

# Tuggerah Lakes Caravanners Inc.



## ***NEWSLETTER No 26 - September 2008***

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**Annual General Meeting:** Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> September is our 3<sup>rd</sup> AGM. This is a very important date when we appoint our new office holders who will manage the club for the next twelve months. Please give thought to your accepting nomination to a position. Remember the club cannot function unless members volunteer to hold positions.

**Webpage Now Operational:** Our Webpage was uploaded on the net in early August. Margery Fabien spent many weeks/months preparing the Public and Members pages which also includes providing security on our site. She has provided us with a site that has all possible features including Slide Shows and Note Post which is unusual in a Webpage. It is our intention to introduce changes in the pages contents as appropriate. We have

already received a number of suggestions from members on additional content and this is excellent. So if you have any suggestions please contact Des or Margery to discuss. I am certain that as members check out other Caravan Club Webpage's they will note a major difference in standard. We wish to thank Margery and John Fabien for their many hours of work preparing such an excellent site.

**Central Coast Caravans Shade Wall;** Cameron Cole from Central Coast caravans has kindly donated a \$4/500 Shade Wall which will be fitted to your van (any size). It will be carried in a tube underneath your van. Cameron will fit and install the wall and tube and you just drive away. The prize will be raffled over the next three months and drawn at Narrabeen

Rally. Tickets are **1 ticket for \$2 -- or 3 tickets for \$5**

**Sound System:** At the August general meeting the Committee of Management recommended that we purchase additional sound equipment. The general meeting approved the purchase of the additional sound equipment. This equipment upgrade will allow our members to really "get up close and involved" in providing our own entertainment. In the last 12 months we have seen just a small sample of the skills that lurk within our membership. (*Who are the apprentice Belly Dancers from the M & G and are they still in training??*)

**Web Master:** All websites require a Web master to look after the site. That is one person only who has access to make changes and be responsible for the proper

operation of the site. As Margery created the site it is appropriate that she become the clubs inaugural Webmaster. It is pleasing that the Committee of Management supports her nomination as Webmaster.

**Spare Wheel Cover With Club Emblem:**

That was an interesting suggestion raised in general business. That is to have our club emblem/logo and name printed and fitted on our caravan spare wheel. We currently have members checking out rear wheel cover costs and printing etc. We also have a member drawing up a suitable design. The committee will fully investigate and brief a future meeting.

**Booking in Process:** The subject of repeated problems with members booking into caravan parks and paying deposits has again been discussed at the committee meeting. The committee determined that as from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2009 members may continue to list their names on the Trip Sheet List as currently practiced. Members **MUST** then ring the park or pay the Treasurer a deposit then ring/contact the Tour Director and confirm with him that they have paid their deposit. **They will then be listed in the Newsletter and the official attendance sheet as attending.**

**Canberra Trip:** Whilst on the Murray River trip at each stopover we had four members prepare our three days itinerary. We are going to try something similar whilst at Canberra. On the first afternoon we will gather all available tourist information. As a group we will generally decide the week's activity. Then each

day's program will be organized/lead by four nominated members.

**Treasurers Hours:** As a tester we introduced limited hours for the Treasurer at our August meeting. The committee have now agreed to a six (6) month trial on the Treasurers hours. Just a reminder that the hours are 11am to 12pm then 12.30 to 12.50pm. **No monies will be paid or received after the meeting closes.**

***Who's Where***

Jan/Rod Thomas are somewhere in Europe near Tuscany generally touring, drinking wine and having fun.

Barry/Betty Lambert are up around Ayers Rock somewhere just looking around.

Keith/Pam Woolfe have just returned from Cape York. They have lots of stories/info.

Bob/Robyn Beesley are in Arnham Land at Kakadue dodging/playing with crocodiles

David Jones is in Ireland chasing up relations/friends

Laurie McAndrew has been up at Hervey Bay Q whiting fishing for (6) months.

Pam/Doug McCorrison just returned after (7) months around Aussie

*Please let me know if you are aware of people travelling so I can include them in the Who's Where Box. Editor*

**Xmas Dinner:** We are closing in on details for our Xmas dinner, re timings, music, menus. We hope we will have the menus available at the September meeting. The process of booking in for this year will be handled by the Treasurer. Members may place their names on the Xmas List and pay the dinner costs at the October or

November meeting or post in their cheques..

