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NEXT MEETING - Sunday, September 21st, 2025

AGM will be held on the 21st September 2025

Nominations for positions to Leonie by the 14th September.

Meeting Held 17th August 2025

This was a General Meeting

Members: Attended 52 Apologies 23 and 0 Visitors

Raffle Winners

1st prize \$50.00 Brenda Kirk

2nd prize \$30.00 Janis Tracey

3rd prize \$20.00 Christine Knight

Winners of \$10.00 Gift Cards supplied by **The Doylo**

Lorraine Holmes and Mike Collins

Birthdays for September



Insull Beverley	4-Sep	Brill Clive	1-Sep
Edwards Susan	5-Sep	Moore Norm	14-Sep
Crimmins Merlene	7-Sep	Anderson Paul	15-Sep
Donald Julie	7-Sep	Campbell Ron	19-Sep
Rogers Robyn	15-Sep	Eadie Max	24-Sep

Club Shirts

It is so great to see so many members in their club shirts.

If you require a club shirt, please see Bev Insull

CURTIS FARM STAY

8/09/2025 – 15/09/2025

Meg has asked that members be made aware of the possibility of staying if you DO NOT have toilet and shower facilities in your van.

Also, some members have asked about dumping the toilet waste.

There are two toilets at the farm plus a long drop toilet not quite as close. It is possible to dump your toilet in any of these.

There is one shower which could be used by those who do not have their own shower onboard. This should make it much easier to make the decision to join in with what promises to be a fun time.

If you are going you should have received the address and information. If you haven't please contact Leonie for more information.

Doylo Club Meetings

Just a reminder

The Doylo Club policy is for no outside food or drinks to be brought onto the premises.

We thank all members for respecting this request

Berry Showground Melbourne Cup

The price for Berry Showground has gone up after 1st July 2025.

The cost for the 7 nights' accommodation has risen from \$195.30 to \$269.50.

It was certainly worth booking early but if you haven't paid, please contact the showground as soon as possible or let Leonie know if you are no longer going.

Camp Recipes

Lemon Slice



Grease and line with baking paper an 11"X & 7" slice tin

Preheat oven – 160 degree fan forced

Base – 150 gm Butter/marg, 1 ½ cups plain flour, ½ teaspoon vanilla essence, 1/3 cup caster sugar. Melt butter, mix all together, press into tin and bake for 15-20 minutes till golden brown.

Lemon topping – 4 eggs, 1 teaspoon grated lemon rind, 1 cup caster sugar, 1/3 cup plain flour, 2/3 cup lemon juice. Whisk all together to combine. Pour over base and return to oven for a further 15 minutes or until it is set firmly.

Cool completely in tin. Dust with icing sugar. Cut into pieces.

Christine Knight

Medical Books

The Medical Information Booklets have arrived and will be available at the next meeting.

The price is \$3.00

Hawks Nest Christmas in July



Tuesday 23rd July As we were only heading towards Hawks Nest it was not necessary to leave early. We arrived and set up with many others already here and enjoying a sit down and watching others as they arrived.

At 4pm we all got together for happy hour where a tent had been set up by Mike and his elves. We had a rundown of the program for the week and especially for Wednesday which was a free day with a couple of ideas proposed.



Wednesday saw a sad drizzle but 4 of us braved the pool Bill being the only male. It was nice and warm heated to 30°C but it was freezing outside. 10am was morning tea then we headed to Tea Gardens for lunch where there were lots of us enjoying a great feed. Many wandered down to

the ice-cream shop for dessert after lunch. (We seemed to eat all the time on this trip)

After lunch Jimmy and I headed to Mungo Beach where the 1st step was a doozy. There is lots of erosion. We were going to do a bit of 4-wheel driving but even Jimmy and I were not that brave as it looked very uninviting. Many of the camp grounds are closed and by the looks of it have been for a while probably due to the poor weather earlier in the year. Banksia Green Camp Ground was the only one opened and it looked like a great place to stay at. We ran into a few dingos that crossed our path while driving back although one didn't look pure.

Happy hour saw the drawing of the raffle that raised money for equipment for the kids at JHH. Janis and Debbie did a great job putting the donated prizes together and it saw over \$400 raised for the kids.

On Thursday we all gathered at 4pm for happy hour after preparation had been done for hamburger night. Like always the club was full of enthusiastic helpers volunteering to cook, serve, helping with preparation and volunteering equipment. This all contributed to a very successful hamburger night.

Thanks to the committee for the organisation of this great night. Thanks to all those that have been contributing photos.



Well the frivolities continued today, with Christmas lunch at the golf club. We headed to the golf club for our Christmas in July lunch. The room in the club was set up beautifully and we all found a seat. Even though there was 64 of us there was heaps of room and a lovely outlook onto the golf course.



