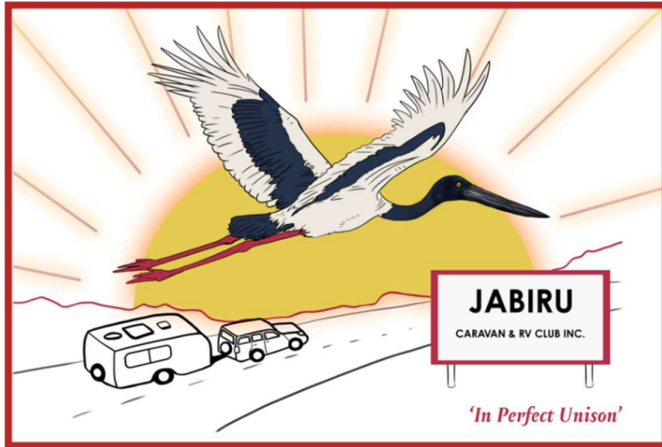


# 'STORK TALK'

## October 2024

*The Official Monthly Newsletter of the*  
**JABIRU CARAVAN & RV CLUB INC.**



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## Grafton Showgrounds

16<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Our October rally is a week long rally to be held at Grafton Showgrounds, 208 Prince Street, Grafton. The Jacaranda Festival officially kicks off on 25 October but I'm sure the Jacarandas will be blossoming.

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As always, Canungra didn't disappoint. We enjoyed beautiful spring weather, just cool enough at night to sit by the campfire. The numbers were down mainly because of illness, so I hope those who couldn't join us are feeling much better so they can join us next rally.

Hazel went out of her way to find different activities for us, which we all thoroughly enjoyed.

Lunch at the winery was full of laughter, which is a good sign that everyone had a great time. The visit to the Canungra Defence Force Base Museum was eye-opening and made us realise how fortunate we are to have such devoted people looking after our defence.

Aivars surprised us with a visit. It is always good to see him and Duke, even though Duke gave us quite a fright with the emergency visit to the vet. The latest news is he is doing well.

Dell and Barry came along for their first visit to a rally and brought along Boston, their adorable Cavoodle. I hope they enjoyed their time with us as we thoroughly enjoyed their company. Hopefully we will see them again very soon.

Keith will be inducted into the club, hopefully at Grafton now that he has been along for 3 rallies.

Christmas is fast approaching so don't forget the sneaky Santa gifts. Now's the time to look around to find something different. It was a lot of fun last Christmas and I'm sure it can only get better.

We will be having a Christmas Stall at our November rally so put your thinking caps on for donations. If you would like to set up your own table of items to sell, you are most welcome to do so. This helps to create interest and hopefully, we can entice outsiders to come and have a look.

On a personal note, Barry and I are looking to purchase a second-hand Automatic Tow Vehicle. If you know of any reliable vehicles that are on the market, please let us know.

I hope to see you all in Grafton, which should be beautiful with the Jacarandas in full bloom.

Cheers Fay



## SEPTEMBER RALLY ROUNDUP (by the Editor)

Well my month went pear shaped when I made the awful decision to say goodbye to Max. It was heartbreaking and I thank you all for your messages. As they say, time is a great healer so I'm sure that I will be able to look back on the 17 years of memories I have of my adventures with Max.



Having said that, the Rally was great, excellent weather (only marred by the fact I had to work and couldn't get outside in the sun) and a really nice lunch on Saturday and an amazing visit to the Army Intelligence museum on Friday.

The museum was really interesting and our host, Dennis, had an amazing amount of information he shared with us.

Ann and Klaus surprised us on Saturday with their wedding set up at O'Reillys.....just kidding for those not there! I did offer to be their witness at the Registry Office because that's just up a floor where I work so I could pop out during my lunch hour! Seriously though Klaus.....O'Reillys would be a great venue for a wedding 😊.

Saturday night was full of sports – rugby union (All Blacks retained the Bledisloe Cup), rugby league and AFL with a nail biting win by the Lions over the Cats.

