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IS DUE BY 30 APRIL**

Next General Meeting

Sunday 15 MAY 2016

Report 3 from Tasmania

The weather returned to warm and sunny as we left Triabunna and 4 vans made their way separately to the Airport Caravan Park at Cambridge. A very nice park and you get used to planes over head very quickly. The sites are large with slabs large enough to put both van and awning on. 3 more vans went to free camps near the neck. The shops at Sorrel are pretty good and only a short drive away. A very well equipped camp kitchen and BBQ area all in side so excellent for our happy hours and usually evening meal.

For the next 4 days everyone went on various trips around the area. John and Peter went to the whisky tour and tasting. Gloria and I went shopping!

On Thursday we all made our way to Richmond via the cheese and chocolate stops! It is a very interesting town with lots of lovely old buildings and shops. We particularly liked the Wicked Cheese shop on the way back again. Whisky Cheese is quite a hit!

Next day we went up to Ross and Oatlands although some people seemed to get lost for a while on the way but all met for lunch and Scallop pies for some people. The wool museum has a very good video on the local history.

Next morning 3 vans left to catch the ferry to Bruny Island for 3 days. They all enjoyed it and some went on the cruise boat around Bruny. John and Gloria decided against it but the other 4 had a great time. We were last on Bruny 6 years ago and there is now a large well equipped Camp kitchen in the Caravan Park, but I think the amenities are due for an update. They all enjoyed a good meal in the local pub mostly sea food dishes.

While they were gone Peter and I drove up to Bothwell and Waddamana where we went on to the old Powerhouse. It was one of the first in Tasmania and very interesting.

The country around the Midlands and into the Great Lakes area reminded me of Northern England. There is so much variety in the scenery as you travel around with soft green hills and winding roads in some parts then the Rocky coast and all so close!

We also spent Saturday at Salamanca market. Mostly food of various styles and the usual craft, wood leather soaps etc. If you go to Hobart you have to go to Salamanca for the atmosphere.

Tasmania Trip Report continued

On our way through Dunnally we watched the Pivot Bridge open and we met Mike and Leonie who were staying behind the pub then we drove up to the old coal mine site at Saltwater Creek. Not a great deal to see but a nice trip. It is very dry through so much of the land. This is mostly sheep and a lot of building going on after the dreadful fires.

Next morning we made our way through to Huonville going to a newish Caravan Park where and we were able to pick 7 sites for our group. The Collins arrived shortly after and the 3 from Bruny gradually joined us with 2 more the day after. It was quite a change to have thick grass around us after the dry conditions everywhere else.

Peter Davidson and Yvonne Whitehead

Trip Report for Hartwood 2016 14th-27th March

The gates opened at 7am on Monday 14th March, waiting No 8 in line the trip Leader eager to start setting up camp after 2 years of hibernation, Peter & Coral Kane and Wendy Geale, after a period of 2 years, the TLC shed was still standing. The trip leaders and helpers worked hard to set up the camp area, collecting and cutting the fire wood and digging the big pit for the campfire to have the fire constantly burning for the camp oven cooking, not to mention the continual hot water from the Piddler! It certainly was a great team effort by all. We all agreed the New owners of the property along with the organisers and volunteers of the Hartwood Campfires & Country Music had certainly worked very hard to put together a very well organised and orderly effort for everyone to enjoy their stay along with the entertainment, and the weather provided us with temps around 26-28 deg nearly every day!



We all had our turn of cooking from the fire, talk about the best camp oven cuisine, dampers, scones, rock cakes, banana cake, pizza's, baked roasts but Max had the best damper on the 2nd day only fit for playing football or discus throwing completion.

Trip Report for Hartwood 2016 (cont)

Thursday a much cooler day and grey skies around, the group took a trip into the Coonabarabran Siding Spring Observatory, this telescope is at the centre of Australia's role in world astronomy, then onto travelling out of town onto the dusty gravel road to the Pilliga Scrub Pottery, someone just couldn't wait until he could wash his vehicle back at Hartwood, Thursday the rain fell on and off most of the day.

We spent most late afternoons playing the new game of FINSKA, John Smythe introduced us to at Lakeside it certainly is a big hit for all ages.



