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Club Numbers: Well the big day finally arrived in February and it took just 20 months to reach our nominated club membership of 125 vans. The surprise was that in that last month 13 vans joined with seven joining at the February meeting giving us a total of 129 vans. The big question now is will the number of people wanting to join our club slow down.

Meet and Greet: What a disappointment for all.--- Whilst at Hartwood we were advised that Morisset Showground always holds a major Market Day on the first Saturday of each month. On checking with the showground manager on the Tuesday after Easter he confirmed that there would be 150 stalls set up on the Friday night and all day Saturday. He also said Lake Macquarie Caravan Club would be attending and were staying until the

Monday. He said that TLC members would be located in and around the area maybe on the showground and he would find power etc. What was very clear was that the stall holders had their permanent sites which was the area where we parked our vans last year. The Committee determined to cancel the Meet and Greet. But all is not lost we are currently looking for a site where we can locate say 50 vans with a hall big enough to accommodate say 130 people. Please ring me if you have any suggestions.

Future Meet and Greet: We have a few good suggestions and currently we are closing in on a venue. Des hopes to be able to announce something at the April meeting. It is wonderful when so many members come up with suggestions. *Thanks folks it makes our job easier.*

Postage/Emailing of Newsletters: With the April Newsletter we are going to try a new delivery system. The Email copy will be sent out on the Saturday before the Sunday meeting. With the hard copy for postage members being available for pick up at the Sunday meeting. For those members who do not attend the meeting their copy will be posted on the day after the meeting. This will give us extra time to prepare the newsletter and we will not need to return home early

Raffle Prize Payment: We agreed in the early stage of our club formation to donate in alphabetical order a gift to the value of \$15 for our club monthly raffle. This was changed to the value of \$20 and then again reviewed to the current position with the club raffle now being a \$50 voucher (that is the club put in \$30 and the members in

turn donating \$20). Each member who is due to donate the \$20 is listed in the Newsletter for three months so please pay our Treasurer as soon as you find it convenient. The list is on page (6) six just below the Committee of Management List. Remember you will only need to pay this once every (13) thirteen years.

Checking of Details: We need to check that we have correct records of all members. So at the April meeting I will start checking with each of you to confirm your details are correct. (Ed)

Site Signs and Discount Cards: If you wish to purchase a Caravan Site Sign then see Clarrie Stevens. He will show you a copy and if you wish you can buy one from him or prepare your own. He will also provide you with your Club Identification Discount Card. Also see him about awning clips to hold down your awning

Statistics: After 22 months of operation interesting statistics are starting to appear. During the last eight (8) months the following figures have been recorded. But these figures do not take into account new members who have not had time to attend a club organized trip.

- 39 caravans have attended **no** trips
- 25 caravans have attended **one** trip
- 19 vans have attended **two** trips
- 12 vans have attended **three** trips
- 6 vans have attended **four** trips
- 11 vans have attended **five** or more

I notice there are only two trips available from May to 1st September.

Hole In One One of our club members went out west for a family birthday and a

gathering of family friends. They were really rapt in the Wellington Caves Caravan Resort which Terry suggests may be a great venue for our club at some time in the future Now for the good oil --our club member is a golfer *Would you believe ????????* He had a "Hole-In-One" on the 8th at Wellington Golf Club (*which is right alongside the van park*) AND was playing on his own with not another blessed person in sight**Damn!!!!** He tried to get a nearby magpie to witness it but....no luck! Watch this newsletter for a cartoon depicting the non witness in attendance. (*Editors Comments Tried to contact the Maggie for confirmation but alas to no avail it had flown the coop ---so I guess it's up to the reader to look into Terry's eyes and see the truth*) Ah such is life (Ned Kelly)

Wine Glass Covers: Just been advised that Rhonda S has received the ordered 54 drink covers and she will have them at the April meeting. They are being sold at the Rosehill Caravan Show for \$12 but Rhonda has them for \$6.60. So if you placed an order with her please bring your money and pick them up.

