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NEXT MEETING - Sunday 17th September 2023
This will be the Monthly General Meeting
Followed by the Annual General Meeting for 2023

Meeting Held 20th August 2023
68 Members attended and 4 Visitors

Raffle Winners

Fran Lindsay	\$50.00
Dorothy Maranik	\$30.00
Nick Jenkins	\$20.00

Winners of Gift Cards donated by **Creightons**

Lorraine Laney	\$30.00
Chris Baird	\$20.00

Winners of \$10.00 Gift Cards supplied by **The Doylo**

Peter Davidson & Dorothy Maranik



Birthdays

Brill Clive	1-Sep	Insull Beverley	4-Sep
Moore Norm	14-Sep	Edwards Susan	5-Sep
Anderson Paul	15-Sep	Crimmins Merlene	7-Sep
Eadie Max	24-Sep	Rogers Robyn	15-Sep
		Lenkeit Sabina	26-Sep
		Shawcross Gloria	30-Sep

Thank You

Thank you all for your support for me as Editor over the last 5 years. I have enjoyed the task and thank all of you who have contributed to the Newsletter in that time.

It is now time for a new Editor, and I am sure she will do a great job. Please make sure that you continue to send in your stories, photos and articles.

Leonie



Caravan Service donated by All About Caravan Repairs

It was great to get really positive feedback from both Fran and Alan Lindsay about the caravan service that they were the lucky winners of at last year's Christmas party. They both said they were amazed at how much was included in the service.

Thank you again Mark and Mitch for the generous donation.

Mark and Mitch have agreed to attend our October Meeting and give a short talk on their business.



FATHER'S DAY **AT PALMDALE & GREENWAY**

Palmdale Lawn Cemetery & Memorial Park
Palmdale Road, in the car park // Time: 8am till noon

Greenway Chapel & Memorial Gardens
460 Avoca Drive, Green Point // Time: 8am til Noon

Guest Speaker 20th August 2023

We welcomed Lyn Parkes and Monica Wastle from Creightons Funeral Directors (sponsors of TLC) to this meeting.

Lyn gave a very informative and well received talk on being prepared for when we or our partners pass on. She explained the difference between Pre-Paid funerals and Insurance policies. Helpful brochures were passed out to our members.

Representatives from the company are available to visit you in your home to discuss your wishes and arrange your funeral requirements for the future. To receive further information please phone 02 4324 1533 for the Central Coast Region, 02 4991 5556 for Hunter and 02 9488 9265 for Sydney.

The main point is that you can lock in the price for your funeral now by pre-paying and avoid any price increases in the future.



TLC Activities Since last meeting

It has been a busy month with two opportunities to enjoy using our vans. The first was the Christmas in July Rally (an Annual Club Rally) at Stockton Beach 20 – 27th July, then the trip to Del Rio organised by Fay & Rod Thomas 8 – 15th August. Both were very well attended, and very enjoyable.

Stockton Beach Caravan Park is well situated for visits to Newcastle with the ferry constantly crossing the Harbour. Members made good use of it. The park facilities are excellent with a huge camp kitchen and large common room. A little crowded for our large group, but we still had fun.

Del Rio is very laid back, we have finally been able to attend after our visit for 2021 was deferred several times by covid and floods. It is amazing that the buildings and area have recovered so well after being inundated so many times. The park owners and staff are always very friendly and helpful, and we really appreciate their Winter special deal.

Christmas in July 2023, Stockton Beach Caravan Park

Here is a little report of what we did in Stockton. I have had two emails – one from Meg and David and the other from Richard and Chris (new members) who advised that they had an awesome and wonderful week at Stockton. I have asked them to do a report for you but not sure if they will. Fingers crossed they do.

Stockton Report

Rod and I arrived on Wednesday 19 August for a week at Stockton with the caravan club. As it was Robert Wenning's birthday about 12 of us went out to dinner to the General Washington Hotel where all of us enjoyed a chicken schnitzel or chicken parmigiana as this was on special for 2 for the price of 1. YUM YUM

The rest of the members arrived on the Thursday and at happy hour we were all asked to pick who was who from photo's that members had given to Janis. It was hard to put faces to names but a lot of fun. on Friday we caught the ferry to the Queens Wharf hotel for lunch which was fantastic. Some of our members forgot to tap on and tap off??? Who were they.

About 5 of us went to the movies at Nelson Bay on the Saturday and saw Mission Impossible Part 1 – very good whilst others went to Fighter World and had morning tea.