I did miss the Sunday morning activities because I went to a baby shower with Hazel.....its been a while but we had a few giggles.

I'm not sure if I'll make the Grafton Rally (subject to work commitments) but hopefully I'll get there at some point and see you all.









## ACTIVITY COORDINATOR'S REPORT

*Canungra Showground September 2024*

Who doesn't love Canungra, such a great place to visit. For the ladies the Shoe Vault and their new boutique Louie & Oopsie proved a popular shopping outing.

Friday, we had a fantastic tour of the Kokoda Barracks - the museum of the Australian Army Intelligence Corps where they complete their initial deployment training and all-corps training conducted throughout officer and soldier careers. What an incredibly informative visit with our tour guide Dennis. His knowledge was absolutely amazing. Thanks to Lea for arranging a special visit for us as it was out of the normal visiting hours. Well worth a visit there.



Saturday, we had lunch on the front veranda at O'Reilly's Winery and afterwards a walk around to see the alpacas. A lovely spot for lunches.

We had some lovely fires at night and was especially nice on the Friday as it turned rather cold.

Our next rally is at Grafton to see the Jacaranda trees in flower. We may be a bit early but should still get some nice photos. We will have some packs for you made up for us by the Grafton Info centre.

Illuminate light up the Jacaranda trees at night in See Park. On the opening night (Friday 18 Oct) there will be some entertainment and food vans from 6.30pm.

The Festival dates are actually 25th Oct-3rd Nov for anyone interested.

Our theme for this rally is Halloween, so dress up the front of your van and also on Saturday night, dress up in your best costume.

The catering team will be providing hamburgers for dinner and dessert at a cost of \$10 members/\$15 non-members.

On Sunday, I will book us in for lunch at the Ulmara Hotel - a lovely wee setting on the Clarence river and it is dog friendly. This was to be Friday but as See Park has the food vans on Friday night we decided Sunday was a better option.

This should be really great rally so see you there.

Cheers

Hazel



## SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS



Happy Birthday to Rob S & Pam P &  
Keith A



Rob & Helen S won the  
Lucky Van Prize



Dell & Barry won the Raffle



Happy Anniversary to Barry & Fay S  
and Phil & Pam P



"The first 50 years of  
marriage are always  
the hardest."

## FUTURE RALLIES 2024/2025

NOVEMBER: 13<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> - Woodford Showgrounds  
 DECEMBER: 11<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> - Kandanga Country Club  
2025  
 JANUARY: 15<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> - Spring Creek Caravan Park  
 FEBRUARY: 12<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> - Rathdowney Caravan Park  
 MARCH: 12<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> - Wondai Showgrounds  
 APRIL: 9<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> - Toogoolawah Showgrounds (second weekend)



Don't forget about our  
 Secret Santa in December  
 – please try to bring an  
 item rather than a gift  
 voucher or food.

### **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

Carolyn H 15<sup>th</sup> Oct  
 Rhonda D 26<sup>th</sup> Oct

### **OCTOBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

Rob & Helen S 5<sup>th</sup> Oct



## RAFFLE PRIZE ROSTER 2024/2025

OCTOBER: Aivars & Rhonda D  
 NOVEMBER: Peter & Melody L  
 DECEMBER: Barry & Fay S  
2025  
 JANUARY: Chris & Toni C  
 FEBRUARY: Barry A  
 MARCH: Keith A



AT SOME POINT BEER WAS INVOLVED



DON'T FORGET TO DO YOUR PRE-DEPARTURE CHECKS!

## RSVP - RALLY MASTER

Please RSVP to Peter by **12 October** on his mobile: 0415 407 266 to let him know if you will be attending the Rally.

*[Note: because we have to organise activities, catered meals, etc. it is important to let Peter know ahead of time that you will be attending the Rally.]*

Don't forget, extra long water hoses & power leads will be required – and make sure your power leads are 15amp.



