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Next General Meeting

Sunday 19th May 2019

NOTE The May Meeting will be held in a different area of the Hali. The Meeting will be held in the area behind our usual Meeting room. Go past reception, past the bar & lounge, area is on the right.

ANNUAL FEES

Annual Membership fees are due by the end of April. \$20.00 per person. Please complete a membership form and submit with your payment.

You will find a copy of this form with this email.

April Meeting

71 Members Attended, 1 Visitor Arthur Hales

Welcome to new Members Russell & Merlene Crimmins, & Thelma Hennessy

\$10 Lunch Voucher Winners – Christine Pollard & Lorraine Laney

Winners of the Raffle were:

\$50 Debbie Latham, \$30 Alan Angel, \$20 Narelle Hansell

John Smyth was Guest Speaker this meeting, he spoke about his early years and his and Helen's adventures.

MEMBERS May BIRTHDAYS

If anyone's birthday has been missed, please accept our apologies.

MALE BIRTHDAYS				FEMALE BIRTHDAYS	
Albert Cornwell	2	Len Field	20	Carole Bickley	11
Peter Marsland	8	John Cahill	20	Gail Field	19
John Smyth	13	Perc White	23		
Terry Brown	13	Terry Lonergan	25		
Richard Laney	14	Graham Williamson	30		

“Tuggerah Lakes Caravanners Members Group” on Facebook

We are having a few teething problems with access to the group, but hope that all will be running smoothly soon.

Look for our Club on Facebook. “Tuggerah Lakes Caravanners Members Group”

We have several members recovering from operations, Peter Kane, Peter Marsland, and John Wells.
Hope you are all progressing well.

(Those members who have joined the Facebook group will have already seen the following.)

Just home after a great couple of weeks at **Hartwood Campfires & Country Music** with fellow TLC members. We were amazed at the Hartwood event and the venue. TLC is very lucky to have our site; those of us who are newer members can really be thankful for the efforts of earlier members. We have at Hartwood facilities that no other group enjoys.

The TLC site has close water taps (one was in front of our van), TLC's shelter has a lockup where the gas BBQ, tables, water heating drums, fire pit rack and lots more are stored. Another area of the shed has a bucket shower (hot water from the fire buckets). Outside is a stainless steel sink and covered shelter. Within 80 metres there are 3 flush toilets & dump point. Extra porta loos are brought in for the busier time. Throughout the event garbage was collected, toilets were cleaned daily and toilet rolls replenished 2 or 3 times a day.

Most mornings the Bakery from Coolah delivered bread, cakes, pies, milk & papers. All this before all the very enjoyable entertainment and great company. Thanks Richard for your leadership and friendship, we had a great group and look forward to returning next year. *Leonie*



Cooking area



Close tap



Shelter & Shed



Shower



Shared meal



Around campfire



Moon in sky before sun up



Small section of audience



Stage Area

We are now looking forward to the small group "Bush Camp" 6 – 9th May.

Product Safety Recall



Thetford 3-Way Absorption Fridge

Models: N304M.3R, N304M.3L, N504M.3FR, N504M.3FL

Supply Dates: 15/09/2017 to 15/02/2018

Range of serial numbers possibly affected: 27381864 and 28220540

Defect The gas control valve pressure test point nut may not be correctly tightened.

Hazard If the test point nut is not correctly tightened it could cause a gas leak, potentially leading to a fire.

What should consumers do? Consumers should check the serial number on the label in the interior cabinet of the fridge. If the serial number falls within the range detailed above, consumers should immediately discontinue using the product on gas. Consumers should then go to www.thetfordfridgecheck.com to find out if their fridge is affected in the recall. Consumers should then:

1. Enter the product serial number and follow the prompts where needed.
2. or call Thetford on 1800 503 100 to check if the fridge is affected.

Consumers will be directed to the nearest authorised service agent to organise a repair.

For further information consumers can contact Thetford Australia on 1800 503 100 Monday to Thursday 8am to 4.45pm (EST) & Friday 8am - 2pm (EST), by emailing recall@thetford.com.au or go to <http://www.thetfordfridgecheck.com>.

See productsafety.gov.au for
Australian product recall information

Des Cooper has the following information regarding Narrabeen

NARRABEEN 2019

A number of members have been asking for details of the Narrabeen trip for 2019.

