



**Minutes of General Meeting held at
Halekulani Bowling Club
Sunday 18 February 2018**

Meeting Chaired by: Mr John McGillicuddy

Meeting Commenced: 1:00pm

Members Present: 79

New Members:

Visitors: AJ Keegan, Greg & Marg Anderson and Peter and Julie O'Keefe

Apologies: As per book

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 21 January 2018 were tabled and deemed to have been read.

Business arising from the minutes – No business arising from the minutes.

Moved by: Rod Thomas **and Seconded by:** Ron Gibbs – **Passed**

10 year badges were to be given to Max & Helen Eadie and Mac & Vicki Henry but unfortunately they were not at the meeting so they will be held over until the March meeting to be presented.

Correspondence In:

Email from NSW Assn with minutes of Special General Meeting

Email from NSW Assn re financial procedures in respect to State Rallies

Email from NSW Assn re the agenda for the February General Meeting

Email from NSW Assn regarding \$50.00 donation for the State Rally. The funds raised will be going to charity.

Email from NSW Assn with copies of the financial summary for the General Account and also Rally Account for November, December 2017 and January 2018.

Information received from Discovery Parks Pambula which I have passed onto Chris Pollard.

Correspondence Out:

As Secretary I have a couple of things I would like to remind you about:

1. If you bring books, magazines or anything else and put it on the table please remember to take what is left with you and not leave it for someone else to pick up.
2. Membership renewal forms are available for all members to complete. Once you have completed the form please hand it to the treasurer with your payment. No payment will be taken if you have not completed a form.

Treasurer's Report

**BANK RECONCILIATION
MONTHLY REPORT : JANUARY 2018**

Carried Forward : Balance as at 31/12/2017 \$ 6,384.07

INCOME - January 2018

Joining Fee	\$	60.00
Annual subs	\$	160.00
Club Raffles	\$	252.00
Advertising (All about C'Vans)	\$	350.00

TOTAL INCOME	\$	822.00	\$	7,206.07
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EXPENDITURE- January 2018

Raffle Prizes	\$	100.00
Admin	\$	31.50

TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$	131.50
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Closing Balance	\$	7,074.57
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BANK STATEMENT RECONCILIATION

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Balance 31.1.18	\$	7,074.57
Less Un-presented Cheques*	\$	-
	\$	7,074.57

* List of Un-presented Cheques: Nil

Statement and Reconciliation prepared by

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President :

Moved by: John Oakes **Seconded by:** John Bolcina that the treasurer's report be accepted – PASSED

Social Director's Report

Again I thank Fay for reading this for me, I am so sorry I am not able to be with you again today.

President John, Secretary Fay & I had a meeting with David English CEO of Club Hali with Paul Sanders on Thursday 8th Feb. We expressed TLC's appreciation we have this function room at no cost to members. We addressed our issues about Club Hali particularly the quality & quantity of our Christmas lunch. David English apologised profusely, agreed the event was far from their standard & our expectations and he promised that next time will be better than ever.

David advised us...

- (1) He assured us next time will be better
- (2) The service from the bistro will improve
- (3) The new café/coffee bar due to open shortly will have improved services; a selection of light snacks will be available at reasonable prices.
- (4) The kitchen/ bistro will soon be replaced with up-dated facilities in the very near future.

So members lets be positive & give Club Hali another chance.

Middle Rock

We have the program ready, giving you the opportunity to explore Port Stephens, free days & some events at evenings. Fay will have the programme on the board. Members who have not yet paid the final amount please do so...ASAP. Remember the park staff will park our vans onto our sites. Please remember to wear your name badges at all times, as we have lots of new members and it is important they know who they are speaking with.

Christmas in July

Members are still asking why we are not going to Valla Beach, again I explain.

I personally found the management too difficult to deal with and your committee supported me, so we have booked Happy Hallidays. Your committee decided to self-cater, and we are working on a sumptuous Christmas menu, at an exceptional low cost, more about that next meeting. Happy Hallidays management have given approval for our plans.

I look forward to welcoming you at Middle Rock. If you have any questions don't hesitate to call me.

Happy travels, Susan Mob...0414452317

Coral Kane asked why the balance for their stay had to be paid by the end of February as you have to queue up and go into the office and then your van put onto your site. Fay Thomas stated that the only reason that she knew of was that so there was not a big hold up when everyone arrived. Bev Shoobert advised she was told a few months ago by the tour director that they wanted the money up front as they were organising all the catering prior to us arriving as this was a special deal. Also if you haven't paid by the end of February and turn up after you may not be included in the meals that they are organising for the price we were offered.

Welfare Officer's Report

Cheryl is not with us today but there are a couple of people who have been unwell.

One of our new members Jack Leigh has been a little unwell over the last week. We wish him well and hope that he is back with us soon.

Lorraine Laney has been in hospital having oral surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery.

It has been decided that we will no longer send out birthday cards. The reason is that Cheryl is packing to move and Sue Reilly will be travelling.

Tour Director's Report

Hi every one I'm filling in for Chrissy today.

Only 5 trips up on the boards so not much to talk about.

The first club rally for 2018 kicks off on the 1st March at Middle Rock. This location is a first for the club and looks like a fantastic week which has been put together by Susan.