## FROM THE TREASURER

LEOD FIGURES for September Rally:   Camp Fees: \$1,470  
Other:   \$3,193

## CARE & CONCERN

If you know of any member who may be unwell or needs a cheer up or a chat, just phone or message Melody on 0421 251 328 or email the Secretary at [jabirucaravanrvclub@gmail.com](mailto:jabirucaravanrvclub@gmail.com)





## GRAFTON SHOWGROUNDS 16<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> October

208 Prince Street, Grafton, NSW

313km from the Brisbane CBD

Must Pay & Register at the office on arrival

**\$30.00 (Cash Only)** Powered per van per night or a Week Rate Applies

Pets allowed and **MUST** be on Lead - Dump Point Onsite

**LONG LEADS & WATER HOSES MAY BE REQUIRED**

### WEDNESDAY (16<sup>th</sup>)

Greeting by your Rally Master, Peter. Set up in designated position and relax.

- 4.00pm Happy Hour
- 6.00pm BYO Dinner
- 7.00pm Board games and cards (always open to new games – even mahjong!)
- Later Port and talk

### THURSDAY (17<sup>th</sup>)

- 7.00am Walk and talk
- 10.00am Morning Tea
- 4.00pm Happy Hour
- 6.00pm BYO Dinner with Board games and cards
- Later Port and talk

**REMINDER:** If you bring goodies for morning or afternoon tea, please only bring enough for yourself, or remember to take your goodies back to your van with you if they don't get eaten.

### FRIDAY (18<sup>th</sup>)

- 7.00am Walk and talk
- 4.00pm Happy Hour
- 6.00pm Opening of the Jacaranda Festival at SEE Park (Pound St, Grafton - dog friendly) - food vans & entertainment
- Later Port and talk

### SATURDAY (19<sup>th</sup>)

- 7.00am Walk and talk
- 10.00am Morning Tea
- 4.00pm Happy Hour and judging of the Halloween Costume/Van Decoration Competition
- 6.00pm Halloween Hamburger Dinner & Dessert - \$10.00 for Members
- Later Port and talk around the fire

### SUNDAY (20<sup>th</sup>)

- 7.00am Walk and talk
- 8.45am Visit the treasurer to pay your account and purchase your raffle tickets.
- 9.00am Morning Tea, birthdays, anniversaries, raffle draw, lucky van prize etc.
- 12.00pm Lunch at Ulmarra Hotel (Dog Friendly)
- 4.00pm Happy Hour
- Later Port and talk

**FOR THOSE LEAVING US ON SUNDAY, HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME**



### MONDAY (21<sup>st</sup>)

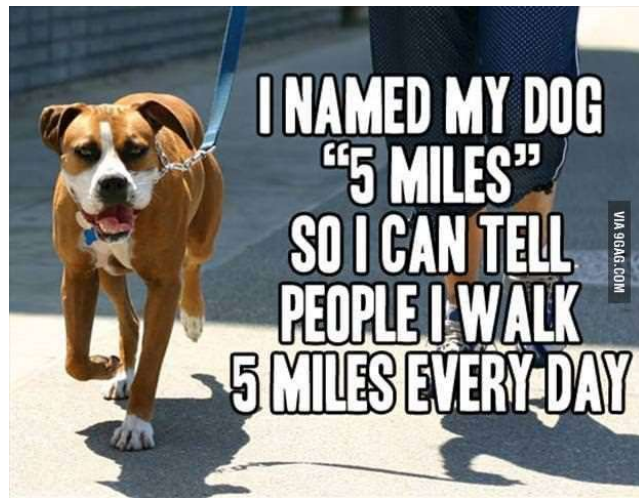
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Later Port and talk

### TUESDAY (22<sup>nd</sup>)

7.00am Walk and talk  
10.00am Morning Tea  
4.00pm Happy Hour  
Later Port and talk

### WEDNESDAY (23<sup>rd</sup>)

7.00am Walk and talk



**HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME**



Our Christmas Stall will be held at the November Rally at Woodford because there is likely to be more foot traffic there than at Kandanga.

Have a clean out and get your goodies together for sale.

If you want to have your own stall, no problem, just let Fay know.