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Next General Meeting

Sunday 19 JUNE 2016

2016 Narrabeen Rest & Recreation Trip:

Due to a large number of inquiries regarding this trip it had now been decided to open the trip to all members. I have secured sufficient sites to accommodate all members. The Trip Sheet will be posted on the Trip Board at the June meeting. Please put your names on the list ASAP. If you require an On-suite let me know ASAP.

REMEMBER ----DO NOT RING THE PARK TO BOOK IN

General Information:

The 2016 AGM will be held on Sunday 20th November.2016 our trip will start the next day for 10 nights ie 21 – Wed 30 out on the 1stDec. At this stage the costs will be the same as last year (\$35 per site).

If anyone wishes to put another trip on at some other time please contact me so I can ensure that we maintain the site costs at \$35 per night. **Des Cooper**

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

Janis Treacy has asked that if anyone has any round doylies they no longer require could they bring them in and give them to her as John Hunter Children's Hospital Art department would love to have them as the children make dream catchers from them.....and sick kids can't have too many dreams.

I'm sure we all have some that we don't use any longer, if so please bring them in as like me I'm sure we would all like to help these children.

A BIT OF HUMOUR TO BRIGHTEN OUR DAY

If My Body Was a Car



This is just – Too funny – scary how true it is!!!!

If my body was a car, this is the time I would be thinking about trading it in for a newer model.

I've got bumps and dents and scratches in my finish and my paint job is getting a little dull

But that's not the worst of it.

My headlights are out of focus,

And it's especially hard to see things up close.

My traction is not as graceful as it once was.

I slip and slide and skid and bump into things even in the best of weather.



My whitewalls are stained with varicose veins.

It takes me hours to reach my maximum speed.

My fuel rate burns inefficiently.

But here's the worst of it.

Almost every time I sneeze, cough or splutter,

Either my Radiator Leaks or my Exhaust Backfires!

A little poem from Pam & Jill on their trip to Tasmania

We set off for Tassie, us Motley little crew For two months no less, for this whole Island we wanted to view. The timing for the weather was really grand, the warmest summer on record it has said to be .Very lovely for caravanners, like you and me. Peter and Von were our fearless leaders who didn't really lead us astray on many a day. Their memory for places is quite exceptional and certainly not always conventional. This trip was to be another adventure until any of us were struck down with the dreaded Dementia. The rain much needed by the locals near and far held off for us tourists while sightseeing in our little cars. What a picture postcard is this little island, every turn on the mountainous roads bringing a gasp from us all. We were really having a Bloody Ball. The cruises and trips we did were really worth the money. If you hadn't done them you would really be a Bunny. John and Gloria were the trekking heroes to us all. The walk around Dove Lake wasn't exactly like a trip to the mall. We heard they were on the telly, but we didn't see although it was much better to be there like you and me. Carol and Chris are the King and Queen of the lost and found, lots of things went missing, but eventually came around. Peter and Ellen sometimes dropped in and out, Peter is like the "Energiser Bunny" dancing about. He calls Ellen "Sweet" which we think is kinda neat. Who knows what she calls him when he is under her feet. Mike and Leonie joined us now and again and our happy hours became happier and less of a pain. Some said two months was far too long, but I think they must have been sucking on a "Bong". So it's farewell to this Island way down south for now, but we may return to see some more of the excellent cows. They have it made with their own tunnels under the road, to the milking bay which helps the farmer lighten his load. We will miss the early call for "Happy Hour" don't be late" to go and share an ale or two with our travelling mates. My apologies to all for being "A bit of a bore", when I occasionally got verbal diarrhoea and took the floor. My "Partner in Crime" Pam puts up with a bit and I know at times I really give her the shits. So it's Farewell from us we have had a bloody ball .Our Love and hugs to one and all
Jill and Pam

Report 4 from Tasmania

All seven vans have now arrived in Huonville Caravan Park for a week as the food festival is on at the weekend and plenty to see in the area. It is less than an hour into Hobart so we so we are able to go in very easily. MONA was a must for most of us and it is a very interesting concept. Not like any other museum we have seen and certainly rather confronting in many of the displays. We were told to keep an open mind when looking around by the staff.

Around the Huon there are many road side stalls selling fruit such as Apples and Raspberries and other berry fruits. Plenty of honey which John Shawcross is certainly taking advantage of! The Huon Food Festival is very popular. The park is packed with many families as it is a public holiday weekend and the weather is good We all went to the food fair to try the free samples and buy something a little different.

Tasmania trip continued

From here it is also easy to drive south to Cockle Creek and along the coast or to the Airwalk. Celebrated Jill's Birthday in style with everyone providing a dish and some rather different styles of dancing and singing! Fortunately the park has a large camp kitchen with plenty of space and cooking areas. A good night had by all. Some decided not to move on the next morning so only John and Gloria came with us to our next stop. I think a quiet day was in order for some!

