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Exciting Life: I guess we live life the way we want it. Last week we received a letter from a friend and we would like to share a part of the letter with members

“Three highlights of the year so far has been another request from Centre Link for my Income Stream pension documents, also an Infringement Notice which incurred eight (8) demerit points and then the next week the Council Rates Notice!! Talk about a heap of laughs. I’m nearly too scared to head out for my mornings exercise walk to the mailbox.” *Mmmmmm--I exciting??*

Xmas Party Dinner; Remember to pay your \$25 for the Xmas Party/Dinner which is being held on Sunday 13th December. We will need to know numbers by the November meeting.

Picnic Grandparents Day Please remember to let Lyn Purcell (4396 3154) know if you are attending the Grandparents Day on Saturday 9th January 2010. There is a lot of work in planning and buying gifts for member’s grandkids.

WHERE ARE THEY

No1	First Aid Kit	R/R Stewart
No2	First Aid Kit	C/P Stevens
No1	Disc Bowls	R/R Stewart
No2	Disc Bowls	??????

WHO HAS No 2 DISC BOWLS SET ???

Download Items onto Desktop: Sometimes members have trouble opening documents and newsletters after they have been downloaded onto their computer. We have found that by downloading to our Desktop makes it easy to open and work on documents. Give it a try lets know what happens

RAFFLE TICKET SELLERS

October	M/I Woods
November	G/S Williamson
January	R/V Williams
February	M/H Wildman

Adopt a Digger: Gary Johnson addressed the meeting on the subject of “Adopt a Digger” He gave a description of activities involving letters and parcels sent to members serving in nine areas oversea’s.

The Ourimba RSL Clubs team have involved the local schools in the program and have sent about 2500 boxes and letters at this time. He thanked members for the donation of \$34.

2009 Narrabeen Rally: The \$15 per person deposit pays for the Marquee, a club Dinner (BBQ) with sweets and wine also a Pikelets/jam/cream morning tea and the use of a BBQ for the week. The program of activities for the week is attached to the newsletter. Have you booked in ---have you paid the appropriate deposits???

Boat Motor Servicing: We all understand the need to service our cars and caravans regularly. But it is just as important to have our boat motors in top condition prior to the summer fishing/boating season.

RB Marine Services who advertise in our Newsletter are a mobile service that is available to all members. So give Richard a ring if you want a motor serviced or have any questions about servicing repairs etc.

All details are in his add on page (5).
Good fishing

Christmas Cakes: We need a few people to volunteer to cook Xmas Cakes for the club. Coral has a couple of bottles of Brandy that is available for inclusion. If you can assist ring Coral on **4333 9738**

Bowls Day: We are in the process of organizing a Lawn Bowls and an Indoor Bowls day on 5th February 2010. More details as they come to hand

Steele's Around Aussie Report (cont)

10/08/09 We decided to go on a Surface Tour of Mount Isa Mine it was a 2 hour bus tour which takes in Black Star open cut and the surface operations of the mine and showed us how they sort the copper, zinc, lead and silver we were amazed of how big the operation is, it was very interesting. Mount Isa is the 5th largest city in the world by surface area; Mount Isa is 43,010 square kms in size with 22,000 populations, we also went to an underground Hospital and Museum, it was built in 1942 following the bombing of Darwin. We also went to the lookout at dusk where you can see 360degrees of the city and the mine looks like a fairy land, we also went for a drive to Lake Moondarra where it is stocked with Barramundi and you don't need a permit to fish.

14/08/09. Arrived at Karumba It is a small fishing town that survives on tourism; there are only around 600 permanent populations. Kev and I went on a fishing charter, there were 7 on board it was a good morning, and I mostly caught sharks and catfish and 1 salmon but Kev cleaned up and caught 5 salmon so he was very happy. That afternoon the annual school fete was on from 2pm till 12pm and is held at the Golf Club, the whole town supports it, the Restaurants and the 2 Hotels close their doors at 6pm to go to the fete and there are only 63 children in the school and last year they raised over \$30,000. On Sunday we went on a Sunset Cruise they told us all about the history of the town and all about the big flood they had last year when the town was cut off for 10 weeks. They served a beautiful supper of prawns, fruit

and nibbles with a choice of drinks to have while we watched the sunset.

