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Trip Details: We would like to convey a big thank - you to Tour Director, Bev, for her report regarding the Club rally in February 2016. It was extremely helpful to be given the location of North Haven, plus confirmation the venue was pet friendly and the website for North Haven. Well done. Thanking you, Barbara & George Kains.

Happy Hallidays: My second stay at the Happy Hallidays caravan park was even more fun and laughs than the first. The organization the committee people and helpers was excellent. Swimming in the warm waters 27degrees off Black Head Beach followed by coffee and raisin toast help to get the day off to a good start each morning, The barefoot bowls was a lot of fun our team was lucky enough to win a bottle of wine each. The cruise on Wallace lake was very informative with two dolphins to entertain us for 30 minutes Today Wallis

Lake is officially the cleanest oyster growing area in the state and accounts for a third of all the Sydney rock oyster production: The Great Lakes system covers 80 square kilometres on the mid-north coast of New South Wales. It drains four rivers: the Wallamba, Wang Wauk, Coolongolook and Wallingat into the sea at Forster. Besides its commercial fishery, it supports oyster farming worth \$14 million and is the centre piece of a \$200 million a year tourism I love the place. Many thanks to all present Chris Baird

Bob's Shed Quirindi Trip: This looks like a very nice little trip for members returning from Boggabri. If anybody would like to do a little trip to Quirindi & go to the Rural Heritage Village Rally it looks like a smaller version of Boggabri Drovers. Tour Director Bev plans on being in Quirinda from the 1st-4th May. Bobs Shed is well worth a

visit. Also while in the area Werris Creek which is nearby has a really great Railway Museum. In it's hay-day Werris Creek was a major Northern Railway Centre. It is well worth a look Anyone interested please ring Bev 4390 2277

Message from Tour Director: The C of M has found it necessary to transfer Melbourne Cup week from Narrabeen to Valla Beach Tourist Park commencing this November 2015

The reasons for the move being mainly safety issues with the large Marquee and costs. We have actually had two large Marquees destroyed and others blown around or down on more than four occasions.

Brief Details re Valla Beach Tourist Park
The Club Rally dates are Monday 2nd - Monday 9th November 2015

Members wishing to attend need to ring the Park and book in and pay your own \$26 deposit. It is most important you advise the park that you are a member of the **Tuggerah Lake Caravan Club** otherwise you will be charged a \$65 deposit.

Powered sites are \$26 per night however if you stay seven (7) nights you only pay for six. The \$26 per night pricing is the same for members who arrive early or members who stay on after the Rally.

To book phone 1800 800 447 or 65 695 555
www.vallabeachtouristpark.com.au

Sandbar Golf Fairy Tale: Des and Trevor accompanied by observer Alice played golf every day on the picturesque 9 hole course. The only other company was usually kangaroos. Trevor played the second best shot of his life on the par 4 350m hole. He was 160 m out and had to hit over 20 ft trees in the left hand dogleg. We discussed the shot talked to the ball and told it to go over the trees and stop near the little blue flag on the green. The result would have made Len Field proud, the ball stopped 3 feet from the pin. However sadly Trevor missed the 3 ft putt. DC/TS

Valla Beach Tourist Park:

Valla Beach Tourist Park is located 10 minutes north of Nambucca Heads.

The park is spread out over a very large area. The park has a large swimming pool and a smaller wading pool. There are 2 amenity blocks with each containing 8 toilets and showers. There are disability showers and toilets in each block. The river and the beach are a 10 minute walk from the park.

There is a large wool shed that opens on Friday nights for raffles and for patrons to get

together. The bar is open for draught beer and spirits and can cater for 200 people.. Catered 3 course meals are at around \$26 to \$28 per head. There is also a large conference room that has seating for over 130 people (complete with tables and chairs).

A breakfast would be supplied as well as a BBQ dinner..

The Good Things:

Very large park with easy accessible sites.

2 amenity blocks with disability toilets and showers. Plus 2 Pools.

Exclusive use of the Conference Building.

A breakfast and BBQ dinner supplied free.

A very cooperative Manager.

Black top roads.

Short walk to the river and the beach.

Wool shed for Friday night raffles and get together (proceeds go to cancer charities).

Sandbar Report:

Everyone had arrived by Thursday and set up their campsites ready for our welcoming happy hour where we all registered for the fishing competition. Ma gave us a copy of the rules and weigh in times and the fishing began. Richard had access to a boat, Alan and Fran had a canoe and the rest of us had our legs.

