

# Tuggerah Lakes Caravanners Inc.



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***Next Meeting – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2019***

## October Meeting Held 20<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Members Attended

Visitor

\$10 Lunch Voucher Winners:- Fay Thomas & Graham Williamson

Raffle Winners:-  
\$50 – Leonie Collins  
\$30 – Wendy Geale  
\$20 – Jeff Pantlin

Welcome to our new Members- Jeff & Coral Pantlin and Susan & Keith Inns

## Members Birthdays

Allen Lindsay	3-Nov	Helen Tanner	1-Nov
Barry Latham	9-Nov	Fran Lindsay	5-Nov
Peter Kane	12-Nov	Barbara Schultz	7-Nov
Mike Collins	13-Nov	Lynette Turner	10-Nov
Al Dew	19-Nov	Christine Pollard	17-Nov
Laurence Thomas	23-Nov	Fay Evernden	20-Nov
Peter Rohwer	28-Nov	Therese Jager	22-Nov
Barry Hunt	29-Nov	Julie Wells	12-Nov
		Deborah Latham	25-Nov
		Lynette Hunt	30-Nov

## Melbourne Cup Rally at Tamworth 30/10 – 7/11/2019

Members attending are asked to take as much water as they can safely transport owing to the severe drought conditions in the North West of the State. Don't forget your "Glad Rags" this includes you gentlemen.

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### Date to Remember



### TLC Christmas Party Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December

So far there are 74 Members ready to join in the fun! Final numbers must be in by the November Meeting.



### Did You Know?

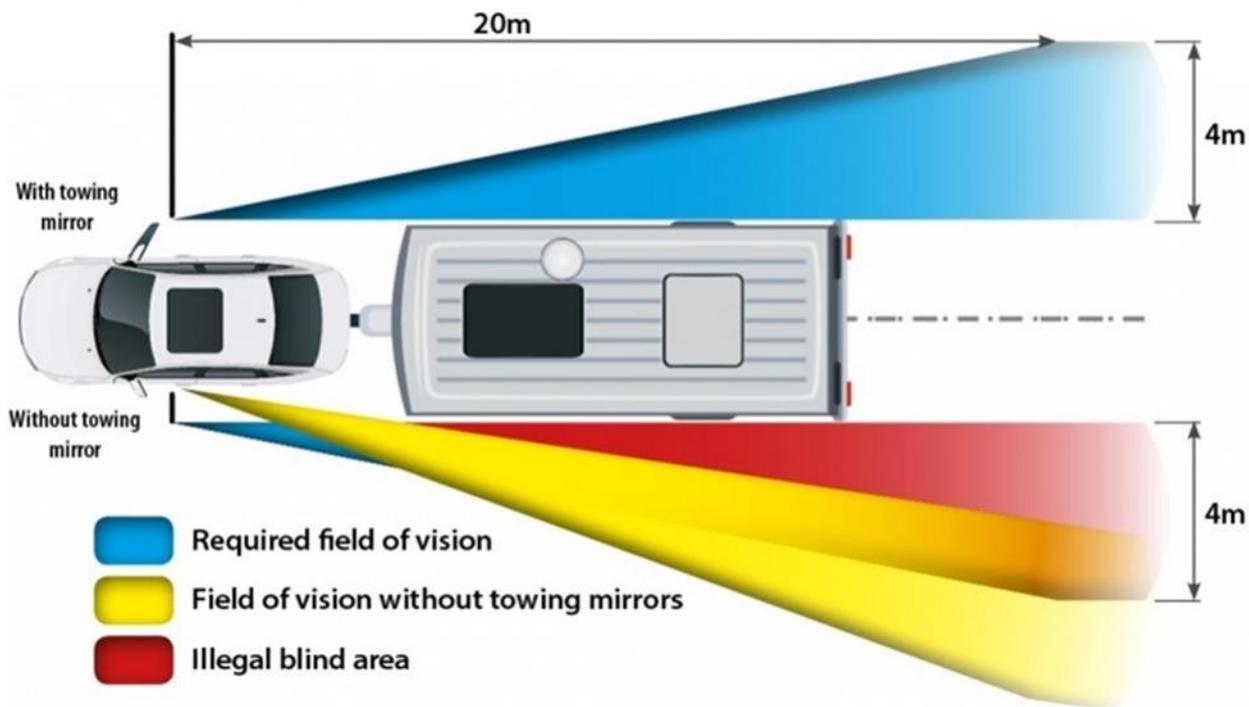
If your combined weight of the vehicle and caravan or trailer is greater than 4.5 tonnes your speed is restricted to **100km per hour** AUSTRALIA WIDE!

