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Next General Meeting

Sunday 17th September, 2017

The Next meeting will include the AGM.

I have embedded a Nomination Form in both Word and PDF formats below so any member can nominate for any position.



AGM Nomination
Forms 2017.docx



AGM Nomination
Forms 2017.pdf

Nominations for committee positions must be into the Secretary by 10 September.

A MESSAGE FROM CHERYL

Just got an update on Bluey for you. He got out of hospital after being told he would most probably be in for 6 weeks. They put in a central line and sent him home. District Nurse comes every day to administer antibiotics and the blood suckers come twice a week to check the infection.

What happened was he had a septic separation and the prosthesis moved down into his femur about ¾ inch. This is why he was in so much pain

After a 5 ½ hour operation, with a new hip, he is now on the road to recovery, only needing a walking stick to get around. He will be house bound because of nurses coming to the house until 31st August, and antibiotics orally for another 3 months.

I think we will go out and celebrate after 31st.

Thanks for everyone's support, it helped get through the last two months.

Vale

Our sympathies go out to Richard and Lorraine Laney on the death of Richard's mother. She died peacefully. Mrs Laney was a regular judge of Fashions in the Field when we held Melbourne Cup at Narrabeen.

TRIP REPORTS

There are quite a few trip reports in this issue. Thanks to all those who sent them in.

Great Ocean Road and Murray River Trip Report.

There were only three vans on the trip but this did not limit our enjoyment. The trip commenced at Geelong where we had a week tripping around visiting the heritage of the Bellarine Peninsula. Some of us went to Melbourne by train to see "The Ladies in Black." Don't forget to arrange your Myki card to travel on Vic transport. We then moved on to Marengo. We had a nice park sheltered from the wind. We visited the Otway Lighthouse and the cable terminal for the first long distance underwater telegraph cable. Camping there allowed us to spend a day exploring the Great Ocean Road without a van in tow.

Our next move was past the Twelve Apostles and a few other spots where we were able to park our vans whilst doing the viewing. The next stop was at Warnambool where we visited the Maritime Museum and enjoy its night time presentation. Day time trips were made to the Cheese factory, Tower Hill and Port Fairy.

Portland was the next stop, it has the history of the first settlement in Victoria The port area was of interest as was the cable tram and the seals at Cape Bridgewater. We saw the seals on a boat trip others saw them by walking up the headland.. This was followed up with a stay at Pine Country CP near the Mt Gambier blue lakes. The sink

holes and other geological features in the district fascinated the group. The Main Corner Complex in the middle of town showed a film showing the long history of volcanic activity stretching from Kingston SE to Warnambool.

We then left the coast and headed for the Murray River. We made that a two day hop and found a nice good value park at Hopetoun for our nights stop. For our stop at Mildura we camped at the Buronga CP which is across the river from the Port of Mildura in bushland. We had a nice riverboat cruise for an enjoyable lunch at the Gol Gol hotel and return. Exploring the history of the area including the Chaffey pump, Big Lissie and the river lock. Jill and Pam found a great supplier of smoked bacon at Red Cliffs.

Swan Hill was next. We had some nice drives up and down the river. We all spend time exploring the Catalina museum at Lake Boga. It is located on the site of the WW2 flying boat maintenance base. Although it is not as well known as Rathmines it was of equal importance for aircraft maintenance during the war. The locals have done an excellent job of displaying one of the old Cats and other exhibits.

The next 5 days were over Easter and none of the parks wanted groups during that time, they are busy enough with their regulars so we headed away from the river to Heathcote. Despite reports that there was nothing to do there we were kept busy touring the district including Bendigo which was only ½ an hour away. It was also close enough to visit the Victoria Markets in Melbourne. We visited Bendigo for the Easter Parade where the major thing was the Chinese community parading their dragons. The CP there is very nice with a short walk to one of the best pie shops in Victoria. Our newcomers, Bruce and Glen left us there and headed for home.