A new caravan park near the Mt Field National Park was our next find. Called Left Of Field it is a very unusual park. Still in the process of development it is certainly different! The stumps of large trees that were removed to make room for sites, have been turned upside down and have ferns and small shrubs growing up from the roots. The golf course is very challenging with balls the size of footballs and the irons are similar to croquet sticks but made of tree branches. It was a game played in a very unorthodox way with Peter Marsland as umpire and 18 holes was played in 8 I think! I am not too sure who won!

At the moment the showers are shower tents with hot water from a portable shower on a pole. It works until something more permanent is installed. It took a tall man and two ladies to teach Gloria how to use it. The small toilet block is well built. The owner has many big plans, all slightly left of centre! From here we all drove out to the Gordon Dam and Lake Pedder on a lovely sunny day. The massive fires from earlier in the month have left a trail of devastation across the magnificent mountain scenery but at the same time left the stark mountain slopes visible. We had seen the pictures on TV but in reality they did not truly show the damage.

On our way across to the East coast we stopped to admire the Wall of carving. Wonderful and realistic carving. Well worth a visit on one of our rare cold days. There is a new rest area at Derwent Bridge which is a good lunch stop before driving across the mountains with amazing scenery across the Franklin and Gordon Wilderness area. Through Queenstown and down one of the worst roads in Tasmania to Strahan.

We had a cold morning only 4 degrees but sunshine was warm down on the Ocean Beach the and around Macquarie Heads but the wind was quite strong. Some very interesting fishing shacks behind the dunes with chimneys and heaters in them, much needed I think?

The trip around the harbour and along the Gordon River was great. Lovely warm day, very good lunch and interesting commentary about the history of the town and the timber industry and the fish farms there. Next day we went up to Queenstown to do the trip on the Rack and Pinion rail. Quite a scary drive up in the early morning with patches of fog and into the rising sun. Another good day. Denise and Bob arrived while we were out, they had car trouble in Queenstown so had been staying there for a couple of days. Next day we went via a much easier road through Zeehan and to Rosebery where the mine is still operating so town looks good. As we were travelling separately some people accidentally visited Mackintosh Dam but finally 5 vans had arrived at Waratah.

Tasmania trip continued

Once a prosperous mining town there is just a hotel, Post Office and a service station with new owners so fuel and a few basic groceries are now available. Pretty place with a lake and platypus (no one saw any) and a good little caravan park with free washing machine and dryer. Every one caught up with laundry. The council is busy painting the public buildings and the town is looking good.

Peter and I drove down to Corinna where the ferry crosses the Pieman River. A few guest houses and the General Store/Hotel/Pub. Limited camping available. The views across the Tarkine are amazing. Just miles of untouched forest with the one gravel road travelling through it.

Everyone else went out to Cradle Mountain and walked round Dove Lake. Quite hard towards the end, but John and Gloria made it with Chris, Carol, Jill and Pam after another sunny day. John was on TV as the blind man who walked around Dove Lake but none of us has seen it.

From here we all drove through to Somerset where Brewers, Collins and Marslands joined us so 7 vans here for the Easter week. The Caravan Park owners have given us access to a room for happy hour as the afternoons are turning cooler. To be continued!

Peter Davidson and Yvonne Whitehead

Last Tasmania report

Somerset is a very nice park, plenty of room with shade if you need it. Right across from the beach so the hardy swimmers went in for a morning swim. With Burnie just a few minutes away we were able to shop and visit the Makers Market to see the local crafts being made and of course more cheese!

Plenty of pleasant drives along the small sea front villages such as Penguin with its BIG Penguin and plenty of cafes and coffee shops. We all went to the movies in Burnie to see LADY IN A VAN with Maggie Smith who as all ways is brilliant

Plenty of places to drive to, with the Bluff Lighthouse near Wynyard, and Ulverstone in the other direction. There are several good walks around the area, both along the coast and inland. Peter and I went to the Frenchs Road Nature reserve with a walk among massive tree ferns, hundreds of years old.

John and Gloria celebrated their 51st Wedding Anniversary so of course we had a special cake. We would like to have done without the wind, but the sun was out and no rain.

Four vans went to Smithton to the new caravan park. Very nice spot beside the Duck River, with an excellent little amenities block which is too small at the moment but another larger one has the ground being prepared now. Very nice to have the big wood fire to sit around at happy hour as it was becoming cold at sun down. Leonie, Mike, Peter and Ellen were free camping near-by and joined us each happy hour.

Tasmania trip continued

Nice little town with several industries. Two milk processing factories, timber yard, Meat and Fish factories Agriculture School, and a large High School with plenty of sporting facilities. There are no empty shops and the gardens and houses were well kept in contrast to Stanley where many of the shops and businesses are for sale. We had a very nice meal at the local hotel one evening.

