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Invitation to attend our 7th Year Dinner

In June 2013 we will celebrate our (7) year Birthday as a club. The Committee of Management have agreed to hold a celebratory dinner and subsidise the dinner by \$10 per member.

Date : Sunday 16th June 2013

Time :12.30pm to 3.30pm

Dinner: Three course Dinner in main hall

Cost per member \$17

Note; The General Meeting will commence at 11,30am and close by 12.00pm. We will then vacate the meeting hall. Members wishing to attend the dinner should list their name on the attendance sheet and pay the Treasurer ASAP

Whats Happening? We sometimes receive feedback or hear the comment –

I was never told or informed about that decision-. Just a reminder folks that a long time ago the committee agreed that

members would be fully informed about all matters relating to the club.

So immediately following a Committee of Management meeting the next general meeting is provided a briefing on all decisions.

This report is then recorded in the Minutes and is again read out at the following General Meeting. So members attending should be up to date on all matters.

But to ensure that all club members are briefed on all activities we also print all information in the newsletter.

So those members who read the newsletter should be fully up to date on all matters

Shackle Information: A lot of information has come in regarding shackle size. Once we have time to “check it out” we will let members know.

However we believe that 13mm shackles with ratings cast into them are available at Bunnings for \$5-\$6.

What a Surprise: Due to the fact that two trips impacted on the May General Meeting date it was expected that numbers would be greatly reduced. However it was great to see that eighty five members and three visitors attended the meeting with lots of good stuff being discussed

Boggabri Drovers Campfire: Kate and I went to Boggabri we were excited and looking forward to this new event. We arrived at Boggabri Showground to receive the warmest of greetings from the locals .

Before we were even told where to camp. a guy in a ute came and filled our water tanks with fresh drinkable water. He was available everyday to top tanks up..

On Sunday we were surprised at how many vans were arriving, the Campfire weekend didn't start until the Thursday.

It grew from 20 vans on Saturday to around 50 on Sunday from all over Australia.

I spoke to Geoff and he said it all started in 2006 he watched caravans going through Boggabri but not stopping. So he came up with this idea, he took it to the Lions Club and the rest is history. 27 vans in 2006 and in excess of 400 in 2013 is not bad for a small country town in only 8 years of operation.

Prior to this he informed us Boggabri was dying and now this Campfire weekend has put Boggabri back on the map and the town is now in a better position due in part to this Campfire weekend and the general community working together.

The campfire has become too big for the Lions Club alone so the Schools and Hospital all take part.

Friday night you take your plate, knife, fork and the hospital staff will dish up the largest meal you will ever see. of pickled pork, corned beef, mashed etc)

Saturday night again bring your plate, knife, fork and the Rugby Club will provide a wonderful meal.

Morning tea, afternoon tea and lunch had lots of pumpkin, date and plain scones baked in wood fire ovens. Also pumpkin soup, beef casserole and billy tea cooking away on top of the ovens at the same time.

There is plenty to see in the area. Kate and I went on various tours, one of which was to a working Cotton Gin.

Also a sheep station in full operation, an historical tour of the area in a bus which took 4 hours and a visit to a homestead called Caracabah, built in 1878. The homestead is lived in by Ron and May Boxsall. Ron and May and the women of the CWA provided morning tea which

consisted of scones, jam, cream, small cakes, sandwiches and tea and coffee

All tours were well organized and we were transported in air conditioned coaches.

The entertainment started on Thursday and continued through to Sunday. Country Music artists Wayne (Bucco) Baldwin and Tom Maxwell. Greg North, who won the National Bush Poetry competition in 2008, 2009 and 2013 was very good. His rendition of the Man from Snowy River was hilarious with his use of different accents.

The Saturday night Skits show put on by the locals was brilliant. It was definitely the highlight of the event. The show went for 3 hours with the youth of Boggabri starting the show off with their talents no expense was spared in supplying international talent Dolly Parton, River Dance with Michael Flatley, Elvis Presley with a few Aussie acts thrown in. The audience numbered 1,000, which we found amazing.

I think some TLC members could fit in perfectly and maybe we could put on a skit for the people of Boggabri .

Sunday night featured a local Jazz band called The Cotton Club. Also a ukulele performance featuring musicians from Boggabri and Gunnedah

There were old machinery displays, old tractors, harvesters and hay bailers built in the 30's, 40's and 50's and still in good working order, some have been buried for years and restored to full working order. There were working horse shows, sheep shearing shows, billy boiling competitions, camp oven cooking,

A caravan hitching competition, mirrors on the tow vehicle had to be covered up making it a communication and signal

only competition. To be honest I can't mention everything, as there was just too much happening.

