

# Tuggerah Lakes Caravanners Inc.



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### **A Very Special Day:**

On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October Laurie and Betty Thomas celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding Anniversary as well as their 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday. A total of (50) fifty friends and family attended this special celebration at the Lake Munmorah Bowling Club. The family and friends had a great day of fun, laughter and memories with a beautiful meal then they enjoyed watching a DVD movie of Bettys and Lauries life. The day was a wonderful success

**Music Campout Bedgerabong.** The rally started off with members meeting all along the way to Macquarie Woods where we had 9 vans pull in over the 2 days we camped out. The fun started at Bedgerabong on Tuesday with many vans arriving to set up ready for the festival commencement on Wednesday. Last year 300 campers attended and this year a total of 310 joined in. 745

people attended overall. This led to a very successful campout for the Forbes Country Music Club. The Tuggerah Lakes Caravanners Club had fourteen members vans attending, many for the first time and two second timers who had spread the word after the performances from last year. Poets Breakfast commenced at 8.00am each morning and many locals and campers turned out for some great performances. What a bevy of talent we have in this country. Some participants recited their own compositions whilst others took to the traditional writers like Banjo Patterson and Henry Lawson. TLC had two entries in the competition, one from Peter Flippence and one from Des Cooper. Both received encouraging comments from the judges. This was soon followed by the daily Campers Walk Up Concerts at 10.00am with talent galore, ably assisted by the Forbes Country Music Club. Another concert was held each night from

7.00pm with campers and locals all getting into the swing of Country Music. Saturday and Sunday had music all day and the market stalls, especially RM Williams, gave the ladies a bit of added retail therapy. Thanks to all who supported our first rally. Allan and Sue

**Snippets from our Travels:** Ten vans left Dunedoo for Mudge in convey. Got to Mudgee my Tom Tom said straight ahead, Clarrie turned left. We followed, Clarrie, who wheeled in to Riverside van park, then Chris, the rest of us on road. Peter called 'are you right Clarrie', 'yep'. Unknown female voice 'are you caravans lost?' Clarrie 'I'm never lost'; voice 'it's just that you are all queued across intersection, but that's okay, I don't mind I have a van myself'. While Chris backed out and we all tried to get off the road somehow the voice came over again 'I'm just coming past you now, I'll turn round and help you'. A woman (no van in tow) got out of a car and spoke to Chris?? Meanwhile Clarrie did a loop of the van park and came back out.

Off we went with the woman again calling over CB 'left at clock tower, left at clock tower', Clarrie and Chris went straight ahead, we went left (tom tom told me to). We got to correct van park, Clarkes were already there, we booked in next and as the others came in Noel Cannard said to me, 'well it was obviously your fault as you're the ones who always get lost'. We have broad shoulders so took the blame, besides we probably did jinx Clarrie who had accidentally pressed button for park on his navigator below the one he wanted. I went to mass Sunday night, decided to take a different street and finished up back on the road to Gulgong – oops.. Side Trip to Stuart Town from Wellington. Stopped at park gate with everyone calling over CB what's the holdup leader? (that would be us – oh no) strap attaching the caravan extension mirror had come off bottom of the door. Why anyone lets us be leaders I do not know. Into S.Town, turned right, I said to Roy I don't think this is the way. Called over CB 'don't follow think we've gone wrong way.' Did a U turn, with other 5 cars following. We'd come into town from another road, after all it's only the 2<sup>nd</sup> time Roy has been there since he was a about 8y.o. We all went to the Rural Transaction Centre (internet café), run by volunteers , open 3 days a week . Coffee instant/teas and scones for 15 please. Also had packet cappuccinos, but not many as she ran out. The woman on duty quickly phoned for help, brought out a trestle table and chairs from hall next door. Some of our people helping. All seated and fed eventually; the women breathed a sigh of relief. Roy showed everyone where he used to live – the gatekeepers cottage, now disused, and we all hung around waiting for the 12.35 countrylink train to Dubbo. When it came through we all tried to get a photo of train, house in background and Roy. Clarrie succeeded, Roy very excited. Don't know

what train driver thought, a funny little overgrown railway foot crossing, with about 5 or 6 people taking a photo of the train. At Young, we went to distillery where Lyn Clarke also managed to buy 2 cherry tarts, then worried about them in the sun in car so sent Noel back to van with them. Ten minutes or so later he's back for the van keys. Down to Mad Harrys we went. Asked someone where Clarrie was? He'd just driven back to van park to retrieve forgotten wallet. I bought a clothes ainer (for home), been looking for one for ages but Roy said I didn't need it. Everyone waited with me until Roy came out of Harrys and saw it. They wanted to see the look on his face and what he was going to say. They weren't disappointed. Noel Clarke said that next time I was to give him more warning so he could have his camera ready to get Roy's reaction. Laurel xxxx

#### **Extracts from State Association Minutes:**

**Public Liability Insurance:** The insurance cover costs have been reviewed and van costs will now be \$7 per van. Each club must pay the liability insurance by 30<sup>th</sup> April each year. The basis of the insurance contribution will be the number of van members in each club as at 30 April at the rate of \$7.00 per van. This represents an 87% increase in the contribution rate.