While it is illegal to use your mobile phone it is ok to use your UHF Radio,

If the weight of your trailer is over 750kg, it must be fitted with brakes.

Safety Chains & Shackles – Shackles must be rated and if the trailer is more than 750kg one chain is required. If more than 2 tonne 2 chains are required.

Mirrors on your vehicle are required to reflect down both sides of the vehicle and trailer. You cannot rely on a rear camera on the van as it does not show the blind spot along the sides.



Thanks to Sergeant Matt Rees

## Guest Speaker at October Meeting

The Guest Speaker at our October Meeting was Sergeant Matt Rees of the Central Coast Highway Patrol. Matt spoke on the issue of Towing and Weights, Load Weights and Towing Capacity of our Vehicles and Caravans. Made many of us take notice I believe.

Thanks to Matt and his wife Dianne for spending the afternoon with us and providing information which we can trust to be correct. So much information provided by Vehicle and Caravan Salespersons is just not reliable. Thanks Graham for organising Matt's attendance.

**If you would like to receive some of the information that Matt presented, please contact Graham Williamson** his email is [info@cheka9.com.au](mailto:info@cheka9.com.au) or mobile 0428 246 662



The new high tech Highway Patrol Vehicle being admired.

## Travels - Yvonne and Peter Davidson.

We left home on a slightly cloudy day on the 11th July. A few slight showers on our way up to Port Macquarie and that was the last rain we had. Port Macquarie and then Hastings Point were stops to visit old friends before starting our actual trip.

From Hastings Point we went inland to Spring Creek, a small park about 20 klms north of Warwick. The Jazz and Jumper festival was on in Warwick so it was very busy and much quieter out of town! All ways interesting displays on and we went to the railway where we were given a tour by Peters Son-in-law. Great to see how much has been done since they were given more money. Big plans ahead for the steam trains. We plan on stopping in the small places we have not stayed in even if only for one or two nights also to have a look around the towns. Often interesting facts emerge all though I think sometimes a little bit embroidered! Makes a good story though.

Next stop was Chinchilla a town we have driven through but not stopped at. Stayed in the showground which is quite good and cheap. The road through town has road works everywhere and quite hard to get through so we walked around a bit. Will be good when finished. Next stop was a "rustic" camp area on a farm just outside Roma. Nice stop, then to Morven where we have stopped before but being Sunday nowhere open! Blackall for a night and food shop then out to a small town 178 k,s south west called Yaraka. once the end of the rail line now closed. Very well serviced with 30 residents, Flying Doctor weekly visit by the well stocked fruit and veggie man, and of course the Hotel for the caravan park, meals coffee on tap all day and the locals. Great drives out to the National Park and abandoned villages. We also heard a very good reason to bring sheep back to more of the land instead of cattle. Sheep require a larger workforce to care for them and bring in an income more than once in the year. Providing employment and money again in the town. Makes sense when explained that way. one local farmer has installed a special fence which is rabbit and wild dog pro Expensive to install but already after one season producing results .

Huge mobs of cattle being walked along the stock routes to find food along the road up to Blackall, so travelling can be a bit slow. The animals tend to stand in the middle of the road and look at you as if asking if they are really expected to move? Then go first one way then the other.

Ilfracombe next then Winton where we finally got out to Lark Quarry for the Dinosaurs and all so to the Dinosaur Discovery Centre which has grown since we last went there. Cloncurry next then on to Camooweal. Very interesting talk and display at the Drovers Centre about the real Drovers life on the road and the reason for the stock routes. Well worth staying the extra night to visit.

Early start and across the Barkley Highway to Banka Banka by late afternoon. We had a tail wind and most traffic is for the Victorian Caravaners going home for the football, bowls and grandchildren sitting. Nonstop stream! There will be plenty of room now for the travellers from South Australia and New South Wales who are most of the people we are meeting from now on! Every place we stop the majority were heading south. A night at the Hiway hotel park which has plenty of shade and GRASS! first we have had. Very surprising spot. would stay again. We are now in Katherine at a well renovated Caravan Park called the Boab. used to be Red Gum. Excellent layout, herringbone pattern sites which I think are the best. Big sites and only 60. It has been full every night. We had to get our second new tyre here! The first was at Winton on the car the second at Larrimah on the caravan. Both were new tyres and both cut and unrepairable!

Tomorrow we head towards Darwin for a couple of weeks. We have not been there since 2003 so expect plenty of changes. The weather has been warmer every day all though the nights are still cold. even here with 34 day and 12 last night. Bone dry and sunny every day. We have friends from Canberra joining us in Darwin then we start heading south again. The roads are better than ever and the caravan parks and rest areas are looking much neater and more user friendly.