The lake was full of water and we all thought the fish would be plentiful. Fran and Alan had some luck early in the comp and caught a few good fish to weigh in. Richard took me out in the boat and we had some luck catching a few crabs in the crab traps that were lent to us. Our crab dinner that night tasted really nice. A few of us caught fish big enough to weigh in and Des and Alice caught 8 whiting on one of their adventures. The smell of whiting

cooking waffled through the caravan park and Des, Alice and Trevor enjoyed their dinner.

On Saturday night we went to the Smiths Lake Bowling Club for dinner and we all had a nice meal and a few cold ales. The show on Monday night was a very funny. The Hawaii girls (and boys) were something to behold. Des did a great job as MC and Mac and Alan played guitars and told a few jokes. A great night was had by all. On Tuesday night Ma and Pa arranged a BBQ dinner for us and many thanks to Barry and Deb for helping out with the cooking and the Salads. Your assistance didn't go unnoticed.

Congratulations must go to Leona and Trevor Smith who received some outstanding news from America. They have become grandparents and they are flying out in April to cuddle the new arrival. From all of us have a great trip and we want to see the pictures on your return.

Congratulations to Ma and Pa for organising a fantastic week. Thanks to all who assisted them. Steve C

Recall for Mitsubishi: The Hazard is the timing chain..

Vehicles affected by Recall were built between

23/11/2006 - 30/10/2008 Vin range
JMFMYV88W*J000101 - 000711

23/11/2006 - 10/3/2014 Vin range
JMFLYV98W*J000101 - 006756

10/10/2006 - 10/3/2014 Vin range
JMFLNV98W*J000101 - 000862

A letter has been sent out to owners of affected Vehicles.

But as we purchased our Pajero 2nd hand our letter has not found us yet.

I contacted Mitsubishi motors on 1300 13 12 11 option 4 then option 2

Our Pajero is one of the effected ones, and the timing chain will be replaced free of charge.

.So don't wait for your letter to arrive, if you have any doubts ring the 1300 number. Bev

D Shackles – This article has been provided by OzAdventure4x4 as part of a series of Q&A advice responses given on the Oz Nomad Forum. If you have any questions about the content of this article, or anything else the guys at OzAdventure4x4 are always happy to help!

What you need to know about D Shackles by Oz Nomad - March 13, 2015

The forums and Facebook have been in overdrive lately with regard to the use of 'rated shackles' for towing. This 'buzz' was due to a rumour that police were actively enforcing specific requirements for D shackles, with claims that police were issuing infringement notices for non-load-rated D shackles – yikes!

It seems appropriate then that this month's question from the OzNomad Facebook group looks at the current Australian Standards and their official application in terms of the regulations around Rated D Shackles

How should Bow and D shackles be used?

Throughout Australia, safety chains are required as part of the towing equipment on your trailer. They connect the trailer's A-frame, or drawbar to the tow-bar framework of the towing vehicle using D or bow shackles. They are intended as a safety device should the hitch fail, and are fastened between the tow vehicle and trailer (caravan, boat, box trailer etc). Therefore the chains, and consequently the shackles, must be strong enough to keep the trailer connected to the towing vehicle and prevent the drawbar from hitting the ground if the coupling fails or becomes disconnected. Where fitted (read; most modern caravans

these days), the two safety chains should be crisscrossed so that in the event the hitch fails or becomes disconnected, the chains form a cradle like structure aiding the chains ability to support

the hitch from coming into contact with the ground. (See below guidance material)

What are the rules / regulations?

According to the Caravan Industry Association of Australia (CIAA), Police and Motor Transport Departments have dismissed the rumours of active enforcement as just that – rumours! In a recent media release, the CIAA stated that the current standard for shackles is AS 2741-2002, but noted that the standard doesn't cover the use of rated shackles for the purpose of attaching a trailer to a tow bar, it is instead focuses on the use of shackles for the purpose of lifting items.

So what should I do?

Although the standard for shackles isn't specifically related to towing, the CIAA recommends use of shackles meeting the AS 2741-2002 standard be used to secure rated safety chains up to 3500kg capacity. Additionally it is recommend that shackles should also have the following characteristics: Either bow or D shackles are fine, a shackle grade stamp of "S" or "6", shackle diameter of 10mm and a working load limit of at least 1 ton. I hope that this helps dispel some of the confusion out there and stops you breaking into a cold sweat every time a police officer drives by! So although there aren't any specific towing shackle specifications, when towing your trailer, boat or caravan you'd be well advised to adhere to guidelines that 'are' available to us. At the end of the day we all want the caravan to arrive at our destination with us and not end up a twisted mess on the side of the highway or bush track! End of copy

March Meeting: We had 1) one new memberships join. Also (2) visitors attend the March meeting

New members:

Kelly Terry/Helen

A warm welcome to our newest members

APRIL

Brewer Bob	1-Apr
Shawcross John	4-Apr
Bennett Bill	5-Apr
Bolcina John	7-Apr
Smithers Alan	13-Apr
Wallace Doug	15-Apr
Denny James	16-Apr
Russell Trevor	16-Apr
Chambers Col	18-Apr
Lenane Mike	18-Apr
Angell Alan	22-Apr
Coltman Neville	26-Apr
White Max	26-Apr

WINNERS of FREE LUNCH

Steve Crocker

James Denny

MONTHLY CLUB RAFFLE WINNERS

\$50 Janis Treacy

\$30 Dianne Flippence

\$20 Fay Thomas

**Next ---General Meeting
Sunday 15th March 2015**

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2015 LIST OF TRIPS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TRIP</u>	<u>NAMES</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Mar 22 - 28	LAKE CONJOLA 1300 133 395	Belshaw, Bickley, Cannard, Coates, Coltmam, Cooper, Curnow, Ducker, Eadie, Fletcher, Geale, Henry, Holland, Johnson, Latham, Lee-Sing, Lenane, Lindsay, Majchrowski, Merrett/Wright, Moore, Oakes, Pollard, ReillyS/A, Stewart, Wallace 26	Duckers/Henry	0414 935 355 0417 431 179
Apr 1 - 12	CORRYONG BUSH FESTIVAL	CANCELLED,	A/B Howard	4358 4224
Apr 10 -14	OBERON MAYFIELD GARDENS 02 6336 0344	Anderson, Brewer, Cooper, Ducker, Henry, Lindsay, Luttrell, Reilly S/A, Riley M/R, White P/M 10	A/S Reilly	49720170
Apr 23 -27th	BOGGABRI DROVERS CAMP	Baird, Barnes, Bennett, Bickley/Geale, Bolcina, Brewer, Brown, Chambers, Collins, Cooper, Crocker, Curnow, Dew, Ducker, , Edwards/Williamson, Flippence, Hansell, Henry, Howard, Insull, Jager, Jones, Kane, Kennedy, Lee-Sing, Lindsay, Majchrowski, Marsland, McGillicuddy, Moore, Olesen, Pollard, ReillyS/A, Riley, Rohwer, Russell M/R Shawcross, Shoobert, Shultz, Simpson, Smithers, Stewart, Tipping/Barnard, Webb, Williams, Wright/Merrett 46	K/S Crocker	0414 890 403
May 1 -4	Quirindi Heritage Village Event	Shoobert	B Shoobert	4390 2277
Apr 28-May 2	GLEN INNES CELTIC FESTIVAL	Cooper, Crocker, Curnow, Dew, Geale/Pollard, Holland, Majchrowski, Merrett/Wright, Moore, Steell C, Stevens 11 Trip Full	L/R Curnow	4369 5954
July 15th – 21st	LAKESIDE RESORT FORSTER 65 555 511	Angell , Brook, Collins, Crocker, Curnow, Geale, Hansell, Hendy, Hoff, Holland, Howard, Jager, Kane, Laney, McGillicuddy, Olesen, Pollard, Rowlinson, Shoobert, Thomas B/L,Thomas F/R, Treacy/Wenning, Williams 23	Kane C/P	43 339738
July22nd – 29th	CHRISTMAS in JULY HAPPY HALLIDAYS	Angell, Bickley, Brewer, Brook, Collins, Crocker, Curnow, Ducker, Geale, Haberfield, Hansell, Hoff, Holland, Howard, Jager, Kains Kane, Kelly, Laney, Luttrell, McGillicuddy, Oakes, Olesen, Pollard, Ryan, Shoobert, Simpson, Treacy/Wenning, Wells 29	Kane C/P	43 339738
Nov 2 – 9	Club Rally Valla Beach Tourist Park Phone 65 695555	Information to be announced	Tour Director	43 902277
Feb 4 - 11	Club Rally BeachFront North Haven Phone 65 599193		Tour Director	4390 2277

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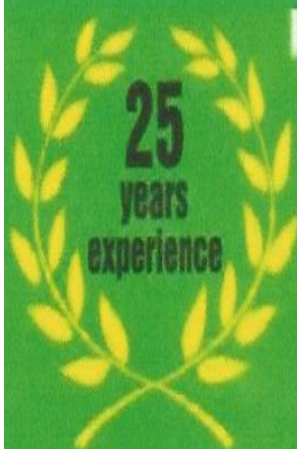
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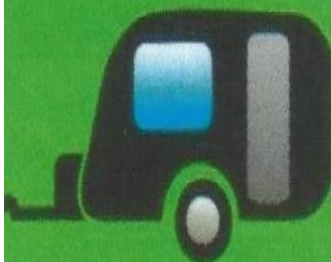
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