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NEXT MEETING - Sunday 17 July 2022

Meeting June 2022

64 Members attended plus 29 Visitors

(19 coming from the Newcastle Caravan Club)

Welcome back to returning members Peter and Susan Barnes.

Raffle winners	Carol Brown	\$50.00
	Susan Edwards	\$30.00
	Yvonne Whitehead	\$20.00

Winners of Gift Cards donated by the Palmdale Group

Wayne Laurie	\$30
Lorraine Laney	\$20

Winners of \$10 Gift Cards supplied by The Doylo

Sabina Lenkeit

Joan Cornwell

July Birthdays

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Wenning Robert	19-Jul	Collins Leonie	4-Jul
Fraser Terry	21-Jul	Geale Wendy	14-Jul
		Stratton Fiona	15-Jul



Report on Meeting held on 17th June 2022

A short General Meeting held in the Auditorium at the Doylo on Sunday 17/6/22 was followed by a Caravan Safety session conducted Police Sergeant Matt Rees from the Lake Macquarie Highway Patrol.

It was great to be able to welcome all the visitors and the committee hope that all who attended found the information helpful.

When available I will include some of the diagrams in the Newsletter.

This is the second time Matt has conducted one of these helpful sessions. I am sure some of those in attendance went home to check a few things out.



This letter has been sent from Janis Treacy

Look What you have done

I sat down the other day and did a quick calculation of what you the members of TLC have donated to John Hunter Children's Hospital, and I think it is about \$1200.00. Below is a list of the things that have been bought with that money.

Things that can be reused......AFTER cleaning. Baby rattles, course and effect toys, Lego, cot mobiles, stacking toys, texters, NUNO (cards which are laminated,) games like connect 4, these things that are handed out to children then returned and cleaned. Not all toys get returned and things get broken there for they have to be replaced. This is what your donations go towards.

Things that CANNOT be reused Colouring books, stickers, straws, cupcake patties, pipe cleaners, bubbles, paper plates, play dough, craft packs, masks, colour pencils, beads, match sticks. Plastic seal bags to place crafts into All these items cannot be reused and are replaced. They don't get thrown away the kids take them home.

To give the children something to do while they are sick is amazing even if it takes their mind off the fact they are in hospital for just half an hour it is worth it, to see the smile on their faces is priceless I can't thank you enough for donations over the past few years you are amazing I just wanted you all to know YOU ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE in helping a child go home and you should all be very proud of what you have done. Janis Treacy

On Sunday 19th June, \$145.00 was donated by those attending to the John Hunter Children's Hospital for the purchase of playdough and craft materials.

IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE

From: <u>secretary@caravanclubsnsw.asn.au</u> Date: 16 June 2022 at 7:46:56 am AEST To: <u>secretary@caravanclubsnsw.asn.au</u> Subject: Swift cooktops and ovens

To all NSW club members,

If you have or know of persons with a caravan, please take notice or pass on the stop use of Swift 500 cooktops and ovens

Immediate action is to isolate the gas at the isolation valve (usually a yellow handle) to the stove / cook top usually in the cupboard below or near the appliance Please see below notice

Background, two caravans have had serious gas explosions due to a manufacturing fault with in the cook top

SWIFT 500 SERIES INCIDENT

Date: 08/06/2022

Due to circumstance beyond our control we have been informed by the ACCC that we need to notify our customer in regards to the Incident that has occurred. Please read the notice below and advise your customers that the Swift 500 series (All Models) are **NOT** ALLOWED TO BE USED AUSTRALIA WIDE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. We hope this is a temporary situation, We are waiting on a reply from the ACCC and WA authorities as to what steps are to be taken next. Please be patient once we have more information we will advise through our website. Please be informed the electrical element can still be used.

Swift Appliance Group Pty Ltd is currently liaising with the ACCC, WA DMIRS and Resources Safety and Health Queensland regarding gas explosion safety risks in the 500—Series Caravan Gas Cookers. We will provide more information as soon as possible after conferring with the regulatory bodies. Consumers must immediately cease using the products until tests determine the cause of the explosion and the products are deemed safe.

Regards

Swift Appliance Group

More information is available

https://www.swiftappliancegroup.com.au/notices Regards,

Anne Carragher

(02) 98321163 / 0422714168

secretary@caravanclubsnsw.asn.au

In addition this is an email from Peter Davidson with 3 links regarding the Swift cooker.

