

# Tuggerah Lakes Caravanners Inc.



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### 2013 TLC RALLY NARRABEEN

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> Nov – Wednesday 7th Nov Inclusive

#### PROGRAM OF EVENTS

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> Members arrive after 10.30am.  
4.30pm TLC GROUP PHOTO  
Names on Disc Bowls List  
5.00pm Disc Bowls Draw  
Welcome BYO Drinks +  
Plus BYO BBQ Dinner

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> 9.00 am Disc Bowls Heats  
10am Morning Tea  
1.00pm Spit Roast Lunch  
Organised by *Sydney RV Group*  
*Motorhomes & Caravans.*  
*Followed by site inspection of vans*

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 9.00am Semi Finals Disc Bowls  
10.00 am Piklet Morning Tea  
1.00pm Finals Disc Bowls  
7.00m Saturday Night Entertainment

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 10.00 am Morning Tea  
FREE DAY

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> 08.00 Club Breakfast  
\$5 Corsage Making  
10.00 am MEMBERS FORUM  
3.00 PM Bookies Cup Sweeps

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> MELBOURNE CUP –  
Ladies Day Luncheon  
11.00am Dress-Up Photographs

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> 10.00 am Morning Tea  
\$3 Card Making  
5.00pm Happy Hour

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Home- Leave Park by 10.00am.

**Sydney RV Group;** As members are aware last November 2012 at Narrabeen on the final day Sydney RV Group displayed a number of caravans for our inspection. Two members actually purchased new vans. As you can see in the 2013 Narrabeen Program of events Sydney RV Group are again displaying vans on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November. They are also providing members with a Spit Roast Lunch. So it will be interesting to see who purchases vans this year. Watch this page for an update

**Coff's Harbour Report:** Only three vans arrived at the Coffs Showground for the Stan Coster week long festival. The Showground is right beside the Highway therefore is subject to traffic noise. But it is surprising how quick you get used to the traffic flow. The Showground has a very large entertainment venue with chairs for 200 people. It could easily accommodate double that number of people

The portable showers and toilets were excellent we have never seen such clean and efficient units. This was the first Stan Coster tribute year and 60 caravan/motor homes attended. The first day of entertainment produced a group called Brothers 3 remember this name they will be a group in the future. We went on a bus tour to Nana Glen Russell Crowe territory. We were entertained at The Golden Dog hotel where we had lunch by a group of three one of the members played fifteen different instruments it was something special. They also had a close up Wood Chop competition where we caught the chips as they flew. The organisation arranged a wonderful selection of artists who each had a 20 or 30 minute bracket of songs. This trip will be special in the future and it is highly recommended to be included on your trip list. Des/Alice xx

**Coff's Harbour Freedom Camp Site:** Whilst at Coff's we saw a report in the local paper that the Council was considering allowing Freedom Camping down near the beach. I have checked with Council today (21<sup>st</sup> Nov) they matter is still processing through council but it is considered that it will be approved. So watch this space.

**OH&S Matters:** At the recent committee of management meeting we confirmed the role of the OH&S Officer. The committee also determined that all members of the committee are responsible for acting on matters of safety. Accordingly when a committee member notifies a club member of a safety matter it is then up to the club member to act in a responsible manner and deal with the issue

**Emergencies:** When there is any major emergency, whether it be floods, bush fires or anything else you should tune your radio into the ABC Local Radio programs. That is the station that carries the most accurate and up to date information. When the emergency centre has any announcements to make they broadcast them over the air fairly quickly. You thus have the best warning you can have.

Here is what happened last week. Last Thursday (17/10) we were on our way to Dora creek for lunch. We were listening to 1233 Newcastle. At around 1225 the programme was cut (Richard Fidler's Conversations) and the local staff immediately commences issuing warnings regarding the Heatherbrae fire. On the way home they were adding other fire info. Just after we arrived home we could see the Rutleys Road fire gathering pace and shortly

after warnings were issued for Chain Valley Bay. Not long after that the police arrived to tell us to evacuate.

Whilst we gathered in a safe place we could listen to the progress of the fire. In retrospect we could see it was accurate. The local ABC staff stay on to provide a public service for residents whilst the emergency conditions exist. The local station continued on the emergency information until the emergency situation ceased sometime on Friday night.

