

Tuggerah Lakes Caravanners Inc.



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Grand Parents Trip to Happy Hallidays: Rhonda Stewart has suggested a “Grand Parents” Trip to Happy Hallidays to commence on 21st January 2013 for five days. This is the last week of School Holidays and there are a number of vacant sites in the park. The park have indicated they will have a lot of organised activities for children that week. Rhonda will also organise entertainment activities if necessary. This five day holiday experience will be remembered forever by your grandkids. Rhonda intends to take two of her grand children. We are taking two of ours. This is a five (5) day trip and at the moment the park costs are \$400 for two adults and two children. Depending on numbers attending this may be negotiated. Rhonda is also negotiating that after we finish on the 26th that we leave our vans at Happy Hallidays until we go back for the Kane/Cooper trip scheduled for the 7th February. Rhonda would like an indication of how many

members may be interested in attending the 5 day trip. So please ring or email Rhonda if you think you may attend or wish more information Ph 4388 3414 or email rhonda.ron@bigpond.com

Bedgerabong: As the hosts of the trip to Bedgerabong we have organised with the Showground to have a space allocated to the Tuggerah Lakes Club. When you enter the grounds, please mention to the person on the gate that you are part of TLC so that all our vans can be together. Also it may pay members to stock up on food drink etc as Bedgerabong has only a small shopping area. Allan & Sue Reilly *The Reilly's propose to stop at Macquarie Woods the night prior to going into Bedgerabong. Macquarie Woods is halfway between Bathurst and Orange. If you wish further information then ring Sue/Allan on 0414 670 923 ED.*

General Meetings: We had over 120 members attend the August meeting and at the September meeting we had 116 members plus 6 visitors

Free SMS Message: If you are one of the people involved in sending SMS messages then the following site will let you send up to (50) fifty FREE messages a day. Just go to the following address www.smsfun.com It is easy as that. Another free site is www.yakedi.com

Narrabeen Rally: The Program for this rally will be sent out with the November Newsletter (one week after the October meeting). Currently 47 vans have booked.

Premiers Concert: Coral has ordered 20 twenty ticket for the December concert. So if you wish to attend see Coral

Trip Lists Sheets: Members are requested not to remove Trip Sheets

unless you speak to the Tour Director in the first instance.

Anna Bay Song Peter Flippence
Hi Folks: (Sing this to The Ballad of New Orleans Ed)

In 2012 we took a little trip
Up the F3 Hwy Just a little bit
We are from TLC and I'll tell you why
We came to Anna Bay to celebrate Christmas in July

Chorus
We came up here to do Christmas in July
To tell a few stories some may even be a lie
We brought a little wine and we brought a little beer
To Celebrate Christmas in the middle of the year

If you look around the park at all the vans that did come
There might be fifty five or only fifty one
They've all come here - for just one thing
For Christmas in July or to sing my ding -a - ling.

Repeat Chorus

Now Alan Howard said I have got a surprise
I've had a little vision that has opened up my eyes
Here's something that you people really ought to know
The Regents are no good I'm going to buy a Jayco

Repeat Chorus

Now there's poor Richard with no VB in his hand
With Cindy up here he has to sneak one when he can
If your looking for a picture then Laurel is the one
Any time night or day she's ready to take one

Repeat Chorus

Now to catch a fish is Barry Latham's great desire
And the Webb's are happy they won't get a flat tyre
And Roy's walking round looking for a drinking mate

Blue said come over here Roy and I'll accommodate

Repeat Chorus

And Dessy this year has kept the same old site
Even though his camera last year didn't work quite right
Dessy didn't listen to everyone yell
And when his car hit the pole Des wasn't happy we could tell.

Repeat Chorus

Like to thank the Coopers and the Kanes for putting on this trip
And for Coral and Peter organising every bit
Next July don't know what I'll be doing then
But I'd like to stay with TLC and do it all again

Repeat Chorus

2013 Sandbar Trip List: Val Kinnell announced that the list for Sand Bar March 2013 had been removed from the board by someone. We now have no record of who was attending.. There has been a new Trip List Sheet added to the board to replace the missing one. So if you are going to attend Sand Bar in 2013 could you please put your name on this new list.

