

Tuggerah Lakes Caravanners Inc.

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May Meeting: The May meeting will be held on the 3rd Sunday in May that is the 20th of May. Commencing June 2007 we will **resume** our normal meeting dates of the 2nd Sunday for the rest of this year.

Annual Membership Subscriptions 2007/08: Next years subscriptions are due to be paid by the 30th June. This gives you just six weeks to pay your \$10 per person annual fee's to Mike or Bill. If you will not be attending a meeting please post your renewal cheque to our Secretary Katie.

Wheel Bearings and Spare Wheel Nuts: Following our discussion at the March meeting on wheel bearings two of our members encountered problems. One found that he did not have a spanner/shifter large enough to fit the wheel bearing nut. The second member found one of his wheels had a seal problem and the bearing was nearly dry.

Mmmmmm interesting, may pay you to check.

Check the Trip Sheet: Members are requested to closely check the trip sheet at the end of the newsletter and confirm all your trips are listed correctly. **IF** it is incorrect please ring me ASAP. (Alice)

Sunday Meeting Dates

The general meeting was briefed on the problems of holding general meetings on the 2nd Sunday of each month during 2007 and 2008. The 2nd Sunday conflicts with mothers day, fathers day and the June long weekend. The meeting was advised that the 3rd Sunday for 2008 was clear of such problems. **The general meeting resolved that commencing January 2008 the TLC will hold its general meetings on the 3rd Sunday of each month**

PA Sound System

The general meeting was briefed on the need for a PA system for the club. It was suggested that a sound system would cost between \$1500 to \$2000. Resolved that the club proceed by investigating sizes and prices of a unit suitable to our needs. Don Gordon volunteered to investigate a PA system.

Inaugural Annual General Meeting

The March general meeting resolved that the inaugural Annual General Meeting would be held in September each year. A list of Office and Committee of Management positions has been attached to the Presidents Notice Board.

AGM Elections: The club needs to fill all positions as listed. The current workload on just a few is a little too much. So please give thought to which position you would be able to assist our club.

Members Contact Information List

The final list with member's Mobile phone numbers was displayed at the April meeting for members to peruse. Those members who do not want their names with mobile numbers circulated should contact Des prior to May meeting.

New Members Information Sheet

A new members Information sheet was approved by the meeting this should go a long way towards assisting our new members and our new member greeters. The information paper will be progressively updated as required.

Membership Information and Rules

The President tabled a draft Membership Information and Rules for members to consider. These rules to be developed by the Committee of Management prior to approval by a general meeting.

Flags: The C of M has purchased 100 small Australian flags, already fitted on a short timber dowel, that are just perfect for our caravans. We will have them on display at the next meeting.

Membership Cards: Following the March meeting Clarrie Stevens produced a final Membership Card. The cards were accepted by the meeting. Clarrie will bring 200 to the May meeting for members to sign then he will have them plasticized. They will cost approx 70c.

Business Cards: For those of us who hand out contact cards Bob Eastly has produced six samples of Contact Cards that members may wish to follow up on.

Hydraulic Jack Raffle:

The Hydraulic Jack that was donated by 7th Street Caravans was drawn on Sunday and the winner was Bob Beesley.

Membership Numbers:

The meeting was briefed that we currently have 93 vans registered. The C of M recommended that we leave the books open and review the club numbers at 125 vans **OR** after 12 months of operation that being the end of June

Trip Display Boards:

The C of M has requested Clarrie Stevens to purchase an additional trip display board. Also to look at building suitable sturdy folding easel's to hold the current boards safely at about eye height.

Gant Chart Trip Display; As Act/Tour Director Clarrie produced a flow chart, all in color, showing the list of trips scheduled so far this year. This will make it easier for members in the forward planning of trips.

Hats/Caps: Well that was easy wasn't it. It appears that all members who wish to purchase a hat or cap have already placed their orders. Some of the hats looked real nice. The main feature or point being that the cap or hat band being embroidered with our club pelican and Tuggerah Lakes Caravanners.

