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RENEWAL of MEMBERSHIP: Memberships were due to be paid by 30 April 2015.

If it is your intention not to renew your membership please email the Treasurer treasurer-tlc@yahoo.com.au

This will assist in maintaining our Register.

We wish the members who are not rejoining all the best and thanks for being members of TLC –maybe we will see U on the road- bye

Boggabri Trip: The farmers at Boggabri may have needed the rain, but we certainly didn't. The weather went from beautiful sunny days and crisp cool nights the first couple of days to rain, wind and black ankle deep mud for the next few days.

The organisers were very worried that if the weather didn't improve the event would be a financial disaster, but luckily the weather improved on Tuesday which allowed some of our members to actually go on site, even if they did have to be towed by a tractor. Some

were very lucky to be placed in a dry area that wasn't part of the area that we were given initially, but Kate Crocker has a very persuasive nature and she succeeded in getting priority for Tuggerah Lakes members.

We did manage to take some members out to Dripping Rock before the weather turned against us and those members who were lucky enough to go had a nice time. Sue Riley made a fantastic morning tea that was enjoyed by those in her group. On Tuesday the Lions Club arranged for a courtesy bus to take our members into Boggabri to attend the art exhibition and then onto the RSL for lunch. This arrangement was exclusive to Tuggerah Lakes members only and it was greatly appreciated.

The tours started on Wednesday however there were some tours cancelled due to weather conditions but there is always next

year. The event organisers were relieved that the weather improved and the event proceeded as planned.

There was a very sad situation with the band that was to appear on Wednesday night. Whilst driving to the event, their car was run off the road and the lead singer of the band was killed another member suffered the loss of an arm and the P plate driver also died at the scene.

Thursday saw some of our members going on tours and enjoying the food and attractions that were present at the event. Some of us had a chance to dry our wet clothes and camping stuff and to break in our newly purchased gun boots that were certainly needed as even though the weather had improved, the mud was still ankle deep in some sites.

Jill and Pam had 360 degree water views as did Gary and Karen Williams and Wendy Geale. They should have been

charged extra for water views but that's another story. [Thursday night](#) saw John Battle sing Country and Western he was enjoyed by all those who liked Country and Western. There were tours galore on Friday as well as heavy machinery demonstrations, working horse shows and many other attractions..

Saturday nights entertainment featured Those 2 Gals that have become regulars at the Drovers Campfire. The girls voices were in fine tune as they belted out country and other favorite songs. Cheryl Ducker represented our club in her usual happy and entertaining way. Cheryl got up and danced to some of her favorites much to the enjoyment of the 650 people who cheered her on. I'm sure Those 2 Gals will be back next year with their enthusiastic nature to entertain us.

Saturday saw more displays, shows, market stalls that sold everything from food to caravan parts, which some of us took advantage of.

Susan Edwards, Mike Collins, Phil Webb and Cheryl Ducker entered the Billy Boiling Competition. One of them had a fire lighter, paper, kindling and other items hidden in her jacket,. They all performed brilliantly and are a credit to our club. Thanks to our members for putting on our club shirts and cheering them on.

Saturday night saw us in front of the stage, getting our baked dinners and ready for the locals to put on their skit show. The show went on for about 3 hours and it was very funny with many hilarious The draw for various raffle prizes took place at interval and Karen Williams, Alan Dew, Maureen Riley, Peter Maslin, Richard ABC and Phil Webb were some of the lucky winners.

Unfortunately, in the early hours of Monday morning, Sandra Lee-Sing became ill and

was taken to Boggabri Hospital by ambulance before later being transferred to Tamworth Hospital.

I wish to thank some people for their assistance during the campfire. Wendy Geale for supplying our fire early in the campfire. Susan Edwards for cooking Scones for everyone on 2 separate wet mornings. Cheryl Ducker for her brilliant sausage rolls. Phil Webb for taking some members into town to empty their toilet cassettes because cars could not be moved due to the muddy conditions and Richard ABC for assisting in parking the vans. However, a big thanks must go to Kate Crocker for putting on a fantastic trip and also a big thanks to Bev Shoobert for her unselfish assistance.

We hope you had a fantastic trip and hope to see you again next year. Steve Crocker

Lexophiles: A competition to find the best lexophiles is held every year in an undisclosed location.

Here are this year's finalist submissions.