**Lunch at International School of**

**Catering:** This is something that may be available for some of us to attend whilst we are at Narrabeen. We will not have further information regarding this dinner until the end of September. At this stage it is a maybe only.

**Narrabeen Tourist Park Free Weekend**

**Gift:** Narrabeen Park management have kindly donated a free on-suite weekend for our club to raffle. The committee has determined **not** to conduct a raffle but to draw the winner from a hat. So all members who are in attendance at Narrabeen will go into the draw which will be drawn at the Saturday night function. So if you are not in attendance at Narrabeen you are not in the draw. *Good luck*

**Public Liability Insurance:** The President advised that he had held discussions with the Secretary of NSW State Association of Caravan Clubs re our club members consisting of two or three vans going on private trips. The State Secretary confirmed that they will not be covered under the States Public Insurance policy unless they complete a Trip Sheet and it is submitted to the State Secretary as required.

**Vacancies for State Rally 2009:** Our Secretary has just advised that at this point of time we have three vacancies for the State Rally at Berry. These are a lot of fun so if you are interested ring and discuss with Katie

**Winters Over:** The cold weather has just about gone and we are now entering six months of busy caravanning activity. So look closely at the trips and remember the more you are involved the more you will enjoy the club. *Hey come see Lucky Starr and Brian Davies as a starter.*

**Test the Website:** The Website is progressing rapidly. Try this as a tester. Go to our site and open the Members Page then Click on Calender (top left). Then arrow down on the trips on the right hand side until you come to Blue Waters Country Music. Double click this site. Have a look around this page at the available shows where you must PAY. Then click on “Click here for the FULL PROGRAM” and see the week of free shows. **NOTE** this is the **2008 program** the 2009 will be published when available.

*Rob/Bob Beesley sent this story from Arnhem Land. I thought it very interesting. It is something we should consider doing when/if we visit the area. Ed*

**Animal Tracks Safari by Robyn Beesley:** We joined the tour at Cooina at Kakadu with Rachel, our guide (an ex-park ranger). She explained we were picking up Patsy, an Aboriginal woman who still hunts and gathers in the traditional Aboriginal way. We were asked not to make a fuss of Patsy as she does not like to be the centre of attention and really comes along to assist Rachel. Patsy lives on a buffalo farm. The buffalos cause a lot of destruction in Kakadu and the rangers are trying to eradicate them. They have allowed buffalos to be kept on the farm as they are killed and the meat is distributed to the Aborigines in the area. Part of the money

we paid for the tour goes towards supporting the buffalo farm. In the morning Patsy shot two magpie geese and caught two barramundi for our dinner. We passed a billabong with egrets, whistling ducks, spoonbills and hooded lapwings. There were fruit bats in the trees. Patsy showed us how to find mussels in the mud on the edge of the billabong. She collected water lilly seed pods which we tried. They tasted like mung bean shoots. We stopped for a loo stop – a plastic chair with a large hole in it over a hole and surrounded by a tarp. The men went behind a tarp strung between two trees. We saw buffalo in the wetlands – a bull, some females and a calf. Patsy found green ant nests in a cocky apple tree and crushed them to kill them. We then all tried some – they tasted like citrus. Rachel told us when she feels a cold coming on Patsy gives her some ants which wards off the cold. Patsy showed us how to strip a large sheet of paperbark off the tree. This is used to cover the food when cooking. Next we looked for water chestnuts in clumps of mud which we hammered apart. A lot of work for only ¼ cup full. Finally we arrived at Goose Camp on a billabong. First we saw a lot of brolgas – some dancing and then we spotted all the magpie geese, thousands of them all making a racket and flying off in clouds to turn around and settle again. We helped Patsy pluck the feathers off the geese. She then laid them across the fire to get rid of the down feathers. She cut them into pieces ready for cooking. Rachel made two large rectangular dampers that she just laid on the coals and then shoveled more coals on top – no alfoil! Patsy placed some cocky apple leaves on the coals and then arranged the geese and barramundi on