State Representative Report:

The February meeting for the election of officers for State positions was cancelled due to constitutional problems and will now be held in May at Berry. Discussion is still continuing on insurance for committee members. A lot of discussion re the 2009 State Rally at Berry Showground. A report was given on the breakdown of figurers from the National Rally at Forbes. It was estimated that clubs spent about \$300,000 in Forbes during the 10 days.

Rosehill Caravan and Camping Show. It was interesting to note that the stand requires 50 teams to fill all vacancies at the show and our members from TLC filled 19 places. Wonder what will happen next year?

2009 State Rally: The clubs that will host the State Rally for the next three years are (**Shoalhaven 2009**) – (**Hunter 2010**) and (**Brisbane Waters in 2011**). To make sure we are able to attend next year our Tour Director will shortly put the Shoalhaven State Rally trip up on the board. It is eleven months away but we do not want to miss out like we did this year. Mmmmm a trip to the Shoalhaven area would be nice. Maybe we could stay overnight with the Beesleys on the way down ???

2009 State Rally NEWS FLASH!!!!

The State rally will be held on the weekend 13th, 14th and 15th March 2009 at Berry. They have 140 powered sites and require a \$15 deposit. The deposit will be refundable if you cancel within one month of the event. The Tour Director will have a Trip Sheet on the Board at the April meeting so place your name on the list and pay your \$15 deposit. Following the Rally we will put a trip one of the local areas for four days. (*We have "pencil booked" 15 sites at the State Rally at this stage*)

Tuncurry Trip: Another lovely trip of 26 vans. **We enjoyed it so much it has been booked again for next year.** Weather patchy, from very hot to wet and windy. Activities – markets, swimming, walking, fishing, golf, lawn bowls, movies, general fun and games and the great fruitcake cook off (organised by a very good organiser).

Lovely fruit cake each afternoon at Happy Hour, the judges did a great job and were very diplomatic with everyone getting a prize-winning wooden spoon. There were card games played most nights in the camp kitchen, but only until 10.30 as the lights were automatically switched off at that time. A few highlights:- A member went fishing for the very first time and caught his very first fish (how exciting). Some folk went off to try to catch beach worms, Roy catching the only one and that only about 12 cm long. A group of us went across to the surf beach to fish or paddle. Yours truly was dumped, but lifesaver Carol managed to save my sunglasses. Does that count as a rescue? . A lot of the ladies managed to get dumped in the rock pool. (A couple of days the seas were very rough).. Grandma turned up to entertain at one Happy Hour, resplendent in her best St. Vinnie's outfit bought especially for the occasion. A luncheon cruise was organized on Wallis Lake – great value and a great day. We organised a couple of walks – one up to Rotary Lookout and one up Cape Hawke (many, many, many steps). Good view at the top. We had an afternoon/evening at the local club to watch the Mariners very sadly go down in their grand final game with Newcastle. Sadder still, all around us were cheering Newcastle fans. We had a few first trippers with us and I hope they all enjoyed themselves – we certainly enjoyed their company. Each trip is what we make it and we all had a most enjoyable week or two.

Laurel Curnow

First Aid Course Investigations: We currently have 19 people who wish to do the First Aid Course. We hope to be

allocated 6 positions in this year's course conducted by the State Association. It would be great if we could arrange some other source of first aid training. Any suggestions?????

Payment of Annual Subscription for 2008/09: Our \$10 per person annual fees are due to be paid by the 30th June and not later than the 31st July. Everyone must pay by that date. Please do not forget to renew your annual subscription **Please pay your fees to our Treasurer Robyn before that date as there will be no follow up reminder phone calls. The Treasurers address is on the top of the Newsletter**

Listing Past Occupations: This matter was raised by a couple of people and it is worth considering. If we are doing some odd job such as plumbing, carpentering mechanical, preparing of correspondence to government/councils etc we often wish we had someone we could speak to for advice on the best way to proceed. So maybe members might like to discuss this a little further and those that wish may place their names on a "Past Experience List". Give Des feedback if you think it worth discussing at a general meeting

2008 September AGM Elections: The AGM is only a few months away and it is time for members to give consideration to which position they may nominate for. It is very important that we share the workload. So please think about this important matter. Remember nomination forms must be in the hands of the Secretary (5) five weeks before the AGM

The More you Put In The More you get out: This is a very old saying but it is very true. The more involvement you have with the club by trips and outings the more enjoyment you will get from your club. There is a lot of satisfaction in organizing and doing things for your club and members.

