



Minutes of General Meeting held at

The Doylo

Sunday 21 April 2024

Meeting Chaired by: Des Cooper

Meeting Commenced: 1:00 pm

Members Present: 65

New Members: Kim & Norm Strachan, Wes & Brenda Kirk, Matt & Di Rees

Visitors: S Brennan, N & S McElhinney

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: Sandra Lee-Sing – Passed

Correspondence In:

Email from Caravan Dismantlers advising they would not be advertising at this stage

Letter from Peter Davidson advising of his resignation as NSW Delegate

Email from Alan & Wendy Angell advising that they would not be renewing their membership

Email from NSW regarding 19th National Caravan Club Rally September/October 2025

Correspondence Out:

Email was sent to Alan & Wendy Angell advising of the disappointment at them not renewing their membership

Treasurers Report

TUGGERAH LAKES CARAVANNERS

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

February

2024

Carried forward Bank Balance as at	31 January 2024	5,658.60
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Plus Income

Advertising	600.00
Annual Fees	1750.00
Raffles	154.00

TOTAL INCOME 2504.00

Less Expenditure

PO Box Fees	154.00
Raffles	100.00
Donation Elsie's Project	200.00
Donation Flying Doctors	200.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURE 654.00

Cash Book Closing Balance	as at	29 February 2024	7,508.60
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Plus Unpresented Cheques

Balance as per Bank Statement	29 February 2024	7,508.60
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Statement and Reconciliation prepared by Robyn Nutter

I'll like to move these figures be accepted

Treasurer:

President:

Treasurers Report (Cont)

TUGGERAH LAKES CARAVANNERS

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

March

2024

Carried forward Bank Balance as at	31 January 2024	5,658.60
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Plus Income		
Membership	175.00	
	TOTAL INCOME	175.00

Less Expenditure		
Website Fees	82.56	
Activity Purchases	220.78	
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	303.34

Cash Book Closing Balance	as at	31 March 2024	7,380.26
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Treasurer:

President:

Moved by: Robyn Nutter Seconded by: Janis Treacy that the treasurer's report be accepted – PASSED

Social Director's Report

Hope you have all enjoyed your travels over the last few months and share your memories and adventures with us all.

Christmas in July rally/trip is being held at One Mile Beach Ingenia caravan park you will find information on table. Melbourne cup is being held in Tamworth as we haven't been there for a few years.

This year for Christmas in July it might be something different to decorate our vans in Christmas lights and all things Christmas and decorate our own tables for the luncheon. More details later.

All trip information is on the table for you to look at and put your name on a list if you would like to attend.

My apologies as I will not be at the next meeting.

Janis

Des Cooper advised that members at the previous meeting wanted games etc to be held at trips. Janis went out and purchased 2 sets of games to take to Armidale. Susan advised that she had disc bowls and would bring them over and set them up. Janis set up an afternoon for this to happen. The time was set for 2:00pm and the games were set up and 5 people turned up at the start. Unfortunately no-one else turned up which was a big disappointment to the members who made the effort.

UPCOMING RALLIES – 2024

1. Casino Beef Week – 18th – 27th May – **Susan Edwards/Graham Williamson**
2. North Haven – 18th – 24th June – **Fay & Rod Thomas**
3. One Mile Beach – 23rd – 30th July – **Club Organised**
4. Del Rio – 5th – 11th August – **Fay & Rod Thomas**
5. Tamworth – 31st October – 7th November – **Club Organised**
6. Narrabeen – 11th – 25th November – **Helen Tanner/ John Bryce**

Welfare Report

Diana McConville had a fall at Erina fair on Monday 15 April resulting in a major fracture to the whole shoulder. She was due to undergo a major reconstruction operation on 18 April at Gosford Hospital but unfortunately this was cancelled. However, her spirits are up but it's going to be a long road back. Speedy recovery Diane, we are all thinking of you.

