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NEXT MEETING - Sunday 10 April 2022

Entry to Auditorium after NOON, owing to an earlier meeting.

Meeting March 2022

41 Members attended including 1 new Member Sabina Lenkeit

Lunch Voucher winners Richard Laney & Leonie Collins

Raffle winners	Mike Collins	\$50.00
	Cindy Majchrowski	\$30.00
	Debbie Latham	\$20.00

April 2022 Birthdays

Male Birthdays

Shawcross John	4-Apr
Bennett Bill	5-Apr
Crimmins Russell	6-Apr
Richardson Jim	8-Apr
Knight John	10-Apr
Angell Alan	22-Apr

Female Birthday

Howard Beryl	4-Apr
Angell Wendy	5-Apr
Mizon Karen	15-Apr
Thomas Fay	18-Apr
Yarnton Jennifer	18-Apr
Hansell Narelle	26-Apr
Dawson Kerrie	27-Apr
Jones Sally	27-Apr

April Meeting

The April 2022 meeting will not be on the 3rd Sunday of the month owing to Easter Sunday falling on the 3rd Sunday of April.

The April meeting date will be **10th April.**

News of Club Activities.

Just a reminder. There have been very good posts and photos put on our Facebook Group in the last couple of weeks. These are from the Canberra Rally and the wonderful Black Top River Run. The information is too much to include in this Newsletter. I wish we had been free to join the group, but had already committed ourselves to Barrington, North Haven and Hartwood. For those people who have recently joined TLC, you may not know about the Facebook Group. *If you wish to join, in Facebook - go to Groups, then in the Search Box type:*

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You can ask to join, and either Fay Thomas or I will check that you are a member and approve your joining.

CANBERRA RALLY 3 – 10th March 2022

Some of us were able to escape the terrible weather on the Central Coast caused by the East Coast Low, arriving early or stopping along the way for a night or two. Others arrived at varying intervals during the week once the flooding and pouring rain had eased.

Canberra received very little rain during the whole time. Just a bit showery and very windy at times. One night I don't think anyone got much sleep because of the wind. The Canberra Park has very good facilities, and good level sites which are all concrete pads.

Congratulations to Helen Tanner, it was her first Rally as Social Secretary. Well done, Helen. Firstly we had Welcome Nibbles (delayed until the 2nd night when there were more arrivals).

On Saturday Helen organised tickets for 2-hour sessions at the Australian War Memorial, most of the group went for the morning or afternoon sessions, some went for both.



Sunday Night was a Sausage Sizzle, followed by Aussie Trivia.



This was also the “Australian” theme night with Green & Gold, Aussie Flags and Swaggie outfits.



Monday evening some of us ventured into the city to view the “Enlighten” light show. A smaller version of “Vivid” in Sydney.

Tuesday was a Tag-A-Long organised and led by Christine Knight. Christine must put hours into organising these events. *Thank You* Christine. This tour was to view the many Embassies in Canberra, they certainly are impressive buildings. We kept in contact on UHF channel 18, the normal channel for Caravan & Motorhome communication. When passing the American Embassy we were very curtly told “This is the American Embassy, please get off this channel” a few of us replied that “this is a public channel”. After the second demand, Fred had checked and replied more forcefully that we were entitled to use the channel. Not long later another person asked more courteously if we could switch to another channel as they had a construction crane working and needed the channel clear for safety reasons. Whether this was also from the American Embassy no one knows. We enjoyed a Pub Lunch at the end of the trip.

CH	Frequency (MHz)						
1	476.425	21	476.925	41	476.4375	61	476.9375
2	476.450	22	476.950	42	476.4625	62	476.9625
3	476.475	23	476.975	43	476.4875	63	476.9875
4	476.500	24	477.000	44	476.5125	64	477.0125
5	476.525	25	477.025	45	476.5375	65	477.0375
6	476.550	26	477.050	46	476.5625	66	477.0625
7	476.575	27	477.075	47	476.5875	67	477.0875
8	476.600	28	477.100	48	476.6125	68	477.1125
9	476.625	29	477.125	49	476.6375	69	477.1375
10	476.650	30	477.150	50	476.6625	70	477.1625
11	476.675	31	477.175	51	476.6875	71	477.1875
12	476.700	32	477.200	52	476.7125	72	477.2125
13	476.725	33	477.225	53	476.7375	73	477.2375
14	476.750	34	477.250	54	476.7625	74	477.2625
15	476.775	35	477.275	55	476.7875	75	477.2875
16	476.800	36	477.300	56	476.8125	76	477.3125
17	476.825	37	477.325	57	476.8375	77	477.3375
18	476.850	38	477.350	58	476.8625	78	477.3625
19	476.875	39	477.375	59	476.8875	79	477.3875
20	476.900	40	477.400	60	476.9125	80	477.4125

■ Emergency use only	■ Repeater output channels (Duplex)
■ Telemetry / SelCall use only. Voice transmission is inhibited as required by AS/NZS 4365:2011	■ 11 Officially designated call channel
■ Guard band channel. Transmission is inhibited as required by AS/NZS 4365:2011	■ 40 Road channel
■ Repeater input channels (Duplex)	■ 18 Caravan and motor-home
	■ 10 4WD / Off-road

Ian Palmer has provided this chart of the UHF Channels for your information.