top. She put some coals on the fish and then placed the paperbark sheets on top. She shoveled dirt around the edges of the paperbark to seal it so the smoke didn't escape. It took about 40 minutes to cook. She tossed the entrails away and the kites swooped on it having a great squabble. We saw a wonderful sunset while we were eating our dinner of goose, barramundi, damper, mussels and water chestnuts. We even tried the heart and gizzard which tasted a bit like calamari. We sat on the ground in all the dust around a piece of paperbark eating and talking with Patsy. I commented on my grubby legs and Patsy said that I was now an aboriginal woman and laughed. When we dropped Patsy off at her house we told her in her language that it was great and called out over and over again along the track, “bor, bor” which means goodbye and she called it back. We felt it was such a privilege to meet someone like Patsy. *Robyn*

**Blacksmiths Trip:** About 18 vans and 36 happy caravanners arrived at Blacksmiths on the Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September (1<sup>st</sup> day of Spring). The first three days were wonderful with lots of activity involving trips, camp oven cooking, cakes, food, piklets and the like. The members were astounded at the dampers and cakes the Riggers and Gordons kept producing and we just kept on eating. Rhonda Webb did a wonderful job organising our standard Pie's and Mushy pea's for lunch. This again was a great success and we the members thank all those who looked after us so well. Then came the Thursday and Friday where we had a few sprinkles of RAIN and this caused us to kinda remain indoors most of the day. A few members went touring,

others sold caravans, purchased cars or visited friends the majority stayed in the park and played cards. At one stage Bill Rigger was seen playing cards with six ladies and he was not winning. Then came the Friday night with cyclonic winds and 50ml of rain. Some members had just arrived and had not unhitched when they went out for tea. (They were lucky). The wind flattened about 4 annexes in total. One side arm on our awning was torn from the van wall and our awning was shaking and flapping. We were not in the park at the time so around 4am some of our members tied our awning to a B-B-Q. Saturday morning saw many wet members putting things back together and helping each other. A few stronghearts stayed on but I think the majority started a mass exodus for home and safety. So if you want to hear some good stories just talk to a survivor from Blacksmiths. It is a really lovely park with brand new amenities. Every site is quite big and they are currently upgrading by pouring concrete slabs. Park management could not do enough for our members they had even organized a free B-B-Q and club photo shoot for the Saturday afternoon. The Tour Director has "pencil booked" 31 sites for next year. So get in early with your booking

**Tamworth Country Music:** Lloyd Purnell has arranged with a friend at Tamworth for a limit of (10) ten of our club vans to stay on his property for a week leading up to the January long weekend Country Music Festival. It will cost about \$10/ night. The property is about 8klm from town and we think it has only one (1) power point and one (1) toilet.

Each van would need to carry its own water. A battery pack or generator would also make things easy. Lloyd and Des will go up and check the site out within the next few weeks. But first we need to know if anyone is interested in going if Lloyd/Anne organizes a trip. Des will call for possible attendees at the next meeting-

The Pattersons: Congratulations to Bill & Katie on the safe arrival of twin Great Grand Sons. (Des said—Bill is going to teach them to speak Aussie)

### **SOCIAL CALENDAR**

**Friday 19th September at Wyong RSL: Lucky Starr and Brian Davies – free entry- Last time 23 members attended. So arrive before 6pm and have \$11 dinner. Show starts at 7.30pm Come along and have a few dances and a bit of fun**

**2008 Xmas Dinner Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December; Starting at 11am finish 5pm**

**If you wish to attend : Ring Coral Kane on 4333 9738**

**Hope to see you meeting on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2008 at the general meeting and AGM.**

### ***FOR SALE***

**Millard Caravan 17'6 x 7'6,** Excellent condition, double Island bed, elevated fridge, micro oven, large table, porta pottie, wind up antenna, near new roll out awning with annex, 1500kilos total weight, complete with towing aids, galvanized chassis, crockery and implements included \$18500 Ph **Ken Reynolds 0415 606726**

**Queen Size Caravan innerspring Mattress:** As new purchased with new van owners decided to replace it with a Double Bed mattress Selling Price - \$250 **Janice Palmer Ph 4353 6551**

