

Tuggerah Lakes Caravanners Inc.

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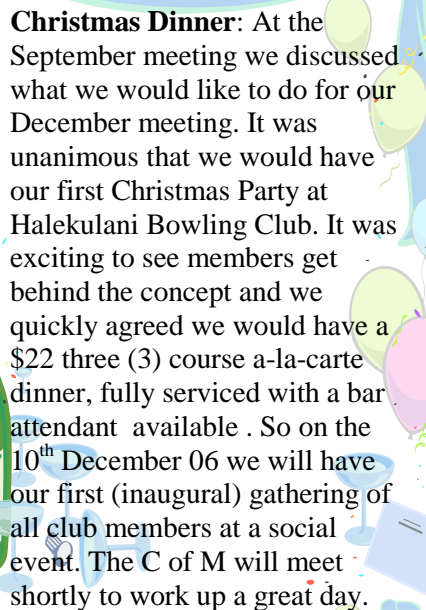
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Christmas Dinner: At the September meeting we discussed what we would like to do for our December meeting. It was unanimous that we would have our first Christmas Party at Halekulani Bowling Club. It was exciting to see members get behind the concept and we quickly agreed we would have a \$22 three (3) course a-la-carte dinner, fully serviced with a bar attendant available. So on the 10th December 06 we will have our first (inaugural) gathering of all club members at a social event. The C of M will meet shortly to work up a great day.

Christmas Dinner Payments: Members who place their names on the list to attend the Christmas Dinner are requested to pay the total amount to the Treasurer by the November meeting. We have to provide timely notice to the Chef.

Club Meeting Procedures: A number of members ring re meeting dates and times. I will summaries what we have agreed to and the ways our meetings have developed. Firstly we meet on the second Sunday of every month except January when there will be no meeting. We meet at Halekulani Bowling Club between 11.00 -11.30am and have a \$4.90 lunch. Those members who do not wish to have lunch may arrive anytime prior to 1.00pm when the meeting is scheduled to commence. The meetings usually last 1-1 1/2 hrs. After the meeting members usually stay for a drink or general discussion with other members. After our last meeting many members were still there

after 3.00pm. We have also agreed that the club will use the raffle money raised on the day to subsidise your lunch. That means if you buy \$2 worth of raffle tickets you are handed a token for \$2 which means you then only pay \$2.90 for your lunch.

Murray River/Mildura Trip 2007: At the September meeting members requested a brief description on certain trips. So I have selected the Murray River Trip September 2007 as our first try.

Des has spoken about a 15 day trip starting about the 11th of September 2007 travelling along the Murray River visiting all major towns and staying for say 3 days. At each town we would play bowls, fish and golf also visit all touristy places. We would start at Albury/Wodonga and arrive in Mildura on the 26th September 07. Because of the popularity of the Mildura Country Music festival (which has 800 hrs of music all free) van places are scarce. Des has "pencil" booked 20 sites in a van park at

Mildura (\$25/ night) but we must confirm names attending by 15th November 06 and pay a \$50 deposit. It is your choice which venue/club you attend but we start with the Poets Breakfast 8.00am -10.00am then we place our chairs in the Mall under trees or in Henderson Park and listen to the entertainers until about 4.00pm. Each performer comes on stage for 20 minutes and sings 4 – 5 songs then leaves. Des will provide a full briefing at the October meeting. We have just returned from the festival and we recommend it as an excellent country music event far better than Tamworth. So the trip in total would commence about the 9th September to 4th October and involve about 23/2500 kilometers.

Presidents Notice Board: Due to the fact that our trip boards are a bit busy Des has purchased a board on which he intends to pin “other things” which need attention. So at this point of time we have a Van Length list pinned on the board. Would you please measure your van from the coupling to the rear of the spare tyre and ring it to Des or mark it on the sheet. Also please CHECK that your personal details are correct and then let Des know if you want any details removed prior to publication to all members.