17/08/09. Today we are heading towards Cairns we stopped at George Town for the night.

18/08/09. We were told to stop at Ravenshoe old Railway station as it only cost a donation of \$6.00 for a powered site and it was set up like a train museum. We went for a drive to Mt Hypipamee, which is a crater and also went to Millstream Falls,

19/08/09. We are at Cairns for 3 days. We are going to take it easy, We are heading down to Mission Beach to catch up with Lee and Col Chambers.

MONTHLY RAFFLE LIST

Howard Alan/Beryl October

Hunt/Holly Les/Jane November

Johnson Gai/Peter January

**Would you please supply the \$20
direct to Treasurer Bill Patterson**

22/08/09. We have booked into the big 4 at South Mission Beach for it is a beautiful place palm trees lined the beach, clear blue waters and the water temp is 23 degrees and you look straight across to Dunk Island The next day the boys wanted to go fishing so they hired a boat for half a day and we all decided to go, Lee was the star she caught 2 big fish that they could eat. We did lots of swimming and would go back in a flash and it was lovely to catch up with old friends as much as you make new friends along the way there is nothing like old friends.

27/08/09. On Friday night we all went and watched the Cowboys play the Broncos which was a very pleasant night. Townsville is a growing city with a beautiful foreshore along the strand and Judy was our tourist guide, she took us for a lovely drive up the mountains and to Castle Hill Lookout where you can see Magnetic Island. On Saturday night we went out for Dinner and then we went to the Casino and donated to the economy of the town.

31/08/09. We are going to Bowen today and we have booked into The Discovery Holiday Park. Bowen has some of the nicest little beaches where you can go snorkeling to see a variety of fish and coral. While we were there we caught up with Tom and Bernice Fuller who are members of our Caravan Club. That night we

went out for tea to The Grand View Hotel where they shot parts of the movie The Australian and the Hotel was full of pictures of the movie all around the walls. The next night we had a BBQ with them before we headed off.

03/09/09 Today we are heading to Airlie Beach and will catch up with Lee and Col we have booked into Island Gateway Holiday Park Airlie has changed so much since we were there 20 years ago. It has become built out with large Resorts and Backpackers accommodation. The weather has been great around 28 degrees; the 4 of us have booked into going on a cruise for father's day to Hamilton, Daydream and Whitehaven Beach. We had a wonderful day and the water at Whitehaven was 23degrees, we had 3 hours there and did not want to get out of the water. Next day we went for a drive to Cape Gloucester Eco Resort, which is near Hideaway Bay, it was a beautiful beach, which overlooked all the surrounding islands, and we had lunch there on the balcony. We also went for a drive to Midge Point which we weren't that impressed with.. Airlie Beach have built a large Island type pool right behind the shops on the foreshore which is manned by Lifesavers, we spent quite a few hours there as you really cant swim in the beach when the stingers are around.

10/09/09. Today we are heading to Mackay but we took a detour to Cape Hillsborough National Park and decided to stay for 3 days. It is a nature resort on the beach and the wildlife wander through the park the Kangaroos are so friendly. This weekend they are having the State Titles of the Blo-Carts <it is a Go-Cart with a sail on it > and they race on the beach. So for a quite little park it was very busy, but we have enjoyed our stay here.

13/09/09. Our next stop was Mackay there we stayed at the Andergrove Van Park and booked in for 3 nights, it was a very nice park.. It is a large town and they have a very pictures Marina and Harbour with great Restaurants along the Marina. We went for a drive to the Northern Beaches and could not believe how far the tides went out they are not as pretty as our beaches but different. We were recommended to go to The Eimeo Pacific Hotel where it has a 180 degree view of the coast it was worth the drive it was amazing. The next day we drove to the Eungella National Park which is located in

Pioneer Valley 55kms west of Mackay where they had plenty of good walking tracks and if you were lucky you might get to see the Platypus, it was very pictures and also they were harvesting the sugarcane as we drove by. On our way home we were told to stop at The Pinnacle Pub, because according to the locals they have the best Pies in Australia but we think we tasted better down the Murray.

