

Tuggerah Lakes Caravanners Inc.



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Annual General Meeting. The Rules that our club operates under requires us to hold our AGM within six months of the end of our financial year. To fit in with our Accountant who is heavily involved with Tax returns during July, August and September the **Committee of Management now proposes to hold the 2009 and future AGM's at the November meeting each year.** This will also accommodate all the members who are away in Queensland for the winter months. As a matter of interest I have just checked the Minutes of our first meeting held June 2006

Item 6 States. Resolved that the Annual General Meeting be held on the second Sunday in November of each year. This month is when the majority of caravanners return from trips.

Newsletters Delivery: As you are aware we usually send the newsletter out in the week prior to our meeting. We had a computer problem just prior to the July meeting and we did not think it would be back in time to produce the newsletter. So that is the reason the posting newsletters

were a little short of material- sorry about that.

Wheel Balance: The need to have your caravan wheels balanced was again raised at the July meeting. It is members experience that caravan tyres are not generally balanced at the time of sale. Bob Ketley 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. *Check it out for yourself*

REMINDER SAFETY-CHECK BOX

Have your caravan wheels balanced. It costs about \$6 per wheel. It will reduce van vibration and strain on your wheel bearings.

Email Newsletters: We always send out an email to let you know that the newsletter will arrive on a certain date. However we continue to experience two or three

mailbox full returns every month. It has been suggested that the problem is members do not empty/delete their mailbox. It has also been suggested that we should reduce our inbox content and actually clean out or delete a lot of the Sent and Deleted items to make our computers operate in an efficient manner. Mmmmm

Committee of Management Members of the management committee at the July meeting discussed the need for club members to nominate for positions at the November AGM. Concern was expressed that next year there may be a major changeover and it would be better for the club if the process of change started this year.

Barefoot Bowls Day Report: What a wonderful day, we had 34 of our members attend. The weather was great we had a nice sunny day and a lot of fun bowling. About twenty of the people had never bowled before so that was a great start. We started off with a Spider and Wendy Cannard won a bottle of wine. We had six

Scratchies for prizes and the Bowling Club donated Gift Vouchers for schooners etc. It cost \$10 per person for the bowls and a B-B-Q lunch with yummie mushie peas. We had \$34 left over and we donated it to "Adopt a Digger" which will be shared with/explained at our next meeting by Gary Johnson. I am certain members thoroughly enjoyed the day and all agreed to return on Friday 28th August for bowls and Open Burger Lunch. The reason why we will return to the Diggers is that if inclement weather arrives we can implement "Plan B" which is to go indoors and play Carpet Bowls. *Coral Kane*

Details Check: Next year in our March, April and May Newsletters we will have a tear off section requesting members to fill in membership details with their Annual Fee's payment. This will allow us to carry out an audit of members details and also assists the Treasurer in recording payments.

Club Inventory: We have only been in existence for a bit over three (3) years and already we have a lot of assets. Copies of our club inventory will be made available at a future meeting and it will also be available on our Webpage. www.tuggerahlakescaravanners.org

Narrabeen Program: The committee is busy at work preparing a program of activity for Narrabeen. Booking of sites through our Tour Director has commenced and we already have (53) fifty three bookings confirmed with deposits paid.

Narrabeen Dinner: We are in the process of organizing another dinner at the International School of Catering at Manly. We will keep you posted on progress. If we can confirm a booking I think they will limit us to about 75 people. **News Flash!!!**

Latest information is that we can make a booking early September. Will let you know when you can pay your money to Treasurer. I guess first in rules apply to numbers.

Trips: The committee reviewed our Trips on the Board over a 12 month period 5/08 – 5/09 and found 15 out of 32 listed were new trips. The committee was pleased to note that a number of club members have been listing trips on the board sheets.

It was confirmed that the Tour Director will assist members in the formation of trips The committee agreed that if members wanted to put a trip up that would only accommodate say 3 to 8 vans then they should draw a line at the full level.

The committee also agreed to place trip sheets on the board where members can see who are going on trips.

Tips for a Better Life
Take a 10-30 minute walk every day.
And while you walk, smile. It is the
ultimate anti-depressant.

Xmas Dinner: The July meeting was advised that our Xmas Dinner would cost \$30 per head. The committee has agreed to subsidise our Xmas lunch by \$5 so the cost per person will be \$25. The Treasurer will let us know when it is time to pay.

