

Tuggerah Lakes Caravanners Inc.



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Invitation to attend our 7th Year Dinner

In June 2013 we will celebrate our (7) year Birthday as a club. The Committee of Management have agreed to hold a celebratory dinner and subsidise the dinner by \$10 per member.

Date : Sunday 16th June 2013

Time :12.30pm to 3.30pm

Dinner: Three course Dinner in main hall

Cost per member \$17

Note; The General Meeting will commence at 11,30am and close by 12.30pm. Members wishing to attend the dinner should list their name on the attendance sheet and pay the Treasurer ASAP

Bundanoon is Brigadoon: Blue & I left the Central Coast in the pouring rain wondering if we were doing the right thing but decided to plod on. Some delayed their departure so they could have clear vision. It started to fine up about Mittagong arriving at Bundanoon Pony Club about 1.00pm to see all the smiley faces of the club members who had

travelled from Hartwood. 22 vans attended. We had afternoon tea at 3.30 with fresh made scones and it led to happy hour at 4.30 which then led to dinner. Most of us dined in the club hall which was very well equipped with stoves, microwaves & BBQ, utensils etc. Sue hired the hall from the Carriage Club & we all put in \$5 & was worth every cent. We had a sausage sizzle on Friday night with dessert \$2 per head. Sue & helpers did a great job. We got a nice surprise when Max Eadie turned up for dinner all dressed up in his kilt with a bare bum. Only a strap on one. We all got a good laugh from his antics. We played a few games "match up the picture" which was a great way for everyone to get to mix every one around, then Celebrity Heads. Blue managed to get Des Cooper on this hat, there was some funny question & answers a fun night. Saturday we were all up & ready to form a convoy behind Alan at 7.30am (the mist hadn't even lifted) to get a good parking spot & good view at the

oval. We started by having Bacon & Egg rolls & coffee made by local scouts for breaky. The show began with all the pipe bands, floats, clans marching into the oval. We watched Caber tossing, dog agility competition , fencing, battle reenactment and wedding of a couple in different clans, egg throwing, water balloon throwing. The Scottish folk dancing called for audience participation. So Peter Flippo went down to have a dance and was knocked backed by 200 dancers. We wandered thru all food stalls & celtic stands. Closing ceremony was all the pipe bands playing. Lone piper played Amazing Grace. We all enjoyed our group BBQ dinners with stories & poems by Flippo. We ventured out visiting surrounding towns visiting Robertson Cheese shop, Fitzroy Falls, Belmore Falls & other places which we all talked about at happy hour & dinner. Some headed off on Monday & the rest left Tuesday. Thank You Sue & Alan Riley for organising a

good, different trip. Cheryl & Blue Ducker.xxxx

At The Door: Well at each meeting the first person you meet is Roy Curnow who gives you a smiling welcome and encourages you sign the books etc. This early happy greeting is very important as it set the start of the day for members.

Membership of Halekulani: If you are a member of Halekulani Bowling Club and you purchase drinks or a meal you will receive a discount of around \$2 on each meal and 50c per schooner 40c soft drink. It is \$18 for 3 years. *(Do the maths it's a good deal)*

Meeting Members: We sometimes hear the comment "who is that member I see them often but I really do not know them". We also often hear the comment that "we just returned from a trip that included members we have never travelled with before gee they are nice and very interesting to travel with". It is very clear that you really get to meet and know people when you go on trips.

Hartwood Happenings:

Sunday 24th March, off to Hartwood 2013. 5 vans met at the twin servos, arrived at the road to Hartwood about 3pm where we stay until the gates open Monday morning.

6.30am Monday we slowly drive the last section of dirt road, across the grate, pay the people at the gates, get our tickets and a coloured dot on windscreens and we're in. Set up our vans, get equipment out of our shed, set up hot water 'piddlers', light the pit fire and the rest of our group start rolling in.

