was an “Op-Shop Fashion Parade”. Members had been encouraged to visit the local Op-Shop to try and find suitable attire and then join in the fashion parade.

The book club in the afternoon convened to discuss the merits or otherwise of the selected books. Twilight Markets were held from 4pm with many clubs and individual members setting up tables to display and sell an amazing array of craft products.

The Kookaburra club took over the kitchen during the Twilight Markets to cook and sell waffles prepared on Keith Lofgren’s great grandfather’s waffle maker. The waffles were delicious topped with either syrup or jam

Then after 7.30pm Crazy Whist was played in the hall. Congratulations to Carmel Abraham the Crazy Whist champion for 2023.



Kookaburra members cooking and serving their waffles



## SATURDAY



On Saturday morning the Jabiru Club cooked up a storm with their delicious pancake breakfast.

Luckily there was time before the start of the disc bowls so members could enjoy the treat.

### DISC BOWLS

The disc bowls started at 9am with spirited competition between all the teams. There was a good audience to follow the games. A break was called for lunch before the final was decided. The Capricorn Club cooked a sausage sizzle lunch so members, if desired, hadn't the necessity of returning to their vans to prepare their own lunch.



Play underway



Enjoying the disc bowls competition



Many thanks to the Capricorn Club for the sausage sizzle lunch on Saturday.



The finalists were: Keith & Jenny Fletcher and Ray McDonald & Greg Mander all of the Queensland Club



The winners were Greg & Ray



## SATURDAY

Saturday evening was the Country Hoe Down dance hosted by the Queensland Club. They started the evening with a line dance demonstration and launched into a wide selection of old-time dances with everyone encouraged to participate.



Queensland Club members kicking up a storm with their line dancing display accompanied by the Hoe-Down cow

## SUNDAY

Sunday morning kicked off with damper for morning tea catered by Millmerran Camp Oven. With butter and syrup topping they was a great treat. A coffee van was at the showground from 8.00am for those who enjoy a cappuccino or some other coffee



### CCQ CLUB DELEGATES' MEETING

The Caravan Clubs of Queensland Inc. convened a Club Delegates' Meeting that commenced at 10.30am in the Hall. All club members were welcome to attend.

## CLOSING CEREMONY

From 4.00pm the Pittsworth Community Concert Band entertained us with a wide selection of popular music.



Pittsworth Community Concert Band

## SUNDAY

The major event of the evening was the drawing of the Monster raffle.

A presentation was then made by Barry Gibson to Greg Mander & Ray McDonald winners of the disc bowls.

CCQ President Adrian Skinner then asked Nikki Macqueen, President, of Millmerran Commerce & Progress Association to officially close the rally.

At the conclusion of the Closing Ceremony there was the opportunity to join with everyone at a BYO Community Dinner for a last hurrah before the exodus on Monday. It was held under the covered area at the hall.

## MONDAY

We hope that your experience at the 43<sup>rd</sup> Caravan Clubs Rally was an enjoyable one and that you were able to meet many other caravanners from around our great country and to participate in the events that were provided.

## RALLY ACTIVITIES RECAP

Below is a recap in no particular order of the activities that occurred during the rally.

When viewed like this it is evident that there were plenty of activities to keep most people occupied.

- Opening Ceremony followed by supper  
BYO plate to share
- Catch up with friends from previous State and National Rallies
- Morning & Afternoon Teas  
Catered by the Bayside Club
- Damper Morning Tea  
Catered by Millmerran Camp Oven
- Evening Sausage Sizzle  
Catered by the Queensland Club
- Lunch Sausage Sizzle  
Catered by the Capricorn Club
- Cooked Breakfast – Catered by the Lions Club
- Pancake Breakfast – Catered by the Jabiru Club
- Camp Oven Meal– Catered by the Millmerran Show Society
- Communal BYO Dinner - Final night
- **Monster Raffle** - Proceeds going to the RFDS
- Friday Night Country Hoe Down - Run by the Queensland Club
- Food, Drink & Ice Cream Vans
- Twilight Market Evening - Stalls by clubs and club members
- Craft - Co-ordinated by Denise Park and ladies of the Queensland Club
- OP Shop Parade
- Down Hill Drag Racing -  
Co-ordinated by Ray MacDonald
- Farm Bus Tour with morning tea and lunch
- Emcee - Barry Steinhardt
- Registrar - Bob Barrett
- Newsletters - Editor Barry Roberts
- Trivia evening - Run by the Campervan Club
- Talent quest - Caravanners Got Talent
- Pittsworth Community and Concert Band
- Millmerran School Band and Choir
- Happy Hours
- Book Club meeting -  
Conducted by Sue Thorpe
- Book Stall
- Line Dancing - Instructed by Kevin Day
- Disc Bowls - Coordinator Wendy Gibson
- Barefoot Bowls – Organised by Greg Mander
- Delegates Meeting
- Closing Ceremony

### CCQ Executive

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