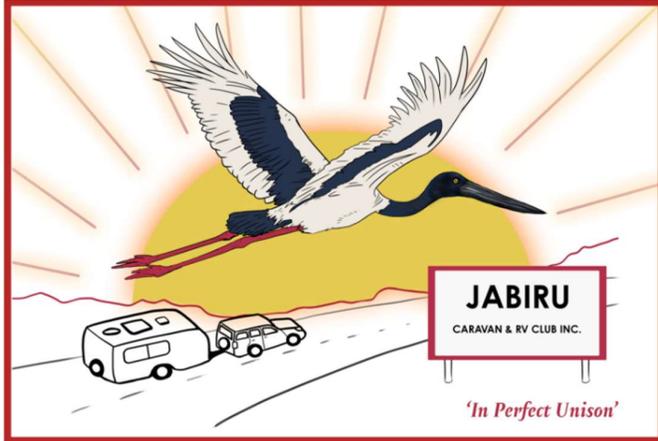


'STORK TALK'

November 2025

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



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Kalbar Showgrounds

12th to 17th November

Our November rally is to be held at the Kalbar Showgrounds, Lot 377 George Street, Kalbar. The Kalbar showgrounds offer large Powered Sites suitable for all types of vehicles. There are large open areas, shade, seating & yards. It is a short walk to shops and the Hotel.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This month's rally was at Goomeri Bush Camp. What a fabulous gem of a campground surrounded by natural bush, a 300-acre working cattle farm. Off Grid camp - no power, no water - but we all had a fantastic time under the stars and by our campfires. We had 17 vans roll up for our rally to experience this beautiful place.

I would like to thank all those who attended the rally and especially our first-time visitors, Marianne and Rudi M and their little dog Zoe, and Geraldine and Mal B who came along to see what our caravan club is all about. Also, Rick attended his second rally. Hope to see them all again soon.

On Friday night we had a shared meal under the stars and by lantern light. An assortment of wonderful meals was made for all of us to enjoy - well done to everyone for making this an awesome night. On Saturday some of us had lunch at the hotel in town - very nice huge meals to support the local community as like all country towns, they are doing it tough.

Saturday night the owner's, Nic and Cam, made some yummy dampers to be shared amongst the campers around the communal fire pit. Well done to Nic and Cam.

Some of our members are still travelling, Peter and Melody L in Western Australia to see the wildflower trail. What an experience they are having. Looking forward to seeing them both and hearing all about their trip when they return.

We are off to Kalbar next month for our Jabiru Cup races (aka Melbourne Cup) so put on your glad rags and fascinators and let's party and cheer on the winners!!

Also, we are having a Market Stall at this rally. So please bring any goods, crafts or bric a brac you have to donate. Please feel welcome to come along and pick up a bargain. This is a fundraising event held once a year to enable us to be able to have some great events at our future rallies.

REMINDER TO ALL WHO HAVEN'T PAID THEIR DEPOSIT OF \$24 FOR OUR XMAS PARTY AT BEAUDESERT. PLEASE DO SO ASAP AS WE HAVE TO GIVE NUMBERS TO CLUB BEAUDESERT WHERE OUR FUNCTION WILL BE HELD.

So that's all from me - hope to see you at Kalbar - safe travels to everyone.

Cheers Marcia



OCTOBER RALLY ROUNDUP (by the Editor)

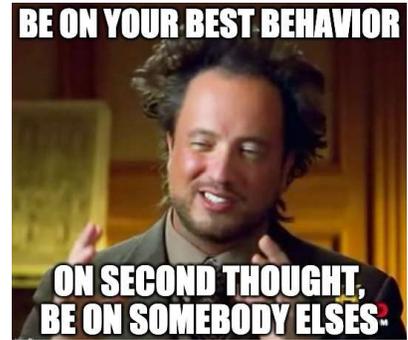
I finally made it back to a Rally....it feels like forever since I'd been to one! And what a Rally to come back to....who doesn't love free camping at Goomeri. There are loads of quirky sculptures around the place which are pretty cool. The weather was great.....still had some rain but it was plenty warm during the day.

There were lots of games this Rally – table tennis (Dell, I hope you've been practising for our re-match!), Mahjong (Dell is still the luckiest woman on the planet with this game....sorry, I meant to say the undisputed champion), Five Crowns (with a little, teeny bit of cheating going on.....not naming names.....but Jenny you know who I mean) and Rummy-O. Geraldine & Mal had some beginners luck with the Rummy-O.....game on at Kalbar!