On Tuesday 25 July we had our Christmas in July lunch. We had chicken, pork and beef with peas, corn, carrots and potatoes with gravy and apple sauce followed by Chocolate Mud Cake, Cheesecake or Pavlova. This was prepared by a chef and was served by the committee. We all hope you enjoyed it.

The very well equipped camp kitchen at Stockton.

The rest of the week included trips out to lunch at Lexie's on the Beach or lazed around the caravan park playing cards.

On the last night about 50 members went back to the General Washington Hotel whilst others went to the RSL.

This was a great week and we look forward to Darlington Beach in November.

Fay & Rod Thomas



Just wanted to drop a note to the club to thank you all for the wonderful week we had our first time meeting everyone. We were made to feel very welcome, the amazing effort that the committee put in the Xmas lunch was yummy so much organising to making it a fun time for all was very much appreciated by us, looking forward to catching up on our next trip away thank you all again for a great week

Meg & David Curtis

Hi Fay,

Richard conned me into this

We had a lovely week at Stockton. Other than the activities organised. We had a day out in Newcastle.

On Monday We caught the ferry then travelled on the light rail for the full round trip, then

proceeded up to Fort Stratchley. Plenty of history and wonderful views. We were lucky enough to be there for the 1 o'clock firing of the cannon, wonderful experience.

After wondering around the fort (we did not do the guided tour) we had a leisurely walk back to the ferry for the trip home. Prior to this we stopped off at the Queens Wharf hotel and some had sticky date pudding for lunch!

A few of us blow ins had dinner out at Stockton RSL that night which was very nice.

Other than that we just loitered around the caravan park and relaxed. For our first trip away with the TLC it was totally enjoyable week and thank you to all the organisers.

Regards

Chris Sherwood



Del Rio

Del Rio week is very laidback! Thank you Fay and Rod Thomas for once again organising this week for us. The main attraction is relaxation. Everyone provided a bag or more of firewood, and sitting around the campfires was hugely enjoyed. Thanks to all those men who maintained the fires. We were able to have a meal in the café on Saturday night and watch the Matilda's win their match. Really exciting (and very noisy).



A few cars ventured out on Monday to travel along the Bi-centenary Road through to the Lower Portland ferry then back along River Road to Wisemans Ferry. Some very interesting hairpin bends - would not attempt that route with a van - great scenery though. Had a picnic lunch at the park near the Wisemans ferry, then back across Webbs Creek ferry to Del Rio.

Wednesday saw us pile into the cars and head over to the Bowling Club for lunch. Good Food.



The River at Del Rio

Recipe – Old Fashioned Cornflake Cookies. As requested at Del Rio

Heat oven to 180°C. Prepare trays either greasing or use baking paper

125g (4 oz) butter

½ cup sugar

1 egg

1 tablespoon coconut

1¼ cups cornflakes

¾ cup sultanas

1 cup SR flour

¼ cup plain flour

Cream butter & sugar until light & fluffy, add egg, beat well.

Add sifted flours, coconut, cornflakes & sultanas, blend in well.

Put teaspoonfuls on well greased oven trays.

Cook in moderate oven 15 – 20 minutes

Loosen on tray while still hot, then cool on trays. (I prefer to transfer them straight onto a cooling rack, the bottoms are crisper.)



Gaianne and Jimmy are enjoying a country road trip, and she has sent me the following on Messenger.

Hi Leonie Have jotted a few notes from our trip that you might want to use in Newsletter. As I have limited internet at times photos are available on my Facebook page if you would like a couple. Have done this in dot points but can be expanded if you like. Places we have stayed (Will add to list and upload when I have wifi)