Echuca was our last town along the Murray. Wet weather curtailed our exploring but we managed to see the old port area and have a cruise on the PS Emmylou. The shops there kept the women busy and of course there is a branch of the Beechworth Bakery there. From there it was time to head home. We spent a couple of day at both Griffith and Wagga Wagga. Jill and Pam spent a few days travelling home from there and we made it home in one day.

Peter & Yvonne.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Thursday 20th July – arrival day at Valla Beach there was as much excitement & fun as a school excursion or scout camp! We are new members of TLC club & we were immediately impressed by the friendliness & hospitality of everyone while they were setting up camp. There were 45 vans in attendance.

Morning teas & happy hours were well attended every day & a big thank you to everyone who ensured new members were all welcomed & included in table groups.

The Nambucca Valley offered plenty of daily excursions. Each day folk were off to see the local attractions – Bellingen, Nambucca Heads, Coffs Harbour, Sawtell, Urunga & Taylors Arms for lunch at the “Pub with No Beer”. There were plenty of quiet times – sitting under a tree reading or walking along the beautiful beach. Of course, there were those who tried their hand at fishing, Barry Latham taught Peter Rohwer the finer points of catching a big one. Peter promptly showed off by catching a 33cm flathead (Barry said)! Not to be out done, the following day Barry returned to camp all smiles with a flathead stretching to 68cms!

The highlight of the week was the “Christmas in July Dinner” on Saturday night where everyone dressed in their Christmas best ready for a good time. The dinner, attended by 86 revellers was delicious and thanks to Susan Edward’s negotiating skills we had a local entertainer providing fabulous dance music for those who graced the floor.

During the week there was a raffle with prizes donated by club members which together with the proceeds of the Bingo night raised \$360 for the Children’s Hospital. First prize was won by Bev Insull.

A big thank you to social director Susan and the TLC committee for the organisation of the week, the Devonshire morning tea, the BBQ dinner & hearty breakfast. Thanks also to Valla Beach Park who provided us with a BBQ dinner & Pancake breakfast which all gave great opportunities for fun & fellowship.

The fun & laughter continued all week even when two gallant gents were called on to rescue a damsel in distress locked in a toilet cubicle (names have been withheld to protect the innocent). Sadly all good things must come to an end and we look forward the 2018 rally at Middle Rock Port Stephens.

Chris & John Knight

Thursday 20th - We arrived 2.00 pm at Valla Beach, settled in, and at 4.30 wandered over to the Conference Room for Happy Hour. This room became TLC’s base for the rest of the week – for morning teas, happy hours and dinners. Every morning and evening, the Conference Room fire was lit as even though the weather during the day was perfect, early mornings and evenings got very chilly, so the fire was very much appreciated. Following Happy Hour, TLC Committee treated members to a BBQ dinner and before the meal, John Oaks and Susan Edwards welcomed everyone. Later on in the evening, it became known that Peter & Diane Flippence would be ‘tying the knot’ again – wonderful news - congratulations to you both.

Friday 21st - saw most of us turn up for morning tea. Perfect weather once again which prompted a lovely lazy day - some people sat in the sun, others walked and explored the river and beach, some played tennis while a few men tried their hand at fishing, and other members drove off to nearby destinations. 4.00pm saw us once again at Happy Hour.

Saturday 22nd - Following morning tea, a Free Day for club members.

At 5.00 we all gathered at the Woolshed for our Christmas in July dinner. We were welcomed by Graham Williams who presented us with a ticket which enabled us to a free drink from the Bar, provided by TLC. When everyone had arrived, we were asked to gather for a group photo which was followed by individual photos for those who wanted them and it wasn't long before our beautifully prepared two-course meal was brought out to our tables. The meal consisted of 3 meats, and lots of vegetables & gravy. Dessert was apple crumble, custard and icecream, followed by tea/coffee. During the meal, a resident of the park provided musical entertainment, which was much appreciated. Following dinner, many took advantage of the great music, and got up to dance. During the dance, prizes were awarded to the best dressed Christmas outfits – a good time had by all.