Over the period of days out bush camping sometimes our vans/vehicles need attention of some sort at least we are so fortunate to have so many retired tradies in the TLC Club who are able to help one another out when in need. Tuesday 22nd we had a convoy of 5 vehicles to Coolah Tops N/P 30kms east of Coolah in the Liverpool Ranges, calling into the bush camps along the way to the top, a spectacular view at the Pinnacle Lookout, overlooking the wide views to the north and west to the Warrumbungle's, we enjoyed our lunch there with our fresh bread rolls and treats from the Coolah Bakery, from there we visited the Historical Bracken's Hut early settlers 1940 - 1950's era on the edge of Norfolk Island Creek Swamp then homeward bound back to Coolah for the opp shop hop! We were enjoying our happy hour when a freak whirly wind came between Wendy's and Chrissy's van sending Wendy's bedding out the doors of her RV and her peg bag went up in the air with the whirly it also blew out a window on Chrissy's new van, luckily it could be popped straight back in.

Wednesday 23rd, Kate and the group organised THE BIGGEST MORNING TEA for the Cancer Fund the Blue Balloons were put up and the Ladies cooked the special treats, and made sandwiches.

Trip Report for Hartwood 2016 (cont)



Coral and Peter made the best rock cakes from the fire, we even had visitors from Lake Macquarie, The Lakes and Leeton Caravan Clubs, a very successful morning raising more than last year, a big thank you to John and Richard for the photography of the group photos and of the Cancer Survivors.

Easter Thursday 24th the group travelled into Coolah to the local hotel for a delicious rather large real home cooked country meal of roast lamb/pork and dessert all for a mere \$15 pp.



Good Friday the entertainment began on stage, I'm sure everyone would agree the performance of The Rex Dallas Band was the highlight of the afternoon. The weather continued to be very warm throughout the days the sunscreen and big hats were definitely needed!

On Easter Sunday the Easter Bunny left chocolate eggs on Steve and Kate's doorstep, all the others in the group missed out, we wonder why? That night all the artists who performed throughout the days farewelled us in grand style on stage, so we bid Farewell Hartwood until Next Year.

Lorraine & John Bolcina

Another trip report from Hartwood 2016

A week at Hartwood Music Festival, not knowing what to expect, after going 92kms out of the way due to the GPS

We arrived late afternoon, but thanks to the club members already on site we were able to wash up in the TLC campsite shower and ready for the festivities.

With goods friends and great weather we were soon relaxed and chilled out for the week.

The daily concerts were great but the campfire cooking and camaraderie was fantastic. Everyone helped each other to make the break the best.

We had plenty of flushing toilets available as well as port-a-loos conveniently located close by.

The two “piddlers” made some time ago by Ron Stuart were given quite a workout providing a never ending of hot water to club members.

TCL set up the largest morning tea fundraiser with neighbouring clubs invited to join up. It was a great success.

Every happy hour saw our group gather together enjoying the great outdoors.

We can truly confirm that this holiday has changed our minds on “free staying”.

Cheers Ron & Janine Gibbs

HARTWOOD.....Then and Now.

Allan and I first attended "Hartwood" Country Music Festival in 1995 in a soft-floor Camper Trailer, very spartan to the luxury of today's vans. There were a few pit toilets and a queue of 6 or 8 people each morning. Every year the numbers increased, and TLC were very lucky to secure our site when we attended as a club 10 years ago, and gradually built the shelter and shower block that we now have. It was a huge effort carrying materials from the coast, ordering supplies from Coolah and transporting them out. There were working "bees" each year during the Festival, well organised and supervised. We have had many energetic chain saw operators and fire lighters, (some very early to the campers annoyance) to prepare for the camp oven cooking.

We have had theme nights, a beach party with actual sand, and fancy dress nights. One year two ladies dressed up as "pregnant Nuns" and a group went down to the campfire stage, Tom Maxwell was speechless, and he stopped in the middle of a song!!!!

Another year we had an Easter Bunny in our group, hopping around very early in the morning giving out Easter eggs.

Last year it was disappointing to have the Festival cancelled, but with the new owners liaising with the local Council it has come back bigger and better. The correct parking with vans all 10 mtrs apart facing the same direction was a safety precaution for any emergency. The road in is wider and the actual entrance moved to avoid the built-up of traffic on the main road. The Homestead is now out of bounds and a stage was set up on a truck, more central where most can walk to. Next year should see a proper stage built. Another council ruling was no camping beneath the trees, as some are old growth and could drop limbs at any moment. Something new this year was the Poets Breakfast at the Campfire area, a huge meal for little cost to enjoy while listening to the poets.

Everything is looking very good and we are sure that it will continue to grow above the approx. 900 vans there this year. If you haven't been, come along and enjoy our beautiful Aussie countryside.

