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

**Meeting Held 16<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

**This was a General Meeting**

Members: 57 Attended 11 Apologies and 2 Visitors

### **Raffle Winners**

1<sup>st</sup> prize \$50.00 Sandra-Lee Sing

2<sup>nd</sup> prize \$30.00 Diane Barnes

3<sup>rd</sup> prize \$20.00 Fay Thomas

Winners of Gift Cards donated by **Creightons**

1 x \$30.00 Coles card Clive Brill

1 x \$20.00 Coles card Joan Cornwell

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

Gianne Wilcox and Joan Cornwell

### **Birthdays for June**

Newall Geoff	3-Jul	Collins Leonie	4-Jul
Wenning Robert	19-Jul	Geale Wendy	14-Jul
Terry Fraser	21-Jul		



## Social Report June 2024

Hope you are all booked in for Christmas in July rally, if you are not there is no guarantee you will be near the group. The Christmas lunch is being provided by the club at no extra cost to members, but if you have visitors coming the cost will be \$10.00 pp. I require numbers today for catering.

I will put table clothes on the tables and some decorations but if you would like to add more to your table and set your plates out you can do so at any time during the morning. Lunch will be about 1pm. **ANY DIET REQUIREMENTS PLEASE LET ME KNOW ASAP. Thank you to those that have said they have ovens for use on the day.** The program will be sent out just prior to the event.

As you all know I do a raffle with all proceeds going to JHCH the cost is \$5.00 for 10 tickets I have tickets with me for those who aren't going to purchase if you want. At this stage I have around 20 prizes a big thankyou to those who donated them.

You will find runs over on the table that you may be interested in attending, they are

5th -11th August Del Rio

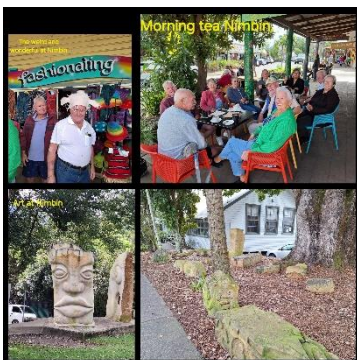
31st October - 7th November Tamworth

11th -25th November Narrabeen

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## Casino Beef Week, May 2024

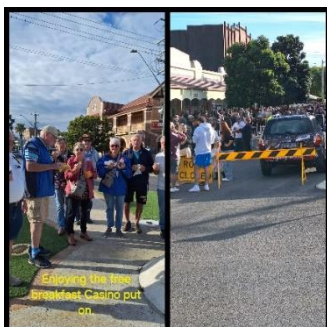
By Marilyn Kennedy



Enjoyed catching up with the group for Casino Beef festivities. Set up on Saturday afternoon then Sunday enjoyed group morning tea before wondering around Casino. Monday saw a visit to Kyogle then Tuesday was a visit to Nimbin where we found plenty to see in this very alternative location. We enjoyed the shops and had a lovely morning tea. Checked out



The Disabled community held a sausage sizzle which we enjoyed while checking out their entry for the Best Display Competition. The competition was based on 'Back to the 80's' and many of the shop windows had various displays.



The group spent the next couple of days at the activities staged. This included the free community breakfast, bush poets which were really funny and the judging of cattle trained by the under 16 yr olds. Also saw wood chop, buskers and street stalls. The craft market was really good and made a few purchases.



### North Haven by Janis



Fay, Rod, Sandra, Will, Leonie and Mike all stayed at Bulahdelah golf club for the night after leaving the meeting on their way to North Haven..... **never again** to close to highway with a constant flow of trucks all night.

Photos are of us all at Bonny Hills pub with even Bluey coming and joining us. It was nice to catch up with old members, with the meals being lovely and the staff very friendly and helpful. Would recommend it for a meal if you're up this way.



### Truck Friendly – caravan road safety program

HOW TO BEST INTERACT WITH HEAVY VEHICLES ON THE HIGHWAYS.

A MUST READ FOR ALL CARAVANNERS AND MOTORHOME DRIVERS.

One of the biggest complaints made by truck drivers is that RV's & caravanners try and help by slowing down when they are approaching an overtaking lane or opportunity.

They mistakenly believe that when they slow it makes it easier for the truck to overtake. In fact, it makes it much harder for the truck driver.

By slowing down BEFORE the overtaking lane, the truck driver behind you, must also slow, therefore losing momentum and the engine may also slow to below its most powerful revs. It will then take longer to build up speed to overtake and it may run out of double lanes before it has completed the overtaking manoeuvre leaving the caravan or RV with nowhere to go when their lane ends.

Remember, many trucks are speed limited so cannot overtake at high speed. They may need help to get by safely.

The best way to help is maintain your speed until the truck is beside you in the other 'overtaking' lane, not behind you, and then ease off your accelerator to gently slow your rig. Keep your van straight and avoid heavy braking that may cause the van to sway.

The rush of air from the passing truck can also cause caravan sway, so be prepared.

This will help the truck get past faster, safer and without losing valuable engine power or speed, especially as many overtaking lanes are on inclines where trucks and caravans struggle to maintain their speed.

Truck Friendly recommend communicating with the truck driver and let them know what you intend to do BEFORE you do it. They can then be prepared and know that you are a courteous and safe driver.

