

# Tuggerah Lakes Caravanners Inc.



## NEWSLETTER No 13 – JULY 2007

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**Membership Growth:** Well we have now just celebrated our first year of operation. A lot has occurred in such a short time. A lot of new friendships have also been formed and a lot of caravans are being used a lot more often. It is very interesting to look back at our growth rate over the past (12) months. Following our inaugural meeting in June 2006 we had members join as follows

June 2006	41 vans
July	13 vans
August	10 vans
September	3 vans
October	3 vans
November	7 vans
February 2007	6 vans
March	7 vans
April	3 vans
May	4 vans
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b>97 vans</b>

**Delivery of Club Newsletter:** The emailing/posting of our monthly Newsletter was a bit erratic in our early months of operation. But we have now appeared to have settled into a good routine. We now try to post out the Newsletter on the Monday prior to the meeting and send out the emails on the Monday night. So everyone should have the Newsletter by the Wednesday. This gives you a gentle reminder that the meeting is on the following Sunday.



**Changes in The Newsletter:** If you look back at early copies of our Newsletter you will see there have been many changes such as in the first few copies we published only (3) written pages now we are up to (10) pages. We have recently introduced a For Sale column but that grew too quickly and we have had to introduce a separate “For Sale Page” We have also introduced (5) Sponsors who have taken out advertisements in our Newsletter.

**Use Club as Social Event:** A number of members for many reasons have not been able to go on a trip but are very regular attendee’s at meetings. They have expressed concern that they just cannot fit trips in at the present time. In the meantime the C of M hope that you use the club as a social event where we meet once a month in a very friendly atmosphere with lots of

talking and friendship. Go on trips when you can.

**Touring North for Winter:** There is usually a large number of SA and Victorian caravan people that head North for the winter. There is also a heap from NSW that head for Queensland and Des and I are one of those we always go away for about 2 months (last year was the exception due to the formation of TLC). So it will be interesting to see how many of our members are absent in the next few months.

**Benefit of Limited rules:** When we started our club we agreed in those early days that we would have limited rules. Such as the members can choose when/whether they attend trips and meetings. Members can reside where they like in fact we have members living on Sydney's Northern beaches, Meni, Blackheath, Shellharbour, Medowie and Dubbo. The only kinda rule that is stressed to members is that on trips the whole group meet at 10am and 4pm to have morning tea afternoon tea/drinks and plan the next day. This prevents the trip breaking into smaller groups.

**Bathurst/ Warrumbungle Trip:** Our A/Tour Director has put up a trip to Bathurst which is linked to the Warrumbungle trip. I think this will be a very nice trip. We were there there briefly 15 years ago so I think we will go on this trip to explore a new place.

**Hartwood:** Well Hartwood was a very successful trip in 2007 with some (13) club caravans attending. Des and I have been to

Hartwood about six times and I must say this trip was the very best. We have now located a "TLC Camp Site", signposted and Ironbark Haven by the property owners,. which all members seemed to like. In 2008 we will make the site ours permanently by erecting a 6ft x 6ft colourbond shed, with TLC signs, in which we can store our "stuff". We will also have a permanent nine litre container of hot/boiling water right beside the campfire. It is really a high standard of bush camping what with tap water adjacent to our site, two flushing loo's, generator power available for anyone who needs power and of course an endless supply of beautiful dampers at morning tea.

**NRMA Caravan Towing Changes:** In the May/June edition of the Open Road the NRMA have an article on page 18 headed **NRMA Premium Care**. It refers in particular to a matter we have discussed at previous meetings. The article states that with regard to *I now quote*" NRMA Premium Care we have increased our towing limit for vehicles from 2.5 tonne to 3.5 tonne and we will now tow caravans of any length".*end of quote*. The page will be pinned on our Notice Board for information.