Tuesday, arranged roster for our fire starters 6am each morning and roster to empty recycle bag each afternoon. 4 people cooked damper for morning tea, all of them delicious. Des and Alice showered together, much moaning and groaning and frivolity, Alice' towel getting wet while Des showered (so we were told), rude remarks from all outside. Exit from showers, neither can see, oops they have one another's glasses on. Everyone laughing uproariously, but you really had to be there. When our timber for fires was moved, out ran a few large huntsman spiders. Laurel said – not real huntsmen these have striped legs. Des 'they are country huntsmen'. One went over top of wall into shower. Peter Kane raced and killed it. Then when Roy showered the folk outside started again, 'be careful you don't get bitten', 'nothing to bite', 'what soap do you use', 'sandsoap because he is tough'.

Wednesday was very hot, sat around following the shade. 3 morning tea dampers made. Once again yummy, Dawn and Lyn were first timers. Pizza and coffee truck near campfire stage this year. Some of us had pizza for dinner, and good to have opportunity to purchase real coffee so close to our campsite. Some went to the first campfire concert for this year.

Thursday, off to Coolah pub for lunch, after exploring op shop of course. \$10 roast chicken, I think everyone approved. Then the opportunity to restock for remainder of the week. After dinner some went off to campfire stage, but some just sat around our fire talking etc.

Friday our charity big morning tea for breast cancer. Once again delicious. Then some went off to concert at

Homestead. Some of us decided to stay at camp to play Phase 10 cards. Always fun, although some people say I'm a bad sport. I don't think so, I just like to win.

Dawn toasted hot cross buns over the fire, silly move as she had to share them with the drooling crowd watching her-. thanks Dawn. Once again great weather, great company, lots of fun and frivolity, country music if you wanted it & our great community dinner. Wow, so much food and all delicious. Altogether a great week. Chris Pollard xx

Justice of the Peace List: At the April meeting members agreed to compile a list of TLC JP members . To assist members this list will be published a couple of times a year. JP members who are not on the list are requested to contact the Secretary and add their names,

JP LIST

Robert Herod	Bateau Bay 4332 2421
Noel Cannard	Lake Haven 0499 552 675
James Denny	Hamlyn Terrace 4393 6546
Mac Henry	Budgewoi 0417 431 179
Barbara Kains	Sydney 0412 663 369
George Kains	Sydney 0412 663 369
Graham Williamson	Lisarow 0428 246 622
Susan Edwards	Lisarow 0414 452 319
Des Cooper	Lake Haven 4393 3383

Download Items onto Desktop:

Sometimes members have trouble opening documents and newsletters after they have been downloaded onto their computer. We have found that by downloading to our Desktop makes it easy to open and work on documents. Give it a try lets know what happens

Trend Watch: A member handed us a copy of a story in Sundays paper. I now quote parts of interest. " If you think there are a lot of caravans on the road now, you ain't seen nothing yet. The caravan industry has had its third consecutive year with more than 20,000 caravans and RV coming off the production line.. Clearly people want the relaxing economical and sociable holidays available by caravans & RVs. The traditional full caravan continues to grow in popularity making up more than half of the production line. Pop Top caravans are second representing about a quarter of all sales. Camper trailers make up around 14% and Motor homes about 5%. The report indicates that that manufacturers have invested heavily in production lines and factory expansions.

New Members Welcome to the following caravanners who joined TLC in the last month: John and Eunice Roberts, Col and Debbie Sharp, Des and Lauraine McKenzie and Fred and Therese Jager.

Tour Director Report: Bev reminded members check if you are attending Jimmies Caravan Park trip as it clashes with the luncheon to Wyong R.S.L. on 15th May. There are a lot of flyers being pinned on the board, if anyone is wishing to lead a trip check them out. There are currently seven (7) trips on the board from 24th April to 23rd September all during the cooler months so members have a wide choice. Bev also placed sheets on the tables for members wanting to check out music festivals that are available.

July Meeting Date: _ . The July meeting has been brought forward one week to the second Sunday 14th July. A number of reminders will be sent out re the meeting date change.

