

# Tuggerah Lakes Caravanners Inc.



## **NEWSLETTER No 22 - May 2008**

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**Club Numbers:** At the April meeting the subject of our clubs membership numbers was briefly discussed and the President explained the reasons for our current club numbers. The President said he would investigate further and prepare a paper for discussion by a general meeting. This matter is currently being investigated and will be discussed by the Committee of Management prior to placing further details to a general meeting

**Cabrera Dance Night at Wyong RSL:** Members of our Social Committee are proposing to hold a "Cabrera Dance with finger food" on Saturday 23 August 2008 at the Wyong RSL. We need to get an indication of possible numbers that may attend so we can plan costs etc. We need to have a pretty close indication of numbers by the end of May meeting Please ring

Coral Kane on 43339738 if you are interested in attending

#### **Tamworth Country Music January 09:**

The President reported that all efforts to book accommodation at 2009 Tamworth Country Music week had failed. The Tourist Information centre just sent the phone numbers for all local caravan parks. Bert Sheehan said that there are spots on the river out near Joe Maguire's Pub. But you need to arrive early- cost \$10/night with no power and no water. See Bert for more information. *Ah well we tried*

**Solo Members Letter:** The club received a letter from a lady who is interested in forming a club to cater for solo travelers. Contact Katie Patterson for further information.

**2009 State Rally Update:** The April No 21 Newsletter provided information on the 2009 State Rally in Berry. Our club had pencil booked 15 sites and following the April meeting we have nine (9) names on our Trip Sheet list. I have sent the 9 names of our club members to the organisers thus confirming their powered sites The organisers advise that all 140 sites are now taken and we need to confirm names for our last 6 sites.. If anyone wishes to attend contact the Tour Director ASAP so he can forward your name.

**CD Library of Trips:** David Gross has a number of CDs that he has produced about trips to many places. They are now available from David as he is going to manage their distribution. It is recommended that members talk to David

about the trips and then view the CDs prior to visiting those areas.

**M & G Cessnock Showground July 08:**

An inspection of the Cessnock Showground proved it to be an excellent venue for future Meet and Greets. The site is flat and well grassed and will easily accommodate 100 vans. There is power available for every van site, with a big kitchen and an excellent function room. However the only restriction is that water is not available to each site. The good news for moggie owners is that dogs are permitted. A booking has been made for July 08 and March 2009. I heard a whisper that the next Meet and Greet may be for members of our club only.

**Tips and Hints Page:** We have been working on pages suitable to be published on our Web-page on the net. 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 the net.

**Lunch at The Entrance:** On Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> May (40) club members and (10) visitors had a very enjoyable lunch at The Entrance Bowling Club. The food has to be about the best club food on the coast. Again our club members were about the last to leave the dining room.

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

**Bread and Cheese Pie:**

400g of white sliced bread - 250g cheese – cut slices then layer cheese and bread alternately in pie dish. Then use 3 eggs -, ½ litre milk, salt, pepper and nutmeg. Mix well and pour over the bread. Sit in a hot oven OR camp oven on a tray and bake till golden brown (3/4 to 1 hour) Yummo



Is the problem with you ignorance or apathy? -----I don't know and I don't care.

**HARTWOOD & COUNTRY MUSIC 2008**

For those of you who don't know what or where Hartwood is and those of you who do, please indulge me and allow me to briefly recount my first Hartwood experience. Hartwood is a 1,600 acre property that lies 40kms north of a small town called Coolah, owned by Australian Country Music Singer Paul McLeod. Each year at Easter Paul hosts a Country Music Festival and each year our club

