

# Tuggerah Lakes Caravanners Inc.



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### Vale Kevin Brooks

It is with respect and sadness we remember our departed member and friend

### **2015 A.G.M**

Our A.G.M will be held Sunday 15th November 2015.  
Nominations for positions close five (5) weeks before i.e. 11<sup>th</sup> October 2015.  
Notice of the AGM and Nomination Forms will be included with the August and September Newsletters & at Meetings.

### **Hartwood News FLASH!!! Yipppppe**

Hartwood is on again in 2016. Bigger and better than ever with an excellent line up of artists. The gates will open seven days earlier than in previous years.

Details:

Gates Open Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 7.00am  
gates close 29<sup>th</sup> March 3.00pm (15) nights

Costs are \$10 per day per caravan camping fee's Mon 14 to Sun 20 Mar...  
Plus \$120 per/person Mon 21 – 29

So a couple attending for the full period will pay \$310 CASH. Single will be \$190 CASH  
Full details at

[www.hartwoodfestival.com.au](http://www.hartwoodfestival.com.au)

**Lakeside Resort Caravan Park** What a great end to a great holiday. For our first week we started out staying at Lakeside Resort Caravan Park with about 30 other caravans which was a fantastic park with a great communal kitchen/BBQ area and a beautiful TV room. We were all made very welcome by our hosts.

**Happy Halliday's Report:** From there we went onto Happy Halliday's and of course a great week had been organised by Coral. On our first day we had welcome drinks and BYO BBQ. For all members there was tennis every morning and also on a couple of the days we had ladies and men's water aerobics. I'm not

sure how many attended tennis but from the noise that was coming from the court they all sounded like they were having fun. Friday



morning we had a card making class arranged by Cheryl. Friday night we had soup and sausage on a roll before the footy started. We had Pumpkin, Pea & Ham, Vegetable and Chicken & Sweet Corn which

was made by some of Coral's helpers. The soup and sausage on a roll were delicious with most of us going back for seconds. A big thank you to all the ladies who made the soup. On Saturday night we had a Christmas in July dinner with a lot of TLC members dressed up. We had Mrs. Claus, about 5 Santa Claus, one of Santa's elves and two Angels one bad and one good. One of the Santa's handed out little gifts (potato chips) to most people which everyone thought was funny. This was such a good night and I'm sure everyone had fun. Today we had a picklet morning tea with jam and cream and boy were they yummy. Also, for us newbies we were taught how to play disc bowls. For someone who had never played this game, wow, how interesting this was. Maybe some of us will give the people who have been playing for years a run for their money in November. We also had an open hamburger night. We had so much on our burger none of us thought we would be able to get it into our mouths but we all had fun trying. We had bacon, sausage and egg breakfast which was supplied by Happy Halliday's and we were all grateful for such a fantastic breakfast. Happy Halliday's also put on a movie night for us on out last night which was attended by about 20 people. The movie was Unbroken which was a true story about an Olympic athlete who was captured by the Japanese. I think most people enjoyed it even though it was a bit gruesome in some parts. On Wednesday we all headed home and I think most were a little disappointed that our week as over so quickly. In finishing I would like to say again a big thank you to the ladies who made the soup, the men who cooked the BBQ and a special thank you again to Coral for organising a great week. Rod and I look forward to our next adventure with TLC. Fay Thomas

**Happy Halliday's Report:** Well, what a lovely couple of weeks. A great week at Lakeside, thanks Kate and Steve - a really nice park. Then the second week at Happy Halliday's. I must mention from the outset that it was a bit of an eating fest. There was plenty for everyone to do. Tennis, aquarobics, (with many thanks to Wendy

Angel and her trusty side kick Alan. Card making with Cheryl, walking for those who were interested, swimming in the heated pool, or for the intrepid, in the ocean. Coral, Peter and their helpers put in a huge effort over the course of the week, morning tea pikelets, soup and sausage in a roll dinner, the soups were all delicious, Open hamburgers another night, breakfast with compliments from the park. Then the Christmas dinner, the food was really yummy and plenty of it. I think the highlight of the evening, even above the Christmas Carols, were the Santa's, elf and the angels (one told us she was a fallen angel), then the ladies who very bravely donned the red lips from the Christmas Crackers and posed for a photo. There was a bingo night and a movie night (with popcorn). Of course you may partake in as many or as little of the events as you wish. Some of us went to the Artisan Centre just out of Tinonee for a look around and morning tea. I think most went into Tuncurry or Forster at least once, some went to Taree  
Thanks to all from Laurel and Roy

**Hayman Reese Anti Rattle Bolt;** I have pulled a van for 30 years and recently I found out the correct purpose of the "anti-rattle bolt" on our Tow Bar. Yes that's correct it is there specifically to stop the tow fitting from rattling when you go to church, shopping or the club etc and should only be tightened during that period. . When you are actually towing a caravan it should not be tight as your 150kg to 400kg tow ball weight will automatically eliminate rattle. I actually rang Hayman Reese to complain about their Tow Bar and fittings and so this info is straight from the "horses" mouth as to say.

