

# Tuggerah Lakes Caravanners Inc.



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**Club Numbers:** On the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012 we officially had 119 van membership in our club. Our Treasurer Philip forwarded a cheque to the State Association covering our Public Liability Insurance.

**Coles Sports Dockets:** Robert Herod is currently assisting a small school just outside Tamworth. The school has just 30 children in a two classroom school. So if you are not using your "Coles Sports Dockets" for any other purpose would you please save them for Robert and pass them onto him at the August meeting. (Phone Robert on 4353 9069)

**North to Alaska:** When we flew out of Sydney on 11<sup>th</sup> May heading for Alaska, Canada and North East America we ticked off another trip on our buckets list. Arriving in Anchorage some 22hrs later we met our shuttle vehicle and drove to the Sheraton Hotel. Next morning we met the tour guide and group of 40 and started our Globus 8 day tour. First stop

was at Valdez where the Alaskan oil pipe line (1400 miles long) ends and the huge tankers take the oil all over the world. We boarded a small boat and travelled about 30 miles down the coast to view the Columbia Glacier, the day was fine and clear, so the glacier and the many ice bergs were beautiful, we saw whales, seals, lots of bird life, and a group of kayakers.

From there we travelled north through a mountain range which has an average snow fall of about 550 inches per year, it was the end of the northern winter, but the scenery was fantastic.

Next stop was at the North Pole, no not "the north Pole" but a small town with the same name, and that's where Santa has his Christmas shop and he will post a letter to anywhere in the world. We had two nights at Fairbanks, which is the main centre for the State, the 49<sup>th</sup> State of USA. There is a large Air Force base, University and it is the beginning of the famous Dalton Highway or the "Ice

Road", the only road north to Prudhoe Bay were the oil pipeline starts.

During this time we panned for gold (successfully) had a paddle wheel boat ride on the Nenna River, visited an Inuit village, saw a demonstration of dog sled racing, and toured a Motor Museum which housed several vehicles that were the only ones in the world. In January they experience temperatures of -11degrees F and only get 5 ½ hours of daylight. Come June the temperature goes to 59 degrees F with 21 hours of daylight per day.

We boarded the glass top Alaskan Railroad train to Denali National Park for another two day stopover, travelling through some spectacular countryside. The National Park is the home of Mt Mc Kinley, 20,300 ft high, the highest in North America. We had a full day tour, seeing moose, caribou etc, but no bears, it was too early in the season, they were just waking up from their

winter sleep. It is such a huge park, we covered less than half of it.

On the trip back to Anchorage we stopped off at a dog sled breeding and training kennel and heard about the 1000 mile annual Iditarod dog sled race across Alaska, the owner had won the race 3 times and his son won the junior section this year, so they had some interesting stories to tell. Another night in Anchorage then we travelled down the coast to Seward to board the Holland America ship ms Zaandam for the 7 day cruise of the Inside Passage calling into Haines, Juneau, Skagway and Ketchikan before ending at Vancouver.

After 6 days in Vancouver, and revisiting some favorite places, we flew to New York via Dallas, Texas, to start our 14 day bus tour to Boston, Quebec, Ottawa, Montreal, Toronto, Niagara Falls, Washington and back to New York, So many sights, too many to write about. So after approximately 40,000 klms by plane, train, boat and bus and 25+ hotel rooms and ship cabin, we are home sorting photos etc and planning the next trip, but loving the peace & quiet of Lake Munmorah.  
Xxx Beryl & Allan Howard

**A Trip to Nowhere in Particular:** We just wanted to get away for a couple of weeks but didn't have anywhere particular in mind go. We left home early June and headed to Tamworth where we have access to a good free camp site at Elaine's sisters, so we stayed a few nights. We decided to head North West and got as far as Burren Junction and stayed at the Baths Reserve and

had a good soak in the hot baths. We met others there; some had been there for over twelve weeks. To me this is really spoiling the free camping system. People staying this long in the one spot also spoil things with generators. It would be nice if everybody followed the CMCA rules for generator use.

After two nights it was time to move on. We headed to Lighting Ridge as I had never been there. Stones, no matter what the colour, really don't interest me but Elaine likes them. No free camps close to town so we spent a couple of nights at the newest caravan park not far from the hot baths. The people in the van parked next door recognized us from the C & M magazine article. There can't be much money in opals these days, as the locals are trying to get rich from tourism. To see all the so called tourist attractions around Lighting Ridge you could part with at least \$200 per head with no problem.

