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Next Meeting– Sunday 19th January2020

November Meeting Held 17th November 2019

70 Members Attended

Members Rejoining - John & Eunice Roberts – Welcome Back

\$10 Lunch Voucher Winners:- Debbie Latham and Jan Ryan

Raffle Winners:-
\$50 – Margaret Dick
\$30 – Joan Cornwell
\$20 – Helen Brill



MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY & HEALTHY NEW YEAR EVERYONE

Members Birthdays

Laurie Wayne	4-Dec	Shoobert Bev	2-Dec
Holmes Jim	10-Dec	Curnow Laurel	3-Dec
Thomas Rod	12-Dec	Ellis Vicki	6-Dec
Curnow Roy	17-Dec	Forrest Maree	8-Dec
Shoobert Bob	17-Dec	Brill Helen	9-Dec
Leotta Andy	19-Dec	Brooks Margaret	13-Dec
Ryan Ross	19-Dec	McConville Diana	14-Dec
Coaster-Garton Max	21-Dec	Wilcox Gaianne	20-Dec
Dawson Ron	27-Dec	Smyth Helen	31-Dec
Howard Allan	31-Dec		

Statistics Tuggerah Lakes Caravanners

As at 17th November 2019 - 173 Members, 83 caravans / motorhomes, 7 no vans.

Melbourne Cup Rally at Tamworth 30/10 – 7/11/2019

Thursday 31/10/19

Some Members arrived on Wednesday, the remainder on Thursday. Afternoon Happy Hour was followed by a Sausage Sizzle provided by TLC.

Friday 1/11/19

After our morning tea gathering, 14 members decided to head off to Nundle to stimulate this little village's economy. Bushfires were 5klms away in the Hanging Rock area & the helicopter with bucket entertained us during our lunch at the pub. Following Leonie & Mike's recommendation several of the group enjoyed the local trout meal which was delicious, others had a Kempsey steak that they are still talking about & the famous Nundle pie floaters got rave reviews. A wander through the jam packed, overpriced collectable establishment & the few other specialty shops then it was over to the Nundle Woollen Mill for the free tour by Scottish Lizzy. The antique machines were humming and spinning beautiful Australian Merino wool. A total of 16 pairs of Nundle socks were purchased, so we'll expect a report at future gatherings of how good they really are! Back to camp for happy hour & a quiet evening under the stars & a cool breeze.

Chris & John Knight.

Saturday 2/11/19

Saturday morning the usual gathering for morning tea, then a free day. Some went shopping, some sightseeing.

Janis arrived in camp after their Fiji Cruise and told us about the horse auction for the "Ian Insull Cup" 6 horses auctioned, with one member winning two. The money is pooled & will have 3 prizes. It will be run before the Melbourne Cup Race.

A communityBBQ in the very spacious camp kitchen then a fun games night, trivia & pass the hat/rolling pin. We were having so much fun a group of young people from the Youth Orchestra staying here joined in & shared our supper. They had a concert in the Town Hall on Sunday, but unfortunately we had planned our Disc Bowls Competition.

A few others went to the Services Club for an "all you can eat" seafood night.

A very warm day & wishing it would rain.
Beryl & Allan Howard.

Sunday 3/11/19

The Annual Disc Bowls. This year had a few surprises. In the years I have been scoring and watching I have not seen so many close games. In the Heats and Finals there were a couple of Ties that resulted in extra ends being played. Great to see the return of Roy Curnow to the field, and to see one of our newest members, Joan do so well in her first games.

RESULTS as follows.

	Winnner	Runner-Up
MEN	Rod Thomas	Adrian Schult
LADIES	Chris Pollard	Coral Kane

PAIRS Winners Len Field & Barbara Schultz
Runners-Up Helen Eadie & Richard Laney
Wendy Geale

Sunday Evening a large group were transported to the Services Club in their bus for a Chinese & Seafood Meal, Rounded out the day nicely.

Tuesday 5/11/19

MELBOURNE CUP DAY.

We certainly scrub up well on special occasions!

