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NEXT MEETING - Sunday, May 19th, 2024

Meeting Held 21st April 2024

This was a General Meeting

Members: 65 Attended, 11 Apologies and 3 Visitors

Annual fees are now overdue.

They are the same as last year \$25 per person/member. **Please pay A.S.A.P.**

Kind regards Robyn.

Raffle Winners

\$50.00 Sandra Lee-Sing

\$30.00 Robyn Nutter

\$20.00 Marilyn Kennedy

Winners of Gift Cards donated by **Creightons**

\$30.00 Coles Card – Dave Curtis – Sandra Lee-Sing

\$20.00 Coles Card – Joan Cornwell - Di Rees

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

Bill O'Brien and Beryl Howard

It was reported in last months minutes and newsletter that Tom McLoughlin won the \$50 cash prize but this was an error on my part. The winner was actually Geoff Newell. Thanks Fay

Birthdays for May

Marsland Peter	8-May	Bickley Carol	11-May
Gosper Graham	10-May	Rees Di	22-May
Smyth John	13-May	Field Gail	19-May
Laney Richard	14-May	Nutter Robyn	24-May
Field Len	20-May	Bohringer Liz	27-May
Eames John	21-May	Neale Kerran	27-May
Williamson Graham	30-May		



SOCIAL REPORT APRIL 2024

Hope you have all enjoyed your travels over the last few months and share your memories and adventures with us all.

Christmas in July rally/trip is being held at One Mile Beach Ingenia caravan park you will find information on table. Melbourne Cup is being held in Tamworth as we haven't been there for a few years.

This year for Christmas in July thought it might be something different to decorate your vans in Christmas lights and all things Christmas and decorate your own tables for the luncheon more details later.

All trip information is on table for you to look at and put your name on list if you would like to attend.

My apologies as I will not be at next meeting.

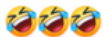
Janis

THE CRANKY MEN TRIP



12th March we left Armidale and headed towards Glen Innes. We stopped at Guyra so we could check out the car museum and have some morning tea. We arrived at Glen Innes Showground just before lunch and were spoilt for sites. After lunch we did a drive up to the lookout and checked out the town. Some lovely façades on the old buildings. We had a lovely afternoon with coffee in the old bank which is now a cafe.

We had happy hour and Des shared some great poetry and stories with us. After dinner some of us caught up with a few others for dessert and drinks. Of course, I was dared to climb into the cage which I did.

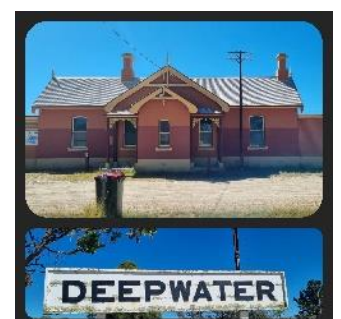


13th March on my early morning walk I took on part of the heritage Walk. It was lovely to see all the lovely well-maintained façades of the old buildings. Even Coles is found in an old building built in 1885 the 1st store in Glen Innes. You don't even realise that Coles is opened and in here as it has none of the outside signs. It even

has the original art Deco glass



We went out to the Australian Standing Stones where we had a lovely morning tea. As I had only seen the Australian Standing Stones 12 months ago I enjoyed the sun while the others took in these rocks which were erected in 1991 as a monument to the Celtic people. We headed to Emmaville and invaded this small country pub for lunch. Seeing there was 18 of us, with no notice, they did a wonderful job. We headed across the road to the museum where the owner gave us a bit of a spiel about the town. Emmaville owned by Scotsman Gordan. In 1872 piano tuner fossicked and found tin. He staked a claim near Deepwater but never worked the land and sold for an extravagant amount to a large cooperation. It was

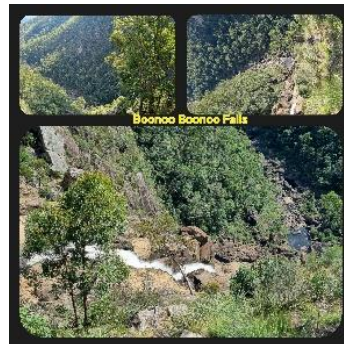


originally known as Vegetable Creek and was where the Chinese camp was. Chinese at one stage outnumbered Europeans as they came to stake claims to mine for tin. The name was changed name in 1882 to Emmaville.

