

Tuggerah Lakes Caravanners Inc.



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Payment of Annual Subscription for 2008/09: Do not forget to renew your annual fees by the 31st July (Last day). If you have any doubt ring our Treasurer to determine your payment. **There will be no reminder calls this year**

Second Birthday: Two years ago this month (June 2006) we held our first meeting at Toukley Senior Citizens Club and our club was officially formed. We have certainly come a long way in just 24 months.

Computer Training; We have been chasing up areas where our member who wish can receive free training in the use of computers. All libraries in all areas have free use of computers but you may need to ring and book a time. All Wyong Shire libraries have free (1) hour lessons. Lake

Haven has lessons on a Friday at 11am - 1pm and 2pm.(Ph 43927843). Senior Citizens clubs at Toukley 43965067, Long Jetty 43525522, Tuggerah Lakes Community College 43884574 also provide training.

Kariong Caravan and Camping Show: Our State Representative has advised the Kariong Caravan and Camping show will be held on the 26th to 28th July at Kariong. The State Association has a stand at the show where the general public can then speak to members of Caravan Clubs and discuss caravanning in general and the benefits of joining a caravan club. It usually involves about (4) hours of your time and a lot of talking. If any member wishes to work/assist on the stand please contact Editor ASAP

BEECHWORTH TRIP About 20 caravans set off for Beechworth with most of us staying a couple of nights at Gundagai on the way. While at Gundagai we visited the lovely town of Tumut and Greta Holland took us to her relation's coffee shop for morning tea. We also visited a woodturning exhibition with amazing craftsmanship, including a pendulum clock made entirely from wood. The McGowan's took us to see Blowering Dam where they have had many holidays. The dam was only about 1/3rd full and is three times the size of Sydney Harbour when full. We stayed at Lake Sambal Caravan Park in Beechworth and were made very welcome by Rodger and Sue. They could not do enough for us and even supplied us with beer and wine for a lovely B-B-Q lunch and put on a movie, "Eight Degrees" for us. The weather was very

mild when we arrived but by the time we saw the movie a cold front had hit and there was snow on the Alps so it was quite appropriate that the movie was set in Antarctica. We had all our warm clothes on plus blankets around us. Clarrie organized a great week for us. We visited Wangaratta where the women were quite taken by the woolen mill and Sheridan factory shop coming home along the Snow Road and visiting Millawa with Brown Bros Wines, cheese factory and mustard shop. Some people travelled to Mt Beauty and Mt Buffalo – some even went there when it snowed! We had a look at Yackandanda, Bright and Harrierville and all points in between. One of the highlights of the trip was a town tour by bus where we learnt all about the history of Beechworth. With all our travelling around at every corner there were absolutely beautiful autumn trees – poplars, beeches, maples and plane trees to name just a few. Whoever was driving had to stop regularly so that the happy snappers could take photos. The Geelong Caravan Club was also staying with us at Beechworth. They had about the same number of vans. They were a fun loving lot and matched us for noise and hilarity. We introduced them to disc bowls which they had never played before. One of their members is going to make them a set and another one is going to paint them. They thoroughly enjoyed the game and took to it very well. Clarrie has contact details and it would be great if we could meet up with them again some time. **Robyn Beesley**

Safety Vests. The Lamberts have been chasing up the supply of safety vests and they have found that safety vest can be

purchased at “House to Home” Woy Woy for \$4.95. Bunnings have day/night vests for \$21.95 If anyone locates another supplier up in the Northern area please let us know (Just buy a couple and hide them in the van ready for the next emergency)

MEET & GREET CESSNOCK- 2008

The 2008 M & G will be held at Cessnock Showground on 23rd to 29th July 2008. The venue is a perfect site for our club to hold such an event. This will be our first trip to this showground and we will treat it as a trial for future visits. We will most probably hold this particular event annually. We will locate our vans on a flat green lawn area situated adjacent to our main entertainment building. I suggest you use an electric blanket to warm your van bed or have a small oil/electric heater to keep the van warm. For all entertainment etc we will use the upstairs venue which is a wonderful area that we will/can heat as we require. We therefore should not be cold inside our vans or the venue. The only limitation on the site is that there will not be water taps available to each van. But we may arrange a relay of water from van to van. The Tour Director will set up the best system available. But just in case plan to use your vans water tank but you may be surprised There are a number of showers available with lots of hot water. **The committee confirmed we will not send out invitations to any other club to participate in the 2008 Cessnock M&G however if visitors wish to attend they are most welcome.**

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Members can stay for the (7) nights or as many nights as they wish. Most attendees

are booking for the (7) nights. But the Friday and Saturday are the most important nights.