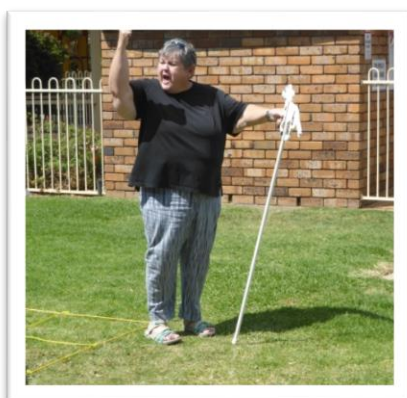




Winners of our Best Dressed competition were – Ellen Marsland and Will Lee-Sing

Our Luncheon was superbly catered by the Paradise Caravan Park Staff. Beautifully prepared Roast Beef and Chicken accompanied by baked potato, carrots, peas plus each table had a half maple syrup infused pumpkin. Yummy! Our club provided the bread rolls and desserts, thank you Janis and Sandra for all your work with the organisation and the preparation. Pavlova, fruits, cream, Chocolate Mud Cake and White Chocolate Mud Cake.

The Ian Insull Cup Race was won by Des Cooper (Des has promised a story regarding the Race)
Runners Up – Sandra Lee-Sing and Chrissy Pollard



TLC 2019 MELBOURNE CUP. (Des Cooper)

I left home a week early as I wanted to visit my hometown Tingha and visit a few friends. The trip North was dry, dusty, windy and very hot with a widespread smoke haze for hundreds of kilometres. The countryside looked real tired and sad. Whilst in Tamworth we had around 18mm rain and on my return journey there was a film of green over the whole countryside. (I love a sunburnt country...etc.).

When we arrived at the Tamworth caravan park we were greeted with lots of green grass. We even had green grass to play our disc bowls competition on. It is a lovely feeling to sit and have happy hour with all the green grass around. It was an early talking point. (They have access to bore water)

The club members had a very very busy week with dinners, BBQ's and games events. The Melbourne Cup sweep and race was quite an exciting day. I am still amazed at the extent members go to Dress Up for the "Melbourne Cup" occasion.

Social media "Facebook" is an excellent way to show the fun that members get up to. I recommend all members should join the Facebook Group. Within minutes of something happening there are photos of the activity on Facebook.

A number of members took a drive out to Nundle which is around about 65 k's from Tamworth. We went out to have lunch at the hotel and also to visit the woollen mills and actually see the woollen mills in action. Our guide for the tour was a wee Scottish lassie who had worked in similar mills in Scotland. It was a pleasure to attend and hear her tour she spoke with passion about the equipment and gave a full demonstration of the mill running. She also said there has been no change in design since the system was first built in 1905.

A bit of excitement each afternoon was watching the bats fly over. Sometimes there appeared to be hundred flying over the park on a few occasions some landed in the trees above the vans but all in all they are quite. I did not hear of any member complaining about "bat dust" on their cars and vans.

The Caravan Park was very nice with very clean amenities. The park fees were reasonable at about \$220 per van for the seven days. Park management provided a wonderful dinner for the Melbourne Cup event. This is a very friendly well managed park I give it top marks.

Most of us arrived with the full tanks of water. Some of us used our own water to assist the town's water supply. I don't think there was a restriction on the caravan members using water. The water that I tasted from park taps was quite good so they are surviving the drought rather well.

It was a real busy seven days. The committee did a wonderful job in organising the week with functions and events. I wish to congratulate the Committee on organising another wonderful week.

Many thanks

Des Cooper

Once again a successful Rally for TLC Members

Travels – Yvonne & Peter Davidson

Part 2.

Darwin was quite a surprise. When we were here 18 years ago, the city was spread out and low buildings, many looking temporary still after the cyclone. Very few tall buildings and a very casual feel. Now there are many high-rise hotels, residential, and business towers! Big roads and fly-overs and new shopping centres, such as Casuarina which is quite big and with so many new suburbs, there doesn't appear to be an up to date map! It is a very different atmosphere. We stayed at Coolalinga on the south side of the city. A nice park which has lost many trees during the storms earlier this year, new shopping centre a short walk away with Coles and Woolworths and several other shops. Very convenient. 15 minute drive into the city. There was very little rain last season so even up here the trees are losing their leaves.