Another feature of the week was the Wednesday visit to the Mahbrook Carriage/Wheelwright organised by Ron Belshaw, followed by a lunchtime visit to Bungendore.



The culmination of the Rally was dinner at the Ainslie Football Club on Wednesday night. Next morning most of us departed for home OR to travel further afield on the Black Top River Run.

Canberra Rally – Members stories

We arrived a day late due to rain. Helen had nibbles of sausage rolls, party pies, spring rolls and cocktail franks. Saturday saw us all off to the War Memorial for a 2-hour tour, we were lucky enough to have a guide, very interesting, then lunch at Poppies Cafe. Peter and Carole then took Robert and I up to Mt Ainsley which overlooked Canberra, then to Canberra Glass where we saw lovely glass being blown. We had a great day, slept well that night.

Janis Treacy





Due to bad weather, we arrived on Friday. Helen put on Nibblys for Happy Hour which was very lovely. Thanks to Helen and her helpers.

Saturday morning Ron Belshaw took us to the War Memorial, then onto the National Film and Sound Archive. We then went onto the National Museum.

Sunday, Ron, Barry and I went to the Canberra Glassworks – then onto the Mint where we printed our own coins.

We then went to Parliament House where we took a guided tour. We had lunch at Parliament House, we all found the tour very informative.

Wilson came with us on all our adventures. He was very excited meeting people and looking around.

We have never been to Canberra before and we are very grateful to Ron who showed us all the sights to see and looking forward to exploring for the rest of our stay here.

Barry, Deb Latham & Wilson

(Unfortunately Barry & Deb's vehicle broke down and had to be transported back home. Hope it is all sorted Barry.)

Monday 7th saw everyone headed in different directions to the sites that were of interest to them. Happy Hour was a noisy time of sharing their experiences.

Weather on Tuesday was windy & drizzly rain, but it did not prevent 17 members joining in the tag-a-long drive around the embassy circuit. We managed to locate the 43 Embassies on our guide sheet despite coming under the surveillance of the "diligent" USA guard who warned us off Channel 18 three times when Helen S. suggested we were being watched by his "evil eye". Quick thinking by Fred who contacted the Commander of SES Central Coast and was able to reassure us we were entitled to be on that channel.

The view from Red Hill lookout was hindered by wind and misty rain, so we were all happy to seek shelter at the Kingston pub for a delicious lunch, enjoyed by all.

Our journey continued – spotting the small group of Ukrainian protesters outside the Russian Embassy, through Manuka and along Mugga Way, the prestige area of Canberra, down to the foreshore of Lake Burley Griffin and the SIEV X Memorial.

Kangaroos were spotted as we made our way to the spectacular views of the Arboretum, and we were able to enjoy a coffee and admire the construction of this amazing building. A bonsai display was an added bonus.



This concluded our trip on Tuesday, with such a great group who were so easy to please. No complaints about the weather or occasional u-turns!

Christine and John Knight

Black Top River Run

This Run will finish on 28th March, so only part will be reported here. So far the itinerary has been Holbrook, Burrumbuttock, Yarrawonga, Echuca, **Swan Hill**

From Gaianne Wilcock's Facebook posts

10/3/22

Today we just dawdled around as we slowly packed up ready to head to Holbrook. By the time we hit the road almost everyone else had begun their journey.

We meandered inland deciding to pull off the main road into the small town of Tarcutta to have our lunch. So glad we did as there was a beautiful park

and an impressive memorial to truck drivers who had lost their lives while doing their job.

It was only a stone's throw until we arrived at our destination of Holbrook Motor Village and Tourist Park where we quickly set ourselves up. It was so exciting to sit and lap up the sun and enjoy a cloudless sky. Happy hour at 4pm found us under a tree to give us some shade but still allow us to enjoy the outdoors.

Jimmy and I decided to sit outside to enjoy our dinner and even being carried away by flies couldn't dampen our spirits.

We finished dinner as the sun set on a beautiful day.

11/3/22 After morning tea it was decided to take in the sites of Holbrook an amazing town with a wonderful history. Originally called Ten Mile Creek but later became known as Germanton in 1875 after a German immigrant.

During the 1st World War in 1915, it was renamed Holbrook to honour a British submarine captain who was the 1st submarine captain honoured with a Victoria Cross as Germanton was considered

unpatriotic.