Easter:

Here's some interesting information. This year is the earliest Easter any of us will ever see the rest of our lives! And only the most elderly of our population have ever seen it this early (95 years old or above!). And none of us have ever, or will ever, see it a day earlier! Here's the facts:

- 1) The next time Easter will be this early (March 23) will be the year 2228 (220 years from now). The last time it was this early was 1913 (so if you're 95 or older, you are the only ones that were around for that!).
- 2) The next time it will be a day earlier, March 22, will be in the year 2285 (277 years from now). The last time it was on March 22 was 1818. So, no one alive today has or will ever see it any earlier than this year!

Trip to Canberra October 08: We have listed a trip to Canberra from the 30th October to the 6th November. We will stay in Epic Park in Canberra. The costs are usually \$20 per night we have received a 25% discount and will only pay \$15 per night for a stay of 5 or more nights. This trip is to allow us to do the touristy thing in and around Canberra. We will be there just after the Tulip Festival so a few flowers may still be around. (We could not get in during the peak period)

Sponsors Donation: To assist us in our Meet and Greet prizes for our raffles and to pay for our entertainment Cameron Cole from Central Coast Caravans had donated a \$500 Shade Wall which was to be raffled amongst members only in May/June /July. We have put on hold the gifts from 7th Street Caravan who had donated \$100 voucher, Tracside Automotive had donated 3 three vehicle inspection certificates valued at \$120. These will be raffled at the next Meet & Greet.

Filling Gas Bottles: I have been advised by a gas company representative that the general public should not fill their own gas bottle. Apparently on some occasions a lone person in a service station have ask members to help themselves

Bush Camping Sites: We are starting to gather a few recommended Free Camp sites. Camps 4 Book Site 298 Forges Beach No2 10.6k NW Yarrowonga on the Murray is recommended on the river trip. We will print a list as we receive information.

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Hartwood Report: Well another Hartwood trip has come and gone. What a great time was had by all. Sixteen vans in total attended most arriving on the Monday. Our first job was to set up our

camp pit fires and this year we had two beer kegs for our hot water which worked very well. Second job was to erect our colourbond shed and after a short debate decided where to site it It is the best shed on the property and we had our club flag draped across the back of the shed so everyone knew where TLC were. Tuesday lunchtime was our Beach Party with everyone getting into their beach gear. We were lucky to have snapper fish for lunch donated by Peter & Eileen and cooked by Chef Ricky. What about our dampers they are getting better each time we cook them and what a variety. Not to mention Bill Riggers dampers and cakes with a bit more practice he will be close to us ladies (Ha Ha) The week passed so fast, on Wednesday night we had country dancing up at the homestead with Peter Horan. We also had a few Fred Astairs and Ginger Rogers in our group. Thursday night we had a group dinner every van had to prepare a meal to share what a variety of food I might add a few glasses of wine was also shared. Saturday night was our fancy dress party what a mixture of dress. Tom Maxwell did not know what had arrived at the Camp Concert when a few of our turned up and did a paraded in front of a huge crowd. (Who said grey nomads only play bingo). Sunday morning our Easter Bunny did her rounds and not only our vans but adjoining vans. I heard bunny visited a lady still in bed and a gent in the shower however bunny did not put her paw up too high to the showering gent. Well the music, weather and company was all great and very enjoyable. Monday morning we all started leaving for home. See you all next year. *Happy Caravanning Coral Kane*

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K. Duggan May
W.P Dunks June
L.J. Easter July

Would you please supply the \$20 to our Treasurer Robyn Rigger. If you are unable to attend the meeting contact Robyn so that she can arrange for the next names on the list.

