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Once again no monthly meeting – you will be notified by email if there is a meeting happening for July. All we can do is hope!

Members Birthdays July 2020

Hamill Sean	10-Jul	Thomas Betty	3-Jul
Wenning Robert	19-Jul	Collins Leonie	4-Jul
Nichols Arthur	21-Jul	Dew Cheryl	12-Jul
Fraser Terry	21-Jul	Geale Wendy	14-Jul
		Stratton Fiona	15-Jul
		Hamill Elizabeth (Liz)	20-Jul

Message from Janis Treacy,
TLC Social Secretary

This year at South West Rocks rally things are going to be very different due to Covid-19. The games rooms will be too small to hold all of us due to social distancing
So most things will be outdoors so rug up warm, we are allowed to put up gazebos so if you have one bring it along. We will be doing a BYO picnic lunch for Christmas in July.

TLC will be providing a welcome sausage sizzle on the Thursday night of arriving, and also a high tea during the week. Disc Bowls Comp will also be being held so if you haven't got your name down please let Fay now so we can do the draw.

REMEMBER it is important to try to social distance HAND SANITIZER WILL BE PROVIDED, PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU USE IT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. Fires are permitted providing they don't drop ash and ECO logs must be used (cheapest from Bunnings) Fire pits can be hired from the office.

I will be doing the program soon and Fay will email it to all those attending, so please print it out and bring it with you. Please wear your name tags as it makes it easier for new members to know who we are.

Stay safe and healthy, travel safe see you at SWR.

Janis

Message from Fay Thomas,
TLC Secretary

Hi Members

I have been advised by Janis Treacy that SWR have fire pit's that can be hired for \$15.00 per night if anyone is interested. Also, she has been advised that we may not be able to use the camp kitchen but they are happy for us to put up gazebo's on vacant sites so if you have a portable gazebo please bring it with you.

To date we are still unsure if we will be able to go to the club for our July meeting as we haven't heard anything from the club but I will keep trying. When I do find out I will let you know via email and our Face Book page.

The other news is that club has purchased a Thermometer (Non-Contacts LCD IR Laser Infrared Digital Temperature Gun). This will be an added safety measure for our members due to the current Covid-19 virus and all members' temperature will be checked daily at morning tea.

Stay safe and well.

Fay Thomas

Regarding the Eco Logs – we have tried every Bunnings store we passed, none have been available so far.

Leonie
TLC Editor

Andrew Constance Minister for Transport and Roads **MEDIA RELEASE**

Thursday, 18 June 2020

TOLL REBATE MAKES FOR HAPPY CAMPERS

Drivers towing caravans, boats and horse floats will be eligible for cheaper tolls on Sydney motorways with a new rebate scheme announced today.

Minister for Roads Andrew Constance said the scheme will work by providing a rebate on the larger recreational vehicle tolls to bring the cost in line with regular cars.

“I was disappointed to learn drivers towing caravans and other trailers were slugged the same toll as a B-double. This scheme is about directly addressing the concerns of those drivers and making sure it remains affordable for them to get around Sydney,” Mr Constance said.

The scheme will be applicable to most of Sydney’s toll roads. The Sydney Harbour Bridge and Sydney Harbour Tunnel will be exempt because they do not charge cars towing caravans, boats or horse floats as larger vehicles.

Mr Constance said removing the barrier to travel and the savings made by drivers will help to stimulate the state economy.

“Regional and domestic holidays are going to play a pivotal part in the recovery of our economy. This great new initiative will reduce the cost for these drivers by an average of \$14 per toll road.

“We want people to take a holiday with their family, particularly over the upcoming school holidays and we want that trip to be affordable,” Mr Constance said.

The scheme will be backdated to 1 June 2020, using the existing Transport for NSW Cashback system. Eligible drivers can submit their claim when their toll statement is available and receive the rebates directly to their nominated bank accounts

The rebate will also apply to motorways that will be open to traffic in coming months, including NorthConnex and the WestConnex.

For more information about the scheme customers can visit www.sydneymotorways.com

Mia Burns | 0455 338 762

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MEDIA RELEASE Sonia Hornery MP

State Member for Wallsend

19 June 2020

VICTORY OF SORTS ON TOLLS FOR DRIVERS

State Member for Wallsend, Ms Sonia Hornery MP, has cautiously welcomed the announcement by Roads Minister, Andrew Constance MP, that NSW drivers who tow caravans and boats on Sydney’s toll roads will now be eligible for a dedicated rebate.