I would urge all those likely to be affected to tune to The ABC Local anywhere in Australia when they are in an area where there is an emergency situation. I have also heard them do so in other states. PeterD

**Solar Panels Information:** A member wrote about a trip and said, " we checked out some free camping sites ALSO to see how long we could bush camp without 240v power. We enjoy at least 3 hrs TV per night and a hot shower before bed. Our van has a full en-suite and a 12v TV through a transformer from 240v. We also carry 140 ltrs of water. With a deep cell battery supplying the 12 volt power also 2 x 9kg gas bottles for our three (3) way fridge. We found there are a lot of caravanners and motorhomers out there that live in free camping sites and only visit caravan parks once a fortnight (maybe). They freely talk about their experiences and their power systems – **Solar V's Generator.**

We found we could easily do what we wanted – 4hrs TV also a hot shower each night with hot meals. The fridge, stove and the hot water system were turned to gas –

We found the battery will last two (2) days before it required a recharge (maybe 3 days with limited TV).

Most of those we spoke to opted for solar, but all carried a generator just in case. So their outlay was about \$2500 to \$3000 plus a generator (2kva) \$2200. There were a few who had generators only but these were not the permanent caravanners. So still not sure which way to go – maybe buy the generator and then build the solar system as time and \$'s permit (solar is getting cheaper and more reliable as new technology is developed).

**Water Filter Systems:** At Sunday's meeting we briefly discussed a booklet that Graham Williamson received whilst at the National Rally. It is a publication relating to water filters and we have around 10 copies. Hopefully members will spread them around next meeting. In the meantime if members are interested in clean drinking water they may wish to contact the company and ask for a copy to be posted. BEST Water Filters 1800 240 822, PO Box 2326 Southport BC Qld 4215 or [www.bestwaterfilters.com.au](http://www.bestwaterfilters.com.au) or [info@bestwaterfilters.com.au](mailto:info@bestwaterfilters.com.au)

**Narrabeen Rally** The Members Forum will be held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00am.

Chris Arcus from Battery World Brookvale will be the presenter with the subject matter covering all aspects of DC power from solar, dual battery systems, chargers, inverters and batteries etc. There will be extensive product displays with items available for sale on the day

and installation can be provided before you leave Narrabeen ,if required.

Chris is a qualified Auto Electrician with extensive experience in RV and marine installations and will no doubt be able to answer any questions that Members may have relating to DC power.

**Collecting Corks Appeal:** At Sundays meeting Beryl commenced an appeal to our club members to save champagne/wine corks. A bit of information about us collecting Champagne/wine bottle Corks, A quote from Planet Ark " Recycled cork isn't used again for wine stoppers, but is incorporated into such diverse products as memo boards, placemats, coasters, floor tiles, gaskets, horse-float mats, boat decking and inners for hockey & cricket balls" Please bring to each meeting and I'll take them to Sydney. We will have a collection at Narrabeen as well. Every bit of recycling helps the environment. Beryl xx

<u>LOOKING FOR</u>	<u>SEE ME</u>
Overtaking Signs:	Cheryl Ducker
Site Signs:	Clarrie Stevens
Caravan Stickers:	Cheryl Ducker
Change of Details:	Alice Cooper
Trip Information	Bev Shoobert
Discount Cards:	Rhonda Webb
Name Badges:	Lorraine Laney
Disc Bowls No 1	Roy Curnow
Disc Bowls No 2	?????

**More Trips Required:** Our club needs at least two trips per month for members to choose from. So please give thought to putting up a trip on the board. It need only be a weekend trip or limited to say six/eight vans. There is no need to have a program

drawn up just let it develop within from the people in attendance

**Did you Know:** When we post our club Newsletters we have been advised to have them in the Post Box before 5pm. They are then collected and sent by truck to Strathfield Mail Exchange for sorting. They are then returned that night and delivered to our members the next day. (Mmmmmmm m

**Sandbar Trip:** Two caravans survived various obstacles i.e. sickness, family commitments and maintenance problems and arrived at Sandbar on 3 September, 2013 with fishing high on the agenda Trev and Mac set off with some fresh mullet fillets (someone forgot the yabbi pump) you guessed it no fish first attempt second attempt few days later produced 1 small plate sized flounder and a unfortunate yakka. We had wonderful cake for morning teas (supplied by Trev) and several huge meals and drinks at local club. Vicki was kept busy making the coffees and diligently waiting with her pan to cook the anticipated fish feast, you guessed it it didn't happen, luckily my brother and his family turned up with two large freshly cooked lobsters which we dined on over the next few days (who wanted fish anyway ). On the last day after spending several hours battling the elements a large but stupid blue swimmer crab tangled itself on my line ( photo evidence on phone for disbelievers ha ha) oh well

s....t happens all in all a great relaxing week. regards Mac, Vicki & Trev.xxx

**2013 Fossickers Ramble:** Our first stop was Wallabadah 4 vans enjoyed a freezing night with no power. Richard ABC found his gas oven doubles as a heater. Every one else cuddled under extra blankets. Next day 8 vans met at Nundle. Bob Brewer shows us keen fossickers how to pan for gold. Bob B found a small speck which kept us all hopeful of that big strike.