From: Peter Davidson [mailto:pdavidson842@gmail.com] Sent: Wednesday, 15 June 2022 12:09 PM To: Fay Thomas Subject: Re: Swift Ovens

Hi Fay, it appears that it is only for the 500 series and it is for Cooktops, Grills & Ovens (some reports are just saying ovens.) Here are some links on the subject:

SWIFT 500 SERIES INCIDENT - This is from Swift Appliance Group

<u>Swift Group–Swift Caravan Cookers</u> – This is from the ACCC

<u>Swift 500 series cookers in caravans</u> – This is from Resources Safety & Health Queensland

regards

PeterD

If you are reading this on your computer, with your mouse – right click on the link and it should give you the option of opening the Hyperlink.

* During question time after the meeting on 19th June, someone asked if anyone could recommend a gas fitter. One of the Newcastle group gave this name. Paul Dunne - Plumber and Gas Fitter 0417 228 476

* Another recommendation for spare parts was Charmhaven Caravan Wreckers Unit 6/14 Arizona Road 02 4394 0114 – phone first as they could be picking up caravans.

HAVE YOU REMEMBERED TO CLAIM YOUR TOLL REBATE FROM THE CANBERRA TRIP? I only did ours last week, first time we have claimed, it was easier than I had expected.

> IF YOU ARE TRAVELLING IN ANOTHER STATE – MAKE SURE THAT YOU CHECK THEIR RULES FOR TOWING. THEY CAN BE DIFFERENT TO THOSE IN NSW.



Darlington Beach – TLC Christmas in July Rally

Christmas Lunch will be held in the Park, and meal tickets will be available to purchase from the café. The cost will be \$20.00 per person.

Check out the extension trip from Darlington up the coast to Lennox Head! Details on Page 8 News

CEO Weekly Message

Over the past 18 months, we have been campaigning with the NSW State Government to consider the unfairness in the current NSW toll system. Last month, the Government announced that there will be a formal review of the road toll system in the Sydney area; this review commenced this week. Many members have written to their local State Members of Parliament, and to me, which proved valuable in our communication with the Government.

On Wednesday, I was joined by Ken Newton (Chair of the Australian Caravan Club) and collectively under the umbrella of RV Clubs of Australia (RVCAL) we met with both sides of Government to discuss the key issues around this toll system. We presented the issues followed by a solution to both sides of Government, which we believe could be a fairer system for all RV consumers.

Issue 1 - Current Classification

Currently the fee structure is a debacle, with the Government and operator only allowing two categories. However, we are proposing a third category be added between the current two classes which will allow vehicles between 2.81m to 3.5m in height to be recognised for the Recreational Vehicle.

• Class A Vehicles 2.8 metres or less in height and 12.5 metres or less in length.

• Class B Recreational Vehicles between 2.81 metres to 3.5 metres in height or between 12.51 metres 16 metres in length.

Class C All other vehicles

Issue 2 – Vehicle Recognition

Currently, Transurban operate with a scanning program that detects height and length of vehicles. We are also seeking a simple change to have vehicle recognition through the number plate system that refers to registration and identification of that specific vehicle. Having RVs recognised through their registrations is a simple and easy resolution.

We will continue to work on these above issues, as they are major election elements in the lead up to the NSW election scheduled for March 2023. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our many CMCA members who have written to their local Members of Parliament voicing their concerns. I encourage you to continue doing this and forward a copy for myself to keep on hand.

Safe travelling

Richard

02 49978 8788 enquiries@cmca.net.au

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CMCA Members' Portal

DO NOT OVERTAKE TURNING VEHICLE STICKERS

This was a question put to Sergeant Rees - the following is from Transport NSW

- 1. <u>NSW Centre for Road Safety</u> >
- 2. <u>Staying safe</u> >
- 3. <u>Drivers</u> >
- 4. <u>Caravan safety</u> >
- 5. Do not overtake turning vehicle signs

<u>Do not overtake turning vehicle signs</u>

Listen



Overall length of 7.5m or greater

A caravan and towing vehicle with a combined overall length of 7.5m or greater is required to have a 'DO NOT OVERTAKE TURNING VEHICLE' sign attached to its rear, if the vehicle and caravan combination intend to momentarily occupy an adjacent lane ('straddle') when making a turn.

Straddling lanes to turn allows the driver additional space to turn safely, especially on tight bends.

'DO NOT OVERTAKE TURNING VEHICLE' signs also require other vehicles to give way.

Please note: Straddling adjacent lanes while turning without the warning sign displayed is illegal in NSW.

