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Next General Meeting

Sunday 20th August 2017

THE LATEST UPDATE ON BLU DUCKER

Blu had a two stage revision on his hip this week. He didn't get out of the theatre until midnight; he was then in recovery and later transferred to CCU about 2.00am. He had to go there because of low blood pressure, which is now improving.

He underwent two operations of about 5 hours. The original prosthesis was very loose and had pushed down about ¾ inch, which is one of the reasons he has been limping so much.

He has no need for further surgery and a specialist doctor will see him to prescribe antibiotic to take for approx. six weeks. He will not have to stay in hospital. Cheryl says he is looking OK and still has a sense of humour. Good luck for a speedy recovery Blu.

Trip report – Birdsville

This trip, I call the 'Birdsville trip' is one that Richard has always wanted to take – especially having a beer at the iconic Birdsville Pub. We initially made our way to Birdsville via Moree, enjoying several days in the thermal pools before pushing onwards to a wonderful free camp spot at Bollon, free showers in town, a lovely spot beside a creek, 113 past St. George. Next stop was Toompine pub, a pub with no town a bit before Quilpie, it had showers, good facilities, we enjoyed a good meal and Richard watched state of origin footy. Following this we camped 109 km past Windorah, very remote and the start of the dirt roads. (As we went through Windorah Richard was breath test by police and we observed a very 'enthusiastic' police officer book a caravaner for entering the service station the wrong way, going on the wrong side of the road for a bit – we naturally were very careful at Windorah). Following this we did a 110 km detour to Haddon Corner – where the qld and sa borders meet. We pushed onwards towards Birdsville, had a roam around the now deserted Betoota Pub – has been vacant since 2004, they do races etc. there but it is pretty rough. We camped 85km before Birdsville – hardly any other vehicles on the road, maybe 3 or so over 4 hours. At Birdsville we stayed at the caravan park, we visited the Birdsville Pub, had a few XXXX – we had a drive 35km out of town to see the sand dunes, 'little red and big red', Richard was keen to drive over dunes. A week after our visit the Big Red bash starts, when we were there we saw volunteers and workers preparing the area adjacent to the big red sand dunes – last year 7,000 people attended the three day event, camping etc. adjacent to the Big Red sand dunes (\$395 a ticked). We could have stayed and become volunteers but... 7,000 people! While at Birdsville we went to the race track, visited the local bakery which is licenced and very popular. Leaving Birdsville we travelled on dirt roads up to Boulia – on the way we observed two young camels having a 'punch up' – was entertaining. We were glad to get back onto the sealed roads as we headed towards Mt. Isa. After a few days at Isa, we drove west on the Barkley Highway and then north towards Adels Grove/Lawn Hill. First 70km sealed roads then back to dirt, corrugations. About 50km before Adels Grove we stopped at Riversleigh World Heritage Fossil field site – had a brief look at this site, would have liked more time to explore. Adels Grove was interesting, a bit rough but ok, first night there we attended the main reception/eating area where we enjoyed a presentation by a palaeontologist (Phil), who with other palaeontologists were working on this fossil mammal site. The next day we drove 10km to Boodjamulla National Park (Lawn Hill) and enjoyed a morning cruise up the spectacular gorge. Boat was deadly silent, electric/solar I think. The water was emerald green and there was lush vegetation/palms lining the gorge – there were 4 others on the cruise, was most enjoyable. After this cruise we undertook walks about the park. This park is always lush, a real oasis, water coming from an underground spring. There was camping at this national park but I was happy to return to Adels Grove. We have then driven onwards towards Gregory – Burke & Wills roadhouse, the road going into Gregory was pretty vile in spots. We headed south towards Cloncurry where we currently are staying – our plan is now to head east – I am keen to visit Emerald, Blackwater etc. then heading towards coast, Harvey Bay before heading south. Our final leg of the trip will be diverting inland to Toowoomba (visit relatives) before heading back to coast. Anyhow, has been an excellent trip so far, visiting places that are a bit out of the way! Bye for now,

Cindy & Richard ABC

DID YOU KNOW, BY FLIPPO

“Do Not Touch” must be one of the scariest things to read in Braille!

Congratulations to the Winners:

January Free Lunch

- Lorraine Laney
- Roy Curnow

January Raffle

- **\$50** – Janis Tracey
- **\$30** – AJ Keagan
- **\$20** – Val Kinnell

Members celebrating birthdays in August

Will Lee Sing	3	Joy Moore	
Phil Calloway	10	Coral Kane	10
John Lusted	12	Vicki Henry	12
Phil McConville	21	Lorraine Laney	12
Les Simpson	21	Gai Johnson	17
John Wells	25	Chris Hastie	19
John Holland	27	Wendy Cannard	25
Aado Maranik	28	Lynne Smithers	25
		Anne Hoff	26

Items for sale

- Brand new (still in box) Coast to Coast Caravan Cover to suit 16ft to 18ft van with a with a rigid roof. \$200.00
Please contact Bob or Denise Brewer on 0458 521 724 (Jan 2017)
- 2 pair shoes that are good for use in the shower or just to use outdoors. Will fit size 9 shoe. \$15.00 per pair (brand new never been worn).
Please contact Fay Thomas 0408 271 236.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY- Found this at a free camp at Murgon QLD.