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**Ring Alan Howard 4353 3700.**

**2003 Paramount Delta (Full Van):** Shower/Toilet, 4 burner gas cook top/grill, reverse cycle air conditioner, island bed with innerspring mattress, windguard TV aerial, microwave oven, radio/CD, 3 way fridge. Great Storage plenty of cupboards plus 3 leadlight fronts. 2 gas bottles, roll out awning, battery pack, full heavy duty cover –Tailor made \$38,950 ONO  
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M Fowler    November    (Paid)  
T Fuller     December    (Paid)  
D. Gordon   January     (Paid)  
**Would you please supply the \$20  
direct to Treasurer Robyn Rigger.**

## TLC Birthdays. September

Brown Judy	2-Sept
Lamrock Bob	6-Sept
Hennesy Thelma	9-Sept
Williamson Sandy	9-Sept
Fuller Bernie	10 Sept
Williamson Garry	12-Sept
Moore Norm	14-Sept
Hoskinson Pamela	14-Sept
Ketley Maureen	14-Sept
Patterson Katie	15-Sept
Hart Denise	16-Sept
Purcell Max	17-Sept
Carr Elaine	17-Sept
Ketley Robert	21-Sept
Burrows Fred	22-Sept
Rigger Robyn	22-Sept
Eadie Max	24-Sept
Stansfield Philip	24-Sept
Burns Mimi	24-Sept
Bullock Terry	26-Sept
Ryan Margaret	26-Sept
Spath John	28-Sept
Purnell Lloyd	29-Sept
Lambert Betty	29-Sept



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## TRIPS ON THE BOARD

Date	Venue	Phone	Pets	Dep	Cards	Trip Leader	Phone
Oct 5 - 15	<b>MURRAY RIVER</b>	DO NOT PHONE	No	No	No	????????	Nil
<b>ATTENDING:</b> Gross, Linfoot, Lamrock, Ryan (Total 4)							
20th - 26th October	<b>CANBERRA</b>	Do Not Phone	Yes	NO	Yes	Des Cooper	43933383
<b>ATTENDING:</b> Cooper D&A, Lambert, Smith, Patterson, Purnell/Filmer, Linfoot, Fletcher, Hayes/Hart, Cannard, Reynolds, Easter, Fisher, Woods, Davies, Roberts, Cain, Gross, Holland, Lusted, Thomas, Green, Howard, Morris, Holmes, Fuller, Brown J&L, Webb, Dew (Total 28)							
30th Oct - 5th Nov	<b>NORAH HEAD</b>	4396 3935	Yes	Yes	Yes	R/K Cooper	43972285
<b>ATTENDING:</b> Cooper K/R, Cooper D/A, Lambert, Curnow, Patterson, Mackay, Smith T/L, Roberts, Hendy, Ducker, Wallace, Ketley, Webb, Filmer/Purnell, Beesley, Woods, Lee-Sing, Stewart, Carr, Wardrop, Morris (Total 21)							
Nov 23 - 30	<b>NARRABEEN 2008</b>	DO NOT PHONE	No	Yes \$10/person	Yes	Committee	Committee
<b>ATTENDING:</b> Thomas, Howard, Sheehan/Ranse, Cooper K/R, Sutton, Williams, Linfoot, Thomas R/J, Lambert, Holland, Woolfe, Chambers, Steele, Patterson, Stevens, Curnow, Roberts, Broadhurst/Hoye, Hayes, Kane, Purcell, Grady, Moore J & M, Rigger, Dew, Fletcher, Ducker, McAndrew, West, Stewart, Wardrop, Johnson, Cooper A/D, Jones, Murgatroyd, McDonald, Beesley, Bengel, Wildman, Holmes, Fuller, Evans, Bullock/Browning, Dungate, Wallace, Burns, Field, Fisher, Johnson P&G, Reynolds, Cannard, Lanci, Hogan, Pansini, Easter, Webb, Ranse, Lusted, Morris, Burrows, Gordon, Eadie, Pollard (Total 63)							
Feb 1st - 7th 2009	<b>BLACKHEATH</b>	4787 8101	No	\$29.50	Yes	Clarrie Stevens	43692759
<b>ATTENDING :</b> Cooper K&R, Courts, Cain, Davies, Stevens, Curnow, Gordon, Brown D&B (Total 8)							
Feb 21 <sup>ST</sup> -27 2009	<b>TUNCURRY BEACH</b>	1800 227 275	No	Yes \$30.00	Yes		43692759
<b>ATTENDING</b> Clarke, Curnow, Stevens, Lambert, Kane, LeeSing, Stewart, Evans, Fletcher, Murgatroyd, Thomas, Woolfe, Wallace, Wardrup, Broadhurst/Hoye, Easter, Moore, Bickley, Bullock/Browning, Cooper K/R, McGowan, Grady, Davies, Mackay, Smith, Reynolds, Dew, Howard, McNamara, Fisher, Eadie (Total 31)							
Mar 8 <sup>th</sup> -15	<b>STATE RALLY – BERRY</b>	Katie Patterson	NO	\$15.00 with	No	Katie Patterson	4390 5658
<b>ATTENDING:</b> Cooper D/A, Stevens, Curnow, Roberts, Patterson, McDonald, Holland, Beesley, Ryan, Lambert, Fletcher, Purnell/Filmer, McCorrison (Total 13)							
Mar 15 <sup>th</sup> -21	<b>GERROA SHORES</b>	4234 1233	No	Yes	Yes	Clarrie Srevens	43692759
<b>ATTENDING:</b> Stevens, Curnow, Cooper, Beesley, Lambert, Easter, Cannard, Roberts, Bickley, Holland, Fletcher, Woolfe, Ryan (Total 13)							



