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NEXT MEETING - Sunday, January 21st 2024

**December meeting will be replaced by Christmas Lunch on Sunday
10th December 2023**



**Meeting Held 17th November 2023
This was a General Meeting**

Members 65 attended and 0 visitors

Raffle Winners

Bev Shoobert	\$50.00
Margaret Dick	\$30.00
Chris Sherwood	\$20.00

Winners of Gift Cards donated by **Creightons**

Yvonne Whitehead	\$30.00
Allan Lindsay	\$20.00

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

Bev Insull and Will Lee-Sing

Birthdays for December

Rogers Rod	2-Dec	Shoobert Bev	2-Dec
Baker Steve	9-Dec	Curnow Laurel	3-Dec
Holmes Jim	10-Dec	Brill Helen	9-Dec
Thomas Rod	12-Dec	McConville Diana	14-Dec
Curnow Roy	17-Dec	Wilcox Gaianne	20-Dec
Ryan Ross	19-Dec	Wall Val	28-Dec
Leotta Andy	19-Dec	Smyth Helen	31-Dec
Jones Douglas	26-Dec		
Dawson Ron	27-Dec		
Howard Allan	31-Dec		



2023 Disc Bowls Competition

Report by John Smyth

Venue: Darlington Beach Caravan Park

Friday: The final entries and scratchings were made and Sandra Lee-Sing agreed to select the numbers for the draws for the three events.

Saturday: With the weather forecast of 100% chance of rain, we made an optimistic start to the competition at 9.30am. The rain held off to enable us to complete both men and ladies' singles. The mixed doubles seemed doomed until four ladies, who had never played before, stepped up to fill the gaps. We were most fortunate to complete the semi-finals before the rain came in at about 3pm.

Sunday: The scheduled final was washed out.

Monday: The four finalists, plus referee and scorer gathered at 9.30am and despite some light rain fought out a very close final.

Results:

Ladies Singles

Winner: Fran Lindsay

Mens Singles

Runner Up: Helen Smyth

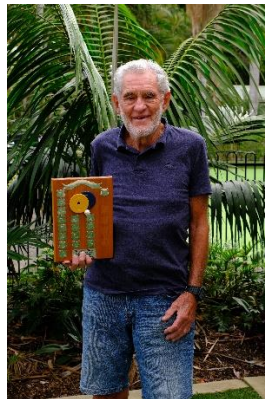
Winner: John Smyth

Runner Up: Des Cousins

Mixed Doubles

Winner: John Smyth/ Fay Evernden

Runner Up: Len Field/ Gaianne Wilcox



SOCIAL REPORT NOVEMBER 2023

Firstly, I would like to thank all those who attended the Darlington rally. Everyone seemed to enjoy their stay. Thank you to all the members who helped out with cooking and preparing our welcome BBQ which everyone enjoyed.

A BIG thankyou to John Smyth who ran the disc bowls another very successful day. All matches were great to watch, even the doubles finals which were played in the rain, congratulations to you all.



Melbourne Cup was a lot of fun as usual with the Ian Insull Cup being won by owner Des Cooper and jockey Gianne. We had a lovely lunch served to us by the café. The meal consisted of chicken, ham (which was delicious) salad and roll followed by carrot cake, cream and ice-cream. There were many happy winners and not so happy losers. Thanks to those who helped with the sweeps. Thank you to Marilyn who donated her winnings of \$45 to JHCH.

For those members who have yet to put your name on the Christmas lunch which will be held on 10th December, today is your last chance to do so and for those who have not yet paid today is your last chance to pay our treasurer or if you are direct depositing, payment Thursday is the last day.

We will be doing a Chris Kringle as we did last year everyone brings a gift. Ladies a lady's gift, men a men's gift. The cost to be NO MORE than \$10.00. I will place them on a table and throughout the day call tables up to pick a gift. IF YOU DON'T BRING A GIFT, YOU WON'T RECEIVE A GIFT.

The next run is Coral's run to Tuncurry which is late January early February with the next Club Rally being in March. This is the trip to Armidale the run sheet is on the table with information for booking.,

This being my last report for the year on behalf of myself and Carol, we wish you a very happy Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year stay safe on the roads and enjoy your travels and a big thank you to all the members for your help throughout the year.

