

# Tuggerah Lakes Caravanners Inc.



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**Thank You TLC Members:** Lorraine and I joined this great club just over a year ago sadly she passed away three months later. I would like to express my appreciation to the club members that I have come in contact with, especially those who have invited me into their group, into their caravans, there homes and their hearts

My family and I will be for ever grateful to the members and committee for the support I have been given Many thanks Chris Baird .

**Caravan Parks Progress:** Back in the old days caravan parks charged around \$20/night they supplied a site, with power and a shower toilet block. Some also charged \$2 extra if you had an air conditioner . But with progress and the demand for better amenities some parks now have ensuite sites, delux cabins with spa baths, duel head showers (togetherness) .Lots of parks now supply

free Wi-Fi, jumping castles, jumping pillows, play grounds, water parks, some have mini golf. Golf driving range, bikes, trampolines, games rooms, kids clubs, boats (motorized) canoes, fully equipped gyms, pools (heated and cold), cafes and restaurants. Ah progress

**Elite Car Installations:** Hi club members we are very happy to advertise in the club Newsletter. We thought we might let members know a few things about us.

- We have been trading for 12 years
- We specialise in caravans and motorhomes, currently we have a motorhome booked in which we are supplying & installing a DVD player with Navigation & Bluetooth, Reverse camera & UHF radio.
- We (Brad & Tracy) are the owners of the business, Brad being the installer ensures each & every customer is satisfied with any

products supplied, work performed & service provided.

- Our van is a mobile showroom with most of our products in stock you can discuss options & choose which products you would like on the day
  - We come to you, so you can enjoy having your installation done in the comfort of your own home
  - We offer lifetime warranty on installations as we take pride in the work we do & want our customers to have that guarantee for peace of mind.
  - We are fully insured & licensed
- Look forward to meeting you -  
Tracy & Brad

**January Meeting:** We had (102) one hundred & two members and (2) two visitors attend the January meeting.

**Mayfield Gardens Oberon:** Just noticed an article in the Open Road about Mayfield Gardens. It is a "must see says Graham Ross of Better Home and Garden". Arrangements have also been made that they will open the gardens on the Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May especially for TLC Members.

**Cheryl D's Super Special Deal:** Hi members I have a huge box of fabrics most are 3 metre lengths. If there is any ladies in the club that would like some, see me or give me a call. Cheers Cheryl xxxx

**250Kg Hayman Reece Stabiliser:** I wish to sell the above HR Kit They are in near new condition with very little wear. I wish to advertise them to TLC members for half price \$350 Denis McCann 0429832810 9457 6877

**Caravan Cover:** I also we wish to sell a caravan cover for \$100  
Could you please pass the word as I would prefer to see one of the members get it rather than go through EBay  
Denis McCann 0429832810 9457 6877

**BIRTHDAYS FEBRUARY.**

Chambers Lee	1-Feb
Hunt Les	4-Feb
Haberfield Ern	5-Feb
McCann Denis	7-Feb
Lavis Gary	10-Feb
Stewart Rhonda	10-Feb
Denny Pat	12-Feb
Insull Ian	13-Feb
Kinnell Doug	17-Feb
Holland Greta	20-Feb
Luttrell Diane	21-Feb
Lewis Donald	24-Feb
Bromley Philip	25-Feb
Eadie Helen	25-Feb

**2015 Happy Hallidays Rates:**  
2015 February Club Rally Site Costs:  
Powered site for 7 nights is \$195.  
Extra night charge \$32

Ensuite site 7 nights is \$245.  
Extra night charge \$42  
Regards Bev Tour Director

**KIAMA TRIP:**  
**MEXICAN FUN NIGHT**  
WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> March 6pm

Dress up is Optional  
Bring your favourite Mexican Dish  
You will find a few extra Mexican delights on the table  
Music supplied by Herb Albert Ducker  
Come along & have fun fun fun

**LAKE CONJOLA TRIP**  
**YE OLE ENGLISH PUB NIGHT**  
WEDNESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH 6pm

Wear a Hat or Cap (Optional)  
For Catering purposes \$2.50 per person

MENU: Bangers & Mash  
Apple Crumble & Custard

Bring your own plate & cutlery  
ALSO  
Bring your good voices for a sing-along  
&  
Tankards full of Beer to make it a fun fun night

**National Folk Festival Canberra**  
EASTER 10 days Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March to 6<sup>th</sup> April (Easter 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> April) we arrive early to get a good powered site. Powered site for 10 days at the EPIC Centre ( show ground) where the festival is held so you are on site.