Hartwood Campfires – this is a great opportunity for new members or members wanting to experience bush style camping. Every one contributes to the maintenance of the camp area used by our club.

Boggabri Drovers Campfires – the small town of Boggabri puts on a great event & has won many tourism awards. There's lot of showground events, local tours & night entertainment. The official program, tour & pre purchase meals will be online 28th Feb.

The Christmas in July club rally is at Happy Hallidays this year, the sheet is on the board with site costs. The park, would like bookings this month so they can hold sites. Ring the park, book & leave a deposit.

Narrabeen Leisure trip – Maz McGillicuddy is organizing to go to see the Jersey Boys cost \$110 per person. Could you put your name on the sheet so Maz has the numbers. Maz needs payment by the end of August to secure your seat with the group.

There are a lot of great Places, Festivals & Events around the country. Some are mentioned up on the boards.

So today, or while you are at Middle Rock, put your heads together & put a trip up for 2018.

You can limit the amount of vans you want in the trip or you could leave it open the more the merrier.

Remember it's up to you the members to put trips together and up on the board.

Trips give members the opportunity to meet other members in a social atmosphere & get to explore this country with the companionship of fellow members.

Please share your favourite caravanning spot or event with us.

That's it from me Safe Travels every one – Bev Shoobert

John Bolcina advised that they have a few things organised for Hartwood such as cooking in camp ovens, dinner at the local hotel. Bring plenty of flour so you can make damper etc, and breakfasts can be cooked together as well. We will also go into town so that the girls can do some shopping and another day we will go out into the scrub and perhaps have lunch or morning tea. If you don't know how to cook in the camp ovens we can show you.

Editor's Report

I don't have much to report this month but we are back from holidays and back on deck with the newsletter so please make sure that you send all reports or anything you have for sale to me. I'm trying to keep the newsletter down to about 12-13 pages so if your report etc does not make it into the newsletter that month it will be in the next one.

Vice President's Report

John advised that he went to the Newcastle Caravan Show and was given some information on a caravan park on the Hawkesbury River which is called Del Rio Riverside Resort. They have a special deal at the moment if you stay for 7 days the cost is only \$99 which is up until the end of August. It may be a good idea to check it out as it has everything.

NSW State Council Report

Peter Davidson advised that there are still sites available for the State Rally so if you are interested in attending please let him know.

General Business

Fay Thomas:

Don't forget you have one month left for any donation for the John Hunter Children's Hospital so please remember to bring them to the March Meeting. Any money that has been collected will be given to Janis Treacy who will go and purchase anything else that is needed.

In relation to the Emergency USB I have about 8 people who are interested but I have been advised by the company that if we order over 10 the cost will come down to about \$13.00. If you are interested please let me know.

George Kains:

It's not often that I address the meeting. Barbara and I only come to the meetings every second month as we live in Sydney. I read in the last minutes where Susan talked about the standard of food. We were disgusted with the meal that was supplied at the Christmas Lunch. Food services advise that food should be served at a certain temperature.

The last time we were here we had a run in with one of the staff members who was very rude and, we didn't want this to happen to other people, we reported her to the club.

We sent a complaint and we believe this was not given to the board. We were sent a response stating that this staff member would be retained but we believe that this staff member is a relation to one of the board members. I commend Susan and John for coming to the club to discuss our concerns regarding the lunch and other concerns we had.

Fay Thomas advised that when we had the meeting with David English and Paul Sanders, the staff member was one of the things that were discussed and were advised that this staff member would not be on duty when we had our meetings or a function. Also they advised that this staff member was not related to any board member. George commented that this was not right and did it mean that she would be rude to other patrons. Fay said that we could only go on the information that was given to us.

Des Cooper:

He was surprised that there were only 4 trips on the board and 3 of them were club organised. It is up to the members to put other trips on the board whether it is a ramble or a short trip up or down the coast or perhaps out into the country. It doesn't have to be a big organised trip with dinners or outing arranged and can be as long or as short as you wish, so come on members look for places and put them on the board.

Bev Shoobert stated that there were quite a few events coming up over the next few months and they should have been up on the board already but perhaps people are a little wary of organising something themselves. Perhaps we should get back to basics and have smaller trips out to places like Dubbo or similar places

Coral Kane:

Advised that they had a great time at Lakeside this year and nothing was organised and everyone was asked to organise something different every night and a great time was had by all. On Valentine's Day which we had to have a day early the men cooked us sausage and onion rolls and had to pick us flowers out of someone's garden. John Smyth organised a trivia night one night and it was great.

John McGillicuddy:

Spoke about having to stand in the line at 12:00 to get your lunch. John advised that you don't need to go out that early as you can go out later and still get your lunch and be able to eat it either before the meeting or during the meeting.

Janis Treacy:

Advised that John Hunter Children’s Hospital is very thankful for the donations that we have given to them so far and everything that they have received will be put to good use. With the monetary donations Janis will go out and purchase extra items that are needed.

Meeting Closed at – 1:50pm

Next Meeting – 18 March 2018

Raffle Winners –	\$50.00	Fay Thomas
	\$30.00	Des Cousins
	\$20.00	Janis Treacy

Lunch Winners – Peter Olesen and Alan Smithers

Signed: Secretary _____ Dated: 18 March 2018

President: _____ Dated: 18 March 2018