Janis and Carol



Congratulations to Mike and Leonie Collins on their 60th wedding anniversary in mid-November.

What a mighty achievement! They celebrated with a family dinner followed by a flight to Singapore, time to explore the sights then a leisurely cruise back home.

We look forward to hearing about their celebrations on their return!

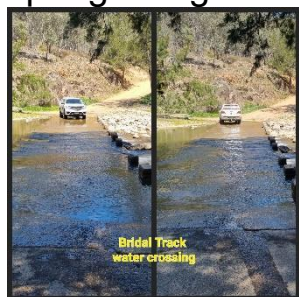


SPRINGTIME GARDEN TRIP

By Chris & John Knight



In mid-October a small group set off on a reconnaissance trip to explore the springtime gardens of the Central West with a view to putting on a club trip in 2024.

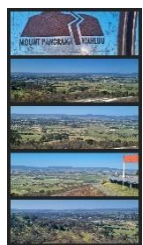


We wanted to check on low cost camp areas, open garden programs, public park gardens and any extra highlights we could include. We weren't disappointed, there was plenty to see and do. First stop was morning tea at a great free camp spot at Jerry's Plains, a good overnight stopover to remember. We planned to stay the first night at the beautiful Bylong Valley



recreation ground but as we turned at Sandy Hollow we were stopped by police as there had been a fatal road accident along that road. A fantastic rest area near Cassilis provided our first free camp for the night. Day 2 we checked out the showground at Mudgee, free camps at Ilford and the historic gold mining area at Sofala.

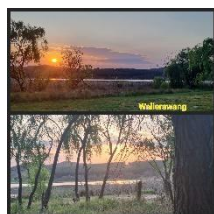
That night we stayed at Bathurst showground, \$30pn, old but very clean facilities conveniently close to the centre of town. Using Bathurst as our base we had a day exploring the bridle track certainly not one to do towing a van but absolutely spectacular scenery. Lunch at the historic Hill End pub was a welcome reward. Another day was spent wandering the city and the outstanding Abercrombie House and grounds. That afternoon we did the obligatory drive around Mount Panorama but only doing 60 kph.



The Bathurst parks were blooming with pansies, primulas and poppies in readiness for their springtime festival. We also checked out the Macquarie Woods Recreation Area, another great spacious free camp about 30 kms west of Bathurst.



The next three nights we based ourselves in Oberon Showground, \$20pn, perfect weather close to town, new facilities and gorgeous open gardens. A full day was spent at the magnificent Mayfield Garden, 65 hectares of private cool climate garden.



Lake Wallace near Lithgow was a free camp, plenty of room and right beside the lake where the trout were biting. We had fresh rainbow trout caught by Gaianne, cooked on the BBQ by Jimmy two nights in a row! There was plenty to do in the area and only because a cold front was predicted we decided to move onto Gulgong.



The showground was hosting an equestrian gymkhana on the Saturday so there was a fabulous morning's entertainment watching the events right in front of our vans. One of the best country museums was on the agenda and lunch at the Prince of Wales hotel as well as the quirky main street.



Unfortunately, our travel pals, Mike and Leonie Collins, had to leave early and head home as Mike was troubled by a painful belly and spent a day in Bathurst hospital. He was full of praise for the good looking nurses and the care he received!

So, if any of this appeals to you, keep an eye on the trip sheets for springtime next year we will put together a two week plan to further explore this beautiful area.

DARLINGTON TRIP REPORT

By Gaianne Wilcox



We arrived at Darlington Beach CP at Arrawarra with many of the club having already arrived and were set up. This park is absolutely beautiful, large swimming pools, bowls area, bouncing pillow, golf course, large sports ground and beach at the back door. Happy hour was 4pm where we all

got together to find out about the week's program. Lots of free time but also the opportunity to join in things like golf, trip to Grafton, disc bowls, Melbourne Cup activities as well as morning teas and happy hour. We had a lovely BBQ dinner put on by the club and the opportunity to chat to all those that were there.





