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Next General Meeting

Sunday 18 March 2018

FROM THE EDITORS DESK

It is pleasing to see the enthusiasm from members in sending your articles. They are all appreciated however in keeping the newsletter to a reasonable length some articles may have to be held over to the following month.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Lynne Smithers - Editor

Our First Trip with TLC

What a great couple of weeks, our first time away with Tuggerah Lakes Caravanners at Lakeside resort, Forster and we enjoyed it immensely.

The trip was co-ordinated by Coral and she did a wonderful job.

Morning tea down by the lake, serene and relaxing with the friendliest bunch who made us feel so welcome.

There were a couple of firsts for me during this holiday and one was kayaking, I was a bit apprehensive at first, to be honest I never thought my backside would fit into the small sitting space until one of the members Barry said "It's OK I'll make sure all the bits are tucked in" well this made me laugh so I was squished into a life jacket and got in, yes I did fit (just) and had a great time.

Happy hour mostly down by the beautiful lake, a glass or two of wine and a game of Finska, if you wanted, then back to throw a couple of steaks on the barbie. The sun setting over the water was amazing and Terry managed to get some perfect photos.

An enjoyable breakfast of bacon, sausage and eggs was provided by the park and cooked by the members on one of the mornings, great way to start the day.

One evening was the open hamburger BBQ, food was great and after this we had a trivia quiz, (really need to brush up on my sport and general knowledge). Then we had fun playing games such as Quoits, Pass the Pigs, Left right and Centre and Pot the Ping Pong, this was a great fun filled night full of laughs.

A sausage sizzle was also organised, which we didn't attend but the laughter coming from the camp kitchen as we passed was entertaining in itself so we know a great time was had by all.

Valentines day wasn't forgotten there was breakfast of delicious fluffy pancakes with jam and cream made by the ladies (the men had previously cooked for the women). A great way to start the day. That evening we all met for fish and chips by the lake and New Zealand Ice Cream for dessert.

The second "first" for me was fishing, yep 63 yo and never been fishing, so there I was sitting on a pier, rod in hand, waiting, waiting, putting more bait on and lots more waiting and that summed up my first day of fishing, came home fishless, no bait and smelly. Terrys catch for the day was a stingray, will I go again ????????

Some of the members had a day trip to Ellensborough Falls with a stop in Wingham for morning tea in the park.

We also managed to get some card games and mahjong games in between relaxing and reading my book and taking a dip in the pool. Oh, and not to forget Thursday night special at the bowling club a \$5 roast!

We would like to thank everyone for making us welcome, Terry and myself had a great time with great people and are eagerly looking forward to the next one.

Wendy & Terry Brown

Lakeside

We have just spent two wonderful weeks at Lakeside Forster. The weather was perfect. We had 19 vans and a fantastic group of members.

Morning teas and happy hours were spent under the shade of the trees on the lakes foreshore with lovely cool breezes, coming off the water. We had 12 kayaks to play with, and a few members had their first paddle (including me). There is now going to be a rush on buying Kayaks when these members get home.

A day trip to Ellenborough Falls was organised by Paul & Helen. Morning tea was had at Wingham then a picnic lunch at the falls. Helen & John and Wendy & John B did the 720 steps down and back, 1400 steps. A wonderful day was had by all.

Everyone came back with dirty cars.

Thursday nights we all went to the Bowling Club for a \$5 roast. Wow, what a meal we had. Coral won at the raffles on both nights. It was a very enjoyable couple of nights out.

We had an open hamburger night with pikelets with jam and cream morning tea and the park put on a lovely cooked breakfast for us all. It was very yummy. The men cooked up a lovely dinner for all the ladies for Valentine's Day. The ladies were beautiful with their roses and flowers in their hair. Peter K really went overboard presenting Coral with some Australian flowers in a gold vase. What a lovely jester. A couple of women had to visit the local dentist, but all is well.

Coral & Peter's new van was flooded when a hose split and water went into the open window. Another Pete was caught using the fire hose to give his car a wash (you should have waited till dark). Visitors to the park, Pauline & Bob Blake, and their new puppy, Penny, joined in with us and enjoyed our company so much they plan to be at the next meeting and hope to join TLC.

One afternoon we all made a trip to Forster, chairs in the shade of some trees and we had fish and chips overlooking the water. Children were swimming and having a great time which was lovely to watch. We saw the most beautiful sunset. We were sitting in the shade by the water having morning tea when Max decided to put on a show. He had his back to the water and managed to do a back flip in his chair and landed in the water. We all clapped and asked him to repeat it again.

Barry managed to get a photo of some deer wading in the lake. Ian & Fay were up early the next morning hoping for photos, but alas, the deer did not appear. Wendy & Allan Angel were on their last trip in their van this trip. They will be selling their van but will still join in by staying in cabins. Finska was played each happy hour with a lot of cheering and laughing. Cards & games of a night were also very popular. For a large group of Grey Nomads the two weeks were a ball. Thanks Coral & Peter for a very memorable trip. Many have already booked for 2019 at Lakeside from 4th till 18th February. Deb & Barry Latham



Transport Accident Report - Australia Wide

December 26 at 9:28 AM

Reminder to Caravaners. The truckstops are for trucks, as they are required by law to have mandatory breaks and there are parking bays specifically dedicated for them at Service Stations and on the road side. There seems to be this systemic issue where Caravaners pull into these parks, which they are not allowed to. Have a touch of common sense for the truckie and DON'T PARK in their designated parks.