Burglar Alarm: At Sundays meeting a member produced a small burglar alarm that detects motion and movement. The cost of the alarm is \$49.90 but Trendy Trailers Central Coast Highway Erina will give TLC members 10% discount. The units are ideal for Caravans whilst parked outside your home or when Bush Camping. Another member has located a similar item on Amazon at a much cheaper price (under \$20). Des is waiting to see the cheaper article then will let you know.

Loose nuts on goose necks: A member recently discovered that

someone had been tampering with the nuts securing the gooseneck to the tow-bar and had he not checked the results could have been devastating. *It pays to be vigilant*

To Nowhere Travelers': We are currently on one of our trips to nowhere in particular in central western NSW. There are no crowds out here very few caravanners or tourist. Plenty of room at free camps and caravan parks. Max/Elaine (*Ah To be on the road again Ed*)

Use your Caravan Battery. Rechargeable AGM 100 and 120AH (Amp Hour) batteries are the most common batteries used in Caravans. They are used to power 12V devices in your van; there is no point in carrying 30 kilograms of battery around the country if it doesn't work properly. Batteries, like most things have a limited life but the more you use them the better they perform. There is also no point in having a battery that only runs things for a few minutes, then dies. To keep your battery in top condition you need to maintain it and use it on a regular basis. When your van is not being used, you need to have it connected to a 5 or 7 stage battery charger with maintenance mode to keep your battery fully charged. Keeping a battery in maintenance mode is not using it, so at least once a month, the battery needs taking off the charger and giving it some work to do. A 100AH battery you only have a maximum of 60AH to use, you should never discharge them below 40%. A voltage reading of 11.9 volts with

nothing attached to the battery is a flat battery.

To test your battery you need to apply a load of a known value, how many amps are being used? If you know how much power your lights use in an hour, you can turn them all ON and leave them running for a few hours to give your battery a work out (make sure your van is disconnected from the 240 volt supply). If your lights use 10amps your battery should run them for 6 hours if it was fully charged and in good condition to start with. Run a test after three hours turn off all lights and wait 30 minutes then measure your battery voltage if it measures 11.9 volts or less (40%) your battery is not working to its best performance. Voltage should have been 12.3 volts.

If your lights are using 10amps or more, then it is time to consider upgrading to LED's. All my lights before an LED upgrade used 9.89amps. After upgrading with all lights ON, they only use 3.18amps and if I switch the main three lights into economy mode, I only use 2.17amps. When you are camping, rarely do you use every light at once, so your usage will vary a lot. Working things out using the maximum figures is the best way to go. Of course you have other devices to consider such as your water pumps and TV.

My main lights which were 'D' type fluoro globes used .970amps, now with 30 LED's they use .770amps in normal mode. In economy mode only 6 LED's out of the 30 LED's are used, using .160amps, that .810amps less, it is a great power saver. The ON/OFF switch

on the light fitting was replaced with a centre off switch. Switch on one way gives you full light; switch on the other way gives you the economy light mode. The economy mode is quite ample to see your way around the van.

When we camp on a powered site we still use our battery for lights, TV and water pump. I keep an eye on the battery and use the power and battery charger only when needed. This way my battery is being used on a regular basis. If I am going to be towing the van next day for a couple of hours or more, the battery will be recharged from the tow vehicle alternator before the next camp site.

My current battery is only eighteen months old and each time I run a test on it using two 50W 12V lamps or 8.32amps load the results get better. This proves maintaining and using your battery properly is the way to go, so use it as much as possible.

Max Maughan

DISC BOWLS LOCATION

No1:Disc Bowls Bill Rigger 43328539
No2:Disc Bowls Roy Curnow 43695954

FIRST AID KIT LOCATION

No1 First Aid Kit -Stella Roberts 4392 2428
No2 First Aid Kit – Des Cooper 4393 3383

Caravan Tyres & Wheel Bearings:

Folks it's the busy time for caravans to hit the road again so just a reminder that the major towing problems appear to be tyres and wheel bearings so it may pay you to have yours serviced/ checked.

