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**ON BEHALF OF THE COMMITTEE WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU
AND YOUR FAMILY A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A SAFE AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

SAFE TRAVELS

Next General Meeting

Sunday 21st January, 2017

TLC Birthday Cards by Jacquie Lawson.

I have now updated all members' details so you should receive a Jacquie Lawson card on your special day.

If you do not receive it, or if anything is incorrect, could you please let me know at a.s.reilly@optusnet.com.au or Phone 0414 670 923 so I can make any corrections.

Also, if you do not wish to receive a card, just let me know and I will remove your details from the birthday card list.

Regards,

Sue Reilly

DISC BOWLS WINNERS 2017

Whilst we were in Tamworth this year the annual Disc Bowls Championship was held. Please find below the winners and runner-ups in the Men's Singles, Ladies Singles and the Mixed Doubles. Congratulations to everyone.

MEN'S SINGLES

Winner	John Oakes
Runner-up	Len Field

WOMEN'S SINGLES

Winner	Christine Burnham
Runner-up	Helen Smyth

MIXED DOUBLES

Winners	Sue Lenane & Norm Moore
Runners-up	Helen Tanner & John Smyth

In the ladies singles one of the ladies made history as she knocked the jack out 3 times (not mentioning any names).

Anyone who purchased raffle tickets from Kevin Steele for the Cancer Council please be advised that our own Cheryl Ducker won 1st prize which was valued at around \$1,000. Well done Cheryl we all think that you and Blue deserve this great prize. Enjoy.

RAFFLES

At the committee meeting held on Monday 13 November it was decided that we would not allow raffle tickets (other than the club raffle that is held at our meeting) to be sold at any club meeting. The reason behind this is that we felt it is asking our members to donate to something that they perhaps could not afford.

The committee decided that we would have a box for local charities so if members wished to donate money and/or items we can pass them onto the relevant organisations. The three local charities that we decided on were John Hunter Children's Hospital, Camp Breakaway and Wyong/Gosford Hospital Auxiliary. The club will still give \$200.00 annually to The Royal Flying Doctors.

As we had been approached by one of our members to have a raffle for the Children's Hospital, we decided that this organisation would be the first. For 3 months from the January meeting we will have the box available for members to either place money or goods from the list below.

When the 3 months is up the goods and/or money will be given to Janis Treacy to distribute to the hospital.

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF ITEMS THAT CAN BE PURCHASED

Play doh (0.75c at Kmart per tub)
Play doh rolling pins and cutters (best place Kmart)
Small bubbles (4 or maybe 6 pack \$2 reject shop)
Colour pencils
Paper aeroplane packs/book
Beads and threading twine
Stickers (\$2 book at reject shop)
Baby rattles/ stacking toys
Lego
Paddle Pop Sticks
Paper Cup Cakes
Match Sticks
Pipe Cleaners
Coles Large Seal Plastic Bags (A4)

FOR SALE – Retreat MABEL Caravan 2014 22ft, En-suite, Simplicity Suspension, Gas heater, full Annex, 2 x 185 Solar panels , 4 deep cycle Batteries, as new condition, **\$65,000** ALSO 2003 TURBO Diesel Landcruiser, Gas injection, Auto, 210klm, A1 condition, **\$22,500**. Selling due to illness. Please call 0427 362 731 LAKE MUNMORAH.

LIGHTNING RIDGE

Therese & Fred Jager and Rod and I left home on 26 October and decided to head to Lightning Ridge prior to Tamworth for a few days. We had a stopover at a little place called Premier for a night which showed as a “free camp” but we found out we could have electricity for \$12.00 or no electricity for \$7.00. Therese made Hungarian Goulash for us to have on our first night. Very yummy.

The next day we travelled to Lightning Ridge and checked into The Crocodile Caravan Park for four days. When we booked in Deb the owner informed us that they had “happy hour” at 5:00 pm in the camp kitchen every day. We decided to wander up and were surprised to see Deb and Lionel (the owners) there and quite a few other caravanners there as well. The camp kitchen was well equipped with about six big tables, two BBQ’s and a pizza oven for everyone to use. We decided to use the camp kitchen most nights to cook our dinner so we didn’t have to cook in the van.

Over the next few days we did a lot of sightseeing to the red, blue and green doors, saw a house built from cans, and went to Amigo’s Castle and also to the Artisan Baths which were about 42 deg so consequently we only stayed in them for about 10 minutes.