Three TLC vans attended this year and we have already booked for next year, I can strongly recommend this fantastic weekend. I have to say the Boggabri Community Guide states it is a ***Little Town with a Big Heart***

Please keep in mind this is a Drovers Campfire it is not 5 star, there also is a problem with burrs so good soled shoes are the go. Steve/Kate Crocker xx

Change of AGM Date In early 2013 I recommended to the C of M that we change our AGM from November to January. The C of M then resolved to change the AGM date to January.

This was then endorsed by the following General Meeting. A copy of the reasons for change was provided to members. The Department of Fair Trading was then contacted and they informed me that to change the date TLC must hold its AGM within 6 months of the end of Financial Year.

Therefore TLC would need to change its Financial Year to the 31st December. That we would then need to pass a "Special Resolution" with 21 days notice confirming the change. Also register and pay the Department of Fair Trading. a fee to register the change.

The Committee of Management has re-cinded the resolution that we change our AGM date to January. The May General Meeting endorsed the C of M action.. Accordingly our AGM will be held in November as normal

TLC Policy on Pets: A draft policy on club pets (puppies, pussies, rabbits, birds etc) was read out at the May General Meeting. Members agreed that a copy of the draft policy be sent out to all members for comment/suggestions and that the matter be listed for discussion at the August General Meeting.

Pink Slip for Breakaway Caravans: The following is a few authorized inspection stations for those vans that need to have the breakaway system tested for their registration.

Wyong Bus and Truck	Tuggerah
Hogan Trucks	Tuggerah
John Hogan Trucks	Tuggerah
John Dale Motors	Charmhaven

Justice of Peace List: Members are advised that the list of names have been posted on the Website in the members Section under Services

Club Website: By now members should be aware that our Password to enter the Website has been changed. Committee members are suggesting that we change the Password often. More about this after the next C of M.

Wheel Balance: The need to have your caravan wheels balanced has been discussed several times. Caravan tyres are not generally balanced at the time of sale. A member had said his tyre servicing agent had advised him that a tyre that is out of balance also places pressure on the wheel bearings. The agent said that a small amount of weight out of balance at rest can

increase to the equivalent of 1lb of weight at 100Kph. Mmmmmmm !!!

Perfect Beer Batter:

¾ Cup Self Raising Flour
 ¼ Cup Cornflour
 6 Tablespoons Beer
 6 Tablespoons Soda Water
 Mix very cold and rest in frig for 1 hour

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Thomas Rod	1-Jun
Olesen Peter	2-Jun
Stevens Clarrie	9-Jun
Brown Len	10-Jun
Palmer Ian	17-Jun
Webb Philip	18-Jun
Thomas Jan	1-Jun
Hughes Alena	2-Jun
Webb Rhonda	3-Jun
Flippence Dianne	10-Jun
Webster June	23-Jun
Russell Barbara	27-Jun

Jimmies Beach Report 13-20th May: The majority of members arrived on Monday, with Thelma and Karen and Gary already being there. At Happy Hour Des played his part with introductions, making sure everybody knew everyone else. After a “mention” about a \$1 fine if you didn’t wear your name badge there was a hasty retreat, with those “forgetting” coming back with their name badges on, which made it much easier for us newer members. (PS: No one had to pay.) On Tuesday Pat and Peter arrived in their brand new Jayco Outback, which they

picked up on Monday afternoon, then packed and drove up on Tuesday morning, much to the admiration of all.

It was suggested that on Tuesday we go to a “joint” at Tea Gardens for a “cone”. Thankfully it was fish and chips at the local, which everyone enjoyed. In fact, we went back again on Friday for another “cone”.

Wednesday night we had a bonfire for happy hour. There was an excellent fire pit with large logs placed around the perimeter for seating and the manager arranged for a load of timber to be delivered.

PF wrote one of his memorable poems about a certain lady named Karen and her adventures in the shower. I think he may be a closet Mills & Boon reader after hearing his phraseology about “rivulets of warm water like lover’s fingers over her body”.

Some of us continued on for a BBQ tea in the camp kitchen with other campers joining us for toasted marshmallows over the fire embers. Unfortunately, unknown to Johanna, she dropped a nice squishy hot marshmallow on her chair then sat on it.

On Thursday we all converged on the local Country Club for our \$9 lunch special. Some of our members went back on Friday for the raffle, where Maureen was successful in winning a prize.

In between the above goings on, several members “tried” (with the emphasis on “tried”) to catch enough fish for a group BBQ, but unfortunately it was not to be, despite covering miles walking along the beach.

Tim caught his first flathead, over which a dispute was lodged, because Ken reeled it in. Ken did cook it though and gave Tim the backbone to chew on.