Lighting Gas Fridge: A few members have had problems lighting their Gas fridge in the van. The problem is that you need to push the air out of the line. Saw this suggestion in a magazine. Turn on your gas bottle and light one of the burners on your stove to purge the air out of the gas line. Then turn stove jet off. Turn Fridge knob to GAS then hold the left button in or down and start clicking on the right. The green marker will move as soon as the fridge is alight

One Mile Beach. AKA - *Lunch with the Magpies:* Whilst at One Mile a few TLC members decided to take a drive to Shoal and Nelson Bay and have some lunch. We selected the Port Stephens Lighthouse which has the Marine Rescue lookout also a Restaurant and Museum. This lookout is located above Halifax Holiday Park. As we were a large group we selected a nice table located outside. On the tables along with a menu was a bottle of water with a spray nozzle. Puzzling! We found out later what it all meant! Arriving back from placing our food order one TLC member was found sitting with a menu on top of her head with a large magpie perched on a branch a metre above her. (I guess hoping it doesn't rain unwanted liquid).

Patrons at another table were eating their lunch when several magpies swooped down on their table and stole some of their food. Immediately they picked up their spray bottle and sprayed the hungry birds to try and keep them away. Our food arrived and the immediate attention of the magpies

turned to our table. Flying down and trying to take whatever food they could. Spray bottles quickly came into operation. One cheeky magpie being sprayed with water from all directions decided it was shower time and just stood on our table flapping its wings and enjoying a cooling bath. Out of the corner of my eye I saw a sign on the wall which read "Do not feed the birds" I do not think one has any option with these cheeky customers. They just help themselves. A few of us visited the Marine Rescue Museum on the way out. It was interesting showing models and history via newspaper clippings and logged articles along with artifacts from the past. It is certainly worth a visit when in the area. A visit up to Marine Headquarters radio station was also worth while where you can also see the marine rescue operators in action.
 Charlie Steell

O.H. & S Officer Report: Alan spoke briefly about flame heaters in caravans and said articles in C.M.C.A. magazine discouraged people from using them. This subject will be looked into and a report will be provided at a later meeting.

LED Lights: Alan also spoke briefly about L.E.D. lighting and in particular the circular shaped light with the M shaped neon. This light can be replaced with a 40 LED for around \$25. A - Van at Morrisett is an agent for led lighting and will give TLC members a discount price.

Members Representative: Early in our formation members agreed that we have

a "Suggestion Box" at the door. We have tried this on two occasions it did not work. It was then decided that TLC would have a Members Representative. The general meeting was reminded that Roy Curnow was available for all members to make suggestions and inquiries through. Roy would then contact appropriate person or C of M.

In line Water filter: The water flow from our caravans internal taps slowed over the past year. The problem was we have a filter/strainer fitted where the water hose is connected to our van. On inspection this was found partially blocked. To prevent foreign matter ie rust flakes, gravel, sand and other bits and pieces entering your vans water pipes you may consider attaching an inline filter in your caravans water connection hose Barry Latham found a water filter unit that is easy to fit and clean he said you can buy these from Pro Power at units 1-3, 75 Mitchell Rd, Cardiff and they are \$31.60 each. The product code is 1150020129-1.

TLC LUNCHEON WYONG RSL
Wednesday 3rd October 2012
Smorgasboard \$12
Ring Coral to Book 4333 9738

LUNCH WINNERS FOR AUGUST
 Every General Meeting day at 11.50am our Social Director draws two Halakulani lunch winners from the Members Sign in Book.
This month winners
 * Ron Stewart
 * Cindy Majchrowski

Tour Director Report: Robert asked members to put only one line through their name when removing themselves from a trip on the board, as he needs to be able to read their names

MONTHLY CLUB RAFFLE WINNERS
 Winners of the August monthly raffle were
\$50 June Webster
\$30 Susan Edwards
\$20 Irene Woods

FOR SALE.

2004 Driftaway Little Robin Mini Pop Top: 8'x6.5', 6' Annex. Tunnel Boot Storage. Electric Frig, Gas stove, Microwave, Portable Electric Toast oven. Weighs 750kg. 2 gas bottles. Overrides. DB w/wise. Seating for 2 Reg Vic. \$ xxxx Ph 0407 536 740 **7/12**

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 For parking van in awkward corners. Plugs into battery on van and attaches to jockey-wheel bracket. OK for medium size vans to 1800kg. Cost \$1750. Sell \$850. Send photo by email. inspect Ph Denis - 0429 832 810 **7/12**

Regent Cruiser 19 ft with annex and many extras - good condition \$19,000. hydraulic jockey wheel with caravan jacking attached, Porti potty, Battery aux and charger-- Selling due to retiring from caravanning Ring Barry on 0409935252 **8/12**