We have seen plenty of birds, flocks of Budgerigars much bigger than previous years. Emus and Brolgas included. Plenty of dead Kangaroos along the road side. Some areas have had enough rain to keep feeding the stock but most of North West Queensland has had to totally de-stock with no feed or water. It will take years for them to recover if at all. So very sad to see it all.

We have so far driven almost 5000km,s and a long way to go still. I will send another report after a few more stops.

## Narrandera/ Barellan Clydesdale Week

What a great bunch of people we have in our TLC club! Our monthly meetings are a happy, informative time, our club rallies are full of fun and a variety of activities but it is when we head off in smaller groups on new exploring adventures that real friendships are formed. If you followed our travels on Facebook via Gaianne's photographic posts you will know that we experienced a marvellous country welcome at Narrandera Lake Talbot Park, Lockhart Picnic Races, Rock n' Roll in the park, Barellan Clydesdale & Working Horse Weekend and the Weethallie silo art as well as a day trip to Leeton & Griffiths. But.....it is our very own club members who provided the laughter, care, generous hospitality, spontaneous camp dinners and happy hour banter.

We departed the coast with 12 vans all checking on one another along the way, an overnight stop in Goulburn, a morning tea stop at the Junee Liquorice & Chocolate shop and even an emergency hospital detour for Jimmy at Coolamon. Two more couples joined us at Narrandera park as prospective members and Cheryl & Al Dew surprised us by calling in for a couple of nights.

Our numbers dwindled at the end of the week with some going in different directions. Six vans spent two nights in Cowra enjoying the history of the area and once again our wonderful gang of girls graciously prepared a Mexican dinner that even the park managers attended. Our last night was in Mudgee cold & damp but warm & fuzzy with our mob – such was the warmth and friendship we had all enjoyed!

Chris & John Knight

**Thanks to Gaianne Wilcox** for the following content. She kindly allowed me to copy her Facebook entries so those of you who have not accessed our Facebook page could see more about this trip.

1/10/19 Up early but the day wasn't real promising with a dark sky and drizzling rain. We met some of the group at Ourimbah and we headed off. Rain was annoying but not heavy. As usual Pennant Hills Road was a nightmare and we still had light drizzle. We stopped for a break at Pheasants Nest and by now the sun was shining. We arrived at Goulburn at 1.30pm. Some of the others camped down near the information centre but we opted for South Goulburn Caravan Park.

I went with Chris and John down to the town centre for afternoon tea and a walk around and drove past the others and some were seen on the picnic table playing cards. Dinner was at Goulburn Bowling Club and there were no complaints. Great day had by all.

2/10/19 A wonderful morning but very chilly at only 2°C. We headed to Gundagai for morning tea and a stretch of our legs. We then split into 2 groups some heading towards Wagga Wagga and others to Junee to the chocolate and liquorice factory. We saw liquorice and chocolate being made. The final leg was to Narrandera where we set up and had the compulsory happy hour.

11.42pm I just want to say thank you to a wonderful group of people. With Jimmy taken a turn with chest pain, I was able to contact others in the group who helped me get Jimmy to the nearest hospital. Barry, Deb, Graham, Susan, John and Chris. Who provide moral support in getting him to the hospital and being there for me. Thankfully tests came back saying it wasn't a heart attack but he would have to stay 4 hours so he could be given fluids and redo the bloods. We left him and headed to Narrandera so I could set up before dark. The guy at the park backed me Chrissy and Barry helped me set up, Susan provided a beautiful bunch of flowers and the whole group offered support and kind words. We got the okay so John and Chris drove me the 70km back to pick Jimmy up. So good news all round with a beautiful sunset. We are so fortunate to be part of such a wonderful club.





4/10/19 Yesterday was a very lay back day. Today however saw us set off to Lockhart Picnic races. We stopped at the CWA park for a coffee and scones that Susan had made. Very Yummy! Lockhart has many verandahs, sculptures and a painted water tower. Before going to the races we checked out the Greens Gunyah museum. In here were pictures all made of wool pressed and held in place by glass. Absolutely amazing! There was also some very interesting displays we enjoyed. We set off to the showground where the races were. There was laughter,

horse racing, winners and losers, fashion, champagne and frivolity. A fabulous day was had by all and a big Thank you to Chris and John for their great organisation

5/10/19 9 am saw us leaving the caravan park and head to Borellan Showground about 55km away. This was such a wonderful day being able support the local community. There was sheep shearing, a blacksmith demonstration, large fire which was being charge up and used for coals, an old thrasher, rabbit truck, spinning, stalls, delicious food, Grand Parade of various horses bullocks etc and 32 Clydesdale in a team. ( A record for modern day) The camel races were a giggle but a bit sad there were only 2. There are probably other things. A very successful day again. We arrived back and were entertained by a duo. So it was a very different happy hour.