A Trip Sheet will be pinned on the Board at the May meeting. Please add your name to the list DO NOT CONTACT THE PARK Re BOOKINGS at this point of time.

I have confirmed our clubs booking for the period 18th to 28th November 2019 for (ten nights) we have plenty of sites available. This booking includes the meeting hall for one night.

The site costs will be somewhere between \$45 to \$60 dollars per night. However we will not know the exact price until late July early August when the Northern Beaches Council confirm the "Rally Rate" budget for 2019. I'll advise members of the site costs A.S.A.P.

In late August I will forward all names on the list with their email address to Narrabeen Park. Narrabeen management will then contact each member direct by email with a costing and their site number and location details.

THEN it is open slather you can ring or email and confirm/adjust or add dates for your attendance.

Keep smiling
Des

This story from Chris and John Knight about their recent trip south.

This is the story of “Little Toot” who went off on a road trip to Victoria with three BIG vans! There were two reasons to go south of the border – one for the blokes – “The Lost & Rare Trades Fair” and one for the girls – “The Melbourne International Flower Show”, said to be as good as the Chelsea show in England.

After a great club rally at Middle Rock we set off for the first night – a free camp at Jugiong. A recommended spot – more than 70 other vans were camped there too! Second night was another free camp at Rotary Park Echuca – a very peaceful stay by the river under the gumtrees.

Travels continued through towns to Castlemaine for a four night stop so that we only had a half hour drive to Kyneton for the lost trade show – put it on your “bucket list” to do! We ALL enjoyed the full day of over 100 old skills rarely seen these days like tinsmiths, lead lighting, blacksmithing, stone masonry, gunsmiths, knife making, leatherwork, wheelwrights, chair makers, textiles..... A steam train ride the following day to Maldon, a gorgeous old gold rush town, added to our ‘step back in time experience’.

Back on the highway.....off to the Shady Acres caravan park at Ballarat! (a little too shady for Andy!) While we took in the local sights including the Begonia Festival in the Botanical Gardens, the Frasers lost the 240 volt system in their van! Luckily a local electrician was available & spent 6 hours locating the problem & rewiring the van for the bargain price of \$ 280.

After that hiccup we headed to Ararat for a four day explore – plenty to do – a day in the Grampians, a rock & roll festival happened to be on, an underground winery tour (made Andy very happy) & a look around Stawell.

From here we drove south & it was on a long straight road 16 klms from Lake Bolac that Ann nicknamed us “little toot”. We were in the middle of the convoy following Andy & Lynne when we noticed the smell of rubber & smoke coming from their van’s right wheel. No CB in our car! So “toot toot toot ! pull over!” The wheel bearing had seized! Now, as luck would have it, along came a ute from West Vic tyres, a young bloke only too happy to lend a hand happened to have the right sized socket to remove the hub. They limped into Lake Bolac on three wheels where the bearing was replaced by Andy because the local mechanic was off drenching his sheep! Luckily repairs could be organised at Warrnambool while we explored Port Fairy, Portland & the Great Ocean Road for a few days.

Another free camp at Winchelsea, beside a river close to town, is also a recommended stopover.

For our Melbourne stay we based ourselves at Coburg Big 4 Park & availed ourselves of the trams to the city. The International Flower & Garden Show is rated among the top 5 shows in the world & again is a ‘must do’ event held at the world heritage site of Carlton Gardens & Royal Exhibition Building.

Our sightseeing continued with a circumnavigation of Port Phillip Bay through the Mornington Peninsula across on the ferry to Queenscliff to Barwon Heads where Chris got to reminisce about the ABC show “Sea Change” and then back to camp through Geelong.

Alas, our holiday was coming to an end & we headed north – a free camp at Benalla showground & again at Jugiong but one more drama south of Yass saw Susan & Graham’s engine blow up and the NRMA towed car & van back to the Central Coast. This was the best ad for Premium Cover, the cost would have been over \$2000 but they were safely delivered home at no cost. Ask Graham for the details - it’s a good story!

Meanwhile”Little Toot” came home smiling! 3,980 kms later she proudly turned into the drive, didn’t miss a beat and is ready for the next adventure! *Chris & John Knight*



Above “Little Toot with the big vans”



Dinner Port Fairy



Andy in Heaven

Rod Thomas kindly forwarded this poem, apt for Anzac, sorry my holiday made the newsletter later than usual.

