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Swaggie on the Strzelecki Track. We are several weeks into our five month trip from Lake Macquarie in our Swaggie motor home (we sold our caravan) we are towing Phil's every day 1970 404 Peugeot ute. Firstly to S.A. to have a look at Lake Eyre while it's full of water then up the Strzelecki Track to Tibooburra to try some gold prospecting for a few weeks then proceeding north into central Qld. While in outback Qld we will be doing 5 weeks volunteering on a cattle station with the organisation 'VISE' (you can look it up on the net) I will send a report on that experience later in the trip. The wonderful 2 ¼ hr flight over Lake Eyre and Cooper Creek exceeded our expectations the lake definitely looks like an inland sea and the country side has never looked better there is water laying everywhere. The desert is green with native shrubs and grasses bursting out of the sand and stones everywhere you look. Seven

planes & two helicopters were in the air over the lake while we did our flight, the pilots were constantly radioing their positions and altitude. There are so many grey nomads out here doing it, it is astounding.



We stayed at Lyndhurst behind the Pub, it is also the start of the Strzelecki track which was the next leg of our journey. Most people tear over the Strz in a day at 100kph but as it was our first visit we wanted to take our time and spent 5 days doing the 380km trip to Cameron Corner. Even though it is called a track it is more like a dirt highway, the

conditions ranged from good to ordinary as there were patches of corrugations where the roads hadn't been graded for a while. We took our time and being in a motor home we slow down until all the rattles stop hence sometimes we were down to 15kph in places and doing 60kph in others. The best camp spot and there are lots was 'Montecollina Bore Rest Area' (in the Camps book). On arrival we found a clean dam brimming with bore water which was pouring out of the pipe at 45deg temp and then overflowing into a billabong with lots of shrubs, trees and birdlife, a beautiful oasis. We used buckets of this abundant hot water for showers and washing up to save our supplies. It is serviced by the National Parks and has covered tables, toilets and information on the area. It was so nice we stayed several nights as did quite a few other campers. We heard a pack of dingoes howling on sunset one night and in the

morning there were dozens of dog footprints around our campfire in the sand. They obviously wait for you to go to bed before they investigate as we didn't see or hear them. While travelling further along the track we came across the amazing sight of a modern day elderly swaggie, Klaus with his blue healer dog and two camels. The camels took turn to tow his little Suzuki ute with his worldly possessions. The vehicle had no motor, windscreen or doors, camel power only. We stopped for a chat and asked if he needed anything, "no thank you" was his reply "I have everything I need here with me". There were solar panels on the roof of the vehicle that ran his Engle fridge his swag hanging off the back bumper and he was having a cuppa brewed on his little gas stove while his camels grazed in the desert beside the road. He does 10-20 km a day and seemed very content and happy. A little further on we came across 70 year old David who was walking the track going from the East coast to the West coast of Australia for charity. He had a friend driving a support vehicle with the camping gear. He had been on the road for 2 months with another 3 to go. Two very amazing men. On the top half of the track you start going over the dozens of red, firm sand hills covered in native shrubs some in flower, you get to the top of one and you can see the next 6 or 7 dunes in the distance. It's very beautiful travelling the desert country we don't find it boring lots to see, wonderful wedge tailed eagles and birds of all kinds, beautiful white river gums growing in the dry creek

beds, lots of native flowering shrubs and stone ruins of stations that used to be. Cameron Corner consists of a roadhouse/corner shop, the wild dog fence and the boundary of SA, QLD, NSW with the famous surveyors corner post. We had a peaceful campsite here (\$5 donation to RFDS) enjoying a wonderful full moon lighting up the desert. 138km further on we arrived at Tibooburra, it's also known as the capital of the Corner Country, population 150. A friendly country town in the middle of the desert with most services, two pubs, supermarket, roadhouse, school of the air base etc. We are staying in the caravan park (\$15.50 p/night power site) with lots of grey nomad gold prospectors most who come here every winter for several months. They have a campfire happy hour every night and show and tell their luck of the day. One bloke proudly showed me the 1 oz nugget he found a couple of days before, first one he had ever found. We have been here now for 2 weeks and Phil has found his first couple of small nuggets. Now awaiting a new battery to arrive for his detector from Adelaide next week so will keep trying when that arrives. Will report his success next time. This is 'Life As Good As It Gets' Lyn & Phil Bromley

Date Slice

375grams chopped dates
1 cup boiling water
2 teaspoons instant coffee
Soak over-night
1 Cup SR flour mix with above
Bake at 160 deg. for about 45minutes

2013 National Rally Rockhampton Queensland: The 15th National Rally is scheduled 23rd September to 2nd October (9 nights) **2013**. It is a total cost of \$375. Registration forms are available from the Secretary. THE MOST IMPORTANT POINT IS THAT MEMBERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING THEIR OWN DEPOSIT AND PROGRESIVE PAYMENTS IN THE TIMEFRAME as detailed in the registration form. **The bottom line is you are responsible for your own booking.**

AGM Nominations: It's that time again. The 2011 AGM will be held on the 20th November. We are required to send out the nomination forms in time for you to nominate and return them to the Secretary five (5) weeks before the AGM. So this year the forms will be attached to the September Newsletter

Membership Renewal Form: We were pleased to see that most members took the time to fill out their details on the renewal form. A few half filled it out and of course --- just a few did not bother at all. There were about (40) forty changes made to the Official Register.