We left Lightning Ridge on Tuesday 24 October and free camped just outside of Gunnedah for the night before heading to Tamworth the next day.

We had a great time and enjoyed somewhere different.



Fay & Rod Thomas & Fred & Therese Jager

Tamworth Melbourne Cup Week

Members started arriving at Paradise Tourist Park from the Monday and progressively until the official start on Thursday. Unfortunately, due to various health issues a number were unable to join us. Our thoughts are with these Members and hope for a speedy and full recovery. Activities got underway with a Welcome evening in the camp kitchen. Susan ensured that a fine selection of snacks was provided, and dinner that night was really not necessary!

Friday morning saw the heats and semi- finals of Disc Bowls keenly contested in an excellent area of the park with an audience of Members and thousands of bats hanging from trees nearby. That evening an excellent meal was provided by the Club. Saturday was a big day with the Disc Bowls finals in the morning, congratulations to the winners, and ended in a fantastic evening of entertainment by a very talented local artist.

On Sunday a number of us visited the railway museum at Werris Creek, which is housed in the local railway station, and I must say we were impressed by the extent and quality of the displays which are maintained by local volunteers. A guided tour was most informative and really highlighted the importance of Werris Creek station as a staging area during the Second World War. Adjacent to the station is a memorial to those who were killed working on the railways. Amazingly, it contains some 2000 names. After lunch in Quirindi we visited Bob's Shed, an incredible display of motor racing memorabilia featuring an outstanding Peter Brock collection. This is a credit to one man's lifetime of collecting and restoration.

Monday started with a delicious breakfast, supplied by the Park, followed by a free day. The "three Amigo's" started with sweeps opening in the afternoon and they were filling rapidly. Cup Day saw a great participation in the "dress up stakes" and the serving of an outstanding lunch. Susan did it again, ably assisted by Graham and a team of volunteers to plate up and served. Well done all involved.

The final day concluded with dinner at The Squareman Inn attended by the majority of Members. The night event has now become a tradition at our rallies. Apart from health issues, not the least that experienced by our President, the event was once again most successful and enjoyed by all who attended.

John Oakes

MELBOURNE CUP RALLY 2017 - Paradise Tourist Park Tamworth

Wendy and I have not been to a Cup Rally for a few years so it was good to be back on the horse and off to Tamworth – our first visit to the Town. We arrived on the Wednesday, a day early (because it takes me just about a day to get set up) and were surprised to see about half the group had already arrived.

Thursday afternoon was the first official gathering at the Camp Kitchen and included a welcome from President John McG, happy hour, words and music from a local singer/song writer and enough delicious “finger food” to satisfy most appetites. About 35 Vans made it to the Rally but unfortunately some of our senior stalwarts and organisers were not able to be with us. These are members that would usually be involved in running the disc bowls, the cup sweeps and our own hobby horse races, tending the bar etc. – our thoughts and best wishes go out to you at this time. That said – our thanks to the folk that volunteered and filled in for our absent friends and kept things going. How lucky are we to belong to such a great Club.

Friday morning saw the preliminary rounds of the Disc Bowls competition – 16 men and 16 women contested the singles and 16 couples in the mixed pairs comp. The weather was perfect for the event with a favourable breeze wafting the odious smell from a nearby colony of thousands of fruit bats away from the course. After lunch we drove to the Oxley Scenic Lookout for a great view over Tamworth and across the plains to the Great Dividing Range. The avenues of Jacarandas and Silky Oaks in full bloom throughout the Town were spectacular and added a splash of colour to my photos. Flowing on from happy hour we were treated to a tasty chicken dinner with lots of fruit for dessert – Wendy especially enjoyed the meal (because she didn't have to cook it).

Next morning – Disc Bowls Finals - very serious business. We were just spectators sensing the tension the hushed silence (except the shrieks from the bat colony) the pressure too much for one contestant who launched a misdirected timber frizbee straight at the Umpire's head (fortunately he WAS watching the play and ducked). Congrats to all who participated – we enjoyed watching. After lunch we walked to the Town's Bicentennial Park – what an amazing place – something for everyone. After dinner we were entertained at the Camp Kitchen by a singer of R&B music and other genres.