The requirement to have a 'DO NOT OVERTAKE TURNING VEHICLE' warning sign attached is common across most states and territories to allow the straddling of lanes, and is part of the model law <u>Australian Road Rules (PDF,</u> 6.3MB) .

The requirements for NSW can be found in the NSW Road Rules 2014.

DO NOT OVERTAKE Preferred sign

TURNING VEHICLE The preferred sign should have a minimum area of 0.125 square metres, and the words "DO NOT OVERTAKE TURNING VEHICLE" should appear on the sign in block letters, with a height of not less than 50 millimetres. This sign is the most visible to other drivers, providing them sufficient warning to provide caravans and towing vehicles room to manoeuvre while turning. **Other acceptable signs** Alternate acceptable "DO NOT OVERTAKE TURNING VEHICLE" signs include one measuring 300mm by 100mm, and another measuring 300mm by 300mm.More information on using and fitting Rear Marking Plates can be found on

the National Code of Practice Rear Marking Plates (PDF, 946KB)



 $\ensuremath{\mathbb{C}}$ Transport for New South Wales Last Updated: 29 November 2021



I hope to have copies of the Police slides to include in next Newsletters

Leonie

New Trips

If you study your trip sheet at the end of the Newsletter, you will see that there are two new trips organised by Ian Palmer and Christine Knight.

The first is:-

BLACK TOP COASTAL RUN Accommodation (BTCR)

Start 28 July – Finish 4 August

Christine Knight & Ian Palmer 0411 029 434

The BTCR is a trip extension to the TLC's "Christmas in July Rally"

Leave Darlington and drive North to Lennox Head (195km)

Stay at: Lennox Head Reflections Holiday Parks. Corner Ross St and Pacific Pde 6687 7249 Stay 7 nights arrive 28 July leave 4 August

Using Lennox as a base provides day trip access to:

Ballina, Byron Bay, Tweed Heads, Brunswick Heads, Bangalow, Ocean Shores, Mullumbimby, Murwillumbah and Newrybar

Choose your own stopover for the trip home:

105 km to		In	Out		
Maclean	2 nights	Thu 4 Aug		Sat 6 Aug	
	McLean Riv	rerside C/van	Park	109 River St	6645 2987
142 km to					
South West Rocks	1 night	Sat 6 Aug		Sun 7 Aug	
Inger	nia Holidays S	SW Rocks	Gord	on Young Drive	6566 6264
(drive	thru site)				
218 km to					
Bulahdelah	1 night	Sun 7 Aug		Mon 8 Aug	
River	[.] Myall Holida	y Resort		57 Stroud St	4987 9281
To home					

If you want to participate in this trip, book your site at Lennox Head (Mention that you are part of the TLC group with Ian Palmer) and please contact Fay Thomas on 0408 271 236

Or email <u>caravannerstuggerahsecretary@gmail.com</u> to be put on the trip list.

BLACK TOP OPAL RUN

Start: Cassilis 11 October - Finish: North Haven 27 October

Christine Knight 0432 665 841 Ian Palmer 0411 029 434

The BTOR is a touring trip that finishes at North Haven for "Melbourne Cup Rally"

Commencing at Cassilis, the trip visits Gilgandra, Lightning Ridge, Burren Junction, Narrabri, Moree, Bingara, Manilla, Walcha, finishing at North Haven for the start of the Melbourne Cup Rally.

A total of 16 nights away, travelling a distance of around 1456 km

Booking Check List

BTOR	Bo	ooking Check	<u>List</u>	
	IN	OUT		
150km from Beresfield to t Cassilis 1 night 156km to	•	Wed 12 Oct	Free Camp (Bowling Club
	•			First in first served
	Pk @ L.R.	Tue 18 Oct 142 Pandora St. Imer for TLC. Close		
Burren Junction 1 night or, Junction				Springs ver First in first served
93km to				
•	•	Fri 21 Oct . 11-35 Tibbereena S 1 Tuppiari Rd		
<i>Moree 2 nights</i> Gwydir Cara 122km to	Fri 21 Oct Pk. Cnr Newe	Sun 23 Oct ell & Amaroo Rd	6752 2723	Pay On Arrival
Bingara 2 nights Pk Copeton 148km to	Sun 23 Oct Dam Rd	Tue 25 Oct 0427 241 300		Camp or Riverside C/van Pay On Arrival
<i>Manilla</i> 1 night River Gums 128km to	Tue 25 Oct C/van Pk Stra		1166	Pay On Arrival
Walcha 1 night Walcha C/va 208km to North Haven Make sure you book you include your name on th		et 6777 2501		Pay On Arrival hone Fay Thomas to

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Cassilis

Overnight stop \$15. Pizza at club

156km to

Gilgandra

Overnight stop, Coo-ee Memorial park, rural museum, café country style.

