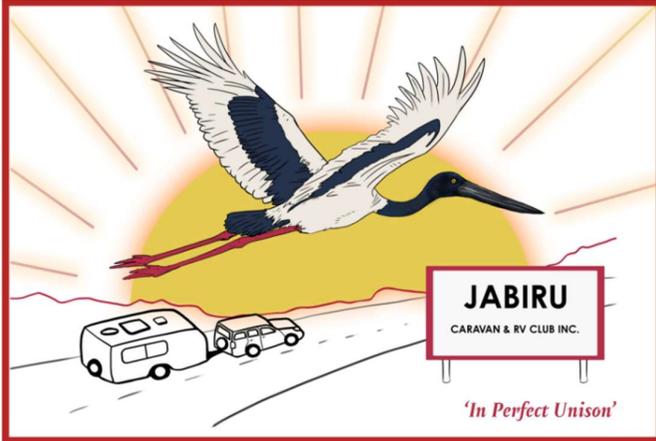


'STORK TALK'

February 2026

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



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Laidley Showgrounds

18th to 23rd February

Our February rally is to be held at the Laidley Showgrounds, Hayes Street, Laidley. Laidley is a hidden gem nestled amidst the lush farmlands and magnificent scenery of Qld. With its rich history and natural beauty, Laidley offers a range of unique experiences, from immersing yourself in the local culture at the Laidley Pioneer Village and Museum to enjoying the stunning views at Schultz Lookout.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Our first rally for 2026 was held at the Kenilworth Showgrounds, a beautiful spot in the little town of Kenilworth. I had the pleasure of inducting new members into the Club, Geraldine and Mal, and hope they enjoy many more rallies with our Jabiru family. Also had our visitors, Marianne and Rudi, for their 3rd rally and Halmut for his 2nd rally.

The weather turned up the heat for us on a couple of days and the swimming pool beside the showgrounds was a great relief for our members to cool off. Our club members went barefoot bowling at the Kenilworth Bowls Club and enjoyed dinner afterwards at the club. Good time was had by all with some free coaching from a Bowling Club Member.

We had some excitement on the Friday night as one of our members' dog (Boston) decided to escape from the van and have a look around the town looking for Mum and Dad. Members were armed with torches and searched all around the area and luckily Boston decided to return to their van much to the relief of Dell and Barry.

On Saturday we had an Aussie BBQ to celebrate Australia Day with a fantastic array of Aussie Burgers and desserts. Huge thank you goes to our Activities Co-Ordinator, Joan A, for all her hard work and her helpers, to make this night a success.

Our next rally for February is at the Laidley Showgrounds. Hope to see you all there.

Cheers from your President.

Marcia P



Geraldine is looking a bit nervous about our Initiation hazing ritual (after she had to look up what hazing meant)!



JANUARY RALLY ROUNDUP (by the Editor)

I've decided that I'm a big fan of Kenilworth.....what's not to love – cheese, ice cream, yoghurt, pies, donuts and a lovely little dress shop with some fantastic savings!

We had a great turnout for Kenilworth and everyone made good use of the swimming pool as it was very steamy, as it was everywhere. I did see some Club members pushing small children out of the way to go down the slide.....just proving there's a kid in all of us!

I had a bit of a late start at the Rally due to my car breaking down in the morning before I left home. That was a very expensive exercise!



We managed to fit a few games of mahjong in.....definitely wasn't my night for that! Hazel and I decided to teach some people a new game – Skip-Bo.....that provided a good many laughs.

Friday was BOWLS day.....I missed the disc bowls but from what I can gather the spectators need crash helmets when Judy is playing! I believe there was a tie for this – Helen & Rob (Denis H) S and Geraldine & Mal B. Lucky the prize was a big enough sheep station to be split.

In the afternoon we moved to barefoot bowls.....it was a bit hot for my liking as I'm definitely a fair weather bowler. Personally the bar with the aircon was my preferred location for the afternoon. Dinner at the Club was delish.....steak was very popular on our table.

