

Tuggerah Lakes Caravanners Inc.



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Closing of Membership: At the February meeting a further seven (7) caravans joined the club and our total membership is currently 129 caravans. The committee recently confirmed the club will close its membership at 125 caravans so we will let natural attrition reduce the number to 125. It was also determined that future applicants/attendees be recorded as associate members until after the end of our financial year (30th June) as we probably will have a number of members who may not renew their subscriptions

M & G Progress: At this time we have (47) forty seven caravans booked to attend for the Thu/Fri/Sat nights. We also have some very good entertainment arranged for the two nights. We are in the process of organizing a major raffle with three major prizes and approx ten smaller prizes

including 6 bottles of Wine (Traminer Reisling). All the major prizes being donated by four of our sponsors.. Tickets in this raffle will be on sale at the March meeting so if you wish to support our club in the M&G please but 3 tickets for \$5. All we really need is a little favorable weather and we will have another special three days (Don't miss it) Please pay your monies to Robyn at the March meeting if possible. On the Saturday you may wish to come as a day visitor and stay for the dinner and nights entertainment this will cost \$12.50 per person but please ring Katie or Robyn to book in. (We need numbers for catering purposes)

Cakes and Scones: At the February meeting our Social Director and committee requested members to assist with the M & G by cooking slices, cup cakes, scones etc

to have for morning and afternoon tea. This is a nice way for members to get involved in the club so if you can assist please ring Betty on 43247049 / 0412 247050 or Coral Kane on 4333 9738 / 0412605887

Club Drink Holders: At our February meeting Rhonda Stewart produced a real nice drink cover/holder for wine glasses. We can have it made in different colours or maybe our club colours with "T L C" or whatever printed on it. Rhonda is in the process of taking orders so please contact her to find out more detail

The Pattersons: Bill and Katie have been overwhelmed with the number of phone calls and get well cards sent to Bill following his successful hip operation. They have requested their "thank you to all members" be published in the Newsletter.

No doubt Katie will say a few words of thanks at the March meeting. Bills comment was I couldn't believe the number of calls and cards I feel so special. Thanks to all.

Deposit for Narrabeen The Committee of Management agreed that all members attending Narrabeen will be charged a \$10 per person booking in fee. This fee will cover marquee, tea, coffee, piklets, and B-B-Q costs. Due to the expected increase in member's attendance we are also looking at a larger marquee which is approx. 1/3 larger. It was also agreed that if the \$10 fee did not cover all costs then the club would pay the remainder.

Entertainment for Xmas Dinner 2008; We are now in the process of arranging entertainment for our Xmas Party. So folks when you mark your TLC diary make sure it covers the period from 11.00am to 5.00pm on **Sunday 14th December 2008**. We will talk, eat, sing and dance the day away.

Booking in at Narrabeen The C of M has agreed that the Tour Director will be responsible for siting of vans at Narrabeen. That members who attended in 2007 be allowed to rebook their site from last year if they wish. That as members pay their \$10 per person deposit they can select their site. So it may be advisable to book early. **Note: ONLY members who wish to book on-suites should contact the park direct and book in**

Renewal Of Subscriptions 2008/09: Please remember that our club fee's are due on 30th June and must be paid not later

than the 31st July so if you intend to go North for the winter please ensure you pay before you go. Last year Des received a number of late calls and he had to make special payment arrangement (he paid for them and received their money on their return). It also assists our Treasurer if you pay early saving a late rush at the June meeting.



New Management Structure: The Committee of Management has agreed to trail a new structure for the administration of our club. That is we will allow the elected members to carry out their respective functions ie Tour Director and Assistants will be responsible for all matters relating to tours, including the locating of vans on site at Narrabeen and Morriset. The Social Director and Committee will be responsible for all matters related to social activities. The only other group will be the team of three (3) who organize club Disc Bowls.