**Casino Village Resort:** The Resort has agreed to a 15% discount (maximum \$50 per visit) for members of the State Association on production of a current State Membership Card. The discount is available for individuals as well as clubs.

**State Association Membership Cards** In the light of the agreement with the Casino Village Resort, the cards should continue to be issued.

**2013 State Rally at Kempsey Showground.** Port Macquarie Regional Club will be the host club..

**2014 STATE RALLY** This is proposed to be held at the Mingara Club on the Central Coast.

**Weight Tax:** The State received a response from the Minister for Roads and Transport in respect of our submission on the weight tax. He has asked the RTA to provide a report on bases of charging registration and taxes on caravans and trailers and that our submission will be taken into account.

**Oberon Rally October 2012:** Ten member vans attended the rally at Jenolan Caravan Park at Oberon and the weather was just perfect until Sunday, which turned cooler with a few sprinkles. Morning tea and happy hour saw us all get together and chat the hours away. Friday night we all went out to dinner at the local hotel and then on Saturday, 18 of us went out to Mayfield Garden for a really enjoyable day. What a place! 100 acres of garden and all agreed it was surely a sight to see. The weather was superb with a slight breeze to keep us cool as we walked for about 3 hours or more. These gardens are open for three weekends over both spring and autumn and we recommend a visit during these times. We will certainly be returning in another couple of years to see the autumn showing and the extension of the gardens that will be completed in that time. This Caravan Park is just fantastic. The amenities are great, there is grass on all sites, which are also quite large and all for just \$25 per

night. We can thoroughly recommend this park to members. Allan and Sue xx

**The Break-way Braking System, monitoring the battery.** This has come about because the new van we are looking at has a GTM of over two-tonne. Researching this subject is a real challenge with no specifications on how this is to be done to meet the full requirements of the law. This law has been in force since the Vehicle Standards Information NO.22 was Issued in April 1998. The RTA Vehicle Inspectors Bulletin No.06 April 1998 to how they carry out the inspections. This means if you get caught using the excuse you didn't know won't work. All I can say is if you get caught with a tow vehicle registered in NSW towing any form of trailer over two-tonne, fitted with a break-away braking system and there is no battery monitoring device where the driver can see in the tow vehicle, the tow vehicle will be issued with a defect. The trailer will have to be left where the defect was issued. My first reference to this was in issue No.178 of the Caravan & Motorhome On Tour Magazine page 203. The author welcomed any comments about this story. After more "googling" I found a site that seemed to have a solution to the problem. I emailed the author with what I had found and got the following reply.

Hi Max. I had a look at the site you mentioned before I wrote the article and, while I agree that they have a good solution, I remain concerned that there is no official standard for how the charging/monitoring should be done.

In the meantime I'm planning to write an article on how to wire up a NSW compliant charging/monitoring system in the near future and I'm thinking of using the RV Electronics product as a guide.

<http://rvelectronics.com.au/index.php?route=product/category&path=18>

CLICK ON IMAGE BS6000 FOR MORE INFORMATION

[A Remote Battery Monitor is required for NSW registration.](#)

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This makes additional parts needed for a breakaway monitoring system:

RM6000 remote battery monitor fitted in tow vehicle.

- 1.
2. 12 pin plug connection tow vehicle to caravan.
3. Breaksafe 6000 breakaway kit fitted to the caravan.

You have to look at the descriptions of both the RM6000 and the Breaksafe 6000 to understand how they meet the NSW regulations. If you currently have an unmonitored breakaway system you will have to upgrade the whole system, on your van and car to be compliant.