First Aid Course: The meeting was briefed on the two day First Aid Training Course organized by the State Association. The course is excellent training and the updated skills are easily achieved by attending members. Twenty Four people were in the group and it was interesting talking to other club members. It was agreed that we send a letter to the State Secretary requesting written information confirming all details of such courses such as date, time, hours, location, food, towels,

Servicing of Inboard and Outboard Boat Motors: In our July Newsletter we published a new add from **R.B. Marine Services**. We all have caravans which need regular servicing and a lot of us have boats of some kind that need yearly servicing. So if you wish to have your boat motor serviced ready for the coming summer please ring Richard. The good news is he is a mobile service and will come to your residence.

Bathroom Alterations: In our July Newsletter we also published a new add from **Complete Bathroom Renovations**. This is a safety feature we will all need to look at sometime in the future. Garry specializes in removing the bath then installing a walk in shower. Gee it would be nice to have a renovated bathroom with everything new and modern. So if you wish to obtain a free quote give Garry a ring on 4392 0366

State Rallies: The committee generally discussed the issue of not being able to book into State Rallies. Since 2006 we have had many members place their names on the list wanting to attend the rally. But due to our past efforts and experience with problems booking into rallies our members interest has now waned. It was agreed that the President prepare a draft letter for committee consideration regarding the general running of State Rallies

Monthly Raffle List: When the club first started we took it in turns to buy a raffle prize to the value of \$10. This was then increased to \$20 at a later stage. Sometime later a general meeting agreed to increase the raffle prize to \$50 with the club putting in the extra \$30. This system will require members to "put in" \$20 about every 10 years or so.

New Members: Please check with Clarrie Stevens for name badges, site signs, caravan club stickers etc. We normally give the materials out but just sometimes people slip under the radar.

Coastal Caravans &RU Specials: Just prior to the July meeting we received a special promotion notice from Coastal Caravans & RU. The document was sent out immediately to all email members and also placed on the Notice board at the July meeting. Management from the company have been invited to attend our August meeting to discuss some servicing issues.

Off To The North: We are aware that a lot of our members are already in "The North" or are departing in two's or three's this month for sunny Queensland. Whilst at the Barefoot Bowls with 34 people we were made aware that 12 of those in attendance were leaving in the following week. We wish all our members a safe trip and wish we were with you. *Ah maybe next year.*

Trip Sheets: A number of members have suggested that in addition to our current method of booking in on trips we place a list of names on a Notice Board (similar to the old method of booking in) so that members can check who may be going on trips.

Club Donations: The Secretary thanked Laurie Luthje for the donation of a raffle prize (Motorbike Carving) for Camp Breakaway. Katie also thanked Betty Lambert who had donated a crocheted blanket. She also thanked all members for their support as the raffle had raised \$160

Road Safety: Members briefly discussed the need for road safety in relation to breakdowns or blowouts and punctures

This is something you should consider before the event. It was suggested at the July and previous meetings that all members should have reflective vests (about \$8). Also members should consider purchasing reflective triangles to place out as warnings. It was further suggested that if members experience a puncture on a Freeway they should keep driving until they can find a safe area to change a wheel. THEN always wear reflective vests and use safety triangles

THE STEELES TRIP (Cont) From Singapore

We are having a wonderful time at Todd's & Julies we met our beautiful Granddaughter Sophie and our beautiful boys. Kevin really likes Singapore, it is so clean & safe he was so impressed with their condominium. It was very sad to leave we tried to get a bag big enough to put our baby in to bring her home, but on the other hand we were looking forward to continue our trip.

Back in Aussie

When we arrived in Perth we had a bit of a scare 3 people had come down with cold (Swine Flu) like symptoms. The Australian Health people came on board to check us out.. We picked up the van & settled back at the park very tired. We went on a Tram Tour all over the city; walked through Kings Park it is a beautiful place. Next day we caught the bus in to the city & then a Ferry over to Fremantle & then a free tour Bus around town, had a lovely day. Yesterday we went for a drive to Swan Valley it is full of wineries, we did a lot of tasting & had a lovely lunch at the wineries. That's all for now. All our love *Kevin & Lynda.*

Leaving Perth

19/05/09. Today we are off to Mandurah then, Collie & Wellington National Park over looking a dam beautiful spot.

22/05/09. We went on a tour of All Saints Church at Collie. It was absolutely beautiful it was built in 1915 & has the most magnificence mural on the wall & beautiful stain glass windows. We all went up the tower & played the Bell chimes. We went for a drive to Lowden a very quaint little country town then onto a place called Gnomesville which is a home to a large number of garden gnomes There are hundreds of them there was even a police gnome with a radar camera.

23/05/09. At Busselton they have the longest timber Jetty it is 2klm long & at the end there is an underwater observatory. Then we went onto a place called Big Valley it is a camping ground on a sheep station...