Sunday Morning Devonshire Tea was provided by the Club – haven't had Damper for yonks (yum); and scones with J&C (good anytime). No activities planned for the rest of the day – some folk did the round trip to Werris Creek/Quirindi/Tamworth. We decided to visit the Town's Botanical Gardens – missed the turn off (that's not unusual) and ended up at the Marsupial Park. We didn't see any marsupials but we did see lots of people having picnics/parties. I got to scratch the head of a white cockatoo in a cage (“scratch cocky”) and saw a pink cockatoo on a perch in the same cage (No! It wasn't a galah – it was a pink cockatoo!). We backtracked to the Botanical Gardens – which can best be described as a work in progress – then made our way back to Paradise. An interesting morning.

Breakfast Monday (8 am !!!!) was provided by the Park Management – great pancakes, quiche and other ??? nice stuff. Another Free Day – Bev made a booking at the Nundle Pub for lunch for those that were interested so we went along – a drive down country roads. Along the way we stopped at the observation area of Chaffey Dam, where we noticed a plaque marking the completion of the recent upgrading project. The name of the politician on the plaque is none other than The Rt Hon Member for Tamworth – Barnaby Joyce. Interesting! So was Nundle. That afternoon our Bookies developed writer's cramp filling multiple \$1, \$2 and \$5 Cup Sweeps.

First Tuesday in November - MELBOURNE CUP DAY. During our Rally week there was one person you could not avoid even if you wanted to – Richard – and his camera. 11 AM – Time for Group photos, singles, doubles whatever – he was always there – Thank you Richard. Next was the Best Dressed judging. Then, as TLC tradition would have it, lunch was plated and presented by the Men (preparation by Sue/Ladies). Ham and Chicken Salad followed by Apple Pie – great meal – and the Pink Drink with bubbles was appreciated by the Girls. As a prelude to The Big Race we adjourned to our own Race Track for Hobby Horse races – and what good fun that was. Wendy won the Menopausal Handicap (I'm still trying to figure out if that's good or not?). We were having such a good time that watching the Melbourne Cup on the big screen TV was almost an anticlimax – except for those lucky folk who won the Sweeps (self-included).

Wednesday – Free Time. Time to pack up (which only takes me half a day) then a walk into Town in the afternoon to see the Movie – Maudie – very good, AND FINALLY Sue organised a visit to The Square Man Inn for dinner – great food, service and a few songs from the owner/chef and a complimentary CD (I always love a freebee). What a good way to finish a very enjoyable week. Our thanks to Sue/Graham, other committee members and volunteers – your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Thursday 8.45 AM – Time to couple up and head on down the Highway.

The Angels

HERE ARE A FEW PHOTO'S FROM OUR TRIP TO TAMWORTH



Vicki – The office manager and park owner Taryn at our Melbourne Cup Lunch



Des & Alice having a dance



Some of our members enjoying a drink



Some of our servers and preparers

Congratulations to the Winners:

November Free Lunch

- Graham Williamson
- Margaret Brooks

October Raffle

- **\$50 – Fay Thomas**
- **\$30 – Christine Pollard**
- **\$20 – Wendy Cannard**

Members celebrating birthdays in December & January

December Birthdays

Sue Lenane	2 Dec	Bev Shoobert	2 Dec
Laurel Curnow	3 Dec	Jack Leigh	5 Dec
Trevor Smith	5 Dec	Leona Smith	5 Dec
Vicki Ellis	6 Dec	Noel Cannard	8 Dec
Maree Forrest	8 Dec	Helen Brill	9 Dec
Jim Holmes	10 Dec	Rod Thomas	12 Dec
Margaret Brooks	13 Dec	Diane McConville	14 Dec
Anne Woods	14 Dec	Owen Fletcher	14 Dec
Bob Shoobert	17 Dec	Roy Curnow	17 Dec
Ross Ryan	19 Dec	Max Coaster-Garton	21 Dec
Lorraine Bolcina	23 Dec	Anne Bromfield	23 Dec
Ron Dawson	27 Dec	Allan Howard	31 Dec
Helen Smyth	31 Dec		

