

Tuggerah Lakes Caravanners Inc.



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2013 AGM November: TLC AGM will be held Sunday 17th November 2013. Nominations for positions close five (5) weeks before that date. Ie 12th October 2013. Notice of the AGM and Nomination forms will be included in the August and September Newsletters.

Pet Policy: The committee at its July meeting agreed that our club does not need a Pet Policy. They agreed that pet owners generally comply with Caravan Park Pet policies. The committee also agreed that the following be published in the Newsletter as a request from the Committee. That we then leave it to the pet owners to do the right thing

1. Pet owners are requested to ensure pets do not attend the Happy Hour circle where food, snacks and drink are being passed around or being handled.
2. Pet owners are requested to ensure that pets on leads or without leads do not move amongst or lay or sleep in among a group of assembled club members. This is to ensure

members do not step on, trip or fall over sleeping pets or leads

Note: These are both OH&S issues

Inspections Stations: Vans over 2 tonnes

GTM:

Eco Tec Auto Gas	<u>Doylson</u>
Hogans Heavy Haulage	<u>Wyong</u>
<u>Ampol</u>	<u>Summerland Point</u>
Adtrans Hino	<u>West Gosford</u>
Atchison Truck Repairs	<u>West Gosford</u>
Autoscan (Australia)	<u>West Gosford</u>
Big Wheels Truck Align.	<u>West Gosford</u>
Gilbert & Roach	<u>West Gosford</u>
Gosford Truck Sales	<u>West Gosford</u>
Rego's R Us	<u>West Gosford</u>
Borg Manufacturing	<u>Somersby</u>
Gosford Iveco ,	<u>Gosford</u>

For those who are out of the Central coast go to "<http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/index.cgi?fuseaction=inspectionstation.form>

(For further info, here is the site I got the list of heavy vehicle checking stations from -
<http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/cgi->

[bin/index.cgi?fuseaction=inspectionstation.for
m](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/index.cgi?fuseaction=inspectionstation.form) - It's a bit convoluted to get the list. Once you enter your post code you then get a list of all stations and you have to go through the RH column to pick the ones you want. Peter

Destination Darwin: We are off to Darwin. On first night someone's hubby worked out an electric kettle does not work on gas. We met some people at Florida Rest area they were full of knowledge we had some good laughs. New idea discovered whilst sipping wine at the campfire you can warm plastic plates in front of fire. This turned out to be the talk of night. Dubbo temp-1 yes minus 1 but weather at Cobar is magic about 18 degrees. Great time so far lots of wine, lots of laughs and lots of people travelling in caravans all going to Darwin .

Closer to Darwin: We are now at Ayers Rock what an amazing sight to actually see in all its colours. We watched the sun

set tonight on the Rock whilst having happy hour with lots of other travelers it was very magical. Trip so far has been great so many caravans on the road. We have been doing lots of free camping and have met some really great people especially at happy hours. Say hi to everyone for us take care have fun at Happy Hallidays . J&D and others xx

Narrabeen Payments: The committee has confirmed that registration fee for the 2013 Narrabeen Club Rally will be \$20.00 per person.

Ten \$10 for the cost of the marquee.

Also ten \$10 for the cost of the Melbourne Cup luncheon & drinks including BBQ breakfast, picklet morning and tea & coffee.

A refund of \$10 on the Melbourne Cup fee will apply should a member be unable to attend due to illness. Notice of one 1 week will be needed for a refund.

There will be no refund on the Marquee \$10 fee.

The Registration Fee must be paid to Treasurer Philip Webb by the 15th September 2013 and this will secure your site from last year.

As of Monday the 16th of September if your registration hasn't been PAID then your last year's site will become available for allocation to a member who didn't attend last year.

If you are attending for the first time or didn't attend last year you should still PAY your registration fee by the 15th September to secure a site as sites maybe limited this year

The park requires final TLC numbers so it can release sites that we don't use and make them available for the general public.