26/05/09. We went for a drive & visited Olio Bello, which is an olive oil farm. We bought a selection of oils then we visited a fudge shop & we had to buy some.

27/05/09. We are heading towards Augusta, which is the southern point of WA; we drove to the Leeuwin Lighthouse & had a look around. We then headed towards Pemberton which is famous for the giant Kauri Trees which grows straight up to 60 meters high. We were doing the tourist drive & our first stop was the Gloucester Tree where Kev & I climbed up about half way, what a challenge we surprised ourselves. Then we drove to the Cascades where the water was running very fast after all the rain it was quite a sight. Then headed the Bicentennial tree which was enormous you could also climb it, then visited Beedelup Falls & Big Brook Dam it was a lovely drive through the National Parks.

28/05/09 On the road again heading to Denmark. Along the road we came across the tree top walk in the valley of the Giant trees. The trees were called Red Tingle & they grew 60 meters tall & 6 meters around the base & were over 400 years old, the

walk took you across the top of the trees on a swinging bridge it was great.

29/05/09. We went to Albany's Whale World it was the last working whale station in a Australia & closed in the 1978 they have a skeleton of a of a 22 metre Pygmy blue whale it was incredible.

01/06/09. Today we headed to Esperance the coastline is incredible it is surrounded by national parks & the water is the most beautiful blue. There is a long jetty out the front of the caravan park & they have a resident seal that lives there & when we walked out to the jetty he was lying on the sand under the jetty & he sat up & posed for us he his enormous & quite a poser & the locals call him Sammy.

05/06/09. On the road early ready for a long drive to Wave Rock. We walked all over it & under it, it was fascinating we took lots of photos.

06/06/09. We headed to York it has a lot of history and is a quaint country town. We arrived at New Norica and booked a tour. The tour was so interesting it was about 2 Spanish Monks that came over in 1846 to educate the Aborigines and told us how it had been used as a school to teach not just the Aborigines but the well to do people in Perth and today it still brings people there to stay. There are 6 Monks still living there making it a viable business with the help of the Benedictine Community as it is the only monastic town in Australia. We were so pleased we had gone on the tour as it was something we wouldn't forget as it had the most beautiful art work & wood work all done by the Monks & local Artist over the centuries & still being preserved for the future.

07/06/09. Next day we drove to Cervantes to see the Pinnacles. They are lime stone pillars in the Desert & they are all shapes and sizes, they rose from the sand dunes and are a wonderful site to see.

08/06/09. Today we are heading to

Geraldton but we are going to call into all the beachside towns along the way. Geraldton is a thriving town & quite large, we stopped for a few days & had a look around. Our next stop is to Kalbarri. Cheers for now **Lynda & Kevin Steele**

Two New Trips: Please check out the trip sheet as we have two new trips. One is going to Temora Air Show and the other to historic Nundle area.

Narrabeen Rally: As at the 5th August we already have 48 vans booked to attend our Narrabeen Rally. Wow!!!

Birthdays: Happy Birthday to the September members. Hope you receive some really nice presents.

FOR SALE

Bar Fridge: In very good condition \$120. (Photo on board at meeting)
Phone Des Cooper 43933383

Table: Wood grain top folding aluminium table \$45.00

15 inch lcd television & stand \$200.00
Contact
Noel Cannard on 43923375.

MONTHLY RAFFLE LIST

Holland John/Greta August
Holmes Jim/Lorraine September
Howard Alan/Beryl October
Would you please supply the \$20 direct to Treasurer Bill Patterson

TLC BIRTHDAYS.

SEPTEMBER

Fuller Bernie	10-Sep
Williamson Garry	12-Sep
Moore Norm	14-Sep
Ketley Maureen	14-Sep
Patterson Kate	15-Sep
Denise Hart	16-Sep
Carr Elaine	17-Sep
Purcell Max	17-Sep
Ketley Robert	21-Sep
Burrows Fred	22-Sep
Rigger Robyn	22-Sep
Eadie Max	24-Sep
Burns Mimi	24-Sep
Bullock-Browning Terry	25-Sep
Ryan Margaret	26-Sep
Spath John	28-Sep
Purnell Lloyd	29-Sep
Lambert Betty	29-Sep

SOCIAL CALENDAR

Luncheon at the Greens Restaurant
Bowling Club on Wednesday 19th
August 2009. Arrive 1130

Barefoot Bowls: The Diggers
Memorial Club The Entrance. Friday
28th August. Open B-B-Q Sandwich
Lunch \$12. It was fun last month.

Please notify me of attendance

Social Director Coral Kane 4333 9738

Trips Question of the Month: " *If you were the Tour Director what park would you list for a trip ??* Please give your suggestions for trips or weekend trips away to Clarrie ASAP.