We all drove down to Arthur river and went on the red boat trip along the river which is the only unspoilt river in Australia! No logging, mining, fishing or anything else to damage it a great trip with a BBQ, lunch on the river bank. Plenty more information for us to try and absorb! We all went out to tour the wind farm and nearly got blown off our feet as it is the North West point of Tasmania. Amazing scenery. A tour around the Woolnorth Property which is actually 12 separately managed dairies with all most all the food etc. provided on the property. It has now been bought by a Chinese company owned by Mr Ling who started Cresta Blinds.

This was our last night here so Leonine made scones as she and Mike leave us. They have another month on the Island and are going back down to Arthur River.

The rest of us returned to Hadspen for the last few days as there were things we all wanted to do around Launceston. John and Gloria had to stay in Somerset for a couple of nights as their car had to have a service and new tyres. Not a good birthday for John so when they finally joined us we had a special dinner for him.

We drove up to the Blue Tiers around the Great Lake but low cloud so could not see much but we walked down to the Liffey Falls.

Pam had a nervous breakdown while Jill jumped off a cliff for fun, and then went on a trip along the Tamar River.


Our last trip was to Trowanna Wildlife Park to see the Tasmanian Devils and the Quolls. Very interesting morning. Pam and Jill did a great Salmon Chowder and fish cakes for dinner and Gloria made a fresh fruit salad. What a great evening to end our stay here. Ellen and Peter have another 2 weeks here.

Last day in Tasmania and we drove back to Devonport via the Cheese, Chocolate and Cherry Shed. We all met at the Irish Pub near the ferry for lunch.

We have seen so much but could still see more. It has such a variety of scenery in such a small area. A great trip with plenty of laughter and good company.

The End.

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Happy Birthday to the following Members for June

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Peter Olesen 2-Jun	Erna Ryan 12-Jun
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Trevor Moore 5-Jun	Phillip Webb 18-Jun
June White 7-Jun	Keith Ellis 20-Jun
Helen Anderson 8-Jun	June Webster 23-Jun
Clarrie Stevens 9-Jun	Amelia Cok 23-Jun
Dianne Flippence 10-Jun	Barbara Russell 27-Jun
	Gary Graham 29-Jun

2016 LIST OF TRIPS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TRIP DESTINATION</u>	<u>MEMBERS ATTENDING</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
20th – 27th July	T L C Club Rally Christmas in July at Happy Hallidays	Angell, Barnes, Bickley / Baird, Brewer, Brooks, Cok, Crocker, Curnow, Edwards / Williamson, Hennessy, Hoff, Holland, Howard, Laney, Lee-Sing, Lenane, Lewis, Malvern, Maranik, Merret/Wright, Moore, Nichols, Oakes, Olsen, Pollard, Rowlinson, Ryan, Shawcross, Shoobert, Simpson, Thomas F/R, Treacy/Wenning, Wells 33	Bev Shoobert	4390 2277
27th July- 3rd August	Lakeside Tourist Resort Forster	Angell, Bennett, Brown, Cok, Crocker, Dick / Moore T, Kains, Latham, Lee-Sing, Palmer, Pollard 11	Kate Crocker	0414 890 403
19th – 28th Sept	16th National Caravan Rally Canberra	Davidson, Edwards / Williamson, Kelly 3	Tour Director	43902277
27th October – 3rd November	TLC Melbourne Cup Club Rally – Paradise Caravan Park Tamworth	Belshaw, Bennett, Bolcina, Brewer, Brooks, Cannard, Cok, Collins, Cooper, Crocker, Curnow, Ducker, Eadie, Edwards/Williamson, Fletcher, Geale, Hansell, Henry, Holland, Howard, Insull, Jager, Lee-Sing, Lenane, Marsland, Majchrowski, Moore J/N, Nichols, Oakes, Olesen, Pollard, Reilly, Rohwer, Ryan, Shoobert, Simpson, Smyth, Stewart, Thomas F/R, Treacy/Wenning, Wells 41	Tour Director	4390 2277
November 21st to 30th	Narrbeen Leisure trip DATE FOR YOUR DIARY	NAMES TO BE ENTERED AT A LATER DATE	Des Cooper	4393 3383
28th December	Back to the 50's New Years Eve party Property at Martinsville	Brewer, Brooks, Brown, Cok, Dunn, Eadie, Edwards/Williamson, Gibbs, Hansell, Holmes, Howard, Jager, Jones, Latham, Lindsay, Majchrowski, McGillicuddy, Merrett/Wright, Moore, Nichols, Oakes, Olesen, Palmer, Roberts, Rohwer, Shoobert, Steele, Thomas F/R, Treacy/Wenning, Wells, White 31	Peter/Carol Olesen	0408 771 090
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