**Prize winning Scones:** *1lb flour, 2ozs icing sugar, 2ozs butter, 1 ½ cups of milk, ½ teaspoon salt, 1oz cream of tarter, ½ oz carb. Soda, 1 egg if you like.* Sift dry ingredients 3 times then mix with milk and egg. The mixture should be handled as lightly as possible and patted into shape with the hands. Then cut into

shapes as desired and brush over with milk and a sprinkling of sugar Bake in a fairly hot oven on a floured tray until a rich golden brown. (Des is going to have a go)

**Star City Casino:** I have been advised that the Star City Casino at Darling Harbour has a special deal. That is once you join the club (cost about \$3) they will give you a free lunch and \$10 poker machine money. We will investigate this further and when we are at Narrabeen in November we may include the Casino in a tour of Darling Harbour

**Grouped Trips:** It is possible for people to attend two or three trips in one outing for example if you attend a trip of one week to Hartwood then you go with other club members to say the hot spa's at Moree and then travel to Grafton and join a Jacaranda Festival trip then that is recorded as (3) three trips against your name.

**Safety Chains between Car and Van** They are not only essential, but a legal requirement. Some states require two chains and others require a minimum of one. In NSW a single chain must be fitted between the "A" frame and the vehicle's towbar. Then NRMA recommend the use of two crossed chains, because this is safer and more effective if the towed vehicle becomes unattached on the road.

**Murray River Trip:** Just a note to the 29 vans going on the Murray River trip. We intend to leave the central coast about 7am on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September and stop that night at Gundgai Caravan Park. Des has made a booking for 30 vans with all sites under cover. The costs for a drive through

site with ensuite is \$35 we will be charged \$30 and a powered site under cover is \$26 and we will pay \$22. There is no need for you to ring and book its your choice to stay there or at some other site.

**Name Badges:** Members are requested by the C of M to please wear your name badges at meetings. It is getting rather difficult to remember all members' faces and put the correct name to them. It has also been suggested that you leave your name badge in the glove box of your car.

**Pole Carriers:** Have you noticed that a lot of people fit pole carrying tubes to the front or rear of their caravans. This works well as long as you remember, when deciding where to install them, to take into consideration the weight distribution. A few years ago we had our tube located under the caravan just behind the wheels. It really looked good and worked well but for a little mishap in Nth Queensland. We had put four(4) Barra fishing rods (Uglysticks worth \$600) in the tube to fish the Daly River NT. In Queensland whilst doing about 105klm we hit a BIG roo who went straight under our Cruiser with a little bit of a bump. Needless to say when we stopped two hours later we found we only had about one meter of tube left rubbing on the road. *Oh Dear... bug...*

**Webpage:** The State Association of Caravan Clubs has a listed Webpage [www.caravanclubsnsw.asn.au](http://www.caravanclubsnsw.asn.au) which then includes a list of pages/links for all other (30) caravan clubs in NSW. We currently are not on the webpage due to the fact that the State Association is in the process of upgrading their site and we (TLC) have not

yet finished preparing our page. Des has requested a friend of ours to prepare a webpage (Homepage) suitable to our requirements. As soon as our first draft is ready we will discuss it at the C of M then take it to a general meeting .

**Remove your Van Table:** Have you ever considered removing the table from your caravan. We removed ours about six years ago and when we require a table we use our laptops. It just gives us so much more area to move around the van. We have had a few friends do the same thing and strangely enough not one has replaced the table. *The table in our new van lasted just 36 hours and it is now resting in out shed*

**Power Leads for Mildura:** Folks as you know 30 vans are going to Mildura and we will be sharing power at Buronga C/Park. Everyone who wants power will have access to power. The power will be limited to lights and fridge. IF you want to use your microwave/hairdryer you will need to talk to the other users on your line first. Each park power outlet will have a long lead terminating in a Power Board and 3 vans will connect to one Power Board. All people attending should speak to Des to clarify power usage and the need to have a 15amp to 10amp lead/plug.

**Planning of Trips:** It was never the intent of the C of M that we plan for events 12 months or more away. This process has just developed but I suppose it helps all of us in the long run. A count of listed trips show that we have a choice of about 25 trips so far this year. Well done

**Spare Parts:** If you are looking for spare parts or new bits for your van. Once you get a price then contact Cameron Cole at Central Coast Caravans for a price. Cameron can get parts in within 3 days.