Please ring Tour Director Bev Shoobert on 4390 2277 if you have any questions

Narrabeen Site Costs: This year a powered site will cost \$35 for every night you are in the park ie (Ten nights = \$350). Ensuite Sites will cost \$55 per night.

NEWSLETTER ADDS' – The committee have decided to look for two new sponsors to replace Seventh Street Caravans and Tracside Automotive who have not renewed their subscriptions this year.

BIRTHDAYS ----AUGUST

<u>Men</u>	
Lee Sing William	3-Aug
Lusted John	12-Aug
Palmer Ashley	12-Aug
Svensson Jan	23-Aug
Holland John	27-Aug
Merrett George	31-Aug
<u>Ladies</u>	
Davies Claudia	3-Aug
Moore Joy	5-Aug
Kane Coral	10-Aug
Henry Vicki	12-Aug
Laney Lorraine	12-Aug
Johnson Gai	17-Aug
Fabien Margery	18-Aug
Mcgowan Jeanette	24-Aug
Cannard Wendy	25-Aug
Smithers Lynne	25-Aug
Hoff Anne	26-Aug
Aylett Wendy	29-Aug

Name Badges: The Committee discussed the current name badge with a view to changing to a metal or plastic style. It was generally agreed, for many reasons, that the TLC name badge not be changed.

Wearing of Name Badges: As members are aware a message is often sent out requesting members to "Please wear name badges". Wearing of name badges is a real problem at general meetings. The committee has now decided to link the winning of the free lunch voucher with the wearing of a Name Badge. Accordingly

from the August meeting members winning either of the Free Lunch vouchers drawn just prior to 12.00pm **MUST BE WEARING THEIR NAME BADGE** to claim the win otherwise it will be declared a re-draw.

Daffodil Day: Beryl would like to remind members that August is our Daffodil Day charity month. There will be articles for sale at the August meeting. Please support the day.

Petition for Change: Tamworth Caravan Club has started a Petition that highlights the unfair difference between registration costs in three States ie (NSW, Vic & Qld) including motor vehicle Tax of caravans in NSW. Victorian can register their caravan for 8% of what it costs owners in NSW. Queensland can register the same van for 34% of the cost in NSW. Members please support the petition and help gather as many names as possible.

Dropbox for TLC Photos: The committee has agreed to save all TLC Photos on an External Hard drive. These photos will also be available for future reference eg 10th 15th & 20th Anniversaries

The Committee also wants to give all members online access to all Club photos. We plan to do this via a program called Dropbox.

Dropbox is very simple and safe to use. We currently have thirty two (32) members already linked to our Dropbox account

To join TLC Dropbox you need to send an email to tlcadmin@optusnet.com.au and

ask to join. Sue Reilly is the administrator of the Dropbox account.

You will then receive a reply email from the TLC Dropbox Administrator at (tlcadmin@optusnet.com.au) inviting you to join our TLC Dropbox.

Then simply follow the links and directions and you will be connected.

When you have actually joined the Dropbox program will automatically create a folder in your Favourites called Dropbox. The TLC photos are contained within this folder on your computer. You do not need to go to the Dropbox site again.

We also need you to follow a couple of very simple rules.

The photos will be available in the TLC Dropbox folder for a period of 30 days only.

If you want to view any of the photos, simply go to the Dropbox Folder in your Favourites on your Computer and find the TLC Photos folder. Double click on them and you will be able to see them on your screen.

If you want to retain a copy for your use, COPY the photo from the Dropbox folder and then PASTE it into a FOLDER you need to create in a separate folder on your computer eg. My Pictures Folder.

Under no circumstances should you delete any photo that the Administrator has posted into the TLC Dropbox. These will be deleted by the Administrator as mentioned.

If you want a photo of yourself deleted, we ask that you send an email to the Administrator (tlcadmin@optusnet.com.au) and it will be removed.

WARNING: If anyone deletes a photo from Dropbox then it will be deleted from all our members Dropbox folders and will be unavailable to anyone to view.

Dropbox is absolutely safe, only TLC members invited by our Dropbox Administrator will have access.