Best wishes Beryl & Allan Howard.

WE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING IN RELATION TO INSURANCE. IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR INSURANCE PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THE NUMBERS

Be aware that if you are taking out new insurance don't forget to contact Ken Tame & Assoc. (03 9853 5555) or CIL Insurance (1800 112 481) for a price.

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CORRECT WEIGHT FOR CARAVANS

We all know how important it is to have the correct weight on the tow ball. Many of us have had our vehicle and van checked for the correct weight. Some of us even have our own weighing scale. We have also all read about the dreaded "caravan sway" and some of us have actually experienced it. I recently saw on Facebook a very simple video showing the correct loading effect on both van and tow vehicle. It is very graphic and the simple demonstration is so very effective in explaining the problem. I have it posted on my Facebook Page "Desmond William Cooper" if you wish please go there and have a look, alternatively go to U-tube "Harding Swift Caravan Service" and arrow down to the second item 16 videos and look at the demo "Caravan Weight Distribution" made easy. Another interesting one to have a look at is Bailey Towing Simulation, How to load your caravan.

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**Contact Mac Henry
0417 431 179**

**WINNERS of FREE
LUNCH**

Joy Moore
Lorraine Bolcina

**MONTHLY CLUB RAFFLE
WINNERS**

\$50.00 – Lorraine Wilson
\$30.00 – Fran Lindsay
\$20.00 – Bob Brewer

Happy Birthday to the following Members for May

Peter Marsland 8-May	Joy Lusted 21-May
Bob Lalor 9-May	Pam Stevens 22-May
Carole Bickley 11-May	Chris Spencer 23-May
John Smyth 13-May	Perc White 23-May
Richard Laney 14-May	Sue Reilly 24-May
Meg Russell 14-May	Ray Russell 28-May
June Weissel 16-May	Terry Kelly 28 May
Gail Field 19-May	Beverly Jones 29-May
Len Field 20-May	Elizabeth McDonald 29-May
	Graham Williamson 30-May

2016 LIST OF TRIPS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TRIP DESTINATION</u>	<u>MEMBERS ATTENDING</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
21st – 31st May	Casino Beef Week	Belshaw, Cok, Edwards/Williams, Evernden/Palmer, Shoobert, Webster 6	Susan Edwards / Graham Williamson	0414452317
20th – 27th July	T L C Club Rally Christmas in July at Happy Hallidays	Angell, Bickley/Baird, Brewer, Brooks, Cok, Crocker, Curnow, Edwards / Williamson, Gibbs, Hennessy, Hoff, Holland, Howard, Insull, Kains, Kelly, Laney, Lee-Sing, Lenane, Lewis, Malvern, Maranik, Maranik, Merret/Wright, Moore, Nichols, Oakes, Olesen, Pollard, Rowlinson, Ryan, Shawcross, Shoobert, Simpson, Thomas F/R, Treacy/Wenning, Wells 36	Bev Shoobert	43902277
27th July- 3rd August	Lakeside Tourist Resort Forster	Angell, Bennett, Cok, Crocker, Dick/Moore, Insull, Latham, Lee-Sing, Palmer, Pollard 10	Kate Crocker	0414890403
19th – 28th Sept	16th National caravan rally Canberra	Davidson, Edwards / Williamson, Kelly 3	Tour Director	43902277
27th October - 3rd November	TLC Melbourne Cup Club Rally – Paradise Caravan Park Tamworth	Bennett, Bolcina, Brewer, Brooks, Cannard, Cok, Cooper, Crocker, Curnow, Ducker, Eadie, Edwards/Williamson, Fletcher, Geale, Hansell, Henry, Holland, Howard, Insull, Jager, Lee-Sing, Lenane, Majchroski, Moore J/N, Nichols, Oakes, Olsen, Pollard, Rielly, Rohwer, Ryan J/R, Shoobert, Simpson, Smyth, Stewart, Thomas F/R, Treacy/Wenning, Wells 38	Tour Director	43902277

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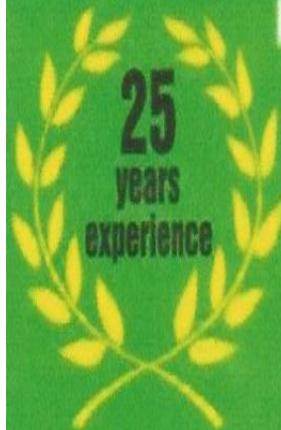
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