

# Tuggerah Lakes Caravanners Inc.



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**2015 Retirement of Club Founders:** At the September General meeting I announced that Alice and I had founded the club in June 2006 and now after nine half years on the Committee of Management we have decided to retire from all positions. Accordingly we will not nominate or except nomination for any position at the 2015 AGM

**Social Director:** At the September general meeting Coral Kane announced that she will not nominate for the position of Social Director at the 2015 AGM. Coral has been our Social Director since November 2008. Coral and Peter have given a greater part of their lives to the club over the past (7) years. I am well aware of the hours of work, discussion and research that they have done to ensure that every event they plan flows with perfection. The Narrabeen, Happy Halliday's and even One Mile Beach trips were all different with new ideas at each event however each one will remain special

in our memories. The many dress ups and entertainment night will also long remain in our memories. One of Corals first organised events was a "Beach Party" Dress Up at Hartwood Country Music. Members even bought along two homemade surfboards and a bucket of sand. A Special thanks to Coral and Peter for a wonderful seven (7) years of dedication to our club members.

**Charity Officer:** At the September meeting Beryl Howard also announced she would not nominate for the position of Charity Officer. Beryl has held this position since 2010 and she has been excellent in this position. With her friendly happy smile she has organised and collected many thousands of dollars for charity. Well done Beryl

**The Concept of TLC:** In 2005 I was President of Central Coast Caravan Club.

At that time CCC books were closed to new members. In fact all caravan clubs on the Coast had closed their books. I was made aware of a number of people wishing to join a caravan club. Twice I raised the subject of forming a sister club or a new club. The suggestion was rejected by the CCC general meetings.

**Then The Start of TLC:** During late 2005 Alice and I continually discussed whether to start a new club or just carry on. We tried to obtain assistance from other CCC members but to no avail. So we agreed to "go it alone"

**2006 February Meeting:** Whilst at Wangie Caravan Park on a CCC trip Alice and I held two meetings with Katie Patterson (State Assoc. Rep) regarding the procedure's to start a new club. It was then agreed that we would "go ahead" with establishing a new club.

**Slow Progress:** During the next two months I did zero about the new club however Alice gathered the Press Release information and phone contacts. She kept reminding me very often to “Do Something” But I was busy playing golf.

**2006 May Media Contact:** I contacted the Media around mid-May and a reporter and photographer came to our home and prepared a story of my vision of a new club. We hoped to attract at least 12 – 15 vans to start up the club.

**Rush Of Interest:** After the story was printed we received contact from (68) sixty eight caravan owners. Alice took about 15 calls in the first couple of hours before I got home from golf. This was one hectic period in our life.

**Public Meeting;** A Public Meeting was arranged for 11th June at Toukley Senior Citizens Centre. We had to pay \$100 to book the meeting room. We just hoped that people would turn up on the day

**Contacting Applicants:** We then had to ring/contact all (68) sixty eight caravan owners. Many of the above were away in Qld, WA, Vic touring however 40 caravan owners attended the Inaugural meeting. So our desire to start a new club was up and running.

**2014 Decision not to Nominate for President:** Last year after our trip along the Murry River with our Tour Director Alice & I discussed our future involvement. We agreed that I would announce at the August/Sept. meeting that I would not nominate for President at the 2014 November AGM

**2015 Decision not to nominate for any Position:** Recently Alice and I went for our Vic, SA, NT, and Qld trip of 8 weeks again we discussed our involvement in the club and we agreed that I should announce at this meeting that: We are retiring from all positions with TLC accordingly we will not nominate or accept nomination for any position at the forthcoming 2015 AGM.

**Goodbye:** Rest assured we have loved every minute of our involvement. We are very confident that this club will continue whilst ever caravans roam our roads. It has been a major part of our life over the last 9 years consuming many hours of talks and time and we loved every minute. In closing may I repeat what I said back in the early years “May your children’s children enjoy this club in the future”



**Guess Who**

### **A Few TLC Highlights**

**TLC Rapid Growth:** Records confirm three (3) months after our formation on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2006. That on the 11th September 2006 we had sixty four (64) caravans membership. Following the November

meeting we had seventy (75) caravan membership. By this time we were just about the largest club on the Central Coast. Wow!!!!

