

# Tuggerah Lakes Caravanners Inc.



## **NEWSLETTER No 31 – March 2009**

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**2009 Narrabeen Rally:** The Committee approved that the Tour Director re-book Narrabeen from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> November 2009 inclusive. Trip Sheet will go up on the board in June and we will require members to book and pay deposits by the close of the October meeting

#### **Tamworth View from the Stewarts:**

Ron and I would like to thank Anne and Lloyd very much for organizing our trip to Tamworth for the 2009 Country Music Festival. We have talked about going to Tamworth for many years but always thinking we would not be able to find good accommodation. Thanks to Graham, Sue and family we had the best spot in Tamworth. The stars at night were big and bright and so clear it was lovely. Ron loved the horses and it was so quite to come home to after a big day in town. Sue and Graham were the perfect hosts and they really looked after us. Thanks once again to all for a nice week - The "Blow Flys"

were the best band in town *Ye-Hu Ron/Rhonda Stewart*

**The Tuncurry Trip:** This was a huge success thanks to the great efforts of our Social Director Coral Kane who was assisted by Rhonda & Ron Stewart, Robyn & Bill Rigger, and Joy & Norm Moore. The weather was kind to us though a bit on the warm side and the water was just perfect for cooling off. The cocktail party on Tuesday evening was a hoot with everybody making an effort to dress up (or down) and the range of cocktails was mind-boggling (and so were the names of the drinks). On Thursday the boat trip to the winery was fabulous. Morning tea, then lunch was provided on the boat before we were bussed to the winery. Steve, the manager gave us a great talk on wines with a full range of tasting from whites through reds and port. Then back on the boat for apple pie and cream as luncheon dessert afternoon tea on the way home. Sadly there were no dolphins on display this year due

to the influx of fresh water from the rains the previous weeks. Tuncurry Beach Caravan Park has been a wonderful venue for the past two years but now it's time for a change so for next year we are going over to Happy Hallidays Holiday Park at Hallidays Point who offers a better deal and far better facilities for our group. *Tour Director Clarrie*

**Grandparents Day Table Minders:** On the Sunday of our Grandparents day in dawns early light (6am) Rhonda & Ken Coopers and Margaret & Ray Sutton again arrived at Canton Beach to "guard our spot and tables". The group then with buckets of hot water that they carried from home proceeded to wash and scrub all tables and seats. Once again thank you They held this position until reinforcements arrived(8am).

**Ulmarra Showground NSW:** Clarence River Council has opened the Ulmarra Showground, known as Small Park, as a rest area for self contained vehicles. The

cost is \$8 a couple. It is located in Coldstream St and there are some great shady spots available. There is a time limit of 72 hours per stop over. It is on the bank of the Clarence River some 12k North of Grafton. It is on a 12 month trial so if you can give it your support

**Tuncurry Trip February 2009** Thirty seven vans attended the recent Tuncurry trip for a week of fine weather and fun filled entertainment. Daily activities included walking, fishing, disc bowls, regular bowls, movies, golf, shopping and family visits and swimming in the pristine waters of the channel which runs between the ocean and Wallis Lake,. The most popular activity of course was the daily happy hour. On the Monday night happy hour extended into a fish and chip run with most of us taking advantage of the special at the local fish shop. Thanks to Coral and her helpers for doing all the orders and deliveries. Tuesday night was the much anticipated cocktail party which was great fun and a resounding success. Everyone dressed for the occasion. Men dressed in shorts thongs, white shirts bow ties and top hats whilst the ladies wore elegant chiffon, satin and sequined dresses, fascinators, stoles, wigs and jewels. Should be some great photos. As for the cocktails if anyone was under the "illusion" that the linguistically compromised "Freddie Fudputter" had a "lovers cocktail" on a "golden afternoon" "between the sheets" with a "virgin" in pursuit of a "screaming orgasm" they would be surprised to find it was a "brain tumor" that made him dream of such a "seduction". The "banana cow" and "monkey's lunch" were reserved for the "sweet 16" year old. Did I mention

there was an impromptu visit by the Village People? I was mesmerized by the show of masculinity, bare chests, bottoms, feathers and hard hats. Look out ABBA. The crowd was unanimous in their appreciation of Coral for organising the event and Ron and Rhonda for making the spirits for the cocktails. The waiters and waitresses worked hard and kept the drinks coming. No wonder we had such a good time. Wednesday night was fun too as we had pies, peas, potato and gravy after happy hour what a hoot!! Thanks to the cooks, dare I say Coral and Co.? Thursday was fabulous with a (fully licensed) cruise of Wallis Lake which included morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea and a stop over at Great Lakes Boutique Winery for some very good wine tasting. Mind you the trip is not all about how much you can drink it is the socialization and development of friendships that we all enjoy. Maybe the alcohol helps a bit. Friday was a quiet day a game if disc bowls and a sit under what ever bit of shade you could find. Saturday some of us got the roam around the markets down by the bridge whilst other Tuggerah Lakes Caravanners packed up and left. Congratulations to the organisers, the Social Director and the Tour Director. We hope to do all that again next year.  
*Pam & Keith Woolfe*

