



Minutes of General Meeting held at

The Doylo

Sunday 18 February 2024

Meeting Chaired by: Des Cooper

Meeting Commenced: 1:00 pm

Members Present: 55

New Members:

Visitors:

Apologies: As per book

The minutes of the previous meeting were tabled and deemed to have been read. Business arising from the minutes – No business arising from the minutes.

Moved by: Joan Cornwell and Seconded by: Janis Treacy – Passed

Correspondence In:

NSW Newsletter for the 19th National Rally

Correspondence Out:

Letter was sent to Carole Bickley and Chris Baird with their 10 year badges.

Treasurers Report

TUGGERAH LAKES CARAVANNERS

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT January 2024

Carried forward Bank Balance as at	31 December 2023	5,221.36
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Plus Income		
Annual Fees	400.00	
Raffles	214.00	
TOTAL INCOME		614.00

Less Expenditure		
Raffles	100.00	
Stationery	76.76	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		176.76

Cash Book Closing Balance	as at 31 January 2024	5,658.60
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Plus Unpresented Cheques

Balance as per Bank Statement	31 January 2024	5,658.60
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Statement and Reconciliation prepared by Robyn Nutter

I'll like to move these figures be accepted

Treasurer: _____

President: _____

Moved by: Robyn Nutter **Seconded by:** Gaianne Wilcox that the treasurer's report be accepted – **PASSED**

Social Director's Report

Welcome everyone I hope those of you who went away to Tuncurry had a great time.

Our next club rally is to Armidale in few weeks time. You will have the program emailed to you shortly. Please print it out and bring it with you or save it onto your device. If you're going to Armidale and wish to go on the tours that have been arranged, please make sure your name is on the list as I will be booking them this week. If you're not on the list you will not be allowed on tours.

Our Christmas in July rally is going to be held at INGENIA at One Mile Beach which is near Anna Bay (NO IT IS NOT MIDDLE ROCK). I have been and had a look and it has everything we need and it's a really nice park. The trip sheet and park map will be on the table for the March meeting with the cost of sites. **PLEASE LEAVE YOUR BOOKING UNTIL AFTER THE ARMIDALE TRIP**, as I have not yet done the group booking as I am going to stay a few days at the end of the month.

Please check the trip sheets and make sure you're on the list or if you're not going please remove your name if you have changed your mind. Make sure you look to see who the person is running the trip as they are the ones to contact regarding information about trip.

I have been ask to get comments from members regarding morning teas at rallies and if the club should resupply them as a way of getting members more involved as a group as there are many new members who don't know each other. If this is going to happen we would need a member to do this job at rallies and who will be known as "tea person". This person would be responsible to bring urn, milk, tea, coffee, sugar and biscuits and organize morning teas at rally.

Hope everyone enjoys their trips and stay safe on the roads.

Janis and Carol

MESSAGE FROM CORAL KANE

Coral has asked me to advise everyone that they will not be going back to Tuncurry in 2025. Coral has decided that the trip she organizes will be at Lakeside Forster from the 3 – 13 February 2025. When booking your site you will need to pay around \$53.00 as a booking fee. Also, if you have made a booking at Tuncurry please give them a call and they will refund your deposit.

Fay Thomas

UPCOMING RALLIES – 2024

1. Armidale Tourist Park – 5th – 12th March 2024 – **Club Organised**
2. Grumpy Old Men Trip – 12th – 19th March 2024 – Chris & John Knight
3. Hartwood Campfire – 18th – 31st March 2024 – Coral & Peter Kane
4. Easter @ The Olesens – 22nd March – 2 April – Peter & Carole Olesen
5. Man from Snowy River Bush Festival – 11 – 14 April – Susan Edwards
6. Casino Beef Week – 18th – 27th May – Susan Edwards/Graham Williamson
7. North Haven – 18th – 24th June – Fay & Rod Thomas
8. Del Rio – 5th – 11th August – Fay & Rod Thomas

Welfare Report

Joan Cornwell is going in for a knee replacement early March. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Members Rep

Norm Moore advised that as he is the member's rep and if you have any problems, please send them to him via email with a copy to the secretary. He said that if you can't put it in writing then it's not worth mentioning.

Editor's Report

Good afternoon all. As a club we need to work together to promote the newsletter and Face Book by supplying any information.

- * If you were on Coral's trip - I would really appreciate any photos or reports from those who attended so they can be put in Newsletter.
- * Try to encourage friends with vans to come and join the club.
- * A reminder that if you have Caravan Parks, Showgrounds, low cost or free camping, they can be added to the list to assist other members when they are doing trips.

Your help is needed.

Thanks Gianne

Vice President's Report

I was wondering if we could organise some form of entertainment or some games at our rallies so that everyone attending can get together.