Porta Potty-small-32Ltr NEW -\$70.
Hayman Reese W.D.Hitch Extended shank suit NT Pajero As New \$350.
Solar Panel 40Watt -\$150 Ph Ian 0411 029 434 **8/12**

McHitch Trailer Coupling Heavy duty 3.5 tonne easy fit kit complete plus spare S/S tow pin \$225 Phone Rick 4975 4924 **8/12**

Satelite Dish TV Antenna and associated equipment. Used once now have new van -- \$500 the lot Phone Llyod 4357 1022 **9/12**

Good quality caravan cover as new 20 to 22 ft purchased for over \$ 300. Never used sell for \$ 250 ONO Inspect at Lisarow Call Sue 43 282541 or 04124 452317 **9/12**

Next ---General Meeting
 Sunday 21st October 2012

Email:desmond.alicecooper@bigpond.com

2012--LIST of TRIPS

Oct 9-16th	BEDGEYABONG MUSIC CAMPOUT (Water/Toilets on site – no power 02 6857 2139 Contact Sue/Allan Reilly 4972 0170 Cooper D/A, Flippence, Galea, Geale, Holmes, Kane, Lalor, McGowan, Millicuddy, Ranse, Reilly, Rohwer, Riley, Steele, Smith, Woods, (16)
Oct 18 – 22nd	OBERON - JENOLAN C/PARK (including Mayfield Gardens) 6336 0344 Contact Sue/Allan Reilly 4972 0170 Flippence, Hansell, Holmes, Lalor, Majchrowski, McGowan, Millicuddy, Olsen, Ranse, Reilly, Rhower, Riley, Steele, Smith, Svensson, White, Woods, Galea, Geale (19)
Oct 22-28	ROSEWOOD ROUNDUP COUNTRY MUSIC (Act 24 to 28 th) Near Tumberumba Contact R/P Webb 4353 9069 Ranse, Galea,
Oct 2 – 25th	2012 WESTERN RAMBLE Contact C/P Stevens 4369 2759 Belshaw, Cannard, Clarke, Coltman, Curnow, Davidson, Fletcher, Morris, Pollard, , Stevens, (10)
Nov 1 – 8	ONE MILE BEACH ANNA BAY 1800 650 035 Contact G Johnson 4328 3743 Cannard, Clarke, Cooper K/R, Dauncey, Green, Hennessy, Hoff, Johnson G/L, Kingsma, Maslem, Morris, Patterson, Ranse, Rigger, Svensson, Teesson, Williams G/K (17)
Nov 1 – for (7) ntsl	2012 NARRABEEN RALLY DO NOT RING TO BOOK Contact Kanes/Coopers 4333 9738 4393 3383 Angell, Belshaw, Bickley, Bromley, Brown L/J, Brown G/J, Burrows, Cooper, Crocker, Curnow, Davidson, Davies, Dew, Ducker, Field, Fletcher, Flippence, Geale, Haberfield, Henry, Holland, Howard, Kane, Kinnell, Latham, Laney, Lee-Sing, Luttrell, Majchrowski, Metheringham, McGillicuddy, Moore, Oakes, Pollard, Reid, Reilly, Reineker, Russell, Shoobert, Smith, Steel, Steele, Stewart, Thomas L/B, Wallace, Williamson, 46 Atkinson K/G (V)

2013 LIST OF TRIPS

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

OCTOBER

Brown Don	2-Oct
Williams Karen	3-Oct
Reilly Allan	4-Oct
Hogan John	6-Oct
Henry Mac	8-Oct
Clarke Lynette	6-Oct
Cannon Gail	6-Oct
Holy Jane	7-Oct
Purcell Lyn	11-Oct
Burrows Barry	13-Oct
Rance Cecily	14-Oct
Holmes Lorraine	15-Oct
Dauncey Graeme	17-Oct
Riley Rick	18-Oct
Woods Irene	19-Oct
Belshaw Lyn	21-Oct
Hansell Bill	22-Oct
Browning Jean	22-Oct
Somerville Wendy	23-Oct
Crocker Kate	23-Oct
Smyth Verna	25-Oct
Woods Mick	27-Oct
Payne Cecilia	27-Oct
Cooper Alice	30-Oct
Rohwer Pat	30-Oct
Riley Maureen	31-Oct

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