



THE STATE ASSOCIATION FOR QUEENSLAND CARAVAN CLUBS
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THE BULLETIN

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I do hope that you are all well and travelling this great country, and to those who are not currently 100%, I hope that you will be out and about soon.

Our 2024 State Rally has now been and gone, with the new time of the year giving us much favourable weather. A big thankyou must go to the Capricorn Club firstly for putting their hand up and the very good job, in a fairly short time frame to put it all together, and I do thank them very much for their efforts in bring it all together.

I also thank, very much, the support given by members from other clubs, without their efforts the rally would not have been the success it was. Your efforts were, and always will be needed and appreciated.

Reading through the survey returns, those who attended gave ratings of four and five for the venue and the rally. However, the main concern shown in the survey was the lack of showers near the vans, for which we do apologise. It is getting harder these days to keep the cost of rallies to a reasonable level. As an example, in the past the showgrounds would charge on a per van per night bases, and that would include the cost of halls, garbage, kitchen, power etc. Today some venues have now added in an area fee on top of the van per night, plus hall fee, kitchen fee, garbage collection and power.

Getting back to the lack of showers, about three or four years ago we did survey vans at a rally with over 90% saying that they had showers and /or toilets in their vans so we felt that this could be one area we could reduce rally costs of hiring showers and toilets, and this has worked well in recent times, except in Rocky.

It would have been good to have had more trade displays, but again businesses are looking at their costs, and the potential returns in the current cost of living environment.

The committee are updating the "By-laws" as well as the "Guide to Organise & Run a State Rally", and we have included the checking out of showers.

Do not forget the National Rally as it is now less than twelve months away. NSW is getting more enquiries, which is good so if you haven't booked yet, put it in your diary and book.

For those who have booked your third payment was due last month.

I want to acknowledge the sudden passing of Dell McNab, she was a great supporter of her club and of the CCQ over the years and supporting Ken as CCQ treasurer and President our thoughts and condolences go to Ken and their family.

Keep well and travel safe

Adrian

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Since the last issue of the "Bulletin", CCQ affiliated club members have manned a Stand at the June Caravan Show in the RNA Showgrounds – sincere thanks to those volunteers who helped out in this way.

It is difficult to gauge just how successful these activities are for Clubs. Therefore, the CCQ is always grateful for feedback on whether Clubs gain new members as a result of participation in these Shows.

Then came the very successful State Caravan Rally in July in Rockhampton hosted by the Capricorn Caravan and Camper Club with assistance from several other Clubs.

Those of us who have been attending these events for a while now have fond memories of past State Rallies in Rockhampton and, indeed, the 15th National Caravan Rally in 2013 which was also held in Rockhampton. And, we were not disappointed – the local host Club, townspeople and businesses were very welcoming and did their utmost to make sure we all had a great visit to their part of Queensland. A big thank you, once again to all involved in putting on a great State Rally.

As is usual practice after a State Rally, an annual donation is made to the Royal Flying Doctor Service made up of donations from Clubs and fundraising activities at the Rally. This year, a total of \$7,100 was forwarded on to the RFDS to assist with the vital work they carry out.

I can't close without telling everyone about the One Long Table event we attended, along with several other vans from our Club, in Chinchilla in early September. The event has been running for several years now when the main street, Heeney Street in Chinchilla is closed off for the day and evening to host a multicultural food event with lots of food vans and non-stop entertainment.

Something to add to your bucket list if you have not yet experienced it!

Don't forget to visit the CCQ Facebook Page and Post photos of your Club rallies for all to enjoy – CCQ – Caravan Clubs of QLD.

Until next time, safe caravanning.

Barbara

NATIONAL CARAVAN CLUBS RALLY 2025



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/>



The 3rd Installment is now due.

If you haven't already paid the third installment, it was due on 30th September 2024. Please remember that the entire cost must be paid by 30th June 2025. No 'rally' payments will be taken at the national rally. Partial payments do not secure your site.

VALE – Dell McNab

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the passing of Dell McNab on Sunday, 1st September 2024.

Dell, along with husband Ken, became members of the Queensland Caravan Club on 10 September 1994.

During her time in that Club, Dell held several positions on the Management Committee and, on 1st December 2012, Dell and Ken were made Life Members. Dell was also very active within Caravan Clubs of Qld (or Combined Caravan Clubs of Qld as it was then known) as she took on the role of Editor of The Bulletin for many years and supported Ken in his position of President.

Always a willing volunteer, Dell was also very involved in the Queensland National Rally in Rockhampton in 2013 when she took on the task of looking after the Rally shirts.

Caravanning was a huge part of Dell's life and she made many life long friends as a result. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her and the CCQ sends Ken and family their sincerest condolences on their sad loss.



Dell and Ken



Just 4 Kids is a registered not-for-profit children's charity and was formed in 2003 to assist children, under the age of 18 years, who are in need through illness or social and economic circumstances.