Aado Maranik slipped on painted concret with new sandals and broke his left ankle on both sides. He is in a wheelchair and using a walking frame to get around. The district nurse comes in every couple of days to check that everything is ok. Aado is hoping to be back up and around in a few weeks. Good luck Aado, we miss your smiling face and hope to see you back with us soon.

Jan Ryan is still suffering with vertigo which has now been ongoing since February. Jan is now going to see a physio to see if this helps. We hope you feel better soon.

Members Rep – Nothing to Report

Editor's Report

Thanks to all those that contributed to the last newsletter. Just a reminder if you have any reports, sales etc for the newsletter please send it to my email so it can be included.

Any new caravan parks etc that you want added to our list, could they be sent to me also.

On the last night of our trip some of us got together and made a list of all the benefits you can get by travelling with this great club.

Thanks to Christine for typing it up. I have included it in the newsletter but feel it would be beneficial to include in my report.

THE JOY OF TRAVELLING WITH TLC

It's easy to be critical of any organisation and wish for things to be different but it's also good to reflect on the positive things. On the last day of our Grumpy Old Men Trip we sat around at afternoon tea time and brainstormed all the good things we had enjoyed over the previous two weeks. Here is our list –

- Stopovers along the way where we all learn new things e.g. Wallabadah First Fleet Park
- Armidale tourist info bus trip – opportunities that we wouldn't bother with if we were travelling on our own.
- This gave us access to a magnificent historic home that we wouldn't normally have had.
- Supporting each other – this is a **BIG** one, when no one asks for help but help quietly arrives by the ever willing kindness of travelling buddies. On this trip.... * electric lights in a van not working. * leaking pipes under a van. * a broken caravan leg. *faulty tyre requiring the purchase of three new tyres. * a broken awning. * a forgotten two way radio but someone had a spare.
- Keeping in touch when we were on the road for safety messages like “cattle on the road” & “a wallaby hit”.

- Points of interest pointed out that would otherwise be missed e.g. Thunderbolt's hideouts, decorated hay bales and WW 2 tank bunkers, bicycle tree and python/snake.
- Patronising as many bakeries as possible and supporting the economy of smaller shops in little townships.
- Additions to our ladies' wardrobes at shops in small towns that needed our financial stimulus.
- A broken anderson plug dragging along the road noticed by the following club member – then help to repair it at Warialda.
- Experience of “fun” nights – movies, joke sharing, bush poetry.
- Less cooking for the ladies as we support “last night” pub meals.
- Happy hour reviews of the day's activities and plans made for the next day – contributions of members so everyone was able to suggest ideas of what to see e.g. our day in Emmaville the great museum and pub lunch that was a real surprise for such a little town.
- The variety of choices – like the trout farm, Walcha show, Guyra Poetry hall, Mother of Duck ponds and the crazy garden at Warialda.
- Care for singles – making sure everyone was included.
- Dirty cars were guaranteed!
- Discovering new unexpected places.
- Meeting the unique caretaker, Jackie, at Tenterfield who brought in everyone's washing when it started to rain and then joined us at the club for dinner.
- People's willingness to share their treats at morning teas and happy hours.
- Encouraging people to step outside their comfort zones. Accompanying them to do the bush walks at Boonoo Boonoo falls and Bald Rock and then sharing their joy!
- R U OK? Moments – the care of members for each other.

And a pearl of wisdom from one member – **“Don't fear change and new ideas. It may just offer more than you already had and more than you thought possible if you just embrace it!”**

Safe Travels

Gaianne

Vice President's Report – Nothing to report

General Business

Three times Des Cooper asked if there was any general business.

Helen Smyth asked about club t-shirts. Helen advised that many of our club members already have shirts but many have found them too hot. Also we are now in the 21st century and perhaps we should look into making our shirts more modern. She has seen that many bowling clubs have some beautiful designed shirts and was wondering if this could be looked into. Members were asked what they thought and most of the members would like this looked into. Diane Barnes advised that she was a member of a golf club and can find out the details of where they get their shirts.