**First club with limited Rules:** in 2006 all caravan clubs required new members to attend two/three trips and two/three meetings and reside in a specific area before they could actually become members.

I am very proud of the fact that I introduced the concept of being the first club to have limited rules. That is you do not have to attend any trips or any meetings just pay your fees and you are a member. This has proved to be a very popular policy.

**Other Clubs have followed our Lead:** It is interesting to note that many clubs have either started using our model of joining or have actually changed their rules to eliminate part or all of their joining requirement.

**First Club to Never Close its Books;** Most clubs limit their membership to a specific number of Caravans usually between 20 to 60 caravans. I am again very proud of the fact that we have never closed our books to new members. If you check other clubs on the Internet you will see many continue to have closed books

**Club Numbers:** We hoped to start the club with 10 – 15 caravans we were very surprised when (68) caravan owners contacted us in the first two weeks. Forty (40) attended the inaugural meeting and all joined. By the end of November 2006 we had a membership of (75) caravans.

**Club Number Fluctuations:** The club members confirmed on many occasions that we keep our books open until we reached 125 caravans. The members approved that the C of M then should closely monitor numbers. Over the past nine (9) years our membership numbers have fluctuated between 115 and 130. However at one meeting we had seven vans join and this took us to our maximum of 139 caravans

**2007 Membership Increases:** The people joining our club were mostly friends of club members. But all commented on the “no rules” policies as being a major factor in their reason for joining. What exciting times!!!

**Printing of Newsletters:** In the beginning Alice was compiling, editing printing, and posting forty five (45) newsletters each month. We are happy now that this number is down to fifteen (15) postings each month

**2006 June 11th Public Meeting:** We held the inaugural public meeting at the Toukley Senior Citizens Centre. The initial cost for the hall was \$100. Following the formation of the club on the 11<sup>th</sup> June I returned to negotiate rental costs for a twelve month period. However management of the center would not budge from \$100 per meeting.

**Halekulani Bowling Club:** Immediately following the above meeting I made enquiries and was invited to attend a “Board of Management meeting at Halekulani Bowling Club. At the meeting I described my vision for a new caravan club involving members in the local community. The possible numbers we would bring to the Halekulani club. The increase in membership etc. In the end the Board agreed to assist in a community event and provide us with a

meeting hall at “no charge”. So it remains to date

**Free Lunch Vouchers:** Over the years we had difficulty in getting members to wear name badges to meetings. About three years ago I approached the club manager and requested he provide us with two (2) free lunch vouchers to be drawn at 1145 each Sunday. A condition of winning the free lunch voucher was you must be wearing your TLC name badge. Since then only one member has won the draw and was not wearing a name badge –so no free lunch.

**Informal Meeting Style:** From the very first meeting I tried to bring in a relaxed, informal, friendly style of meeting. Members appeared to have enjoyed this approach. I must admit that I have had a few people over the year describe the correct method of chairing a meeting. One person even gave me seven (7) pages of rules/by-laws to assist in running our club. Needless to say they never saw the light of day they are still in my briefcase.

**Meeting Attendance Levels:** Alice and I are still amazed that the club has always had an average of one hundred (100) members attend general meetings. Our highest attendance was (130). The past two months recorded (111) and (115) members attending.

**Sydney Members:** The club has a number of members who reside in the Sydney area. We have always been amazed at the distance members will travel to have a lunch, general meeting and a yarn to friends. I have spoken to a number on many occasions they always

say “It’s a nice day out and we enjoy the meeting and the company”

**Alice Springs Blatherskite Park;** The caravan parks in Alice Springs charge heaps for powered sites. However Council has opened Blatherskite Park (their Showground) to tourists and they only charge \$25 a night for power/water. The park is massive it took me 30 minutes to walk right around.

**Todd River Scenery:** One of the prettiest places we saw on our trip was the winding Todd River dry river bed and the Red Ranges around Heavy Tree Gap. We met a man who left Adelaide 27 years ago to travel around Australia and when he got to Alice Springs he liked it so much that he stopped and has never left. We stayed for one week it is a really beautiful part of Australia.