attends, this year the Hartwood trip attracted 17 vans from our club and many more hundreds from around Australia. We were invited to arrive from Monday 17/3/08 and by 19/3/08 our seventeen T.L.C. vans were all in attendance. Phil and I arrived around midday on 17th and parked our van not far from a very impressive fire pit that had been dug before we arrived. The men were in the process of setting up a hot water supply that was to service us for the coming week and it certainly proved to be a great success for those of us who had outdoor showers and those who wanted hot water for cooking or cleaning. It meant that we didn't have to use our gas all that often. Baking dampers and cooking meals in camp ovens became the daily practice and what an experience that was, the food was great and it was fun preparing and learning, and of course eating. Wednesday we all went for a drive into Coonabarabran, from there some of us went out to Piliga Pottery and Crystal Kingdom and others went for a drive into the Warrumbungle National Park. We all met up later at a pub back in Coonabarabran, where we had a very nice lunch. Each couple made their own way back to Hartwood in the afternoon and prepared for an evening of entertainment at the Homestead. Peter Horan, would have to be one of the most talented pianists performing today, I can't express the sheer pleasure that I felt listening to the music as it flowed from his keyboard and out into the audience, where we all sat in awe of this skilful artist. There were many other performers who entertained us throughout the week, and all were first class entertainers. Paul McLeod certainly presents a Country Music Festival that I for

one, thoroughly enjoyed and certainly will recommend to others. As the week progressed it became obvious that, among our own members we possess such skills as creativity, improvisation and humor, our beach party and fancy dress that took place by an open fire pit, full of red hot burning coals, and what could be seen as a bubbling caldron, certainly was a sight to behold, and I am sure we will all remember it for some time to come. It was with a rather loud rat a tat tat on the side of our caravan that I was awakened on Easter Sunday by the EASTER BUNNY (aka Robyn Beesley) what a sight to behold as I rolled out from under the sheets, those great big Ears, large twinkling eyes and long whiskers, and a basket of chocolate Easter eggs that was almost too big to carry. T.L.C. is definitely fortunate to have such thoughtful, eager to please members as Robyn and Bob Beesley. Monday morning saw us all waving farewell to Hartwood and I'm sure that I was not the only one who came away thinking about planning my next return. *Rhonda Webb*

**Gloves:** As a travelling group of people we are often on the road and there is always the chance we will come across a vehicle accident. We are all aware that medical people wear gloves, glasses etc to protect themselves from contact with blood. It is suggested that all members carry a box of surgical gloves from Woolies/Coles etc in their van and/also the car in case of an accident. Buy a box for your home (just in case). Fellows they are also good to use for greasing wheel bearings, tyre changing, painting etc. *Think about it*

**Safety Vests:** It is interesting to observe that all persons who work on road constructions or roadworks generally all wear safety vests. The vests certainly stand out as a warning to other drivers. We have had two (2) blowouts with one of our vans and on both occasions it was on the traffic side and we had some close calls. So we now have two (2) safety vests just in case. They are like life jackets we hope we never need them. So folks we recommend that all club members buy a couple of Safety vests. We will discuss this at a general meeting and if enough members are interested we will have someone will take names and obtain quotes for supply.

**Safety Triangles/Witches Hats:** On both the above occasions we placed a couple of plastic buckets on the roadway 50 and 100 yards behind us as a warning but it appeared the drivers took no interest in them they were more interested in seeing what our problem was. Except for one young person who slowed to pick up the bucket. So again vests and a couple of Safety Triangles would not go astray.

**Batteries:** Deep cycle and starting batteries have different plate construction to handle different jobs. –Slow voltage pulls over a longer time are best handled by a deep cycle battery i.e. Engels. –Big voltage pulls – are best handled by a starter battery. If you mix batteries (a new battery and an old battery), the weaker battery will eventually drag the good battery down to its level. With batteries you get what you pay for – buy the freshest battery you can. The best way is to buy at a battery specialist. (*Edited Extract from Caravan & Motorhome Tips & Techniques*)

**Favorite Caravan Park/Camp Site;** This is something new. It has been suggested that we compile a list of our club member's favorite holiday locations also your special free camps that you have actually stopped at. So to start it off we need you to name the park/location and just a few brief words about (a phone call will do and I will write it up). This will be an ongoing project and it will be one of the pages in our clubs Web-page.