Date	Venue	Phone	Pets	Dep	Cards	Trip Leader	Phone
Mar 24th - 30th	<b>MEET&amp;GREETCESSNOCK</b>	DO NOT PHONE	Yes	\$15 to Treasurer	Cash/Cheques	Committee	Committee
<b>ATTENDING :</b> Cooper R&K, Cooper A&D, Webb, Sutton, Sheehan/Ranse, <b>(Total 5)</b>							
Apr 6 <sup>th</sup> -13	<b>HARTWOOD 2009</b>	DO NOT PHONE	Yes	No	CASH	Des Cooper	43933383
<b>ATTENDING</b> Cooper D/A, Carr, Sheehan, Bickley, Kane, Wardrop, Lambert, Beesley, Cooper K/R, Sutton, Rigger, Broadhurst/Hoye, Mackay, Howard, Holmes, Brown, McDonald, Johnson G&L, Fuller, Fletcher, Burrows, Dew, Gordon, Courts, Coles (visitors), Fenning (visitors), Lamrock, McGowan, Eadie, Ranse, Filmer/Purnell <b>(Total 31)</b>							
Apr 13 <sup>th</sup> -18	<b>WARRUMBUNGLE</b>	DO NOT PHONE	No	No	Not Sure	????	??
<b>ATTENDING:</b> Howard, <b>(Total 1)</b>							
April 20th - 23rd	<b>GUNDAGAI</b>	DO NOT PHONE	No	No	Cash only	Clarrie Stevens	4369 2759
<b>ATTENDING:</b> Clarke, Stevens, Reynolds, Curnow <b>(Total 4)</b>							
April 24th - 30th	<b>BEECHWORTH</b>	03 57 28 1421	No	\$25.00	Yes	Clarrie Stevens	4369 2759
<b>ATTENDING:</b> Clarke, McDonald, Linfoot, Stevens, Fisher, Reynolds, Cooper D/A, Holland, Green, Howard, Holmes, Fuller, Curnow, Carr, Evans, Dew, Cannard, Murgatroyd <b>(Total 18)</b>							
2nd - 8th June	<b>NELSON BAY Ctry Music</b>	1800 600 200	No	\$50.00	Yes	Des Cooper	
<b>ATTENDING:</b> Lambert, Cooper A&D, Beesley, Hughes, Moore, Rigger, Grady, Holland, Fletcher, Mackay, Thomas, Morris, Holmes, Filmer/Purnell, Curnow, Reynolds, Woolfe, Evans, Ducker, Brown D&B, Marsh, Cannard, <b>(Total 22)</b>							

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