**2009/2010 Annual Fee's:** Our Treasurer is now ready to start collecting our yearly fees. The \$15 per person fees must be paid by the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009. There will be no follow up phone calls chasing renewals

### **State Association Report**

**CIL Insurance** The National President advised that the agreement with CIL insurance had been signed. The national association is now an agent for the CIL company. Members requiring a quote for insurance **must quote this number 14310549**. The phone number to ring is 1800 112 481.

**Park Discounts:** Discussions are being held with Dineen Enterprises who manage a number of caravan parks along the coast about regular discounts for all club members.

**Parking Area Yass:** Victorian Associations reported that there was a free parking area at Yass however there is a conflict between the State entities, owning the area and the local council. The council ranger issued a caravanner with a fine of \$150 for illegal camping. The matter is being pursued but caravanners should be warned

**Rosehill Caravan & Camping Show** will be 18th to 26th April, 2009. This may create a problem as it is over the Anzac Day weekend

**Maitland Caravan & Camping Show.** The representative advised that the Maitland show would be held 22nd, 23rd & 24th May 2009

**TAMWORTH MUSIC FESTIVAL 2009**  
Thanks to Lloyd and Anne for a wonderful time at Tamworth. They gave us "virgins" a tour of the town and pointed out places of interest and the best clubs and pubs and generally kept an eye on us city folk. Graham and Sue that own the property we stayed on were friendly and called down most afternoons to check on what we put in the chook and dog feeding container.

Keira, their daughter gave us a guided tour up the hill to view the countryside. Thank goodness she did as we would have come back covered in thorns and thistles and would have been a sorry sight. We had a giggle when she told us that when the horses have overfed in the paddock they put them in the Jenny Craig yard! We told our hosts we were having a “baked dinner” for tea one night which was really baked beans and they told us that out bush it is called “bush caviar”. Baked beans are certainly becoming more up market! We mostly spent the week watching the buskers on Peel Street, going to pubs and clubs and a free concert at night with Lee Kernaghan and Co. We enjoyed seeing the Johnny Cash show and a rodeo at the brand new \$30 million Equine Centre. We went to see Pixie Jenkins who was not everyone’s cup of tea – it probably depended on what kind of “fiddling” you are into. The days were hot but the nights were cool. We really enjoyed the campsite when the sun went down and had many happy hours with our fellow club members. There were only eight caravans which is a good size to have a friendly chat with everyone. Thanks again Lloyd for organising a great week.  
*The Beesleys*

**2009 Tuncurry Trip:** What a beautiful week of fun, you had to be there, to fully appreciate the member’s involvement in all the activities. On the Friday evening a bus was organized to take members to the Forster Bowling Club for dinner. Saturday was a day of arrivals and a lot of members went fishing. Then came Sunday when we met for happy hour it was just normal then as the happy hour progressed we got

“louder and louder”. Monday night saw about 47 members lining up for a fish and chip dinner deal. Tuesday was our Cocktail Party well nearly everyone turned up in a wide variety of unusual dress, it is so wonderful how our members join in the fun. I should not mention names but for the whole evening Bill Rigger, Norm Moore and Rhonda Stewart continually mixed up cocktails for some 70 plus people. Of course we had some active drink hostesses in Sandra Le-Sing, Cheryl Dew and I carrying a steady supply to all. Just as we settled into a beautiful cocktail drinking routine we were told that we had a surprise group of entertainers in attendance. It appears three of our ladies were up at the local pub earlier in the day and they were chatted up by non other than “The Village People” ( Seniors Edition). For further information on dress etc you will need to talk to someone who attended i.e. Ron Stewart, Will Le-Sing or my Peter. Thanks fellows it was beautiful. Wednesday was a Pie and Mushy Pea night and this was followed on the Thursday with our Cruise and Wine Tour which also turned out to be a full day of fun. The food was really nice and the wines also flowed. The members again requested that the Tour Director organize a trip for 2010 and we have already put our name down again next year. Thanks to all the workers who jumped into assist in the many tasks to make it a week of fun.  
*Social Director Coral Kane*

**Tow Ball Adjustment Screw:** Have you checked your caravan connection to your vehicles tow ball? To carry out a test both should be connected and the adjusting screw should be tightened onto the ball then backed off slightly. Then test lifting the

van off the ball if you cannot remove it you will need to back the screw off until you can. The bottom line is there should be minimum movement between the two. But as always remember to keep the ball well greased. *To assist the ladies with unwanted grease marks always place a little cap over your greasy tow ball xxx*