**We know men work harder than women;
It's because women do it right the first time!**

2017 Trip Lists

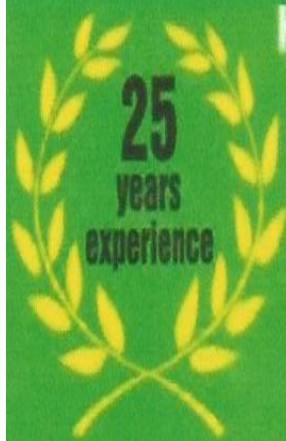
<u>DATE</u>	<u>TRIP DESTINATION</u>	<u>MEMBERS ATTENDING</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>	<u>park</u>
July 20 th – 27 th	TLC Club Rally Christmas in July Valla Beach	Belshaw, Bickley / Baird, Brewer, Brown, Bryce/Tanner, Callawa, Cok, Collins, Curnow, Edwards / Williamson, Flippence, Forrest, Fraser, Hansell, Hennessy, Howard, Insull, Knight, Laney, Latham, Lee-Sing, Lenane, Letherbarrow, Luttrell, McConnville, Oakes, Olesen, Palmer/Evernden, Potter, Robinson, Rohwer, Ryan, Shoobert, Simpson, Stevens, Thomas F/R, Treacy / Wenning, Wells, White, 39	Tour Director Bev 43 902277 0427 902277	To Book Ring 1800 800 447 65 695 555
July 27 th - Aug 3rd	Happy Hallidays Holiday park	Angell, Belshaw, Bennett B, Bickley / Baird, Brewer, Brown, Bryce/Tanner, Cok, Curnow, Dawson, Edwards / Williamson, Fraser, Hollington /Dunn, Insull, Kains, Laney, Lee-Sing, Olesen, Ryan, Shoobert, Simpson, Thomas F/R, Treacy/Wenning, White, 24	Bev Shoobert 43 902277 0427 902277	To book ring 65 592 099
Sept18th- Oct 13th	Snowy Mountains Ramble	Belshaw, Bickley/Baird, Cannard, Curnow, Edwards/Williamson, Field, Fraser, Holland, Moore, Pollard, Spain, Stevens 12 trip full	Clarrie Stevens 43 692 759	
Oct 16th-22nd	Slim Dusty country music festival	Bolcina, Brewer, Curnow, Eadie, Field, Geale, Holland, Hollington/Dunn, Howard, Hunt, Kane, Pollard, Schultz 13		1800 185 746 65 626 533
Nov 2 nd – 9th	TLC Melbourne cup Club Rally Paradise tourist park Tamworth	Angell, Belshaw, Bennett, Bolcina, Brooks, Bryce/Tanner, Cok, Curnow, Dawson, Edwards/Williamson, Field, Geale, Hansell, Holland, Hollington/Dunn, Howard, Insull, Jager, Lee-Sing Lenane, Lethbarrow, Majchrowski, Marsland, Moore, Oakes, Olesen, Pollard, Reilly, Rohwer, Ryan, Shoobert, Smith, Smyth, Thomas F/R, Treacy/Wenning, Wells 36	Bev Shoobert 43 902277 0427 902277	To Book Ring 67 663 120

Nov 20 th -30th	Narrabeen Leisure trip	Baird/Bickley, Bolcina, Clarke J, Cooper, Curnow, Davidson, Dew, Ducker, Eadie, Flippence, Gibbs, Henry, Holland, Hollington/Dunn, Holmes, Howard, Insull, Kane, Lee-Sing, Lindsay, Majchrowski, Marsland, McGillicuddy, Merrett/Wright, Moore, Pollard, Reilly, Riley, Rohwer, Ryan, Schultz, Shawcross, Smith, Smyth, Wells 35	Des Cooper	43 933383
Dec 28 th – Jan ?	New Years Eve Hawaiiin Rock N Roll party at The Olesens property	Brooks, Calloway, Cok, Hansell, Jager, Maranik, Merrett / Wright, Palmer / Evernden, Ryan, Smyth, Treacy, 11	Carole & Peter Olesen	0408 771 090
		2018		
March 1 st -8th	TLC Club Rally Middle Rock	Bennett, Bolcina, Bryce/Tanner, Cok, Curnow, Davidson, Dick/Moore T, Eadie, Edwards/Williamson, Forrest, Fraser, Gibbs, Hansell, Holmes, Howard, Insull, Jager, Kains, Knight, Laney, Latham, Lee-Sing, Lenane, Lindsay, Luttrell, Majchrowski, Merrett/Wright, Oakes, Olesen, Palmer/Evernden, Pollard, Reilly, Robinson, Rohwer, Shawcross, Shoobert, Simpson, Smyth, Steele, Stevens, Thomas F/R, Treacy/Wenning, Wells, 43	Tour Director 43 902277 0427 902277	To book ring Park 49 821 162
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