Then we had a bit of excitement chasing after 'Boston the Escapee'. Almost everyone in the Club (I think a few people slept through the whole thing....Sandra must use ear plugs!) was out in cars or on foot searching.....only to have the little so and so turn up back at the caravan wondering what all the fuss was about!

Saturday was our Australia Day dinner.....which was also very yummy. Thanks to all the people who pitched in to make that happen.....and the cooks of course. There was no donut challenge.....supposedly called off due to the heat!



So, a very busy Rally.....now to prepare for Laidley. I won't be there.....I'm heading to Christchurch – I'll need my warm clothes for that. I look forward to hearing all the stories and getting the photos through.

MISSING DOG



Answers To: No-one (he's his own boss)
Approach with Caution – he's likely to lick
Last seen: all over Kenilworth apparently
If found return to.....oh wait, he's back....
.....everyone stop looking!





Winners of the Australia Day van decorations



Nice catch Phil



"IN PERFECT UNISON"



FEBRUARY 2026

ACTIVITY COORDINATOR'S REPORT

What a great time we had at Kenilworth, although it was hot & humid, Kenilworth is a lovely spot and the showgrounds are so close to town. Many members had to walk up to the Bakery on several occasions just to make sure they were getting enough patronage.

On Wednesday we had Happy Hour under the shady trees, very enjoyable when Rudi & Marianne started playing their Ukeleles and entertaining us with songs then joined by Carolyn, Marcia, Pam and Fay we had a lovely singalong. Some of the members played cards or Mahjong under the awnings of various vans. Thursday we had morning tea in the hall - it did have air-conditioning but the noise was very loud due to the low ceilings. After lunch a lot of the members ventured into the pool which was very inviting and so close to us and only \$4 per day. We had Happy Hour in the hall and at night quite a number of us played cards and another game which I forget.

Friday morning most of us played Disc Bowls in a round robin tournament which was so much fun. Congratulations to joint winners, Rudi & Marianne and Rob & Helen, they obviously have been secretly practicing. Some of us had a swim then we went to the Kenilworth Bowls Club in the arvo and more than half of us played barefoot bowls with lots of help and advice from Ken and Russ. We stayed for dinner and some even stayed for the raffles. I won't go fully into the story of Boston escaping which was so worrying for Barry & Del - so many people walking around the Showgrounds and town, etc. with torches calling Boston only to find that he had returned and was under their caravan. Talk about bush telegraph - the next morning when Barry & Del went up town everyone was asking oh is that Boston the dog that was missing last night.

Saturday it was morning tea in the hall followed by a swim for a lot of us then the working party got together to decorate the hall, tables, etc. in the Australia Day theme. In the kitchen we made salads, almost 4kg of Rissoles, buttered the rolls and prepared the desserts. Thanks to Wayne, Peter and Robert for cooking the sausages and rissoles even though a Kookaburra stole one of the sausages. We had a fantastic night thanks to Joan for all her organising - she worked her butt off all weekend and must have gone home exhausted.

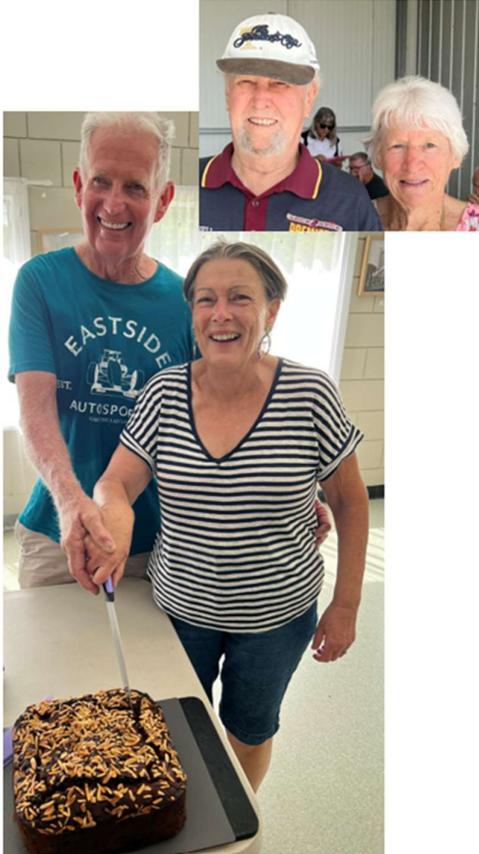
The next Rally will be at Laidley Showgrounds and the Theme will be Valentines Day. Thursday we will be able to have a look around and take in the sites. Friday we will have tag along lunch to Lake Dyer. Saturday night we will have a shared meal which has always been delicious. Don't forget to let Joan know what you will be bringing - main meal, vegetables, salad or desserts.