4 day ticket to the festival. All costs in excess of \$650 for 2 people.  
We volunteer 20 hrs each in return for free camping and festival ticket, we do 5 x 4 hr shifts (Phil drives a mini bus around the festival grounds one shift a day.  
Lyn works at the volunteer centre where volunteers go to take a break and have a cuppa) there are lots of different jobs you can choose from.

We don't have any trouble filling the time before the festival starts as there is so much to see in Canberra and lots of it is free.

The entertainment is the best in Australia and lots of great entertainers from overseas. A huge variety of different music and dancing, poets, instrument's. Lots of fantastic stalls and international foods. (see the website below) a feast for all the senses.

This will be our 5th festival and we love it. If anyone is interested and need further info contact Lyn & Phil on 0425290885 or email [plbromley2@telstra.com](mailto:plbromley2@telstra.com) or visit [www.folkfestival.org.au](http://www.folkfestival.org.au)

**The Amazing Kimberley's:**  
"Like no other place on earth"

After doing the big lap in 1986 we always wanted to go back and explore the Kimberley's that we missed. The Gibb River Road plus Purnululu National Park (Bungle Bungle's) and a trip out to the Horizontal Falls were on our bucket list. We stored our motorhome in Derby for 24 days unhooked the Suzuki, packed our camping gear and off we went in company with Phil's sister and brother in law. To say it met all our expectations is an understatement.

Just to mention some of the highlights.....We visited Mornington

Wilderness Camp (322,000 hectares) owned by the Australian Wildlife Conservancy which aims to deliver effective conservation for all Australian animal species. They own 23 sanctuaries around Australia and do wonderful work. We enjoyed three days of magic scenery and bird watching here.

Next was Mitchell Plateau which has the beautiful Mitchell Falls where we hiked the challenging 3 hr track from the campground to the most beautiful series of waterfalls. I opted for the 6 min helicopter ride back to camp, an exhilarating flight and view of the whole area.

We travelled on to Kalumburu up on the Kimberley coast on a not so good road, an aboriginal settlement population 400 and the interesting Kalumburu Mission. This has been there almost 100 yrs and now offers a good campground with cabin accommodation plus the town church, art gallery and interesting museum. Not so many tourists come up here as its 263km from the GR Rd. We also camped at a beach campground nearby on the coast, experiencing a beautiful sunset into the Timor Sea. Many keen fishermen come up here every year for several months as the fish are abundant, we were lucky enough to be given a bag of Red Emperor fillets by a friendly fisherman.

Among many beautiful camp spots a stand out was Home Valley Station on the Pentecost River, overlooking the magnificent Cockburn Ranges, what a view. While there a grey nomad lady went on a 4wd fishing tour and came back with the only Barramundi caught that day and a record for the Station at 1.25 mts, dually photographed and let go as protected that size.

I think everyone has heard of El Questro Station, it is a beautiful place and can be visited by vans and motorhomes as it's a

sealed road from Kununurra end with only about 14 km of well-maintained dirt road to the established camp ground, there is a couple of river crossings about 300mm deep and while we were there we saw a huge tourist bus go through and normal vans and motorhomes. We enjoyed the Zebedee hot springs after a short rainforest walk, hired a tinny with elect outboard and spent 3 hrs totally on our own travelling up a beautiful gorge, had one of the private 26 creek front campsites for 4 nights where we could swim in the crystal clear croc free creek. We also enjoyed a beautiful Barra meal at the restaurant overlooking the river as a special treat. There is a big campground at the station with powered sites and excellent amenities.

After a short visit to Wyndham to restock with food we travelled down the highway to the Bungle Bungles. Wow, what can I say, one of the most amazing places we have seen. We camped 3 nights in one of the 2 National Park campgrounds, spent almost one day walking the northern end then the next day the southern end. One very disturbing thing happening in the Kimberley's is the arrival 3 years ago of the cane toads, a sign at our campground advised 40,000 cane toads had been collected in the campground over 2 weeks in April/May. We saw them while walking to the Cathedral Gorge by the dozen trapped in deep rock holes. Rangers collected 200 the next day from these holes. Unfortunately there is no solution.

We sadly parted from our companions after the Bungles and travelled back to our million dollar penthouse (m/home)... well that's what it felt like after 24 days in the tent. It was a wonderful trip, it wasn't easy

by any means especially at our age, we were always covered in dust, some of the walks were very challenging, putting a tent up and down for this amount of time is not what I call fun although we were getting pretty good at it, we crossed about 50 or more rivers and creeks with water, travelled on some awful by roads, (the GR Rd is quite good) paid up to \$2.75 pl for fuel, did it all in our 2010 Suzuki Grand Vitara, (toy 4wd) didn't have a puncture but did have a shock absorber fail, apart from that she came through unscathed...But all that said we had the time of our lives.