Bob S now has a big collection of useless rocks, meanwhile Ron & Bev learnt how to exit quickly but calmly away from a red bellied black snake ,Bob S in his haste left his gold pan in the river. We went back the next day & found it happily waiting down stream. Lyn B was happily having coffee & chatting to the local lady's craft group.

A visit to the wool centre was shapping up to an interesting morning when the strong winds knocked the towns power out for the entire day. So off to the pub with the locals.

Next stop Manilla a very friendly park with platypus down in the river. Noel & Lyn did a very early morning walk along the river but didn't see any, we all tried again late afternoon still no platypus seen. Then a picnic morning tea drive up to Mt Boroah where the paraglider competitions are held. It was very windy & cold. Terrific views, it was worth the hair raising drive up the dirt, extremely steep windy track. So back to a nice little park on the edge of town to boil the billy. next day we were

joined by Elaine & Max Maughan old locals to the area so off to split rock dam for morning tea & a look about on our way back to town Max stopped at an old wares/Antique shop it was his parents home many years ago Max was able to fill us in on a lot of the towns history.

Now 9 vans (16 people ) 3 Lyn's, 2 Bob's getting confussing off to Barraba to meet the park owner another Bob. What a character it's worth the stop just to meet him.The park is rustic with heaps of character designed by Bob of course. His pride an joy the centre piece of the park an old out back dunny that now flushes.

Bob S & Clarrie got in a game of golf between fossicking. Bob B spent day's digging & scouring in the old gold mine & asbestos mine with several keen fossickers. Bob B was lucky again with a few specks.

Tired & hungry the group of 16 headed across the road for Chinese at the bowling club. A Gigantic feed was delivered by a non english speaking chinese lady. Her honey chicken & mongolian lamb sounded the same very confussing. Nev scurring across the road on our return was nearly fresh road kill. Then after 15 screams of thank god he made it. A very large semi had the rest of us running. Next stop Bingara Clarries wheels fell off the van O NO the bearings. So with Clarrie & Pams van jacked up and waiting for repairs. It's off fossicking again Clarrie & Noel finding a few specks. A group visiting the old Roxy theatre were all gob smacked just breath taking .That's it for Bev & Bob S we are heading home xx

**Aldimobile Phone Card:** A member raised the subject of an Aldiphone card at our Sunday meeting. It sounds good, a number

of members are using it. May pay you to check it out. Lets know what you think. Appears to be 12c /min for everything. Free if on a plan. ??????

**BIRTHDAYS  
NOVEMBER**

McGowan Barry	1-Nov
Lindsay Allen	3-Nov
Lindsay Fran	5-Nov
Steell Charles	5-Nov
Herod Josie	7-Nov
Latham Barry	9-Nov
Roberts Eunice	10-Nov
Maughan Max	11-Nov
Kane Peter	12-Nov
Wells Julie	12-Nov
Olesen Carole	12-Nov
Spath Heather	16-Nov
Pollard Christine	17-Nov
Dew Al	19-Nov
Smith Jo	19-Nov
Evernden Fay	20-Nov
Jager Therese	22-Nov
Thomas Laurence	23-Nov
Sharp Col	24-Nov
Latham Deborah	25-Nov
Reineker Joe	28-Nov
Rohwer Peter	28-Nov
Channon Jessie	29-Nov

**WINNERS of FREE LUNCH**

Unice Roberts  
Judy Brown

**MONTHLY CLUB RAFFLE WINNERS**

\$50 *Barbara Russell*  
\$30 *Marilyn McGillicuddy*  
\$20 *Gloria Shawcross*

**FOR SALE**

**2007 Kia Sorento 4 x 4 Limited Ed.** 12 months Rego, diesel, automatic, 107000 Klm, Fitted with all needs for towing, tow 2.5T \$ 18500 **ALSO**

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Kevin Steele 0413 441 674

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Contact Denis McCann on 0429 832 810