**2009 M & G Cessnock** The C of M has now prepared its program for the Meet and Greet (Eat). A copy of the program has been sent all members

**WANTED TO BUY:**

One set of Sheppard hooks  
**Phone Peter Kane 0412 605 887**

**Please note THE FOR SALE items have been moved two pages down**

**SOCIAL CALENDAR**

***March 7 -8 Country Music Festival on the Green at The Entrance***

***Barefoot Bowls at Ourimbah RSL tea/coffee \$10 (Coming soon)***

**Social Director Coral Kane  
4333 9738**

**Late Trip Notice to Adelaide:** Following the closing of the State Rally on the 15<sup>th</sup> March the Wildmans, Steels and maybe the Bullock/Brownings are going on a trip from Berry to Adelaide. After Adelaide they may turn left to Perth or right and come back home. For further information ring Mike on 0412279102

**Hope to see you on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March.**

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D/R Hart/Hayes      March

J/R Hendy            April

Green L/B            May

**Would you please supply the \$20**  
**direct to Treasurer Bill Patterson.**

## TLC BIRTHDAYS.

### APRIL

Veronica Williams	1 <sup>st</sup>
Beryl Howard	4th
John Salmon	4th
Peter Robinson	6th
Alan Smithers	13th
Barry Green	14th
Lee Green	14th
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## Current Trips - with paid deposits

Date	Venue	Phone	Pets	Deposit	Cards	Trip Leader	T/L Phone
<b>March 8th - 15th</b>	<b>State Rally - Berry</b>		<b>NO</b>	<b>\$15 with rego</b>	<b>Cash/cheques</b>	<b>Katie Patterson</b>	<b>4390 5658</b>
ATTENDING: Beesley, Brown L/J, Curnow, Fletcher, Holland, Lambert, Lanci, Pansini, Patterson, Purnell/Filmer, Roberts, Ryan, Stevens, Teesson, Webb, Wildman ( Total 16)							
<b>March 15th - 21st</b>	<b>Gerroa Shores</b>	<b>4234 1233</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>\$85 with Rego</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Stevens</b>	<b>43692759</b>
ATTENDING Beesley, Bengier, Curnow, Easter, Fletcher, Hendy, Holland, Roberts, Stevens, Thomas, Woolfe, (Total 11)							
<b>March 25th - 31st</b>	<b>Meet &amp; Greet - Cessnock</b>		<b>Yes</b>	<b>\$15.0 to Treasurer</b>	<b>Cash/Cheques</b>	<b>Committee</b>	
ATTENDING Brown J&L, Burrows, Cannard, Cooper R&K, Cooper A&D, Courts, Curnow, Eadie, Fisher, Fletcher, Grady, Holland, Howard, Johnson L&G, Kane, Lewis, Luthje, Maclean, Marsh, McDonald, Moore, Murgatroyd, Patterson, Purnell/Filmer, Reynolds, Rigger, Ryan, Sheehan/Ranse, Stevens, Stewart, Sutton, Teesson, Webb, Woods, Smith (Total 36)							
<b>Early April</b>	<b>Great Southern Trek</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Not required</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>David Gross</b>	<b>43250668</b>
Attending							
<b>April 6th - 13th</b>	<b>Hartwood</b>		<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Des Cooper</b>	<b>43933383</b>
ATTENDING: Beesley, Bickley, Broadhurst, Brown J&L, Burrows, Carr, Coles (Visitors), Cooper D&A, Cooper R&K, Courts, Eadie, Filmer/Purnell, Fletcher, Fuller, Gordon, Holmes, Howard, Kane, Lambert, Lamrock, Lanci, McGowan, Pansini, Ranse, Rigger, Sheehan, Sutton, Webb (Total 28)							
<b>April 13th - 18th</b>	<b>Warrumbungles</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>TBA</b>	
ATTENDING: Howard, Fuller, Holmes (Total 3)							
<b>April 20th - 24th</b>	<b>Gundagai</b>	<b>No</b>		<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Not Sure</b>	
ATTENDING: Clarke, Evans (Total 2)							
<b>April 24th - 30th</b>	<b>Beechworth</b>	<b>03 57 28 1421</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>\$50 with Rego</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Des Cooper</b>	<b>43933383</b>
ATTENDING Clarke, Cooper D&A, Evans, Fisher, Fuller, Holmes, Murgatroyd, Williamson (Total 8)							
<b>May 8th - 10th</b>	<b>Weekend at Vineyards</b>	<b>9627 1847</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>\$30 with Rego</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Stevens</b>	<b>43692759</b>
Attending							

June 2nd - 8th	Blue Water Country Music Festival - Shoal Bay	1800 600 200	No	\$50 with Rego	Yes		
ATTENDING:	Curnow, Hughes, Marsh, Webb (Total 4)						