Cost to members \$15/ night for the first (3) nights all other nights \$12/ night

Visitors on the Saturday will need to pay \$10 for the day/night. Day visitors on the Saturday will not need to bring food for their dinner that night

FEE'S

(2) Nights = \$30 -	(3) Nights = \$45
(4) Nights = \$57	(5) Nights = \$69
(6) Nights = \$81	(7) Nights = \$93

The committee will provide tea, coffee, milk, bread for B B Q, Ripper Rissoles/Sausages, sweets piklets etc

Friday Night.

We will have a B-B-Q dinner (Rigger Ripper Rissoles or Sausages) supplied and cooked by the committee and volunteers. Members will need to provide their own salad or hot food. Sweets to be organized by the committee and volunteers. We will have some nice entertainment fun preparing these on the Friday afternoon. Entertainment on Friday night will be Musical Trivia organized by Clarrie Stevens. Bring your own wine/port drinks etc.

Saturday Night.

For something different we will try a Community Meal organized by committee members and volunteers. All club Members in vans on site are requested to provide a meal of sufficient size to cater for say three (3) people. There are sufficient freezers/fridges/ovens etc in the kitchen to store/heat foods. So you can prepare something at home or in your van on-site The food will need to be heated and placed on the serving table at 6pm

sharp. Sweets will again be provided. Entertainment will involve Belly Dancing with members receiving free lessons (Des said he has just gotta see this). There will be other entertainment/stuff produced as the night progresses we will keep the night rolling along. Also music and dancing will be organized by the committee For the remainder of the week there will be continuous disc bowls, other dinners, tours, visits arranged as we progress.

M & G raffle:

Raffle tickets will be sold at the June and July general meetings also at the M&G. We will draw the winners on the Saturday night.

- 1 Ticket for \$2**
- 3 Tickets for \$5**

Prizes (Heaps in Total)

- *Free Weekend Narrabeen (2/nights)*
- *A \$100 Gift Voucher*
- *(3) Car/Caravan Registration Inspections certificates which will be 3 separate prizes value of \$120*
- *One Ruminikins Board Game*
- *(6) bottles of Traminer Riesling wine (6 separate prizes)*
- *Plus more goodies*

This is the start of something that will continue for many years so come along and be in the inaugural Cessnock Meet & Greet. We currently have about 24 vans booked to start our new adventure.

Drain Hose Storage: We have fitted two lengths of 50mm pvc pipe side by side under our caravan. We use this system to carry our drain hose in a safe unused area. It is quite easy to install and very simple to use. When we finish with the hose we simply drain the hose give it a quick flush

then push it into the two pvc pipes. The hose is then secured against slipping out by an occy-strap around the rear bumper. We have left the pvc ends open so that they can air and dry out. Naturally the airflow as you drive home helps dry them out initially. We never have smells or storage problems.

State Association Report: At the meeting at Berry in May we were advised. It will cost \$43 per club for Insurance cover of the Committee of Management.-- The State Association received a letter from Lake Macquarie Council confirming no caravans or 5th wheelers allowed in public areas overnight.-- The State is now concerned about Insurance at State Rallys due to clubs conducting concerts to raise money (possible stage collapse etc) we may not be covered.---The State Rally at Berry has 168 vans booked in at \$15 per night plus \$55 rally fees. Attendees will need long leads, there is limited power available and limited water. Generators will be allowed until 9.30pm, fridges need to be turned to gas. Meals and concerts will be held at the School of Arts.--- There will possibly be (3) three First Aid Courses conducted this year. The State is still seeking venues at this time. The cost will be \$20 per club plus \$20 per person and the State will pay the rest. -- The 2008 Kariong Caravan & Camping show will be held on 27-27-28th July and we are looking for helpers. As Katie is away please ring the Editor ASAP if interested

Bill Patterson

New Shade Structure Hartwood: Whilst we were at Hartwood this year we approached Paul McLeod and ask if we

could erect a roof structure about 5M x 4M to protect our members from the sun. He gave the OK and said he would supply the six ironbark posts required as roof supports. We were going to cover it with plastic sheeting. But thanks to Peter Kane we will now have a 6M x 5M approx. color bond roof cover. Peter and Ron Stewart are currently in the process of assembling the panels into three sections. Then we will have the roof transported to Hartwood by Bakers Transport and we will assemble it on site. So our location at Hartwood is rapidly improving.

