

"STORK TALK"

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JABIRU CARAVAN & RV CLUB INC.



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WELCOME TO “STORK TALK”

February 2021 – Rally Venue LAWNTON



Until the coming of the North Coast Railway in 1888, the locality now known as Lawnton was considered to be part of the North Pine district. Closer settlement of this area dated from 1862 when country farm allotments along the North Pine River were surveyed and first put up for sale.

Years ago Lawnton was dense scrub, from which valuable timbers were obtained. Later, when the scrub was cleared, mixed farming was taken up, with much of the land being of exceptional fertility, owing to periodic flooding by the Pine River.

The first farmers grew a variety of crops, but later specialised in dairying and pig raising and cultivated lucerne, maize, wheat and cow cane as fodder crops. Also large quantities of fresh milk was railed to Brisbane from the Lawnton Railway Station.

Lawnton is named after Stephen Lawn (1836 – 1917) who was a farmer, blacksmith and wheelwright in the North Pine/Lawnton area during the late 19th century. He had a share farm on the north side of the river but as the Gympie goldrush provided sufficient business to enable him to concentrate on blacksmithing full-time he bought land on the south of the river and moved his business to the new site located near today's Lawnton Tavern. As some of this land was acquired for the construction of the North Coast Railway in 1887, the Lawnton Railway Station and the surrounding district were named in his honour.

By the late 1960's, Brisbane newspapers were reporting that developers were rapidly subdividing farms in the Lawnton area into residential lots to cater for the suburban housing boom that had encroached upon the area. By 1969 the population passed the 2,000 mark, then by 1973 this figure had grown to nearly 5,000. The 2016 census recorded the population to be 5,658. Unfortunately no further figures are available for today's population.

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GREENCROSS VETS LAWNTON

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3487 0603



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Our first rally for the year, although small, was a huge success. We had 10 vans attending with Joan & Gary and Anne visiting for the day on Friday. Gary and Joan still don't have their car back from repairs.

Although hot and muggy and with some rain, we still managed to sit around and talk, and talk and then adjourn to the pool next door and continue to talk.

We enjoyed the delights of Kenilworth and must sincerely thank Kenilworth Cheese for donating cheese for the Friday afternoon Happy Hour. In return we raised \$69 to donate to them as they are raising funds for a staff member, Ella, who has Leukaemia. Thank you to all who attended and made the weekend so friendly and successful.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at Lawnton, which is a great "City" venue. There are many Caravan and Camping shops along South Pine Road at Brendale for any of you in need of caravan or camping items. Lawnton is close to North Lakes Shopping Centre, Costco, Ikea, Strathpine Shopping Centre and next to the Showgrounds, the Lawnton Pool. Redcliffe is only 20 minutes away and there are many other interesting places to visit.

Please remember to register your interest in attending the April Rally at Stanthorpe with the Rally Master, as we need to have an idea of numbers for planning for this fabulous Birthday Rally. There is so much to see and do and we really want to make this journey a wonderful experience for all. Fay will have lots more information and some costings so please make sure you read her report in this newsletter.

During January we received the resignation of John and Anne McIntosh. We wish them well for the future and hope to see them again either as visitors or returning club members.

This time next year some of us will be getting ready for our trip to South Australia for the 18th National Caravan Rally at Barmerra SA. Why not think about coming along and enjoying the journey along the way. This area of SA has so much to offer the tourist with the mighty Murray River, the wonderful fruit orchards and wineries. I am sure you will hear a lot more in the coming months about the 2022 National Rally and also the State Rally which hopefully will be held at Pittsworth in September, 2021.

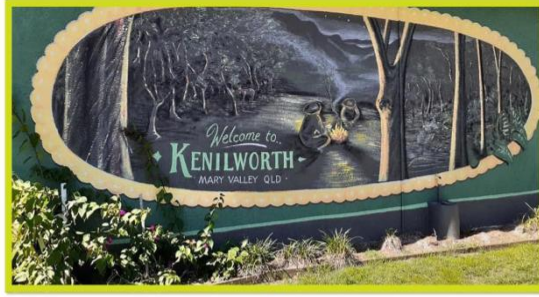
Our quarterly General Meeting will be held at the Lawnton Rally on Saturday afternoon. If you have any items you wish to have discussed please send them to Lyndell for inclusion in the agenda. Lyndell will be forwarding an email regarding this in the next few days.

