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NEXT MEETING – Sunday, 19th April, 2026

General Meeting held 15th March, 2026

Members: Attended 44 Apologies 16 as per book and 1 Visitors

Raffle Winners

1st prize \$50.00 Marilyn Delaney

2nd prize \$30.00 Kerry Jeffs

3rd prize \$20.00 Bev Insull

Winners of Lucky Door Prize supplied by Creighton

\$30 Will Lee-Sing

\$20 Margaret Dick

Winners of Doylson cards

Diane Barnes and Alan Howard

Birthdays for April



Wilkinson Carol	1-Apr	Crimmins Russell	6-Apr
Howard Beryl	4-Apr	Richardson Jim	8-Apr
Mizon Karen	15-Apr	Knight John	10-Apr
Dawson Kerrie	27-Apr	Kirk Wes	18-Apr

SOS!

Is anyone or do you know of anyone who is returning to the Central Coast from the Albury district who might do a pick up /delivery for one of our members?

Please phone Carolyn on 418 461 694 for more information.



T.L.C. ANNUAL FEES

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS are **NOW OVER DUE**

COST IS \$25.00 per person

Payment can be made by by Bank Transfer.

BANK TRANSFER DETAILS

Account Name: Tuggerah Lakes Caravanners Inc.

BSB: 637000

Account NUmber: 716098397

New Members

A warm welcome to our newest members Graham and Caroline Lewis.





Plans for the 20th Anniversary celebration are underway. The venue will be the Royal Hotel in Wyong on Wednesday the 10th June (date supplied by Susan Edwards). A two course meal and a celebration cake for dessert.

Please put your name on the list at the next meeting or contact Leonie to add to this document.

WELFARE REPORT

**These members have been unwell or facing health dramas
We wish them a speedy recovery.**



Allan Howard, Peter Kane, Roy Curnow, Helen Smyth, Robert Wenning, June Webster, Mike Collins, Debbie and Barry Latham, Dick Sherwood and Gianne.

Get well soon so you can be back on the road.

For those members undergoing surgery hope all goes well and your recovery is quick.

Stay safe and stay well

Janis Treacy welfare officer.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE FOR JHCH.



I have written to the committee for permission to have a Christmas in July raffle which will raise money for John Hunter Children's Hospital and I am thankful they agreed.

THE RAFFLE WILL BE DRAWN AT THE JULY CLUB MEETING.

IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO DONATE IT WOULD. BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

THESE WILL BE COLLECTED AT THE NEXT FEW MEETINGS.

A BIG THANK YOU in anticipation of your support. The money raised goes to buying much needed crafts and toys for kids in hospital. (Did you know play dough can be used only once)?

Christmas in July Meal at Gulargambone



The Park Management at Gulargambone is putting on a Camp Oven Meal for our TLC Christmas in July Celebration.

Kerry will be giving you more information about the foods we can look forward to.

The price will be \$30.00 per person and you will be asked for payment closer to the date.

This is taking into account the fuel situation and our ability to travel.

Hopefully all the current problems will be sorted out by then. – President Joan

“Go for Broke!”



The challenge of going for “Broke” for 4 days to spend as little as possible proving we can have a relaxing holiday in our vans with plenty of fun and laughter was accepted by 20 frugal friends.

McNamara Park in Broke and Bulga Recreation Ground have two night camping limits so these



2 spots provided free camp sites for us. Bulga has toilets, BBQ & covered picnic tables plus a dump point. Broke has shady trees and toilets.

Less than 100kms from the Central Coast meant fuel costs were low, although we were pleasantly surprised to see the diesel price near Cessnock was \$163.9pl. 😊 Both villages had a general store for emergencies and despite trying to be cheapskates we all found our way for ice creams or coffees! We justified ourselves by feeling we should contribute to their local economy!



Free camping in February, we all decided, was not ideal. The weather was hot! We missed our air conditioners! The occasional breeze allowed us to participate in several activities under the shady trees or just general chit chat.

Our meals were mince dishes on Miserly Monday, stew on “Tight-A...”

Tuesday, and sausage bbq on Wacky Wednesday.



Instead of our rough red wine tasting we tried white wine tasting – each van donating a bottle of white wine that cost less than \$10. They were placed anonymously into brown paper bags and John Knight, who was the master of ceremony, filled our thimble sized cups. We were encouraged to sniff the wine, check the colour, savour it on our palate then collectively rate it from bad to worse in a line up. At the conclusion the bags were removed to reveal the labels. Surprisingly our refined palates (accidentally) had them graded in correct order. The priciest Hunter Valley Verdelho came first and the rest were graded in order down to the \$4.99 Western Australian Semillon Blanc. It was observed that very little wine was consumed, apart from a sip to determine the flavour; much of it went over the shoulder onto the grass.