Susan Edwards advised that she contacted a company in Gosford who is willing to make up shirts for us and will duplicate our emblem but it would cost \$85.00 to print up a sample. It was decided that Helen and Diane will look into this further and advise at the next meeting if possible.

Des Cooper advised that we would now look into Susan Edward's letter and I would ask Susan and Graham to speak sometimes. Des asked Helen Smyth and Sandra Lee-Sing to be counters if there were any motions put forward.

Des Cooper advised that previously we have had two emails from Graham Williamson which was dealt with by the committee and an email was sent to Graham with the outcome.

Des spoke about Susan, stating that after the last meeting she spoke to him advising that she had 2 people to take over as secretary and that there were about 20 members who were unhappy with what is going on with the club.

Susan advised that she had said that she knew of about 40 members who were not happy with what is going on in the club and that there were 2 people who would take over as secretary. Susan stated that she was not taking anything away from what Fay does as she does a fabulous job.

Des' questioned to Susan is why did you not wait until September to bring up your concerns and stand as president with a new secretary and save all this problem for the members and the club?

Susan's response was that it was a serious concern and that a number of members had advised her that they were not happy and if there were no changes in the club they would not be renewing their membership. Norm Moore advised at the last meeting that if you have a complaint please put it in writing. Susan didn't feel this would solve the problem so this is why she brought it up in general business.

At the previous meeting it was moved by Susan Edwards and Seconded by Gaianne Wilcox to have this document discussed at the next meeting. That meeting is being held today.

Ian Palmer spoke

Before we move onto this discussion, I repeat the question I asked at the general meeting held on Sunday 18 February 2024.

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

The reason for the question:

I found on listening to the letter, as read out, that it was not focussed, but was a broad reference to a wide range of diverse subjects.

I found it to be more of a past historical review that took no account of decisions made by the Committee and agreed by members in the last 5 years.

There was no cogent argument presented to support any of the points raised.

In addition, there was no firm or identifiable conclusion presented for consideration and or discussion by club members.

Could the content of the letter be clarified?

Therefore, I repeat my question.

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

Susan mentioned that the review of the meeting and the length of meetings and stated that the minutes used to be read out.

Des advised that there would be a motion put forward.

Susan Edwards moved that the minutes to be read out at meetings – seconded by Graham Williamson.

A number of members came up and spoke for and against the motion. The motion was put forward and the voting resulted in

For the motion – 8

Against the motion – 48

NO FURTHER ACTION ON THIS MOTION.

No further action to be taken on this matter of reading of the minutes.

The next item on Susan's letter:

Correspondence was read and members were aware of happenings

Fay Thomas advised that the correspondence received is often quite lengthy and a summary of all correspondence is given at a general meeting. Fay also stated that members can contact her directly and she can forward the relevant document.

NO FURTHER ACTION ON THIS MOTION.

No further action to be taken on this matter of reading of the correspondence.

The secretary raised that as it was 2:00 pm we should stop this meeting today and have a meeting before the meeting in June as there would be a number of members who will be away for the May meeting.

Fay Thomas moved that we hold an extended general meeting commencing at 12:00 on 16 June to finish the discussion of Susan's letter.

Seconded by Janis Treacy

CARRIED

Meeting Closed at – 2:00 pm

Next Meeting – 19 May 2024

Raffle Winners – 1ST Prize of \$50.00 Sandra Lee-Sing

2nd Prize of \$30.00 Robyn Nutter

3rd Prize of \$20.00 Marilyn Kennedy

Lunch Winners – From The Doylo 2 x \$10.00 Doylo card – Bill O'Brien & Beryl Howard

From Creighton's Funeral Service 2x \$30.00 Coles card won by Dave Curtis & Sandra Lee-Sing and 2 x \$20.00 Coles card won by Joan Cornwell & Di Rees

Signed: Secretary _____ Dated: 19 May 2024

President: _____ Dated: 19 May 2024