Be sure to keep an eye on the rearview mirror and do a head check of your blind spot to ensure there are no other vehicles also wanting to overtake you at the same time tucked in behind the truck.

It is better to have them overtake and get away from you than have them constantly behind you getting agitated, and you stressed not knowing when they will overtake.

Agitated drivers have been known to overtake when it is not safe out of pure frustration – endangering the lives of themselves, you, and the other road users.

There also may be that driver who tries to outrun you before the end of the overtaking lane, so always indicate early that you are running out of your lane and are moving back into the other lane when safe. Indicating and moving to the right-hand side of your lane will assist letting the other driver know of your intention to merge into the overtaking lane. Let them know your intentions early.

Other drivers will appreciate it and you will often get a “thank you” over the radio.

LET'S REMOVE THE 'US AND THEM' MENTALITY THAT CURRENTLY EXISTS BETWEEN DIFFERENT ROAD USER GROUPS. WE ARE ALL ROAD USERS, SO LET'S ALL WORK TOGETHER TO GET TO OUR DESTINATIONS SAFELY AND ON TIME.

You will feel good knowing you have been Truck Friendly and have helped and brightened someone day.

Keep all communication in a friendly voice and you will find that you will have a far more enjoyable and safer journey.

### **Van for Sale:**

**Contact Chris or John Knight if you or someone else you know is interested.** (Belongs to their friends)



Don't spend \$80k plus for a new van when you can buy this beautiful caravan as new! She's had just one owner, and not only has it been exceptionally well cared for, but also has enhancements that vans fresh off the market won't feature such: wind out windows, extended gas port for weber and extended grey water pipe so no one needs to crawl under the caravan! Hail resistant roof, awning cover to protect from weather, the solar panels have been upgraded to 200w and a long-handled leg winder for easier dropping of caravan legs. Other Features: - 21ft 6 - registration until April 2025 - Tare weight 2791 - Includes lockable tow hitch, security lock and sway bars. - 2 berth offroad, fully self-contained and set up for off grid camping. - 2 large gas cylinders. - 2 fresh water tanks and 3 grey water tanks. - Queen bed with memory foam mattress and under bed storage with safe. - Wind out windows. - 2 x 200w solar panels mounted on roof. - Indoor ensuite includes toilet, shower and washing machine. - Dual axel, new tyres with fresh wheel alignment (April 2024) and two spares. - 2 new 115amp deep cycle batteries. - New rollout awning with guards and comes with two additional privacy screens. - 190L fridge with





separate freezer, microwave oven, grill and 3 gas burner stovetop with 1 electric burner. - 2-person dining room with comfy material seats that have pull out foot rests. Dining table can be lifted aside and the space used for a third berth. - Comes with a TV mounted on swingable arm, speakers inside and outside. - External USB and 240v charging points outside. - Extra outdoor hot water shower. - Aircon and much more! Please message Chris or John Knight for further information or to arrange an inspection. Offers welcome.

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<b>Tuggerah Lakes Caravanners TRIP SHEETS 2024</b>				
<b>DATES</b>	<b>DESTINATION</b>	<b>MEMBERS ATTENDING</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>PARK</b>
<b>23 – 30 July</b>	<b>Ingenia One Mile Beach</b>	<b>Barnes/Gosper D/G, Cok, A/W, Collins M/L, Cooper D, Cornwell J, Curtis D/M, Dick/Moore M/T, Edwards/Williamson S/G, Fraser A/T, Howard B/A, Insull/Doyle B/J , Knight J/C Latham D/B, Lee-Sing W/S, Leotta A/L, Maranik D/A, Olesen P/C, Thomas R/F, Treacy/Wenning J/R, Wilkinson C, Wright/Merrett P/J 20</b>	<b>Club Organised</b>	<b>Ingenia One Mile Beach 4982 1112</b>
<b>5 – 11 Aug</b>	<b>Del Rio Riverside Park</b>	<b>Barnes/Gosper D/G, Collins M/L, Cornwell J, Cooper D, Curtis D/M, Dick/Moore M/T, Howard B/A, Lee-Sing S/W, Maranik D/A, Rees M/A, Ryan J/R, Sherwood C/D, Thomas F/R, Treacy/Wenning J/R 14</b>	<b>Fay &amp; Rod Thomas 0408 271 236</b>	<b>Del Rio Riverside Park 4566 4330</b>
<b>31 Oct – 7 Nov</b>	<b>Big 4 Tamworth</b>	<b>Barnes/Gosper D/G, Collins M/L, Cornwell J, Howard B/A, Insull/Doyle B/J, Lee-Sing W/S, Rees M/D, Rohwer P/P, Shoobert B, Smyth H/J, Thomas R/F, Treacy/Wenning J/R Visitors – Rush W/L 14</b>	<b>Club Organised</b>	<b>Big 4 Tamworth 6766 3120</b>
<b>11 – 25 Nov</b>	<b>Narrabeen Leisure Trip</b>	<b>Bickley/Baird C/C, Bryce/Tanner J/H, Davidson/Whitehead P/Y, Fraser A/T, Leotta A/L, Maranik D/A, Rohwer P/P, Wells J/J 8</b>	<b>John Bryce 0424 963 954 or Helen Tanner 0468 637 711</b>	<b>PLEASE CONTACT JOHN OR HELEN TO BOOK</b>