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## **NEXT MEETING - Sunday, April 21st 2024**

### **There was no March Meeting**

#### **Birthdays for April**

Shawcross John	4-Apr	Wilkinson Carol	1-Apr
Crimmins Russell	6-Apr	Howard Beryl	4-Apr
Richardson Jim	8-Apr	Angell Wendy	5-Apr
Knight John	10-Apr	Mizon Karen	15-Apr
Curtis David	15-Apr	Thomas Fay	18-Apr
Angell Alan	22-Apr	Dawson Kerrie	27-Apr
		Jones Sally	27-Apr



#### **Correspondence from Fay:**

Hi Members

I received the following from Anne Carragher NSW Secretary and thought it may be of interest to you.

Fay Thomas

Secretary

Hello NSW committees,

Recently I was contacted by a political reporter from Sky News. It was regarding the NSW government looking at changes to caravan regulations. The state government is thinking about regulating caravans that are stored on the owners' property and possibly have their relative, such as grown-up children, living in the vans. If the van is stored more than 6 months, the owner may have to submit a form to the council. I then wonder if others may have to submit a form to state that no one is living in the van. I don't have an answer to this. Currently, it seems that this issue has not been decided on.

It seems to me that some politicians have to justify their existence. I can't see what benefits will come out of these changes with the exception of more money for councils.

<https://omny.fm/shows/the-drive-program/nsw-government-proposes-new-caravan-regulations>

<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/manufactured-home-estates>

<https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/news/planning-law-changes-new-caravan-parks-and-manufactured-home->

[estates#:~:text=The%20proposed%20changes%20include%3A,of%202022%20NSW%20Flood%20Inquiry.](#)

<https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/policy-and-legislation/housing/housing-sepp/caravan-parks-manufactured-home-estates-and-moveable-dwellings>

If a caravan is parked in the back yard and has electricity and water then that is no different to being attached to electricity and water in a caravan park. I don't see any extra safety issues if the van is in a backyard. How many people have been hurt if they live in the backyard, in a caravan. I'm not sure there are any statistics but it seems that councils may assume that there will be potential injuries.

Most of our members park their vans either in the driveway, on their lawn or in the back yard. Some, like me, pay for storage which is expensive. The vans may sit there for an extended amount of time and then take off on their journey. Most of our members go to club rallies for a week every month but those other 3 weeks X 12 = 36 weeks are parked at home.

Hurting the caravan industry has a flow on effect. Our clubs are the ones that travel to many outback towns and keep them going financially. We have already been hit on the toll roads by being charged the same as trucks, hence a lot of us avoid those roads and block up the side roads, rather than claim from the government.

Hello all,

I have now received the following information from the president of Caravan Club of Australia.

- The government is looking at restricting unregistered caravans on your land to prevent you using them as rental income.
- It is still ok to use the van on your property if it is registered and the person living in the van is a family member.
- These restrictions are being implemented to prevent non road worthy caravans from becoming hazardous to surrounding homes. I.e. fire risk if modified by unqualified tradespeople.
- None of these levies or inspections will affect registered caravans.
- Phase 1 of this legislation has already gone to review and is no longer up for debate.
- Phase 2 is on exhibition now and it relates to the caravan parks (not caravaners) in relation to upgrades for our safety e.g. fire egress paths, fire hose reels & size limitations on van space based on the size of the park.
- We are getting the ability to stay in one place longer, increased to 180 days.

**Regards,**

**Anne Carragher**

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## Social Report By Janis



On behalf of Carol and I, we would like to thank those who came to Armidale.

What a great week we had. We started off with welcome nibbles at happy hour and found out what was happening for the week. There was so much to see, wonderful old churches, homes and schools. We all did a bus tour around the city and University with our guide Sue who explained all the history of the area. Well worth the \$10 donation.

Chris and John organised a tag a log trip where we saw water falls, beautiful gorges and the trout farm. We stopped at the Ebor pub for a great lunch. All up about 200ks. Thanks Chris you out did yourself.



Friday night we had a TLC provided BBQ . This consisted of sausages, tossed salad, beetroot, coleslaw, pasta and topped off with peaches and custard. Thanks to those members who help prepare and cook the meal.



We finished up the rally on the last night going to local services club which was really nice.

Thanks again to those who came we had a great week. Now onto the next adventure stay safe on the roads till we meet again.

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## One Mile Beach by Janis

4 days before Armidale a few of us headed up to Ingenia at One Mile Beach. We arrived about 11.30am on a 40-degree day. We just did the bare minimal set up with the van and then off to the pool. The pool area was spot less and the water crystal clear. It was welcoming and we cooled down in no time and in no hurry to get back we stayed there for quite some time.

We met up for happy hour and enjoyed each other's company till we all started to get hungry and headed back to the van for tea and chilled out watching TV with AC on.

