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Next General Meeting

Sunday 19th March 2017

Rally Reports from Members

North Haven Rally

What a relaxing time we had at North Haven. We walked, we talked, we played cards in the camp kitchen, we socialized at happy hour and thoroughly enjoyed a very pleasant week.

Some of us went to Cassegrain Winery near Port Macquarie, which was entertaining as well as educational. On another trip a group visited a tomato and strawberry farm which, by the look of the produce purchased, was also a worthwhile outing. Thanks to Fay Thomas for organising all of this.

The local movie theatre at Laurieton has the latest blockbusters & a group of us enjoyed 'Lion'.

The beach was well utilised as was the break wall for energetic walking or ambling to enjoy the pleasant scenery.

Susan Edwards organised an evening at the Bonny Hills tavern. Susan negotiated an excellent main and dessert menu as well as music, which was enjoyed while we supped and sipped.

Looking forward to our next visit!

Leona and Trevor Smith

We were really looking forward to our week on the coast after being at Tamworth for the Country Music. The weather had been extremely hot over there.

A good crowd of members rolled up on Thursday, and all soon settled into their sites fairly quickly.

On Friday evening there was a club BBQ and the theme for the evening was 'Red'. As usual lots of 'dressing up' was entered into; some took the chance to dress in something 'different' while others just dug out whatever they had that was red. A very enjoyable evening was had by all,

Next morning, as the surf was quite wild we decided to go down to the enclosed pool near the village shops. The water was quite fresh, which was very enjoyable; the daily temperatures were pretty warm.

The following morning we were spoiled by a pancake breakfast put on by the park management. They had a \$3000 automated machine, & were the pancakes delicious?!!! Most members lined up for a second helping as there were plenty to go round. We hadn't gotten away from the hot weather by going to the coast; I think anyone who had air-conditioning in their Van, took advantage of it whenever they could. Oh we do have it hard, don't we???

Lots of laughs & merriment was had by all those who took part in the games of Finska, Pass the Pigs & cards.

Another day was organised by Faye for a trip to a local Winery near Port Macquarie. We were given a tour around inside where the wines are stored & a great description of how the wines were made by the wine maker; it was all very interesting. Then we were treated to a delicious luncheon. In fact, there was some food left over which they gave us to take home & share that evening, which was very nice.

Then our last organised trip was to Riccardo's tomatoes & strawberry farm. Again we were given a tour through the tomato hot house enclosures. While it was very interesting how they get the plants to produce for 12 months, the heat inside there was very overcoming. We were glad to move on to the Strawberry enclosure; again it was very interesting hearing how they are hydroponically grown. Only trouble it was just as hot inside there as the tomatoes. Some stayed & picked strawberries to take home, some stayed for a luncheon.

Once again thanks to Faye for organising these outings, they were well worthwhile trips.

John started a mini golf game one afternoon; there were a few gentlemen & ladies who had a go, some had never played golf before, but it was great for a laugh. That developed in to a 'Golf Championship' on the last afternoon.

The men had some handicapping, as the difference in talent was varied, they had five participants, & Kevin Steele came out the winner. The ladies had a field of seven, & Helen ended up the winner by one stroke; we had lots of laughs as none of us are golfers. The last morning some of the members drove around to Pilot Beach for a swim; it was very refreshing & no huge waves.

To finish off the week Susan had organised Dinner at the Bonny Hills Tavern. Most members went along to enjoy a delicious dinner at very reasonable prices. Some sat out the back in the cool, as the weather was still very hot; there was music provided, and 'some' people danced on the grass to shake their dinner down. A great night was had by all. On Thursday, some moved on to Shoal Bay, some to Lakeside & some had to go home.

Many thanks to the organisers for a great week, John Oakes, Susan Edwards, Fay Thomas, & Bev Schubert, & all helpers.

Helen Smythe

Shoal Bay Rally

Well, we all arrived safely and had a fantastic time. Many thanks to Clarrie and Pam for recommending this park.

Everybody got on so well here, there was no clique in the group as everybody mixed well.

Happy hour each day to plan and suggest the next day's outings proved extremely successful, not to mention to have an alcoholic beverage or two.

We all suffered 40° heat the first few days but the water in the bay made amends for that.

Clarrie and Pam swam every day, as did Marian. I must admit they had the ordacity to say the water wasn't cold, but as they say, No sense No feelings.

It was good to see John and Julie Wells catch up with life-long friends, but John did tell a few shite lies about the fishing and the water temperature.

Sue proved her fishing prowess by catching a garfish and the smallest fish imaginable; smaller than her bait. But she did win the week for number of fish caught.

Allan was pleased to see her go fishing so he could have some peace for a while!

All in all a very successful and enjoyable trip

Bill Bennett.

Congratulations to the Winners:

January Free Lunch

- June White
- Richard Laney

January Raffle

- **\$50** – Les Simpson
- **\$30** – Graham Williamson
- **\$20** – Lorraine Holmes

Members celebrating birthdays in March

Blu Ducker	1	Yvonne Whitehead	3
David Jones	2	Marian Bennett	9
Ken Hoff	7	Cheryl Ducker	13
Geoff Potter	7	Jill Merritt	14
Norman Roberts	13	Shirley Hollington	14
John McGillicuddy	21	Dorethy Maranik	15
John Roberts	31	Sandra Lee-Sing	21
		Marilyn McGillicuddy	24
		Cindy Majchrowski	25
		Lynda Steele	29

Items for sale

- Vacationer Holiday Series 186, 2014 Build with Queen Bed, 3 way 185 lt. 2 door Fridge, Full Ensuite, Ibis Air Conditioner, 155w Solar Panel, External Shower, Reversing Camera, 15 inch Tandem wheels, 18'6"internal and 20'x 7'9"external, Tare Mass 2100kg. Sell for \$49,990.
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- Brand new (still in box) Coast to Coast Caravan Cover to suit 16ft to 18ft van with a rigid roof. \$200.00
Please contact Bob or Denise Brewer on 0458 521 724 (Jan 2017)

Did you know by Flippo

A "jiffy" is an actual unit of time: 1/100th of a second.