There are still recognisable buildings such as Parliament House and Government House and of course the Thursday night Mindl Market. We went on the Charles Darwin dinner cruise which was as good as it was the last time we did the same trip 18 years ago. Good food and service with lovely warm weather on the harbour.

We left Coolalinga and moved to Leigh Point where we were meeting friends for a couple of days. Great meal at the restaurant there.

Stopped at Edith Falls for a night which I much prefer to Litchfield.

Very dry even up here so the very big waterfall was not running. From here we moved on to Mataranka to enjoy the hot springs before we do a fairly fast trip south. Renner Springs then Tennant Creek and on to the Devil's Marbles. The country is so dry there is no animal life around either farm or wild. On to Ti-Tree

where we found this stop had also improved as had the previous stops. It is so flat along the highway with huge rocks across the paddocks and hardly anything growing except Spinifex the sight of the Hartz Range in the distance took hours to get to!

We had a scare as a car approached us there was a huge bang and we were showered with debris. His tyre had burst, he managed to steer onto the verge and we turned back to check but he said he was ok. Just a bit shaken!

Alice Springs was next stop and a service for the car was booked. We stayed in a nice park with shade and walking distance to CBD. Alice of course has grown and is a much quieter town than we remembered. The strict rules on buying liquor has made a big difference. All though it was a bit disconcerting to be questioned by a policeman when you buy any.

We spent a great day at the Desert park with the walk in bird aviaries and interesting talks. Another trip was out to Hermannsburg which we had never been to before. An interesting town and we spent a lot of time talking to a long time resident. I love the McDonnell Ranges and would like to have more time there. The Transport Museum is very big now and has several sections for different types of transport.

Leaving Alice we continued South through flat treeless areas then hilly sections and back to flat, several dust storms along the way. Arriving at Kulgera the weather changed dramatically and the wind was horrendous so we decided to stop for the night. Very cold but by morning clear.

Again long flat road but very good. Several Wedge tailed Eagles along the way to Coober Pedy. Not a very attractive town I think but interesting. The huge salt lakes along the way to Woomera are quite a sight, they are so big and used for speed trials.

We were surprised to see how many mines in production along the way.

Gold, Silver Copper and several unusual minerals all being mined. Port Augusta has not changed much over the years all though even here it is very dry. Took the caravan in to try and work out why the brakes were not working so stayed another night before heading west. The caravan has all ready travelled almost eight thousand kilometres and we are still going.!

Yvonne and Peter.

I contacted Hartwood for clarification of the fees for next year's event.

Hartwood Campfires & Country Music

Gates will open Monday 30th March. End 12th April 2020

Arriving prior to Monday 7th April will incur a fee of \$10 per caravan per day Entry fee is \$120 per person.

One person arriving Monday March 30th $\$120 + \$70 = \$190$

2 persons – $\$240 + \$70 = \$310$

From Monday 7th April Entry = \$120 per person

Another Facebook Group

There is a Facebook Group called **Showgrounds Sport and Rec Grounds Camping**

Our Members may find this very useful to find affordable low cost stays. Worth having a look.

Further to the Information regarding Changes to Tolls in NSW emailed to Members by Fay Thomas.

Email from our Member Al Dew

Just a note of interest for next newsletter if it hadn't already been mentioned

Charges on M7 & M2.

Last month coming from Penrith Western Hwy turning onto M7 then M2 heading home with the caravan, realised I'd been charged the B class toll rate of \$35.82. Last Trip some time ago was only the A class rate around \$12

When inquiring about the charges with the disputes section was informed they have finetuned their vehicle measuring system and the total maximum measurements of vehicle with trailer for A class is height 2.8 M and length 12.5 M.

Unfortunately my height is 2.8M and total length 13 M

The information person said I could dispute this and challenge the variables in the measuring system verses your redefined measurements of vehicle plus caravan, but you would have to go through the process every time even if you were successful in the first claim. Then added there are non toll alternatives.