January Birthdays

Kevin Steele	1 Jan	Des Cooper	1 Jan
Richard Majchrowski	1 Jan	David Luttrell	3 Jan
Peter Johnson	6 Jan	Keith Kennedy	6 Jan
Jan Dennis	7 Jan	Pam Wright	10 Jan
Jan Ryan	10 Jan	Barry Webster	10 Jan
Chris Baird	11 Jan	John Oakes	13-Jan
Ellen Marsland	13 Jan	Noelene Brady	14 Jan
Brian Dunn	18 Jan	Peter Davidson	21 Jan
John Clarke	24 Jan	Geoff Letherbarrow	21 Jan
Linda Letherbarrow	25 Jan	Laraine Harris	25 Jan
Ron Belshaw	26 Jan	Lorraine Potter	27 Jan
Peter Flippence	28 Jan	Val Kinnell	30 Jan

2017 Trip Lists

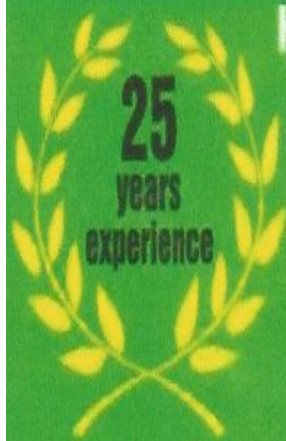
<u>DATE</u>	<u>TRIP DESTINATION</u>	<u>MEMBERS ATTENDING</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>	<u>park</u>
Dec 28 th – Jan ?	New Year's Eve Hawaiian Rock N Roll party at The Olesen's property	Belshaw, Bolcina, Brooks, Calloway, Cok, Collins, Dew, Eadie Edwards/Williamson, Evernden/Palmer, Forrest, Hansell, Holmes, Howard, Jager, Leigh, Lindsay, Majchrowski, Maranik, McGillicuddy, Merrett / Wright, Moore, Oakes, Olesen, Rohwer, Ryan, Shoobert, Smithers, Smyth, Steele, Thomas, Treacy/Wenning, White 33	Carole & Peter Olesen	0408 771 090
		2018		
Feb 1 st – 8th	North Haven Beachfront caravan park	Hansell, Henry, Insull, Lee-Sing, Leigh, Palmer, Reilly, Rohwer, Smith, Wells, 10		65 599 193
Feb 5 th – 19th	Lakeside Tourist Resort Forster	Anderson, Angell, Bolcina, Brewer, Brown, Cannard, Curnow, Dawson, Eadie, Evernden/Palmer, Gibbs, Hollington/Dunn, Howard, Insull, Kane, Latham, Lee-Sing, Leigh, Lindsay, Lutterell, Marsland, McConville, McGillicuddy, Shawcross, Simpson, Smyth, Steele, Rohwer 28	Coral Kane 0412 605 887	To Book Ring 65 555 511
Feb 8 th – 22nd	Shoal Bay Holiday park	Henry, Howard, Majchrowski, Reilly, Stevens, Wells 6		49 811 427

		2018 Continued		
March 1 st -8 th	TLC Club Rally Middle Rock	Belshaw, Bennett, Bolcina, Bryce/Tanner, Burnham, Clarke, Cok, Collins, Cooper, Curnow, Davidson, Dick/Moore T, Ducker, Eadie, Edwards/Williamson, Fraser, Gibbs, Hansell, Hollington, Holmes, Howard, Insull, Jager, Kane, Knight, Laney, Latham, Lee-Sing, Lenane, Lindsay, Luttrell, Marsland, Majchrowski, McGillicuddy, Moore, Oakes, Olesen, Palmer/Evernden, Pollard, Rohwer, Shawcross, Shoobert, Simpson, Smithers, Smyth, Steele, Thomas F/R, Treacy/Wenning, Wells, White 49	Tour Director Chrissy Pollard 0417 675 080	To book ring Park 4982 1162 4981 9450 0419 684 251 Ask for Aimee
March 19 – 3 April	Hartwood Campfires & County Music	Bolcina, Dew, Gibbs, Howard, Lindsay, Majchrowski, McGillicuddy, Rohwer 8	John & Lorraine Bolcina	0417 021 038 0404 921 568
April 6 th ,7 th ,8 th	NSW State Rally Griffith	Bolcina, Davidson, Smithers 3	Peter Davidson 43 584 121	
July 19 th -26 th	TLC Club Rally Christmas in July Happy Halidays	Angell, Howard, Insull, Kane, Laney, Lee-Sing, McGillicuddy, Olesen, Pollard, Shoobert, Thomas, Treacy/Wenning, 12	Tour Director Chrissie Pollard 0417 675 080	To Book Ring Park 65 592 099

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