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NEXT MEETING - Sunday, May 18th , 2025

****There is no April Meeting****

Meeting Held 16th March 2025

This was a General Meeting

Members: 59 Attended 13 Apologies and 2 Visitors

Raffle Winners

1st prize \$50.00 Fran Lindsay

2nd prize \$30.00 Mike Collins

3rd prize \$20.00 Gaianne Wilcox

Winners of Gift Cards donated by **Creightons**

1 x \$30.00 Dorothy Maranik

1 x \$20.00 Peter Davidson

Winners of \$10.00 Gift Cards supplied by **The Doylo**

Beryl Howard and Debbie Latham

Birthdays for April



Crimmins Russell	6-Apr	Wilkinson Carol	1-Apr
Richardson Jim	8-Apr	Howard Beryl	4-Apr
Knight John	10-Apr	Mizon Karen	15-Apr
Curtis David	15-Apr	Thomas Fay	18-Apr
		Dawson Kerrie	27-Apr
		Jones Sally	27-Apr

Club Shirts

It is so great to see so many members in their club shirts.

If you require a club shirt, please see Bev Insull

New Members



A warm welcome to new members Marilyn and Neville Delaney

T.L.C. ANNUAL FEES

Fees are now overdue \$25.00 per person.

This can be paid into the Tuggerah Lakes Caravanners Inc. Account BSB 637000 Account No. 716098397

If paying into this bank please state your name .

Or you can pay by cash at a club meeting.

Passing of one of our great long time members Jim Holmes a true friend and life companion to his wife Lorraine.



Jim was a member of Tuggerah Lakes Caravan Club for over 16 years, in this time he served on the board as treasurer and got involved with many of the activities and trips that the club organised.

Jim loved his caravanning with a passion and this was made evident by his enthusiasm to be the leader when ever we travelled on trips with our group affectionately known as The Dodgy Brothers Tours, mainly because of the fact we got lost many times which allowed us to see places we would have never seen before.

Jim was always easy to find on Club runs by his loud infectious laugh, which could be heard all over the camp, one of the greats, he will be sadly missed by all.

Always Caravanning in the big beyond
RIP JIM HOLMES

Submitted by one of our members

Melbourne Cup Rally 30/10 – 6/11/2025

Berry Showground

We found the management to be most helpful, and the facilities are particularly good, much better than we had expected with a showground.

These facilities are: - showers & toilets,
laundry,
dump point,
large camp kitchen,
large undercover shade areas with picnic benches/tables.

We will have to use our own BBQs.

The camp kitchen has a range of cooking appliances. We can choose to gather inside this building or the best option, we thought, was to get together in one of the large outdoor shade areas.

Sites have been reserved for the period 30/10/2025 – 6/11/2025. Most are grassed with a few having gravel. All sites have power and water. Some are drive through.

Even though you cannot book, **PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME ON THE TRIP SHEET** or let Leonie know if you will be attending so sites can be held for our group.

These sites cannot be booked until early August, at which time **full payment** is as stipulated by Shoalhaven Council.

You will be advised how to book at the beginning of August.

The predicted camping fee is expected to be around \$30 per night, a slight increase from the current fee. I was assured that if someone had to cancel that they can expect a full refund of their payment.

Berry is an interesting town, a lot of history, many places to visit in the surrounding area, and ladies – SOME INTERESTING SHOPPING.

Melbourne Cup Lunch

We are in discussion with a group called “Pink Up Berry” who hold a fundraising luncheon and event for the McGrath Foundation at the Berry Bowling Club. You can look up their last years advertising on the internet. Further information will be available later for example Cost etc.

One thing for sure is that it will be a PINK THEME for ladies and men.

An excuse to shop!

Regards

Leonie

Forster get together



Organised by Coral and Peter Kane

Fran and I started off with the old missed placed car key's syndrome, that luckily only took one and a quarter hours to solve, thank god for the tracker I have on my key ring, Fran was able to track them right to the source, in the van right where I had put them! I'm sure Fran had a hand in that, it definitely could not have been my fault. Finally on the road and off to Forster Lakeside Caravan Park, we had a great run with no more instances.