Debbie Wells from Emmaville was the youngest Olympian at 15 yrs competes 1st in 1976. She was 100m sprinter and known as the Emmaville Express and her parents still live in the town. The museum was an eclectic collection but was excellent with a large gem display.

Thursday 14th March saw another pack up and moving on to Tenterfield. Even though it was only 100km we stopped in at Deepwater for morning tea. The little cafe was decorated with seats to represent motor cars. We stopped at the bakery to grab Jimmy a pie for lunch before going around and checking out the old railway station. There was also a little old house still occupied but would be great to do up. We headed to Tenterfield and set up and had lunch. We then went for a drive on Tourist Route 9. The country side was beautiful with cattle and sheep strolling across the road as we meandered along the road. It was amazing to see large rock outcrops that were beautiful. We stopped and had a look at Mount Mackenzie Lookout which overlooks Tenterfield. The last thing on our list to see was a huge cork tree. It is hard to imagine how light this wood is.

Friday 15th March Another day of many things planned the 1st thing we checked out was the F1-11 crash site where 2 pilots lost their life in a training exercise.



It was then on to Thunderbolts Hideout. Here he used it as a hunting and hiding ground. WW2 Tank Traps were next. These were low profile, defensive positions against tanks.



Boonoo Boonoo Falls and morning Tea were next on the list. These are lovely falls and a relatively easy walk even Jimmy was pleased he did it. They start up the top with a large pool running down the valley with various small falls until the last big drop.

Bald Rock NP and lunch. Bald Rock is a challenging climb up the largest granite rock in Australia. At various levels up the rock the view is spectacular and ever changing. YES I did reach the top and was glad I did as it was amazing. On the way down I had a bad case of jelly legs. Was so glad I rose to the challenge and conquered the Rock.



On the way back we called passed some decorated hay bails that Chris and John had found on an earlier drive.

We ended the day with a lovely meal at the bowling club.

Cranky Rock 16th and 17th Saturday we were off again. Some of us went via the scenic route from Tenterfield to Ashford then Warialda. It was a very nice drive with lovely scenery



We stopped at Asford, where we had a lovely morning tea of vanilla slice made by Christine. They were delicious. We headed into Warialda where we picked up some supplies and then onto Cranky Rock. Cranky Rocks apparently got its name from a 'cranky' Chinaman who murdered a Warialda woman. The legend goes that he was chased by the police and evading capture by leaping off the high rock to his death. Leading to the tale of Cranky Rock.

After we were all set up and explored the area, we all came together for happy hour, (with the many chooks that wanted to share with us) then went off and had dinner but came back together for the Cranky Rock Movie night.



John and Ian had bought a screen, projector, sound system and the Cranky Old Men movie. We sang God save the king as apparently this is what happen in picture theatres. (Bit before my time) We had the popcorn lady (Chris) who bought around the popcorn but no sixpence for popcorn we got that for nothing all made by Chris and in special boxes. Usually, a show was a shilling but that was also waived due to the outdoor venue. As we sat enjoying the film a light drizzle continued, so at half way through we called it quits to be completed tomorrow.



Sunday saw me up to capture the sunrise in this beautiful setting. Today being St Paddy's Day, our celebrations took place at morning tea, again with Chris supplying decorations and green food. It was so much fun. Jimmy and I went into town to grab some diesel when we saw a house with lots of interesting displays which for a donation you could wander around the yard. Very fascinating and a bit of



fun.

