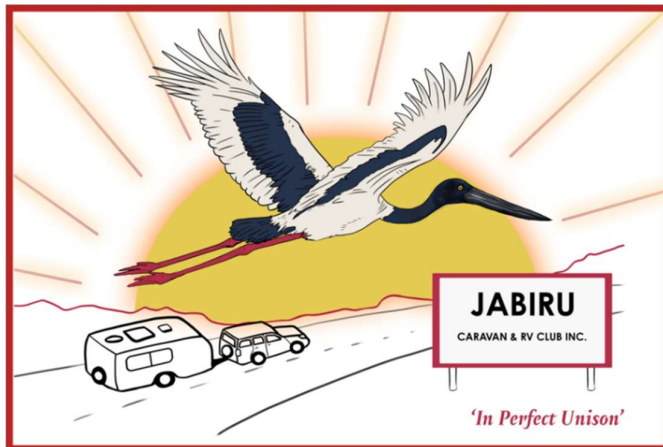


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October 2026

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



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Darlington Park

14th to 19th October

Our October rally is to be held at Darlington Park, 2505 Kerry Rd, Darlington. Darlington Park is a Freedom Camping Event with No Power, Water hookup or Showers. There is a toilet. CASH only so raid your piggy banks.

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VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Our Rally at Standown Park was well attended by members. We ended up with 13 vans. Some members went to the State Rally. We had good weather, so some members went for a dip in the pool. The camp fires were well attended by locals and members. I'd like to thank Judy for the activity which she arranged. Also, Judy brought her friend, Megan, to the Rally. Joan and Gary came for lunch at the surf club. There was a market at Tin Can Bay so a lot went there. The next Rally will be at Darlington Park. Don't forget to bring some timber along. We all wish Barry & Fay a speedy recovery after their accident.

Safe travel wherever you may wander

Bob (Sir Robert)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR QLD STATE RALLY CHINCHILLA SEPTEMBER 2026

Hi fellow Jabiru Club members. It was my pleasure to attend the Qld State Rally held at Chinchilla Showgrounds. Our club was represented by 5 vans consisting of Fay and Barry S, Rob and Helen S, Carolyn and Dennis H, Barry A, and myself and Peter P.

The Roustabouts Club were the hosts this year and they did a marvellous job of organizing the event. A total of 133 vans from various Clubs from all over Queensland attended. There was lots of entertainment at night with great singers, card games, craft, and very interesting seminars on Mental Health, Towing with caravans, and Truck Friendly advice just to name a few. There were very tasty meals from the food trucks and a yummy ice cream van came as well.

Carolyn H and I managed to win 2 raffle prizes each from the Monster Raffle. Carolyn won a caravan service valued at \$850 and a framed \$100 note and I won 2 framed \$50 notes. It was our lucky night!!

Our boys, Dennis H and Peter P, competed in the disc bowls event and did very well but were pipped at the post in the end.

So, hope to catch you all at our next rally at Darlington Park in October. At this rally there is no power or water but there are toilets and a dump point.

Cheers

Marcia



SEPTEMBER RALLY ROUNDUP (by the Editor)

This Rally coincided with the State Rally so we were a few key Committee Members down. We still managed to rustle up 13 vans for the Standown Park Rally which was very good. We were a little spread out but the camp kitchen and fire is a great place to meet up. And the big TV was a big hit for the AFL & NRL over the weekend.

We had a very nice lunch out on Friday (Sublime) and Saturday (Rainbow Beach Surf Club) and the weather was quite warm although there was a breeze about.

There was a game of Finska on Thursday (I was busy working) – it came down to Wayne & Megan.....Wayne won the lollies.

Jenni & Michael had some caravan (or car...not sure) problems on their way up – and then Aivars tried to destroy their van when they arrived! (Just kidding....he only tapped the door stop).

So it was a pretty chill Rally.....a few card games, mahjong and rummy-o. Jenni continued her cheating ways (or trying to any way).

We had some good walks through the forestry land with a good turn out of walkers.

Next month is a free camp so everyone think sun sun sun.....so we get plenty of solar. The Spinifex has enough solar/battery storage on board to run a small community so we should be fine!

After the Rally Wayne, Hazel and I headed out to Roma via Wondai, Jandowae, Miles & Wandoan. We had a tour of the Gas Plant at Wandoan and then spent the afternoon at the Bowls Club watching the AFL Grand Final. We stayed at the Roma Gun Club (didn't see much shooting, but did watch the NRL semi) and then stopped at the Warra Hotel on the way back. We had a tour around the sale yards in Roma which was really interesting.

That's why the newsletter is a bit late this month...sorry about that.

See you all at Darlington Park.



Apparently this wasn't referring to our Bob!

ACTIVITY COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Before anything else, a big cheer for Judy, who bravely took the reins at Standown Park while I was away. She kept the wheels turning and the campers smiling.

Darlington Park is a free camp, which is everyone's favourite price. If you have a gazebo, please bring it along so we can create a village that looks like caravanners have taken over a small section.

