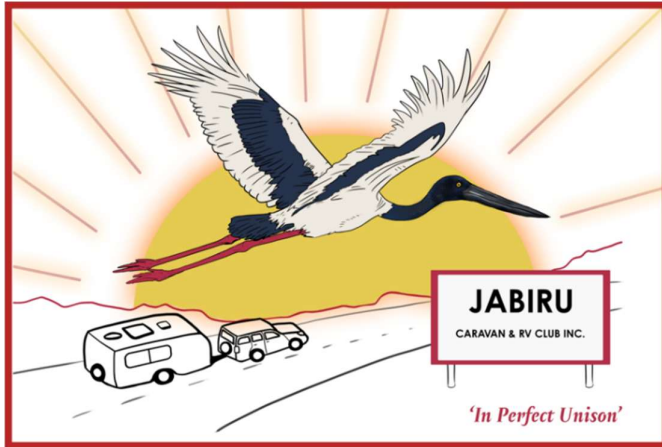


'STORK TALK'

April 2026

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



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Lowood Showgrounds

15th to 20th April

Our April rally is to be held at the Lowood Showgrounds, 18 Station Street, Lowood. This is our 12th Birthday Rally so we will be having a birthday dinner on the Saturday night. Please make sure you've paid your \$25 deposit and let the Rally Master know when you will be arriving and leaving.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

LOWOOD MEDICAL CENTRE

8 Michel Street 07 3558 0322

FERNVALE VETERINARY SURGERY

3619 Forest Hill Fernvale Road 07 5426 7766



THE JABIRU COMMITTEE

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|--------------------------------|----------|---|--------------------------|---------|--------------|
| PRESIDENT | Marcia P | 0412 595 016 | VICE PRESIDENT | Bob W | 0404 447 172 |
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| RALLY MASTERS | | Rob S (0427 773 559)/Peter P (0415 407 266) | | | |
| ACTIVITIES COORDINATORS | | Sandra W (0409 055 020)/Joan A (0417 006 645) | | | |

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Our rally at the beautiful showgrounds at Alstonville was great with lots of vans attending, considering the drive down there and the fuel shortages. The Committee thanks you for your commitment to the Club in attending.

The weather gods were kind to us at the rally throughout the week. We enjoyed a variety of activities, from scenic drives in the area to the off leash dog beach in Ballina which I can assure you was real treat for the dogs running free, and to our Irish night with songs by our very own Ukulele group - big thanks to Marianne, Rudi, Pam, Carolyn and myself.

I had the pleasure of inducting another new member into the club and we welcomed Helmet S and his little dog Toby.

Our next rally is our 12th Birthday Rally at Lowood Showgrounds. If you have not paid your deposit of \$25 to secure your booking for our dinner, please do so as soon as possible. This amount will be come off your site fees. Our dinner is free for members and \$25 per head for visitors.

Our member fees are due by 30th April 2026 (\$50.00 per van). All nominations for Committee positions are to be in by noon, Saturday 18th April. In May, our Annual General Meeting will be held, and all positions will be declared vacant. The positions available are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Venue Co-Ordinator, Rally Master, Activities Coordinator, and Editor - these positions are the official Committee positions. There is also Assistant Secretary, Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Rally Master to help out when the Committee members are away.

CCQ State Rally this year is in September at Chinchilla Showgrounds. It would be great if we could have a few members attend to represent our Club. State Rallies are interesting and lots of entertainment is planned with a chance to meet other club members from all over Queensland.

Hope to see you all in April at Lowood Showgrounds.

Cheers from your President.

Marcia P



MARCH RALLY ROUNDUP (by the Editor)

We've been to Alstonville a few times now and the weather was kinder to us this time I think. We had a bit of rain but not during any of our outdoor excursions. The trip to Missingham beach was a stand out for me because it was a lovely day and the dogs were all so happy to be running around in and out of the water. Lunch at the pub was pretty good too.



We had some long walks in the morning. Aivars was a bit concerned that I was going the wrong way and was not going to get us back to the vans! Luckily Alstonville is pretty flat so there weren't too many hills involved.

On Saturday night we were entertained by the JUG (Jabiru Ukele Group) led by Rudi and Marianne with the backup team of Pam, Carolyn and Marcia. All also dressed very appropriately in their St Patricks Day finery.

We followed that with a bit of trivia.....well the sheep station must have been up for grabs....although one team (you know who you are) weren't even close to getting the dags off the sheep even! Still....it's always a bit of fun.