We had lunch at the pub (of course) and one of the Wineries which were very nice.....almost as good as the shared meal we had on Friday night.

Not much else to report.....everyone was on their best behaviour (including me).....must have been because we had visitors, who we'll hopefully see at future Rallies.

OMG....I nearly forgot to talk about the elephant in the room.....sorry, I mean the brand new RAM that Mr D is driving these days.....there's practically room for the spa pool and butler service in the back of that thing. There was room for the esky which is handy for a roadie or 2!



Yep....this is me behaving myself!



Dodge ram 2500 for sale, 600k miles runs like new. 15k firm. Don't low ball me I know what I have.



It's hard to tell from this photo but this is basically Joan 'touting' her wares under a red light!
(And yes....this is Joan behaving herself!)



I wasn't allowed inside



The RAM will never be driven like this

Catch you at Kalbar.....for the Race that Stops a Nation.

"IN PERFECT UNISON"



Feeding time at the zoo



Naughty naughty....look who's not wearing their shirts??!!



We won't call her 'Quasi'!



The conga is alive and well – it did work as a Rain Dance however!



"IN PERFECT UNISON"



No-one will notice if I'm quick!

ACTIVITY COORDINATOR'S REPORT

We had 17 vans attend the Rally at Goomeri which was great for an off grid Rally. Lots of yummy pastries, pies and cakes to choose from at the Goomeri Bakery, the coffee shops and the Belgium Chocolate shop. The wine tasting shop saw both Sandra and I indulge and take home some wares.

We managed to get through a few bags of firewood during our sessions around the campfires most nights. Again, a big thanks to Robert for cutting the pallets and for those who take the time to collect and bring along the timber. We played a few games in the evenings in the Camp Kitchen with the newbies learning and managing to win a few games (we've got a chance when Joan T isn't around).



Thank you to all the cooks as the Friday shared dinner was a great success seated under the stars and lantern lights. All the meals and desserts were well received and thoroughly enjoyed by all. A number of us enjoyed a great meal at the Goomeri Hotel in the beer garden where we enjoyed lunch and a few beverages. On Sunday a few of us headed to lunch at the Dusty Hill Winery and Irish Pub and enjoyed being seated near the water where all the turtles swam around.

Due to my (Joan A) health issues over the week I just wanted to add a personal thank you to the willing bank of helpers (you know who you are) who not only helped me but others in the Club by sorting out issues as they arose, eg. Gas issues, solar issues, setting up awnings and offering advice, especially to us solo travellers. That is what makes the Club so welcoming and enjoyable and why I look forward to each Rally.

Kalbar Rally: On Thursday we will do a BYO (tag along lunch and drink) at Lake Moogerah. Whilst in Kalbar you can enjoy its German heritage by visiting historic buildings and local pubs, and we will also check out the Coffee Emporium on Friday.

Saturday morning please bring your bric a brac donations to sell at our main fundraiser for the year at our big Christmas Stall commencing at 8am. If you have anything you want to sell, please let us know so we can set up tables for you to sell your wares. There will be a lot of interesting items for sale with clothes, Norwex, crafts, macrame, bric a brac. Bring along plenty of cash to check out what is on offer.

Saturday evening, from 6.30pm, come dressed up in your Melbourne Cup finery for our wine (BYO) and cheese (supplied) for a night of fun and Jabiru Cup races. Prizes for best dressed male and female.

Also, it's time to start thinking ahead to our Christmas dinner which will be held at Beaudesert Club and to purchase those Secret Santa, unisex gifts (\$20 value) per person to contribute as there will be a special twist with a roll of the dice.

Cheers Sandra & Joan

FOR RICK
(Centrefold overpage)



CENTREFOLD



19TH NATIONAL RALLY WRAP-UP

Two vans departed from the Dayboro Rally enroute to Mudgee for the 19th National Caravan Club Rally. Happily, this represented double the attendance compared to the previous occasion, when only Barry and I participated.

Carolyn, Denis, Barry, and I had a pleasant and timely journey. In the three days preceding the rally, we stayed in Gulgong, an historic town located near the event site.

On the initial day of the rally, participants were queued before being directed to parking by the organisers. The volunteers helped, and Barry and I were assigned a corner spot with ample space.

