

# Tuggerah Lakes Caravanners Inc.



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## ***Next General Meeting***

***Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2019***

***1 week early owing to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday being Easter Sunday.***

**NOTE** The May Meeting will be held in a different area of the Hali. The Meeting will be held in the area behind our usual Meeting room. Go past reception, past the bar & lounge, area is on the right.

## March Meeting

47 Members attended.

\$10 Lunch Voucher Winners - Sandra Lee Sing and Carole Olesen

Winners of the Raffle were:

\$50 Peter Rohwer , \$30 John Oakes, \$20 Richard Laney

Mike Collins gave a short talk on his experience as a £10 Pom migrating alone to Australia when only 18yrs & 2 months old.

John Smyth will be our speaker for the April Meeting.

## **ANNUAL FEES**

Annual Membership fees are due by the end of April. \$20.00 per person. Please complete a membership form and submit with your payment.

You will find a copy of this form with this email.

## MEMBERS APRIL BIRTHDAYS

If anyone's birthday has been missed, please accept our apologies.

MALE BIRTHDAYS		FEMALE BIRTHDAYS	
Bob Brewer	1	Robyn Hassall	3
John Shawcross	4	Beryl Howard	4
Bill Bennett	8	Wendy Angell	5
Jim Richardson	8	Fay Thomas	18
John Knight	10	Narelle Hansell	26
Alan Smithers	13	Kerrie Dawson	27
Alan Angell	22		

## **“Tuggerah Lakes Caravanners Members Group” on Facebook**

A Facebook Group is being developed for the TLC. It will be a Closed Group for Members only - you can ask to join the Group. Other Facebook users can see the Group, but cannot see who Members are or posts. All posts will be checked for suitability, only Members can participate. The aim of this group is to provide information, and promote Friendship, Fellowship, Knowledge and Good Times. We look forward to Members posts about their travels etc. looking forward to your contributions.

Look for our Club on Facebook. “Tuggerah Lakes Caravanners Members Group”

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## **Middle Rock Resort and Caravan Park, 28/2 – 7/3/19**

Tuggerah Lakes Caravanners visited Middle Rock again this year. We were a group of 24 vans and 1 cabin making 47 participants. These are a collection of members' stories for the days there.

### **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>**

Woke up nice and early (for me) and 7am. Had a cup of tea. “Are you ready.....lets go!!” All went well – we had a good trip to Middle Rock. BUT..... always a “But”..

When we drove into the park we encountered the tractor driver who said “Just park and I will be about 15 mins” but the tractor would not start. However I decided “I can do this” so had a look and slowly pulled around Peter’s van. Then suddenly it sounded like a choir singing “STOP, STOP” or so I thought. It wasn’t that at all. I was dragging Peter’s van sideways. (lots of power that Mazda)!! A quick stop with me being somewhat red faced. Inspected the damage, moved Peter’s van back and straightened out the legs, gave Carole a hug (gotta keep her happy) & Bob’s your uncle. Thanks Peter for not yelling at me. This was my day. After having a beer and a laugh & all the wonderful nibbles organised by Susan and her helpers, all is happy and well in the Cok household. Thanks for reading.

*Will Cok*

### **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

4am – my what’s that I hear, yes it is rain, but by the time we were up the sun was shining and another lovely day greeted us. Headed off to Nelsons Bay with Carole and Amelia to the \$22 shop followed by Salamander shops where we all happily spent our partners money. We got back at 2pm and were ready for Happy Hour at 4pm followed by a quick tea then Bingo at 6pm. Bingo got going at 6.30pm with our caller Millie (18 and her first time at Bingo). She did an amazing job. President John forgot his dobber so Fay, Sandra and I marked his arm, didn’t work. Great night was had by all attending, we all wandered back to the Camp Kitchen to enjoy scones, jam and cream supplied by Susan (thanks – delicious).

I was sad to say goodbye to Barry and Debbie Latham who left early, Debbie not feeling well. I hope they will come back and enjoy many more trips with us.

OOPs nearly forgot exciting news, well for Robert & I. Anyway we have sold the camper and bought a Jayco Freedom pop top van. Yay!!

*Janis Treacy*

### **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

“Free Day”- loved the sound of that, with plenty of time to have a short sight-seeing drive and do some shopping. Dinner was at the “Little Buddha” a lovely Chinese restaurant in Salamander Bay. A delicious array of meal choices to be pondered over by 35 of us! All in all, a great evening at the end of another great day!

*Lorraine*

### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

A designated “free day” but, after the morning ritual of walks, swims and morning tea, the afternoon sported a “games activity” organised by Helen and John Smyth. Some of our members were glued to TV screens to watch the car racing but quite a few brave souls took on the games of Five Crowns, Marbles, Euchre and the Tumblin’ Tower. Fay won the Five Crowns and Leonie the Marbles game.

### **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

Started with a delicious breakfast hosted by the caravan park and organised in two sittings, which alleviated previous problems with serving and seating. The experience was quite civilised this year. Quite a few members took to the beach walk after breakfast. What a contrast to the weekend when One Mile Beach was very busy; this morning was pleasantly quiet.