- * Willow Tree Recreation Ground - Donation (Already added)
- * Moonbi Lookout (Didn't stay here but had lunch and would be a great place for an overnighter)
- * Mother of ducks Lagoon - free. A picturesque overnighter on the edge of the lagoon. Dump point and toilets available but must be self contained. (No dumping of grey water)
- * Top of Town Tourist Park Stanthorpe - Lots of room, many facilities, cabins available if needed.
- * Sandy Creek Pub - Near Warwick. Free camp as long as you patronise the pub.
- * Toowoomba Showgrounds - We chose a place down near the lagoon. Toilets, washing machine and dump point near by. \$30pn max 7 nights.
- * Nanango Free Camp - toilets, dump point, peanut kiosk and coffee across the road. Great for an overnighter.
- * Gayndah Heritage Railway - 3 night limit but run by volunteers and happy to have you stay. Now have toilets at the old station. \$5pp a night. Drinking water available to fill tanks and dump point a short drive away. Things we enjoyed
- * Australian standing stones - Glenn Innes. Memorial for the Celtic people and the importance of stones(Would come back to Glenn Innes as we only passed through.)
- * To be seen in Stanthorpe - Sutton's Apple farm for Apple pie, Stanthorpe cheese, Donnelly's Castle - Bushranger Captain Thunderbolt hideout, great lookout and walk and Amiens Legacy Centre for WW1 soldiers who were granted land in this area. Granite Belt Christmas Farm, Sentimental Rocks - a great easy walk to see granite boulder formations if physically can't go Girraween NP, Red Bridge - historical rail bridge. Railway station- great cafe run by volunteers. Jamworks just out of town - amazing types of Jam
- * Girraween NP - Lots of walks available, from easy to the more difficult.
- * Toowoomba - We were a fraction early as September is the best time as they have a big festival with floats etc mid month but we were lucky still to see lots of blooms as winter had been mild. Downsteam Railway and Museum - \$5 pp donation, volunteer organisation to get the steam trains up and running to carry passengers fantastic place to visit(limited days) Cobb and Co museum. Parks - Mothers Memorial, Picnic Point, Tobruk Memorial Drive Lookout, Queens Park Botanic Gardens.
- * Muntapa Railway Tunnel on the way to Nanango
- * Gayndah rail tour 8.30am led by volunteers Des is very good and tour is free when you stay here. Archers and McConnell lookouts, the Idea way upside down bridge, museum and info centre are all good.

Ian Palmer addressed the meeting on Sunday and has forwarded this information.

Connecting your caravan to 240volt powerhead at a caravan park.

This is the basic electrical safety process that I follow to connect my van.

In the van the electric water boiler is turned **OFF**

House Battery charger is left **ON**

Aircon is **OFF**

The two (2) circuit breakers are **ON**

Outside Plug the extension lead into the van

At the power head

Press test button to release the circuit breaker (CB)

Plug in extension cord

Reset the CB (hard press to engage the internal safety locks

If CB holds in the ON position, your van and extension cord have tested “safe”

Power has been connected to your van.

In the van Your house battery charger should be operating and charging the battery

Turn on the electrical water boiler. If your internal CB holds the boiler is safe.

Turn on the electrical heating element on the stove. If your internal CB holds the stove element is safe.

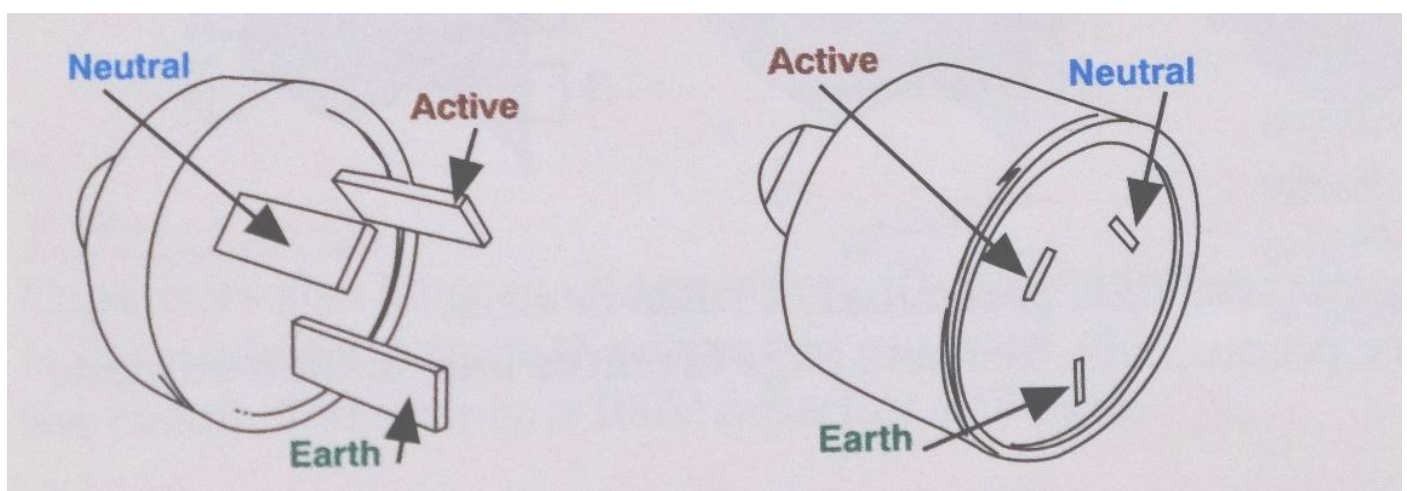
Turn on your electric jug or kettle. If your internal CB holds the general 240 volt outlets in the van are safe

In the van Double check the internal CB or CB's by pushing the test button. The CB's should turn **OFF**. If the internal CB's hold when turned **ON**, the general wiring is safe.