**Good Data re Travelling Aussie:** Sue and I would like to ad that this long trip has wetted our appetite for future trips along these lines. The different country and the variety of people met on the way will always stay with us, new friends met and great adventures.

Distance travelled	20367 km
Fuel used	3450 lt of diesel
5.9 km per litre	towing 2.5 tonne van
16.9 litres per	100 km travelled
Cost of fuel	\$4903.00
Free camps	64
Paid camps	64
Until we tour again ....Cheers	

Sue /Graham  

**Lubrication- Tow Equipment:** Hear lots of discussion on the need to lubricate fittings in relation to tow gear. The

suggestions put forward included the need to use ordinary grease, water resistant grease, bee's wax, WD40 and a number of other lubricants. The most important point is that it is necessary to use a lubricant. If you have doubt check with your caravan service person or your van supplier and use it each time.

**September Meeting Attendance:** We had 115 members and 2 visitors at the meeting

**New Style Lubricant:** It has been suggested that a few members, instead of using black grease on tow balls, then having it appear on knee's trousers etc. are using a new technique. That is they spray a bit of silicon on the Tow Ball then fold up a "Coles" plastic shopping bag and place on top of the ball. This acts as a lubricant. This is not a suggestion that you must use it- however we do. It is printed as a talking point (better that D Shackles)

**WiliCamps App:** This App is a must for all caravanner's whether you stop in Caravan Parks or Freedom Camping. It is incredibly accurate and is the best we have ever used. The really good part is you get to read up to date comments about each place/site. It will cost you around \$7-8 but it is good value. The most important thing is to learn how to use it properly. We still refer occasionally to our Camps 8 book.

**Check Wheel Nuts Regularly:** A bonus of servicing your own wheel bearings is that you get to tighten your own nuts. This in turn makes you conscious that they may not be tight enough so that every few days you actually check your nuts. I do not understand how they can just come loose-but it

happens. Just remember "lefty loosy--righty tighty"

**Wheel Bearing Check:** It is time to again remind you to have your wheel bearings and tyres checked. We have been up and down the expressway a few times this year and every trailer, boat or van on the side of the road had a wheel off---*with people just waiting for something.*

**Tagging of Leads:** The Bateau Bay Men's Shed will tag leads for approx. \$5 per lead. This is actually a donation to the men's shed. Contact Ron Belshaw 4399 1314 or go to The Shed it is behind Tigers Club Bateau Bay.

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**Hardly used "Full River" AGM battery,** DC 120 – 12V 132 amp hr Replacement cost \$ 400 sell for \$200. Good solid battery, not an inferior one from overseas. Graham Williamson replaced this battery which was 6 months old for new ones for his trip around Australia Battery left at battery outlet at Gunnedah where new batteries purchased. Contact 43 292555 or 0428 246662

**Companion 3 burner LP stove** with legs and 4.5 kg gas cylinder. Hardly used \$105.00. \$230.00 when purchased new. Inspection invited at Lisarow. Contact Sue 43282541 or 0414452317 / Graham 0428 246662

**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

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WINNERS of FREE LUNCH	
Betty Thomas	
Les Hunt	
MONTHLY CLUB RAFFLE WINNERS	
\$50	Lorraine Holmes
\$30	Debbie Latham
\$20	Barbara Russell

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS	
Williams Karen	3-Oct
Reilly Allan	4-Oct
Clarke Lynette	6-Oct
Henry Mac	8-Oct
Holly Jane	7-Oct
Purcell Lyn	11-Oct
Barker Vickie	14-Oct
Holmes Lorraine	15-Oct
Riley Rick	18-Oct
Treacy Janis	22-Oct
Hansell Bill	22-Oct
Belshaw Lyn	21-Oct
Crocker Kate	23-Oct
Cooper Alice	30-Oct
Rohwer Pat	30-Oct
Riley Maureen	31-Oct