It is \$1000's of dollars in fines for a truckie if he misses his break even by 5 minutes. Truckie cannot "just pull into a car space" because all his are full. Common courtesy and sense needs to prevail.

This photo (borrowed from another site) highlights the issue perfectly. Taken by a truckie that can't find a park but needs his mandatory break. Chinderah BP.

Traffic and Highway Patrol Command - NSW Police Force



JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER FOR TRAVELLERS

We can all be mindful to ensure to park our caravans in clearly signed designated parking bays at commercial stops. Road side bays are not so clearly defined and from experience after a major mechanical breakdown to get off a freeway safely and having to use a trucky bay to do it "lift your bonnet" to indicate an emergency.

2018 NARRABEEN Briefing Details

I cannot believe I am writing to TLC members regarding the Narrabeen Trip next November 2018.

1. I have booked sixty (60) sites for ten (10) nights.
2. The cost will be \$40 per night
3. The dates are 19th to 28th November 2018

Theatre Party to see "JERSEY BOYS" Sunday 25th November : Marylin
McGillicuddy

Marylin will arrange for a list sheet to be put on the trip Board .

Marylin wants to "get in early" with our clubs booking. The cost is \$110 per person. So if you think you may go put your name on the list. Note you will not have to pay until September.

Any TLC member can attend just meet the Narrabeen group outside the Theatre

Manly 16Ft Sailing Club Luncheon: Peter/Ellen
Marsland

Peter will arrange for a list sheet to be put on the trip Board.

He wants to "get in early" with our clubs booking.

He is looking at about (50) attending. So if you think you may go put your name on the list.

Card Making: Cheryl Ducker
Cheryl will arrange for a list sheet to be put on the Trip Board

Macca's Entertainment Saturday 24 November: Mac/Vicki Henry
Please volunteer to do a bit....see Macca

Manly International Restaurant Susan Edwards
Susan is going to try to organise a group booking for our members.
We have no further detail at this point of time. Will pass on info ASAP

Pittwater RSL Club Farewell Dinner Susan Edwards
We intend to organise a return home tomorrow lunch or dinner for our final day/night.

BBQ Dinner- Colour Night plus_ Cheryl's Fun Night Cheryl Ducker
Will provide more detail closer to the event

Harbour Cruise Lunch -- - or---Tour Goat Island plus Cruise Lunch
We currently have a member looking into the "best deal around"

I know it's a bit early for this information but just wanted to keep you in the loop
Cheers Des/Alice

John Wells & Peter Rohwer Fishing at North Haven

This is true story so don't be misled
It happened in 2018 on the 4th of Feb
John & Pete said were going fishing, it's a fine & sunny day
Were going to try the beach on the other side of the bay
They said we'll feed the park with fish, that's what the people heard
So no one prepared any dinner for they took them at their word
Pete cast out and got a bite, a HUGE Whiting on the line
Another cast another Whiting, Pete said this spot is really fine
But then things went quiet no more bites not a bait did they loose
Do we stay or go, Pete said, John I'll let you choose
John said we'll wade out to our waist and give it half an hour
Then back to the camp we'll go for a beer and a shower
Well after thirty minutes their jewels they couldn't feel
Pete said lets get out of here with this cold I cannot deal
So they went to breakwall to give it one more try
At least over here their jewels were warm, and snug, and dry
John cast out, and straight away he got a bite
He said this is a big one I'm in for a bit of a fight
After twenty minutes the fish, it would not give in
John was getting anxious his patience wearing thin
John thought he was winning but the fish he wasn't done
For just as John thought he had him, the fish he took a run
Well the fish he went up and down the river he set a cracking pace
And John was getting tied he thought he was in a marathon race
A crowd had gathered to watch they thought the fish had had enough
But to tell the truth it was John, who was really stuffed
It seemed the fish he'd lost his fight as John reeled him in
To catch this noble warrior it really seemed a sin
As he broke the surface the fish looked straight at him
And John looked at the fish a lovely two kilo Bream
The crowd were really into it, yelling you can do this
Come John show us how to land this fish
As he lifted it from the water he said, tonight you'll be on my plate
But with one last kick the fish said, not tonight I won't be mate
As the fish slowly swam away a smile upon his dial
He thought I'll give someone else a chance in a little while
As the crowd they left John stood dejected, and could only wonder only if
Pete tried to cheer him up by saying don't worry mate, I've got my two fish
But to tell the truth Pete's fish they really didn't count
To feed everyone it would have to be a miracle like at the Sermon on the Mount
John sat dejected, over the one that got away he couldn't gloat
And all the people went and got their fish and chips from the Holy Goat

Flippo, 5th Feb 2018 3.30 am

Congratulations to the Winners:

February Free Lunch

- Alan Smithers
- Peter Olesen

February Raffle

- \$50 – Fay Thomas
- \$30 – Des Cousins
- \$20 – Janis Treacy

Members celebrating birthdays in March

George Ducker	1	Jill Merrett	14
David Jones	2	Dorothy Marbanik	15
Yvonne Whitehead	3	Maureen Coakes	17
Ken Hoff	7	Sandra Lee-Sing	21
Geoff Potter	7	Jill McGillicuddy	21
Marion Bennett	9	Marilyn McGillicuddy	24
Cheryl Ducker	13	Cindy Majchrowski	25
Norman Roberts	13	Lynne Leotta	28
Shirley Hollington	14	Linda Steele	29
		John Roberts	31

For Sale

Generator Box – Good Condition \$250.00

150 ml PVC pipe and bracket \$60.00.