The final part of our Kimberley adventure was two days later 27/6 on our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary when we did the Horizontal Falls overnight trip. It is a 30 min flight from Derby by seaplane out to Talbot Bay where they have a small floating hotel (large houseboats) right near the amazing phenomenon of the 11 meter tides squeezing through two narrow gaps in the cliffs. We were transferred to a powerful 900hp fast boat to traverse the falls. I did my best to take some photos while hanging on for my life during the most thrilling ride through the churning water trying to fit through this narrow gap. We did lots of trips through the wider fall although the second narrower falls were too dangerous at the time the water being 2.5 mtrs higher on one side. We then quietly cruised along the coast to cyclone bay where they moor the houseboats during the wet season, a very beautiful coastline. During sunset a yummy barra dinner was served on the top deck and conversation flowed for the rest of the evening with the group of 16 guests and the 6 staff. The staff, a wonderful group of young people who

know and enjoy their job here in the wilderness for 7 months every year enthralled us with stories of their experiences while living and working out there in Talbot Bay.

After a peaceful sleep in our cabin we were up at sunrise with breakfast served and another fast boat ride through the falls before the flight back to Derby over the most amazing coastline. We can highly recommend this trip it was a wonderful experience. If you have any queries on our adventure please contact us on [plbromley2@telstra.com](mailto:plbromley2@telstra.com)  
Lyn & Phil Bromley N14783

### **2015 HAPPY HALLIDAYS**

#### **PROGRAMME OF EVENTS.**

THURSDAY 5th – THURSDAY 12th February, 2015.

- Thu 5t 5:00pm Welcome Drinks (BYO)  
Fri 6 8:30am Tennis.  
10:00am Morning Tea.  
1:30pm Ladies Aqua Aerobics.  
5:00pm Happy Hour.  
Followed by BYO B.B.Q.
- Sat 7 8:00am Club Breakfast.  
9:00am Tennis.  
10:00am Morning Tea.  
No Happy Hour.  
7:30pm Theme Night FLURO,  
Karaoke and Dancing.
- Sun 8; 8:00am Tennis.  
10:00am Morning Tea.  
10:30am Camera Class  
(BYO Camera & manual)  
3:00pm Barefoot Bowls (no mobiles)  
**BLACKHEAD BOWLING CLUB.**  
Dinner at BOWLING CLUB.
- Mon 9 8:00am Tennis.  
10:00am Morning Tea.

10:30am Card Making.  
1:30pm Ladies Aqua Aerobics.  
5:00pm Happy Hour.  
Followed by TLC Supplied Burger Night.

Tue 10; 8:00am Tennis.  
10:00am Morning Tea.  
10:30am Camera Class  
(BYO Camera & manual)  
5:00pm Happy Hour. (no mobiles)  
7:00pm Movie Night.

Wed 11;8:00am Tennis.  
10:00am Pikelet Morning Tea  
(Supplied by TLC)  
5:00pm Happy Hour.  
7:00pm Bingo Evening.

Thu 12; Leave for Home.

#### **DID U No By Flippo**

Brains of older people are slow because they know so much.

People do not decline mentally with age, it just takes them longer to recall facts because they have more information in their brains. Much like a computer struggles as the hard drive gets full, so, too, do humans take longer to access information when their brains are full.

The human brain works slower in old age, , but only because we have stored more information over time

Also, older people often go to another room to get something and when they get there, they stand there wondering what they came for. It is NOT a memory problem, it is nature's way of making older people do more exercise. SO THERE!!

I have more friends I should send this to, but right now I can't remember their names...

### **SANDBAR TRIP**

**5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

- Thu 5.00pm Happy Hour  
Fishing Instruction detailed
- Fri Fishing Starts at Daybreak
- Sat Fishing –Golf  
Dinner at Club
- Sun Fishing – Golf  
Morning tea provided
- Mon Fishing – Golf  
8.00pm SHOWTIME
- Tues Fishing – Golf  
6.00pm BBQ Provided
- Wed Fishing – Golf  
6.00pm Trophy Presentations
- Thu Home

Weigh in 11.30 to 12.00 & 4.30 to 5pm  
Happy Hour 5.00pm each day  
COSTS: \$10 per person

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

Cheryl Ducker  
John Shawcross

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

\$50 Clarrie Stevens  
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\$20 Mike Lenane

