

# Tuggerah Lakes Caravanners Inc.

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**RTA E- Toll Tag:** Club members should give serious thought to purchasing an E-Toll Tag. For infrequent users the Tag costs \$40 plus an account of \$50 a total of \$90. The money remains in your account until you actually use it. Once the account drops to \$40 it is automatically topped up from your credit card. Should you wish to travel South to Wollongong or Canberra it is now so quick and easy to turn off at Pennant Hills and take the M2 M7 to the Hume Highway. No doubt there are members in the club who use E-Tag they may give us a word or two how they find it. *(Saves us ladies reading the blessed map)*

**7<sup>th</sup> Street Caravans:** An invitation has been extended to and accepted by Aiden and Maree Sagers from 7<sup>th</sup> Street Caravans to attend our March meeting to generally meet the members and answer any questions you may have about caravanning. There will be three or four representatives attend and one member has over 30 years experience in the caravanning industry. They will be introduced at 12.30 pm and this will give members at least 30 minutes to ask questions.

## CLUBS MONTHLY RAFFLE

The gift should be of a value up to \$20. The listed members will need to purchase a gift for the following month.

<b>B. M Burns</b>	<b>March</b>
<b>J.C Burnapp</b>	<b>April</b>
<b>F.D.B.Burrows</b>	<b>May</b>

Would you please supply the gift to Katie Patterson. If you are unable to attend the meeting contact Katie so that she can arrange for the next names on the list.

## Club Contacts

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## TLC Birthdays. APRIL 2007

David Jones	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Werner Klumpp	9 <sup>th</sup>
Lynda Steele	29 <sup>th</sup>

**2007 Annual Fee's:** Well its getting very close to the time to renew our annual club subscriptions. Our fees of \$10 per person are due to be paid by the June meeting. The Treasurer has confirmed he is available and ready to receive your

payments from the March meeting. So if you are heading North for the winter please pay your dues first.

**Auditors:** Thank you to Irene Woods and Stella Roberts who have agreed to take on the position of auditors of our club. We greatly appreciate you volunteering to be our auditors for the necessary task of checking the clubs Financial Records.

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**Monthly General Meetings:** The February general meeting confirmed that the club will now meet on the second Sunday of every month for a general meeting. With the exception of December which will be our Xmas Dinner meeting. The gap between November and February has proved to be to long.

**2006 Xmas Dinner:** The Committee of Management and members generally were very happy with the 2006 Xmas Dinner and the fun time had by attending members. We have again booked Halekulani for the 9th December 2007 for our Xmas Dinner. So please mark that special date in your social calendar.

**2007 TLC Rally Narrabeen:** Following the very successful rally in November 2006 we have rebooked Narrabeen from the 18th to 24th November 2007. The marquee has also been booked. The Rally Trip Sheet has been pinned to the trip board so members start putting your names on it as we currently have 40 sites booked. Remember this is one trip where you do not need to ring the park and book in. Just place your name on the list and Tour Director Max will do the rest

**Meet & Greet Morisset:** The planning is well underway for our clubs Meet and Greet weekend in May. Information sheets have been sent to a lot of other clubs. Mike/Bill said they will need a lot of volunteers in organizing and helping out over the three days so please get ready to put your hand up to assist..

**Swansea Trip:** Due to the popular request to again have a trip to Swansea the Committee agreed to put up a trip to Swansea for the period 21st – 27th August 2007. Max is in the process of booking a number of sites in the same area as last year. This was our first club trip last year and about 27 vans attended I wonder how many will attend this year.



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**2007 Grafton Jacaranda Festival:** The members who attended Grafton in 2006 gave the trip such a rap that the management committee has decided to list the trip again. The Grafton Big 4 Park really looked after us last year. Des and I had to leave early so we will go again this year. So folks start thinking about a Grafton trip from 27th October to 3rd November. Max has already booked a number of great sites.

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**April Meeting:** Due to our April meeting this year falling on 8<sup>th</sup> April which is Easter Sunday also the fact that 18 vans are on a trip to Hartwood the management committee has resolved that the April meeting will be moved from the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> April for this year only. The February general meeting confirmed the change.