Our popular grocery grab game was again a hilarious event. Three mystery parcels sparked fierce competition with some going home with smiles, others empty handed! We all learnt not to get in the way of Allan and a packet of Iced Vo Vos.



Our last day saw the famous cricket challenge followed by a high tea in the picnic shelter. It was the men's turn to form the TLC X1 team inspired because there's a concrete cricket pitch in the middle of the Bulga campground. The team left a little to be desired because they could only field nine players. Then they wanted to pull on the "covers" due to a light sprinkle of rain, they then took the vote that it was too hot so we went



straight to the high tea. It was quite a spread! Freshly made scones appeared from the Lewis van, spectacular homemade banana and pistachio cake topped with lemon cream icing from the Lee-Sing van and delicious chocolate fudge slice from the Lindsay van! These were supplemented with other delicacies too. Needless to say it was a free time afternoon to rest and recover.

Our efforts for frugality were so impressive we rewarded ourselves with a final night dinner out at the newly opened Bulga Tavern which we all enjoyed.

Editor's Note – who would have thought that two weeks later diesel would be \$269.9!!

- Photos – Len Field gave an interesting exhibition of how to have a shower with a hand pump shower and a bucket of water.
- Wayne Rush provided entertainment demonstrating his battery operated fly swat – we were not convinced it was worth the money!



Broke to Bonny Hills



We left home and headed north to Broke for free camping lots of trees and ants, my goodness was it HOT with no air conditioning. We had lots of fun with our members and new comers, going for a walk around town and seeing a bit of history. Miss Christine tried to educate us but alas like most students we were not all listening. Just shows you we never grow up. We continued our walk around town and had a cold drink at the local shop.

On Wednesday we travelled such a long distance to Bulga (19 kilometres) taking maybe 20 minutes. We set up camp again, not so many trees here still not a bad place. We welcomed 4 new members Carolyn and Graham, Lindsey and Colin having such a great time they decided to join our wonderful club.



One afternoon we had a Wine tasting. It was so funny with everyone bringing a bottle of white wine under \$10. We tasted 11 bottles I think with Louise and Wayne Rush picking the best wine. I did notice that not a lot discarded the wine and just kept drinking. Did I mention that it was VERY HOT and we had to stay hydrated.

On Thursday we had High Tea it was lovely and that night we went to the a tavern for dinner and back to the vans to talk and watch the stars. It was such a lovely group of people very friendly.



The next morning, we said our goodbye and headed to Bulahdelah for 3 nights. After all the heat, we had power and made good use of it. We were accompanied by Mike, Leonie and Diane Barnes staying at the bowling club for \$22 a night which was great value. While we were there on the Saturday morning all of these semi trailer started rolling in. There were about 40 or so loaded with Hay for the farmers. What an awesome sight to see, 5 semi's abreast across the road and all you could see were trucks. What a great job these truckies do and lunch was supplied by Rotary in the park for them. We went to the club and Di won a meat tray and I won a tray of chicken and a large tray of prawns which we shared for lunch.



We travelled to Coopernook for one night and then of to Bonny Hills for another 7 days of fun and relaxation lots of laughs. We had our Welcome nibbles and a little bit of drinking. One of our outings went to Riccardo Tomatoes, the tomatoes were good but the Strawberries not so good. I think about 20 or more enjoyed lunch or morning tea your choice, that night we had hamburger night and our theme was Orange and most people joined in. Another fun night was had by all.



On Saturday morning we went to Long Point Winery for a tasting and some of us made purchases of wine, now back to the park to relax. We had a Trivia night run by Janis and that was a fun. Thank you Janis for the hard work and preparation you did.

On the Monday we all went to the Bonny Hills pub for lunch again quite a lot of our group attended. Alas that's the end of time away and time to get back to the real world. Thank you Leonie for all your work you did

Sandra and Will

Trucks on the Hay Run to Kempsey and area from Victoria



A few of us decided to not return home between the Broke/Bulga trip and the March Rally at Bonny Hills. We stopped for 3 nights at Bulahdelah Bowling Club. (\$22 per night), and one night at Coopernook Pub.

We scored sites at Bulahdelah with power and the ability to fill our water tanks. Late Saturday morning we saw a huge truck arriving in the roadway beside the Bowling Greens. This was followed by another, another and up to 50 more trucks. Each had about 17 huge





hay bales loaded. The entire area between the entry to the Showground (beside the Bowling Club) and the corner at the front of the Bowling Club was full of trucks, 5 across the roadway. No going up that road for a couple of hours. Tough luck for those parked in beside the Club.

