

# Tuggerah Lakes Caravanners Inc.



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**Wheel Bearing Check:** It is time to again remind you to have your wheel bearings and tyres checked. We have been up and down the expressway a few times since the Xmas period and every trailer, boat or van on the side of the road had a wheel off---with people just waiting for something. We had our caravan tyres balanced and some five years later I had them checked and they were all out of balance.. Mmmmmm

**Cleaning Caravan Awnings:** We have tried many ways to clean our awning but the latest way seen on the internet is quite simple and works for us. All you need is a spray bottle to which you add 400ml of water and 100ml of bleach and shake well. Then roll the awning out and just spray (really wet) the underside only. Then roll the awning up and let it sit for one hour then unroll and hose off. You may need to go through the process a second time. It works well on our awning.

But as always you should test a small section on your own awning first

**Illegal camping** is an issue in some parts of Queensland. In some places, rest areas and heavy vehicle rest areas are so congested with campers there is inadequate space for drivers who genuinely need to rest along their journey. Rest areas are not long term camping sites and camping is either prohibited or limited to short stays. Rules on the length of stay at rest areas vary between controlling authorities. Regulation allows for enforcement; however enforcement is often difficult and impractical, particularly in more remote areas. Caravans and motorhomes are not considered heavy vehicles, and are not permitted to stop at heavy vehicle locations.

**The Wanderest Travellers Club:** Located a Richmond on the north-west fringe of the city is Wanderest, a short term park operated by The Richmond Club

Modern, clean amenities block. Walking distance to shops and restaurants. Opposite the Richmond Club, Club cafe makes excellent pizzas, Laundromat just 1 block away. There is a \$10.- fee per night for power. Self contained vehicle only

Here you can stay for up to 4 nights free of charge for unpowered sites and \$10 per night if you require power. But there is a catch. You must be a member of The Richmond Club to use this facility. Membership will set you back \$5 per year. There are accessible amenities with hot showers and a dump point. The bowling club has excellent meals and low cost refreshments. Richmond is on the

Sydney rail network and the station is walking distance from the club.

**Storm Damage:** During the super storm we unfortunately lost one of our skylights from our caravan. We ordered a new one from our local supplier \$290.00 plus \$30.00 freight!!!. We were ready to trade in our \$80,000 van but to add insult to injury the new hatch did not come with "hinge pins", and you can't order them separately! They told us that "you would need to order the entire unit" that would mean putting the van into a repairer and having the entire unit replaced just to obtain the pins. What a joke just a scam like money grabbing companies. Mike Rowlinson

**Smoke Alarms in Caravans:** The question was posed "Who checks if you have installed the new photoelectric cell type smoke detector" in your caravan as required under recent Legislation.. The short answer is not too sure- but if you were to have a fire your Insurance Company MAY question your claim. Maybe it will happen when you have your van checked for registration. Notwithstanding the above it is now a requirement and all members should comply with the requirement. All vans should also have a Fire Blanket. (Cheap at Aldi)

**Camping Websites:** Here are two camping websites that may be useful to members  
[www.caravancaravan.com.au](http://www.caravancaravan.com.au)  
[www.myparklist.com](http://www.myparklist.com)

**Message from Central Coast Caravans:** I would like to advise your members that we can now install the ALKO ESC system to caravans.

If you haven't heard about this system it provides stability and safety to caravan whilst been towed.

See the link below for best explanation.

<http://www.alkoesc.com.au/>

Standard fitting cost are \$1300.00 though this amount does vary with each van. Vans do require ALKO electric brakes. Vans with out will cost more.

If you could kindly inform your members about this it would be greatly appreciated.

Kind Regards, Cameron Cole

#### LOOKING FOR

Overtaking Signs:

Site Signs:

Caravan Stickers:

Change of Details:

Trip Information

Discount Cards:

Name Badges:

Disc Bowls No 1

Disc Bowls No 2

First Aid Kit No 1

First Aid Kit No 2

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**Lubrication of Tow Equipment:** Hear lots of discussion on the need to lubricate fittings in relation to tow gear. The suggestions put forward included the need to use ordinary grease, water resistant grease, bee's wax, WD40 and a number of other lubricants. The most important point is that it is necessary to use a lubricant. If you have doubt, check with your caravan service person or your van supplier and use it each time you hook up.