The communal BBQ in the camp kitchen was scheduled for this evening, but just prior to 6pm we were treated to a flurry of excitement when Helen spotted a koala walking along the track near the bush. The little chap bypassed several big trees before finding its selected gum tree. This enabled quite a few people including 4 young German backpackers, to snap photos of our star performer, both on the ground and in the tree branches.

*John and Helen Smyth.*

### **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March Already!**

Morning tea at the camp kitchen followed by “Movie Day”. Thirty members headed to Nelson Bay cinema for a choice of 3 movies. “A Dog’s Way Home” – “King of Thieves” – “Green Book”. All were given rave reviews.

Back to camp for a spruce up & the Hawaiian shirts and hula skirts came out ready for the Middle Rock Resort dinner. A delicious meal thank you Middle Rock & thank you TLC for a yummy dessert. A fun night had by all.

*Chris & John Knight.*

### **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

Some members left and others utilised the day for a leisurely pack up followed by about 25 of us heading to the local Tavern for an evening meal. The storms that had been predicted for that afternoon turned out to be strong wind gusts, little damage except for Fay and Rod’s shower hatch deciding to fly off and shatter.

Here are a few photos from the week.





This is just a JEEP story and just a bit “XXX” rated.

What a wonderful week I had at Middle Rock. I really enjoyed my stay many thanks to everyone for your company and looking after me.

During the One Mile trip five blokes gathered at the rear of a members JEEP discussing towing and towing aids. This was extremely interesting when suddenly out of the blue the member who owned the JEEP commented that he had the day before driven the sandy bush “off road” track to the next door Nudist beach. He was very proud that he only engaged “sand” and did not engage 4 wheel drive. It was quickly agreed by all of the need to revisit the beach with another couple of off road vehicles.

As a JEEP owner I said I wasn’t confident about sand, off road stuff so I was allocated a seat in Wayne’s JEEP to observe. We set off and this time Wayne engaged “sand” also 4x4 and we very quickly traversed the real rough and heavy sandy section leading down onto the beach.

We turned left on damp sand driving up past all the nudists. They all gave us a blank stare. I personally did not look but there was one lady laying on a brown and yellow sunlounge who had zero, on not even a Brazilian. My eyes were like a meerkat looking all directions at once. We also saw a young fellow posing who was the opposite to “David”. Everyone needs to experience the distractions of a nuddie beach once.

We then left the beach and returned back up over the sand dunes and back to the caravan park. Then we waited and waited for the other two vehicles a Ford Ranger BT 50 driven by Peter and a Mazda 4x4 driven by Will. When they finally returned they both said they had trouble getting off the beach that they had stalled or bogged in the heavy loose sand leading up and over the dune. In fact one member said he had to take three or four run ups to get over the sand dunes. It was my intention to take my JEEP over the same route the next day but I decided a perfect JEEP score would do for this trip so maybe next year mmmmm.

Cheers

Des

PS . This bit was written one week later.

The real reason I did not drive my JEEP to the beach was I had a terrible rattle in the back. I thought it was shock absorber problems. I put the JEEP in for service yesterday and requested they check the shocks. They rang and said all was well, the problem was that I had fitted the Jack in upside down and it was just the bracket rattling.

Now I am really looking forward to the next Middle Rock.

*Des Cooper*



This information will possibly make Public Liability Insurance easier to understand.

From: secretary@caravanclubsnsw.asn.au

Sent: Saturday, February 09, 2019 4:52 PM

To: 'Fay Thomas'

Subject: RE: Insurance

Hello Fay,

Insurance policies can be confusing. The Public Liability policy is members' protection in case they unintentionally cause injury or damage to other people or their property. The committee members are also protected by a 'Directors & Officers Liability' policy. This policy protects committee/office bearers of the Club or association for an alleged wrongful act or breach of their duties whereby a member or third party allege a financial loss.

Members and visitors are responsible for their own property and actions therefore, it may be wise for all committees to occasionally remind their members/visitors to check their safety standards.

If one of your members causes personal injury or property damage to a person or property, as a result of negligence, then only the members (not visitors) are covered by Public Liability. Members would also be protected if any vicarious liability was attributed to them from actions of others, especially minors. Any visitor to your club would have the same rights as a member of the public in respect of bodily injury/damage to property caused through the negligence of one of your members.

A caravan park would have their own public liability for themselves. In other words, if one of your members is hurt or suffers any financial loss because of the park's negligence then the park's public liability should cover the caravan park if anyone makes a claim.

I'm not sure if all clubs are aware that there is an excess fee of \$1,000 if a claim is made (paid by the relevant club). This isn't new – it was the same under the previous policy. If a claim is made from an incident, which occurs at a state rally, then the State Association pays the excess fee because the host club is acting on behalf of the NSW Assoc. Unfortunately, if a claim is successful then all fees would probably go up for the 4,900 members (number of RV's under our policies).

Please ring me if this explanation is too confusing.