This evening we had cranky men and woman stories, jokes and presentation of little Cranky faces for one of the things we did during the trip. Just a bit of a laugh. We got to see the other half of the film this time Chris providing Cranky me chocolate.

HARTWOOD REPORTS

We arrived at Willow Tree with Sandra and William Lee-Sing and met up with Coral and Peter Kane and Chrissy Pollard. We had a great happy hour just enjoying the quiet.

On Monday 18 March we left there and headed to Hartwood hoping for a great two weeks and that's what we had. We saw more of our group arrive during the day and once we were all set up we had happy hour. We didn't have a fire as the weather was fantastic so we sat around talking about our trip and organizing events for the week.



Our first trip was to Coonabarabran where we had lunch at the Golden Sea Dragon Chinese Restaurant which was fantastic. Once we had finished, we all headed off to restock supplies at Woolworths. As it was Sandra's birthday on the Thursday we organized a trip into the pub at Tambar Springs with two cakes. As you can see from the photo, she was very surprised.



John Mannix a friend of one of our newer members offered to take us on a four wheel drive trip around Coolah Tops and Pandoras Pass. This was fun morning out but a little rough. Here are some photos of the gang and the view.



The last show was great and I'm sure everyone had a great time. Can't wait until next year.



Fay & Rod Thomas

Well where does one start, David & I had a great time the heat was a bit much at times the funny part of that was watching everyone at the shows walking around from place to place with their chairs attached to their bottoms looking for a shady place to sit and watch the show, you would get about 30 minutes then the sun would move so off we would all go searching with the chairs attached quite funny. The walk up entertainment left a bit to be desired but the main entertainment on the Easter weekend was awesome.



Our trip home was a journey to remember we got great advice as to

how to get back home via Murrurundi as usual David & I didn't listen carefully enough we were told to come out turn left then turn right then right again Premier was mentioned don't go into Tamworth so we didn't go to

Tamworth we being the operative word turned right into Premier and kept going along 30k's of corrugated dirt road we we got to the end of that and the GPS told us to turn right I looked down that road and it was another corrugated dirt road again so I

screamed at David and said don't you dare go down that road, there was a tarred road in front we didn't know where went I made sure he did not go off it, so happily we keep going and finally found our way to Murrurundi three cheers for us.



Thank you, Coral, for all your hard work we really did have a great time. PS we are no longer talking to Rod Rodgers our caravan smells like a bush fire, HA HA

Meg & David Curtis



Just a few snippets of the awesome time had at Hartwood. First the set up then time to get a fire started. We had a few outings. Lunch at the Chinese restaurant in Coonabarabran was yummy. Lunch at Tambar Springs to celebrate the birthday of Sandra Lee-Sing. We had a road train trip around the country side led by John Mannix and fun was had by all that participated.



We had a great morning tea even having a damper bake off. Two participants and two winners. As usual we had a great time listening to the country artists, enjoying many happy hours. There is only one thing wrong it wasn't long enough. Chris McLoughlin



THE JOY OF TRAVELLING WITH TLC

It's easy to be critical of any organisation and wish for things to be different but it's also good to reflect on the positive things. On the last day of our Grumpy Old Men Trip we sat around at afternoon tea time and brainstormed all the good things we had enjoyed over the previous two weeks. Here is our list -