Max Maughan

**Sandbar Trip:** We had mostly great weather warm and sunny with a real friendly group of members. However of Friday night we had extremely strong wild winds. The winds shook annexes, awnings and even vans were buffeted with all members up and down all night. On the following morning Rick Riley received a phone call that his boat had broken its mooring & he had to return home. During the week we cooked lots of cakes, scones etc in the Turbo Cookers, also picklets & cream. One evening after happy hour we had a

Pizza cooking demo with the Turbos. All members found sufficient ingredients in their vans to make Pizza's. Ma had all the ladies cut up the meat, prawns and other foods and in all (15) fifteen Pizzas were cooked and consumed. The Riggers made a potato bake to accompany the Pizzas. What fun that was. Oh yes!! the lake was full of water however to cold for fish. The 9 hole golf course is ready for our next trip. We had a great time and many attendees have already booked for next March. Ma/Pa Kinnell xx

### **COMMITTEE of MANAGEMENT**

**Fee Increase:** The committee agreed that the Annual Fee renewal amount of \$15.00 per person remain unchanged.

**Narrabeen Up-date:** The President explained the site fees were still \$30.00 per night, \$50.00 for ensuite sites. The marquee arrives on Tuesday 30th Oct and will be removed on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Club BBQ:** A club B.B.Q. to be purchased and it will be available for any club trip.

**Club Questionnaire:** The committee is of the belief that we are heading in the right direction and believe the majority of members are happy with the places we visit and the length of our stays. The committee thought will use the survey again in the future

**Annual Fees (Renewal) Date 30<sup>th</sup> April v 30<sup>th</sup> June:** Due to the fact that the State Association moved the date of payment for the Public Liability Insurance premiums forward from 30<sup>th</sup> June to the 30<sup>th</sup> April. The General Meeting agreed to move our

annual renewal date forward to the 30<sup>th</sup> April. This will commence next April 2013. The only affect on our members being we will need to pay our fees two (2) months earlier. Our club will avoid paying unnecessary insurance fees for those members who do not rejoin.

**Daffodil Day:** The amount of \$203.80 was collected from our members and the committee has decided to increase the donation to \$300.00

**Raffle Contributions:** When the club was formed in 2006 we agreed members would supply a raffle prize in alphabetical order. The prize later changed to \$10 per member and the prize was money The C of M and a General meeting last October agreed to cease the \$10 payment but all members still on the list would need to pay the \$10. The Secretary has compiled a list of members who still need to pay their \$10.00 contribution (to the raffle). The secretary send an e-mail requesting these members pay their contribution

**Wedding Anniversary Register:** The committee will request members to list their wedding anniversary date when they renew their membership. When a 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary arrive members on email will then receive a special card from our welfare officer Cheryl Ducker. Members not on email will receive a posted card.

**Assistance for members when sick:** The committee discussed the possibility of offering assistance if a member is sick and needs help with something. When Welfare Officer Cheryl Ducker learns that the member is not well she will also inquire if there is a need for assistance and then

commence to organise help from willing members.

**Change of A.G.M. from November to January:** President proposed a motion that we move our Annual General Meeting from the current month of November to January. The reasons being January is School Holiday time and most of our members are "Off the Road" for the month due to crowded roads, high Caravan Park fee's and park crowds. By moving the AGM to January 2014 it will not affect anyone in any way except for those members elected this November. They will need to hold Office 2 months longer. The General Meeting agreed and this change will commence in January 2014.

**Social Director:** Remember to book in and pay your \$25 for Xmas Dinner Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

**Happy Hallidays Trip Sheet:** The February trip sheet will be available at Narrabeen for members to list names.

**DISC BOWLS LOCATION**  
No1: Disc Bowls Bill Rigger 43328539  
No2: Disc Bowls Roy Curnow 43695954

**FIRST AID KIT LOCATION**  
No1 First Aid Kit -Stella Roberts 4392 2428  
No2 First Aid Kit – Des Cooper 4393 3383

**LUNCH WINNERS**  
Halakulani lunch winners from the Members Sign in Book.  
\* Cheryl Ducker  
\* Lorraine Laney

**MONTHLY CLUB RAFFLE WINNERS**  
Winners of the monthly raffle  
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\$30 Barry Burrows  
\$20 Sue edwards

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**Next ---General Meeting +AGM**  
**Sunday 18th November 2012**  
Email:desmond.alicecooper@bigpond.com

## 2012--LIST of TRIPS

<b>Nov 1 – 8</b>	<b>ONE MILE BEACH ANNA BAY</b>	<b>1800 650 035</b>	<b>Contact G Johnson 4328 3743</b>
Cannard, Clarke, Cooper K/R, Dauncey, Green, Hennessy, Hoff, Johnson G/L, Kingsma, Maslem, Morris, Olsen, Patterson, Ranse, Rigger, Roberts, Svensson, Teesson, Williams G/K (19)			
<b>Nov 1 – for (7) ntsl</b>	<b>2012 NARRABEEN RALLY</b>	<b>DO NOT RING TO BOOK</b>	<b>Contact Kanes/Coopers 4333 9738 4393 3383</b>
Angell, Belshaw, Bickley, Bromley, Brown L/J, Burrows, Cooper, Crocker, Curnow, Davidson, Davies, Dew, Ducker, Field, Fletcher, Flippence, Geale, Haberfield, Henry, Holland, Howard, Kane, Kinnell, Latham, Laney, Lee-Sing, Luttrell, Majchrowski, Metheringham, McGillicuddy, Moore, Oakes, Pollard, Reid, Reilly, Reineker, Russell, Shoobert, Smith, Steel, Steele, Stewart, Thomas L/B, Wallace, Williamson, 45 Atkinson K			