OH&S Officer: Due to a casual vacancy in this position the committee has appointed Peter Kane as OH&S Officer until the November AGM.

Tour Director: Due to a casual vacancy in this position the committee has appointed Des Cooper as Tour Director until the November AGM.

Insurance Costs State Association: This year the cost for TLC in insuring your caravan through the State Associations Insurance went up to \$3.75 a caravan and our affiliation fee's to the State Association rose to \$85.

National Association Magazine: The National Association has decided to produce a free quarterly magazine. This is a new concept and they are currently getting all Caravan Clubs in Australia to prepare a list of members who would like to receive the magazine by post. To receive the magazine you need to place your name on a list (It's your choice). They need our club to prepare a list of members who volunteer their names and address also email address and submit it to the State Association in the first instance. The Committee of Management has determined that TLC members will need to sign a letter (Copy Attached to Newsletter) authorizing the Secretary to provide such details as required.

Committee of Management Position: The committee have considered the number of Committee of Management positions. Also the fact that all committee members are not available at all times. They have determined the make the OH&S position a Committee of Management position.

Raffle Prize Increase: The C of M has agreed to increase the monthly raffle prize to \$50 - \$30 - \$20 a total of \$100 so if you are not in it you cannot win it. Buy your tickets from Cecily Ranse

straight after you sign the attendance book. Cecily has a "Special" on at the moment of 10 tickets for \$5 or 3 tickets for \$2.

Halekulani Complimentary Lunches: The President has had discussions with the Secretary/Manager and club officers re attendance at club meetings. Halekulani Management has now offered to provide two (2) complimentary lunch vouchers to be used on the meeting day. This will be drawn at 11.55am at each Sunday meeting. So if you wish to win a free lunch you will need to be at the meeting by 11.45am to get your ticket

Smoke Alarms in Caravans: At the July meeting the question was posed "Who checks if you have installed the new photoelectric cell type smoke detector" as required under recent Legislation.. Answer is not to sure- but if you were to have a fire your Insurance Co MAY question your claim. Maybe when you have your van checked for registration. Notwithstanding the above it is now a requirement and all members should comply prior to the August date

Charity Donations: The general meeting was briefed on the history of our clubs donation to charities. The committee has agreed that we will continue to support our two standard charities ie Royal Flying Dr and Childrens Medical Research for \$100. That we also support the three collections carried out by our Charity Officer ie (Movember Prostate Cancer,

Daffodil Day Childrens Cancer and Biggest Morning Tea for Breast Cancer) Also the committee will match monies collected to an appropriate amount. The general meeting agreed to leave the process in the hands of the committee.

Reversing Camera's: A member raised a question about rear cameras on caravans. The question was were they a toy or tool? Members spoke in favour and gave a number of examples. No one made any coment's against

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and power points inside and out. And Inner
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Social Director

The next luncheon is booked at
Shelly Beach Golf Club
12.00pm 17th August 2011

**Remember to let me know if you buy
or sell any item. Alice xx**

**Next ---General Meeting
Sunday 21st August 2011**

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McDonald P/E	July
McGillicuddy J/M	August

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direct to Treasurer Philip Webb

BIRTHDAYS

AUGUST

Lee Sing William	3-Aug
Davies Claudia	3-Aug
Moore Joy	5-Aug
Scally Barry	7-Aug
Salmon Kerryn	9-Aug
Kane Coral	10-Aug
Henry Vicki	12-Aug
Lusted John	12-Aug
Palmer Ashley	12-Aug
Laney Lorraine	12-Aug
Evans David	16-Aug
Johnson Gai	17-Aug
Pettigrew Judith	17-Aug
Fabien Margery	18-Aug
Svensson Jan	23-Aug
McGowan Jeanette	24-Aug
Cannard Wendy	25-Aug
Smithers Lynne	25-Aug
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Aylett Wendy	29-Aug
O'Brien Bill	31-Aug

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TLC --OFFICIAL TRIP ATTENDANCE RECORD