We also had the local market at the showgrounds on Saturday morning and that was a pretty good turnout considering. I think Pam managed to keep them afloat again for a few months!



Some of us went to Summerland Farm.....and some even went on the Tractor ride around the Farm.

We formally welcomed a new Member to the Club (Helmut & Toby) and there were card games of course.....not sure what happened but at one stage I did hear someone say Queenie isn't allowed to play any more. I'm sure there's more to that story!

Next Rally is our birthday Rally at Lowood.....membership fees are due and Committee positions are up for grabs in May.

Hope to see you all at Lowood.



HEALTH & SAFETY

DEFIBRILLATOR INFORMATION:

If it ever comes to using the Club's defibrillator, every minute counts to have easy and fast access to the equipment which should be accessible for 24 hours of each and every day of the rally.

The defibrillator will be kept outside the Vice President's (Bob W) van when on site and if the Vice President is not attending the Rally it will be passed on to the Rally Master, Rob S, for that Rally.

When on Club outings the defib must be taken along with the person responsible for it at that particular time.

CLUB EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

IF AN EMERGENCY ARISES

- BLOW WHISTLE UNTIL HELP ARRIVES
- OR IF POSSIBLE HONK YOUR CAR HORN CONTINUOUSLY
- OR HAVE SOMEONE DO SO UNTIL HELP ARRIVES
- PRESIDENT OR COMMITTEE MEMBER WILL CALL 000

Notice to Members

Leave of Absence Requests

All members are reminded that any requests for a leave of absence must be submitted in writing to the Secretary. This ensures that all absences are properly recorded and managed.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Regards, Fay



Looking good Barry!



Unfortunately, I think this was the closest to the pot of gold at the end of this rainbow!

I'VE GOT ME POT OF GOLD



"IN PERFECT UNISON"



ACTIVITY COORDINATOR'S REPORT

We still had a good roll up for the Rally at Alstonville even though a few pulled out because of the price of fuel etc. We had to pay and sign in with the caretaker and he was the one who allocated the site no. where we were to set up and all given a bucket to catch our grey water.

We welcomed back Queenie and Alex for their second visit and Colin for his first visit. I know they had a great rally and joined in all activities. Wednesday arvo after most of us had arrived we had happy hour under the shady tree near Rob & Helen's van.

Barry, Judy & I drove to Mullumbimby Showgrounds to check it out before our AGM in May. We found a lovely Dog Friendly café called Ichi Bun, the main hotel was not Dog Friendly. Other members went for a drive or walked up town - Alstonville is so quaint with 3 bakeries. Of course, cards and games were played in the shed each evening.

After M/T on Friday we went for a tagalong to Messingham Beach - an off-leash beach in Ballina. All the dogs had so much fun running along the beach and in and out the water. Most of us then went to Shaws Bay Hotel for lunch, another dog friendly pub and were in a lovely shady area.

Saturday started off with the Markets with approximately 45 stalls and well patronised by our members. Some of us then went to Summerland Farm. It is a working Avocado and Macadamia Farm which provides meaningful employment for people with Disabilities. After our lunch we had a very interesting tractor drawn ride around the farm, of course tasted some fresh macadamia nuts and learnt how they had adapted a lot of the farm equipment.

Saturday night after dinner we were entertained by Rudi, Marianne, Pam, Carolyn and Marcia with their Ukeleles singing a few Irish songs and then some singalong ones, thanks for the show Team. We were then split into groups of 4 or 5 for Kay's movie knowledge trivia – gosh there was a lot of laughing from so many people who had no idea of the answers. Thank you Kay for a very fun night.

Next Rally will be at Lowood Showgrounds celebrating our 12th Birthday with a catered dinner on the Saturday night. Depending on the weather we will have a round robin Disc Bowls on Thursday. Judy is running an art workshop on Friday with various things on offer for us to paint - \$5 per person to cover costs of materials. We will have our Birthday dinner on Saturday followed by various birthday games which hopefully you haven't played before.

Sunday morning the Fernvale Markets are on at the Fernvale State School.