BIRTHDAY LIST MAY

Ladies	
Bickley Carole	11-May
Roach Barbara	11-May
Lewis Patricia	13-May
Russell Meg	14-May
Field Gail	19-May
Lusted Joy	21-May
Morris Maureen	22-May
Stevens Pam	22-May
Reilly Sue	24-May
Jones Beverly	29-May
McDonald Elizabeth	29-May
Men	
Payne Arthur	3-May
Marsland Peter	8-May
Lalor Bob	9-May
Smyth John	13-May
Laney Richard	14-May
Meatheringham Jhon	19-May
Field Len	20-May
Kingma Tim	20-May
Woolfe Keith	26-May
Russell Ray	28-May
Williamson Graham	30-May

Social Director Report:_Coral announced that a luncheon will be held at Wyong R.S.L. on 15th May 13.. Coral gave a comprehensive report on Hartwood and Bundanoon. June Anniversary luncheon payments need to be paid by the May meeting (\$17.00). Christmas in July Luncheon payments paid by June meeting (\$18.00). Any members bringing friends to

these luncheons will be charged the full price as friends are not subsidised by the club.

Charity Officer Report:_Beryl announced that \$96.00 had been collected at the "Biggest Morning Tea" at Hartwood. We also collected \$116.20 at Sundays general meeting. Bringing the total raised to \$212.20. Beryl reminded us that she would be selling merchandise for Daffodil Day in August and would encourage men to find sponsors and grow a moustache in November in order to raise funds for research into prostate cancer._These donations are sent to the Cancer Council of N.S.W. Many thanks for your assistance Beryl xx

Seventh Birthday: Wow--- seven (7) years ago on the 11th June 2006 we held our inaugural meeting. The last seven year period would have to be the busiest and quickest time in our life. We certainly hope it slows down a bit.

2013 Annual Fee's: Due to the changes caused by the State Assoc. requiring final membership numbers for Public Liability Insurance on the 1st May TLC members need to pay their Annual Fee's by the 30th April.
So folks you have ONLY a few days left to pay your annual fee's to the Treasurer

Trips: Where are we going with our trips? We need members to provide comment or suggestions to the Tour Director about what they want as far as trips go. Are you happy with three big trips a year like

Narrabeen, Rally Happy Hallidays and Xmas in July? We have a few trips listed from April on. Why not put a trip on the Board limit it to 8/10 vans.

Fire Extinguishers: The subject of small caravan fire extinguishers was raised at the April meeting. Members should inspect their fire extinguisher on a regular basis at least every six months then; check that the pressure needle is located in the green position. Then vigorously shake the extinguisher to help keep the contents (powder substance) free flowing and loose. The main problem with powder type extinguishers is that the constant vibration of travelling causes the powder to compact. A new extinguisher can be purchased for \$15. Des also spoke of the need to use a small extinguisher with safety

Fire Blankets: The need to have a fire blanket in your home and caravan was raised and discussed briefly at the April meeting. We will have a demonstration of the correct use of a fire blanket at the next meeting. Des suggests this is an excellent method of dealing with most small fires. We have fire blankets in our kitchen and garage also one in our caravan. We have **no** fire extinguisher in our house

Safety Chain Shackles: On Sunday a member raised the matter of correct size shackles on caravan safety chains. It was suggested that caravans have been pulled over by Police and this is one item they appear to check. There was discussion on: different colored shackle pins, correct weight stamped on shackles, use of one shackle only (not three shackles linked). When and if

we track down the correct information we will pass it on to members..

A Mossie Trap: A Canadian friend posted this and they get mossies really bad. I remember not being able to see out of the fly screen they were so bad. Anyway I can't try it as there are none around at the moment but feel free to give it a try on your next trip.
HOMEMADE MOSQUITO TRAP:
Items needed: 1 cup of water 1/4 cup of brown sugar 1 gram of yeast 1-2-liter bottle
HOW:
1. Cut the plastic bottle in half.
2. Mix brown sugar with hot water. Let cool. When cold, pour in the bottom half of the bottle.
3. Add the yeast. No need to mix. It creates carbon dioxide, which attracts mosquitoes.
4. Place the funnel part, upside down, into the other half of the bottle, taping them together if desired.
5. Wrap the bottle with something black, leaving the top uncovered, and place it outside in an area away from your normal gathering area. (Mosquitoes are also drawn to the color black.) Change the solution every 2 weeks for continuous control. (Maybe kill sandflies too???)