We had hot bread rolls, alternated main meals of pork and chicken. Both meals were delicious. We completed the meal with a yummy pudding with custard. Lots of us got into the spirit by decorating tables with extra Christmas decorations, wearing Christmas gear and brought our good spirits.



3This afternoon the temperature had dropped, the wind had picked up and it was quite bitter so only a few of us braved it for happy hour. We had so many clothes on we looked like the Michelin Man. 🤖 Most of us only stayed out until 5pm when we headed back to the warmth of our vans.



Well last night the wind blew and the rains fell. Our fly cover that had been re-erected when it fell last time collapsed again. Many of us got up and tightened our ropes, or pulled in awnings about midnight. The next morning was miserable as the rain continued to fall. Many of us headed across the road for a coffee and morning tea just to get out of our vans.



The weather forecast was saying the rain would stop around 1pm. OMG the forecast was correct. As we were all out watching the bowls it was decided we would continue on to happy hour until it got too cold and we wandered inside for the night.



It was decided to have a day out and do a tag along. It was so exciting to have 15 cars turn up, over 40 people and with Bulahdelah our final destination. We headed out through Mungo Brush and were going to stop along the way but all the camp grounds are closed in the National Park due to the damaged caused by the flooding in 2024. This didn't stop us enjoying the drive to the ferry. There is still so much water laying around and some looks like it will never dry out and is forming new wetlands.



When we got to the ferry it was quite windy as well as a strong tide flowing but it didn't affect the ride. The ferry carried 6 cars each trip so it called for 3 trips to get us all over but as it is only a short trip the wait wasn't long for us all to get to the other



side. We continued on into Bulahdelah and headed to the Golf Club for a Chinese Lunch. I am sure the restaurant owners must have had a heart attack when we all walked in but I am sure they appreciated our patronage.



The trip home was straight down the highway. We were surprised at how windy it was when we arrived back. A few brave souls came out for happy hour. We were invaded by many attack birds looking for our nibbles. Many of the group tried to act as scare crows 🦅 but they weren't very successful and the birds waited for



them to sit down before swooping 🦅 down again.



As I lay on my bed listening to the wind howling outside it is with sadness I write my last report for this fantastic trip. We woke to a morning of a blue sky but a freezing cold wind blowing to chill our souls but this didn't stop us old geriatrics getting down and dirty in a game of grocery grab at morning tea time.



Who knew that a jar of peanut bar and a pkt of marshmallows could get us "running" (used very loosely) to grab these much sort after products to place at our feet. I have never seen some of our members with such determination and competitive natures over grocery items. 🍌🍌🍌

After much laughter, shenanigans, pushing, shoving and athletic prowess the game came to an end with winners and losers and all of us just having fun.

Most of us retired to our vans to pack up ready for tomorrow's departure. At times it was very hairy getting awnings in safely with no injury to humans or vans. Our final night was over at the restaurant opposite where it was pizza night. It is sad it has come to an end but it was a great week.



Thank you to all who made this experience so enjoyable.

Disc Bowls Results

Held at Hawks Nest

It was amazing to see so many come down to the park and participate in the single games. Many were won by large margins, some by small, discs were seen to be landed on the jack and discs were accidentally thrown out of court but it was all in the spirit of the game. Whether a winner, loser, official or spectator all had a wonderful day.



Women's Disc bowls

Joan Cornwell winner

Carol Wilkinson runner up

Double Disc Bowls

Len Field/Amelia Cox Winners

Wes Kirk/ Helen Smyth Runners-up

Men's Disc Bowls

Len Field Winner

Bill McConville Runner Up



The doubles games played at a different time were played with the same gusto and sportsmanship of the singles with many games going into a playoff end to find the winner of the match.

North Haven

By Des Cooper



What can I say? This has been an excellent trip organised by Rod Thomas about 22 people 12 vans attended.

North Haven is a great park with very clean amenities and the area where our members were located having mostly double slab sites.

The start of the trip we had grey gloomy skies, cold wind with scattered showers There has been a lot of rain but we are all dry and sunny skies are hopefully coming on Wednesday and Thursday.

The trip actually started on Monday 4th but a number of members came over from the Xmas in July Hawks Nest trip and they had been on site for 5 days.

We played a number of games, a lot of laughter, lots of excitement the ladies penalised the men through foot faults but clearly the skills of the ladies won the games. The end result was the ladies won both days.

Lunch was organised at the local club and the next day at Bonney Hills pub as always, the food was perfect."

A walk along the North Haven break wall showed a very dirty river flowing out to sea. The ocean was very rough and large waves were breaking on the beach and the water was very discoloured no persons were fishing anywhere due to the weather conditions.

Happy hour was mostly held in the club room and as always it was a noisy, happy cheerful atmosphere for a couple of hours. I am always amazed at the number of members who appear at afternoon tea with all types of goodies and treats. A special THANK YOU from us members that don't have the pre party skills to assemble delicious snacks.