### EASTER SUNDAY DATES

23<sup>rd</sup> April 2008  
12<sup>th</sup> April 2009  
-4<sup>th</sup> April 2010  
24<sup>th</sup> April 2011  
-8<sup>th</sup> April 2012

**Organising Trips:** The committee is aware that sometimes long trips of three weeks or more are going to conflict with general meeting dates. The committee requests members where possible to organize **weekly trips** around meeting dates by either starting them immediately after or well before. *We need to see you at meetings*

**Disc Bowls:** A number of members have been requesting advice on the purchase of Disc Bowls It appears that we will have some excellent players in the near future. Des said he proposes to borrow the Pattersons discs for training purposes. .

**Club Shirts:** At the February meeting a lot of members placed an order for their shirts. The C of M has determined to also supply one lanyard to each member who

purchases a shirt otherwise they are \$2.50 each. The February general meeting confirmed that club colors are our Club Shirt with Navy Blue shorts, slacks, pants, skirts etc.

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### **Gloucester Trip** Cheryl/Al Dew

On arrival at Gloucester on Monday most people spent the afternoon relaxing. Max organized a drive for Tuesday to the Gloucester Tops on a country road. We stopped for a picnic lunch at the reserve, before heading to Gloucester Falls which unfortunately the road was closed. Heading back to Gloucester we stopped at the spot called The Steps which was a lovely small water falls, some of our group were game enough to test the water out with a swim, or paddle the water was a bit cold. We arrived back at the park in time for happy hour with entertainment from Les on his accordion and many jokes with a B.B.Q. dinner. Unfortunately Les was not able to entertain us again as his wife was not well and they had to leave. Wednesday was a free day, that night many of group attended the bowling club for a banquet Chinese dinner which was enjoyed by all. Thursday was another free day there was a lot of just relaxing, with our usual happy hour and B.B.Q. dinner. There were other activities many people participated in, lawn bowls, golfing, bingo and euchre. It was pleasing to see that the disc bowls were produced on a few occasions and we had a few wonderful games. Friday came around too quickly and it was time to pack and head home for most, some stayed awhile longer. I am sure a great time was had by all. Thanks to Max & Lyn for a great week. We had 18 caravans & 3 dogs in attendance

**2007 January Picnic Day:** Members who attended this day were very happy with results and I am pleased that the February general meeting confirmed the 20th

January 2008 for our Clubs Annual Picnic Day/Grandparents day. So once again please put that date in your diary. Next year more emphasis will be placed on the Picnic day side as we want **all members** to attend

**NRMA Open Road:** Folks if you receive the NRMA Open Road would you have a look at the section relating to Festivals throughout NSW for each month of the year. This may give you some ideas for a weekly trip

**Guest Speaker:** A representative from "Lanotec" has requested that they attend a future meeting to display/show/sell their product. It appears their product is very good. They indicate it takes about 10/15 to present the info and usually questions from the audience will take another 15/30 minutes. Des is currently negotiating some product gifts that we can raffle or give to members. More about this later.

#### **FOR SALE**

Jockey Wheel Mule: To help move your van \$50 Phone Bill Patterson 43905658

**Club Shirts:** It may be an idea if you wash your new club shirt separate to others for the first wash.

**Wheel Bearing Service:** One of our members has purchased a system which allows us to service our wheel bearings in an easy manner. A demonstration will be shown at the March meeting so fellows be there to learn an easy way to service your vans bearings.

**Video Library:** One of our new members introduced a number of CDs of trips to eg Flinders Ranges. We currently have two copies of each of the three trips. The CDs are already out on loan to two club members and we are in the process of preparing a lending register. Another member has a CD on the Canning Stock Route Trip so this will add to our library. No doubt many of you have similar video material which we may be able to develop into travel videos. Des is a great believer in recording details so that members in future years can look at our history. We may not only record trips for members use but our other events may well be recorded. Let's see what develops. *This sounds like a great idea.*

**Caps – Hats:** Now that we have settled on a club shirt it didn't take members long to raise the subject of a club cap. So it is on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting. This should be a quick and easy matter to deal with??? **Late News Flash Mon 5/3 Des will have a hat/cap salesperson in attendance at 11.30 am at next Sundays meeting who will have samples and books containing every style of cap available. Be early to be in the discussion**

**Club Membership Card:** Following the February meeting a member raised the subject of our club printing/supplying some form of card to members so that they can identify themselves when booking into parks and also discounts. So Clarrie and Roy are looking at developing something for our consideration at the March meeting



**Tasmania Trip -February 2008:** Trevor and Sue Capps are in the preliminary stages of planning a caravan trip to Tasmania during February 08. Following the mention at the February meeting Trevor and Sue have already received three/four enquiries. So folks think hard about this one and get your name in early in case the trip fills.