Regards,

ANNE CARRAGHER

Secretary

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## FOR SALE

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## Caravaners Prayer

When I get up in the morning may the annex be quite dry  
May the pegs be easily removed and the leaves not stuck to the fly.  
May the stabilizers wind up without the horrified squeak,  
And loose items give no trouble when them to stow we seek.  
May I back up with the ball lined up precisely with its mate,  
And remember to remove the jockey wheel before it is too late.  
May I drive away real smoothly the day's journey to begin,  
And not have to turn back with the key I should have turned in.  
Let the road be sealed and free from works of the detour kind.  
May the rain refrain from falling and the wind blow from behind.  
Don't let flies come in the millions when we make our morning stop,  
Let the thermos not be empty cause I forgot to screw the top.  
May the road signs not confuse us as we go along our way,  
And let no sheep or kangaroos on the roadway stray.  
Let us reach to caravan park well before the night,  
And dear God let there be a suitable powered site,  
May the site be large and roomy and drive through,  
Or please let there be someone to tell me what to do.  
Don't let me try for hours to get the wretched van in place,  
Watched by other campers with a smile upon their face.  
Oh, if you want to punish me for some forgotten sin,  
Don't let it be by leaving me with my wife to guide me in!  
And there's another thing I do of you beseech,  
When finally the van's in place, please let the power cord reach.  
They say you are a God of love and indeed it's true,  
Please ensure I get the site not far from the loo,  
If I want to go at night so desperate I will be,  
Don't let me get to the loo and find I have no key!  
I pray that all the campers around and about our site  
Are kind and considerate especially through the night  
And when I at last go to bed and gently close the door  
OH GOD, PLEASE DON'T LET ME BE THE ONLY ONE TO SNORE!!!

Anonymous.

*The above poem was sent in by Ellen Marsland, she reports that Peter has to keep his foot up after his surgery, so won't be attending meetings etc for a while. All went well and the surgeon is pleased, now to let the healing process take place.*

<b><i>Tuggerah Lakes Caravanners</i></b> <b>TRIP SHEETS 2019</b>				
<b>DATE</b>	<b>TRIP DESTINATION</b>	<b>MEMBERS ATTENDING</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>PARK</b>
<b>April 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Hartwood Early Birds from 8 <sup>th</sup> Main event 19 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Collins, Cooper, Eadie, Geale, Majchrowski, Steele 6	<b>Richard Majchrowski 0439 462 711 4389 1969</b>	<b>Hartwood 0456 780 824</b>
<b>May 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Bush Camping Watagans or Broke	Collins L/M, Howard B/A, Hunt B/L, Geale W, Knight J/C, Maranik A/D, Merret/Wright J/P, Ryan J/R, Shawcross G/J 9	<b>Mike Collins 0407 280 018 0419 763 207</b>	
<b>May 22<sup>nd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Casino Beef Week	Cornwell J, Bryce/Tanner H/J, Davidson P/Y, Hansell B/N, Edwards/Williamson S/G, Howard B/A, Insull B/I, Knight C/J, Laney R/L, Latham B/D, Lee-Sing S/W, Leotta A/L, Merrett/Wright J/P, Treacy/Wenning J/R, Wilcox/Richardson G/T, Webster B/J. 16	<b>Susan Edwards 0414 452 317</b>	<b>Casino Big 4 6662 1069</b>
<b>29<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	Inverell & Moree	Bryce/Tanner H/J, Edwards/Williamson S/G, Howard B/A, Knight C/J, Leotta A/L, Treacy/Wenning J/R 6	<b>Chris &amp; John Knight ‘ 43522264</b>	
<b>July 25<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup></b>	Xmas in July Happy Hallidays	Baird/Bickley C/C, Bennett B/M, Dick/Moore M/T, Edwards/Williamson S/G, Howard B/A, Knight J/C, Laney R/L, Maranik A/D, Moore J/N, Oakes J./M, Ryan J/R, Thomas F/R, Treacy/Wenning J/R 13	<b>Club Organised</b>	<b>Happy Hallidays 6559 2088</b>
<b>September 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Big 4 Sunshine South West Rocks	Bennett M/B, Curnow R/L (cabin), Dick/Moore M/T, Fraser A/T, Edwards/Williamson S/G, Insull I/B, Jager F/T, Knight J/C, Laney R/L, Latham B/D, Lee-Sing W/S, Leotta A/L, Moore J/N, Oakes J/M, Ryan J/R, Thomas F/T, Treacy/Wenning J/R, Cornwell J. 18	<b>Fay Thomas 0408 271 235</b>	<b>Big 4 65666142</b>
<b>October 1<sup>st</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Narrandera	Edwards/Williamson S/G, Knight J/C, Latham B/D 3	<b>Chris &amp; John Knight 4352 2264</b>	
<b>31<sup>st</sup> Oct – 6<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Tamworth Melbourne Cup Rally	Collins M/L, Cornwell J, Howard B/A, Insull B/I, Kane P/C, Laney R/L, Lee-Sing W/S, Smyth J/H, Thomas F/T 9	<b>Club Organised</b>	<b>Paradise Tourist Park 6766 3120</b>

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