From Lighting Ridge we headed to Collarenebri to spend a night in their free camp site which included hot water showers. After being camped here for a couple of hours we were joined by another couple, who had been caravanning for around three years and this was going to be their first night to try free camping. They were setup with a 120Amp Hour battery and a 1200W inverter in the van. I lent them a couple of magazines to read during the night, the ones with my articles in. Next morning their van battery was very flat. It turned out that cooking using a microwave, running a TV for three hours and an electric blanket warming the bed

won't allow you to cook your breakfast in the microwave next morning. 120AH battery won't do this. Next night they were going to stay in a caravan park at Burke and do a bit more homework before free camping again.

We moved on to Cranky Rock Reserve near Warialda. Only three powered sites here at \$10.00 a night, so we stayed two nights with power. This camp site is well shaded and not the ideal spot for the middle of winter but it is a great spot to stay. One of the other campers at this spot was travelling in a twelve tonne bus and using fuel at around a litre per kilometre. I am glad my fuel use is 7.75K per litre.

Next we headed north to Kwiambal National Park. Camps Australia says 6 caravan sites and no fees. We were the only caravan there and the fee was \$5 a head for camping. This camp site is miles from anywhere no mobile phones or TV reception. This site is also very shaded but a very beautiful camp site. Being in a National Park you could not collect fire wood but they had a collection of wood available for burning. No drinking water on site but plenty of water in the nearby Severn River for washing and showering.

Wells Crossing is a free site just out of Ashford. It would be a good winter camp site with plenty of morning sun except for the morning we stayed there it was very overcast and rained. There was tank water at this site but the pit toilets were on their last legs, the worst we have ever struck. After Wells Crossing it was back to Tamworth for a night and then back home.

We enjoyed this short break and would love to hear from others interested in tagging along on trips to no particular place. Numbers on these type of trips are very limited. Max/Elaine Maughan

**Narrabeen Site Bookings:** To book your site at Narrabeen you MUST PAY THE \$20 per person deposit to the Treasurer by the 16<sup>th</sup> September meeting. Sites will be allocated on Monday 17<sup>th</sup>. You only have **August and September meetings to pay.** There will be no follow up phone calls

**Narrabeen \$20 Payment:** The Committee again confirmed that the member's contribution to the Narrabeen Rally will be \$20.00 per head. \$10.00 being for the marquee. This will not be refundable as the price for the marquee is set once it has been ordered. The remaining \$10.00 will go towards the cost of Melbourne Cup Luncheon, drinks, BBQ Breakfast, tea & coffee also Piklet morning tea.. This \$10.00 is refundable should the member be unable to attend due to illness.

**Site costs for Narrabeen:** Following discussion with Park Management I can confirm that TLC members will again pay \$30.00 per night for seven or more nights stay. Most members attending arrive a few days early & each additional night will cost \$30. The cost for ensuites continue at \$50.00 per night. Narrabeen starting date 1<sup>st</sup> November through to 8<sup>th</sup>, 7 nights.

**Tour Directors Questionnaire Results:**

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Not Sure</b>
Are you happy going to the same places each year?	<b>65%</b>	<b>27.%</b>	8%
Are you happy with the length of stays?	<b>94%</b>	<b>2%</b>	4%
Would you be interested in "TAG a LONG" trips?	<b>75%</b>	<b>15%</b>	10%
Do you like to do free camping?	<b>63%</b>	<b>22%</b>	16%
Would you be prepared to organise and run a trip?	<b>32%</b>	<b>57%</b>	12%

It should be noted that (51) fifty one people filled in the Questionnaire. Organisations that conduct surveys are very happy to receive 25% response. Our members response to filling out the form was excellent so this is a very good indication of:

"What Members Want in Trips" Just looking at the "Yes" figurers confirm our current practice

**Tag-A-Long Mystery Tour:** One of our members spoke to Des about a mystery tag-a-long tour that they are thinking about for a future date. In our clubs early days we did a kind of tag-a-long along the Murray River is was a great trip with some good memories.

**Closing Showground's:** There is a move by some Councils and State Government to close Show Grounds and stop free camping. This is in order to force caravanner's to use Caravan Parks. The State Association is taking action on this and they are asking our

club to assist by saving our shopping dockets on trips and then use the figurers to write to Councils and State Politicians pointing out how much Caravanners contribute to their local community. We are going to do this at One Mile Beach as a trial. So to all members attending One Mile –save all dockets for any expense on this (7) seven day trip. If you do not receive a docket/receipt write the amount on a slip of paper and hand all dockets to Committee Member Cheryl Ducker

**Narrabeen Marquee:** The President has negotiated with Gorokan Party Hire a cheaper price of \$1,200.00 for the marquee at Narrabeen. Last year the cost was \$1,400.00 Gorokan Party Hire will erect the marquee on the Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> and will remove it on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>. (Available for 10 nights).

**A.G.M. Nominations:** The Rules and Regulations were generally discussed by the Committee. It was confirmed that all completed nomination form will need to be presented to the Secretary (5) weeks prior to the A.G.M.