See you all at Lawnton,

Be kind,

Carolyn

JANUARY RALLY ROUNDUP



Carolyn made yummy Aussie Cupcakes for morning tea!



Tossing the Thong in true Aussie Style

Big Kid Barry having fun on the slide



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Cooling off at the Pool



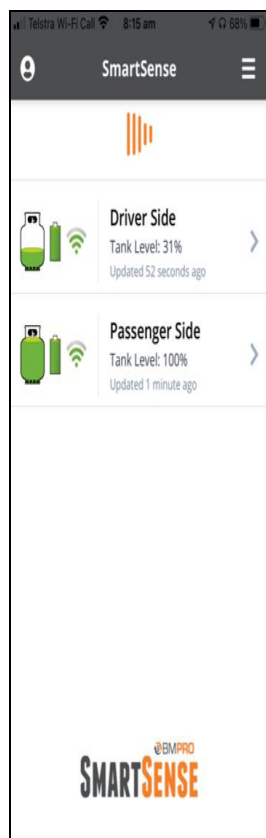
JANUARY RALLY ROUNDUP



Serious concentration required to wind in the wine glass without it spilling or coming off the toilet roll



Aussie BBQ Dinner complete with Steve the Wine Waiter



Thank you Aivars for your email and review on the Smart Sense Gas Monitor and app. I am sure many of our members will be interested in this.

Avairs wrote

"I have used these gas monitors for a few months now and I am impressed with the accuracy and easy to install. Some club members may be interested, all you do is place them on the bottom of the tank as they have a magnet and download a simple app." Cheers Aivars

Apology Note from Grahame for his absence at Kenilworth.

"My apologies for being absent at Kenilorth, but family commitments took precedence. Lorraine and I attended a Traditional "Commitment to Country" ceremony at Fingal Head.

What a completely different service. Even a smoking service and joined in with a dance"

For those members who saw Grahame's photos on Facebook it certainly looked like an interesting experience.

ACTIVITY CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

Unfortunately two activities planned for the January rally could not go ahead for very valid reasons. Dennis has agreed to guide us through his Cubism art session at this rally, as I know many members were looking forward to it. Don was to conduct a Pub Trivia Night and this also had to be postponed. I have seen the amount of trouble Don has gone to, to give us an entertaining evening, so we will have the Trivia next month at Yarraman. I would like to thank both of these members for the amount of effort they have gone to and look forward to both activities.

With the Lawnton Rally we are very fortunate to have a great market at the showground on Saturday, so I have limited the activities on Saturday morning.

I have booked the club into the Heritage Hotel at Old Petrie Town for Friday lunch. It seems to have a great atmosphere and steeped with history and it is just down the road from the Op Shop complex, which I know many of our members would like to explore before lunch. Also the presentation by Gary Gardiner from Total Towing Setups at 2.30 will be interesting too.

Our main feature will be the Hawaiian Night on Saturday night. Time to get those Hawaiian shirts out of moth balls or maybe buy one from an op shop on Friday. The club will be catering for the night with Gourmet Hawaiian Burgers followed by Frangipani Pie (pineapple and coconut) for desert. Cost \$10 per head.

There is a public pool next door for those who just want to relax and cool off if it is hot. Admission cost for seniors is \$4.30.

Thank you to all the members who have kindly donated jigsaws and other items to make my job easier.

Looking forward to seeing you all at Lawnton!

Cheers, Fay

Special request from Sarah. If you have any unwanted garden pots could you please bring them along to give to Sarah so she can pot up more plants for future plants stall that we will have during the year. Thank you in anticipation.

APRIL BIRTHDAY RALLY STANTHORPE

As we missed out on our birthday rally last year the committee are planning an extra special rally for this year. We have booked into Stanthorpe Showground, \$25 per night, power and water and the Stanthorpe Show Society are catering for our birthday dinner which will be a three course meal.

