

# Tuggerah Lakes Caravanners Inc.



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### **Vale Robert Herod**

It is with respect and sadness we remember our departed member and friend

**2014 AGM November:** TLC AGM will be held Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2014. Nominations for positions close five (5) weeks before that date. ie 12<sup>th</sup> October 2014. Notice of the AGM and Nomination forms will be included in the August and September Newsletters.

**Happy Hallidays Xmas in July:** We attended the recent trip to Happy Halliday's for the Christmas in July event having been members for only a few weeks. The experience was great giving us the opportunity to get to meet many new people and participate in the activities which had been planned. The venue is ideal for a group event and we would like to thank the organizing committee who had obviously put

a lot of thought and work into the programme. They demonstrated their flexibility by agreeing to move the Happy Hour time forward to take advantage of the daylight and warmer part of the day.

New experiences, barefoot bowls, disk bowls and water aerobics were great fun and made me realize how many muscles had not been used enough lately (probably for a few years –quite a few). Anne another novice bowler had never played before either. Chatting we found we both had played some bowling alley games back in the 1960s!!! Disk bowls tested the old body too so the water aerobics were very therapeutic and lots of fun as well. Thank you Wendy. Those naughty boys needed a naughty corner.

The Christmas in July dinner was delicious – especially good when you don't have to cook -You rarely find a group so ready to join in a community sing song with such

gusto giving the vocal chords and lungs an extensive workout, enjoying every note. The film night was confronting but very well done I doubt that film will ever be shown in Japan. Aado & Dorothy Maranik

### **Christmas in July--Happy Halliday's**

We arrived early in the week to make the most of the break and have a couple of practice happy hours, a few other members were already there as well so that we could watch the orchestrated arrival of the rest of the club caravans on Wednesday. We had some good times, and some very sad, some good weather and some bad, but mostly we had fun and enjoyed ourselves. Thursday was a very sad day with the loss of Robert; our hearts went out to Josie and family Christmas dinner went really well and most everyone was behaved except for

the naughty table (Beryl and Allan Howard and friends). For some reason they seemed to be a bit happier than others as lots of laughter and the occasional bursting balloon created a few heart flutters. The evening consisted of the harmonious rendition of Christmas carols followed by impromptu jokes handled very well by Mack and Blue that kept us entertained for the rest of the evening. As usual the breakfasts and meals and pike let mornings organised by Coral and Pete and the rest of the crew of helpers was well received and appreciated by the members. Sunday night dinner at the club was most enjoyable, we managed to annoy some of the locals by winning some of their big "CIJ"ham and pork raffles. We ate too much, we laughed a lot, we had a drink or two and a good time. Another great source of entertainment was the large flock of lorikeets that treated everyone as fair game if you looked like you had a piece of bread. It was all over to fast. Karen/Gary xxx

**Incorrect rumour:** –August 8, 2014 Bundaberg Road Policing Unit would like to advise that no rules have changed in relation to towing shackles. Additionally no related infringements have been issued. This is an incorrect rumour currently being circulated via social media.

**New Members Comment:** We had a wonderful time at Happy Halliday's. it was our first time with the Tuggerah lakes caravanners. The group are a wonderful crowd, it was so beautifully organised, Coral and Peter and the others who worked so hard to make the week very memorable. Thank you for making us so welcome. Charles and Helene Zammit.

### **MYTH – Changes to requirements for Shackles used when Towing a Trailer**

August 8, 2014 Townsville Police Crime Prevention Officer reports Recently, information has been circulating on social media about changes that require the shackles used when towing a trailer to be rated as well as police enforcement of this requirement in the Gympie area. Vehicle Standards can advise that under the current legislation, while the safety chains that are used to connect a trailer to a towing vehicle are required to comply with Australian Standard AS 4177.4 Caravan and light trailer towing components, there is no legal requirement for shackles to comply with a particular Australian Standard. However, in the interest of road safety, the Department of Transport and Main Roads strongly recommends that vehicle operators use shackles that are either certified to AS 2741-2002 Shackles or are identifiable as having a suitable design for the trailer and towing vehicle combination. These requirements are not new and have been consistent across most States and Territories for many years.

**Boggabri Contact:** Any member wishing to book in at an earlier date ie on the 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> April can email the days to the organisers [geather@westnet.com.au](mailto:geather@westnet.com.au).

**Flippo's Lament:** A day in the trip life of the Flippo's, We left Maryborough at 8.15 to travel to Pine River Showground, the Showground was closed for camping due to the show being on two week previous on they were fixing up the ground, I rang the

day before and they said they would fit us in for one night, well the GPS sent us all over the place to get there, we finally arrived at 11.30 and they told us sorry no camping, we had lunch and then left after deciding to go to Lennox Head to see friends.