**Changing your Fridge 240V to 12 V:** Early in our caravanning days we would just before leaving a park turn our fridge from 240 power to our cars 12v system. On quite a few occasions we forgot to turn it back to 240V. In the end we decided never to turn our fridge to 12V. We simply leave it on 240V and the fridge remains cold with unmelted ice cubes even during an (8) hour drive. Try it and see for yourself

**Campersat:** A couple of our members have provided a number of pamphlets from the above company which gives information on Satillite TV Solutions. They say that you will receive reception anywhere in Australia and the price is \$995 but if a few members are interested the price is negotiable The pamphlets will be attached to the Notice Board for your information.

**The next meeting will be held at Halekulani Bowling Club at 1pm on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2007.**

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The TLC will hold its next monthly meeting at Halekulani Bowling Club at 1pm on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2007. Please arrive by 11.30am so that we can have lunch but please remember you do not have to attend the lunch - just be at the meeting at 1.00pm. Look forward to seeing you there.

## *TLC Birthdays.*

### July

Brett Burrows	1 <sup>st</sup>
Myra Banhidi	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Betty Thomas	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Pauline Fowler	4 <sup>th</sup>
Bob Morrison	7 <sup>th</sup>
Trevor Capps	9 <sup>th</sup>
Bob Beesley	10 <sup>th</sup>
John Welland	11 <sup>th</sup>
Cheryl Dew	12 <sup>th</sup>
Anne Howey	13 <sup>th</sup>
Kay Benger	18 <sup>th</sup>
Margaret Fletcher	24 <sup>th</sup>
Marie Marsh	24 <sup>th</sup>
Jennie Hendy	26 <sup>th</sup>
Laurie McAndrew	27 <sup>th</sup>
Barry Lambert	23 <sup>rd</sup>



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## CLUBS MONTHLY RAFFLE

The gift should be of a value up to \$20.  
The listed members will need to purchase  
a gift for the following month.

<b>T.S Capps</b>	<b>July</b>
<b>J E Carr</b>	<b>August</b>
<b>L C Chambers</b>	<b>September</b>

Would you please supply the gift to Katie  
Patterson. If you are unable to attend the  
meeting contact Katie so that she can  
arrange for the next names on the list.



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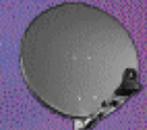
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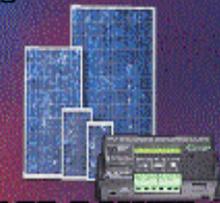
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## TRIPS ON THE BOARD

Date 2007	Venue	Phone	Pets	Dep	Cards	Trip Leader	Phone
Aug. 4 – 10	<b>Bawley Point</b>						
<b>Attending:</b> Nil							
August 21-27	<b>Swansea Gardens</b>	4971 2869	No		Yes	Committee	
<b>Attending:</b> Evans,Hennessey,Bank/McNamara,Wardop,West,Laney,Burrows,Carr,Curnow,Pollard,Stevens,Rigger, Lambert, Stewart, Kane, Woolfe, Roberts, Beesley, Chambers, Cannard, Ketley, Steele,Grady, Cooper, Johnson, Brown ,Bickley (Total 27)							
Aug 27 -31	<b>Lostock Dam</b>	49317118	No	?	cash		
<b>Attending:</b> Nil							
Sept 10 - 16	<b>Lorikeet Coffs Harb.</b>		?	yes	yes	Clarrie Stevens	
<b>Attending:</b> Evans, (Total 1)							
Sept 10 – 26	<b>Murray River Trip</b>	Des	No	Yes	Yes	Des Cooper	43933383
<b>Attending:</b> Cooper,,McNamara/Banck,Beesley, Lusted,Hennessey,Laney (not Wodonga),Holland, Williamson,Curnow,Bulloch/Browning,McGowan,Woolfe,Pidgeon,Field,Carr,Steele, Spath, Jones, Howard, N.Moore, Gross, Price, Roberts, Woods, Teesson., Kane, Lalor (Total 27)							
Sept 26 - Oct 7	<b>Mildura C/Music</b>	Des	No	yes	yes	Des Cooper	43933383
<b>Attending:</b> Cooper,Beesley,Purnell/Filmer,Lusted,Hennessey,Laney,Holland,Lambert, Williamson(Curnow (5 days) Bulloch/Browning,McGowan,Woolfe,Pidgeon,Field,Carr, Steele (5 days) Spath, Jones, Howard, N.Moore, Gross, Price, Roberts, Woods, Teesson., (Total 26)							
Sept 25 Oct 1	<b>Floriade/ Canberra</b>	1800 883310	No	yes	Yes		
<b>Attendance:</b> Nil							
Oct 9 - 16	<b>Wondara Wool/Wagga</b>						
<b>Attending:</b> Nil							
Oct 15 <sup>h</sup> –22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Bathurst</b>		No	yes	Yes	Clarrie Stevens	43692759
<b>Attending:</b> Stevens, Fraser, Lambert, Courts, Fletcher, Kane, Wardrop, Stewart, Burns, McGowan, Lalor, Wildman,Rigger, Maslem ( Total 14)							
Oct 22- 28	<b>W /Bungle N/ Park</b>						
<b>Attending:</b> Wildman, Rigger, Stewart, Stevens Total (4)							
Oct 27- Nov-3	<b>Grafton Jacaranda</b>	1800 012 019	No	yes	Yes	Bill Patterson	
<b>Attending:</b> Evans, West, Howard, Burrows, Roberts, Woods, Lambert, Kane, Cooper, Patterson. Gordon, Courts, McCorriston, Johnson, Field, Brown, Hart (Total 17)							
Oct 31 – Nov 6	<b>Tncurry Beach C/Park</b>		No		Yes		
<b>Attending:</b> Nil							
Nov18 -25th	<b>TLC RAL/ NARRAB.</b>	DONOTPHONE	No		Yes	MGT Commitee	