Sunday 23rd – 10.00am in the Conference room, members were spoilt by a Devonshire Tea prepared by Susan Edwards. Absolutely fantastic - the dampers went down very well. Once again, perfect weather conditions enjoyed by all. 4.00 pm saw us back for Happy Hour, and later on at 7.00pm we met again for Bingo in the Conference Room. Susan Edwards did a marvellous job as the “Caller” and kept everything running along smoothly. Great prizes were to be had – which were all donated by members of the Club. \$171.00 was raised for the Childrens' Ward of John Hunter Hospital. Well done – what a fantastic effort.

Monday 24th – 8.00 am saw us lining up for pancakes supplied and served by Valla Beach Park. They were beautifully made, accompanied by maple syrup and lemon. We are so spoilt! At 2.00 there was a Games afternoon in the Woolshed, followed by Happy Hour.

Tuesday 25th – Once again, 10.00 am morning tea, followed by a free day, and then 4.30 Happy Hour. We met for BBQ dinner at 6.00 provided for by Valla Beach Park. It was a great meal, and we were well provided for. During our meal the Raffle was drawn and it was revealed that \$189.00 had been raised for the John Hunter Childrens' Ward. This meant that with the Bingo night and Raffle, a combined amount of \$360.00 had been raised. Everyone is to be congratulated for contributing generously to such a worthwhile cause.

Wednesday 26th – As if we hadn't had enough food, we turned up at 8.30 for a cooked breakfast supplied by TLC which consisted of sausages, bacon, eggs, tomatoes, hash browns and toast. Absolutely wonderful breakfast, prepared under the watchful eye of Susan Edwards. Thank you to those members who prepared the food. Great effort. Today, the weather is once again perfect but sadly all good things come to an end. During the afternoon, people prepared for their next trip, taking down awnings and generally preparing for the inevitable departure.

Thank you to the Committee for your hard work – this week has been fantastic. We most certainly will be turning up again for another Christmas in July at Valla Beach.

Fay Evernden

Flathead caught by Barry Latham
at Valla Beach.



Happy Hallidays

We have just returned from our first trip to Valla Beach and Happy Hallidays and this is just a short note to say how much we enjoyed it. Valla Beach is ideal for such a large number of visitors and the Christmas in July dinner was exceptional. Happy Hallidays hosted a smaller number of TLC members but had the facilities to cope with those who were energetic e.g. water aerobics, tennis, mini golf, fishing etc. or to just relax. The Christmas in July River Cruise was a highlight of our stay.

It is obvious that a great deal of planning and organisation is needed to make these trips so enjoyable and thanks go to Susan and Bev especially, but to all those others who were assisting BBQing, serving dinners etc.

A special mention must be noted to those who undertook Duty of Care when one of our members suffered a medical incident and it was very pleasing to see everyone rally around. Fay immediately called for an ambulance which arrived within 35/40mins with Barry and Debbie Latham spending 4 hrs at the hospital waiting for the patient to be discharged. John Bryce offered to drive the patient's car/caravan back to their home whilst Helen Tanner was happy to drive their own car/caravan home. Hats off to you all!

We would recommend these 2 trips next year to those who haven't yet experienced them

Many thanks

June and Perc White

Happy Hallidays Trip July 2017

Moving from Valla Beach on Thursday we arrived at Hallidays on another lovely day. Checked in, set up and got ready for happy hour.

This was to be more of a relaxing week. Friday was a free day, so just our usual chatting, wandering. The walking groups set off at about 8am most mornings. Carole, Chris B and I walked down to beach, then across to the little café for coffee and raisin toast. Richard ABC walks much earlier than us so met us at café. Friday night we were picked up by the Nabiac Pub bus and off we went for Friday night raffles and dinner. Yum, delicious dinner and some of our group won meat trays.