After setting up camp it was time for the afternoon happy hour and a catch up with some old friends and a lot of newbies we didn't know, all good to see on this run. Turned out to be 45 vaner's to enjoy this great spot, with plenty of room around our van sites.

Tuesday 4th Feb. we are all left to our own devices to finish off last minute organising around the camp, there always seems to be some little jobs that need attention that never seem to get done until your away.



Tuesday Happy Hour turned out to be sausages and mushy pees, with onion on a roll followed by a drink of your choice, (meaning whatever you supplied, be it rocket fuel or soft drinks) followed by more chat about solving the problems of the World. How easy it would be to solve all these problems with a group of caravaners sitting around talking shit, problem solved. A few stayed on to play cards and while away the night.

The sunset on the Lake that night was nothing short of breathtaking.

Wednesday 5th Feb. saw the group down for morning tea greeted with fresh baked scones covered in jam and topped with fresh cream, all created by the hands of Sue and Graham, they certainly have this job down to pat, well done. Following this Sue came to the four with a demonstration of flower arranging which the ladies of the club seemed to enjoy, Sue completed four arraignments that were raffled off at happy hour that evening via a lucky ticket given out for attending, to her excitement Fran was one of the winners.

Thursday 6th. Morning tea saw us being spoiled again with rock cakes freshly baked by Rod even refusing to let his wife Robyn have a hand in it, I think he may have got himself a permanent bakery job, A new position on the club board camp baker. Well done. Another warm and sultry day with just enough breeze to stop you melting, it's time for a swim, life is hard. That evening saw us off to the Tunncurry Bowling Club for dinner and Meat Raffle, the raffle turned fourtunes for six of our club members scooping the pool with the first three draws in a row going to three of the members. Everyone seemed to enjoy their meals and company, with all the lucky ones collecting their prizes it was time to head for our home on wheels for a good nights rest after another hard day in paradise.

Friday 7th Feb. Today we've been granted a free day by the powers to be, so Fran and I took advantage of this to do a couple of beach walks, out to the heads over in Tunncurry, another perfect day, with sun shinning and a gentle breeze, what more do we need, we are truly blessed.

a swim in the afternoon, dinner then Bingo tonight, run by Adrian with lots of chockies for prizes, the game that stops a nation. Happy hour went as usual with the normal banter and the too a throwing of funny stories about who had done what during the day.



Some person whom I don't want to incriminate with a name starting in B and ending in V with maybe an E somewhere in between apparently had one too many wines, (only a coupe of glasses she told everybody) I don't think she realised the glasses were schooler size glasses, it was reported that on her way back to her digs she took one step forward and two back, with a little wobble in between, resulting finally in a fall flat on her face. The recovery was more than amazing when she turned up for Bingo that evening. well done B _ V, your secret is safe with me.

Saturday 8th Feb. Today is another perfect day in paradise with morning tea over everyone headed off to do their own thing for the day, then a meet up for a quick game of Disc Bowls, everyone felt a bit rusty with some very wild throws with discs going in all directions. eventually it came down to the winners who were certainly the grinners, good laugh. Night time came and it was time for the all time favourite Trivia, run by the master himself John Smyth with what he says are easy questions, at least some were multiple choice which gave everyone a one in three chance to get it right. still a lot of fun and many laughs, well done John.

Sunday 9th Feb. Scones again from Sue and Graham for morning tea, they must have trouble sleeping to be up that early preparing and baking, greatly appreciated guys. Very lazy day for us, just lazing around and enjoying the serenity, how sweet it is, some days you need that.

Monday 10th. Feb. Didn't get to report on much today as Fran and I went back to Newcastle today to attend Mac and Vickie Henry's eldest son Chad's Funeral. It's very sad to lose a son so young. When we arrived back at Lakeside it was around 7:30, a storm had hit earlier which had sent everybody back to their vans, so I didn't get to hear any goss for this day.

Tuesday 11th. Feb. Bit of a sleep-in, then over for morning tea with more banter about solving the problems of the world, how easy it would be if we were in control, or so we think. A game of cards took the rest of the morning then after lunch the Girls did a trip around all the op-shops in the area, apparently there are a lot of them, so it kept them very busy for a few hours, then we were hit with another storm, short but brought the temperature down nicely, which brings on happy hour time again, life's tuff sometimes.