**Moree Trip Report:** There were six vans on the trip to Moree. It was a good group of long standing members and some quite new members who all got on really well. The Gwyder Caravan Park was nice and had some great hot thermal pools for us to relax in as often as we liked. We sure took full advantage of them, didn't quite cook ourselves, but almost. A trip of the local Pecan Nut Farm and the town of Moree was really informative and enjoyable. It's a town of 10000 people, with a large proportion (25%) being Aboriginals. The town itself was delightful, a clean, tidy town with a very attractive main street. It will be even better when the Moree by-pass road goes through so that the big trucks will by-pass the main street. Five of the girls in our group went to see a Quilting Exhibition at the town gallery. There are some very clever ladies in that town who have made some magnificent quilts. It added enthusiasm to our member quilters. Dinner this evening was at the Tavern, which was within walking distance of the caravan park Our trip to Lightning Ridge was a great day out. We were picked up at 6.45am by the small tourist coach and off we went in the cold morning air. By the time we reached Collarenebri we were

starting to thaw out and warm up. Lightning Ridge is interesting to say the least. There are houses that would fit into any Sydney suburb and then there are little tin shacks that makes one wonder just who would live in such places. We visited the house made of bottles where the owner told us all about the history of the house and she also has a display of beautiful historic lamps worth well over \$1,000,000. A stop off at the Opal Cave and several thousand dollars of goods later we had lunch at the superb Bowling Club before seeing the rest of the place. We saw Amigo's Castle made of local iron stone and walked through an opal mine which gave us an insight to opal mining, not my thing I might add. We arrived home at 6.30pm. Sunday was spent in the pools and relaxing/getting ready for our departure on Monday. We all said our good-byes on Monday before leaving and going our separate ways. I'd like to thank all our new found friends for their good company and friendliness. Hope to see you all again at the meetings. *Kay Benger*

**The Narooma Trip:** This cartoon resulted from the Purnell/Filmer's caravan being parked in an area covered in about four to six inches of cold flowing floodwater .....



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**2 x 8" Trailer Wheels (High Speed)** With stub axels and bearings complete cost \$322 sell for \$180 **Des Cooper 43933383**

**Coffs Harbor Caravan Club** After 12 months of operation CCCC had about 60 vans in their club. Because of the numbers wanting to join they opened up their books to associate membership and quickly grew to over 80 vans in total. The club members recently decided to reopen their books. I am advised that the club now puts a limit of about (20) vans on trip.

**Squeaky Bed???** Do you have a problem with your bed frame squeaking each time you move on your caravan bed. Sometimes the timber used may pinch upon itself creating a high pitched squeak. This noise could prove embarrassing if you have neighbours close by. Should your bed suffer from this ailment there is a super quick fix: *talcum powder*. Yes you hinge the bed frame up, sprinkle talcum powder all over every piece of exposed timber, shut the bed down and have a good roll around. Tilt the bed back up and remove excess powder. Done. Ah! Silence is golden. Oh, it smells nice too (*Author unknown*)

**Norah Head Date:** The date for Norah Head was incorrect in the last newsletter it should have read October 30<sup>th</sup> to November 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Meet and Greet July 08:** We have booked the showground for 7 nights for those who wish to stay for one week. Some members may wish to attend only for the Friday and Saturday nights Any period is OK come and test out the location.

**Hope to see you meeting on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2008 at the general meeting**

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**W.P Dunks**                      **June**  
**L.J. Easter**                     **July**  
**R. Easley**                       **August**  
**Would you please supply the \$20**  
**direct to Treasurer Robyn Rigger.**

### TLC Birthdays. MAY

Evans Vera	3-May
Frandsen Hedge	9-May
Lalor Bob	9-May
Ryan Pat	10-May
West Arthur	10-May
Bickley Carole	11-May
Laney Richard	14-May
Field Gail	19-May
Field Len	20-May
Pansini Lino	20-May
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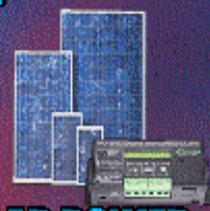
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## TRIPS ON THE BOARD