Lunch at The Entrance Well! approx. sixty two (62) members attended the first luncheon at The Entrance Bowling Club. What a wonderful lunch and what a happy crowd of our members. We commenced gathering just after 11.00am and then we

had lunch commencing at 12pm. All our members were still there at 2.00pm and by 2.30pm there was still about 20 people standing around talking. The day was a great success Well done Betty

Further Report on Forbes National Rally: We had a great time at Forbes after we adjusted to the heat of 36-38Deg. We met in a huge marquee which was a lot cooler than outside and easily accommodated the 1100 plus people. We met people from all over Australia, New Zealand and even a couple from Holland at the street breakfasts and the early morning walks. There were stacks of activities. We particularly enjoyed camp cooking where we learnt to make pizza, biscuits and apple turnovers. We were given a great cookbook and will be practicing for Hartwood. We enjoyed happy hour together under shady trees by the lake. We were a bit concerned about what Alice was drinking from her water bottle. Bob took his gate duties too seriously and was demanding to see our club members' driving licenses as they returned through the security gate. (give a man a colored vest and you create a monster). The closing ceremony went well even though we only had the Patterson's and granddaughter Brittany for company. We hung around to see the tears when they fare-welled Doug and Pam on their "One Year Trip around the Block". We are taking bets on how long they will be away. Three months is a popular time but even if Doug wants to return Pam is pressing on as she has her own set of keys. *The Beesleys*

Plastic Water Tanks: Opinions differ on water tanks and hoses but with our plastic

water tanks I like to leave them topped up to the brim between trips. Less air means less chance of sweating inside the tank so the water doesn't go 'stale'. Then I'll drain and refill them the day before we leave on the next trip. (*Extracted from a story in a caravan magazine*) I know Des just drains the old water out and refills just before a trip. But as always it's your choice.

Hartwood: This year the Camp Oven cooking will be interesting as a number of our members are graduates from the "Wollondilly River Camp Oven Cooking" classes held at The National Rally Forbes. Each graduate spent (6) hours cooking and eating their own preparation. Des said he is looking forward to cooking an apple and cherry pie in our camp oven. (ha ha). Some of our members will play **GOLF** at Colah during the middle of the week so bring your clubs. The Social Committee has also arranged that we have a **Hartwood Beach Party** on Wednesday 19th and a **Fancy Dress up Night** on Friday 21st. *Wow strange things are happening*

State Web Site/Our Site: All clubs have been requested by the State Assoc. to update their Website. The State web site in one month had 10000 hits plus 100 from the UK. Currently we are still in the process of preparing our material. At the moment the items we may place on the site would be: New Members Information Sheet, Caravan Safety Tips, Newsletters, our Sponsors Adds and list of our past trip.

Narooma/Morya Trip: We started out at the caravan park at the Golf Club in Narooma but ended up moving to Moruya

by the river because of bad (or complete lack of) drainage after quite a bit of rain. The people at Moruya River Breeze Caravan Park could not do enough for us and we will certainly be back. We had lots to do – deep sea fishing, cruising on the Clyde River at Batesman Bay, trip to Mogo Zoo with lunch at Tomago Club for \$4, trip to Tilba to buy cheese and sample wine and shopping, of course. We celebrated John and Joy Lusted's 48th anniversary with a lovely meal at Moruya Bowling Club. Every afternoon we got together for happy hour or two or three. When the weather was inclement we enjoyed the camp kitchen with plenty of tables and chairs and even a TV. We had seven caravans all up and enjoyed the benefits of a small group. The countryside was so green and there was a lake or river at every turn. We want lots more to come on our next trip South. The Beesleys

Alaska Trip 2009: This 2/3 week trip will go ahead during May – July period 2009 but members will need to make a decision about attending within the next few months. The secret is that by booking the airfare many months ahead gets you into the special deal packages. I understand Stella/Mick have done this type of tour/trip arranging before for friends. Talk to Stella and Mick ASAP they have all the documentation you will need to consider.

First Aid Course: We had nineteen (19) members put their hand up to attend the 2008 First Aid Course. The Committee has nominated members to attend on a selection criteria which appears to be the fairest way. One member per family first then based on attendance at trips. We think

we will have six (6) spots this year but will keep you posted.