Members please send an email to join ASAP

VISITORS- Due to the increasing member attendance and demands on catering at our three club rallies, Narrabeen, Happy Hallidays and Christmas in July, the committee has agreed that members should not invite friends to attend for the week. There is an exception to this where a member may want to invite an elderly parent to the Melbourne Cup Luncheon at Narrabeen. If a parent is to attend then the full cost of the lunch is incurred not the subsidised cost as for our members. This decision will take effect after Christmas in July 2013.

Off On a Long Trip: We left home on 4th May for our trip up to Queensland via the inland. We stayed near Dubbo for a few nights at a free camp called Terramungamine Reserve, beside the Macquarie River. Our next stop was at Byrock (permanent population 12) behind the Mulga Creek Hotel. Travelling on we stayed beside a dry river bed at Enngonia. Next stop was at Cunnamulla, then another free camp at Eulo beside the Paroo River (it had water so Peter and a friend went fishing) no fish so it was steak for dinner. Next we headed to Yowah – opal fields to try our luck finding boulder opals, we found some small bits of colour, no nuggets. We went to the Biggest Morning Tea at Yowah, there was about 50 people there, nearly all the town. We were told that it was near here and Eulo that a

lot of dinosaur bones were discovered in recent years. They had 4mm of rain the day we arrived there.

On to Thargomindah for another overnight stay, we went to the Thargomindah Hydro Power Plant, this supplied street lights to the town and was the 3rd in the world to have them powered by hydro, 1 day after Paris.

Next stop is Noccundra, (population 2). We left our van and went for a day trip to Innaminka and went to the Dig Tree, so named after the Burke and Wills expedition. The return trip was over 600 klms, some over dirt roads.

We have now travelled through many oil and gas fields and arrived at Quilpie, free camping beside the Bulloo River

There are so many small towns nearly in extinction because the young ones leave, there is not enough work on the farms and the ones that stay are employed by the “shire” as tourist information providers, road workers, etc.

We have seen many emus and kangaroos moving around beside the roads, plus road-kill, cattle, sheep and wild pigs . They go onto the roads at night because of the warmth of the bitumen.

We arrived at Windorah on Monday 20th May only to be advised not to travel to Birdsville on Tuesday and stay overnight as planned, it is nearly 400klms to Birdsville so we decided to stay overnight. The road is approx. 100klms bitumen and 300klms gravel / graded so we have decided not to take the van.

We are staying at the van park at Windorah. It started raining Monday night and was very windy.

At 5am we were out rolling up the awning in the wind and rain and bringing in the chairs and shoes we had left outside, then the van next to us did the same, the poor chap who was in a tent had to get out and knock his pegs back in, peace and quiet for about ½ an hour and then we heard our TV dish fall over, this meant out of bed again and bring that into the van also. We had 25mm in the next 24 hours, this is as much as Windorah has had in the last year making roads greasy and muddy so they were closed to all traffic.

Peter caught 2 yellowbelly fish today (dinner for the next 2 days) and is keen to try his hand at catching more plus some yabbies in the next few days.

The road to Birdsville was finally opened on Thursday morning only for 4WD vehicles so we decided to go. We booked into the Birdsville Hotel for Thursday night, packed our essentials and left. Fellow traveller's said they will bring in the washing I did this morning.

The road was a little boggy in places, we visited the JC Hotel Ruins, we had been told that this old hotel was purchased by a landowner who was annoyed with employees supposed to be looking after his stock but were in the hotel drinking. He had the roof removed so the walls which were made out of a mud brick collapsed, no more hotel, only ruins.

Deon Lookout, this is in memory to a 20 yr old who crashed a plane he had just taken delivery of and was on his way home.

We visited Betoota, another ghost town, and on to Birdsville. Not much here except the hotel built in 1884, a bakery, caravan park, police station and a few houses, they hold a race day in September with lots of visitors,

many arriving by plane It took us over 5 hours to get to Birdsville (400 kms.)