Date	Venue	Phone	Pets	Dep	Cards	Trip Leader	Phone
May/June	<b>TOUR TO THE RED CENTRE</b>	Ring David	Nil	Nil	Nil	David Gross	43250668
<b>ATTENDING:</b> Gross, Thomas, Ryan (Total 3)							
19th - 30th June	<b>NORTH COAST TREK</b>		No		yes	TBA	
<b>ATTENDING:</b> Linfoot, Fletcher, (Total 2)							
July 23rd-29	<b>Meet &amp; Greet Cessnock</b>		Yes		No	C of M	
<b>ATTENDING:</b> Cooper A/D, Marsh, Brennan, Purnell/Filmer, Roberts, Smith, Eadie, McLean, Webb, Bickley, Curnow, Holland, Grady, Clarke ( Total 14)							
Sep 1 - 8	<b>BLACKSMITHS BEACH</b>	4971 2858	Yes	Yes	Yes	C of Mgt	C of M
<b>ATTENDING:</b> Cooper, Stevens, Beesley, Lambert, Cooper K/R, Ketley, Curnow, Kane, Gordon, Holland, Woods, Johnson, Howey, Carr, McAndrew, Wallace, Hughes, Broadhurst, Grady, Mackay, Purnell/Filmer, Roberts, Patterson, Marsh, Bickley, Welland, Teesson, Newbold, Rigger, Fletcher, Hendy, McLean, Webb, Brown, McDonald (Total 35)							
Sep 8 <sup>th</sup> -15	<b>COMBINED RALLY WITH COFFS HARBOUR CLUB</b>						
<b>ATTENDING:</b> Clarke, Stevens (Total 2)							
Sep 25 - Oct 5	<b>BURONGA CARAVAN PARK</b>	03 5023 3040	Yes	Yes	Yes	To be Nom.	Nil
<b>ATTENDING:</b> Lambert, Beesley, Howard, Smith (Total 4)							
Oct 5 - 15	<b>MURRAY RIVER BUSH CAMPING</b>	Nil	No	?	?	????????	Nil
<b>ATTENDING:</b> Gross, Courts, Broadhurst/Hoye, Linfoot, Rance, Lambert, Eadie, Lamrock (Total 8)							
20th - 26th October	<b>CANBERRA</b>		Yes		Yes	Des Cooper	43933383
<b>ATTENDING:</b> Cooper D&A, Lambert, Smith, Patterson, Purnell/Filmer, Linfoot, Fletcher, Hayes/Hart, Cannard, Marsh, Easter, Fisher, (Total 12)							
30th Oct - 5th Nov	<b>NORAH HEAD</b>	4396 3935	Yes	Yes	Yes	R/K Cooper	43972285
<b>ATTENDING:</b> Cooper K/R, Cooper D/A, Stevens, Lambert, Curnow, Patterson, Mackay, Smith T/L, Roberts, Hendy, Ducker, Wallace, Ketley, Webb, Holland ( Total 13)							
Nov 23 - 30	<b>NARRABEEN 2008</b>	DO NOT PHONE	No	No	Yes	Committee	Committee
<b>ATTENDING:</b> 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 (Total 59)							

Date	Venue	Phone	Pets	Dep	Cards	Trip Leader	Phone
FEB 21 <sup>ST</sup> -27 2009	TUNCURRY TUNCURRY BEACH CARAVAN PARK	1800 227 275	No	Yes \$30.00	Yes	Clarrie Stevens	43692759
<b>ATTENDING:</b> Clarke, Curnow, Stevens, Lambert, Kane, LeeSing, Stewart, Evans, Roberts, Fletcher, Murgatroyd, Thomas, Woolfe, Wallace, Wardrup, Broadhurst/Hoye, Easter, Moore, Cain, Bickley, Bullock/Browning ,Patterson <b>(Total 22)</b>							
Mar 8 <sup>th</sup> -15	STATE RALLY – BERRY (COST \$15.00 NIGHT)		Yes	\$15.00 with Registration	No		
<b>ATTENDING:</b> Cooper D/A, Stevens, Curnow , Roberts, Patterson, McDonald, Johnson, McLean, Holland, Ryan, Beesley <b>( Total 11)</b>							
Mar 15 <sup>th</sup> -21	GERROA SHORES		No		Yes		
<b>ATTENDING:</b> Stevens, Curnow, Cooper, McDonald, Johnson <b>(Total 5)</b>							
Apr 6 <sup>th</sup> -13	HARTWOOD 2009		Yes			Des Cooper	43933383
<b>ATTENDING:</b> Cooper D/A, Carr, Sheean, Bickley, Kane, Wardrop <b>(Total 6)</b>							
Apr 13 <sup>th</sup> -18	WARRUMBUNGLA WESTERN WANDER						

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