Cheers Sandra & Joan



MARCH CELEBRATIONS



Happy Anniversary to Denis & Carolyn H, Barry & Dell S and Peter & Marcia P



Happy Birthday to Wayne W, Lawrie L, Aivars D & Caroline T



John & Jeanette won the Raffle



Wayne & Hazel won the Lucky Van Prize

FUTURE RALLIES 2026

| | | |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| 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 |
| SEPTEMBER: | 16 th to 21 st | - Standown Park |
| OCTOBER: | 14 th to 19 th | - Darlington Park |

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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| Michael F | 2 nd |
| Jenni F | 6 th |
| Dell S | 12 th |
| Hazel C | 14 th |
| Helen S | 27 th |



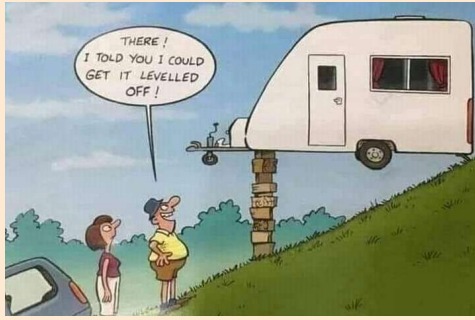
APRIL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

None

RAFFLE PRIZE ROSTER 2026

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| APRIL: | Carolyn & Denis H |
| MAY: | Ann & Klaus |
| JUNE: | Peter & Marcia P |
| JULY: | Mal & Geraldine B |
| AUGUST: | Rudi & Marianne M |
| SEPTEMBER: | Helmut S |





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

RSVP - RALLY MASTER

Please RSVP to Rob S by **Friday, 10th April** on his mobile: 0427 773 559 to confirm you will be attending the Rally. Please also ensure you provide your arrival AND departure days.

Please also let Rob know the registration of your tow vehicle and of the overall length of your RV from tow hitch to the rear of the RV so he can update his records.

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 March Rally:

Camp Fees: \$1,920

Other: \$3,173

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



LOWOOD SHOWGROUNDS - 15th to 20th April

18 Station Street, Lowood (65km from Brisbane CBD)

\$25 per night powered sites - Pay as a group

Long leads and hoses may be required / Pets allowed (must be on a lead)

Dump point on site, no fires allowed

WEDNESDAY

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

- 4.00pm Happy Hour
- 7.00pm Card & Board games (new games always welcome)
- Later Port and talk

THURSDAY

- TBD Walk and talk
- 10.00am Morning Tea
- 11.00am Round Robin Disc Bowls competition
- 4.00pm Happy Hour
- 7.00pm Card & Board games
- Later Port and talk

FRIDAY

- TBD Walk and talk
- 10.00am Morning Tea
- 1.00pm Art Workshop with Judy - \$5 per person
- 4.00pm Happy Hour
- 7.00pm Card & Board games
- Later Port and talk

SATURDAY

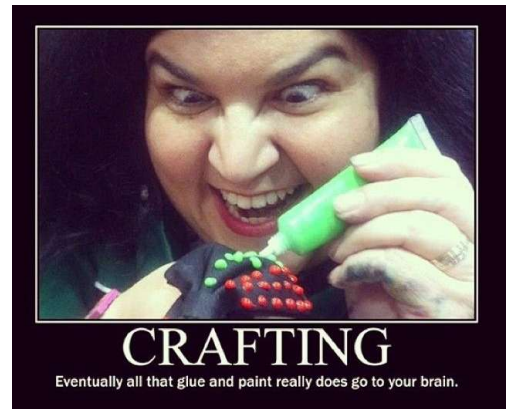
- TBD Walk and talk
- 10.00am Morning Tea
- 4.00pm Happy Hour
- 6.00pm Birthday dinner (wear your glad rags) followed by birthday games
- Later Port and talk

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



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| SECRETARY | VENUE CO ORDINATOR | CCQ DELEGATES (2 required) |

NOMINATION FOR THE POSITION OF: (Print) _____

NOMINEE: (Print Name) _____

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JABIRU CARAVAN AND R.V. CLUB Inc.
PROXY VOTE NOMINATION FORM

Proxy forms are to be in the hands of the Secretary, PRIOR TO THE START of the AGM

Ibeing a member of the Jabiru Caravan and RV Club Inc. hereby
nominate.....to act as proxy at the AGM to be held on
.....

I also authorise my proxy to vote on any nomination from the floor.

My preferred Candidate for:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer.....

Activities Co-Ordinator.....

Rally Master.....

Venue Co-Ordinator.....

Editor.....

Assistant Secretary.....

Assistant Treasurer.....

Care and Concern.....

CCQ Delegates x 2.....&.....

Signed: _____

Dated: _____