There is a Yabbie Race Day at Windorah and another Race Day at the ghost town of Betoota and Bedourie hold a camel race day as well as horse race day.

The local towns are invaded by tourists for all these events, we have been told that Windorah population increases by 1000 people for the Yabbie Races. There is no mobile phone service at Windorah but Birdsville has a good service, so we turned off our mobiles for the days we stayed at Windorah.

A bit of useless info, Cooper'e Creek is the only creek in Australia which is formed where 2 rivers meet, it continues on to the Lake Eyre Basin.

We have met some really great people at Windorah, both locals and travellers. We have been invited to dinner by one local couple, yellowbelly and bream one night and the next was stew, all cooked on an old fashion fuel stove, cooked outside.

We next head to Jundah, Stonehenge and Longreach, where hopefully we can get the Engel repaired, we are buying ice to keep the drinks cold.

We arrived at Longreach on Monday and Tuesday took the Engel to a repairer to get looked at. It is now a very expensive ice box! *(Ed: Read the next Newsletter for an important update on the Engle repair costs*

Hello Members: We met this American couple with their van, it is made of aluminum and weighs 8000 lbs (3700 Kg). They use twenty eight (28) gallons of fuel to travel 300 miles! We were at Lake Louise and they were going to Alaska! Members may like to see the photo

Having a great time love to all. D&B Jones



MONTHLY CLUB RAFFLE WINNERS

\$50	John Holland
\$30	Kate Crocker
\$20	Bev Shoobert

WINNERS of FREE LUNCH

Roy Curnow
Val Kinnell

FOR SALE

Slate Billard Table ¾ size 10' x 5' with billard and snooker pool balls and all the accessories. Good Condition \$1700 ono Ph Ma /Pa 4390 8933 0428240575

Caravan cover 18'-20' very good condition \$75.00 it cost over\$200

Near New Shepherd Hooks/towbar attachment \$65 **Porta loo** \$35.00
Mac Henry Ph. 0417431179

Next ---General Meeting

Sunday 13th August 2013

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2013 LIST OF TRIPS

Jul 22nd -17 Sep	Winter Escape Cairns, Atherton, , Charters Towers, Carn.Gorge, Roma	Contact	L/R Curnow
	Cannard, Curnow, Davidson, Pollard, Holland, Bickley/Geale, Fletcher, Kane, Moore, Merritt/Wright, Shawcross, Res		
Sep 23 – Oct 2nd	NATIONAL RALLY ROCKHAMPTON QLD.	Contact	Secretary 4353 9069
	Davidson, Edwards/Williamson, Meatheringham, Reid,		
Sep 28 – Oct 26th	2013 FOSSICKERS WAY RAMBLE	Contact	C/P Stevens 4369 2759
	Belshaw, Brewer, Clarke, Coltman, Fletcher, Majchrowski, Shoobert, Stevens, Thomas		
Oct 23rd – 27th	ROSEWOOD ROUNDUP MUSIC FESTIVAL	Contact	D/A Cooper 4393 3383
	Cooper,		
Nov 1 – 7	NARRABEEN RALLY DO NOT RING NARRABEEN	Contact	Committee
	Bickley, Brewer, Cooper, Crocker, Curnow, Ducker, Flippence, Howard, Lindsay, Marsland, Palmer, Pollard, Reilly S/A, Rohwer, Sawsam, Steell C, Shoobert, Smyth, Thomas B/L,Wells		

2014 LIST OF TRIPS

Feb 6 (for 7 nts)	HAPPY HALLIDAYS	1800 555 454	Contact	Committee
Mar 6th -13	SANDBAR FISHING COMPETITION		Contact	V/D Kinnell 4390 8933
Mar 7th – 9th	STATE RALLY		Contact	Secretary 4353 9069
Apr 13 – 21st	HARTWOOD COUNTRY MUSIC/BUSH CAMPING		Contact	C/P Kane 4333 9738
Apr 25th – 27	BOGGABRI DROVERS CAMPFIRE WEEKEND (go straight from Hartwood)		Contact	K/S Crocker 4923 1493

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