- A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.
- When the smog lifts in Los Angeles U.C.L.A.
- The batteries were given out free of charge.
- A will is a dead giveaway
- With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.
- A boiled egg is hard to beat.
- A plateau is a high form of flattery.
- Did you hear about the fellow whose entire left side was cut off? He's all right now.
- A bicycle can't stand alone; it's just two tired.
- When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.
- Acupuncture is a jab well done. That's the point of it.

And the winner of the twisted crop: "The Local Area Network in Australia is "The LAN down under".

Boggabri – What can I say? So much mud. Luckily lots of nice people and we could laugh about it.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we could not get on to the site the Crocker's directed us to, so Steve suggested one beside him backing on to the cattle fence as we only had a small van. How lucky were we – we had grass, no mud and a tap, so no pumping of water.....thank you, thank you, thank you.

Even with the mud I think people generally enjoyed themselves. We went



on 3 enjoyable tours, bought 3 evening meals – so no cooking –enjoyed the entertainment and most of all the camaraderie, which is what it is all about.

Anzac Day – we walked over to the bus, Roy got on, so we all followed, the organiser stuck her head in the door and said 'are you all for the tour?' No, we were for the ANZAC service – wrong bus.



Fancy following Roy anywhere.

Inside Kate & Steve's annex in the following days it got worse with mud oozing through holes in the mats. A few annexes looked like this or worse. However, I'm sure it will be okay next year. A lot (including us) have rebooked. A good job Kate and Steve under very difficult circumstances.

Glen Innes Celtic Festival



Hope the piper had his warm undies on fairly chilly on our bus tour

No mud here and the first few days were gorgeous. Some of us went on a day bus tour, very interesting and we were piped on to the bus.. Up at the Standing

Stones site where the entertainment was we once again needed our gum boots, but lots to see and do. We went to the Services Club to see Murphy's Pigs, a really good group, but this meant standing in the foyer for an hour waiting for the doors to open as no bookings because it was free. I decided I wouldn't do that again. However, a couple of weeks on, my legs have recovered so I probably would. I hope the people with me enjoyed the trip, there is a lot to see and do, and Glen Innes is a pretty place, the whole area a sea of autumn colour.

Carole's Trip: As some of you may know Carole Bickley is on a trip to Peru with a friend, they are enjoying themselves and here is a photo of them with one of the locals up at Lake Titicaca.. I think they both look very fetching. XXXXX Laurel Curnow



Lake Conjola: Report: Arrived at Lake Conjola Caravan Park around lunch time on Sunday the 22nd. March. Checked in and found our sites, however before you could set up much racking had to be done to clear the sites of kangaroo poo. Is it that they all suffer from a bad case of diarrhoea, No it's just the fact that there were hundreds of the little blighters hopping around here, obviously part of the park residence along with rabbits ,possums and parrots this place could pass for a wild life sanitary.

Next morning Barry Latham and I headed off to the beach about 5:00 am. to try our luck at fishing. I was fortunate enough to catch a really good size Salmon which we brought back and marinated in Brown Sugar, Rock Salt and Herbs for about 5 hours then smoked in Ron's smoker just in time for happy hour, a fish I was told was not good to eat and we should throw it away, however after Ron's encouragement we smoked the fillets, it turned out quite good, there was enough for everybody to taste a small sample, very nice.

The next day was a free day that saw many vanners heading off in all directions sightseeing, shopping or going to the movies which is what we elected to do, we saw The Second Best Marigold Hotel, turned out to be a good laugh for a rainy day.

Wednesday night was Old English Pub Night what a hoot. The camp kitchen was decked out

with red, white and blue and each table was topped with the good old Union Jack Flag. Even a few portraits of the Queen adorned the walls. It was great to see everyone make the effort to dress up which helped set the scene for what was to come.

Who would have thought that certain people in this little group had enough pull to actually get QUEEN ELIZABETH and PRINCE PHILIP acca Jill and Pam to arrive and officially open and welcome everybody to our Pub Night. Let me tell you dear readers we were gob smacked.

Again Cheryl and Vicki cooked up a storm with more spuds peeled that day for the mash than you would see in an Army Mess hall, Bluey and Mac on the BBQ cooking 120 big fat sausages that he had sauced from Ted the butcher in Milton. Mashy peas by the score and thick onion gravy to top it off. Good old English tucker

This was served up with Army precision. There was plenty for seconds however everybody had eaten their fill, this was followed by Apple Pie and Custard, it's funny how you can always find that little corner in your tummy when it comes to desert. So here we were in the Old English Pub sitting back like a lot of stuffed turkeys on Christmas day, congratulations to all involved.