Saturday up early (before 8am) and off to Taree for our boat trip along the Manning River. This was a Devonshire morning tea, then Xmas in July lunch including a delicious desert (an eating fest really), while travelling along the river. Another beautiful day and a good time was had by all.

There was tennis, mini golf and table tennis. I personally did none of that. Chris and Ross had their own little table tennis competition (don't know how their bodies felt afterwards). Our other event was Wendy Angell's water aerobic classes in the heated pool. Lots of fun and a little bit of exercise, (no bad thing).

Monday Bev had organised lunch at the Nabiac Pub and quite a few ventured across. We had a community dinner where some of us cooked and all of us ate. Delicious food.

Tuesday night some of us went down to Halliday's Tavern for ½ price pizza night. Someone, who shall be nameless, got back to his table and as he put his plate down his pizza slid off on to the floor. Oh well, 2 second rule, he picked it up and put it back onto his plate. It didn't look quite as appetising, but evidently it still tasted okay. Not sure how much weight I put on in the week, haven't been game to weigh myself yet. Think I'll wait a couple of weeks.

But what a great week we all had. Great company, glorious weather, good food, as much or as little exercise as we wanted. Bev Shoobert and Susan Edwards did a wonderful job and they, together with their helpers were very much appreciated.



Laurel Curnow

Ron and Lyn Belshaw ,
Amelia Cok, Carole Bickley,
Chris Baird .

HAPPY HALLIDAYS 'UNOFFICIAL' TLC CLUB TRIP 27/07 – 03/08/17

All that attended had 'sunny weather and a 'relaxing time. HH can't do enough for us. Use of the club room, fridge, free tea and coffee. Free barbecue facilities. Tennis, Putt Putt Golf, Swimming in the heated pool, Table Tennis, all at our fingertips.

After a Friday night, all group visit to the Nabiac Hotel, for their seafood and meat raffle (TLC cleaned up the prizes) members spread about after morning tea and did their own thing. Sandra Lee Sing shopped till she dropped, can't get enough clothes and accessories to take away on a cruise.

Bev Shoobert came up with the idea of a community meal, we all chucked in and the cooks created divine food, we were very well fed. Some went here, some there and each day came together for Happy Hour. Pizza night at the local Tavern went down a treat.

Miss Wendy took us for water aerobics, a few fellas joined in and Ross Ryan failed class 101 Floating. We splashed, giggled and had a great time. After Valla a lovely wind down closer to home, all who were there thanks for your friendship and company.

Jan Ryan

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Congratulations to the Winners:

August Free Lunch

- Noel Cannard
- Sandra Lee Sing

August Raffle

- **\$50** – Debbie Latham
- **\$30** – Graham Williamson
- **\$20** – John Bolcina

Members celebrating birthdays in xxx

<i>Clive Brill</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Judy Brown</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Paul Davico</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>Beverley Insull</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Raymond Forrest</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>Susan Edwards</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Paul Anderson</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>Thelma Hennessy</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>Norm Moore</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>Coral Calloway</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>Max Purcell</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>Lyn Coltman</i>	<i>22</i>
<i>Trevor Dennis</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>Margaret Oakes</i>	<i>30</i>
<i>Max Eadie</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>Gloria Shawcross</i>	<i>30</i>
<i>Bob Weissel</i>	<i>26</i>		
<i>George Kains</i>	<i>29</i>		

DID YOU KNOW, BY FLIPPO

There are more aeroplanes in the ocean than there are submarines in the sky.

That's very deep Peter!