TLC PO Box: The Committee of Management has determined the need for our club to secure a PO Box at Lake Haven. This will establish a method of receiving the clubs mail without the need to involve relations/friends picking up the mail while we are away on trips. The annual cost of the PO Box is \$77. Accordingly please note that all correspondence should now be addressed to **“The Secretary, Tuggerah Lakes Caravanners PO Box 4028 Lake Haven NSW 2263**

Caravan Trips: We have just carried out a count of trips that our club has had available for members to attend. The figurers speak for themselves.

2006 -----6trips

2007----- 31 trips

2008 -----21 Trips to date



Dress up night

Narrabeen 2007

Tips and Hints Page: We have been working on pages suitable to be published on our Web-page.. We have looked at all our newsletters and found that we have over the past twenty issues published a lot of tips and suggestions relating to safety and caravan usage. We have so far extracted five pages of “good stuff”. We are in the process of editing it and when it is complete it will be published as a separate paper for all members. It will then be placed before a general meeting for approval before publishing on our Web Page

Hope to see you at our meeting which is held on the 3rd Sunday

SOCIAL CALENDAR

19th June _Lunch at Wyong Golf Club Please arrive by 1130am and join us for a \$10 lunch special. We will sit at a window seat with a beautiful outlook. **Book with Coral Kane**

23rd August --Cabaret Dance Wyong: We need an indication of numbers (See story in newsletter)

27th August --Luncheon at The Greens The Entrance. We have been here twice and the food is good quality (65 people attended 1st time and 50 attended 2nd time. Cost \$11.90)

**Please Ring
Coral Kane on 4333 9738**

(Betty Lambert is away for (3) months)

FOR SALE

Millard Caravan 17'6 x 7'6, Excellent condition, double Island bed, elevated fridge, micro oven, large table, porta pottie, wind up antenna, near new roll out awning with annex, 1500kilos total weight, complete with towing aids, galvanized chassis, crockery and implements included \$18500 **Ph Ken Reynolds 0415 606726**

Ford type Weight Distribution Hitch complete. Suit also small/medium four wheel drive. Selling Price \$220. **Max Purcell 43963154**

2003 Jayco Heritage Caravan - \$28750 . Complete with annex, air conditioning, shade walls, also front awning, cd -DVD player, gas electric stove and grill and Towing Aids Excellent condition **Ron Stewart.**
Ph 43883414 Mob 0409306508

Queen Size Caravan innerspring Mattress: As new purchased with new van owners decided to replace it with a Double Bed mattress Selling Price - \$250 **Janice Palmer Ph 4353 6551**

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MONTHLY RAFFLE LIST

L.J. Easter July
V.D Evans August
L.G Field September

**Would you please supply the \$20
direct to Treasurer Robyn Rigger.**

TLC Birthdays. June

McCorriston Doug	1-Jun
Patterson Bill	1-Jun
Thomas Rod	1-Jun
Thomas Jan	1-Jun
Charles Peter	2-Jun
Hughes Alena	2-Jun
Webb Rhonda	3-Jun
Stevens Clarrie	9-Jun
McNamara Fred	18-Jun
Gordon Hilary	21-Jun
Lyons Ian	22-Jun
Capps Sue	23-Jun
Redman Barbara	23-Jun
Fuller Tom	29-Jun
Roberts Stella	30-Jun



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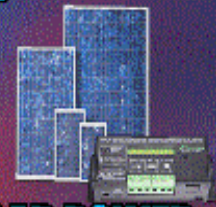
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TRIPS ON THE BOARD