Members Not Rejoining: To the members who do not renew their annual fee's. The club thanks you for being a part of TLC and sharing in our growth and direction. We wish you all the best in your travels and hope we meet again out there somewhere on the road --bye

<u>LOOKING FOR</u>	<u>SEE ME</u>
Overtaking Signs:	Cheryl Ducker
Site Signs:	Clarrie Stevens
Caravan Stickers:	Cheryl Ducker
Change of Details:	Alice Cooper
Trip Information	Bev Shoobert
Discount Cards:	Rhonda Webb
Name Badges:	Lorraine Laney

LUNCH WINNERS
Halakulani lunch winners from the Members Sign in Book.
Josie Herod
Bev Shoopert

MONTHLY CLUB RAFFLE WINNERS
Winners of the monthly raffle
\$50 Meg Russell
\$30 Gloria Shawcross
\$20 Eunice Roberts

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Ph. Peter 4333 9738 mob 0412605887 12/12

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Instant gazebo, 2.7 x 2.7 x 2.7 m, \$75,-
3 drawer plastic storage cabinet, 600h x 440d x 360 w, \$25,-All used only once.
Jan 0409923019 or 43691226

**Next ---General Meeting
Sunday 19th May 2013**
Email: desmond.alicecooper@bigpond.com

2013 LIST OF TRIPS

May 13 - 20th	JIMMIES BEACH 4976 3476	Contact	A/S Reilly 0414670 923
Cooper, Flippence, Hennessy, Hoff, Jagger, Kains, Kingma, Latham, Olsen, Palmer, Reilly, Riley, Rohwer, Shawcross, Smith, Svensson, Teesson, White, Williams, 19			
May 19 – 27	CASINO BEEF WEEK	Contact	P/C Kane 4333 9738
Kane, Moore, Curnow, Geale, Pollard, Rohwer, Ducker, Edwards/Williamson, Svensson,			
Jun 6 -13	Blue Water Country Music Fest. Shoal Bay	Contact	B/B Shoobert 43902277
Hennessy, Majchrowski, Shoobert, Teesson, Thomas			
Jul 15 – 22nd	XMAS in JULY @ HAPPY HALLIDAYS 1800 555 454	Contact	Committee
Angell, Bickley, Bromley, Brewer, Brown L/J, Cooper, Channon, Curnow, Dennis, Dreyer, Ducker, Edwards/Wiliamson, Fletcher, Flippence, Haberfield, Hansell, Hendy, Hennessy, Henry, Herod, Hoff, Howard, Jagger, Johnson, Kane, Kains, Kingma, Kinnell, Latham, Laney, Lee-Sing, Maughan, Merritt, McDonald, McGillicuddy, McKenzie, Moore, Oaks, Olsen, Pollard, Reilly, Russell, Sharp, Steele K/L , Shawcross, Shoobert, Smith, Stewart, Svensson, Thomas, White, Williams.			
Jul 22nd-17 Sep	Winter Escape Cairns, Atherton, Underra, Charters Towers, Carnarvon Gorge, Roma Ltd Numbers Contact L/R Curnow		
Cannard, Curnow, Pollard, Holland, Bickley/Geale, Fletcher, Kane, Merritt/Wright, Shawcross, Res Edwards/Williamson			
Sep 23 – Oct 2nd	NATIONAL RALLY ROCKHAMPTON QLD.	Contact	Secretary
Belshaw, Davidson, Edwards/Williamson, Meatheringham, Reid, Shoobert, Morris,			
Nov 1 – 7	NARRABEEN RALLY DO NOT RING NARRABEEN	Contact	Committee

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