A Children's Charity For Kids In Need

Featured Event

2025 Annual Charity Trip – Tag Along & Raise Money For J4K!

QLD REGIONAL SILOS TOUR, MAR 31 TO
APRIL 12, 2025

INTERESTED:

For more information on this tag along tour visit the Just4Kids website at:
just4kids.org.au/events/

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44TH CCQ STATE CARAVAN RALLY

ROCKHAMPTON 2024

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

The rally was themed as "Christmas In July" with members encouraged to decorate their caravans and also their tables for the "Christmas in July" celebratory dinner. While there weren't that many decorated caravans this member was judged to be "Best in Show" for their imaginative decoration. Thank you for your participation.



Congratulations to the Capricorn Caravan & Camper Club with the assistance of the CCQ in organising and conducting the CCQ 44th State Caravan Rally at Rockhampton. It was a great success.

There was much work that had to be done before the rally could commence on Saturday 20th July.

There were two bump-in days prior to the rally. On Thursday volunteers from the Capricorn Club helped by volunteers from several other clubs set about marking out the caravan sites and laying out power and water to all sites. The Bayside members also kept up a steady supply of tea and coffee at morning, afternoon tea, and suppers which they did for the entire rally. Other volunteers arrived on Friday to assist with the marshalling of caravans on Saturday

SATURDAY



All the caravans were met at the Show-ground gate by welcomers who were charged with checking their rally registration and providing basic information about the rally office location before sending the caravaners onto the marshals who would direct them to their site.

There were groups of welcomers such as Michelle, Faye, Sandra and Janet who took shifts during the day

The first event of the rally on Saturday was a sausage sizzle hosted by the Capricorn Club just prior to the Rally Opening Ceremony.

OPENING CEREMONY

After MC Barry had introduced the members of the Official Party and the Acknowledgment of Country and the National Anthem had been sung a piper from the Rocky Pipe Band piped in the club's representatives. 20 Clubs came together at the Opening Ceremony with a total of 153 vans attending the rally.



MC Barry Steinhardt with The Official Party of Keith Gale - President State Rally Committee (Capricorn Club), Adrian Skinner - President CCQ. Tony Williams - Mayor Rockhampton Regional Council, Geoff Wisley - President Capricorn Club and Kaylene Lillis (Capricorn Club) who made the Acknowledgment of Country and sang the National Anthem.



Club representatives with their club's name placard; the flags had been hung in the afternoon

CLUBS THAT ATTENDED THE STATE RALLY

Bayside Caravan Club
Bundaberg Caravan Club
Campervan Club of Queensland
Capricorn Caravan and Camper Club
CMCA
Coolum Caravan Club
Downs Wanderers Caravan Club
Family Caravan Club
Gold Coast Caravan Club
Jayco Owners Club of S.E. Qld

Kookaburra Caravan Club
Newcastle Caravan Club
North Queensland Caravan Club
Peninsula Caravan Club
Queensland Caravan Club
Roustabouts RV Club
South Burnett Caravan & Touring Club
Summerland Caravan Club
Sydney Caravan Club
Toowoomba and GW Caravan Club



Club flags on display

The Mayor Tony Williams then declared the CCQ 44th State Caravan Rally officially open. We were then entertained by the pipes & drums of the Rockhampton Highland Pipe Band who gave a recital of Scottish tunes and some better-known tunes. Soloist Kaylene Lillis sang beautifully, and Singer/Guitarist Ed Olsson was very entertaining.

SUNDAY

There was an early start on Sunday with the Rocky Lions Club serving breakfast in the Walter Pierce Pavilion.



The Lions Club members were kept busy with two serving lines to cater for the large crowd of eager breakfasters



Sunday Breakfast

Then from mid-morning there was a market day where clubs and club members could display and sell their wares.

Then it was time for the Mini Drags.

There were 100 cars registered for the competition. The final was a family affair with Kevin & Carol Day facing off for the best of three runs. Carol needed only two to be declared the 2024 Mini Drags Champion.

The Mini Drags were hosted by the Queensland Club



The Sunday evening's entertainment was Trivia. Hosted by the Campervan Club.

Led by Joy Watson as the caller it was fun night for tables of six to pit their wits against Joy's and apparently some of George's curly questions.

From Sunday through to Thursday during the day there were many other activities such as craft classes, Tai Chi, book stall/library, ladies fashion parade, and music jam that could be attended apart from the bigger events and the evening entertainment.

Seminars from Opposite Lock, Newsome Tyres, Right at Home and Battery World were all well attended while Best Water Filters had a stall on site for several days. Food, coffee vans and ice-cream vans were all available at times throughout the rally.

MONDAY

The first of the bus tours took place on Monday with two coaches loaded with caravanners for the trip to Emu Park and Yeppoon via the St Christopher Memorial Chapel at Nerimbera.