To honour the towns namesake Holbrook it was decided that the HMAS Otway's outside casing be purchased from a Sydney scrap yard and with the support of donations and a cheque from his widow it is now on display in town.

We walked on the submarine and went into the museum dedicated to it. In the museum there is hologram where Holbrook's wife retells his brave exploits on B11 in 1914 and tells the history of the name change. There are lots of wonderful artefacts and information. There is also the main



passage with the officer's wardroom. All being a wonderful experience. On our way to see the next item on the itinerary we stopped into the bakery for a bite of lunch. Apparently, the pies were amazing. After lunch we wandered down to the National Museum of Australian Pottery. This museum was established in 1995 and is the only museum dedicated to 18th and early 20th century pottery. The collection contains a few rare pieces by the convict potter John Leak which are the earliest marked pottery in Australia. Unfortunately, no pictures allowed but there were some amazing pieces. We then went on to the Woolpack Museum. The building it is housed in has significant historical value and is heritage listed.

The museum is run by volunteers with no government support just a community initiative. There are 22 rooms depicting how the community lived in the late 1800's and 1900's. The community has worked hard to preserve its local history. The original school and bakery have been moved to behind the main building. When you walk into the bakery it is like going back in time and it also seems to have that bakery smell about it.

After a busy day a nap and/or quiet time was a necessity before happy hour and as night fell we were blessed with a beautiful sunset.

12/3/22 Today we were doing a tag along drive organised by Chris and John, around some small towns in the area. We met up with the others at 10am and set off.

Our 1st stop was to the town of Culcairn. Mandate stop at the gem of a bakery for cake, coffee and some of us invested in the home-made jams or relishes. Jimmy and I wandered over to the park and sat and enjoyed the sunshine. We did a walk around the town and the pub had the most magnificent stain glass windows so lucky Jill let us know or we would have missed them.

Next, we were off to Henty the home of the header. We did trip through town then stopped at Headlie Taylor Header Museum. Headie Taylor was a wheat farmer who revolutionised the grain industry worldwide. The 1914 header invention has had very little change with the basic principles staying the same showing the importance of the invention.

By now we were a little peckish so headed to our lunch stop at Morgan's Lookout. This is a huge granite outcrop where it is believed that the bush ranger Don Morgan used this as a vantage point to look for police. The views were amazing. Down the bottom there was a lovely picnic area where we sat and enjoyed our lunch we had bought with us.

Stop at Gerogery. Really interesting, old pub, with a little gift shop and where markets were being set up. Overall, it was a fantastic day. Thanks again Chris and John.

13/3/22 As it was a long weekend in Vic we headed only a little way down the road to a free camp in a little country town called Burrumbuttock.

On the way there we came across sheep being moved along the road; we knew we were in the country. 🐑🐑🐑



Burrumbuttock hadn't seen so many caravans in one place. 🤔🤔🤔 We all worked our way in and got ourselves set up.

The town has a pub, general store, small school and a beautiful little area opposite the school called Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre.

We had some morning tea and lunch after arrival. We were entertained by a line of caterpillars head to tail (180 apparently) moving along the ground.

When we were finished lunch and others went for a rest, I went for a walk heading down to Wirraminna. There were a few signs that allowed a self-tour, a lagoon with lots of bird life, seed area, regeneration and obviously a wonderful community development great for education of children in the area.

I strolled back to the van, just in time for the 4 o'clock happy hour and shared my experience on Wirraminna and many have decided to go down in the morning.

5pm saw us heading to the pub for drinks and dinner. We were a big group and help needed to be brought in for us to get dinner. The pub hadn't seen that many people wanting dinner at one time. 🍷

It was a very noisy affair especially with jokes being shared and a continual bantering. Jealously raising it head when Joan got her meal 1st and we all watched her eat until all our meals started to arrive. The food was wonderful.

The highlight was the noise coming from the ladies, apparently Fay could not work out how to get out of the cubicle. Finally rescued she slid out from the toilet amusing us with the antics of her escape.

Another great day.

14/3/22 Had a lazy start to the day. Jimmy and a few others wandered down for egg and bacon sandwich. They were huge with him only able to eat half of it.

Some of the group stopped at Jindera for the Pioneer Village but we accidently drove straight past so went onto Rutherford Vic. Apparently, we missed a real gem of a place and I have included a couple of photos passed on to me.

We found a nice little Cafe in Rutherford and had takeaway to sit outside and enjoyed the sunshine.

There was a great pie place that is a must. The line was constantly out the door packed with locals and tourists alike and apparently didn't matter what type you had they were delicious as were the desert slices.

I wandered down to get some bread and stumbled on a lovely little display of motorbikes at the back of the bakery/Cafe. Country towns do have some of the most unique things to see.

Now headed back into NSW to Corowa to the chocolate/whiskey factory. (Very odd combination) We had a look around but chose not to buy anything.