Date	Venue	Phone	Pets	Dep	Cards	Trip Leader	Phone
19th - 30th June	NORTH COAST TREK	Nil	No	No	yes	TBA	Nil
ATTENDING: Linfoot, Fletcher, (Total 2)							
July 23rd-29	MEET & GREET CESSNOCK	Nil	Yes	Yes	No	C of M	C of M
ATTENDING: Cooper A/D, Marsh, Brennan, Purnell/Filmer, Roberts, Smith, Eadie, Webb, Curnow, Holland, Grady, Clarke, Pollard, Stevens, Cooper K/R, Kane, Broadhurst/Hoye, Courts, McDonald, Reynolds, Sutton, Moore, Rigger, Lusted (Total 24)							
Sep 1 - 8	BLACKSMITHS BEACH	4971 2858	Yes	Yes	Yes	C of Mgt	C of M
ATTENDING: Cooper, Stevens, Ketley, Curnow, Kane, Gordon, Mackay, Holland, Woods, Johnson, Howey, Carr, McAndrew, Wallace, Hughes, Broadhurst, Grady, Purnell/Filmer, Roberts, Patterson, Marsh, Bickley, Welland, Teesson, Newbold, Rigger, Fletcher, Hendy, McLean, Brown, Maslem (Total 31)							
Sep 8 th -15	RALLY WITH COFFS HARBOUR CLUB		No	Yes	Yes	Clarrie Stevens	
ATTENDING: Clarke, Stevens, McGowan (Total 3)							
Sep 25 - Oct 5	BURONGA CARAVAN PARK	03 5023 3040	Yes	Yes	Yes	To be Nom.	Nil
ATTENDING: Lambert, Beesley, Howard, Smith (Total 4)							
Oct 5 - 15	MURRAY RIVER BUSH CAMPING	Nil	No	?	?	????????	Nil
ATTENDING: Gross, Courts, Broadhurst/Hoye, Linfoot, Lambert, Eadie, Lamrock, Ryan (Total 8)							
20th - 26th October	CANBERRA		Yes		Yes	Des Cooper	43933383
ATTENDING: Cooper D&A, Lambert, Smith, Patterson, Purnell/Filmer, Linfoot, Fletcher, Hayes/Hart, Cannard, Marsh, Easter, Fisher, Woods, Davies, Roberts, Cain, Gross, Hennessy, Holland, Lusted, (Total 20)							
30th Oct - 5th Nov	NORAH HEAD	4396 3935	Yes	Yes	Yes	R/K Cooper	43972285
ATTENDING: Cooper K/R, Cooper D/A, Stevens, Lambert, Curnow, Patterson, Mackay, Smith T/L, Roberts, Hendy, Ducker, Wallace, Ketley, Webb, Holland, Beesley, Woods, Lee-Sing, Stewart, Carr, Wardrop (Total 21)							
Nov 23 - 30	NARRABEEN 2008	DO NOT PHONE	No	No	Yes	Committee	Committee
ATTENDING: Thomas, Howard, Sheehan, Cooper K/R, Sutton, Williams, Linfoot, Thomas R/J, Lambert, Holland, Woolfe, Chambers, Steele, Patterson, Stevens, Curnow, Roberts, Broadhurst/Hoye, Hayes, Kane, Purcell, Grady, Moore J & M, Rigger, Dew, Fletcher, McAndrew, West, Stewart, Johnson, Cooper A/D, Ducker, Jones, Murgatroyd, McDonald, Beesley, Bengel, Wildman, Holmes, Fuller, Evans, McKay, Dungate, Wallace, Burnsfield, Fisher, Johnson P&G, Reynolds, Swiney, Cannard, Lanci, Hogan, Pansini, Easter, Smith, McLean, Webb, Ranse, Lusted (Total 61)							

Date	Venue	Phone	Pets	Dep	Cards	Trip Leader	Phone
FEB 21 ST -27 2009	TUNCURRY BEACH CARA/PARK	1800 227 275	No	Yes \$30.00	Yes	Clarrie Stevens	43692759
ATTENDING: Clarke, Curnow, Stevens, Lambert, Kane, LeeSing, Stewart, Evans, Roberts, Fletcher, Murgatroyd, Thomas, Woolfe, Wallace, Wardrup, Broadhurst/Hoye, Easter, Moore, Cain, Bickley, Bullock/Browning, Cooper K/R, McGowan, Green (Total 24)							
Mar 8 th -15	STATE RALLY – BERRY		NO	\$15.00 with Registration	No		
ATTENDING: Cooper D/A, Stevens, Curnow, Roberts, Patterson, McDonald, Johnson, McLean, Holland, Ryan, Beesley, Lambert, Thomas (Total 13)							
Mar 15 th -21	GERROA SHORES		No		Yes		
ATTENDING: Stevens, Curnow, Cooper, McDonald, Johnson, Beesley, Lambert, Easter, Cannard, Swiney, Roberts, Bickley, Holland (Total 13)							
Apr 6 th -13	HARTWOOD 2009		Yes	No	CASH	Des Cooper	43933383
ATTENDING: Cooper D/A, Carr, Sheean, Bickley, Kane, Wardrop, Lambert, Beesley, Cooper K/R, Sutton, Rigger, Broadhurst/Hoye (Total 12)							
Apr 13 th -18	WARRUMBUNGLE WESTERN WANDER						

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