St Christopher's Chapel at Nerimbera was erected in 1943 by the American 542 Engineers, Ship and Shore Battalion. The timber and stone chapel was built on Harbour Board land made available to the U.S. Army by the Queensland Government. It reflects the presence of American troops in Queensland during the Second World War and stands as the only structure of its kind in Australia.

At Emu Park the coaches diverged with one taking caravanners to the Emu Park Museum while the other took members to visit local landmarks. Then the roles were reversed after morning tea at the museum. From Emu Park the tour followed the coast road to Yeppoon with side visits to Rosslyn Bay Harbour before stopping at the Spinnaker Restaurant at Yeppoon for lunch. Unfortunately, we didn't get to see much else of Yeppoon as the tour was running behind time.



Emu Park Museum



Emu Park Centenary of ANZAC

Musical Bingo



Monday evening's entertainment was Musical Bingo. Hosted by Kevin & Carol Day it was a fun evening trying to recognise the songs that Kevin played and marking them off on the special Bingo Cards.

Luckily Kevin had selected music that most resonated with our musical era. There were lots of prizes awarded. Kevin thanked Dico and the Capricorn Club for amassing the prize pool.

TUESDAY

Barefoot Lawn Bowls was the Tuesday morning event with over 90 registered players it was the biggest event that had been held at the Victoria Park Bowls Club for several years.

Congratulations to Greg Mander for his organising the event that also included morning tea.



Ray MacDonald welcoming the bowlers and announcing the teams. (There were 90 + players)



Play under way



The second of the bus tours took place late on Tuesday afternoon. It was a sunset tour of Mt Archer with caravanners invited to take along their own drinks and nibbles as it was self-catered.

Tuesday's evening entertainment from 6pm was by the Melody Brothers Band with caravanners invited to BYO dinner to the pavilion to listen to the music.

WEDNESDAY

For many caravanners the disc bowls Competition was the highlight of the rally.

Play commenced at 9am and teams were quickly eliminated from the competition.

The Finals were between Marg & Tony Bacon of the Coolum Caravan Club against Geoff & Leonie Daly of the Campervan Club.

Congratulations to Marg & Tony Bacon.



From the left:
Geoff & Leonie Daly, Kevin Day, Marg & Tony Bacon

Wednesday evening was the time for the “Christmas in July” dinner. The Walter Pierce Pavilion had been decorated with Christmas trees and tinsels and each caravan club had been allocated tables so that club members could suitably decorate their own table.

It was quite a festive scene.



CHRISTMAS IN JULY DINNER

THURSDAY

This morning was the CCQ Delegates' Meeting.

President Adrian Skinner declared the meeting open at 9.02 am and welcomed all in attendance.

There was a very good attendance at the meeting.

There was the usual committee business conducted before the meeting moved onto General Business.

The major issues discussed were:

- 2026 State Rally; Mike Holden reported that his Club (Roustabouts) were still investigating suitable venues.
- National Rally 2031 in Queensland.
- Murwillumbah Showgrounds



CCQ Committee members present from left:
Barbara Rutherford (Secretary), Adrian Skinner (President), Les Calvert (Treasurer),
Bob Barnett (Webmaster), Mike Holden & Mark Brookfield (Committee),
Pat Mander (Vice President)

HAPPY HOUR

Happy Hour today was a Sausage Sizzle hosted by the Kookaburra Club. It was a leadup to the rally closing ceremony.



RALLY CLOSING CEREMONY

And just like that the rally was almost over.



Adrian, Barbara, Barry and Les conducting the draw

The first business of the Closing Ceremony was the drawing of the Monster Raffle. There were 94 prizes and it took some time to complete.

MC Barry then introduced the Official Party onto the stage. They are from the left:

Geoff Wisley - President of the Capricorn Caravan & Camper Club.

Keith Gale - State Rally President

Adrian Skinner - President CCQ

Robyn Broadhurst - RFDS Aux. Treasurer

Linda Loutitt - RFDS Aux. President

Les Calvert - CCQ Treasurer



MC Barry then called on CCQ Treasurer Les Calvert to present the CCQ Clubs donation and the Monster Raffle proceeds to Robyn & Linda. .

Adrian then made presentations to Marg & Tony Bacon of the Coolum Club for their disc bowls championship win and to Carol Day for her mini-drags championship win.

After a wrap-up of the rally by Geoff, Keith and Adrian the 44th State Caravan Rally was officially closed.

Monster raffle winners were able to collect their prizes from the James Lawrence Pavilion.

We were then invited to stay and listen to the Bush Poet Bob Stacey. He had the audience in fits as he recited some of his poems and poems from other members of the Australian Bush Poets Association.

FRIDAY

There was an early exodus from the Showground on Friday morning and soon there was only the clear-up brigade left to dismantle the power and water and pack the CCQ container ready for removal.