We need your suggestions/idea's

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CURRENT TRIPS -with - DEPOSITS PAID

<u>Aug. 23 - 30</u>	<u>Woody Head 66466134</u>	Pets/N	Dep/Y	Cards/Y	T/L R/R Stewart	Ph 43883414
ATTENDING:	Stewarts, Lee Sing, Gross, Beesleys and two visitors from Queensland (Total 5)					
<u>Sept. 2 - 12</u>	<u>Temora Air Show</u>	Pets/N	Dep/?	Cards/Y	T/L B & M Ketley	Ph 43284512
ATTENDING:	Ketley, Lusted, Stevens (Total 3)					
<u>Sept. 23 - 29</u>	<u>Historic Nundle 1300366676</u>	Pets/N	Dep/Y	Cards/Y	T?L- G & L Johnson	Ph43283743
ATTENDING:	Henry, Johnson G&L Tatham (Total 3)					
<u>Oct 9 -Nov 1</u>	<u>New England Ramble (Nil,Ph)</u>	Pets/N	Dep/N	Cards/?	T/L -C Stevens	Ph 4369 2759
ATTENDING:	BrownJ/L, Hunt/Holly, Newbold, Payne, Ranse, Webb, Stevens, (Total 7)					
<u>Nov 1 -7</u>	<u>Norah Head (Melb. Cup)</u>	Pets/Y	Dep/Y	Cards/Y	T/L K/R Cooper	Ph. 4397 2285
ATTENDING:	Clarke, Cooper R/K, Curnow, Ducker, Grady, Holland, Smith, Wallace (Total 8)					
<u>Nov 2 - 8</u>	<u>Grafton Jacaranda Festival (1800012019)</u>	Pets/N	Dep/\$50	Cards/Y	T/L. -Tour Director	Ph 4369 2759
ATTENDING:	Brown J/L, Coltman, Cooper D/A, Fisher, Fletcher, Hendy, Ketley, Murgatroyd, Payne, Ranse, Reynolds, Shawcross, Stevens, Thomas B/L, Williamson, Woolfe (Total 17)					
<u>Nov 23 - 30</u>	<u>Narrabeen Rally (DO NOT PHONE)</u>	Pets/N	Dep/\$15	Cards/Y	T/L C of M	Ph Tour Director
ATTENDING:	Beesley, Benger, Bickley, Broadhurst/Hoye, Brown J/L, Chambers, Cooper D/A, Cooper R/K, Curnow, Dew, Easter, Field, Fisher, Fletcher, Fuller, Grady, Hart/Hayes, Henry, Hogan, Holland, Holmes, Howard, Johnson G/L, Kane, Lanci, Lewis, Luthje, Lusted, Maclean, McDonald P/E, Moore, Murgatroyd, Patterson, Payne, Pollard, Reynolds, Rigger, Shawcross, Smith, Steele, Stevens, Stewart, Thomas L/B, Thomas R/J, Wallace, Wildman, Williamson, Woolfe (Total 48)					
<u>Feb 12 - 19</u>	<u>Tuncurry/Forster (6554 6440)</u>	Pets/N	Dep/\$30	Cards/Y	T/L Tour Director	Ph 4369 2759
ATTENDING:	Bunnett, Clarke, Curnow, Davies, Easter, Howard, McNamara/Banck, Stevens, L/B Thomas (Total 9)					
<u>Feb 19 -26</u>	<u>Happy Halladays Point (1800 555 454)</u>	Pets/N	Dep/\$50	Cards/Y	T/L C of M	Ph C of M
ATTENDING:	Broadhurst/Hoye, Bunnett, T/S Capps, Cooper D/A, Curnow, Davies, Easter, Fletcher, Howard, Johnson G/L, Kane, Lee Sing, McDonald P/E, Moore, Rigger, Smith, Stevens, Stewart, L/B Thomas, Woolfe (Total 20)					
<u>Mar 12 - 14</u>	<u>State Rally-- Lennox Head</u>	Pets/N	Dep/\$20	Cards/N	T/L K. Patterson	Ph. 4390 5658
ATTENDING:	Patterson, Holland, (Total 2)					
<u>Mar 29 -Apr 6</u>	<u>Hartwood</u>	Pets/Y	Dep/\$5	Cards/Cash	T/L D Cooper	Ph. 4393 3383
ATTENDING:	Kane P/C, Cooper D/A, (Total 2)					
<u>Apr 28 -2 May</u>	<u>M & G Cessnock</u>	Pets/Y	Dep/\$15	Card/Cash	T/L C of M.	Ph.
ATTENDING:	Nil					