We then went looking for Diesel but ended up on the M1, we had to get off the M1 to get the Diesel, after filling up Dianne went to pay and I said I would get ice creams out of the freezer well when I opened the door there was yogurt, beetroot and too many other things to mention all mixed together on the floor so I closed the door and when Dianne got back she said where are the ice creams I said we'll just pull over there and get them, well when she saw the mess we blamed each other for not closing the fridge door properly.

We cleaned up the mess got the ice creams and were on our way, then my trusty GPS (I hate that Bitch) told me to get off the M1 and I ended up in a Bus terminal parking area with only enough room to get the caravan through, luckily someone had already knocked over a little fence and I could get the wheels of the van up on the gutter to get out.

We finally got back on track and arrived at Lennox Heads caravan park at 3.30 (completely stuffed) they gave us our site it was very tight and hard to get into, when I finally got it in, to get the van level sideways I would have needed to build a 2 foot high wall, so back to the office they gave us another site very level, why not in the first place, so after setting up, our friends had Happy Hour all set up and after several beer and several more

wines the day turned out to be something to laugh about. THAT'S WHY WE ALL CARAVAN The Flippo's

**Trip Report , Cindy & Richard ABC:** Big trip, too much to write about! What stands out has been the unplanned destinations and sights, these include; Edith Falls, north of Katherine, we stayed 2 nights in the National Park (Richard surprised a snake one night walking to the shower – next night he showered in the van)0. After Kakadu, Darwin & Litchfield we did a detour on our way to Kununurra and stayed at Lake Argyle Park, enjoying the infinity pool and an amazing luncheon cruise on the lake. After Kununurra we made another detour staying at Wyndum Caravan Park (they have a resident old donkey wandering through the park). A very quiet little town, main attraction was the lookout 360m above sea level from which you can observe five rivers (Ord, Forrest, King, Durack and Pentecost Rivers) merging with the Cambridge Gulf. Amazing sunset photos from this lookout, like you are on top of the world. Bungle Bungles, Purnululu National Park was a planned destination, however, for me it has been the highlight of the trip. We stayed at the newish Park on the edge of the Park and joined a small group safari into the park for the day. Amazing experience, the orange and black striped sandstone domes, walking between the gorges and domes exceeded my expectations. All up our safari driver did 200 km into the park and around the north and south, road conditions were pretty rough, we saw vehicles with damaged tires and another safari vehicle 'blew his diff', oil was on the ground, I was glad the Pajero stayed back at the camp safe n sound. Obviously the

sports along the way were amazing as to be expected, such as Cable Beach, Broome, at sunset with the camels walking along the waters edge provided great photo opportunities. Another spot that was especially stunning was Coral Bay, Richard went on a fishing charter, he caught 9 fish but the bag limit was 5, so fish were shared with others on the charter. Back on shore the fishing crew filleted and bagged the fish for us – yummy. (Richard was especially pleased with this trip as two other attempts to go on a charter failed miserably, Darwin cancelled literally at the last minute and Broome the trip was cancelled the day before, so hence he was very happy to finally have a good fishing day out). Kalbarri was another gem of a destination, especially Natures Window in the National Park which provided great photo opportunities. I was a little nervous climbing over the rocks in some places as it was very windy. Later we enjoyed the drives and lookouts over the coastal sandstone cliffs and gorges.

Such a big trip, the iconic places have certainly not disappointed but it has been the unexpected that has been a bonus, the fun times at the free camping sites, people that we continue to bump into along the road. We are now in Jurien Bay (Pinnacles)) and are planning to next go to New Norcia. I feel this will be another 'gem' of a destination, 132 km north of Perth, the only monastic town in Australia. The trip is nearing the end, we plan to see Hyden (Wave Rock), and then Esperance and Richard plans to play gold on the Nullarbor/Eyre Highway (world's longest

golf course). We look forward to catching up in September. Bye for now  
Cindy (and Richard) ABC xxx

### **Committee of Management Report:**

**Newsletter Advertising** – The committee has determined to look for additional advertisers in our Newsletters. Members are urged to come forward with suggestions of business houses that may be interested.

**Trip Reports:** Drawing a members name out of a hat and have the member write a report about that trip appears to be working. The committee agreed we also ask members to give a verbal trip report at meetings.

**A.G.M. Nominations** – President requested committee members to consider if they intend to nominate at the upcoming A.G.M in November. President confirmed that this year would be the last year he would nominate for the position of President. The committee agreed that all members need to be encouraged to nominate for Committee or Assistant positions.

**Club P.A. System:** Our current P.A. system requires maintenance. The remote Microphone also needs service. If club members are unable to repair the problem we will obtain external quotes for repair. If all this is to no avail we will research prices of a new suitable PA System.

**2014 Christmas Dinner:** A letter confirming 14<sup>th</sup> December 2014 will be sent to Halekulani Bowling Club confirming this as our Xmas Dinner date.

**2014 Narrabeen Rally:** The Marquee has been booked. Sites are \$35.00p/night, Ensuite site \$55.00p/night. Committee agreed to look for alternative venues to hold the November Annual Rally in coming years.