- Stopovers along the way where we all learn new things e.g. Wallabadah First Fleet Park
- Armidale tourist info bus trip - opportunities that we wouldn't bother with if we were travelling on our own.
This gave us access to a magnificent historic home that we wouldn't normally have had.
- Supporting each other - this is a **BIG** one, when no one asks for help but help quietly arrives by the ever willing kindness of travelling buddies. On this trip... * electric lights in a van not working. * leaking pipes under a van. * a broken caravan leg. * faulty tyre requiring the purchase of three new tyres. * a broken awning. * a forgotten two way radio but someone has a spare.
- Keeping in touch when we were on the road for safety messages like cattle on the road & a wallaby hit.
- Points of interest pointed out that would otherwise be missed e.g. Thunderbolt's hideouts, decorated hay bales and WW 2 tank bunkers, bicycle tree and python/snake.
- Patronising as many bakeries as possible and supporting the economy of smaller shops in little townships.
- Additions to our ladies' wardrobes at shops in small towns that needed our financial stimulus.
- A broken Anderson plug dragging along the road noticed by the following club member - then help to repair it at Warialda.
- Experience of "fun" nights - movies, joke sharing, bush poetry.
- Less cooking for the ladies as we support "last night" pub meals.
- Happy hour reviews of the day's activities and plans made for the next day - contributions of members so everyone was able to suggest ideas of what to see e.g. our day in Emmaville the great museum and pub lunch that was a real surprise for such a little town.
- The variety of choices - like the trout farm, Walcha show, Guyra Poetry hall, Mother of Duck ponds and the crazy garden at Warialda.
- Care for singles - making sure everyone was included.
- Dirty cars were guaranteed!
- Discovering new unexpected places.
- Meeting the unique caretaker, Jackie, at Tenterfield who brought in everyone's washing when it started to rain and then joined us at the club for dinner.
- People's willingness to share their treats at morning teas and happy hours.
- Encouraging people to step outside their comfort zones. Accompanying them to do the bush walks at Boonoo Boonoo falls and Bald Rock and then sharing their joy!
- R U OK? Moments - the care of members for each other.

And a pearl of wisdom from one member - "Don't fear change and new ideas. It may just offer more than you already had and more than you thought possible if you just embrace it!"



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DATES	DESTINATION	MEMBERS ATTENDING	CONTACT	PARK
18 – 27 May	Casino Beef Week	Dew C/A, Edwards/Williamson S/G, Kennedy/Cousins M/D 4	Susan Edwards 0414 452 317 or Graham Williamson 0428 246 662	Casino Holiday Park 6662 1069
18 – 24 June	North Haven	Barnes/Gosper D/G, Brennan S, Collins M/L, Cooper D, Cornwell J, Curtis D/M, Insull B, Lee-Sing W/S, Strachan N/K, Thomas R/F, Treacy/Wenning J/R, Wright/Merrett P/J 12	Fay & Rod Thomas 0408 271 236	Reflections Holiday Park North Haven 6559 9193
23 – 30 July	Ingenia One Mile Beach	Barnes/Gosper D/G, Cok, A/W, Cooper D, Cornwell J, Curtis D/M, Dick/Moore M/T, Edwards/Williamson S/G, Fraser A/T, Howard B/A, Insull B, Latham D/B, Lee-Sing W/S, Leotta A/L, Olesen P/C, Schultz B/A, Thomas R/F, Treacy/Wenning J/R, Wilkinson C, Wright/Merrett P/J 19	Club Organised	Ingenia One Mile Beach 4982 1112
5 – 11 Aug	Del Rio Riverside Park	Collins M/L, Cornwell J, Cooper D, Curtis D/M, Dick/Moore M/T, Howard B/A, Lee-Sing S/W, Maranik D/A, Rees M/A, Thomas F/R, Treacy/Wenning J/R 11	Fay & Rod Thomas 0408 271 236	Del Rio Riverside Park 4566 4330
31 Oct – 7 Nov	Big 4 Tamworth	Barnes/Gosper D/G, Cornwell J, Howard B/A, Insull B, Lee- Sing W/S, Rees M/D, Smyth H/J, Thomas R/F, Treacy/Wenning J/R 9	Club Organised	Big 4 Tamworth 6766 3120
11 – 25 Nov	Narrabeen Leisure Trip	Bickley/Baird C/C, Bryce/Tanner J/H, Davidson/Whitehead P/Y, Fraser A/T, Leotta A/L 5	John Bryce 0424 963 954 or Helen Tanner 0468 637 711	PLEASE CONTACT JOHN OR HELEN TO BOOK