On Friday a small group of us decided to head to Grafton to check out the Jacarandas and explore the area with the view of perhaps doing a trip up this way. Grafton holds a 2-week festival each year for the jacarandas with many activities. The Information Centre proved fruitful and we were given a small gift of a bag with a few goodies and information. This also has a lovely art gallery attached that we explored. We also had to have the mandatory photo on the big purple chair. As well as the jacarandas, lunch at the pub, we also went to see Fig Tree Avenue which is on the National Trust Register.

Disc bowls took place on Saturday with the double final having to be held over due to the weather forecast. On Sunday as the weather was awful, with no hope of the disc final, Jimmy and I decided to go for a drive to Coffs. We ended up at the wharf to get some large prawns for lunch, we wandered along the wall and checked out the boats and in the clear water under the pier, saw some huge fish. Finished the day with a yummy ice cream from a lovely little shop. Monday saw the finals finally held. We decided to go to Woolgoolga as some had done yesterday. We had some curry at the temple and explored Woolgoolga Lookout, the small town of Red Rock and Corindi Beach.



Tuesday was Melbourne Cup Day, on arrival we were greeted with champagne and orange juice, sweeps were organised and horses were auctioned for the Ian Insull Cup. It was a great day and so appreciative of how much effort was put in by Janis.

The final night many of us headed to Diggers at Woolgoolga. The meal was lovely and we had a giggle and a laugh with the group and a few drinks. It has been an amazing holiday.





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		Tuggerah Lakes Caravanners TRIP SHEETS 2023		
DATES	DESTINATION	MEMBERS ATTENDING	CONTACT	PARK
22 – 30 Nov 2023	Belmont Lakeside	Edwards/Williamson S/G, Fraser T/A, Howard B/A, Leotta A/L, Wall/Campbell V/R 5	Susan Edwards 0414 452 317	Belmont Lakeside 4945 4750
29 Jan 2024 10 days?	Big 4 Great Lakes Tuncurry	Bryce/Tanner J/H, Cooper D, Cornwell J, Eadie M/H, Edwards/Williamson S/G, Fraser A/T, Holmes J/L, Howard A/B, Insull B, Kane C/P, Lee-Sing S/W, Leotta A/L, Lindsay F/A, Maranik D/A, Marsland P/E, McConville B/D, Olesen P/C, Rohwer P/P, Rogers R/R, Ryan R/J, Shoobert B, Smyth J/H, Williams K, Wright/Merrett P/J 24	Coral & Peter Kane 0412 605 887	Big 4 Great Lakes 65546827
5 – 12 Mar 2024	Armidale Tourist Park	Barnes D, Cooper D, Cornwell J, Cousins/Kennedy D/M, Dick/Moore M/T, Edwards/Williamson S/G, Fraser A/L, Howard B/A, Knight C/J, Leotta A/L, Nutter/Pryde R/F, Palmer/Evernden I/F, Treacy/Wenning J/R, Wilcox/Richardson G/J, Wilkinson C 13	Club Organised	Armidale Tourist Park 6772 6470
12 Mar – 19 Mar	Grumpy Old Men Trip to Cranky Rock THIS TRIP IS LIMITED TO 10 VANS BUT WITH RESERVES	Dick/Moore M/T, Edwards/Williamson S/G, Fraser A/T, Knight C/J, Latham D/B, Palmer/Evernden I/F, Treacy/Wenning J/R, Wilcox/Richardson G/J, Wilkinson C, Wright/Merrett P/J 10 Reserves: Leotta A/L, Cornwell J, Cousins/Kennedy D/M, Baird/Bickley C/C	Chris & John Knight 0432 665 841 or 0402 593 873	
18 – 31 Mar 2024	Hartwood Campfire & Country Music Festival	Cooper D, Curtis M/D, Eadie H/M, Holmes J/L, Howard B/A, Kane P/C, Lee-Sing S/W, Lindsay A/F, McLoughlin T/C, Newall G/M, Rogers R/R, Ryan J/R, Sherwood R/C, Thomas F/R, Wall/Campbell V/R 15	Coral & Peter Kane 0412 605 887	Hartwood Campfire 0456 780 824