Carolyn and I delivered the donated rugs, and we extend our gratitude to Kay, Sandra's sister, and Melody for their generous contributions. The rugs were an excellent addition to the extensive array of craft donations.



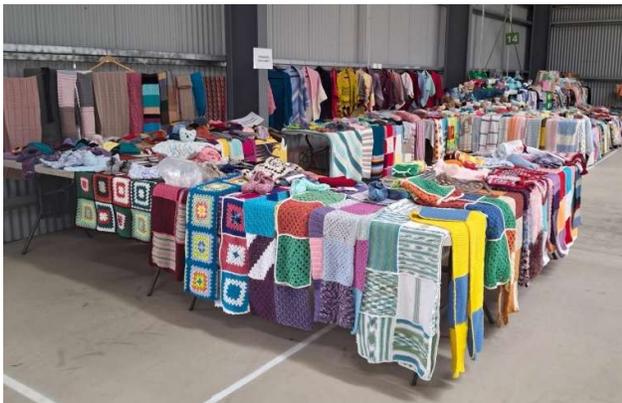
The rally provided opportunities for attendees to interact with others, meeting both familiar and new individuals while sharing drinks and conversations. Activities included morning walks, Tai Chi, craft workshops, line dancing, and ukulele sessions. Musical Bingo was also scheduled, involving group singing. Each evening featured performances by professional entertainers.

The weather was generally sunny. This provided an opportunity to explore the area, including visits to local wineries. Also a few road trips were taken to nearby historical towns.

There were many donations for the mega raffle, and Carolyn won a \$100 Coles voucher. Barry and I did not win any prizes of course.

The 20th National Caravan Club Rally will be held in Bendigo in March 2028, just two and a half years away. I encourage more members to participate in this enjoyable event organized by volunteers.

Cheers Fay



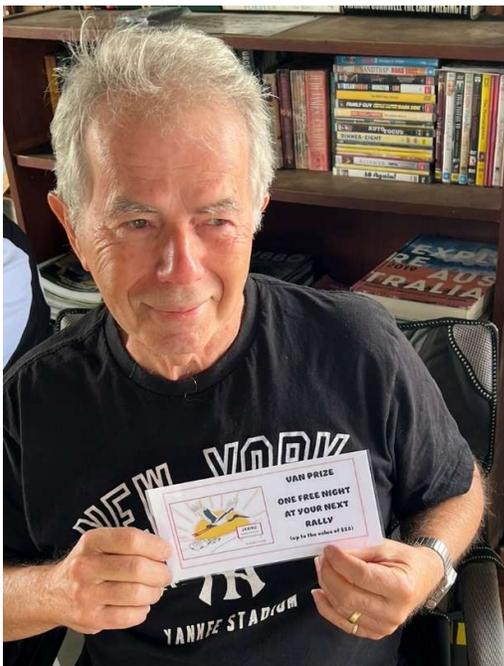
OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS



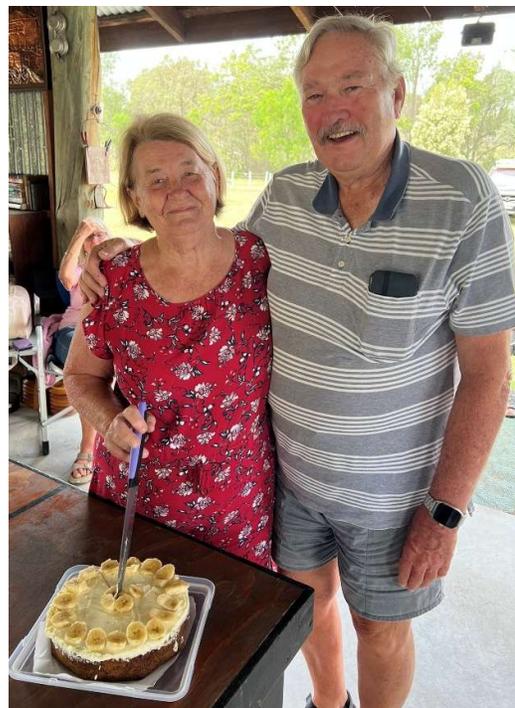
Happy Birthday to Jeanette J & Carolyn H



Jenny & Michael F won the Raffle
(Michael was busy making Jenny a hot drink!)