Ms Hornery has been calling on the Minister to change the Regulations that allowed toll road operator, Transurban, to reclassify vehicles towing a trailer, boat or caravan to Class B category, tripling the toll payable. Transurban increased tolls in August last year but have had a grace period in place since.

Ms Hornery has also raised concerns that the announcement means NSW taxpayers have been left to foot the bill for the rebate, meaning Transurban will continue to collect the full \$47.75 toll and the Government will refund more than \$30 to motorists.

The announcement is bitter sweet for some, with motorhomes not being included in the announcement.

“This has been a long fight and the news has been welcomed by caravan and boat owners who raised this issue with me last year,” said Ms Hornery.

“I want to thank the more than 10,000 people who signed petitions and wrote letters to both me and the Minister. People power has once again prevailed.

“While it is good news for some drivers, the announcement by the Minister that the rebate will be funded wholly and solely by the taxpayer is concerning.

“Transurban seem to have got out of this whole mess with their profits intact. Last year they tripled the tolls on the M2 and M7 for these motorists from \$15.92 to \$47.75 and now the NSW taxpayer is going to foot the bill for the almost \$32 refund that will be rebated to motorists.

“I cannot understand why the Minister didn’t just change the Regulation that would have reclassified these vehicles as Class A category, which would have left the tolls in line with the Sydney Harbour Bridge and Sydney Harbour Tunnel tolls.

“I will be raising this with the Minister and asking him what cost the NSW taxpayers will be forced to bear as a result of this announcement, given it also applies to the M4, M5 and the soon to open NorthConnex and WestConnex.

“I will also be asking the Minister why motorhomes have been excluded from the rebate,” Ms Hornery said.

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From: Anne Carragher [mailto:secretary@caravanclubsnsw.asn.au]

Sent: Thursday, 25 June 2020 1:28 PM

Subject: Update on Toll Regulation Rebate

Hello Secretaries and Delegates,

I recently asked Chad Griffith (Senior Electorate Office for Sonia Hornery MP) if the recent Toll Rebate Scheme cancels the pending motion which was tabled in parliament. Chad advised that the motion remained on the table and they will hopefully still get to debate the issue.

The motion was concerning the regulations that allowed toll road operator, Transurban, to reclassify vehicles towing a trailer, boat or caravan to Class B category. Since the Government have decided they will be footing the bill for the refund, it will only apply to NSW residents and NSW registered vehicles. Some of our members, who live just over the border in Victoria, actually belong to NSW caravan clubs therefore they will not benefit from this change.

Chad also advised that they are working on the ‘motorhomes’ issue which do not qualify for any refunds.

Please advise your members about this situation.

Regards,

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ARTICLE DATED 20 JANUARY 2020 from Big Rigs Magazine regarding Roadside Rest Areas

NSW officials are finally cracking down on campers and caravanners using truckies' parking spots with \$114 instant fines being handed to offenders in two eastern seaboard holiday hotspots.

The fines are a part of a new trial, announced today, targeting parking at Yelgun rest area, north of Brunswick Heads, and Arrawarra rest area, north of Coffs Harbour, to "ensure spaces are available for all drivers to rest and manage their fatigue".

The move comes after Big Rigs started its Don't Steal Our Space campaign to help stamp out the bad behaviour at these rest stops late last year.

During the trial, which is to run for six months, light vehicles (passenger and commercial vehicles less than 12 tonnes) will not be permitted to park in heavy vehicle spaces in these two locations.

A four hour parking limit will also be trialled in the general vehicle parking spaces.

When asked why the government department was finally doing something about the issue now, Acting Director Northern Brett Butcher told Big Rigs that it was about safety.

"There's some rest areas, particularly on the north coast that have become very popular for recreational vehicles these days and we're getting a lot of feedback about overcrowding and there not being enough space for drivers who are, by law, have an obligation to take time to rest," he said.

"Safety is our number one priority and driver fatigue is a big contributor to that in New South Wales and we want to make sure we're getting the best outcome for all drivers.

"The other part of the trial is protection of the truck parking spaces - which I think is a real positive for heavy vehicle industry.