Name Badges: Folks we have lots of new member so it is very important for all of us to wear our name badges at all events. So it may pay to leave yours in your car glove box.

Parking of Caravan: At the April meeting one of our members produced a small hand held radio that she purchased at Dick Smiths for \$19.99. It is a 40 channel unit and they use it when reversing their van (DSE 40 Channel Communicator D1800). They simply switch their car UHF and the portable to channel 40 and then it's a very simple process to safely reverse your van in first go???. Hey fellows it's also great if your wife is in the shopping centre and you need to speak. (Des has purchased one for me for safety in reversing)

New Style Light: Bunning's have a new light that appears to be very effective and is of the rechargeable type it also is \$19.99.

Booking of Trips: If a trip has a limited number of sites available say only 15 vans can go. Then the solution is to commence a 2nd list for say one/two weeks later. A good example is the Tasmanian Trip which can accommodate 10 vans only. The answer is to commence a second group starting say 3-5 days later. All the planning etc has already been done by Trevor & Sue Capps.

Wheel Nuts: One of our members purchased a new van and 9 months later he noticed two of the wheel nuts had snapped off. On taking the van in to have the wheel studs replaced the mechanic said one of your wheel bearings was cooked or nearly dry. Mmmmmmm a new van— broken studs — cooked bearings -- more food for thought.

Murray river Trip: Folks Des has booked 30 sites along the Murray River. At this stage he thinks all 29 members on the Trip Sheet have contacted the (5) parks and booked in. IF anyone else is interested in coming **along the Murray only** please ring Des and discuss

Hartwood Trip Report. Nearly everyone arrived on the Monday and we placed our vans in a wagon train circle. Hartwood is a property of about 1600 acre's so plenty of places to park. I think there were around 1000 caravans of all types in attendance. We prepared two pit camp fires located in the centre of our group. We had a water tap about 10M from the fire and the two flushing loo's about 100M away. We used our camp ovens to cook dinner most days over the fire. This was fun and very tasty to eat (but I must report we also have a La Carte Chef in our club Mr Ron Burnit Stewart). While the boys were out cutting wood a few of us walked up to the homestead about 3Klm away for a bit of exercise. Of course we had happy hour every day then after dinner we always returned to the campfire at 7pm where we were entertained by poems, jokes and a few more wines etc and had lots of laughs till around 10pm. One moonlight night Mike Wildman entertained us by sounds from his didgeridoos. He also explained the history and then let us all try to get sound but alas it is very difficult Brett Burrows was the best of us. Another night we had a "Fancy Dress Party" this was so hilarious we had "ghosts, a bag of trash, a women of the night, a bush bikini, a white superman and 2 cyclists of a type (the female could hardly fit into her hubbies

pants because parts kept showing). Ah well enough said about that night. When the guys went to Coola to play golf a bunch of the ladies who were suffering withdrawal symptoms went to town shopping. There were not many shops but we sure punished St Vinnies. We forgot to take our disc bowls so some of us played a game of Botchie. Every day we cooked about 4 dampers of different types in the camp oven. We were given lessons on how to do it then we all had a go. It was so much fun and so tasty eating damper such as date, sultanas, ham and cheese etc). On Easter Sunday the Easter Bunny who was dressed appropriately came out hopping with her basket of chocolate eggs. She visited every member and even went to the group adjacent to us it was just so lovely thanks Denise Burrows for being so thoughtful. The Saturday and Sunday were full on with country music at the homestead we enjoyed it thoroughly and many of us purchased a lot of CD's Thanks to all who went I know we had a wonderful time and can't wait till next year. There were just so many funny things which I cannot write about but are in our memories by for now *Betty Lambert*.