TLC Birthdays. APRIL

Williams Veronica	1-Apr
Graham Beris	2-Apr
Howard Beryl	4-Apr
Robertson Peter	6-Apr
Davies Rusty	10-Apr
Swiney Allen	10-Apr
Smithers Alan	13-Apr
Green Barry	14-Apr
Green Lee	14-Apr
Wallace Doug	15-Apr
Sheehan Albert	17-Apr
Chambers Col	18-Apr
Broadhurst Hoye	19-Apr
Cain Pamela	20-Apr
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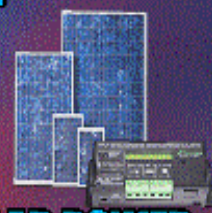
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Date	Venue	Phone	Pets	Dep	Cards	Trip Leader	Phone
Apr 21 - 30	BEECHWORTH	03 5728 1421	No	Yes	Yes	Clarie Stevens	4369 2759
Carr, Curnow, Stevens, Lambert, Beesley, Cooper, Smith, Davies, Thomas, Cooper K/R, Hendy, Holland, Mackay, Brown, Lanci, Hogan, Bickley, McGowan, Linfoot, Broadhurst/Hoye, Cain, Roberts, Moore, Bullock/Browning (Total 24)							
Apr 30- May 10	SOUTH VICTORIAN TREK		No	No	Yes	Des Cooper	43933383
ATTENDING: Cooper D&A, Smith, Thomas L&B							
May/June	TOUR TO THE RED CENTRE	Ring David	Nil	Nil	Nil	David Gross	43250668
ATTENDING: Gross, Lyons, Thomas, Ryan (Total 4)							
19th - 30th June	NORTH COAST TREK		No		yes	TBA	
ATTENDING: Linfoot, Fletcher, Bullock/Browning (Total 3)							
Sep 1 - 8	BLACKSMITHS BEACH	4971 2858	Yes	Yes	Yes	C of Mgt	C of M
ATTENDING: Cooper, Stevens, Beesley, Lambert, Cooper K/R, Ketley, Curnow, Kane, Gordon, Stewart, Lee-Sing, Holland, Woods, Johnson, Wardrop, Howey, Carr, McAndrew, Wallace, Hughes, Broadhurst, Grady, Mackay, Purnell/Filmer, Roberts, Patterson, Marsh, Kane, Bickley, Welland, Teesson, Newbold, Rigger (Total 33)							
Sep 25 - Oct 5	BURONGA CARAVAN PARK	03 5023 3040	Yes	Yes	Yes	To be Nom.	Nil
ATTENDING: Lambert, Beesley, Howard, Smith (Total 4)							
Oct 5 - 15	MURRAY RIVER BUSH CAMPING	Nil	No	?	?	????????	Nil
ATTENDING: Gross, Courts, Broadhurst/Hoye, Linfoot, Rance, Lambert, Eadie, Lamrock (Total 8)							
20th - 26th October	CANBERRA		Yes		Yes	Des Cooper	43933383
ATTENDING: Cooper D&A, Lambert, Smith, Patterson, Purnell/Filmer, Linfoot, Fletcher, Hayes/Hart, Cannard (Total 9)							
30th Oct - 5th Nov	NORAH HEAD	4396 3935	Yes	Yes	Yes	R/K Cooper	43972285
ATTENDING: Cooper K/R, Cooper D/A, Stevens, Lambert, Curnow, Patterson, Mackay, Smith T/L, Roberts, Hendy, Ducker, Wallace, Ketley (Total 13)							
Nov 23 - 30	NARRABEEN 2008	DO NOT PHONE	No	No	Yes	Committee	Committee
ATTENDING: Thomas, Howard, Sheehan, Cooper K/R, Sutton, Williams, Linfoot, Thomas R/J, Lambert, Holland, Woolfe, Chambers, Steele, Patterson, Stevens, Curnow, Roberts, Broadhurst/Hoye, Hayes, Marsh, Kane, Purcell, Grady, Moore N, Rigger, Dew, Fletcher, McAndrew, West, Stewart, Wardrop, Johnson, Cooper A/D, Ducker, Jones, Murgatroyd, McDonald, Beesley, Bengier, Wildman, Holmes, Fuller, Evans, Bullock/Browning, McKay, Dungate, Wallace, Burns, Field, Fisher, Johnson P/G, Reynolds, Swiney, Cannard (Total 54)							

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