I always use Cruise Control on my Jeep when I'm driving on the freeway or good roads. Today returning from North Haven towing the Caravan for the first time I used Cruise Control the whole trip. I was very impressed on uphill pulls and especially downhill as I had no need to touch the brakes. It is now my intention to always drive in Sports mode and use Cruise Control.

TYRE PRESSURE MONITORING SYSTEM



Today most vehicles have TPMS fitted as standard, but caravans do not.

There are two types of TPMS both will monitor the tyre pressure on vehicles, caravans or both. The internal type must be installed by a tyre shop. The external type can be installed by anybody; we will discuss the external type which we have installed on all of our 8 tyres

The TPMS works by radio, there are 8 transmitters that transmit information to the receiver that is inside the vehicle. The transmitters are no larger than a 10-cent coin, they each screw on to the tyre valve and are powered by a replaceable button battery that will last a couple of years, they only turn on when the wheels are turning.

The receiver inside your vehicle is powered by either solar or the vehicles 12-V outlet. This receiver has 8 sensors to receive the information from each transmitter; this information can be seen on the receiver screen. After it has been set it no longer requires any adjustment.

Inflate your tyres to whatever pressure you require, each tyre can be of different pressure and screw on the transmitter buttons on all tyres. The receiver inside the vehicle can now be set to remember the pressure on all tyres

The receiver will display the present pressure of each tyre for a couple of seconds then move to the next tyre and so on. Any pressure variance of more than 10% will give an alarm. It also will give an alarm if the tyres temperature is over 90 degrees.

Longer caravans may need a booster to transmit the information to the receiver.

We have had them fitted for over 12 years. Over this period, we have had 7 occasions that something was wrong, usually low pressure, once high pressure and once a caravan tyre overheating.

Never have we damaged a tyre, I estimate we would have wrecked 5 tyres and done damage to the caravan. The damage would have cost at least double the cost of the TPMS. The price we paid was \$300 this would be around average price.

Mike & Leonie



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DATES	DESTINATION	MEMBERS ATTENDING	CONTACT	PARK
8-15 Sept	Curtis Farm Stay	Baird/Bickley C/C, Cok W/A, Collins M/L, Cornwell J, Edwards/Williamson S/G, Jeffs S/K, Kirk W/B, Lee-Sing S/W, Mannix J/M (visitors), Newall G/M, Rogers R/R, Ryan R/J, Sherwood R/C 13		David 0418 493 822 Meg 0419 209 893
29 Sep – 7 Oct	19th Nat. Caravan Clubs Rally	Collins M/L, Davidson P, Kennedy/Cousins M/D, Ranse C. 4	Leonie Collins 0419 763 107	https://www.19thnationalcaravanrally.org.au
5 – 19 Oct	Trip to Eastern Victoria	Brennan S, Leotta A/L, Strachan N/K 3	Andy & Lynne Leotta 0432 334 775 0427 988 037	Various van parks Take a photo with your phone Information on table for details
30 Oct – 6 Nov	Melbourne Cup Berry Showground	Barnes/Gosper S/G, Brennan S, Cok W/A, Collins M/L, Cornwell J, Curtis D/M, Dawson K/R, Delaney M/N, Dew A/C, Edwards/Williamson S/G, Field L, Jeffs K/S, Kennedy/Cousins M/D, Kirk W/B, Knight J/C, Latham B/D, Lee-Sing S/W, Lindsay A/F, Merrett/Wright J/P, Moore/Dick T/M, Newall G/M, O'Brien B/D, Rush W/L, Treacy/Wenning J/R, Willcox/Richardson G/J, Wilkinson C / Spinks J 26	CLUB ORGANISED	Berry Showground PLEASE NOTE BOOKINGS ARE OPEN shoalhaven.bookable.net.au Or phone showground 0427 605 200

		<i>Tuggerah Lakes Caravanners TRIP SHEETS 2026</i>		
5 – 15 Feb 2026	Lakeside Forster	Brennan S, Cornwell J, Edwards/Williamson S/G, Insull B, Kane P/C, Kirk W/B, Lee-Sing W/S, Rogers R/R, Ryan R/J, Strachan N/K 10	Coral & Peter Kane	Lakeside Forster Big 4 02 6555 5511
3-10 Mar 2026	<i>Bonny Hills Ingenia</i>	Collins M/L, Cornwell J, Lee-Sing W/S, Kirk W/B, Insull B/Doyle J, Merrett J/ Wright P, Moore/Dick T/M, Shoobert , Treacy/Wenning J/R, 9	CLUB ORGANISED	<i>Bonny Hills Ingenia</i> 02 6585 5655 <i>TLC Booking No. 74115</i>