Note: If you plug into the power head first with the CB **ON**, the 240 volt power is presented to your van at the time that you plug it in. The total instantaneous current required for the battery charger and the water boiler will cause an electric arc that may burn the contact elements or, in the worst case, even weld them together. Approx repair, if you can do it yourself is around \$150.00 (New van socket \$95.00, silicon sealant \$10.00, new 240v 15amp extension lead with water sealed silicon ends about \$45.00.)

Check your leads. View the lead colour through the clear plastic plug and socket mouldings

Maintain this cord/colour sequence to ensure correct active/neutral/earth phasing to your van.



Peter Davidson sent the following in for inclusion.

[World First - How Electric Brake Drums become Polarised](#) - the link may be helpful for the more technical minded members if you include it in your newsletter article.

regards

PeterD

(hold down your Ctrl Key and click the mouse on the link to open)



Adjustment bolt on caravan hitch.

Geoff Newell spoke to the meeting on Sunday about the following. Thanks Geoff.

Checking adjustment bolt on your caravan hitch, not all caravans have this type of hitch but for those who do, as shown in the picture, the bolt has a lock nut on the outside of the hitch. The bolt is so it can be adjusted in or out to stop excess movement on the tow ball, if you loosen the lock nut the bolt can be skewed in or out.

To check that the bolt is ok and not broken, look inside of the coupling or skew the bolt out of the coupling, the bolt is about 50 to 60 mm long, one end has a cup shape and the other end has the slot. The bolt skews out through the inside of the coupling it was the cup end of the bolt that broke off my coupling.



Elsie's Project

Thank you ladies for all the knitted and crochet squares that you have made for the Palliative Care Unit. I was able to deliver them to Margaret Pearce on Tuesday. She said that the project is progressing well.



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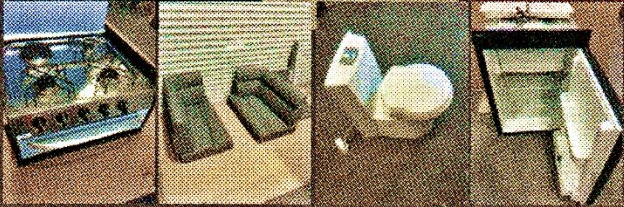
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Snitch a scammer

Telstra launches reporting number to help customers fight SMS and MMS scams

Telstra is driven every day to make our digital experience a safer one. It's why we launched our Cleaner Pipes initiative which helps block on average, 23 million scam SMS each month, and why from today we're helping all customers on the Telstra network join the fight against scammers by reporting SMS and MMS scams to a national phone number.

Customers who forward SMS and MMS scams to 7226 (SCAM) will help Telstra better protect millions of Australians from receiving harmful SMS/MMS messages that may attempt to trick them into providing their personal information, credit cards, or downloading malicious apps. All you need to do is forward the SMS/MMS scam to 7226. We won't send you a reply message and you won't be charged for sending this SMS.

While Telstra can and does block millions of scam messages each month, we can't catch everything. Our technology is evolving so it's important that everyone remains vigilant and alert to the rise in scam activity, and we all have a part to play in helping to secure our personal and private data to help protect it from criminals who want to profit from it.

How to report a scam message to Telstra

It really is as simple as forwarding a suspected scam SMS or MMS message to us at "7226". Depending on whether you're using an iPhone or Android device, this method could be a little different.

If you are using an iPhone:

1. Touch and hold the message bubble you want to forward, then tap More.

2. Select additional text messages, if desired.
3. Tap Forward and enter 7226.
4. Tap Send.

If you have an Android device using the default Messages app:

1. Tap and hold on to the message.
2. Tap on the **three-dot menu button** and hit **Forward**.
3. Select 7226 and hit **Send SMS**.

It's as easy as that. One thing to note is that you won't receive a response once you report the number, but rest assured knowing we have received your report, which will help in preventing the same scam from potentially affecting others.