**Where are They?** It was very interesting to hear where some of our members are on long trips all over Aussie. John/Gloria Shawcross, Ian/Trevor Dennis and Peter/Ellen Marslands were at Barn Hill Station just out of Perth. They had met up with the Marslands a few times. They also met Max/Lyn Purcell's and Mick/Stella Roberts around Broome. The Williamsons are in the Darwin area.

Jim/Lorraine Holmes are in Europe. Barry/June Webster are touring around The Red Center, Uluru & Western Queensland area

**Removal of Trip Sheets:** A few times in the last couple of years some members have removed Trip Sheets from the Trip Board. This then creates confusion as to who is or was on the list. (also in what order). The importance of not removing these sheets was discussed at the general meeting. The Committee also discussed re-organizing the time frame in which we put the trips on the board. Most importantly members should not remove any Trip Sheets from the board unless they have discussed it with the Tour Director first.

**Caravan & Motorhome Magazine:**

I am not sure if I sent out information re: two (2) very good stories/reports in the Caravan & Motorhome Magazine. One story is about our TLC club with some very nice photos and the second story is about Max/Elaine Maughan and his van. The Magazine is No 173 available at Newspaper shops also Coles & Woolworths.

**Second Western Ramble:**

Peter Davidson is organising the Second Ramble 6th - 20th October 2012. Peter and Yvonne are away travelling and are contactable on Mob. 0247 447 467 and by email [pdavidson842@gmail.com](mailto:pdavidson842@gmail.com) (email contact preferred). For route details and any information members should contact Clarrie Stevens has full details.

**FOR SALE.**

**2000 Regent Cruiser** 16'6" Pop Top roll out awning, full shade screen, island bed, side and café lounge, front kitchen with microwave .Exc Cond. \$20000. Ph Margaret 02 4392 3885 **4/12**

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**Solar Panel for Sale:** 180 watt size 1070 wide 1600 long Selling Price \$500  
Ph. Peter 4333 9738 mob 0412605887 **7/12**

**Aussie Wheel 12V Caravan Mover** ideal for parking van in awkward corners. Plugs into battery on van and attaches to jockey-wheel bracket. Medium size OK for medium size vans to about 1800kg. Cost new \$1750 4 years ago. Sell for \$850. I will send photo by email to anyone interested. Or to inspect Ph Denis McCann - 0429 832 810 **7/12**

**Club Lunch at The Diggers The Entrance**  
**12.00pm Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August**  
**Smorgasbord \$13.95 all you can eat**

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**Purchase of a BBQ:** The Committee has just organised purchasing a \$99 B-B-Q for club use (specifically for Narrabeen). For the past few years Denis/Sandy McCann have loaned their unit to the club at Narrabeen. However they have now moved from the area and we needed to take action.

**Club Recipe Book:** The first edition of (50) books sold out very quickly. We now have a number of new recipes and about ten (10) people wishing to purchase a copy. So we are asking for anyone who wished to send in their favorite recipe do so ASAP (and sign it then your name will be handed down from generation to generation). We will then do an upgrade and print a further (50) books. Remember contact Sue Reilly on [a.s.reilly@optusnet.com.au](mailto:a.s.reilly@optusnet.com.au) Or 0414 670 923 -4972 0170. Order your copy now from Sue

**LUNCH WINNERS FOR JULY**

Every General Meeting day at 11.50am our Social Director draws two Halakulani lunch winners from the Members Sign in Book.

This month winners

- \* Gai Johnson
- \* Dianne Flippence

**MONTHLY CLUB RAFFLE WINNERS**

The winners of the July monthly raffle were  
\$50 Coral Kane  
\$30 Margaret Fletcher  
\$20 John McGillicuddy