Finally, we head for our next stop Yarrawonga CP. This is a very large park. Happy hour today was a very special time as we celebrated Jill's birthday. Lovely way to finish of a nice day before we headed off in our separate ways to have dinner.

15/3 Today we were having a late start on the Silo Art Trail so I went for an early walk to a very spooky looking sunrise, I piked on a swim in the Murray as it was a bit cool this morning but Jill and Joan braved the water and said it was really nice except the exit from the water. A





couple of us did a walk to the weir and had a read up on the history and then completed the walk across the other bridge and back to the park. We enjoyed a coffee and by then it was 11am and time to head off. The 1st stop was Tungamah, the silos depicted Australian bird life. The artist is Sobrane Simcock, who was the 1st female Silo artist in Australia. We also saw some of her art on the side of the Information Centre and the historic recognised courthouse. 2nd stop was St James which has the Grain Corp silos dating back to 1915. The silos depict a mural of Sir George Coles, founder of Coles supermarkets and was a local to this town. In the town there is information on the 1st Coles store and pictures of the goods.

3rd stop was Goorambat. The artist is Jimmy Dvate's who is passionate conservationist and wanted to highlight the plight of the endangered Barking Owl

the most threatened owl in Vic. The farm and woodland are the habitat of the owl. There is also Clydesdales that were painted the year later. In the church there is a picture of 'Sophia'. Depicting the female aspect of the Holy spirit.

The final stop was Devenish. The Devenish community pub was our late lunch stop. It was an amazing feed. I had crumbed lamb cutlets and they were thick, juicy and yummy. Would highly recommend if you are down this way. The silos here were painted as a tribute to help celebrate the 100-year centenary of the 1st World War.

This was such a great day.

16/3 A steady fall of rain from about 3am in the morning. A pack up in the rain is never fun but it was accomplished so we treated ourselves to a stop at Cobram Vic. We managed parking in the main street in front of a lovely little Cafe called the Double Shot. Food and service were fantastic.

On the way to Echuca we took a slight detour at Picola to check out the silo. So glad we did it was beautiful.

We headed to Echuca to set up the van and then we decided to head back to the Down Under Dunny and then back into Tongala to check out all their historical murals. It is great to see the effort the town has put into bring tourists in but is a big disappointment to see the Nestles factory closed in 2020. The murals are extremely diverse in their subject matter.

It is lovely to see small towns come together to keep their towns alive regardless of their big factories deserting them.



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TRIP SHEETS 2022

DATES	DESTINATION	MEMBERS ATTENDING	CONTACT	PARK
22 – 29 Mar 2022	Barrington Tag-A-Long 2	Collins M/L, Geale W, Howard B/A, Hunt B/L, Lee-Sing W/S, Schultz B/A, Smyth H/J, Steele K/L, Stratton/Petch F/K, Wilcox/Richardson G/J 10	Mike 0407 280 018 Leonie 0419 763 107	
1 – 8 April 2022	North Haven	Belshaw R, Bryce/Tanner J/H, Collins M/L, Cooper D, Insull B, Latham B/D, Lee-Sing S/W, McConville D/B, Oakes J/ Lenkeit S, Thomas F/R, Williams/Yarnton D/S, 11	Fay Thomas 0408 271236	North Haven 6559 9193
4 – 17 2022 Gates open 4 April 2022	Hartwood Campfire & County Music Festival	Bryce/Tanner J/H, Collins M/L, Dew A/C, Field L/G, Geale W, Green M/G, Holmes J/L, Howard B/A, Hunt B/L, Kane P/C, Lindsay F/A, Majchrowski R, Marsland P/E, Smyth H/J, Steele K/K, Stratton/Petch F/K, 16 Evans T, Jones C Visitors	Mike 0407 280 018 Leonie 0419 763 107	Hartwood 0456 780 824
21 – 28 July 2022	Darlington Beach Caravan Park	Barnes/Gosper D/G, Belshaw R, Cok W/A, Dew A/C, Green M/G, Howard B/A, Insull B, Knight C/J, Lee-Sing S/W, Oakes J/Lenkeit S, Olesen P/C, Palmer/Evernden I/F, Rohwer P/P, Steele K/L, K/L, Thomas F/T, Treacy/Wenning J/R, Williamson/Edwards G/S 17	Club Organised	Darlington 6640 7444
Aug 22 – 29 2022	Del Rio Riverside Resort Wisemans Ferry	Collins M/L, Cornwell J, Cousins/Kennedy D/M, Cowin/Robinson S/K, Geale W, Green M/G, Howard B/A, Lee-Sing S/W, Maranik D/A, Pollard C, Rogers R/R, Ryan J/R, Schultz B/A, Thomas F/R, Treacy/Wenning J/R, Wright/Merrett J/P 16	Fay Thomas 0408 271236	Del Rio 4566 4330