MATE

I've travelled down some lonely roads
Both crooked tracks and straight
And I have learnt life's noblest creed
Summed up in one word, "Mate"

I'm thinkin' back across the years
That's the thing I do of late
And the word that sticks between me ears
"You gotta have a mate".

If our mind goes back to '42 to slavery and hate
When man's one chance to stay alive
Depended on his mate

You'd slip and slither through the mud
And curse your rotten fate
But then you'd hear a quiet word
"Don't drop your bundle, mate".

And though it's all so long ago
The truth I have to state
A man don't know what lonely means
'Til he has lost his mate.

If there's a life that follows this
If there's a Golden Gate
The welcome that I wanna hear
Is just "Goodonya mate".

UNKNOWN

FOR SALE

HAYMAN REECE Complete – Used only one time **Suits 22' Van**

\$350.00 O.N.O. **Contact Andy Leotta 0427 988 037**

FOR SALE

IRONING BOARD COVERS

10 Sizes from \$15 for Small size to \$25 for Large

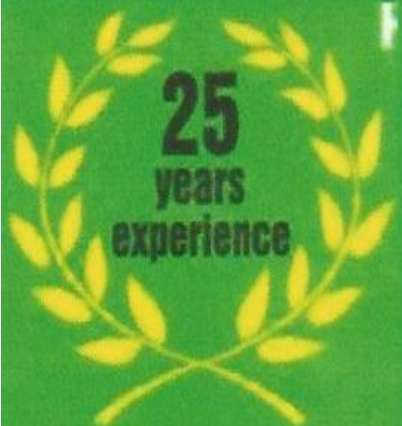
Contact Susan Edwards 0414 452 317

Tuggerah Lakes Caravanners				
TRIP SHEETS 2019				
Date	Destination	MEMBERS ATTENDING	Contact	Park
May 22 nd – 28 th	Casino Beef Week	Cornwell J, Bryce/Tanner H/J, Davidson P/Y, Edwards/Williamson S/G, Hansell B/N, Howard B/A, Insull B/I, Knight C/J, Laney R/L, Latham B/D, Lee-Sing S/W, Leotta A/L, Merrett/Wright J & P, Treacy/Wenning J/R, Wilcox/Richardson G/T, Webster B/J, Ryan J/R 17	Susan Edwards 0414 452 317	Casino Big 4 6662 1069
29 th May – 3 rd June	Inverell & Moree	Bryce/Tanner H/J, Edwards/Williamson S/G, Howard B/A, Knight C/J, Leotta A/L, Treacy/Wenning J/R, Ryan J/R 6	Chris & John Knight 4352 2264	
July 25 th – 31 st	Christmas in July Happy Hallidays	Baird/Bickley C/C, Bennett B/M, Dick/Moore M/T, Edwards/Williamson S/G, Howard B/A, Knight J/C, Laney R/L, Maranik A/D, Moore J/N, Oakes J./M, Ryan J/R, Thomas F/R, Treacy/Wenning J/R, Hennessy T, Rohwer P/P, Pollard C, Wells J/J, Shoobert B, Angell A/W 19	Club Organised	Happy Hallidays 6559 2099
September 5 th – 11 th	Big 4 Sunshine South West Rocks	Bennett M/B, Collins M/L, Cornwell J, Curnow R/L (cabin), Dick/Moore M/T, Edwards/Williamson S/G, Fraser A/T, Insull I/B, Jager F/T, Knight C/J, Laney R/L, Latham B/D, Lee-Sing W/S, Leotta A/L, Moore J/N. Oakes J/M, Pollard C, Ryan J/R, Thomas F/T, Treacy/Wenning J/R 20	Fay Thomas 0408 271 235	Big 4 6566 6142
October 1 st – 9 th	Narrandera	Edwards/Williamson S/G, Knight C/J, Lathan B/D 3	Chris & John Knight 4352 2264	
31 st Oct – 6 th Nov	Tamworth Melbourne Cup Rally	Collins M/L, Cooper D, Cornwell J, Field L/G, Hansell B/N, Howard B/A, Insull B/I, Jager F/T, Kane P/C, Knight J/C, Laney R/L, Lee-Sing S/W, Marsland P/E, Moore J/N, Pollard C, Ryan J/R, Rohwer P/P Smyth J/H, Thomas F/T, Wells J/J 20	Club Organised	Paradise Tourist Park 6766 3120

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