**Next ---General Meeting**

## 2012--LIST of TRIPS

<b>Aug 31 – Sept 3</b>	<b>DEL RIO WISEMANS FERRY</b>	<b>Contact</b> Jan Svenson 4369 1226
	Aylett, Channon B/J, Clarke, Johnson G/P, Meatheringham, Riley, Sheehan, Stevens, Thomas, White, Svensson, (11)	
<b>Sept 5 – 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>SANDBAR CARAVAN PARK 6554 4095 Fishing/Golf Trip) \$xxx / 7 nights</b>	<b>Contact</b> D/V Kinnells 4390 8933
	Cooper, Curnow, Geale, Hansell, Kinnell, Latham, Majchrowski, , Pollard, Rigger, Smith, Williams (12)	
<b>Oct 9-16th</b>	<b>BEDGEYABONG MUSIC CAMPOUT ( Water/Toilets on site – no power 02 6857 2139</b>	<b>Contact</b> Sue/Allan Reilly 4972 0170
	Cooper D/A, Flippence, Howard, Kane, Lalor, Majchrowski, McGowan, Millicuddy, Ranse, Reilly, Rohwer, Riley, Steele, Smith, Woods, (15)	
<b>Oct 18 – 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>OBERON - JENOLAN C/PARK (including Mayfield Gardens) 6336 0344</b>	<b>Contact</b> Sue/Allan Reilly 4972 0170
	Flippence, Hansell, Lalor, Majchrowski, McGowan, Millicuddy, Olsen, Ranse, Reilly, Rhower, Riley, Steele, Smith, Svensson, White, Woods, (16)	
<b>Oct 22-28</b>	<b>ROSEWOOD ROUNDUP COUNTRY MUSIC (Act 24 to 28<sup>th</sup>) Near Tumarumba</b>	<b>Contact</b> R/P Webb 4353 9069
	Howard, Webb, McGillicuddy, Ranse, (4)	
<b>Oct 2 – 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2012 WESTERN RAMBLE</b>	<b>Contact</b> C/P Stevens 4369 2759
	Belshaw, Cannard, Clarke, Coltman, Curnow, Davidson, Fletcher, Green, Johnson G/L, Linfoot , Maughan, Morris, Pollard, , Stevens, McDonald P/B (15) Limited Number-- TRIP FULL	
<b>Oct 6 – 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2012 WESTERN RAMBLE SECOND TRIP</b>	<b>Contact</b> P Davidson 4358 4121
	Courts,	
<b>Nov 1 – 8</b>	<b>ONE MILE BEACH ANNA BAY</b>	<b>Contact</b> G Johnson 4328 3743
	Cannard, Clarke, Cooper K/R, Johnson G/L, Morris, Patterson, Stevens, (7)	
<b>Nov 1 – for (7) ntsl</b>	<b>2012 NARRABEEN RALLY DO NOT RING TO BOOK</b>	<b>Contact</b> Kanes/Coopers 4333 9738 4393 3383
	Belshaw, Brown G/J, Cooper, Curnow, Davidson, Davies, Dew, Ducker, Flippence, Geale, Haberfield, Holland, Howard, Insull, Kane, Kinnell, Latham, Lee-Sing, Majchrowski, McGillicuddy, Moore, Oakes, Pollard, Reilly, Reineker, Russell, Shoobert, Smith, Steel, Steele, Stewart, Thomas L/B, Williamson, (33)	

## 2013 LIST OF TRIPS

<b>Feb 7<sup>th</sup> for (7) nts</b>	<b>HAPPY HALLIDAYS</b>	<b>1800 555 454</b>	<b>Contact</b> P/C Kane 4333 9738 Cooper 43933383
<b>Feb 3rd – 9<sup>th</sup> Inc</b>	<b>TUNCURRY CARAVAN PARK</b>	<b>1800 227 275</b>	<b>Contact</b> ???????
<b>Feb 14<sup>th</sup> for 7 nts</b>	<b>SHOAL BAY HOLIDAY PARK</b>	<b>1800600 200</b>	<b>Contact</b> C/P Stevens 4369 2759
<b>Mar 5<sup>th</sup> – for 7 nts</b>	<b>TERARA COUNTRY MUSIC CAMPOUT</b>		<b>Contact</b> ???????
<b>Mar 7- for (7) nts</b>	<b>SANDBAR CARAVAN PARK</b>	<b>6554 4095 Fishing/Golf Trip) \$xxx / 7 nights</b>	<b>Contact</b> D/V Kinnells 4390 8933
<b>Mar ????</b>	<b>STATE RALLY</b>		<b>Contact</b> K Patterson 4390 5658
<b>Mar 24 – 31st inc</b>	<b>HARTWOOD COUNTRY MUSIC</b>	<b>Come home Easter Monday</b>	<b>Contact</b> P/C Kane 4333 9738
<b>Apr 4 – 8 inc</b>	<b>BRIGADOON AT BUNDANOON</b>	<b>5 nights</b>	<b>Contact</b> A/S Reilly 49720170
<b>Mar 4 -7<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b>SNOWY RIVER BUSH FESTIVAL CORRYONG</b>	<b>6076 1992</b>	<b>Contact</b> ??????
<b>Sept 23 – Oct 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>NATIONAL RALLY ROCKHAMPTON QLD.</b>		<b>Contact</b> K Patterson 4390 5658

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Scally Barry	7-Aug
Kane Coral	10-Aug
Henry Vicki	12-Aug
Laney Lorraine	12-Aug
Lusted John	12-Aug
Palmer Ashley	12-Aug
Johnson Gai	17-Aug
Fabien Margery	18-Aug
Corlet Robert	22-Aug
Svensson Jan	23-Aug
McGowan Jeanette	24-Aug
Cannard Wendy	25-Aug
Smithers Lynne	25-Aug
Holland John	27-Aug
Aylett Wendy	29-Aug

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