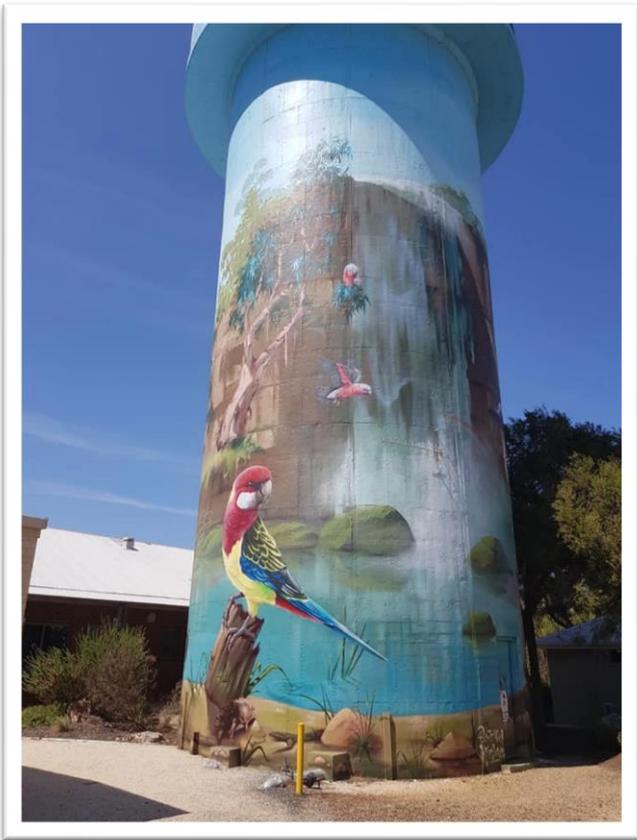


6/10/19 Daylight savings equates to mess up in wake up times but we all did manage to get together and head out to Weethalle. On the way we did stop at the Borellan for a photo opportunity at



the Big Tennis Racquet and Goolagong's wall as we were too tired yesterday to do it.

Weethalle has an amazing painted silo and after many photos we moved on to an old rail carriage and tea room for lovely scones and cream. 7/10/19 Well today was to see a trip into Leeton to take in some of the sights. Unfortunately Leeton



Information Centre was closed which was disappointing not only to us but others that turned up. So we phoned around and it appeared there was nothing opened. We did a drive through town and headed towards Henry Lawson Cottage and although advertised as open you guessed it. Closed. Oh well move on we headed towards Lillypilly Estate Wines. Yes it was open and we had a great tasting and left there with several bottles. We decided to head towards Griffith hoping it was opened. Information Centre was opened and was some great info available but all major attractions were closed but we did. We headed back for lunch and Jimmy and I went exploring. Checked out some amazing places on the river. Many of them were free camps, had lively swimming holes, walking tracks and fishing spots. Rocky water, Five Mile Reserve, Seven Mile and Bundigerry Creek. This evening saw nibbles, drinks at the camp kitchen where the football was on the TV screen have some lunch at an Italian Restaurant called Il Corso Cafe. Was a great meal, pizza and a mixture of other meals. We checked out a couple of lookouts and ventured home via Darlington Point. Happy hour rounded off the day..

9/10/19 Well we have come to the last day. It was windy, cold and it did finally rain. I have never seen a Caravan Park owner so excited over some precipitation but totally understandable. Very lazy day with most checking out the town bakery beestings, the large guitar and the tiger moth display. Dinner was at Charles Sturt Hotel and another great meal. Pam gave a lovely speech thanking John and Chris for the terrific job of planning the trip and the fun activities. 6 vans are heading off via Cowra and I am sure will share their experiences. Jimmy and I are heading to Adelaide to spend some time with family so this will be my last report. I can hear you all cheering. Seriously I hope you have enjoyed the posts. Signing off for now.  
*Gaianne*

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#### Another Facebook Group

There is a Facebook Group called **Showgrounds Sport and Red Grounds Camping** Our Members may find this very useful to find affordable low cost stays. Worth having a look.

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#### Paramount Caravans Gathering at Stanthorpe 3-8/10/2019

Owing to our long standing booking to attend this event, Mike and I missed out on the Narrandera Trip, hope to be able to join in another time for this area.

Stanthorpe was extremely dry, with mature trees standing dead along the highways. Hope to God they get some rain soon.