TLC Meet and Greet: We have had a poor response from the other clubs. This is very disappointing but no worries lets look to the positive. Firstly there will be no cost to the club for this weekend in fact the committee considers we will raise funds for our club Members will be entertained one night by a professional entertainer and the second evenings entertainment is currently being developed. Des said he is

certain members will appreciate and remember this as a night with a difference. Now that the other clubs have decided not to attend our meet and greet we need maximum support from our members to ensure the weekend is not a flop. *Des has requested that you please make the effort and come support our club.*

Please Support Our Meet & Greet: We ask members who cannot attend the full meet and greet weekend to attend and support your club on the Saturday only. We will supply morning and afternoon tea/coffee cakes, a dinner on the Saturday night and a professional entertainer that evening. The total cost being \$12.50 per person. The committee has also agreed not to hold our normal club raffle at the May meeting instead we will sell tickets in the Meet and Greet raffle which has three (3) excellent prizes.

Additional Phone Contacts:

Ass.Tour/Director	Clarrie	Stevens
	43692759	
Ass Welfare Off	Laural	Curnow
	43695954	

The next meeting will be held at Halekulani Bowling Club at 1pm on Sunday 20th May 2007. Please arrive by 11.30am so that we can have lunch but please remember you do not have to attend the lunch - just be at the meeting at 1.00pm. Hope to see you there.

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TLC Birthdays.

MAY 2007

Vera Evans	3 rd
Geoff Price	6 th
Helge Frandsen	9 th
Bob Lalor	9 th
Arthur West	10 th
Carole Bickley	11 th
Richard Laney	14 th
Joan Stacey	18 th
Gail Field	19 th
Len Field	20 th
Joy Lusted	21 st
Pam Stevens	22 nd
John Newbury	22 nd
Keith Woolfe	26 th
Milton Fowler	29 th
Beverley Jones	29 ^t

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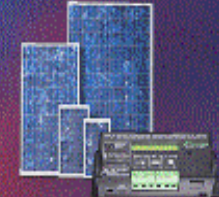
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TRIPS ON THE BOARD

Date - 2007	Venue	Phone	Pets	Dep	Cards	Trip Leader	Phone
May 10-16	Belmont Pines	494547750	No		Yes	Roy Curnow	
Attending: Johnson, Curnow, Stevens (Total 3)							
May 27-2nd June	Shoal Bay	1800 600 200	No		Yes	B Lambert	
Attending: Brown, Stevens, Curnow, Lambert (Total 4)							
May 25-26	Morisset Meet and Greet	Katie	Yes	Yes		Mike Wildman	43973111
Attending: Wildman, Bullock/Browning, Teesson, Burns, Kane, Price, Lambert, Burrows, Beesley, Roberts, Curnow, Wardrop, Stevens, Rigger, Holland, Cooper, Patterson, McCorrison, Ketley, McGowan, Hogan, Webb, Moore, Woolfe, Smithers, Court,s (Total 26)							
June 11- 18	Moree Gwyder C/Park	67522723	No		Yes	Clarrie Stevens	
Attending: Roberts, Brown, Webb, Woods, Cooper, Stevens (Total 6)							
June/July 07	Trip to Alice Springs		No		Yes	David Gross	43250668
Attendance: Gross							
June 20 -26	Umina Beach C/Park	43414855	No		Yes		
Attending: Nil							
July 10 – 16	Lake Congola(9 hole golf)	44561407	No		Yes		
Attendance: Thomas							
Aug. 4 – 10	Bawley Point						
Attendance: Nil							
August 21-27	Swansea Gardens	4971 2869	No		Yes	Committee	
Attending: Evans,Hennessey,Bank/McNamara,Wardop,West,Laney,Burrows,Carr,Curnow,Pollard,Stevens,Rigger, Lambert, Stewart, Kane, Woolfe, Roberts, Morrison, Beesley, Chambers, Cannard, Ketley, Steele,Grady, Cooper, Johnson, Brown (Total 26)							
Aug 27 -31	Lostock Dam	49317118	No	?	cash		
Attendance: Nil							
Sept 10 - 16	Lorikeet T/Park Coffs.Harb.		?	yes	yes	Clarrie Stevens	
Attendance: Evans, Stevens (Total 2)							
Sept 10 – 26 Sept	Murray River Trip (Only)	Des	No	Yes	Yes	Des Cooper	43933383
Attending: Cooper,Eastley,McNamara/Banck,Beesley,Lusted,Hennessey,Laney (not Wodonga),Holland, Williamson,Curnow,Bulloch/Browning,McGowan,Woolfe,Pidgeon,Field,Carr,Steele, ,Pfyeld, Spath, Jones, Howard, N.Moore, Gross, Price, Roberts, Woods, Teesson., Kane, Lalor (Total 29)							
Sept 26 - Oct 7	Mildura Country Music	Des	No	yes	yes	Des Cooper	43933383
Attendance: Cooper,Eastley,Beesley,Purnell/Filmer,Lusted,Hennessey,Laney,Holland,Lambert, Williamson(Curnow (5 days) Bulloch/Browning,McGowan,Woolfe,Pidgeon,Field,Carr,Steele (5 days) ,Pfyeld, Spath, Jones, Howard, N.Moore, Gross, Price, Roberts, Woods, Teesson., (Total 28)							

