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THE BULLETIN



Wishing you a Joyous Holiday
Season and a most prosperous
and healthy New Year 2025



PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2024

Welcome all, where has our year gone? I once had a lady tell me that her analogy of life is a toilet roll, the nearer the end the quicker it goes. When we were kids, it seemed like a lifetime between Santa visits, but not so now.

I do hope that you all have survived the year well, though it seems that a popular go-to has been joint replacements. To those that have had, or still have, health problems we do pray that you get back on top very soon.

Looking back over the year, we had a stand at the caravan show, and a big thank you to those that manned the stand, and we are always keen to hear from clubs any positive results that they receive from our involvement in the show. Feedback from our involvement helps us to put value on our ongoing attendance, as there is a large amount of work that goes into organising that attendance. The bulk of this work falls to our Barbara, with the planning of rosters to man the stand, ordering and distributing entry passes, to those supporting the stand, the setting up and removal of that stand.

This followed on with our first winter State Rally in July in Rockhampton. A very big thank you to all who supported this event, particularly Keith and the members of the Capricorn Club, particularly those of you who attended the rally because without your support future rallies would not be viable.

The surveys that we asked to be filled out are a great aid to helping in future rally planning, but it must be remembered that try as we might we can only work with what is available in the location and with the support of local businesses etc., particularly finding activities of interest to our male members.

In the planning of rally locations, costs are having a bigger impact on the selection of workable locations, and this has shown up in the planning for our 2026 rally resulting in ruling out some venues, as we like to keep rally costs down as low as possible. I did a trip around the block this year and we found that in many cases, a camp park fee starting with \$40 was good value, some rising up to \$74 per night. These fees did not include any nightly entertainment or morning teas etc.

Next year's big event is the National Rally in Mudgee, so I do hope that those attending are up to date with their rally fees, as they do have some that have put their names down but have only paid the deposit, and there is now a waiting list of members with money in their hand.

On behalf of your State Committee, we wish all our members a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous new year. To those who are travelling please be safe and enjoy your time with family and friends.

Keep well and travel safe Adrian



SECRETARY'S YEAR IN REVIEW 2024

As another year has slipped by all too quickly, I have tried to put together a brief report on what has been happening behind the scenes for the CCQ Committee.

The biggest topic of concern for most clubs remains as membership numbers. However, even though we lost another club – Explorers Club – in January, bringing the number of clubs affiliated with the CCQ down to 27, there has been a slight increase in total membership. Numbers reported to the CCQ for the purposes of calculating affiliation fees total 949 family units as against a total of 926 for the previous year. However, this does not reflect the total number of vans/rvs as all classes of membership are included in these figures, e.g. social and associate members who no longer attend rallies in a van/rv.

CCQ Committee has been busy this year reviewing its By Laws and the State Rally Guide. Both documents have now been updated and are available on the CCQ Webpage.

A very successful AGM and BBQ were held in May with no changes made to the Committee.

The CCQ was once again invited by Caravanning Queensland to participate in the June Caravan Show at the RNA Showgrounds. Many thanks to all those club members who volunteered to do a shift on the Stand – your support of this great opportunity to promote clubs and gain more members is very much appreciated by the CCQ.

In July, another great State Rally was held in the Rockhampton Showgrounds. Many thanks are extended to the Capricorn Caravan and Camper Club for their hard work and to the other clubs and individual club members who ably assisted to make this a State Rally to remember.

As a result of fundraising activities at the State Rally, and the collection of annual donations from Clubs, a total of \$7,100 was passed on to our chosen charity, RFDS.

Because there will be a National Rally in 2025 in Mudgee, New South Wales, no State Rally will be held next year. However, the Roustabouts have put up their hands to host a State Rally in 2026 and are already working on it - so watch out for further news on this front.

Meanwhile, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. Stay safe and enjoy your caravanning in this great country of ours.

Barbara

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