Some people do things without being asked or expecting any reward, but it should be mentioned, that being the job done by Bill..... of bringing Helen and John Smyth's van up to Forster for them, but not only that he also did the return trip taking their van back to the Central Coast for them. I know he wouldn't want the acknowledgement for this, but well done Bill.

The rest of the time went by as above with lots of laughs and new friendships formed.

Most pulled out on the Thursday, leaving just three vans to soak up the serenity for a few more wonderful days.

Another great time at Forster Great Lakes Caravan Park with a good deal made for next year, booked in.

REPORT FROM

Allan & Fran Lindsay

Stuart Point get together



As a lead into our South West Rocks Rally a few of us detoured into Stuart's Point for a few days. What a hidden gem this spot is. Probably not big enough to accommodate a club rally but certainly a top spot for relaxing, fishing and long beach walks.

A trip to the farmer's market at Eungai was a "hippie" experience with freshly brewed coffee and homemade goodies available as well as freshly harvested bananas, tomatoes and passionfruit.



The weather was perfect, Barry caught lots of fish for our supper and Debbie O'Brien made delicious scones for morning tea. After a lengthy discussion about the men's favourite old fashioned meal (that is rarely made for them these days) Debbie cooked up a batch of lamb's fry and bacon in the camp kitchen. It was yummy! Everyone enjoyed sharing the meal afterwards.



We also enjoyed the other sweet treats that were made along the way. Report Christine Knight



South West Rocks Club Event



Well as usual there was excitement around the up coming rally as we all rolled in ready to start the week at the Ingenia CP South West Rocks.



There was a bit of a cloud hanging over the adventure as cyclone Alfred was hanging around off the coast. This did not deter most of us as we rolled in and set up and headed for our get together to discuss the week's activities. As normal there were lots of giggles and frivolities at happy hour.



The next day saw a lovely day with us being able to start out with our disc bowls games but due to a large shower the rest if the games were cancelled.



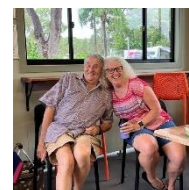


Although there were lots of showers and big seas. Many of us explored the area for the rest of the day and were not deterred by the weather at all. We were getting updates from the park and were given the option of leaving with a refund to any Ingenia park. Many of our club opted for this option, with a few more to leave Thursday morning.

The seas were absolutely spectacular. Nature has so much power and was so mesmerising. We saw rain on and off all day but still got out to see the sea display its might.



We still had happy hour with lots of laughs and those of us that were left were guided by the reports from the park but at that moment we were under no threat and still intended to fully enjoy our time.



Thursday was a really nice day. We still had a few showers but the sun was out and it was still very humid and warm.

We seemed to eat and drink a lot, by the time we finished morning tea it was time for lunch. 🤔🤔



Only a few turned up for bingo so we had to cancel, but we were able to get a card game up and going and they let me join in when I got there. The beaches were MIA and the swell was still quite large so no swimming was possible. Smokey Cape Lighthouse is always worth the walk up

a very steep hill to take in a magnificent view although it was a bit hard to see the horizon as clouds were very low.



This evening we had our BBQ, we all had a bit of a laugh and a great time

Friday was still not raining until about morning tea time. There was still no wind and towards late afternoon the rain had stopped again. Today we went to the Country Club for a great lunch. Some of us had seafood platter and others had a lobster caesar salad. All the food was yummy. We were so lucky that the weather did not really hinder our time.

On Sunday we were advised that as of high tide tonight we may not be able to get out due to the river flooding and closing the roads so even though the weather was nice we made the decision to pack up and leave. *We had such a great time and thank you to the organising committee for all their hard work.



Compost Toilets

Today we were lucky enough to have a presentation on compost toilets by a wonderful 8 year member of our club Clive Brill. The cost of the toilets range between \$1500 and \$2000 and are easily fitted by anyone with a little knowledge. Come in automatic or manual.