Aivars D won the Lucky Van Prize
(unfortunately for Pam, it was a van number drawn, not the raffle ticket)



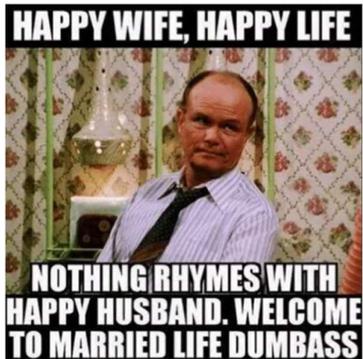
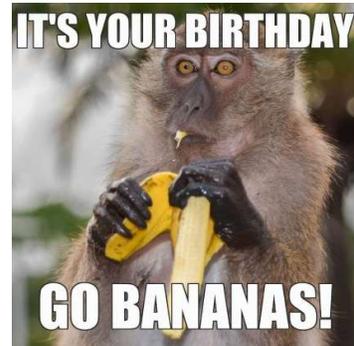
Happy Anniversary to Rob & Helen S

FUTURE RALLIES 2025/2026

DECEMBER:	10 th to 15 th	- Beaudesert Showgrounds (second weekend)
<u>2026</u>		
JANUARY:	14 th to 19 th	- Kenilworth Showgrounds
FEBRUARY:	18 th to 23 rd	- Laidley Showgrounds
MARCH:	18 th to 23 rd	- Alstonville Showgrounds
APRIL:	15 th to 20 th	- Lowood Showgrounds
MAY:	13 th to 18 th	- Mullumbimby Showgrounds

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Peter L	16 th
Toni C	17 th
Barry A	22 nd
Ann A	28 th



NOVEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Peter & Melody L 1st

RAFFLE PRIZE ROSTER 2025/2026

NOVEMBER:	Michael & Jenny F
DECEMBER:	Joan A
JANUARY 2026:	Shirley B
FEBRUARY:	Jeanette J
MARCH:	Bob W
APRIL:	Carolyn & Denis H





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

RSVP - RALLY MASTER

Please RSVP to Rob S by **8th Nov** on his mobile: **0427 773 559** to confirm you will be attending the Rally.

Don't forget, bring along extra long water hoses & power leads just in case they are required – and make sure your power leads are 15amp.



FROM THE TREASURER

LEOD FIGURES for October Rally:

Camp Fees: \$1,905

Other: \$3,788

JABIRU CARAVAN AND RV CLUB INC.

BY-LAWS



21. PETS

The Jabiru Caravan and RV Club Inc. welcomes quiet and obedient pets.

Being a pet friendly Club, we must abide by Council Laws and Health and Safety Regulation and venue rules. Pets are NOT allowed at breakfast, lunch and dinner venues. Outside morning tea and happy hour gatherings are acceptable. Exception for assistance dogs.

Dogs must always be on a hand held leash and owners are to pick up all droppings immediately.

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



KALBAR SHOWGROUNDS - 12th to 17th November

Lot 377 George St, Kalbar (81km from Brisbane CBD)

\$30 per night, power & water - pay as a group.

Above ground fires permitted, Dump Point on site.

Pets allowed (must be on a lead)

WEDNESDAY

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

4.00pm Happy Hour

6.00pm BYO dinner in the shed or in your own van

7.00pm Board games and cards in the shed

Later Port and talk

THURSDAY

TBD Walk and talk

10.00am Morning Tea

11.15am Tagalong to Lake Moogerah for BYO lunch and drink

4.00pm Happy Hour

6.00pm BYO dinner in the shed or in your own van

7.00pm Board games and cards in the shed

Later Port and talk

FRIDAY

TBD Walk and talk

10.00am Morning Tea

11.30am Visit the Coffee Emporium and maybe visit some other historic buildings in the town

4.00pm Happy Hour

6.00pm Shared Dinner in the shed or in your own van

7.00pm Board games and cards in the shed

Later Port and talk

SATURDAY

TBD Walk and talk

8.00am Annual fundraising stall - clothes, Craft, Macrame, Bric-a-brac

4.00pm Happy Hour

6.30pm Wine and Cheese night (BYO wine, cheese provided), Jabiru Cup fun - Dress to impress (50c bets so bring your coins)

Later Port and talk

SUNDAY

TBD 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.



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

For those staying...more to explore