Regards

Al Dew

A lot of our tow vehicles & vans would equal Al's measurements. Many of us will be avoiding travel south, or taking non toll roads. I think it would be fair if we weighed anything like a truck. Most would be under a total of 7 tonne. Bit different to a Semi trailer or B Double!

When the new tunnel linking the M1 and M2 comes into use next year, a further \$21.05 will be added to the above if travelling through it with the above combination or a Truck.

We will however avoid this cost for the tunnel if we continue to travel the Pennant Hills Road, Recreation Vehicles **will not** be fined like trucks which avoid the tunnel. Trucks avoiding the tunnel, which are not delivering or picking up in the Pennant Hills area or carrying dangerous goods will be fined \$191.

Further articles are appearing in Newspapers and on line.

I will forward by email an article which appeared in the Sydney Morning Herald and was sent to Peter Davidson by Ann Carragher from Caravan Club of NSW. There is also another letter in the current Open Road,

Hopefully the more that the owners of Recreational Vehicles complain, write to the papers and the politicians we may have a chance of having our classification separated from the trucking industry.

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Tuggerah Lakes Caravanners Trip sheets 2019 / 2020				
DATES	DESTINATION	MEMBERS ATTENDING	CONTACT	PARK or CONTACT
February 2020 3rd – 17th	Lakeside Forster	Angell A/W, Cornwell J, Crimmins R/M, Flippence D/P, Geale W, Hennessy T, Howard B/A, Inns K/S, Insull B, Kane P/C, Knight C/J, Laney L/R, Latham D/B, Lee-Sing W/S, Lindsay A/F, Maranik A/D, Marsland P/E, McConnville B/D, O'Brien B/D, Palmer/Everden I/F, Ryan J/R, Smyth J/H, Steele, Treacy/Wenning J/R 24	Coral Kane 0412 605 887	Lakeside Forster 6555 5511
March 2020 5th – 8th	State Rally Hawkesbury Showground Clarendon	Davidson P/Y 1	Peter Davidson 4358 0292	
March 2020 5th – 12th	Reflections Holiday Park Urunga	Belshaw R/L, Bickley/Baird C/C, Collins M/L, Cornwell J, Curnow L/R, Dawson R/K, Ducker C/B, Edwards/Williamson S/G, Fraser T/A, Greeshaw K, Hennessy T, Holmes L/J, Insull B, Jager F/T, Knight C/J, Laney L/R, Latham D/B, Laurie N/W, Lee-Sing S/W, Lindsay A/F, Oakes J/M, Olesen P/C, Palmer/Eveneden I/F, Rohwer P/P, Smyth J/H, Steele K/L, Thomas F/R, Treacy/Wenning J/R, White P/J, Wilcox/Richardson G/J, Williams/Richardson K/L 31	Club Organised	Reflections Urunga 6655 6355
March 2020 26th – 29th	Terara Country Music Campout	Cooper D 1		

<p>Early Birds 30th March 2020 Main Event April 10th – 12th</p>	<p>Hartwood Campfires & Country Music</p>	<p>Collins M/L, Cooper D, Cornwell J, Dew C/A, Eadie M/H, Geale W, Holmes J/L, Howard B/A, Kane P/C, Knight C/J, Lindsay A/f, Pollard C, Rohwer P/P, Schultz A/B, Steele K/L 15</p>	<p>Richard Majchrowski 0439 462 711</p>	<p>Hartwood 0456 780 824 info@hartwoodfestival.com.au</p>
<p>July 2020 23rd – 30th</p>	<p>Ingenia – South West Rocks Christmas in July</p>	<p>Bennett B/M, Cooper D, Cornwell J, Curnow L/R, Dick/Moore M/T, Edwards/Williamson S/G, Hennessy T, Howard B/A, Jager F/T, Laney L/R, Latham B/D, Lee-Sing S/W, Maranik D/A, McConville B/D, Olesen P/C, Palmer/Evernden I/F, Rohwer P/P, Ryan J/R, Schultz A/b, Thomas F/R, Treacy/Wenning J/R, Wells J/J 22</p>	<p>Club Organised</p>	<p>/ Ingenia SW Rocks 6566 6264</p>



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