The biggest advantages of these toilets are

*Dump points are not necessary - Liquid waste can be disposed of in a normal toilet or under a tree and solid waste is bagged and put into a bin.

*The saving of water from your tank especially if your free camping



* There is no smell and no need for harsh chemicals.

* Peat blocks are readily available from Bunnings to be used in the toilet and are very cheap.

Please email or phone Clive, with any queries, as he is happy to answer all questions directed his way.



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DATES	DESTINATION	MEMBERS ATTENDING	CONTACT	PARK
31st Mar – 5th April	Go For “Broke”	Baird/Bickley C/C, Barnes D, Brill H.C, Cok W/A, Collins M/L, Delaney N/M, Edwards/Williamson S/G, Evernden/Palmer F/I, Howard A/B, Jeffs K/S, Knight C/J, Lindsay A/F, Newall G/M, Rogers R/R, Rohwer P/P, Sherwood R/C, Wilcox/Richardson G/J 17	Christine Knight	0432665841
7th – 20th Apr	Hartwood Campfires & County Music	Baird/Bickley C/C, Brennan S, Collins M/L, Curtis D/M, Delaney N/M, Eadie M/H, Howard A/B, Jeffs S/K, Kirk W/B, Lindsay A/F, Newall G/M, Rogers R/R, Ryan J/R, Schultz A/B, Sherwood R/C, Smyth J/H, Strachan N/K, Thomas R 17	Rod Rogers 0412 346 348	<u>info@hartwoodfestival.com.au</u> 0456 780 824
22-29 July	Xmas in July Hawks Nest	Baird/Bickley C/C, Cok W/A, Collins M/L, Cornwell J, Curtis D/M, Davidson P, Edwards/Williamson S/G, Fraser T/A, Kirk W/B, Knight J/C, Latham B/D, Lee-Sing S/W, Leotta A/L, Maranik A/D, McConville B/D, Moore/Dick T/M, Newall G/M, Palmer/Evernden I/F, Rohwer P/P, Rogers R/R, Sherwood R/C, Treacy/Wenning J/R, Wilcox/Richardson G/J, Wilkinson C 24	CLUB ORGANISED	Reflections Hawks Nest 02 4997 0239 BOOKING No. 1547500
4 – 11 Aug	North Haven	Collins M/L, Cornwell J, Insull/Doyle B/J, Kirk W/B, Lee-Sing S/W, Maranik A/D, McConville B/D, Moore/Dick T/M, Newall G/M, Rogers R/R, Rohwer P/P, Sherwood R/C, Thomas R, Treacy/Wenning J/R, 14	Rod Thomas 0419 980 945	North Haven Reflections 02 65599193

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DATES	DESTINATION	MEMBERS ATTENDING	CONTACT	PARK
8-15 Sept	Curtis Farm Stay	Baird/Bickley C/C, Col W/A, Collins M/L, Cornwell J, Delaney M/N, Edwards/Williamson S/G, Kirk W/B, Lee- Sing S/W, Newall G/M, Rogers R/R, Sherwood R/C 11		David 0418 493 822 Meg 0419 209 893
29 Sep – 7 Oct	19th Nat. Caravan Clubs Rally	Collins M/L, Davidson P, Kennedy/Cousins M/D, Ranse C. 4	Leonie Collins 0419 763 107	https://www.19thnationalcaravanrally.org.au
30 Oct – 6 Nov	Melbourne Cup	Barnes/Gosper S/G, Brennan S, Cok W/A, Collins M/L, Cornwell J, Dawson K/R, Delaney M/N, Edwards/Williamson S/G, Evernden/Palmer F/I, Kennedy/Cousins M/D, Kirk W/B, Knight J/C, Latham B/D, Lee-Sing S/W, Maranik A/D, Merrett/Wright J/P, Moore/Dick T/M, Newall G/M, O'Brien B/D, Rogers R/R, Rohwer P/P, Sherwood R/C, Smyth J/H, Strachan N/K, Treacy/Wenning J/R, Willcox/Richardson G/J 26	CLUB ORGANISED	Berry Showground PLEASE NOTE BOOKINGS OPEN EARLY AUGUST. PLEASE DO NOT TRY TO BOOK EARLIER.