FOR SALE

Tent – Southern Cross 10’ x 10’ 12 oz canvas with 20 ft awning –A1 condition. Also 2 self- inflating mattresses. \$800 for the lot Ring B & M Ketley 43285412

Raffle Gift List

The gift should be of a value between \$10 - \$15. The listed members will need to purchase a gift for the following month.

L. M. Banhidi October

R. R. Beesley November

R. C. Bickley December

Would you please supply the gift to Katie our Secretary. If you are unable to attend the meeting contact Katie so that she can arrange for the next names on the list to fill in.

Narrabeen Rally: One of the most important events in our touring year will be the Narrabeen Rally 20th to 27th November 06. This is our chance for all of us to meet for the first time. For you to become a part of a very friendly group and to commence new friendships. Also to find out what the club and trips are all about. The committee will have a busy program of events for the week. Remember normal park fees are \$34 per night, but our club members only pay \$18 / night. If you are concerned about driving to Narrabeen we will arrange for a van to lead you all the way to the venue. Because we will have a large number of members attending this special event. Des has pencil booked a 30’ x 40’ marquee with lighting for the week So we will be well protected from the elements. So please come along if you can

Club Membership: Following the September meeting we now have (67) van membership and this has all occurred in less than three (3) months... The reception by caravanners to the formation of a new club on the Central Coast has been unbelievable. When Des and Katie first talked about forming a new family oriented

club in February 06 they hoped to receive inquiries from between 10 to 15 vans maximum. Wow! that’s not what happened.

Van Identification: While we were at Swansea with 27 vans the only real problem we encountered was trying to locate people or their specific van. It was suggested that all vans carry something like a board/marker/plasticized sheet attached to a spike that we can locate on our vans or stick in the ground outside our vans. I think Clarrie Stevens and Roy Curnow are going to look at a few ideas and bring them to a future meeting. If anyone else has an idea or suggestion just ring one of the above or Des.

Club Van Stickers: Thanks also to Clarrie and Roy we have had a number of van stickers to choose from. However it looks like we are now closing in on one particular design. They have taken the most favoured design away for some small (Tasmania) changes and we will hopefully confirm the “TLC club” sticker at the next meeting.

Grafton Jacaranda Festival: The next big trip is the Grafton trip. On hearing our Tour Director Max speak about all the things he has organized it persuaded Des and I to attend even though we were there last year. Max spoke of a photo shoot at 7.00am under the railway bridge just as the sun hits the river with the Jacaranda blossoms floating on it. I can hardly wait for the trip to start. I must say I am astounded at the number of vans booked to attend (20) in total.

Financial membership: Many members and others have raised the question at what number will we close the books. We are now moving into uncharted waters as far as numbers go. The question is now posed to you the members “what will we do’ about our numbers. This is your club, are you happy the way it is developing, if so why not let the numbers continue for a few more months, maybe new membership will settle and stabilise.

Club Elections: Our club elections will be held at our November meeting. A nomination form must be sent to all members so that any member who wishes to nominate can do so. The completed form must be in the hands of the Secretary (5) weeks prior to the November election.

Grandparents/Parents Day: At the September meeting we discussed a possible BBQ fun day for children/grandchildren somewhere in Yarramalong valley. The C of M will investigate further and report back to November meeting.

Uniform Shirts: We also discussed uniform shirts and confirmed we did not want a club uniform for meetings. We also confirmed that all members in attendance at a general meeting should be involved in the selection and approval of a club shirt. Members suggested that those who have access to samples /prices etc should bring them to the October meeting for further discussion.

Club Cap: The uniform shirt discussion also involved the possibility of our club having a club cap with our club logo included. So this is another matter that is now on the drawing board

Suggestion Box. A member has raised that we should have a suggestion box near then entry area so that members may, if they wish, put forward ideas or suggestions of changes or improvements to our club. We will locate the box as suggested and try it over a 6 month period. It’s great that members come forward with ideas.

Trade Table: Another member has suggested that we trial a “Trading Table” at a club meeting. It was put forward that members may bring any article that they wish to dispose with i.e. books, magazines and “other stuff” and place a price on it or them. Any money raised will go into the clubs coffers. So let’s try it out by having our first trial at the November meeting. As we have not formed a committee or group to look after the items it would be necessary **IF** an item is not sold that the provider take it back home. We will remind you with the October newsletter.