Morning teas were at the Reillys. Sue cooked some delicious date scones one morning and another morning pikelets with jam and cream were provided by Leona, with Anne feeling a little guilty for not cooking and trying a microwave date loaf. Cakes, dips and bickies were provided by others.

Some left early to go to Casino Beef Week, while some had to leave on Friday and/or Saturday to go home.

Being relatively newly refurbished, the park is a great venue. The sites are large and there is a choice of the area with trees or the lower level with fewer trees. The camp kitchen and BBQ's are good and the fire pit is excellent.

A huge climbing gizmo was erected in the play area while we were there.

Happy Hours by the fire, morning teas, lunches and good company made for an excellent rally enjoyed by all who attended. I believe there were 14 Club vans with two visitors. Anne

Gas Usage: This very interesting section is a part copied from Max Maughans 2012 report I now quote *"For bush camping with some comfort you need gas, water and some lighting. How many campers know how much gas they need for refrigeration and cooking for a week?"*

Here are my gas figures and costing for the week at Hartwood. Our gas bottle holds 9.9Kgs of gas (18.33 litres) it cost \$24.00 to get the bottle filled that is \$1.36 per litre.

We camped for 163 hours (5 hours short of a full week) used 2.5Kgs of gas (4.63 litres), $4.63 \times 1.36 = \$6.29$ for a week of gas.

Gas cost us slightly less than \$1.00 per day when bush camping".

LOOKING FOR

Overtaking Signs:

Site Signs:

Caravan Stickers:

Change of Details:

Trip Information

Discount Cards:

Name Badges:

SEE ME

Cheryl Ducker

Clarrie Stevens

Cheryl Ducker

Alice Cooper

Bev Shoobert

Rhonda Webb

Lorraine Laney

Smoke Alarms: During a discussion on Smoke Alarms the meeting was advised that in a three month period the previous winter there was 1526 house fires in NSW, 10 deaths and 127 people severely injured. It was found that 9 homes out of every 100 house fires had removed their batteries. The batteries were then used in remote controls, toys etc.

Smoke Alarms in Caravans: To prevent the alarm operating in your van when cooking it has been suggested that when cooking toast you switch on the exhaust fan first or alternatively place your colourful shower cap over the alarm. But here you need to remember to also remove it when finished cooking toast. As there is only one exit from a caravan it is essential that the smoke alarm (with battery installed) operate during the nighttime for your safety

LUNCH WINNERS

Halakulani lunch winners from the Members Sign in Book.

Kate Crocker

Dawn Meatheringham

MONTHLY CLUB RAFFLE WINNERS

Winners of the monthly raffle

\$50 Neville Coltman

\$30 Lyn Belshaw

\$20 Sandra Lee-Sing

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Next ---General Meeting

Sunday 16th June 2013

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2013 LIST OF TRIPS

Jun 6 -13	Blue Water Country Music Fest. Shoal Bay Hennessy, Shoobert, Teesson, Thomas	Contact	B/B Shoobert 43902277
Jul 15 – 22nd	XMAS in JULY @ HAPPY HALLIDAYS 1800 555 454 Angell, Bickley, Bromley, Brewer, Brown L/J, Burrows, Cooper, Channon, Curnow, Davies, Dennis, Dew, Dreyer, Ducker, Edwards/Wiliamson, Fabien, Fletcher, Flippence, Haberfield, Hansell, Hendy, Hennessy, Henry, Herod, Hoff, Howard, Hunt/Holly, Jagger, Johnson, Kane, Kains, Kingma, Kinnell, Kennedy, Latham, Laney, Lee-Sing, Maughan, Merritt, McDonald, McGillicuddy, McKenzie, Moore, Oaks, Olsen, Pollard, Reilly, Russell, Sharp, Steele K/L , Shawcross, Shoobert, Smith, Stewart, Svensson, Thomas, Wallace, White, Williams.	Contact	Committee
Jul 22nd -17 Sep	Winter Escape Cairns, Atherton, Underra, Charters Towers, Carnarvon Gorge, Roma Ltd Numbers Cannard, Curnow, Davidson, Pollard, Holland, Bickley/Geale, Fletcher, Kane, Moore, Merritt/Wright, Shawcross, Res Edwards/Williamson	Contact	L/R Curnow
Sep 23 – Oct 2nd	NATIONAL RALLY ROCKHAMPTON QLD. Belshaw, Davidson, Edwards/Williamson, Meatheringham, Reid, Shoobert, Morris,	Contact	Secretary
Nov 1 – 7	NARRABEEN RALLY DO NOT RING NARRABEEN	Contact	Committee

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