What to look for in a scam SMS and MMS

Telstra observes many of the most common SMS and MMS scams circulating. While SMS and email scams often bear typos and blatant demands for personal information and payments that can seem more obvious, others may be well written and avoid these kind of hallmark identifiers. The best defence against scams therefore is to remain sceptical of all unexpected communication regardless of the purported sender. It can sometimes be

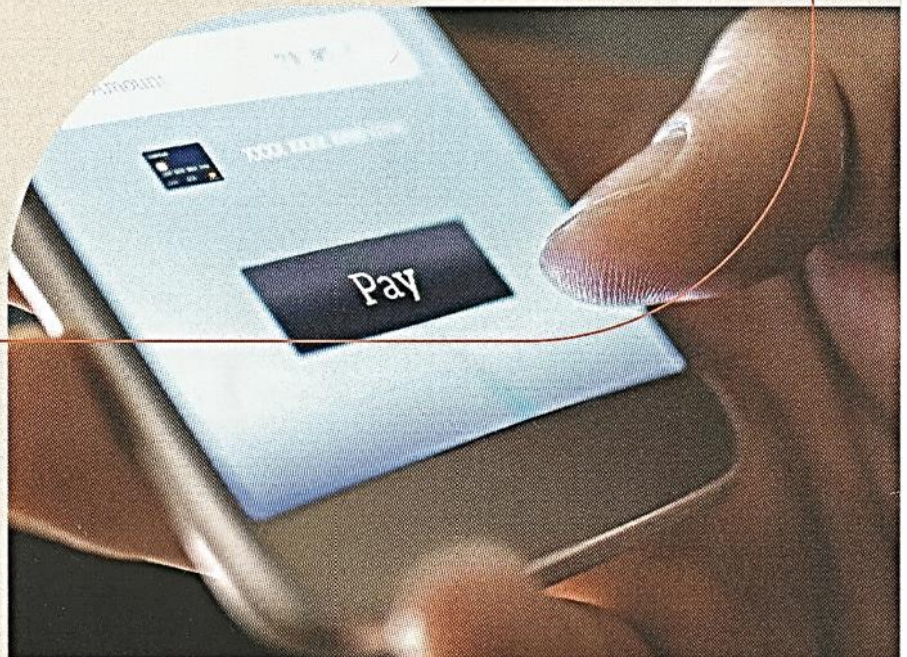
difficult to tell an illegitimate message from a real one, but here are a few pointers that can help:

- Unexpected SMS messages asking for your personal details, advertising promotional material or asking you to click a link.
- SMS and MMS numbers that start with '19XX'. These are charged at a premium rate and can be expensive. Also look out for numbers that start with an international code other than +61 (Australia's country code).
- SMS promising unexpected prizes that require you to send money to claim them.
- SMS that encourages you to click a link, which may then ask you to install a piece of software on your mobile phone or tablet. Just like computers, malicious software can put your phone and personal information at risk.

And of course, if you are in doubt, call the sender's official number and check to see if it is real or a scam.

For more information

For more information on scams and how to protect yourself online head to [Telstra.com](https://www.telstra.com) and search cyber security.





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TRIP SHEETS 2023				
DATES	DESTINATION	MEMBERS ATTENDING	CONTACT	PARK
29 Sept – 2 Oct 2023	NSW State Rally	Davidson/Whitehead P/Y, Kennedy/Cousins M/D 2	Peter Davidson 0417 053 756	Hawkesbury Showground
2 – 9 Nov 2023	Darlington Beach Caravan Park Arrawarra	Barnes D/Gosper G, Barnes P/S, Collins M/L, Cooper D, Cornwell J, Cousins/Kennedy D/M, Curtis M/D, Dick/Moore M/T, Holmes J/L, Howard B/A, Insull B, Kane P/C, Latham B/D, Lee-Sing S/W, Lindsay F/A, McConville B/D, Merrett/Wright J/P, Newell G/M, Nutter/Pryde R/F, O'Brien D/B, Oakes J, Olesen P/C, Palmer/Evernden I/F, Rogers R/R, Rohwer P/P, Sherwood R/C, Smyth J/H, Steele K/L, Thomas F/R, Treacy/Wenning J/R, Wilcox/Richardson G/J 31 + visitors Val Wall/Ron Campbell	CLUB ORGANISED	Darlington Beach 6640 7444
12 – 26 Nov 2023	Narrabeen Leisure Trip	Bickley/Barid C/C, Bryce/Tanner J/H, Davidson P/Y, Dew A/C, Fraser A/T, Leotta A/L, Maranik D/A, Newell G/M, Rohwer P/P, Wells J/J 10	John Bryce 0424 963 954 or Helen Tanner 0468 637 711	Big 4 Lakeside
22 – 30 Nov 2023	Belmont Lakeside	Barnes D, Edwards/Williamson S/G, Fraser T/A, Laney R/L, Leotta A/L, Wall/Campbell V/R 6	Susan Edwards 0414 452 317	Belmont Lakeside 4945 4750