**Waeco Cooler** 12/24/240/volts Model TC32 \$110. **Horn Sewing Cabinet & extension leaves** \$150 - **Caravan mattress** / Jayco 6'6" x 2'6". Unused \$100. **Triton Saw Bench** \$120. **Cement Mixer** 2cu. Feet \$150, Noel 43922171

**One red and black new gold bag** \$ 50.00 PLUS

**Four leather open hand** mittens gloves for boxing one pair \$ 35 or \$ 50 for the four goves. Sue 0424 452317

**4 Seasons Hatch.** Excellent condition. \$100. Allan Reilly – 0414 670 923

**Next ---General Meeting + AGM**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2013**

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## 2013 LIST OF TRIPS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TRIP</u>	<u>NAMES</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
<b>Nov 1 – 7</b>	<b>NARRABEEN RALLY 1800 008 845</b> <b>DO NOT RING NARRABEEN</b>	Angell, Bickley, Brewer, Brown, Clarke F/J, Cooper, Crocker, Curnow, Davies, Dew, Ducker, Field, Flippence, Geale, Haberfield, Hansell, Henry, Hoff, Holland, Holmes, Howard, Insull, Kane, Kingma, Laney, Lee-Sing, Lindsay, Luttrell, Majchrowski, Marsland, McGillicuddy, McKenzie, Merrett J/Wright P, Moore, Oaks, Palmer F/I, Payne, Pollard, Reilly S/A, Roberts, Rohwer, Russell B/T, Ryan, Sansom, Shawcross, Shoobert, Smith L/T,, Smyth, Steell C, Steele L/K, Stewart,, Thomas B/L, Wallace, Wells, Williams Williamson G/Edwards S 57	<b>Committee</b>	

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<b>Feb 6 ( 7 nts)</b>	<b>HAPPY HALLIDAYS 1800 555 454</b>	Angell, Bickley, Cannard, Chambers, Cooper, Curnow, Fabian, Flippence, Haberfield, Hansell, Henry, Holmes, Howard, Insull, Jager, Kane, Kinnell, Latham, Lee-Sing, McGillicuddy, Olesen, Reilly S/A Russell B/T, Shawcross, Shoobert, Steele L/K, Thomas B/L, Wallace, White, Williamson/Edwards	<b>Committee</b>	<b>1800555 454</b>
<b>Feb 13 -19</b>	<b>SHOAL BAY 1800 600 200</b>	Eadie, Hassall, Henry, Howard, Majchrowski, Sansom, Stevens	<b>C/P Stevens</b>	<b>4369 2759</b>
<b>Mar 6<sup>th</sup> -13</b>	<b>SANDBAR FISHING COMPETITION</b> <b>6554 4095</b>	Bickley, Brown, Cooper, Crocker, Curnow, Ducker, Hansell, Insull, Kinnell, Latham, Lee-Sing, Lindsay, Majchrowski, Reilly, Shawcross, Smith, Steell, Stewart, Wallace, Webster, Wells =19	<b>V/D Kinnell</b>	<b>4390 8933</b>
<b>Mar 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>STATE RALLY BATHURST</b>		<b>Secretary</b>	<b>4353 9069</b>
<b>Apr 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6th</b>	<b>COROYONG SNOWY RIVER FESTIVAL</b>	Geale, Hansell, Holmes, McGillicuddy, Reilly S/A, Rowher,, Steele L/K	<b>Sue &amp; Allan Reilly</b>	<b>041467092</b>
<b>Apr 13 – 21st</b>	<b>HARTWOOD COUNTRY MUSIC</b>	Brewer, Cooper, Eadie, Geale, Hansell, Holmes, Howard, Jager, Kane, Majchrowski, McGillicuddy, Olessen, Steele L/K, Steell C, Webb =10	<b>C/P Kane</b>	<b>4333 9738</b>
<b>Apr 25<sup>th</sup> – 27</b>	<b>BOGGABRI DROVERS CAMPFIRE WEEKEND (go straight from Hartwood)</b>	Brewer, Cooper, Crocker, , Majchrowski, Ryan, Russell M/R,, Shoobert, Sommerville = 8	<b>K/S Crocker</b>	<b>4923 1493</b>
<b>Apr 28 – 5 May</b>	<b>LIGHTNING RIDGE</b>	Belshaw, Brewer, Crocker, Hansell ,Jager, Kinnell, Majchrowski, Olesen, Shoobert, Thomas B/L, = 9	<b>B/B Shoobert</b>	<b>4390 2277</b>

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