**Adventure to Cooktown.:** On our trip north this year we found a few stop over places that may be of interest to members. We all decided that caravan parks were

not on our preference list this year and we would try out some alternatives.

Firstly, we pulled into Goondiwindi Showground and found it to be a great place at \$25/night, with good power and plenty of water, good for washing vehicles and vans. .

Next was Meandarra, a tiny place on the Surat Developmental Road. This one was \$10/night with again good power and water. Maybe not the best road in the State but it was tar all the way.

We were on a roll here so we then tried the Emerald Showground. Again, good power and water and this one was \$15/night.

Theresa Creek Dam was next on the list and this was \$15/night but with no power and minimal water. Hot showers are available and there was grass everywhere. We managed to get two great spots overlooking the water and close to the amenities. There was a great food shop there and the fish and chips as well as the hamburgers were great.

We went into Charters Towers next and on the way north from there we found a great gravel pit for the night. There were quite a few along the way, you can choose one whenever the time is right to stop.

Our next venture was thanks to Flippo. We found Planet Earth Van Park at Mt Surprise. From here we did the tour of the Lava Tubes. We booked in for two nights and ended staying three. Firstly \$17/ night with good power and water. The host Russell was great. Every evening at 5.00pm he would give a free talk on snakes, including some great information on first aid for bites. There is a small restaurant there and we had a

great barramundi meal for \$20 cooked by our host.

Then there is Mareeba Rodeo Grounds. What a find that was. It is run just like a caravan park. Plenty of very large grassy sites with good power and water and only \$18/night. We stayed here on the way up to Cooktown and again on the way down it was so good.

We went into some van parks between some of these spots but on the whole we chose alternatives.

In Cooktown we took a fishing charter with Cooktown Barra Charters. We caught lots of fish and had a great adventure. Maureen won the day with a 6kg yellow trevally. So far no kangaroos, unlike the Lindsay's, and hope it stays that way. The Reilly's

**Washing Machine Water:** One of the big worries with Free Camping is using the washing machine. How much water will we use??. Recently we tested our usage by catching all water during the wash. We found it used exactly 15 litres of water. Then we read the instruction book and it said depending on the wash type you will use either 15 or 19 litres. So it pays to read the Instruction book first.

**Time to Run Washing Machine;** Again the question was raised how long does it take to do the washing in a van and we found the answer was 45 mins. (Confirmed in the book)

**Shower Water Amounts;** Showering in van appears to use about 9 litres per person again it all depends on time and water supplies. We found that by catching the first litre or so of cold water and using it for other purposes that we could shower using as little as 3 litres of hot water P/P. That is firstly wet

all over, turn water off, soap up, then simply rinse off.

#### Did You Know by Flippo

Please add did you know before every line  
If you add an apple to where you store your potato's the eyes will not sprout.

A ducks quack has no echo.

Housework can't kill you, but why take a chance?.

Best way to get rid of kitchen odours: Eat out.

A bachelor is a guy who never made the same mistake once.

My photographs don't do me justice -they just look like me.

I admit, I have a tremendous sex drive. My girlfriend lives forty miles away.

Tranquillizers work only if you follow the advice on the bottle - keep away from children.

The reason the golf pro tells you to keep your head down is so you can't see him laughing.

**Touring Kalgoorlie:** Arrived in Kalgoorlie in time to do a 2 hour guided bus tour of the Hugh Super Pit Gold Mine, W O W What a WHOPPA. !!!!

The general consensus from the tour guide and a local trades person was not to venture into Kalgoorlie CBD Friday or Saturday nights due to rough elements behaviour. We booked into a Top Tourist park at Boulder, cost \$ 45.00 per night.

The next day had a city tour on the loop line tram, as it happened we were the only passenger's on the tram. The driver considered himself an operatic singer, we suffered two recital's however the tour was very informative.