Next day we were off to look at shops. It was a good sized centre only 6ks away Coles, Woolworths and Adi and lots of variety shops. There is a nice Cafe just outside, where we had coffee.



This is a lovely park good slab sites with astro turf on side for awnings, spotless amenities and surroundings, lots of kitchen areas.

I am sure it will meet the clubs' needs look forward to coming back in July. Next, we headed onto Wallabadah where a few other vans joined us before heading to Armidale.



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## Armidale

With all of us here by Tuesday afternoon we all went up to Happy Hour where we were given a rough out line of the week's events in more detail and a chat, game and catch up before heading back to our own vans. Wednesday was our rest day but we did get together for morning tea provided for the members with some really yummy treats.

**Thursday the 7th March** Today we were to go on a 3 hr bus trip around town for \$10pp and gained some knowledge and history of the place.

Armidale is the highest city at 1000 metres above sea level and was claimed as a city since 1885.







In 1850 Gold was discovered in surrounding areas and brought people to Armidale. James Galloway was the surveyor who set up grid pattern leaving a large square area in centre to be made into a park which happened in 1875 designed by someone else. Many old pubs here like the Wicklow which was built in 1852. The Court house was built in 1859, clock tower went up 1870s and was used until 2012. The Post Office in 1880's was another building on our route. Most of the iron lace on the building was made in Uralla. Another old shop was Richardsons department store which was like David Jones on steroids. Minnie Web is another Armidale character who formed the only all volunteer women's fire group in 1903.

Armidale made its money from wool. Wool wagons would take 3 months in good times to get to the port at Morpeth.

During the 1880s to 1890s Brown Street was the place to be if you were wealthy.

It was then into the Aboriginal Keepit museum for some great art work and photos and a performance of the didgeridoo.



Next was the railway which was built and trains arrived in 1883 and employed more than 200 people and had its own hospital in the 1880s, Post Office, shops known as West End and was a town within a town.

Trim was an ex-convict who was quite prosperous with his house in the west end and the 1st to have electricity.

White house, home to the White family who had 9 children is now in the grounds of the New England University. (400 hectares) We were fortunate to have a tour of this magnificent home.



**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March** Today was a tag along with a group of 9 cars from our club organised by the wonderful Christine.



Our 1st stop was Wollomombi Main Falls which were running and the view was spectacular. At this stop we were so lucky to be supplied with scones, jam and cream by the lovely Susan. I headed up to Checks Lookout which was also a lovely view. Just realised how lucky we are to have so many beautiful areas to explore.

Edgar's Lookout only a short drive away, which was another spectacular view, scary for some of those afraid of heights but a really magnificent outlook.

Next, we headed to Dutton's Trout Hatchery. Leslie P

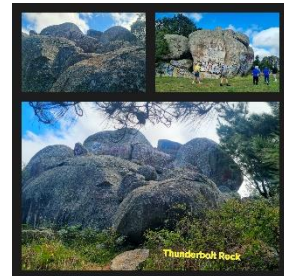
Dutton in 1925 established the 1st New England Hatchery and in 1952 it was opened in its current location here in Ebor in his honour. Anthony was to be our tour guide. We saw a short film on the establishment and breeding process then went to explore the farm. The trout are usually fed 1st thing of a morning but we were lucky enough today that they were still hungry. They are fed on pellets of Atlantic salmon waste but of a very high quality. They are only focused on breeding and releasing with no commercial business. All fishing licences help fund this farm to stock all rivers and dams in NSW. When the trout are too big they are released into the wild.



Next was on to the Ebor Pub for a wonderful lunch which was much needed after our busy morning. After lunch we headed to the Ebor Falls. Unfortunately, the upper falls were closed but the lower falls were open. This area was devastated by bush fires and all platforms and infrastructure had to be replaced as nothing was left.

We took the route home via Guyra which is a quaint little town but unfortunately due to the time and being a weekend everything had closed.

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March** Today we headed out to Uralla with 5 others from the club. 1st stop was Thunderbolts Rock. This is a cluster of granite rocks that gave Thunderbolt the perfect spot for watching for coaches. It is a shame that it has not been well maintained as it is heritage listed. We did however enjoy the blackberries growing there.



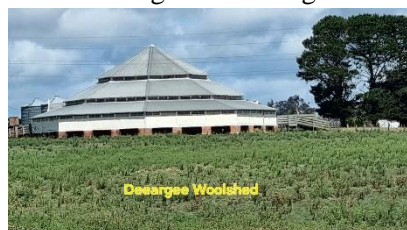
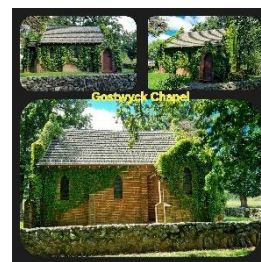
Des took us to Church Gully which was the 1st shooting of Thunderbolt in the back of his knee. It was a running creek, boggy ground but has been filled in by farming. Thunderbolt was eventually shot at Kentucky Creek after he had just done a hold up.