**Trading Table:** Well we have now held our second Trading Table day. We were very pleased to see that the February TT raised \$36.80. This was a very good effort so thank you to all members who participated in the event. No doubt the C of M will arrange another one in a few months. So start to sort out some excess "good stuff".

**Attendance February Meeting:** A large group of vans were at Jindabyne over the February meeting date but we still managed to have 65 members attend the meeting with some 45 apologies and five visitors. It is usual for our club to have around the 90 plus mark at meetings.

**Monthly Club Raffle:** For a few months the monthly club raffle was returned to members in the form of a lunch token. Then members resolved that the raffle money should be retained in the clubs general fund. It was pleasing to note that with 65 members present at the February meeting the raffle raised \$96. Well done folks and thanks Anne and Lloyd

**New Members:** At the February meeting a further six vans joined. So we say a very warm welcome to our newest members

and look forward to seeing you at the next meeting and on future trips. This now takes our membership to a total of 83 vans.

**New Members:** Just a reminder that when new members join they receive a name badge plus two van stickers. So if you haven't received your van stickers please see Clarrie Stevens or Roy Curnow. A general information sheet is in the process of being compiled as a handout for new members.

**Advertising in our Newsletter:** We currently have five business houses that have taken out adds in our Newsletter for one year. They have agreed to support our club by advertising in our Newspaper. We should, also support the advertisers if possible, but this does not mean you are obligated to accept their quote. But at least give them a chance to quote on any product that they may assist you with. **But be sure to tell them you are from TLC**

### **Wanted to Buy:**

**Do you have a full annex you want to sell?**  
**One of our new members would like to buy one that would fit a Coromal Seka. If you can help contact Roy Curnow for further information on 43695954**

**Wangie 2008:** There was a suggestion that next year the 2008 Wangie Trip be put up as two separate weeks so that everyone can attend if they wish. This is something that Des said he will try to

arrange with the park management after this March trip.

### **Hunter Valley Wine and Gloucester Trip 2007.**

*Joint Tour Leaders Mike Wildman at Cessnock and Max Purcell/Les Banhidi at Gloucester are to be congratulated for providing all who ventured forth for these outings with a mixed and varied programme.*

**Hunter Valley Wines:** Most of the expected members arrived in the mid afternoon on Friday and of course there was the usual meet & greet time. The weather was hot so some tried out the pool while others decided to relax and catch up on the gossip before dinner. The Valley Vineyard Caravan Park is part of the Big 4 group and in keeping with the surrounding area, has it's own small selection of grape vines that decorates the park. On Saturday Mike had arranged for us to visit a couple of the Hunter wineries for tastings and to finish up at the McGuigan complex for a cheese & pickle tasting after more wine. Everyone had a great time and ventured home feeling very happy. The pool at the park was again a great way to escape the heat of the day prior to dinner. The bus picked us up and transported us to the Returned Services Club for an 'all you can eat' smorgasbord dinner and delivered us home again afterward. Sunday was set aside as a time to relax and get over Saturdays activities. Many took advantage of the pool while other took off to explore Cessnock and the surrounding countryside. I suppose I should mention that two of our members had to make a return trip to Saratoga on Saturday

morning to collect medication packs forgotten at their departure on Friday. No names though. *Thanks Mike for a great weekend.*

**Gloucester;**

After a leisurely drive on Monday morning through Maitland, Patterson and Dungog we arrived at Gloucester in time for lunch. While the caravan park doesn't have a pool, the local Olympic pool complex is just next door, and there are many beautiful shade trees scattered throughout the park to get away from the sun.

Happy hour provided a venue for those who had a funny story to tell to keep the rest of us amused prior to dinner. The highlight of the visit was the trip through the country roads between Barrington, Rawdon Vale, along the beautiful Gloucester River and back to Gloucester.

We had a picnic lunch on the way and visited 'The Steps' where the river flows over a series of rapids and then into a large lake. A couple of more adventurous members had a swim while the rest of us looked on with envy. Did I mention that the weather was again hot! We were entertained each evening during happy hour by Les Banhidi who provided background music with his accordion. The quality of our singing was entirely dependant on how much we had had to drink either before or during Happy Hour but it was fun. Thanks Les. Dinner on Wednesday evening was at the Chinese Restaurant attached to the Bowling Club within walking distance of the park. The food was excellent and we all needed the walk home again to allow dinner to settle before bedtime. I understand that some of our members made a killing at the local

Bingo hall on Thursday and walked away with most of the prizes on offer.