One of the many hotels was found to have a mine shaft underneath sometime after it was sold. In 1921 two police officers went to the pub to investigate the report of stolen GOLD, they disappeared, were not discovered for some time later when it

came to notice that there was a bad smell coming from an abandoned mine !!!!!!! Their dismembered bodies' were then located The next day we visited the Kalgoorlie Boulder museum which is down in the underground vault exhibited 4.5 million \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ worth of G O L D .Susan/Graham

**Sydney Free Bus:** One of the best ways to see Sydney is on foot, but if your legs get a little weary, then hop on the CBD shuttle, Route 555 – it's convenient and better yet – free.

The shuttle bus enables you to get around the city for shopping, a visit to your favourite foodie haunt or to connect with other transport. Operating every 10 minutes between 9.00am and 3pm on weekdays, until 9pm on Thursday nights and 09.30am to 6pm at weekends, you won't have to wait long to catch a bus.

Running in a loop in both directions from Central Station to Circular Quay via George Street, you can hop on and off at any destination on the route. So, whether you're trying to get to Town Hall, the Queen Victoria Building, the Opera House, Harbour Bridge or The Rocks, you won't have too far to walk between stops.

**Servicing Caravan Wheel Bearings:**

Just before our last trip I decided to have a go at "checking and servicing our van wheel bearings". Firstly I spent two (2) hours on Utube watching four (4) experts demonstrate the correct procedure. Then being fully qualified I did the same as demonstrated. It really felt great to know they were done to my Utube standard.

**Changing a Wheel by Leverage;** A bonus to servicing caravan bearings you get to practice removing and replacing the wheels. The taking off is easy it's the replacing which is a little more difficult. However my Utube training showed how the exercise is easy and simple. We used our little shovel from the boot, a small piece of wood and Alice gently levered the wheel up to the right height and I then popped it on.

**Flies to Spare:** It's really strange how you can travel for days/weeks and not see a fly. Then you arrive in a location and they are there in the thousands.

**Fog Line:** While in SA we met up with a Truckie and we talked about overtaking and passing procedures. He referred to the "Fog Line" which is the solid white line on the sides of the road. He said when approaching and oncoming truck simply drive on the fog line as all truckies will also drive on the fog line this then provides a maximum buffer between vehicles. He said vanners should also be aware that outside the fog line there may be rough edges.

**Cooper Pedy Fog:** One morning while heading into Cooper Pedy, about 150K away, we saw a low white cloud in the distance. The low white cloud turned out to be extremely heavy fog. The fog remained until we reached CP. It turned out that they had three (3) days of unusual heavy fog.

#### **TOUR DIRECTOR COMMENT:**

Members are reminded that at all times when booking on a trip.

That it is the member's responsibility to contact the caravan park to book their own site and pay their deposits (if required) and or cancel bookings.

The Trip Leader will/may organise for the Caravan Park to hold Xxx number of TLC sites.

The only exception is if " No Booking" required is on the trip sheet. Ie Narrabeen

#### **FOR SALE**

**2003 Regal Delux Caravan:** 19'6" (built June/2003), shower, toilet, double queen bed, full annex, air cond, plus heaps more. (This van has the works). It is in excellent condition and is an excellent buy. Sell for \$25000 Ring Margaret 4973 2227

**Ark Ezi Mover** with clamp. Model RJW10C. Never used. Still in box. Cost \$164.00 Selling for \$100.00. John Oakes 0428 228 966

**Lemair Bar Fridge,** Model No: RQ-50H Brand New - still in original box. \$100.00 ONO -PLUS a 28 L 1500 W **Cookwell Electric Oven** Brand New - still in original box. \$100.00 ONO: Fay Thomas 0408 271 236.

**Hayman Reese Style** Towing Gear complete \$250 plus 1 x **80 Black water Tank** \$30 Ring Ma -Pa 4390 8933

**August Meeting Attendance:** We had 109 members and 4 visitors at the meeting  
New Members: Bob/Sandra Stevenson

#### **WINNERS of FREE LUNCH**

Pam Stevens

Wendy Cannard

#### **MONTHLY CLUB RAFFLE WINNERS**

\$50 Laurel Curnow

\$30 Barry webster

\$20 Jan Ryan

#### **SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Brown Judy	2-Sep
Insull Beverley	4-Sep
Edwards Susan	5-Sep
Moore Norm	14-Sep
Anderson Paul	15-Sep
Purcell Max	17-Sep
Coltman Lyn	22-Sep
Dennis Trevor	22-Sep
Eadie Max	24-Sep
Crocker Steve	25-Sep
Smith Irene	27-Sep
Kains George	29-Sep
Oakes Margaret	30-Sep
Shawcross Gloria	30-Sep

**Next ---General Meeting  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015**

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