

TUGGERAH LAKES CARAVANNERS inc

The beginning

In February 2006 Des Cooper and Katie Patterson held the first meeting to discuss starting a new caravan club on the Central Coast. It was expected that we would receive calls from maybe 10/15 caravanners. The community notice published in the Express newspaper resulted in 68 phone contacts which left us in a position where we had to act quickly and form a Committee of Management (C of M) to start the process of forming a new club.

Fortunately all members on the interim (C of M) team are experienced club members for example Katie was instrumental in the formation of the "Lakes Caravan Club approx. 3 years ago. I am also very pleased to say that each one of our C of M volunteered to take a position until the November general elections

Our New club

We envisage that we will list between 30 to 60 trips per year from which members will be able to choose which trip suits them. We discussed a wide range of trips such as desert trips, golf/bowls wanders trip, fishing trip, off road trips and country music trips. I am confident that every type of trip requirement will be catered for. This subject of trips will be explored in detail at the next two meetings.

The President proposes to introduce a Club Questionnaire in 2007 to determine the direction the members wish the club to proceed. Also the C of M wants to introduce safety training in the use of and operation of caravans. The C of M also propose to occasionally introduce guest speakers

Now looking to the future- at the Annual General Meeting in November we need to fill a number of positions. The club has a job description for each position on the C of M and we would request you give thought to taking up a position if you feel comfortable about it.

We are a non profit organization and as such we must become incorporated under the Department of Fair Trading and operate under the "Model Rules for Incorporated Associations" as well as our own Rules. This provides us all with protection

The inaugural June meeting was well attended by 75 members

The June General Meeting:

1. Resolved the following members be confirmed in positions until the general elections in November 06.

President Des Cooper, Secretary. Kate Patterson, Treasurer. Mike Wildman, Tour Director. Max Purcell, Editor Alice Cooper, Ass/Treasurer. Bill Patterson, Welfare

Officer. Lyn Purcell, Ass/Secretary Anne Filmer. Social Committee: Hazel Wildman, Lyn Purcell and Alice Cooper.

2. Approved the club name as “**Tuggerah Lakes Caravanners Inc**”. An application was lodged on Wednesday 7th June with the Dept. of Fair Trading. We are now licensed and registered.
3. Resolved that club fees be: Joining Fee \$10 per van with an Annual fee of \$10 per person. The fees provide for such items as: \$3 Insurance van, Incorporation Fee of \$135, name badges, 2 van stickers, postage costs, printing expenses and cost of newsletter.
4. Approved club rules which conforms to the requirements of the Department of Fair Tradings “Model Rules for Incorporated Associations”. A copy of our rules to be provided to each member. A copy of the Model Rules is available for perusal
5. Approved that a bank account be opened at the Greater Building Society branch in Toukley with a minimum of 2 members to sign cheques.
6. Resolved that the Annual General Meeting be held on the second Sunday in November of each year. This month is when the majority of caravanners return from trips.
7. Resolved our financial year will be 1-7-06 to 30-6-07 with members to renew annual subscriptions by 30th June but not later than 31st July of each year.
8. Resolved that members must attend 3 trips per year and 3 meetings per year. Members who cannot achieve meeting and trip requirement will need to discuss reasons with C of M
9. Resolved we adopt the “meeting hall model and not the rally trip model” due to the number of vans.
10. Resolved that we set no restriction on numbers joining the club. The committee of management to closely monitor numbers and review as required.
11. Resolved that the club at its monthly meetings does not require a uniform. The meeting endorsed a uniform for “Rally Meetings”. This matter to be raised for discussion at a later date.
12. Approved a **first** trip away to Swansea Gardens for 1 week or part thereof. Here we will discuss tour leaders and roles. The trip was placed on the Notice Board. (Anyone wishing to attend ring Des on 4393 3383)
13. Resolved we start a “Social Committee” to organize outings such as lunch at Ourimbah, the Tennis Club, Laycock Theatre, Cabaret at Halekulani, Tivoli night, golf/bowls etc.

14. Resolved we meet on the second Sunday of each month February to December. With the December meeting being our Xmas Party. (No meeting in January)

15. Resolved that the President continue to negotiate with other groups/parties re printing of our newsletter.

16. Resolved we run a raffle at each meeting. The prize to be provided by members in alphabetical order. To a max. \$15

17. Resolved that the club spend funds on members in the current year and not maintain greater than \$2000 in the bank.

18. Resolved we run a limited number of adds in our newsletter.

19. Resolved we hold our inaugural “**Annual Club Rally**” at Narrabeen during the period 20th November to 27th November 06 This will be a special event so please participate if possible because it will set the benchmark for our club

20. Resolved that we hold our monthly meetings at the Halekulani Bowling Club 50 Natuna Ave Budgewoi (Members of the committee have met with officers from Halekulani Bowling Club at Budgewoi and we have negotiated a deal that we think will be very beneficial to TLC club members).

21. Resolved that future meetings be divided into two stages. It will comprise a “social gathering followed immediately by our monthly meeting”. Members should try to arrive by 11.30. At 12pm we will have a \$5/\$7 luncheon as a “TLC” club outing then following the lunch we commence the monthly meeting at 1pm. .

Members are advised that “no food”is to be taken to the premises also no alcohol at meetings. As a bonus if anyone joins the Halekulani Bowling Club you receive a free birthday meal.

Touring Programme

August 22 – 29 Swansea Gardens Des Cooper

November 20 – 27 Annual Club Rally Des Cooper
Narrabeen

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Remember the next general meeting will be held on the **Sunday 23rd of July** commencing 11.30am at the **Halekulani Bowling Club, 50 Natuna Ave, Budgewoi**

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