Things to See and Do

- Albert River - A fisherman's paradise — or at least that's what the legends claim. You can sit, relax, and wait for a fish to make a life-changing decision. If fishing isn't your thing, a gentle stroll along the riverbank will do wonders for your mood and your step count.
- Bird Feeding at 4 pm - The local birds have a strict schedule and expect us to honour it. They meet at the kiosk daily.
- Kiosk Supplies Snacks, drinks, ice, and firewood are available. If you already have firewood, bring it — the campfire won't judge where it came from.
- Campfires Allowed Bring wood, bring jokes, bring funny camping stories. Clean humour only — we don't want anyone's eyebrows singed from shock.
- Electric BBQs - Four shiny BBQs ready for sausages, onions, and the inevitable debate about who cooks them best.

Friday Craft Session

We're making pipe-cleaner flowers — easy, colourful, and guaranteed to make you feel like a creative genius. I have all the materials, and the only cost is your willingness to laugh at your own handiwork. These flowers will become table decorations for our Melbourne Cup Rally.

Volunteers welcome, enthusiasm preferred, skill optional.



Saturday Tag-Along Tour to Rathdowney

Departure: 9:00am sharp.

The Scenic Route

We'll cruise through Kerry Valley, along Kerry Road, turn right onto Darlington Connection Road, and continue onto Christmas Creek Road.

Morning Tea – Burgess Park, just before the creek crossing, on your right.

Bring:

- A chair
- Morning tea
- Hat
- Sunscreen

Shops are *not* available.

Lunch – The Shed Café (Olive & Stone Farm), dogs welcome — they may even get better service than we do. Homemade food, a gift shop, and plenty of things you didn't know you needed until you saw them.

Rathdowney Visit

Gateway to Mt Barney National Park. You can browse the village, visit the Historical Museum, or simply admire the dairy farms and mountains. It's a gentle, scenic drive — about 25–30 km from Darlington Park.

After all that fresh air, we'll head back to camp.

Once we return, it's time for Happy Hour — or join the birds again.

Safe travels, everyone. Cheers, Marianne



Petal looks keen for a walk.....NOT!



Rainbow Beach



It was great to see Gary & Joan....they even wore their shirts specially, and put the rest of us to shame.



SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS



Happy Anniversary to Phil & Pam P, Rudi
& Marianne M, Barry & Fay S and
Michael & Jenni F



Barry & Dell S won the Lucky Van Prize



Paul S won the Raffle
(I call foul play....she picked out
her own ticket!)



Happy Birthday to Rob S, Pam P & Nita B

FUTURE RALLIES 2026/2027

NOVEMBER:	18th to 23rd	- Imbil Showgrounds
DECEMBER:	9th to 14th	- Blackbutt Showgrounds (second weekend)
<u>2027</u>		
JANUARY:	13th to 18th	- Yarraman Caravan Park
FEBRUARY:	17th to 22nd	- Millmerran Showgrounds
MARCH:	17th to 22nd	- Lismore Showgrounds
APRIL:	14th to 19th	- Kandanga Country Club



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Mal B	4th
Carolyn H	15th
Alex S	15th
Jeanette J	24th

OCTOBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Rob & Helen S 5th



RAFFLE PRIZE ROSTER 2026/2027

OCTOBER:	Alex & Queenie
NOVEMBER:	Helmut S
DECEMBER:	Colin F
JANUARY 2027:	Judy H
FEBRUARY:	Pam & Phil P
MARCH:	Aivars D





Keep going, you're well clear of the bollard

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

RSVP - RALLY MASTER

Please RSVP to Peter P by **Friday, 9th OCTOBER** on his mobile: 0415 407 266 to confirm you will be attending the Rally. Please also ensure you provide your arrival **AND** departure days.

Don't forget, it's a freedom camp so no need for water hoses or power leads.



FROM THE TREASURER

LEOD FIGURES for September Rally:

Camp Fees: \$2,412

Other: \$3,634



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.

Leave of Absence Requests

All Members are reminded that any request 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 cooperation.

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



DARLINGTON PARK – 14th to 19th October

2505 Kerry Road, Darlington (95km from Brisbane CBD)

\$12 per person, per night (Toilet & Dump Point on site)

Freedom Camping Event with No Power or Water hookup or Showers

CASH ONLY – Pay at Office on arrival

FIRE PITS WILL BE SUPPLIED ON SITE

Firewood will be required or can be purchased onsite

If the weather is getting a bit warm there is a swimming hole in the creek

Pets to be on a lead at all times

WEDNESDAY

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

4.00pm Happy Hour and bird feeding

7.00pm Card & Board games

Later Port and talk

THURSDAY

TBD Walk and talk

10.00am Morning Tea

3.00pm Ukelele Practice (back-up singers welcome)

4.00pm Happy Hour and bird feeding

7.00pm Card & Board games

Later Port and talk



FRIDAY

TBD Walk and talk

10.00am Morning Tea

1.30pm Craft Session: Making pipe cleaner flowers for Melbourne Cup tables in November

3.00pm Ukelele Practice (back-up singers welcome)

4.00pm Happy Hour and bird feeding

7.00pm Card & Board games

Later Port and talk



SATURDAY

TBD Walk and talk

9.00am Tag-along to Rathdowney – Marianne has detailed the tag-along in her Report

3.00pm Ukelele Practice (back-up singers welcome)

4.00pm Happy Hour and bird feeding

7.00pm Card & Board 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