Favorite Caravan Park/Camp Site; This is something new. We are going to compile a list of our club member's favorite holiday locations also your special free camps that you have actually stopped at. So to start it off we need you to name the park/location and just a few brief words about it (a phone call will do and I will write it up). This will be an ongoing project and it will be one of the pages in our clubs Web-page.

Crossed Chains on Caravans: As you are all probably aware the purpose of chains on your vans are to secure the van to the car in case of coupling problems. The crossed chains will support the coupling and also prevent the caravan coupling hitting the ground and your van and car having a sudden separation. The crossed chains also cause your van to continue following the vehicle. *Mmmmm ---hope this does not happen to us although we did lose a borrowed box trailer once!!!!*

Caravan Hot Water Systems: Our February meeting was advised that members who have a hot water system in their caravan should inspect their "Sacrificial Anode" to ensure it is still effective. Talk to Mick Roberts or Alan Howard for more information **BUT** you must check it out

Petrol V Diesel: There are a lot of different ways at looking at a vehicles economy. Generally it's the cost at the pump and the real in-your-face expenses of running a tow vehicle that's felt every day. It's true that fuel costs are a major part of

the traveler's budget – possibly the major part. However it's the total costs in the long run that are often far more interesting. A journalist did an exercise where he listed every conceivable cost of operating two vehicles. One being a Toyota petrol 100 series and the other a diesel. The list included initial price and re-sale price after 5 years and he concluded that the petrol would be the cheaper option even doing the 60000 km per year his work required. While the diesel might use almost 1/3 less fuel it needed servicing twice as often and needed twice as much oil. *His suggested answer?* Keep your old tow vehicle as long as you can. These days there's far more value in a long-term relationship with a vehicle than with a number of "flings" (Extract from *Caravan & Motorhome Tips & Techniques*)

Norah Head Melbourne Cup Trip: This should prove to be an exciting, busy and happy week. The Coopers will be the Trip Leader (Rhonda, Ken, Alice and Des) Already approaches have been made to the Local Sportsman Club and lots of planning is underway. All we will need is for the weather to be friendly. We have pencil booked 30 sites so the first ingets the best sites. Remember this park is dog friendly and you do not have to stay for the (7) nights. We are currently negotiating the \$25 petrol refund and \$20 meal voucher. Put it in your memory bank 30th Oct to 5th November inclusive

Social Committee Activities: Folks watch the Social Page as our Social Committee has been very busy preparing a wide range of social events. Support the Committee and come along and get involved.

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TLC Birthdays. MARCH

David Jones	2-Mar
Roland Davies	4-Mar
Werner Klumpp	9-Mar
John Howey	13-Mar
Wendy Rothwell	13-Mar
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Noel Clarke	18-Mar
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CLUBS MONTHLY RAFFLE

The club have agreed to trial a new raffle during Sept. Oct. Nov consisting of \$20 from the member and \$30 from the club making a prize of \$50

C.A Dew April

K. Duggan May

W.P Dunks June

Would you please supply the \$20 to our Treasurer Robyn Rigger. If you are unable to attend the meeting contact Robyn so that she can arrange for the next names on the list.

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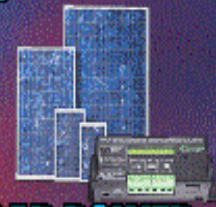