A note from Peter Davidson

There was a report that Victorian Police and/or Vic Roads were getting hot on weighing caravans.

From what I have seen on the caravanning newsgroups on the internet this is not so. I think this is an urban legend that has come from a recent educational operation at the Newmerella Rest Area near Orbost in early January.

I have prepared this article on the operation.

Recent Caravan Weighing Operation in Victoria

There was a campaign run by a police officer in Victoria on the 4th and 5th of January. He has been active on the newsgroup <http://www.caravanersforum.com/> for some time, posting under the name of Pathycop. He is a camper and has been interested in caravan and camper trailer safety. He had been talking about the lack of compliance checks on vans like Vic Roads do on heavy vehicles. He approached his superiors about running an education campaign. He got the go-ahead to run the education operation and Vic roads staff came on board. He also elicited the assistance of the Caravaners Forum members to formulate the operation and assist on the day and also getting some publicity for the operation.

The following thread from Caravaners Forum is the history. Rather than reading the whole thread I have picked up some of the salient messages for you all to read. I have done this to saving you reading the waffle that goes on in newsgroups.

First page of the thread - <http://www.caravanersforum.com/viewtopic.php?f=9&t=68041>

First flagging of dates -

<http://www.caravanersforum.com/viewtopic.php?f=9&t=68041&start=40#p979913>

Date of operation confirmed -

<http://www.caravanersforum.com/viewtopic.php?f=9&t=68041&start=60#p984349>

First report of the two days -

<http://www.caravanersforum.com/viewtopic.php?f=9&t=68041&start=180#p996285>

A comment on loading -

<http://www.caravanersforum.com/viewtopic.php?f=9&t=68041&start=200#p996503>

Full report on the operation -

<http://www.caravanersforum.com/viewtopic.php?f=9&t=68041&start=260#p1000715>

An interesting page from RveeThereYet.com - <http://rveethereyet.com/a-turning-point-in-towing-safety/>

2017 Trip List

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TRIP DESTINATION</u>	<u>MEMBERS ATTENDING</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>	<u>PARK</u>
March 3 rd – 5 th	State Rally Hawkesbury showground Clarendon	Bolcina, Davidson/Whitehead, Edwards/Williamson, Geale, Merrett/Wright, Smithers, Woods/ Davico, 7 plus 1 visitor	Peter Davidson 0429 447467	
March follow on from state rally	Great Ocean Rd & Murray River Approx 2 months	Bickley/Baird, Cooper, Geale, Merrett/Wright, Majchrowski, Moore J/N, Spain/Blake, Whitehead / Davidson 8	Peter Davidson 0429 447467	
April 3 rd – 18 th	Hartwood Camp Fires & Country Music www.hartwoodfestival.com.au	Bolcina, Brewer, Dunn / Hollington, Eadie, Gibbs, Holmes, Howard, Hunt, Kane, Lindsay, Majchrowski, McGillicuddy, Pollard, Rohwer, Schultz, Smithers, Steele, 17	John Bolcina 0417 021 038	
April 18 th - 23 rd	Lightning Ridge Opal caravan park	Cok, Howard, Shoobert 3	Bev Shoobert 43 902277 0427 902277	To Book Ring 68 294 884
April 23 rd - May 1 st	Boggabri Drovers Campfires	Cok, Howard, Hunt, Majchrowski, Nichols, Shoobert Tanner/Bryce 7 plus 1 visitor	Bev Shoobert 43 902277 0427 902277	Web site Boggabri Drovers campfires
May 4 th – 7 th	Celtic Festival Glen Innes Showground camping Powered sites	Curnow, Dunn/Hollington, Eadie, Edwards / Williamson, Hansell, Holland, Holmes, Howard, Kelly, Palmer, Pollard, Rohwer, Smyth 13	Laurel Curnow	Glen Innes info Centre 67 302 400
May 7 th - 20 th	North West Ramble Warialda,Texas,Stanthorpe,Tenterfield	Edwards / Williamson, Shoobert 2	Bev Shoobert 43 902277 0427 902277	
May 20 th – 30 th	Casino Beef Week Big 4 Light st Casino	Edwards / Williamson, Hansell, Howard, Palmer 4	Susan Edwards 43 281 541 0414 452 317	To Book ring 66 621 069
July 20 th – 27 th	TLC Club Rally Christmas in July Valla Beach	Bickley / Baird, Brewer, Bryce / Tanner, Cok, Collins, Curnow, Dunn/Hollington, Edwards / Williamson, Forrest, Holland, Howard, Insull, Jager, Kelly, Laney, Latham, Lee-Sing, Lenane, Moore J/N, Oakes, Olesen, Pollard, Ryan, Shoobert, Simpson, Smith, Thomas F/R, Treacy / Wenning, Wells, White, 30	Tour Director Bev 43 902277 0427 902277	To Book Ring 1800 800 447 65 695 555
July 27 th - Aug 3 rd	Happy Hallidays Holiday park	Angell, Bickley / Baird, Brewer, Cok, Curnow, Edwards / Williamson, Holland, Howard, Insull, Jager, Kains, Latham, Lee-Sing, Moore J/N, Olesen, Pollard, Ryan, Shoobert, Simpson, Thomas F/R, Treacy/Wenning, White, 22	Bev Shoobert 43 902277 0427 902277	To book ring 65 592 099

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