Another Paramount van pulled up beside us in the van park, a long way from home to find other TLC members. Very pleased to meet Rick and Maureen Riley who were on their way home and who joined us for a couple of days. *Leonie*

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<b>DATES</b>	<b>DESTINATION</b>	<b>MEMBERS ATTENDING</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>PARK or CONTACT</b>
<b>November 18<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Narrabeen</b>	Bickley/Baird C/C, Cooper D, Dew A/C, Ducker C/B, Eadie H/M, Edwards/Williamson S/G, Egan W (Visitor) Fraser T/A, Henry M/V, Howard B/A, Kane P/C, Latham D/B, Leotta A/L, Lindsay F/A, Majchrowski R, Marsland P/E, Merrett/Wright P/J, Oakes J/M, O'Brien B/D, Schultz B/A, Smyth J/H, Steele K/L, Tanner/Bryce H/J, Wells J/J 24	<b>CONTACT DES COOPER 4393 3383</b>	
<b>December 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Christmas Lunch @ The Hali</b>	Anderson H/P, Belshaw R/L, Bickley/Baird C/C, Brill H/C, Collins L/M, Cooper D, Cornwell J, Crimmins R/N, Curnow L/R, Dawson K/R, Edwards/Williamson S/G, Geale W, Holmes J/L, Howard B/A, Insull B, Jager F/T, Kane P/C, Knight J/C, Latham D/B, Laurie N/W, Lee-Sing S/W, Maranik A/D, Marsland E/P, Oakes M/J, O'Brien D/B, Olesen P/C, Palmer/Evernden I/F, Rohwer P/P, Smyth J/H, Shawcross J/G, Tanner/Bryce H/J, Thomas B/L, Thomas F/R, Treacy/Wenning J/R, Turner/Rolfe L/B, Wells J/J, White J/P, Wilcox/Richardson G/J, Williams/Richardson K/L 39		
<b>February 2020 3<sup>rd</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Lakeside Forster</b>	Cornwell J, Crimmins R/M, Flippence D/P, Geale W, Hennessy T, Howard B/A, Inns K/S, Kane P/C, Latham D/B, Lee-Sing W/S, Maranik A/D, Marsland P/E, McConville B/D, O'Brien B/D, Palmer/Evernden I/F, Ryan J/R, Smyth J/H 17	<b>Coral Kane 0412 605 887</b>	<b>Lakeside Forster 6555 5511</b>

<b>March 2020 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>State Rally Hawkesbury Showground Clarendon</b>	Davidson P/Y	<b>Peter Davidson 4358 0292</b>	
<b>March 2020 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Reflections Holiday Park Urunga</b>	Bickley/Baird C/C, Collins M/L, Cornwell J, Curnow L/R, Dawson R/K, Ducker C/B, Edwards/Williamson S/G, Fraser T/A, Greeshaw K, Hennessy T, Insull B, Jager F/T, Knight C/J, Laney L/R, Latham D/B, Laurie N/W, Lee-Sing S/W, Oakes J/M, Olesen P/C, Palmer/Evennden I/F, Smyth J/H, Thomas F/R, Treacy/Wenning J/R, White P/J, Wilcox/Richardson G/J, Williams/Richardson K/L 26	<b>Club Organised</b>	<b>Reflections Urunga 6655 6355</b>
<b>March 2020 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Terara Country Music Campout</b>			
Early Birds 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2020 <b>Main Event April 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Hartwood Campfires &amp; Country Music</b>	Collins M/L, Cooper D, Cornwell J, Dew C/A, Eadie M/H, Geale W, Howard B/A, Kane P/C, Pollard C, Schultz A/B 10	<b>Richard Majchrowski 0439 462 711</b>	<b>Hartwood 0456 780 824</b> info@hartwoodfestival.com.au
<b>July 2020 23<sup>rd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Ingenia – South West Rocks Christmas in July</b>	Bennett B/M, Cooper D, Cornwell J, Curnow L/R, Dick/Moore M/T, Hennessy T, Howard B/A, Jager F/T, Laney L/R, Latham B/D, Lee-Sing S/W, Maranik D/A, McConville B/D, Olesen P/C, Palmer/Evennden I/F, Rohwer P/P, Thomas F/R, Treacy/Wenning J/R, Wells J/J 20	<b>Club Organised</b>	<b>Ingenia SW Rocks 6566 6264</b>



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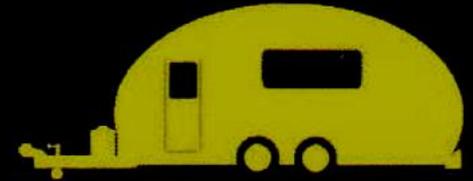


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