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TRIPS ON THE BOARD

Date	Venue	Phone	Pets	Dep	Cards	Trip Leader	Phone
Mar 17 - 24	HARTWOOD	nil	Yes	No	No	B & B Lambert	4324 7049
ATTENDING: Cooper, Lambert, Wardrop, Howard, Stewart, Beesley, Purnell/Filmer, Gordon, Kane, Carr, Woods, Roberts, Maslem, Cooper KR, Webb, Rigger, Teesson, Sutton, Jones, Howey, Sheehan, Lanci, Pansini, McGowan, Robertson (Total 25)							
Mar 20 - 26	BELMONT PINES	4945 3405	No	Yes	Yes	Clarrie Stevens	4369 2759
ATTENDING: Ketley, Stevens, Lusted, Curnow, Wallace, Grady (Total 6)							
Mar 24	MOREE	02 6752 2723	No	Yes	Yes	B & R Beesley	4295 7889
ATTENDING: Beesley, Easter, Hayes/Hart, Clarke, Bengel (Total 5)							
Apr 3 -5	MEET & GREET	Committee	Yes	Yes	NO	Committee	C of M
ATTENDING: Beesley, Curnow, Webb, Kane, Stewart, Lee-Sing, Cooper, Stevens, Lambert, Easter, Courts, Brown, Farrell, Maslem, Cooper KR, Holland, Moore, Hughes, Broadhurst, Steele, Pollard, Roberts, Marsh, Purcell, Woods, McLean, Smith, Hogan, Welland, Kane, Teesson, Ryan, Johnson, Howard, Smithers, Brennan, Howard, Smithers, McDonald, Grady, Eadie, Kelly, Jones, Wallace, Fuller, Thomas, Dungate. (Total 47)							
Apr 21 - 30	BEECHWORTH	03 5728 1421	No	Yes	Yes	Clarie Stevens	4369 2759
ATTENDING: Carr, Curnow, Stevens, Lambert, Beesley, Cooper, Rigger, Smith, Davies, Thomas, Cooper K/R, Hendy, Holland, Mackay, Brown, Lanci, Hogan, Bickley, McGowan, Linfoot, Broadhurst, Hoye, Cain, Roberts (Total 24)							
May 3 - 9	TOOWOON BAY	49591271	No	Yes	Yes		
ATTENDING:							
May/June	TOUR TO THE RED CENTRE	Ring David	Nil	Nil	Nil	David Gross	43250668
ATTENDING: Gross, Lyons, Thomas, Ryan (Total 4)							
Sep 1 - 8	BLACKSMITHS BEACH	4971 2858	Yes	Yes	Yes	C of Mgt	C of M
ATTENDING: Cooper, Stevens, Beesley, Lambert, Cooper K/R, Ketley, Curnow, Kane, Gordon, Stewart, Lee-Sing, Holland, Woods, Johnson, Wardrop, Howey, Carr, McAndrew, Wallace, Hughes, Broadhurst, Grady, Mackay, Purnell/Filmer, Roberts, Patterson, Marsh, Kane, Bickley, Welland, Teesson, Newbold, Rigger (Total 33)							
Sep 25 - Oct 5	BURONGA CARAVAN PARK	03 5023 3040	Yes	Yes	Yes	To be Nom.	Nil
ATTENDING: Lambert, Beesley, Howard, Smith (Total 4)							
Oct 5 - 15	MURRAY RIVER BUSH CAMPING	Nil	No	?	?	????????	Nil
ATTENDING: Gross, Courts, Broadhurst/Hoye, Linfoot, Rance, Lambert, Eadie, Lamrock (Total 8)							
30th Oct - 5th Nov	NORAH HEAD	4396 3935	YES	Yes	Yes	R/K Cooper	43972285
ATTENDING: Cooper K/R, Cooper D/A, Stevens, Lambert, Curnow, Patterson, Hayes/Hart, Mackay, Smith T/L, Roberts, Hendy, Ducker, Wallace (Total 13)							
Nov 23 - 30	NARRABEEN 2008	DO NOT PHONE	No	No	Yes	COMMIITTEE	Committee
ATTENDING: Thomas, Howard, Sheehan, Cooper K/R, Sutton, Williams, Linfoot, Thomas R/J, Holland, Woolfe, Chambers, Steele, Patterson, Cooper D/A, Stevens, Curnow, Roberts, Broadhurst, Hayes, Marsh, Kane, Purcell, Grady, Moore J & M, Rigger, Dew, Fletcher, McAndrew, West, Stewart, Wardrop, Johnson, Ducker, Lambert, (Total 34)							

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