This was followed by a good old singalong with every one out of tune and singing the wrong words but who gives a rats, just good fun.

Cheryl came up with a game which involved four volunteers, these were picked by asking a person at each table to pick a number between one and ten and somehow, that person always got it right, strange that.

The game involved putting on a pair of rabbit ears with a sign saying who you were. With much prodding from the audience they had to guess who they were, what a laugh. A fantastic night congratulations to all involved.

Thursday afternoon saw us at barefoot bowls followed by dinner at the Lake Conjola

Bowling Club although lacking oysters and chicken, ran out on the menu, they still provided us with a great meal and the staff went out of the way to make up for those two items missing.

Friday we headed off to Pigeon Hole Mountain restaurant for breakfast then down to Mollymook for some sightseeing then Fran and I headed up to Granite Falls.

We were told that the road was gravel but well maintained however this was far from true it turned out to be real four wheel drive stuff, lots of wash aways and ruts to negotiate and very steep in parts, however once there it was well worth the effort.

Saturday saw some of the Vanner's head off to their homes or other destinations, whilst others stayed on till Sunday. This has been a very memorable trip that everybody who attended enjoyed. Allan Lindsay

Fuel Prices Crossing the Nullabour: the cheapest fuel prices are reportedly available at each end of the Nullabour ie, at Norseman and Nundroo.

Be Carefull: Recently a caravan website reported that there has been yet another terrifying caravan rollover. The latest, at Naringal East in Victoria occurred soon after a caravan passed a large truck and their van then began to swerve from side to side. Happily, the two people in the 4WD tow vehicle escaped uninjured ... although they must have been severely shaken. There has been a spate of caravan rollovers in recent weeks on all sorts of roads, and lessons must be learned so be aware.

Smoking Banned in National Parks: Camping grounds have been included in a ban on smoking in all NSW National Parks. The ban applies to all picnic areas, campgrounds, beaches, lookouts etc in all 800 national parks. Drivers going through a

park on local roads smoking inn cars will also face fines if spotted. This will reduce the risk of bushfires and help reduce the thousands of cigarette butts left behind.

Some Confusion reported in a ROAM Magazine: New standards came into effect in July 2015 effectively banning annexes on caravans with gas appliances venting in the annex area. Victoria and Queensland were quick to adopt the new standard however not all states have followed

Social Director Report: The Secretary will send out the program for Christmas in July towards the end of June. Please pay the Treasurer \$25.00 per head for your dinner before the end of business at the June meeting. We have heard that Hartwood has been sold to people at Premier and also we believe that Tom Maxwell will be running the festival next Easter. Coral called in to Valla and spoke with the owners about our plans during our Melbourne Cup Rally in November

Charity Officer Report: Beryl spoke about holding the Biggest Morning Tea at Lakeside prior to attending Halliday's for Christmas in July. Beryl also reminded us about Daffodil Day in August and asked the men to start thinking about growing a moustache for our prostate cancer drive in November.

Tour Directors Report: Bev reported that our club has had 130 vans attending trips already this year. It is important that we put our names on the boards as well as booking in at the parks. Please be sure that you pay a deposit when you book in at Valla as there seems to be conflicting information.

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May Meeting: We had (92) members also (1) visitor attend the April meeting

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Thomas Jan	1-Jun
Thomas Rod	1-Jun
Olesen Peter	2-Jun
Webb Rhonda	3-Jun
White June	7-Jun
Anderson Helen	8-Jun
Stevens Clarrie	9-Jun
Flippence Dianne	10-Jun
Brown Len	10-Jun
Palmer Ian	17-Jun
Webb Philip	18-Jun
Ellis Keith	20-Jun
Webster June	23-Jun
Russell Barbara	27-Jun
Graham Gary	29-Jun

WINNERS of FREE LUNCH

Lyn Smithers
Bev Shoobert

MONTHLY CLUB RAFFLE WINNERS

\$50	Perc White
\$30	Marylin McGillicuddy
\$20	Les Hunt

Next ---General Meeting
Sunday 21st JUNE 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
		<u>2016 LIST OF TRIPS</u>		
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		Crocker K/S	0414890403

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