2017 Trip Lists

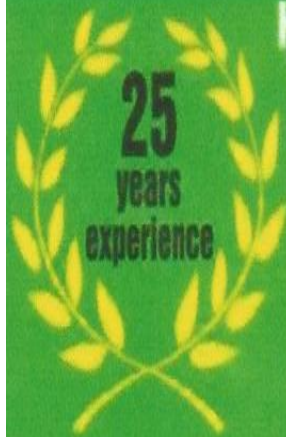
<u>DATE</u>	<u>TRIP DESTINATION</u>	<u>MEMBERS ATTENDING</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>	<u>park</u>
Sept18th- Oct 13th	Snowy Mountains Ramble	Belshaw, Cannard, Cooper, Curnow, Edwards/Williamson, Field, Fraser, Holland, Pollard, Stevens 9	Clarrie Stevens 43 692 759	
Oct 16th-22nd	Slim Dusty country music festival	Bolcina, Curnow, Eadie, Field, Geale, Holland, Hollington/Dunn, Howard, Hunt, Kane, Pollard, Schultz 12		1800 185 746 65 626 533
Nov 2 nd – 9th	TLC Melbourne cup Club Rally Paradise tourist park Tamworth	Angell, Belshaw, Bennett, Bolcina, Brooks, Bryce/Tanner, Cok, Cooper, Curnow, Dawson, Edwards/Williamson, Field, Geale, Hansell, Holland, Hollington/Dunn, Howard, Insull, Jager, Knight, Lee-Sing Lenane, Lethbarrow, Majchrowski, Marsland, Moore, Oakes, Olesen, Pollard, Reilly, Rohwer, Ryan, Shoobert, Smith, Smyth, Thomas F/R, Treacy/Wenning, Wells 38	Bev Shoobert 43 902277 0427 902277	To Book Ring 67 663 120
Nov 20 th -30th	Narrabeen Leisure trip	Baird/Bickley, Bolcina, Clarke J, Cooper, Curnow, Davidson, Dew, Ducker, Eadie, Edwards/Williamson, Flippence, Gibbs, Henry, Holland, Hollington/Dunn, Holmes, Howard, Insull, Kane, Lee-Sing, Lindsay, Majchrowski, Marsland, McGillicuddy, Merrett/Wright, Moore, Pollard, Reilly, Riley, Roberts, Rohwer, Ryan, Schultz, Shawcross, Smith, Smyth, Wells 37	Des Cooper	43 933383
Dec 28 th – Jan ?	New Years Eve Hawaiiin Rock N Roll party at The Olesens property	Belshaw, Bolcina, Brooks, Calloway, Cok, Collins, Edwards/Williamson, Hansell, Howard, Jager, Majchrowski, Maranik, Merrett / Wright, Moore, Oakes, Olesen, Palmer / Evernden, Ryan, Shoobert, Smithers, Smyth, Thomas, Treacy, Wells 23	Carole & Peter Olesen	0408 771 090

		2018		
Feb 1 st – 8th	North Haven Beachfront caravan park	Laney		65 599 193
Feb 8 th – 22nd	Shoal Bay Holiday park	Majchrowski, Stevens		49 811 427
March 1 st -8th	TLC Club Rally Middle Rock	Belshaw, Bennett, Bolcina, Bryce/Tanner, Cok, Collins, Curnow, Davidson, Dick/Moore T, Ducker, Eadie, Edwards/Williamson, Fraser, Gibbs, Hansell, Holmes, Howard, Insull, Jager, Kains, Knight, Laney, Latham, Lee-Sing, Lenane, Lindsay, Luttrell, Majchrowski, Merrett/Wrihr, Moore, Oakes, Olesen, Palmer/Evernden, Pollard, Reilly, Rohwer, Shawcross, Shoobert, Simpson, Smithers, Smyth, Steele, Stevens, Thomas F/R, Treacy/Wenning, Wells, 46	Tour Director 43 902277 0427 902277	To book ring Park 49 821 162
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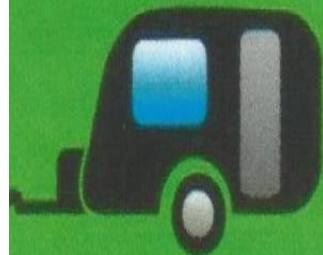
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