Photos: Bill Patterson our State Assoc. Rep. advised the September meeting that the State Association would be supplying our club with a corkboard 400 x 600 to be used as a photo display board at all caravan shows. We need about 8 to 10 “good” shots. So now we need you to take photos of club members and trips with a view to filling the board with “classy” stuff.

Report from State Representative: Bill reported that;

1. The National Association could see no problems if you invite visitors to rallies or trips with a view to them joining the club.
2. Smoke alarms in caravans are not mandatory, however most Insurance Co. require one installed prior to insuring.
3. The new club Tuggerah lakes Caravanners was accepted to become affiliated with State Association.
4. The Association will provide a 400 x 600 corkboard to each club to display their photos in a professional manner thus all clubs will be the same.
5. Members should check with their Insurance Co to see if their van is included in the tow after a breakdown/accident.
6. There will be 100 powered sites available at the 2007 State Rally.

State Association: The State Association of NSW meets once every three months. Bill and Katie have been tireless in their attendance and work for the Central Coast Caravanners for many years. They are now our reps. and I only hope they continue being reps for our club for many years.

Editors Appreciation: Thank you kindly to the members for your comments about the newsletter. I also thank the general meeting for their support. We try to make the letter interesting but remember after each trip we would also like a brief report on the highlights of the trip. Enjoy yourself and remember “be happy” at all times.

TRIPS ON THE BOARD

<u>Date</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Pets</u>	<u>Cards</u>	<u>Trip Leader</u>
<u>Oct 28-Nov 4 Grafton Jacaranda Fest.</u>		???	Yes	M Purnell
Stevens,Curnow,Burrows,Fraser,Chambers,Maslem,Lusted, Beesley, Purcell, Patterson, Lambert, Stewart, Cooper, Steele, McGowan, Easterly, Teesson, Bulloch/Browning, Hogan, Cannard <i>Total (20 vans).</i>				
<u>November 4th – 17th Darlington – Trial Bay</u>		No	Yes	S & T Capps
Capps.				
<u>November 20-27 Narrabeen</u>		No	Yes	Committee
Cooper,Beesley,Moore,Carr,Kane,Williams,Rigger,Holland,Curnow,Evans,Stacey,Burrows, Burns,Wardrop,Stevens,Woods,Pidgeon,Steele,Howard,Thomas jnr,Thomas Teesson,McGowan,Cannard,Hennessy,Purcell,Patterson, McAndrew, Lusted, Field, Fraser, Jones, Dew, Bullock/Browning, Eastley, Moore, Lambert, Ketley,. <i>Total (38 vans).</i>				
<u>March 1st – 3rd State Rally -</u>		No	Yes	K & B Pattersons
Cooper, Beesley				
<u>March 20-27 2007 Wangi Wangi</u>		No	Yes	D Cooper
Cooper, Wildman, Purnell/Filmer, Curnow, Stevens, Pfyeld,Browning/Bulloch, Burns,Stacey, Steele, Chambers, Beesley, Hendy, McNamara/Banck, Jones, Stewart Purnell, Banhidi, McAndrew, Hennessy, Laney, Lusted, Evans, Teesson <i>Total(24 vans)</i>				
<u>April 2-9 2007 Hartwood</u>		Yes	CASH	D Cooper
Cooper,Kane,Wardrop,Pfyeld,Howard,Woods, Beesley, Stewart, Carr, Hennessy <i>Total (10 vans)</i>				
<u>April 10th – 20th 2007 Shellharbour</u>		Yes (by arrangement)	Yes	R & B Beesleys
Beesleys				

The next meeting will be held at Halekulani Bowling Club at 1pm on Sunday 8th October 2006. Please arrive by 11.30am so that we can have a club lunch but please remember you do not have to attend the lunch - just be at the meeting at 1.00pm. Hope to see you.

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