Date - 2007	Venue	Phone	Pets	Dep	Cards	Trip Leader	Phone
Sept 25- Oct 1	Floriade/ Canberra Tour	1800 883 310	No	yes	Yes		
Attendance: Nil							
Oct 9 - 16	Wondara Woolshed Wagga						
Attendance: Nil							
Oct 15 th – 22 nd	Bathurst		No	yes	Yes	Clarrie Stevens	43692759
Attendance: Stevens, Fraser, Lambert, Courts, Fletcher, Kane, Wardrop, Stewart, Burns, McGowan, Lalor, Wildman (Total12)							
Oct 22- 28	Warrumbungle N/ Park						
Attendance: Nil							
Oct 27 th Nov-3 rd	Grafton Jacaranda	1800 012 019	No	yes	Yes	Bill Patterson	
Attendance: Evans, West, Howard, Burrows, Roberts, Woods, Lambert, Kane, Cooper, Patterson. Gordon, Courts, McCorrison, Johnson, Field, Brown (Total 16)							
Oct 31 – Nov 6	Tuncurry Beach C/Park		No		Yes		
Attendance: Nil							
Nov18 th -25 th	TLC RALLY NARRAB.	DO NOT PHONE	No		Yes	MGT Commitee	
Attending: Evans, Cooper ,West,Cannard,Burrows,Howard,Woods,Roberts,Bickley,Carr,Wardrop,Beesley,Curnow, Stevens,Dew,Rigger,Holland,Lambert,Kane,Stewart. Patterson, Klumpp, Thomas Snr, Chambers, Morrison, Williams, Ketley, Woolfe, Grady, Wildman, Hennessy, Fraser, McAndrew, McNamara, Laney, Fletcher, Steele, Burns, Clarke, Gordon, N Moore,Thomas, Pidgeon, Holland, Bullock/Browning, Webb, (Total 46)							
Nov 26 th – Dec 2 nd	Bright Vic		No	yes	Yes		
Attendance: Nil							
Dec 28- Jan 6	National Rally Forbes	Katie 4390 5658	?	yes	no	Katie Patterson	43905658
Attending: Cooper, Patterson, Lambert, Roberts, Beesley, McCorrison (Total 6)							
Jan 20 th 08	TLC Annual Picnic Day					Mgt Committee	
Attending: Lambert, Kane, Stewart, Cooper, Chambers, Bickley, Woolfe, Grady, Burrows (Total 8)							
Jan 30 th -27 th Feb 08	Tasmania Touring Trip	See Trevor	No	yes	Yes	Trevor/Sue Capps	43897202
Capps, Purnell/Filmer, Patterson, Steele, Marsh, Fletcher, Thomas Snr, Thomas Jnr, Rigger (Total 9)							
Mar 17 th -24 th 08	Hartwood Country Music	nil	Yes	no	No	Des Cooper	43933383
Attendance Lambert, Wardrop, Beesley, Howard, Purnell/Filmer, Cooper, Gordon, Stewart, Kane, Burrows, Carr, Hennesey, Laney, Grady, Woods, Hamley (Total 16)							
Mar 24 th – 30 th	Moree Gwyder C/Park	6752 2723	No		Yes	Cooper	43933383
Attendance: Nil							

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