"The protection is an on the spot if anyone is parked in a space that shouldn't be, they will be liable for an on the spot fine."

Mr Butcher said for travellers staying in the area for longer than a rest break, there was a wide range of accommodation options in the local areas of both rest areas.

During the trial period, Transport NSW will be working with both the NSW Police Force and the local councils (Byron Shire Council and Coffs Harbour City Council) as to who will be doing most of the enforcement.

However, he said officers would not be present 24 hours a day.

"We have the feeling it will probably be the police who will be doing most of the enforcement, but council also have the power to issue fines," he said.

He said Transport NSW had also erected signs in both Yelgun and Arrawarra pointing motorists who might need a longer rest or alternative accommodation in the area.

Depending on the results of the trial, Mr Butcher said the process could continue at Yelgun and Arrawarra, and possibly be rolled out in other rest areas.

"We have a lot of rest areas in NSW and up until this point we haven't gone to this level of

enforcement by restricting users to four hours," he said.

"In general this hasn't been done before so we want to trial it and get the feedback to see how it goes and then make a decision as to whether we continue and or extend into other areas."

Mr Butcher said he believed it was "primarily a coastal issue, not exclusively to the east coast, but there is a particularly higher volume of traffic on the Pacific and Princess highways

Thanks Norm Moore for the following – worth looking at the video

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GREYWATER

The following is a long and interesting article on grey water. Worth a read. You will need to copy the link into your browser.

<https://www.fullrangepcamping.com.au/retaining-grey-water-why-when-how/>

Davidson's Kimberley Trip - Part 2

Next stop was at Bigge Island and we were able to have just a short walk to the amazing rock art. The art here is Wandjina Art and the paintings are so clear still. They all have large headdresses and are quite different to others. Plenty of photos. Back to the Odyssey for lunch then a cruise into Prince Frederick Harbour. Saw our second small cruise boat in the distance during the day.

We moored in Posorus Creek for the night and watched the sharks circling the boat, with plenty of other fish around. There are some unusual sharks here. Nurse sharks which weigh about 60 kilo. They are almost blind but very nosy and come up to the steps of the boat. They are easy to touch and feed but they don't have teeth. They inhale the food! One of the crew used to work in a marine research place at Broome and is quite used to handling and feeding them. Another fishing trip in the morning then the small dinghies went in to the mangroves to pull up the crab pots with a good catch. A long run into Careen Bay to go ashore to see the Boab tree with the date 1820 carved on it by the crew from the Mermaid which stayed there for a while to repair the Ship. Crab claws and champagne for happy hour with another sunset as we steamed along the Prince Regent River to Lushington Valley for the night. Beautiful night sky with millions of stars and so peaceful. Next morning cruised through to St George Basin and a hike to the top of Kings Cascade followed by a dunking of the Odyssey. The river up to Cathedral Falls was too full of debris from a previous flood to take the big boat so we went in Homer. Very narrow channel, with another dunking under Cathedral Falls for us all before returning to Odyssey to leave Prince Regent River and continued around the coast until about 11.00pm then mooring until about 3.00am to continue to Doubtful Bay to be at Montgomery Reef for the tide, and a mooring.



Montgomery Reef is amazing, the centre of the reef is a massive lagoon and as the tide rises the water pours over the top creating waterfalls.

Quite spectacular. We were there at a very low tide so were able to see the amazing effect. Plenty of fish and turtles in the water to watch as well.

Our next stop was across the bay to the mouth of the Sake river and after lunch Homer took us up the river to a patch of rain forest for a walk around the beach. Several unusual plants and butterflies with a paddle in the stream. Back to Odyssey to go through the channel between Steep Island and Raft point where we moored overnight, then a trip to Dugong Bay for turtles but no Dugongs! After lunch we moved on to Talbot Bay to see the Horizontal Falls which were flowing well and we had a thrilling ride through the falls more than once. We were the only visitors as the Virus had closed the state down and the boats moored there were in caretaker mode. The Tawny Nurse sharks were here to be fed and are fairly friendly but I would not go in the water with them!

Extra special 3 course dinner served to us by all the staff as a special occasion with only a couple more busy days to go. Very nice meal of course and a celebration of one of the passengers 70th birthday.

Peaceful night in Talbot Bay before moving on to Yampi sound for a shore trip to Silica Beach where we moored close in and the whole crew went ashore for a couple of hours relaxation before the fast trip West. The beach is quite blindingly white, you definitely need sun glasses!