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**Next ---General Meeting  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February 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>Feb 5<sup>th</sup> –12th</b>	<b>HAPPY HALLIDAYS 1800 555 454</b>	Angell, Baird, Bickley, Bennett, Brewer, Brooks, Bromley, Brown, Cannard, Chambers, Collins, Cooper, Crocker, Curnow, Davies, Ducker, Eadie, Edwards/Williams, Flippence, Haberfield, Hansell, Hennessey, Henry, Howard, Jager, Kane, Kinnel, Laney Latham, Lee –Sing, Lenane Lindsay, Lusted, Majchrowski, McDonald McGillicuddy, Oakes, Olesen, Palmer, Polloard, Reilly, Rohwer RussellB/T, Ryan, Smyth, Sansom, Shawcross, Shoobert, Smith, Stewart, Simpson, Thomas B/L, Thomas F/R, Tipping/Barard, Treacy,Wells, Williams, 55	<b>C/ P Kane</b>	<b>4333 9738</b>
<b>Feb 12<sup>th</sup>-26th</b>	<b>SHOAL BAY HOLIDAY PARK</b>	Anderson, Barnes, Collins, Coltman, Curnow , Eadie, Hassall, Henry, Hoff, Howard, Lindsay, Majchrowski, Marsland, Palmer Reilly S/A, Rohwer, Sansom, Smyth, Stevens, Stevenson, Svensson Wells, Zammit 23	<b>P/C Stevens</b>	<b>4369 2759</b>
<b>Mar 20 – 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>2015 STATE RALLY MANILA</b>	Davidson, Maughan,	<b>B Shoobert</b>	<b>4390 2277</b>
<b>Mar 5 – 12</b>	<b>SANDBAR FISHING/GOLF</b>	Bennett, Cooper, Crocker, Curnow, Henry, Kinnell, Latham Lindsay, Majchrowski, Pollard, Reilly S/A, Smith 12	<b>V/D Kinnell</b>	<b>4390 8933</b>
<b>Mar 16 -28</b>	<b>KIAMA -</b>	Baird, Belshaw, Bickley, Coltman, Curnow, Ducker, Fletcher, Henry, Johnson, Latham, Lee-Sing, Lindsay, Majchrowski, Pollard, ReillyS/A, Stewart, 16	<b>Duckers/Henry</b>	<b>0414 935 355 0417 431 179</b>
<b>Mar 16 - 28</b>	<b>LAKE CONJOLA</b>	Bickley, Cannard, Coates, Coltmam, Curnow, Ducker, Fletcher, Henry, Johnson, Latham, Lee-Sing, Lenane, Lindsay, Majchrowski, Merrett/Wright Oaks, Pollard, ReillyS/A, Stevens, Stewart, Wallace 19	<b>Duckers/Henry</b>	<b>0414 935 355 0417 431 179</b>
<b>Apr 1 - 12</b>	<b>CORRYONG BUSH FESTIVAL</b>	Howard,Edwards/Williamson,	<b>A/B Howard</b>	<b>4358 4224</b>
<b>Apr 10 -14</b>	<b>OBERON MAYFIELD GARDENS 02 6336 0344</b>	Anderson, Brewer, Cooper, Ducker, Henry, Lindsay, Reilly S/A, Riley M/R, White 9	<b>A/S Reilly</b>	<b>49720170</b>
<b>Apr 23 -27th</b>	<b>BOGGABRI DROVERS CAMP</b>	Baird, Barnes, Bennett, Bickley/Geale, Bolcina, Brewer, Brown, Chambers, ClarkeF/J, Collins, Cooper, Crocker, Curnow, Dew, Ducker, Eadies , Edwards/Williamson, Flippence, Hansell, Henry, Holland, Howard, Insull, Jager, Jones, Kane, Kennedy, Lee-Sing, Lindsay, Majchrowski, Marsland, McGillicuddy, Moore, Olesen, Pollard, ReillyS/A, Riley, Rohwer, Russell M/R Shawcross, Shoobert, Simpson, Smith, Smithers, Stewart, Tipping/Barnard, Webb, Williams, Wright/Merrett 49	<b>K/S Crocker</b>	<b>0414 890 403</b>
<b>Apr 28-May 2</b>	<b>GLEN INNES CELTIC FESTIVAL</b>	Cooper, Crocker, Curnow, Dew, Geale/Pollard, Holland, Majchrowski, Merrett/Wright, Moore, Steell C, Stevens 11 Trip Full	<b>L/R Curnow</b>	<b>4369 5954</b>

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