Call Peter 0412605887

DON'T FORGET!!!!

We will have a box at the general meeting until March 2018 for donations to go to the John Hunter Children's Hospital.

The list below gives you an idea of what to buy;

Play doh (0.75c at Kmart per tub)

Play doh rolling pins and cutters (best place Kmart)

Small bubbles (4 or maybe 6 pack \$2 reject shop)

Colour pencils

Paper aeroplane packs/book

Beads and threading twine

Stickers (\$2 book at reject shop)

Baby rattles/ stacking toys

Lego

Paddle Pop Sticks
Paper Cup Cakes
Match Sticks
Pipe Cleaners
Coles Large Seal Plastic Bags (A4)

Tuscan Bread to Share

Ingredients

2 x Focaccia Bread Pack (3 in a bag)
1 x 300ml sour cream
2 heaped tablespoons of Tuscan seasoning (Masterfoods)
1/2 cup of finely grated tasty cheese and parmesan cheese

Prep Method

Put the sour cream in a bowl on the kitchen bench for 10 minutes then the seasoning and cheese and stir through.
Let it sit for another 5 minutes

Cut the bread into thick slices all the way through each loaf
Use your gloved hand to spread the mixture on all slices,
Put the loaf back together again and
rub a little over the top of each prepared loaf

Cook

Preheat the oven to 200 degrees in a fan forced oven
Make a foil basket to heat the prepared loaf in by folding the foil over three times.
Lay the prepared loaf into the "basket" and scrunch the edges together to allow the loaf to crisp up.
So the above ingredients should give you 6 mini loaves.
It should crisp up after 10 to 15 minutes, just keep an eye on it as all ovens are different
Slide it out onto your tea towel and serve

Thanks Alan,
Janine Gibbs

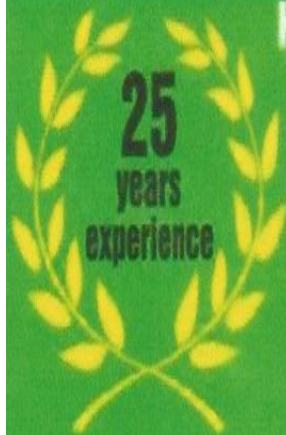
2018 Trip Lists

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TRIP DESTINATION</u>	<u>MEMBERS ATTENDING</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>	<u>Park</u>
March 1 st -8 th	TLC Club Rally Middle Rock	Bennett, Bolcina, Bryce/Tanner, Burnham, Clarke, Cok, Collins, Cooper, Cousins, Davidson, Dick/Moore T, Ducker, Eadie, Edwards/Williamson, Fraser, Gibbs, Hansell, Hollington, Holmes, Howard, Insull, Jager, Kane, Knight, Laney, Latham, Lee-Sing, Lenane, Lindsay, Luttrell, Marsland, Majchrowski, McGillicuddy, Moore, Oakes, Olesen, Palmer/Evernden, Pollard, Rohwer, Shawcross, Shoobert, Simpson, Smithers, Smyth, Steele, Thomas F/R, Treacy/Wenning, Wells, White 49	Tour Director Chrissy Pollard 0417 675 080	To book ring Park 4982 1162 4981 9450 0419 684 251 Ask for Aimee
March 19 – 3 April	Hartwood Campfires & County Music	Bennett, Bolcina, Cooper, Dew, Howard, Hunt, Majchrowski, McGillicuddy, Petch, Rohwer 10	John & Lorraine Bolcina	0417 021 038 0404 921 568
April 6 th ,7 th ,8 th	NSW State Rally Griffith	Davidson, 1	Peter Davidson 43 584 121	
April 23 rd -29 th	Boggabri Drivers Campfires	Airs, Cooper, Majchrowski, Nichols, Shoobert 5	Bev Shoobert 43902277 0427902277	
July 19 th -26 th	TLC Club Rally Christmas in July Happy Halidays	Angell, Brown W, Brown W/T, Bryce/Tanner, Cousins, Curnow, Cooper, Dunn/Hollington, Holland, Howard, Insull, Kains, Kane, Laney, Lee-Sing, Leigh, Lenane, McGillicuddy, Oakes, Olesen, Pollard, Ryan, Shoobert, Simpson/Byrne, Thomas,Treacy/Wenning, Wells 28	Tour Director Chrissie Pollard 0417 675 080	To Book Ring Park 65 592 099

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