**Next ---General Meeting  
Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2015**

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## 2015 LIST OF TRIPS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TRIP</u>	<u>NAMES</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
<b>Oct 17 –Nov 2</b>	<b>RAMBLE TO VALA</b>	D'Adam, Johnson, Merrit/Wright, Shoobert, Stevens	<b>Clarrie Stevens</b>	<b>4369 2759</b>
<b>Oct 22 - 30</b>	<b>FORSTER LAKESIDE to VALLA</b>	Angell, Brewer, Crocker, Gibbs, Hansell, Insull, Kains, Kane, Laney, McGillicuddy, Oakes, Rohwer, Shawcross, Simpson, Steele, Stephenson S/B, Thomas F/R, White P/J, Williams 19	<b>Kate Crocker</b>	<b>0414 890 403</b>
<b>Nov 2 – 9</b>	<b>CLUB RALLY VALA BEACH</b> <b>Phone 1800 800 447 or 65 695555</b>	Anderson, Barnard / Tipping, Bennett, Bolcina, Brewer, Brooks, Brown, Cannard, Collins, Cooper, Crocker, Curnow, Dew, Ducker, Eadie, Edwards/Williamson, Field, Fletcher, Geale, Gibbs, Haberfield, Hansell, Holland, Howard, Hunt, Insull, Kains, Kane, Kelly, Lee-Sing, Lenane, Luttrell, Majchrowski, McGillicuddy, Merrett/Wright, Moore J/N, Moore M/D, Nichols, Oakes, Olesen, Pollard, Reilly, Rohwer, Rowlinson, Russell B/T, Ryan, Shoobert, Simpson, Smith, Smithers, Smyth, Steele L/K, Steell C, Stephenson, Stevens, Stevenson, Stewart, Thomas F/R, Treacy/Wenning, Webb, White P/J, Williams 61	<b>Committee</b>	<b>43 902277</b>
<b>Nov 18 -25</b>	<b>NARRABEEN REST &amp; RECREATION</b> <b>DO NOT RING PARK</b>	Angell, Baird / Bickley, Chambers, Cooper, Curnow, Dew, Ducker, Flippence, Henry, Holland, Howard, Lenane, Majchrowski, Moore, Pollard, Reilly, Roberts, Ryan, Shoobert, Smith, Thomas B/L 21	<b>Des Cooper</b>	<b>4393 3383</b>
<b><u>2016 LIST OF TRIPS</u></b>				
<b>Feb 4 - 11</b>	<b>Club Rally BeachFront North Haven</b> <b>Phone 65 599193</b>	Anderson, Bolcina, Brewer, Cannard, Chambers, Clarke J, Crocker, Curnow, Dew, Ducker, Eadie, Edwards/Williamson, Flippence, Hansell, Henry, Holmes, Howard, Kelly, Insull, Jager, Johnson, Kane, Kelly, Kinnell, Latham, Lee-Sing, Lenane, Lindsay, Majchrowski, McGillicuddy, Oakes, Olesen, Palmer, Pollard, Reilly, Riley, Rohwer, Russell B/T, Ryan, Shoobert, Simpson, Smith, Smyth, Steele L/K, Stewart, Thomas F/R, Treacy/Wenning, Wells, Williams 48	<b>Committee</b>	<b>4390 2277</b>
<b>Feb 11 - 25</b>	<b>SHOAL BAY (From North Haven)</b>	Coltman ,Eadie, Henry, Howard, Smyth, Stevens, Wells	<b>Clarrie Stevens</b>	<b>4369 2759</b>
<b>Feb 14 Apr 9</b>	<b>TASMANIA TRIP</b>	Baird/Bickley, Brewer, Davidson, Marsland, Merrit/Wright, Pollard, Shawcross 7	<b>Peter Davidson</b>	<b>0429447467</b>
<b>Mar 4 - 6</b>	<b>NSW STATE RALLY WAGGA WAGGA</b>	Nil	<b>Tour Director</b>	<b>43902277</b>
<b>Mar 14 - 29</b>	<b>HARTWOOD COUNTRY MUSIC</b>	Cooper	<b>??????</b>	
<b>Apr 20 - 25</b>	<b>BOGGABRI DROVERS CAMPFIRE</b>	List in progress 27 names	<b>Crocker K/S</b>	<b>0414890403</b>
<b>Apr 28 –Mar 1</b>	<b>CELTIC FEST&gt; GLEN INNES</b>	12 Names	<b>Tour Director</b>	<b>4390 2277</b>

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