Cheers Sandra & Joan



Was it really a Kookaburra that ate the sausage?

JANUARY CELEBRATIONS



Happy Anniversary to Gary & Joan T and
Mal & Geraldine B



Happy Birthday to Fay S,
Denis H, and Sue L



Rob & Helen S won the Lucky Van Prize



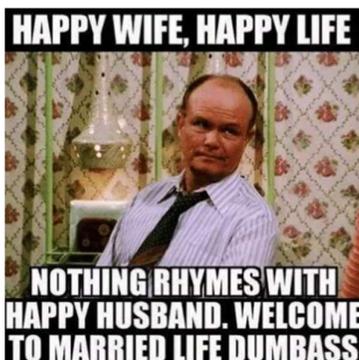
Jeanette J won the Raffle

FUTURE RALLIES 2026

MARCH:	18 th to 23 rd	- Alstonville Showgrounds
APRIL:	15 th to 20 th	- Lowood Showgrounds
MAY:	13 th to 18 th	- Mullumbimby Showgrounds
JUNE:	17 th to 22 nd	- Oakey Showgrounds
JULY:	15 th to 20 th	- Warwick Showgrounds for Jumpers & Jazz (TBA)
AUGUST:	12 th to 17 th	- Boonah Caravan Park

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Gary T	3 rd
Sandra W	10 th
Lorraine G	16 th



FEBRUARY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Chris & Toni C 4th

RAFFLE PRIZE ROSTER 2026

FEBRUARY:	Jeanette J
MARCH:	Bob W
APRIL:	Carolyn & Denis H
MAY:	Ann & Klaus
JUNE:	Peter & Marcia P
JULY:	Mal & Geraldine B





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

RSVP - RALLY MASTER

Please RSVP to Rob S by **14th Feb** 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 January Rally:

Camp Fees: \$2,380

Other: \$3,741

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



LAIDLEY SHOWGROUNDS - 18th to 23rd February

Hayes St, Laidley (83.5km from Brisbane CBD)

Hayes St is cut in half - turn down Edward St or Macgregor St to access Cooper St, then turn up Hayes St for entry gate

**\$25 per night - pay as a group. \$5 per person one-off charge for hall hire
Dump Point at John St (easy access with caravan), 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
7.00pm Card & Board games
Later Port and talk

THURSDAY

TBD Walk and talk
10.00am Morning Tea
Suggestion: For the ladies, Laidley Shoez is a must. Laidley Pioneer Village will be open.
4.00pm Happy Hour
7.00pm Card & Board games
Later Port and talk

FRIDAY

TBD Walk and talk
10.00am Morning Tea
11.30am Tag-a-long to Lake Dyer. BYO lunch. Dogs allowed on leashes
4.00pm Happy Hour
7.00pm Card & Board games
Later Port and talk

SATURDAY

TBD Walk and talk
10.00am Morning Tea
Suggestion: Visit Das Neumann Haus. Open till 1.30pm
4.00pm Happy Hour
6.00pm Shared Dinner. More details to follow.
7.00pm Valentine's Day games
Later Port and talk

SUNDAY

TBD Walk and talk
8.45am Please purchase your raffle tickets.
9.00am Morning Tea, birthdays, anniversaries, raffle draw, lucky van prize, summary of next month's rally etc.

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

For those staying....more to explore