On the Friday we are planning a bus tour around Stanthorpe Wineries, stopping for a two course lunch with tasting paddle, at the Stanthorpe Brewery. We have decided to do wineries so everyone who wishes to sample the wines on offer will not have to worry about driving and can sit back and have a relaxing day. We will have a Stanthorpe local driving the bus ensuring that there will be lots of local knowledge passed onto us. We have also arranged a dog sitter to look after the fur babies while Mum & Dad are on the tour.

At this stage the bus tour will be \$70, including lunch. This figure is based on 30 people on the bus, therefore the more members that come along the cheaper bus tour will be.

The committee would love you all to come along to this rally and enjoy this lovely part of Queensland. We will also do tag along tours to many other interesting places over the weekend and of course, if you would like to stay on longer after the rally, we are sure there will be other members to join you.

FUTURE RALLY VENUES 2020 - 2021

March, 2021	Yarraman Caravan Park	18 th to 21 st
April, 2021	Stanthorpe Showgrounds	15 th to 18 th
May, 2021	Kyogle Showgrounds (AGM)	13 TH to 16 th
June, 2021	Rocky Creek Scout Grounds Landsborough	17 th to 20 th



FROM THE RALLY MASTER

If you were not at Kenilworth Rally could you please advise me if you will be attending the Lawnton Rally by Sunday 14th February or if your circumstances have changed since the last rally.

Fay will be catering for Saturday night so I would appreciate if numbers can be confirmed by Saturday, 13th February.

Thanks and Cheers, Brian

LEOD FIGURES

JANUARY - KENILWORTH \$3,143

ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO
THE SECRETARY

by email to

jabirucaravanrvclub@gmail.com

RAFFLE ROSTER

FEBRUARY, 2021	BILL & SUE
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CELEBRATIONS & WINNERS



Carolyn presenting Suzie and Kevan with their 50th Rally Certificate



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Birthdays, Fay, Denis, Steve & Sue



Lucky Van - Bill & Sue



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Gary T 3rd, Marianne H 7th, Lorraine G 16th

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Grahame & Lorraine 2nd and Aivars & Rhonda 26th



CARE & CONCERN

If you know of any member who maybe unwell or needs a cheer up or a chat, just phone Suzie on 0416 288 277 or Email The Secretary, jabirucaravanrvclub@gmail.com

LAWNTON RALLY - 14th to 17th FEBRUARY, 2021

Lawnton Showground, 757 Gympie Road, Lawnton. Stop and advise the caretaker that you are with the club and you will be directed to our location. Camp Fees \$20 pn, power, water. Dump point on site but can't be used on Saturday when markets are on. Bring longer power lead, water and drain hose, just in case. Furry Friends allowed on leads at all times. As usual "Early Birds" are asked to arrive after 2pm.

THURSDAY: GREETING BY RALLY MASTER BRIAN - Set up and relax

- 4.00 pm Happy Hour
- 6.00 pm BBQ will be lit for BYO dinner, for those wishing to use it.
- 7.00 pm Games and cards. Start the new jigsaw puzzle. Port & Talk for those who wish to relax this way.

FRIDAY:

- 6.00 am Beat the Heat Walk and Talk
- 9.300 am Morning Tea
- 10.30 am Tag along to Op Shop Complex
- 12 noon Lunch at Heritage Hotel, Old Petrie Town, dogs welcome
- 2.30 pm Talk by Gary Gardiner from Total Towing Setups. Gary worked for Hayman Reece for many years and has attended State Rallies, for over 11 years, giving talks on towing and towing related products. Gary will be giving a small presentation on towing safely and legally and will be open to answering any of your towing questions. Total Towing Setups is a mobile business and covers greater Brisbane, Sunshine Coast, Gold Coast as well as Ipswich and Toowoomba.
- 4.00 pm Happy Hour
- 5.30 pm BBQ will be lit for those wishing to use it for BYO dinner.
- 7.00 pm Dennis Williams fun art session for those who wish to participate. Cubism is the theme, all equipment will be supplied or you can bring your own lead or coloured pencils. Jigsaw or games for those at a loose end and Port & Talk for those who wish to finish the day this way.