*Thanks to Max & Les for a great few days.  
Clarrie Stevens*

**UHF Radios:** Three of our members are talking about purchasing a UHF radio so that they can communicate with each other (on channel 18) whilst they are on tours/trips. If we purchase a number then we, as a club, will be able to negotiate a better price. Currently we are looking at a GME radio. This matter will be raised at the March meeting to see how many members are interested in a joint purchase approach. So if you are interested be at next Sunday's meeting or ring Des and express your interest.

**The next meeting will be held at Halekulani Bowling Club at 1pm on Sunday 11th March 2007.** Please arrive by 11.30am so that we can have lunch but please remember you do not have to attend the lunch - just be at the meeting at 1.00pm. Hope to see you.

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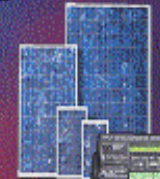


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## TRIPS ON THE BOARD

Date	Venue	Pets	Cards	Trip Leader
March 20-27	Wangi Wangi <i>Phone: 4975 1889</i>	No	Yes	Des Cooper 43933383
Cooper, Wildman, Purnell/Filmer, Curnow, Stevens, Pfyeld, Browning/Bulloch, Burns, Stacey, Steele, Chambers, Beesley, Hendy, McNamara/Banck, Jones, Stewart, Purcell, Banhidi, McAndrew, Hennessey, Laney, Lusted, Evans, Teesson, Cannard, 25 Res T Moore.				
April 2-9	Hartwood <i>Phone: Des</i>	Yes	No cash only	Des Cooper 43933383
Cooper, Kane, Wardrop, Pfyeld, Howard, Woods, Beesley, Stewart, Carr, Wildman, Purnell/Filmer, Burrows, Maslem, Lambert, Gordon, Teesson. (16)				
April 10-17	Shellharbour <i>Phone: 4295 1123</i>	Yes (by arrange.)	Yes	B & R Beesley 98723037
Beesley, Pidgeon, Chambers, Lambert, Fraser, Price, Bickley, Patterson. (8)				
May 25 -26	Morisset Meet and Greet <i>Ph Katie</i>	Yes	Dep Req.	Mike Wildman 43973111
Wildman, Bullock/Browning, Teesson, Burns, Kane, Price, Lambert, Burrows, Beesley, Roberts, Curnow, Wardrop, Stevens, Rigger, Holland, Cooper, Patterson, McCorriston. (18)				
August 21-27	Swansea Gardens <i>Ph 4971 2869</i>	No	Yes	To be nom.
Evans, Hennessey, Bank/McNamara, Wardop, West, Laney, Burrows, Carr, Curnow, Pollard, Stevens, Rigger, Lambert, Stewart, Kane. (15)				
Sept 10 - Oct 9	Murray River to Mildura <i>Phone Des</i>	No Pets	Deposit Req'd	Des Cooper 43933383
Cooper, Eastley, McNamara/Banck, Beesley, Purnell/Filmer, Lusted, Hennessey, Laney, Holland, Lambert, Williamson, Curnow, Bulloch/Browning, McGowan, Woolfe, Pidgeon, Field, Carr, Chambers, Steele, Patterson, Stewart, Pfyeld, Spath, Jones, Howard, N. Moore, Gross, Price (29) Res, Roberts, Woods.				
Nov 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct-3 <sup>rd</sup>	Grafton Jacaranda <i>Phone 1800 012 019</i>	No	Yes	To be nom.
Evans, West, Howard, Burrows, Roberts, Curnow, Spath, Stevens, Woods, Lambert, Kane, Cooper, Patterson. (13)				
Nov 18 <sup>th</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup>	TLC CLUB RALLY NARRABEEN <i>DO NOT PHONE</i>	No	Yes	Mgt. Committee
Evans, Cooper, West, Cannard, Burrows, Howard, Woods, Roberts, Bickley, Carr, Wardrop, Beesley, Curnow, Stevens, Dew, Rigger, Holland, Lambert, Kane, Stewart. (20)				
Dec 28- Jan 6 2008	National Rally Forbes <i>Phone Katie P 4390 5658</i>	????	????	Katie Patterson 43905658
Cooper, Patterson Lamber t(3)				
Jan 20 <sup>th</sup> 2008	TLC Annual Picnic Day Plus Grandkids and Games Day			Mgt Committee
Lambert, Kane, Stewart, Cooper				