NSW State Council Report

The last meeting was held on Saturday 17th of February.

The president advised delegates that the Hunter Region Caravan Club is no longer in operation. We have been advised that the club's members were getting very fragile and elderly, so the decision was made to close the club.

Delegates were advised that the federal government has introduced a new rule that every club, with an active ABN number must submit a self-review return document. The discussion was involved and NSW State committee will handle the situation within the committee.

2024 state rally – to be held at Riverglades Caravan Park, Tumut

- There are approximately 50 registrations at this time.
- There will be a disc bowls competition as usual and an entertainer provided at happy hour on two days.
- The Rotary club in Tumut will provide a sausage sizzle.
- All members are to pay \$10 per person (\$20 per couple) to the NSWACC as a rally fee.

National Rally – hosted by NSW Association

There are 237 registrations received. The sub-committee, for the 19th National Caravan Clubs Rally, would like to encourage many more NSW / ACT club members to participate. We are very eager to create a wonderful experience for our guests but will be hampered financially if we don't have enough participants.

The replacement for NACC director's position was held over until the AGM which will take place on the third Saturday in July this year to be held at Merrylands Bowling Club.

General Business

Ian Palmer advised that he is in possession of the clubs AED unit and would like someone to take possession of it. Des Cooper will take possession of it.

Ian Palmer advised that he was told of an incident regarding insurance. Someone had their unlocked car stolen out of their garage. The key to the car was hanging on a hook in the garage and the insurance company told them that they were very lucky as they could have forced their way into the house to get the keys. The insurance company fixed the garage door but would not give them compensation for the car. Make sure you check the fine print on your insurance policy.

Janis Treacy spoke further on the information regarding games. If you see people playing cards please don't walk away but ask if you can join.

Bev Shoobert spoke further on the matter of playing cards or games and advised that she has found that there are little clique of people playing cards or games with no one else being allowed to join in.

Nick Jenkins spoke about gas standards and this item has been forwarded to Gaianne for the newsletter or the Face Book page.

Susan Edwards read out the following which has been forwarded to all members for discussion at the next meeting.

When Graham & I joined T.L.C. some 15 years ago we used to have the minuits read of the previous meeting

That reminded us of procedings & if needed members were able to make comment & discussions were permitted.

Correspondence was read & members were aware of happenings.

Members were able to create discussions on relevent subjects during general business.

Today some members do not participatate now for fear of being shut down (as happened in recent past)

Today we are expected to remember all the notes of a month ago, we've become complacent & now never comment or get feed back from the floor.

We receive a summary of the minuits by email weeks before & relevent items are forgotten.

As a member of T.L.C. I am feeling less of a member.

We no longer have participation from members, talks of members experiences with travels, or interesting guest speakers.

Yes we do have a very interesting news letter but that is not always the same as hearing from the floor.

The committee do an amazing job, BUT WHAT are we comming to a monthly meeting for???

We are now advised of what the committee have deceided & the meeting is over in about 15 minuits.

I do understand sometimes there may be some very personal reasons for secrecy for the committee to manage IS it necessary to keep club information soooo secret?

What are we comming to the meetings for?

We used to have a committee consisting of...President, Secretary, Treasuser, Tour Director, Social Director& welfare officer

Our last Tour Director Bev Shoobert did an amazing job, Bev would find relevant places for club Rallies, confer with the committee & announce at the end of each rally where the next years rally would be.

WHY HAS THIS POSSISION BEEN ABANDONED?

Members would seek approval from our tour director for a members organised rally & trips were advertised on the board for members to consider.

Now I am told that members rallies are considered a "PRIVATE RALLY" WHY?

Socoal Director used to supply morning teas,,Tea, Coffee, Milk & Sugar & even something simple as a buscuit or even an occasional slice...THATS NOT HAPPENING EITHER...WHY

There used to be a budget for T.L.C. Rallies, Serving meals at club events, ladies prepared & served lunch & for Melbourne Cup the Men dressed in their finest dinner shirt, shorts & thongs to serve the meals.

That added to the joy of club carravanning,

Why do we now have to pay exta for meals at restaurants?

Social director had a budget for club rallies planned activities including catering for rallies, pancake morning teas, hamburger nights, Fun times. club cook-ups ie soup nights & other fun activities Members partisipation always fun.

Why dont we have The Three Amego's or alike for Melbourne cup sweeps? sweeps were available the day before & up to mid day on the day. The Amego's did a great job & loved the task

A big thanks to Coral for our members fantastic rally at Tuncurry, as usual well planned,run smoothly , just how our T.L.C.rallies used to be.

It saddenes me to have been advised the committee have chosen to dispose of the cook ware/catering equipment

IS THIS CORRECT???