185km to

Lightning Ridge

5 Nights here. Bottle house museum, John Murray art, Chambers of the Black Hand (must see), Ridge Lightning (photo gallery and shop), Chats on Opal café, Walk-in mine, Hot artesian baths (42^oC), Kangaroo Hill Tourist Park, Designated fossicking areas (maps @ visitor centre)

168km to

Burren Junction

Junction City Hotel. Overnight stop at Pub 7 w power, Diesel fuel,

Alternate Stop Free camp, un-grassed camp area, Bore bath Hot Springs, Self contained vehicles only?? (There are showers and toilets Camps 9)

93km to

Narrabri

2 Nights here. Aust. Cotton Centre, Bush coffee house, Paul Wild Observatory 5x 22m radio antennas with the 6th 3 km away, Mt. Kapular Nat Pk. Possible FC @"fish farm?'

98 km to

Moree

2 nights here, Graduated temp hot pools at park, Trewalla Pecan Farm, Self guide tours,

122 km to

Bingara

2 Nights here. Orange Tree War Memorial, Self-guide historical/scenic town walk and drive.

148 km to

Manilla

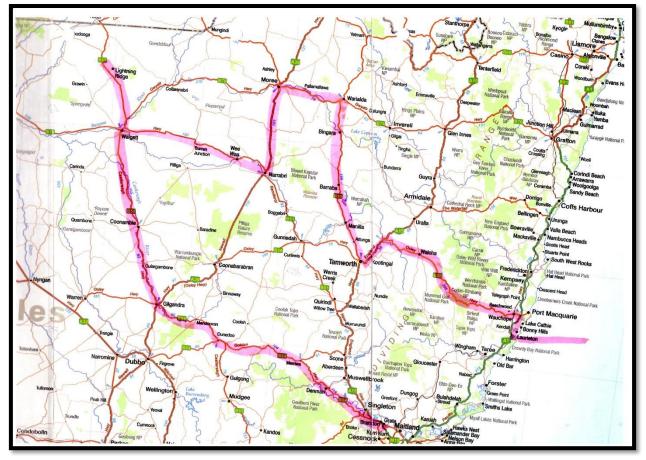
Overnight stop, Dutton's Meadery (fermented honey and water), Manilla antiques and coffee shop. 128 km to

Walcha

Overnight stop, open air sculptures, Café Graze, coffee / food,

208 km to

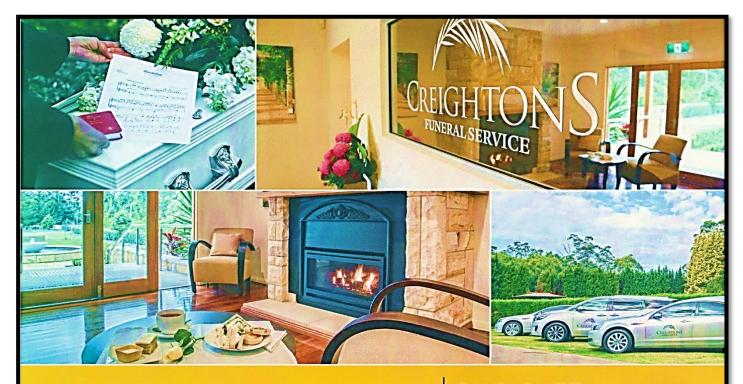
North Haven for Melbourne Cup Rally



Black Top Opal Run Map



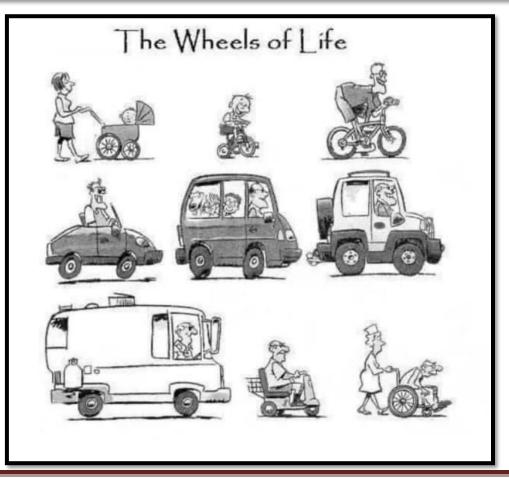
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Two R M Williams Dryza-bone coats

- (1) Long sleeved coat \$150 JA 518 Roustabout coat Retail \$339
- (2) New long sleeved long coat JA 51.06 \$ 250 Never worn

Graham also has tyres for sale.