## 2013 LIST OF TRIPS

<b>Jan 9-13</b>	<b>PARKES ELVIS FESTIVAL</b>		<b>Contact</b>
Sheehan, Aylett			
<b>Jan 24<sup>th</sup> 5 Days Only</b>	<b>HAPPY HALLIDAYS GRANDPARENTS TRIP</b>	<b>1800 555 454</b>	<b>Contact R/R Stewart</b>
Cooper, Ducker, McDonald, Shoobert, Stewart			
<b>Feb 3rd –???</b>	<b>TUNCURRY CARAVAN PARK</b>	<b>1800 227 275</b>	<b>Contact ????</b>
<b>Feb 7<sup>th</sup> for (7) nts</b>	<b>HAPPY HALLIDAYS</b>	<b>1800 555 454</b>	<b>Contact P/C Kane 4333 9738</b>
Cooper D/A, Kane			
<b>Feb 14<sup>th</sup> for 7 nts</b>	<b>SHOAL BAY HOLIDAY PARK</b>	<b>1800600 200</b>	<b>Contact C/P Stevens 4369 2759</b>
Eadie, Hassall, Henry, Howard, Johnson L/G, Majchrowski, McDonald, Olsen, Steele, Stevens, Thomas L/B 11			
<b>Mar 5<sup>th</sup> – for 7 nts</b>	<b>TERARA COUNTRY MUSIC CAMPOUT</b>		<b>Contact</b>
<b>Mar 8<sup>th</sup> –28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Southern Surfari</b>		<b>Contact</b>
Belshaw, Coltman, Davidson, Fletcher, Moore, Stevens, Thomas L/B,			
<b>Mar 7- for (7) nts</b>	<b>SANDBAR CARAVAN PARK</b>	<b>6554 4095</b>	<b>Contact D/V Kinnell 4390 8933</b>
Cooper, Crocker, Curnow, Dauncey, Ducker, Flippence, Geale, Henry, Hoff, Kennedy, Kinnell, LeeSing, Reilly, Rohwer, Rigger, Majchrowski, Pollard, Smith, Stewart, Teesson, Wallace, Webster, Williams G/K, (23)			
<b>Mar ???? </b>	<b>STATE RALLY</b>		<b>Contact K Patterson 4390 5658</b>
Patterson			
<b>Mar 24 – 31st inc</b>	<b>HARTWOOD COUNTRY MUSIC</b>		<b>Contact P/C Kane 4333 9738</b>
Bromley, Burrows, Cooper D/A, Cooper K/R, Curnow, Eadie, Geale, Hansell, Holmes, Howard, Kane, Latham, Olsen, Majchrowski, Meatheringham, Pollard, Ranse, Reid, Rohwer, Sheehan, Smith, Smyth, Steele, Sutton,, Williams G/K, 25			
<b>Apr 4 – 8 inc</b>	<b>BRIGADOON AT BUNDANOON</b>	<b>5 nights</b>	<b>Contact A/S Reilly 49720170</b>
Bickley, Cannard, Cooper D/A, Curnow, Ducker, Edwards/Williamson, Flippence, Geale, Hansell,Holland, Holmes, Howard, Kane, Majchrowski, Moore, Pollard, Reilly, Rigger, Riley R/M, Rohwer, Steele, Smith, Smyth, <u>Nill Power</u> Maslem, Migillicuddy, Steele, 26			
<b>Apr 4 -7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>SNOWY RIVER BUSH FESTIVAL CORRYONG</b>	<b>6076 1992</b>	<b>Contact</b>
<b>Sept 23 – Oct 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>NATIONAL RALLY ROCKHAMPTON QLD.</b>		<b>Contact K Patterson 4390 5658</b>

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Herod Josie	7-Nov
Latham Barry	9-Nov
Maughan Max	11-Nov
Kane Peter	12-Nov
Olesen Carole	12-Nov
Brown Betty	14-Nov
Spath Heather	16-Nov
Johnson Gary	16-Nov
Pollard Christine	17-Nov
Cooper Ken	19-Nov
Dew Al	19-Nov
Evernden Fay	20-Nov
Thomas Laurence	23-Nov
Latham Deborah	25-Nov
Pfyeld Keya	27-Nov
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Rohwer Peter	28-Nov
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