Across King Sound to round Cape Leveque where we saw the lighthouse, our first sign of civilisation. After this we start to receive phone connections and find out what a mess the world is in! After 12 days isolation it was quite a shock! A Very fast trip down the coast to Broome. Quite rough going. Next morning we arrived off the coast at Broome but could not use the wharf as the sea was too rough so a rather hairy transfer onto the tender to go ashore on the beach. We all managed it with our luggage and paddled ashore to be met by

the police who escorted us to the bus and loaded our luggage into the two police vans. No way were we being allowed to wander anywhere. Straight to the airport and escorted in to the lounge where two policemen had to stay and guard us, we were on first name terms while our flights to various points were rescheduled by very helpful Qantas staff and we were all away by mid-afternoon. Not quite the departure we were expecting from Broome but a new



experience at the end of a fantastic trip., We would recommend it to you all, especially on a small boat, much more friendly and more to see being nearer the land.



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July 2020 23rd – 30th	Ingenia – South West Rocks Christmas in July	Anderson P/H, Angell A/W, Belshaw R/L, Bennett B/M, Cok W/A, Collins M/L, Cooper D, Cornwell J, Curnow L/R, Dawson R/K, Dick/Moore M/T, Edwards/Williamson S/G, Field L/G, Geale W, Howard B/A, Insull B, Jager F/T, Knight J/C, Laney L/R, Laurie N/W, Lee-Sing S/W, Maranik D/A, Merrett/Wright J/P, Moore J/N, O'Brien B/D, Oakes J/M, Olesen P/C, Palmer/Evernden I/F, Pollard C, Pryde/Nutter F/R, Robinson/Cowin K/S, Ryan J/R, Schultz A/B, Shawcross G/J, Tanner/Bryce H/J, Thomas F/R, Treacy/Wenning J/R, Turner/Rolfe L/R, Wells J/J, Thompson C (visitor), Laney J (visitor), Tyrell J (visitor) 42	Club Organised	/ Ingenia SW Rocks 6566 6264
Aug 17 – 31	South Coast Recovery Trip	Belshaw R/L, Clarke/Davies J/J, Collins L/M, Cooper D, Cornwell J, Dick/Moore T/M, Eames/Mizon J/K, Edwards/Williamson S/G, Fraser A/T, Geale W, Howard A/B, Knight C/J, Leotta A/L, Merritt/Wright J/P, Moore J/N, O'Brien D/B, Pollard C, Tanner/Bryce H/J, Wilcox/Richardson G/J 19	Chris Knight 4352 2264 Or 0402 593 873	
Aug 31 – Sept 6	Del Rio Riverside Resort (7 nights)	Collins M/L, Geale W, Lee-Sing S/W, Maranik D/A, Ryan J/R, Thomas F/R, Treacy/Wenning J/R, Wilcox/Richardson G/J 8	Fay Thomas 0408 271 236	Del Rio 4566 4330
Sept 8 - 14	Reflections North Haven (7 nights)	Collins M/L, Cooper D, Cornwell J, Dick/Moore M/T, Insull B, Lee-Sing S/W, Tanner/Bryce H/J, Thomas F/R, Wells J/J 9	Fay Thomas 0408 271 236	Reflections North Haven 6559 9193
Oct 29 – Nov 5	Hunter Valley Ingenia Van Park Cessnock	Angell A/W, Bennett M/B, Cok W/A, Collins M/L, Cornwell J, CrimmiDawson R/K, Dick/Moore M/T, Field L/G, Howard B/A, Insul B, Lee-Sing S/W, Maranik D/A, Olesen P/C, Palmer/Evernden I/F, Ryan J/R, Smyth J/H, Thom ns M/R, as F/R, Treacy/Wenning J/R 18	Club Organised	Hunter Valley Ingenia Caravan Park 02 4990 2573
Nov 16 – 26	Narrabeen Leisure Trip	Cooper D, Davidson/Whitehead P/Y, Fraser T/A, Henry M/V, Kane P/C, Leotta A/L, Maranik D/A, Marsland E/P, Tanner/Bryce H/J, Schultz B/A, Smyth J/H, Rowher P/P 12	Des Cooper 43933383	DO NOT PHONE PARK



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