Date 2007	Venue	Phone	Pets	Dep	Cards	Trip Leader	Phone
<b>Attending:</b> Evans, Cooper, West, Cannard, Burrows, Howard, Woods, Roberts, Bickley, Carr, Wardrop, Beesley, Curnow, Stevens, Dew, Rigger, Holland, Lambert, Kane, Stewart, Patterson, Klumpp, Thomas Snr, Chambers, Williams, Ketley, Woolfe, Grady, Wildman, Hennessy, Fraser, McAndrew, McNamara, Laney, Fletcher, Steele, Burns, Clarke, Gordon, N Moore, Thomas, Pidgeon, Holland, Bullock/Browning, Webb, Rigger, Hendy, McCorrison, Maslem, Hayes/Hart, McLean ( Total 51)							
Nov 26 - Dec 2	<b>Bright Vic</b>		No	yes	Yes		
<b>Attending:</b> Nil							
Dec 28- Jan 6	<b>Nat Rally Forbes</b>	4390 5658	?	yes	no	<b>Katie Patterson</b>	43905658
<b>Attending:</b> Cooper, Patterson, Lambert, Roberts, Beesley, McCorrison (Total 6)							
Jan 20 - 08	<b>TLC Picnic Day</b>					<b>Mgt Committee</b>	
<b>Attending:</b> Lambert, Kane, Stewart, Cooper, Chambers, Bickley, Woolfe, Grady, Burrows, McNamara/Banck, Woods, Jones, Curnow, Stevens (Total 14)							
Jan 30 -27 Feb	<b>Tasmania Trip</b>	<b>See Trevor</b>	No	yes	Yes	<b>Trevor/Sue Capps</b>	43897202
Capps, Purnell/Filmer, Patterson, Steele, Marsh, Fletcher, Thomas Snr, Thomas Jnr, Rigger (Total 9)							
Mar 17 <sup>th</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Hartwood C/ry Music</b>	nil	Yes	no	No	<b>Betty Lambert</b>	43933383
<b>Attending</b> Lambert, Wardrop, Beesley, Howard, Purnell/Filmer, Cooper, Gordon, Stewart, Kane, Burrows, Carr, Hennesey, Laney, Grady, Woods, Hayes/Hart (Total 16) Hanley (Friend of Lamberts)							
Mar 24 – 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Moree Gwyder C/Park</b>	6752 2723	No		Yes	<b>Robyn Beesley</b>	43933383
<b>Attending:</b> Cooper, Burrows, Howard, Beesley, Bickley ( Total 5)							

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