Rotary sponsored the Run and were providing lunch at the Showground for 72 drivers. I believe the hay was donated by farmers down south. The trucks were going to Kempsey, they would then be sent to surrounding areas from there. Thought you might like to see some photos.

Leonie Collins

“Good Old Days experience”.



As there are 26 vans on the list I thought you might like to book at the caravan park to secure your spot.

You have two choices. Most people I have spoken to prefer to stay at Lake Talbot Tourist Park, Gordon St, Narrandera, half an hour drive from Barellan.

However you might enjoy staying right in the action at the Barellan showground, they don't open their bookings until after Easter.

The number for Lake Talbot Tourist Park is – 6959 1302

Our booking dates for the park are September 30th arrival – October 7th depart.

It's booked under Tuggerah Lakes Caravan club.

The prices are going up after Easter so it will be \$45 pn.

If you are a G'Day member there's a 10% discount otherwise it's 5% off for seniors.

That's all for now, I'll pass on any other information as it comes to hand. Chris & John

For Sale

I have two (2) Hand Held portable Air Pumps (ordered in error)
Cost \$60 each selling \$50 each



Regards,
Bev Insull

Guest Speakers

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Tuggerah Lakes Caravanners TRIP SHEETS 2026				
2026	DESTINATION	MEMBERS ATTENDING	CONTACT	PARK
23 Mar – 5 Apr	Hartwood Festival	Cok W/A, Delaney N/M, Jeffs S/K, Newall J/M, Rogers R/R, Ryan R/J, Sherwood R/C 7	Rod Rogers 0412 346 348	Book online Hartwood Festival 2026 0456 780 824 Em: info@hartwoodfestival.com.au
28th Apr – 5th May	Harrington Big 4	Frances R/V, Kirk W/B, Latham B/D, Moore T/ Dick M, Strachan N/K, Treacy J / Wenning R 6	Janis Treacy 0411 288 815	Harrington Big 4 Colonial Holiday Park 1800 931 822
10th June	TLC 20th Birthday Lunch	Barnes D, Brennan S, Collins M/L, Cornwell J, Dick M / Moore T, Holmes L, Insull B, Laney R/L, Lee-Sing W/S, Merrett J / Wright P, Smyth J/H, Treacy J / Wenning R 12	CLUB ORGANISED 0419763107	Venue will be Royal Hotel Wyong More details of Menu & Cost to come
21st – 28th July	Xmas in July	Baird C/ Bickely C, Barnes D, Brill C/H, Cok W/A, Collins M/L, Cornwell C, Crimmins R/M, Curtis D/M, Delaney N/M, Dick M/ Moore T, Field L, Fraser T/A, Insull B, Jeffs S/K, Kirk W/B, Knight J/C, Lee-Sing W/S, Leotta A/L, Lewis G/C, Matts J/J, McConville B/D, Merrett J/Wright P, Newall G/M, Palmer I / Evernden F, Pollard C/Friend, Ranse C, Rogers R/R, Rohwer P/P, Ryan R/J, Sherwood D/C, Smyth J/H, Treacy J/Wenning R, Wilcox G/ Richardson J 32	CLUB ORGANISED Kerry Jeffs	Gulargambone Caravan Park 02 6825 1666 Speak to Catherine
25th AUG – 14th Sept (dates are BOURKE to leaving Wentworth	Darling River Run	Baird C/ Bickley C, Barnes D, Cok W/A, Collins M/L, Cooper D /Kinnell V, Cornwell J, Cousins D / Kennedy M, Davidson P, Field L, Jenkins N/L, Kirk W, Lee-Sing W/S, McConville B/D, Newall G/M, Ranse C, Rush W/L, Wilcox G / Richardson/J, Pollard C , Visitors Wilson M/D with Rush 19	Diane Barnes 0427 032 918	Walgett to Wentworth Approx. 14 days

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30th Sept – 7 Oct	Good Old Days Festival	Barnes D, Bickley C/Baird C, Brennan S, Brill C/H, Cok W/A, Collins M/L, Cornwell J, Curtis D/M, Delaney M/N, Dick M/Moore T, Field L, Fraser T/A, Jeffs S/K, Kirk B/W, Knight J/C, Latham B/D, Leotta L/A, Lewis G/C, Lindsay A/F, Matts J/J, McConville B/D, Merrett J/Wright P, Newell G/M, Palmer I/ Evernden F, Ranse C, Rodgers R/R, Ryan R/J, Sherwood D/C, Strachan N/K, Treacy J/ Wenning R, Wilcox G/Richardson J 31		Chris & John Knight 0402 593 873 J 0432 665 841 C Bookings Lake Talbot Narrandera 0269591302 or Barellan Showground opens bookings after Easter
29th Oct – 5th Nov	Melbourne Cup	More details to come by next meeting	CLUB ORGANISED	