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

This is something you should consider before the event. It has been discussed at 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

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Lavis Lorraine	17-Jul
Gibbs Ronny	18-Jul
Kains Barbara	20-Jul
Gibbs Janine	20-Jul
Lapington Lorraine	20-Jul
Hassal Rod	23-Jul
Fletcher Margaret	24-Jul
Hendy Jennie	26-Jul
Zammit Helen	28-Jul
Stevenson Lesley	29-Jul

**Next ---General Meeting**  
**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> JULY 2015**

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## 2015 LIST OF TRIPS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TRIP</u>	<u>NAMES</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
July 4	WEAN PICNIC RACES near Boggabri )	Smithers	<u>Lynne/Alan</u>	0419446882
July 15th – 21st	LAKESIDE RESORT FORSTER 65 555 511	Angell , Barnes, Brewer, Bolcina, Brook, Collins, Crocker, Curnow, Fletcher, Geale, Gibbs, Hansell, Hendy, Hoff, Holland, Howard, Insull, Kane, Kinnell, Laney, Latham, McGillicuddy, Moore, Oakes, Olesen, Pollard, Shawcross, Shoobert, Thomas B/L, Thomas F/R, Treacy/Wenning, Webb, Wells, Williams 34	Kane C/P	43 339738
July 22nd – 29th	CHRISTMAS in JULY HAPPY HALLIDAYS	Angell, Barnes, Bickley, Bolcina, Brewer, Brook, Collins, Crocker, Curnow, Ducker, Gibbs, Haberfield, Hansell, Henry, Hoff, Holland, Howard, Kains, Kane, Kelly, Laney, Luttrell, McGillicuddy, Moore, Oakes, Olesen, Pollard, Ryan, Shawcross, Shoobert, Simpson, Thomas F/R, Treacy/Wenning, Wells Williams 35	Kane C/P	43 339738
Aug 28 Sept 12	Cassillis, Parks, Bathurst, Gulgong Polkibin	Majchrowski, Shoobert	Tour Director	43 902277
Sept 21 -27	QLDSTATE RALLY	Nil	Tour Director	43 902277
Nov 2 – 9	Club Rally Valla Beach Tourist Park Phone 1800 800 447 or 65 695555	Anderson, Angell, Bolcina, Brewer, Cannard, Collins, Cooper, Crocker, Curnow, Edwards/Williamson, Fletcher, Geale, Gibbs, Haberfield, Hansell, Holland, Howard, Insull, Kains, Kane, Kinnell, Latham, Lee-Sing, Lenane, Majchrowski, McGillicuddy, Merrett/Wright, Moore, Oaks, Palmer, Pollard, Rohwer, Rowlinson, Russell B/T, Ryan, Shoobert, Simpson, Smith, Smithers, Smyth, Steele L/K, Steell C, Stevens, Stewart, Thomas F/R, Treacy/Wenning, Webb, Williams 48	Committee	43 902277
		<b><u>2016 LIST OF TRIPS</u></b>		
Feb 4 - 11	Club Rally BeachFront North Haven Phone 65 599193	Anderson, Brewer, Crocker, Curnow, Edwards/Williamson, Flippence, Haberfield, Hansell, Holmes, Howard, Insull, Jager, Kane, Kinnell, Latham, Lenane, Lindsay, Majchrowski, McGillicuddy, Oaks, Olesen, Palmer, Pollard, Rohwer, Russell B/T, Ryan, Shoobert, Smith, Steele L/K, Thomas F/R, Treacy/Wenning, Wells, Williams 33	Committee	4390 2277
Apr 20 - 25	BOGGABRI DROVERS CAMPFIRE	List in progress	Crocker K/S	0414890403

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