SATURDAY

- 6.00 am Beat the Heat Walk and Talk
- 7.00 am Hit the markets and shop till your hearts content. When you need a rest, return to your van for a cuppa or go for a splash in the pool located adjacent to the show ground. Maybe if the markets are not your "thing" there are plenty of lovely places to explore around the area.
- 2.00 pm General Meeting
- 4.00 pm Happy Hour
- 6.00 pm Hawaiian Night. Meal catered for by club. Cost \$10 each. Don't forget your leis and Hawaiian shirts.
- 7.00 pm Hula Hoop games followed by Port and Talk if your still standing.

SUNDAY

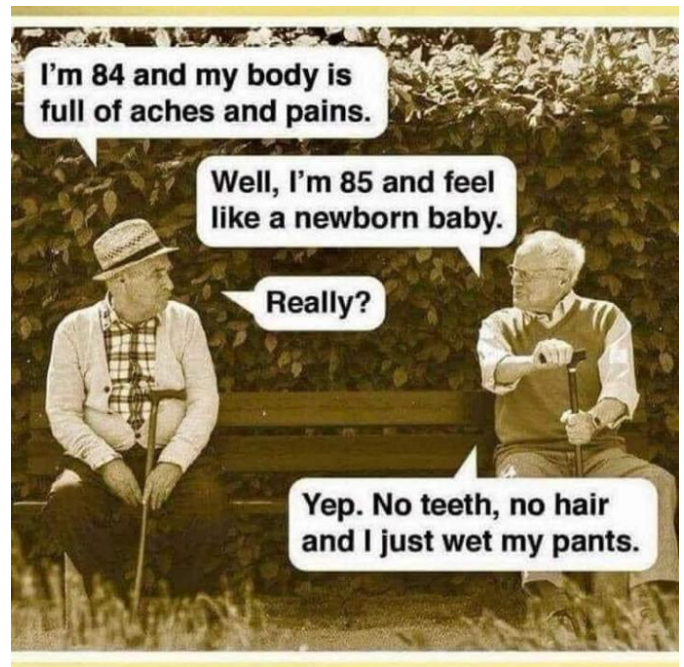
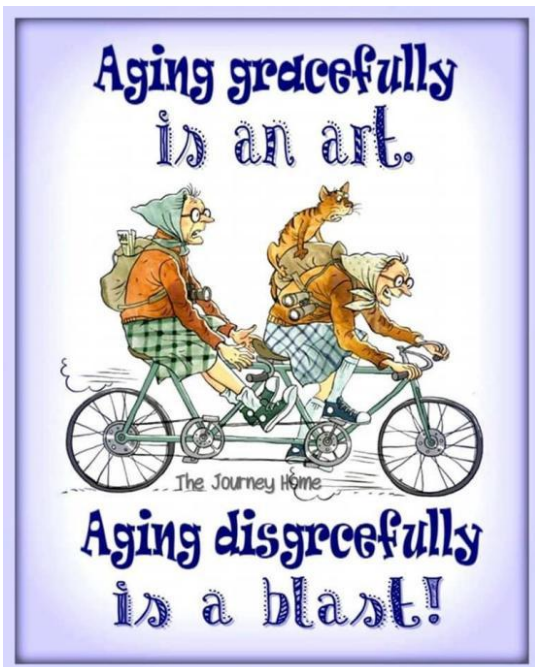
- 8.15 - 8.45 Time to settle your weekend accounts. Don't forget to purchase your raffle tickets.
- 9.00 am Morning tea, birthdays, anniversaries, lucky van, drawing of raffle and Grahame's session.
- Departure time, safe travels to those leaving. For those who can stay, trip to Dayboro Pub for lunch.

COVID-19

As a lot of the of COVID 19 restrictions have lifted we must still remember to continue with social distancing. We know some people like to give a welcome hug to friends when arriving at the rally, please do not be offended if the recipient of your hug wishes to keep their distance.

Please remember Social Distancing whenever possible. The club has hand sanitiser and wipes available for use over the weekend, please feel free to use these items at any time. If you wish to bring your own, you are most welcome to do so.

NOW ENDING ON A LAUGH



NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Please remember to request "leave of absence" in writing to the Secretary before going on extended leave of 2 months or more.

This can be sent by email to The Secretary, jabirucaravanclub@gmail.com