Next on the list was the grave which is located in the local cemetery. Then onto McCrossins Mill Museum which was a lovely old place manned by volunteers and saw things I had not previously seen. This was built in the 1870's and has been lovingly restored. The old flour mill which is 3 stories high, now houses the museum. A beautiful collection of laces, Chinese history from the area, sporting heroes (with our 1st world champion), other significant things from the area and of course Thunderbolt's history.

We headed for lunch but photographed Thunderbolt's statue as we passed. There was an old fish and chip place at Uralla that had seating inside, so we decided here was the place to eat. Lunch meals were enormous and delicious and hard to eat.

After lunch we headed off to Goswyck chapel which is a quaint little building. It was built in memory of Major J Dangar who died during World War 1. Nearby is Deeargee woolshed built in 1872 in hexagon shape. This was replacing the original one that was burnt to the ground. Designed and constructed by A Mitchell the same person that did



McCrossins Mill. The woolshed is still in use today and can only be viewed from the road.

It was now time to head towards Dangar Gorge. The scenery was beautiful as we meandered through farm country and even though part was dirt road it was an excellent run. Most of the land is just rolling hills so to arrive at the gorge was a real surprise. As you look from the look out, you are overwhelmed by the towering walls down to the river.

The fall had no water but never the less was a spectacular view. We did a small walk to check out all angles of this beautiful place. There is also a lovely picnic area on the edge of the river that would be ideal for a picnic.



Our last stop for the day was Dangarsleigh War Memorial which was privately built by A. H Perrott in memory of his eldest son who died in WW1 and commemorates all those that fell during this war. Each element of the monument has a symbolic meaning which was determined by Perrott. The monument stayed privately owned until 1991 until it was handed over for all. This was a little treasure to find and to finish off the trip.



Although this rally hasn't had a large attendance it has been a very friendly, happy group that has allowed us to do short day trips to surrounding areas exploring some magnificent scenery. Gaianne.





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<b>DATES</b>	<b>DESTINATION</b>	<b>MEMBERS ATTENDING</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>PARK</b>
12 Mar – 19 Mar	Grumpy Old Men Trip to Cranky Rock	Dick/Moore M/T, Edwards/Williamson S/G, Fraser A/T, Knight C/J, Latham D/B, Palmer/Evernden I/F, Treacy/Wenning J/R, Wilcox/Richardson G/J, Wilkinson C, Wright/Merrett P/J, Leotta A/L, Cooper D.	Chris & John Knight 0432 665 841 or 0402 593 873	
18 – 31 Mar	Hartwood Campfire & Country Music Festival	Cooper D, Crimmins M/R, Curtis M/D, Eadie H/M, Holmes J/L, Howard B/A, Kane P/C, Lee-Sing S/W, Lindsay A/F, McLoughlin T/C, Newall G/M, O'Brien B/D, Rogers R/R, Ryan J/R, Sherwood R/C, Smyth J/H, Thomas F/R, Wall/Campbell V/R 18 + Visitors Melville J/A, Strachan K/N, Jeffs S/K, Mannix J	Coral & Peter Kane 0412 605 887	Hartwood Campfire 0456 780 824
22 Mar – 2 Apr	Easter @ The Olesens	Cok W/A, Edwards/Williamson S/G, Hartia J, Maranik A/D, Palmer/Evernden I/F, Roth-Magar J, Roth-Magar S, Shoobert B, Treacy/Wenning J/R 9		
11 – 14 Apr	Man from Snowy River Festival	Cousins/Kennedy D/M, Edwards/Williamson S/G 2	Susan Edwards 0414 452 317	Clancy's Overflow 6076 1992 <a href="http://www.bushfestival.com.au">www.bushfestival.com.au</a> to book tickets
18 – 27 May	Casino Beef Week	Barnes D, Dew C/A, Edwards/Williamson S/G, Kennedy/Cousins M/D 4	Susan Edwards 0414 452 317 or Graham Williamson 0428 246 662	Casino Holiday Park 6662 1069
18 – 24 June	North Haven	Collins M/L, Cooper D, Insull B, Lee-Sing W/S, Thomas R/F, Treacy/Wenning J/R 6	Fay & Rod Thomas 0408 271 236	Reflections Holiday Park North Haven 6559 9193
5 – 11 Aug	Del Rio Riverside Park	Collins M/L, Cornwell J, Cooper D, Curtis D/M, Dick/Moore M/T, Howard B/A, Lee-Sing S/W, Maranik D/A, Rogers R/R, Sherwood C/R, Thomas F/R, Treacy/Wenning J/R 12	Fay & Rod Thomas 0408 271 236	