**Committee Meetings:** The committee has decided that our three (3) committee meetings held each year will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in January, 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in June and the last Monday in September. Mini meetings will take place at 11am prior to a general meeting at Halekulani.

**Club Constitution:** A member asked the committee to consider the criteria for Life Membership. President will look into the legalities as far as Fair Trading is concerned. Any decision on this matter will require discussion and approval by a general meeting

**Cost to Advertise in Newsletter:** If you talk to any potential advertisers these are our current charges: 1/3 Page = \$200, **OR** 2/3 Page = \$350 **ALSO** a Full Page = \$500

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\$20 Kevin Brooks

**Did You Know By Flippo:** You have a party and there is half bottles of wine left over (I know that's not likely) Did you know that you can freeze wine, but after freezing it would be better suited for cooking (unless you are desperate and want to suck it), A simple way to freeze it is to pour it into an ice cube tray, then when frozen transfer to a freezer bag, one cube is the equivalent of two tablespoons.

Don't worry about thawing the cubes they melt easily when added to a hot pan

Got a special deal 4 you: That's (2) Two "Did You Knows" for the price of one this month only

Did you know by Flippo (2): When you open the door on you grill on your cook top in your van. Did You Know that there is a deflector that you can pull out to protect the knobs from the heat when using the grill (or Gorilla as you prefer). This deflector is not on all grills in all vans as I have done an in depth investigation on this subject on my trip. It is amazing the strange looks you get when you ask someone if you can look at their stove grillers. It's an ice breaker and amazing how many people don't know the deflector is there.

Special request -If you have any "Did You Knows" please send me an email pdflipp2@bigpond.com but please wait until after the 24th August. Please don't send me one saying Flippo you are a dope and so annoying for I already know that AND I LOVE IT. **(Ed comments—This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4th item of "Did you know by Flippo" so watch this space next more hot tips)**

**BIRTHDAYS  
SEPTEMBER**

Brown Judy	2-Sep
McCann Sandy	2-Sep
Insull Beverley	4-Sep
Edwards Susan	5-Sep
Hennessy Thelma	9-Sep
Moore Norm	14-Sep
Purcell Max	17-Sep
Dennis Trevor	22-Sep
Eadie Max	24-Sep
Crocker Steve	25-Sep
Spath John	28-Sep
Kains George	29-Sep
Coltman Lyn	22-Sep
Oakes Margare	30-Sep
Shawcross Gloria	30-Sep

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**Next ---General Meeting  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2014**

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## 2014 LIST OF TRIPS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TRIP</u>	<u>NAMES</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Sept 2 - 9	SANDBAR	Henry, Latham Smith	D/B Latham	0412 817 685
Oct 30 – Nov5 inc	9 <sup>th</sup> NARRABEEN RALLY	Baird, Barnes, Bickley, Brewer, Brown, Clark J/F, Coates, Cooper, Crocker, Curnow, Davidson, Dew, Ducker, Eadie, Fletcher, Geale, Hansell, Henry, Holland, Holmes, Howard Insull, Kains, Kane, LeeSing, Lenane, Lindsay, Luttrell, Majchrowski, Marsland, McGillicuddy, Merrett/Wright, Moore, Oaks, ReillyS/A, Roberts, Rohwer, RussellT/B, Ryan, Sansom, Steele K/L, ,Shoobert, Smith, Smyth, Stewart, Thomas B/L, Wells, Williams, Williamson 49	C/P Kane	4333 9738
<b><u>2015 LIST OF TRIPS</u></b>				
Feb 5 <sup>th</sup> –12th	HAPPY HALLIDAYS	25 Names listed	C/ P Kane	4333 9738
Feb 12 <sup>th</sup> -26th	SHOAL BAY HOLIDAY PARK	18 Names listed	P/C Stevens	4369 2759
Feb 26 – Mar 1	DUNEDOO BUSH POETRY	1 Name listed	D/A Cooper	4393 3383
Mar 20 – 22 <sup>nd</sup>	2015 STATE RALLY MANILA	2 Names listed	B Shoobert	4390 2277
Mar 5 – 12	SANDBAR FISHING/GOLF	7 Names listed	V/D Kinnell	4390 8933
Mar 16 -28	KIAMA - Plus - LAKE CONJOLA	12 Names both trips	Duckers/Henry	0414 935 355 0417 431 179
Mar29 – Apr 6	HARTWOOD COUNTRY MUSIC	14 names listed	C/P Kane	4333 9738
Apr 1 - 12	CORRYONG BUSH FESTIVAL	1 Name	A/B Howard	4358 4224
Apr 23 -27th	BOGGABRI DROVERS CAMP	39 Names listed	K/S Crocker	0414 890 403
Apr 28-May 2	GLEN INNES CELTIC FESTIVAL	12 Names listed	L/R Curnow	4369 5954

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