2011- HARTWOOD COUNTRY MUSIC	APRIL 17 – 25	TOTAL 19.
Brown L/J, Carr, Cooper D/A, Curnow, Eadie, Edwards/Williamson, Howard, Holmes, Jones, Kane, Kennedy, Lalor, McGowan, Pollard, Ranse, Rigger, Somerville, Steele, Woods,		
2011 – STOCKTON BEACH	MAY 18 -24	TOTAL 1
Thomas J/R		
2011 - BURREN JUNCTION --HOT POOLS	JUNE 1 -8	TOTAL 1
Svensson,		
2011 - BATEAU BAY C/PARK	JUNE 8 - 14	TOTAL Nil
2011 – QUEENSLAND WANDER	JUNE and JULY	TOTAL 4
Curnow, Holland, Majchrowski, Pollard,		
2011 - XMAS IN JULY- SWANSEA GARDENS	JULY 21 - 28	TOTAL 28
Brown G/J, Cooper D/A, Fabien, Flippence, Henry, Hendy, Hennessy, Howard, Kane, Kinnell, Latham, Laney, Majchrowski, Roach, Wallace, Stevens, Belshaw, Lee-Sing, Stewart, Jones, Ducker, Scally, Curnow, Pollard, Holland, McCann, Steell, Somerville,		

TRIPS CURRENTLY LISTED on the BOARD

Aug 31 – Sept 7	ONE MILE BEACH CARAVAN PARK	ANNA BAY	1800 650 035	Contact G/L Johnson
Coltman, Cooper D/A, Ducker, Kane, Johnson G/L, Marsland, Mac Henry, Webb, Stevens, Shoobert, Flippence,				
Sept 7 – 13th	SANDBAR CARAVAN PARK	Ph No. 6554 4095	Contact Kinnells/Lathams/Cooper	
Cooper D/A, Ducker, Flippence, Hennessy, Herod, Johnson G/P, Johnson G/L, Kinnell, , Latham, Marsland, Majchrowski, Meatheringham, Reilly, Rohwer, Webster, Smith, Williams G/K, Kane, Riley R/M, Henry				
Sept 20 – 27th	BEDGEYABONG MUSIC CAMPOUT - FORBES			Contact The Group
Woods, Howard, Moore, Rigger, Maslem, Holmes, Cooper D/A, Reilly				
Sept 28 –Oct 27	GREAT SOUTHWEST RAMBLE			Contact Clarrie Stevens.
Coltman, Clarke, Cannard, Davidson, Stevens, Brady, Murgatroyd, Fletcher, Morris, McCann, Belshaw, Easter, Gross				
Oct 19 – 23rd	ROSEWOOD ROUNDUP COUNTRY MUSIC	Near Tumbarumba	Contact	
Howard, Reilly,				
Oct 27- Nov 3	2011 NARRABEEN RALLY	DO NOT RING	Contact Kanes/Coopers	
Angell, Bromley, Burrows, Coltman, Cooper D/A, Flippence, Kane, Hennessy, Marsland, McGillicuddy, Shawcross, Easter, Thomas B/L, Ducker, Chambers, Laney, Lee-Sing, Stewart, Holmes, Sommerville, Schoobert, Belshaw, Rigger, Patterson, Stevens, Jones, Moore, Smith, Howard, Lavis, Steel, Fletcher, Field, Brown G/J, Holland, Davies, Pollard, Williamson G/EdwardsS, Cannard, Morris, Eadie, Palmer, McCann, Wallace, McDonald, Majchrowski, Payne, Brown L/J, Dew, Vanderveer, Dunn, Henry, Johnson G/L, Marsland, Haberfield, Brady, Russell, Steell,				
Nov 17 – 22	CANBERRA COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL			Contact Tour Director
Nil				

2012

Jan 4 – 11 :	ELVIS PRESLEY FESTIVAL TRIP -PARKES Nil	Contact
Jan 20 – 27	TAMWORTH COUNTRY MUSIC Sheehan	Contact
Feb 1 – 9th :	TUNCURRY CARAVAN PARK 1800 227 275 Nil	Contact The Howards 4353 3700
Feb 9 – 15th	HAPPY HALLIDAYS 1800 555 454 Bromley, Cooper D/A, Kane, Shawcross, Flippence,	Contact The Kanes 4333 9738
Feb 20 -27th	TAMWORTH FESTIVAL at THE BALLADEERS HOMESTEAD	Contact
Mar 2 - 4th	NSW STATE RALLY) Nil	Contact
Mar 29 – 1 Apr	SNOWY RIVER BUSH FESTIVAL CORRYONG 6076 1992 Nil	Contact
Mar 29 –Apr 1	COOLAH MUSIC FESTIVAL (Weekend Before HARTWOOD) Cooper D/A	Contact The Coopers
Apr 2 – 9th	HARTWOOD COUNTRY MUSIC Cooper D/A, Kane, Pollard, Webb	Contact The Kanes 4333 9738
Apr 8 -15th	LIGHTNING RIDGE Nil	Contact
Apr 9 – 14th	BOGGABRI CAMPGROUND WEEKEND Cooper D/A	Contact
Apr 14 – 21	BURREN JUNCTION --HOT POOLS -FREE CAMPING-SHOWERS-TOILETS Nil	Contact
May 2 – 6th	CELTIC FESTIVAL GLEN INNES Curnow Pollard, Holland, Kane, Hogan, Lanci, Cooper D/A, Stevens, Clarke	Contact The Curnows 4369 5954 (10 sites available)