If so why was that decision not offered to the general members to discuss,

THAT EQUIPMENT BELONGED TO ALL CLUB MEMBERS.. NOT JUST FOR A FEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO DECEIDE

If the social director was not prepared to make use of club equipment then why stand again, why not offer the position to a member who would.

Now to catering at rallies...

I understand we need servers at meal times, But why are we rasheded to one piece of this & that. If I don't want any tomato & 2 pieces of beetroot for example is that a problem?.... It's a long time since I was in kindergarten.

At the last Christmas in July, Stockton our sweets were restricted to just a very small (not even 2 mouthfuls of cake

Is the club sooo poor we can't have an adult serving at our functions????

Finally,

My understanding is there are no rules, but there seems to be two standards

At the Christmas in July some members placed chairs, plates & cutlery on some tables only to have their goods taken outside on the verander yet the Committees table was beautifully decorated & set
Again we are not kindergarten kids.

Some members made comments which are below:

Gaianne Wilcox commented that when she first came to the club we couldn't get a trip adviser and it was voted for the social director to take over the position and have a support person to assist with this job. We just voted on tea and coffee and the members didn't want it. I don't like to be told what I am doing as I like to go off and do my own thing. There is nothing stopping members from saying that they are going here or there and if anyone wants to join us you are welcome. In relation to the minutes we are not children and don't need them read out to us as most members have access to them on some form of technology.

Helen Smyth made the following comments. I would like to comment about what is expected from the Social Secretary by members. Firstly I have only been an Assistant to this position, but being there I realised what a huge job it was for anyone to take on. No wonder we have trouble getting anyone to put their hand up to take it on. When our current S.S. took over she asked if I would go to her house to help go through all the bins and 'stuff' which had been collected over the years, to try to reduce the volume, as there was no way they could carry all of it to rallies in their van. We sorted through & reduced the pile by quite a bit, then a decision was made by committee to reduce the volume, I believe. Even then to provide morning teas, BBQ's, Lunches etc, was still a tremendous amount of work. It was noticed that lots of people were bringing their own coffee to morning tea (me included, I like my cappuccino), so hence the beginning of bring your own or make it in the camp kitchen. Morning tea is STILL part of the program. As for lunches put on by the club, that entails going to the shops to get the best deal you can, lugging it all back, stacking it in fridges, if there is room, then preparing the meal commencing with the volunteers helping. This is a huge job, then next is Happy Hour! I believe that the Social Secretary deserves to have a bit of free time to enjoy the holiday as well as the rest of us. While previous persons might have been happy to do all the hard yakka, people forget we are all getting older & it's not as easy as it used to be, being on your feet all day, especially in the heat. If we are struggling to get anyone to take on this position, shouldn't we be grateful for WHATEVER they feel that they can provide, & not comparing to bygone days. Our trips need to be a FUN experience for all!

Janis Treacy spoke regarding the items which were disposed. I have four boxes of club equipment and I rotate what is taken to rallies. We did dispose of items that had been there for many, many years and were in no condition to be used. Most of the items were given to charities for their use or sale. In relation to catering at rallies, we are not responsible for what is supplied if we have an outside caterer in. We give them the number of people who are attending and they cater accordingly. Regarding the tour director it was voted on by the members not to have a tour director and for the social director to take over the position. If you're not happy with what we are doing put your name forward and take up a position. Also, I have found that when I ask or help I am turned down and it seems that the people who do help are the same ones all the time.

Des Cooper advised that he asks at every meeting if anyone has anything to add but no one puts their hand up.

Bev Shoobert commented that when she first came to the club she took on the position of tour director. There have been a few tour directors over the years but it was changed to the social director to take over this position. People in this club will not put their hand up to take on positions and members need to do so.

Leonie Collins that we need to move forward, not backward.

Ian Palmer asked what was the intent of the correspondence which was read out and what did Susan hope to achieve by it?

Fay Thomas said that is why you have a committee. The members advised previously that they didn't want to make decisions and left it to the committee to make the decisions. Also, Fay thought that this document should have gone through the member's rep as discussed previously.

It was moved by Susan Edwards and Seconded by Gaianne Wilcox to have this document discussed at the next meeting.

Meeting Closed at – 2:00 pm

Next Meeting – 21 April 2024

Raffle Winners – 1ST Prize of \$50.00 Tom McLoughlin

2nd Prize of \$30.00 Janis Treacy

3rd Prize of \$20.00 Des Cooper

Lunch Winners – From The Doylo 2 x \$10.00 Doylo card – Helen Tanner & Max Eadie

From Creighton’s Funeral Service 1x \$30.00 Coles card won by Des Cooper and 1 x \$20.00 Coles card won by John Smyth

Signed: Secretary _____ Dated: 17 March 2024

President: _____ Dated: 17 March 2024