4 Bridgestone tyres from Toyota Prado – 265 x17 - 697 tyres. Travelled 30,000 km, still plenty of tread. Still on car. Selling for new same tyres as planning very long trip. \$50 each or ONO

Call Graham on 0428 246662

Inspect and pick up at Lisarow.

		Tuggerah Lakes Caravanners			
TRIP SHEETS 2022					
DATES	DESTINATION	MEMBERS ATTENDING	CONTACT	PARK	
21 – 28 July 2022	Darlington Beach Caravan Park <i>Xmas in July</i>	Angell W/A, Barnes S/P, Barnes/Gosper D/G, Belshaw R, Bennett M/B, Cok W/A, Collins M/L, Cornwell J, Cooper D, Dew A/C, Field L/G, Green M/G, Howard B/A, Insull B, Knight C/J, Latham D/B, Lee-Sing S/W, Maranik D/A, Marchant/Neale D/K, Merrett/Wright P/J, Moore N/J, Moore/Dick T/M, Oakes/ Lenkeit J/S, Olesen P/C, Palmer/Evernden I/F, Pryde/Nutter F/R, Rohwer P/P, Shoobert B, Smyth J/H, Thomas F/T, Treacy/Wenning J/R, Williams K, Williamson/Edwards G/S 33	Club Organised	Darlington 6640 7444	
28 July – 4	Black Top Coastal	Belshaw R, Cooper D, Cornwell J, Davidson P/Y, Edwards/Williamson	Ian Palmer	Reflections	
Aug 2022	Run (BTCR)	S/G, Green M/G, Howard A/B, Insull B/D, Latham D/B, Lee-Sing S/W, Moore/Dick T/M, Palmer/Evernden I/F, Rohwer P/P, Treacy/Wenning J/R 14	0411 029 434	Lennox Head 6687 7249	
Aug 22 – 29 2022	Del Rio Riverside Resort Wisemans Ferry	Collins M/L, Cooper D, Cornwell J, Cousins/Kennedy D/M, Cowin/Robinson S/K, Field L/G, Geale W, Green M/G, Howard B/A, Jones D/S, Lee-Sing S/W, Maranik D/A, Moore/Dick T/M, Pollard C, Rogers R/R, Ryan J/R, Schultz B/A, Thomas F/R, Treacy/Wenning J/R, Wright/Merrett J/P 20	Fay Thomas 0408 271236	Del Rio 4566 4330	
11 – 27 Oct 2022	Black Top Opal Run	Collins M/L, Cooper D, Edwards/Williamson S/G, Kennedy/Cousins M/D, Knight J/C, Latham B/D, Maranik D/A, Palmer/Evernden I/F,	lan Palmer 0411 029 434	Touring	
(BTOR)		Rohwer P/P, Treacy/Wenning J/R, Wilcox/Richardson G/J,	Christine Knight		
		Wright/Merrett J/P 12 Visitors S Purdon & J Roth-Magar	0432 665 841		
27 Oct –	MELBORNE CUP	Belshaw R, Bennett M/B, Bryce/Tanner J/H, Collins M/L, Cooper D,	Club Organised	North Haven	
3 Nov	RALLY – NORTH HAVEN	Cornwell J, Dick/Moore M/T, Field L/G, Gosper/Barnes G/D, Howard A/B, Insull B, Kennedy/Cousins M/D, Latham D/B, Lee- Sing S/W, Olesen P/C, Oakes/ Lenkeit J/S, Rohwer P/P. Shoobert B, Smyth H/J, Thomas F/R, Treacy/Wenning J/R, Wilcox/Richardson G/J, Williams K, Wright/Merrett J/P 24		6559 9193	
21 Nov –	Narrabeen Leisure	Bryce/Tanner J/H, Davidson P/Y, Dew A/C, Fraser T/A, Leotta A/L,	John Bryce Helen	DO NOT RING	
1 Dec	Trip 2022	Maranik A/D, Rohwer P/P, Wells J/J 8	Tanner	PARK	
			0424 963 954 or 0468 637 711		