16/09/09. Heading towards Rockhampton but ended up at Emu Beach after a nice drive along the Capricorn Coast it was a quiet park right on the beach so we stayed there overnight.

17/09/09. On our way south we came across a sign to Lake Monduran so that is where we headed. It was a very well kept Park on the side of a Dam and the Fisherman were catching heaps of Barra, we would put it in our note pad for future reference.

18/09/09. Today we have decided to go to Noosa and booked into Tewantin Caravan Park, we couldn't get over how the area has grown the last time we were there they had no beaches but since then they have brought in tons of sand to improve the beaches. While we were there we caught up with Lee and Col again they were staying about an hour away so we ended up going on a trip up the River where you can hop on and off the boat all day. The next day we caught the Punt across to Cooloola National Park and did a little exploring over there, it is very much like Fraser Island where you can camp on the beach and go 4 wheel driving. Later we went to visit an old neighbor that I grew up with George and Alma whose daughter was our flower girl; we had a lovely day with them it was so good to catch up.

23/09/09. Today we are heading to Brisbane and have just ran into the dust storm it is a scary drive but not a long one. We booked into Brisbane Holiday Park about 20mins out of town but right on a bus run which was very handy. We caught up with my cousin John who works at Parliament House and has been there for 22years so he gave us a wonderful personalized tour, which included lunch, we thoroughly enjoyed. We then went and caught the Ferry, which goes, up and down the Brisbane River, which was a very scenic route. While we were there the Brisbane Festival was on as they were celebrating there 150 birthdays so South Bank was full of Activity where we

spent a full day we really did enjoy our time in Brisbane.

28/09/09. Today we are heading to Burleigh Heads to catch up with my Mum and family and to visit my cousin John and wife Julie at Ipswich and then to Ballina for a week and to pick up our grand children who are flying in from Sydney so we can give them a camping holiday. We will be home on the 19/10/09 looking forward to seeing you all we have had a truly wonderful experience and if anyone of you are thinking of doing it, do it as it is a big Country out there and so much to see. We are now planning next years trip, hope you have enjoyed reading about our travels.

Love Kevin and Lynda XXXX.

Solar Power: A member has raised this matter with the Editor and it will be listed for discussion at the October meeting. The question raised was is it effective and to what level of units?

Hayman Reese Hitch: During the September meeting Bob Ketley produced his Haymen Reese hitch and showed the members a "U" shaped stainless steel bracket that he uses to carry the hitch with. Other members suggested a steel handle with rod, a D bracket, a rope handle with hose grip, also putting it in a bag. Des wants to compile a list of suggestions and place them on the board and webpage so that members can make their own choice

Sheppard Hooks; Following the discussion on Haymen Reese carriers Mick Woods displayed a Lifter for use with Sheppard Hooks. It was a simple design that removed all risk from back injuries and more skinned knuckles. This is something we may discuss further at the next meeting. It has been suggested that if enough members wanted one then it is possible some members may wish to make them.

Old Glasses; One of our members working in conjunction with a Lions Club are sending old glasses to help people in Africa. Stella Roberts has requested that if any member has old glasses or glass cases that they do not require would you bring them to a meeting or post them to her at PO Box 4028 Lake Haven 2263.

Children's Books. If you have any old Children's Story books these are also being collected by Stella and sent to unfortunate children overseas (Papua New Guinea) So please bring them to the meeting or post them to PO Box 4028 Lake Haven 2263.

Trips with Dogs: Currently we have ten (10) trips on the list. Six (6) out of the ten (10) cater for people with pets. We have also highlighted the P/YES in the newsletter.

The "Queensland Big Trip" Report:

As you know, the Curnows, Fletchers and Chris Pollard are home from their big trip. This is a report from Laural on highlights and experiences she wishes to share with all of us. Ed

The best tip I received before we left was to take a watertight bucket and wash every day. Then when we arrived each afternoon the washing was done and just had to be rinsed and hung out. Saved a lot of money and (I think) time.

Therefore I'm now giving my top 27 tips:

Don't have a flat battery the morning you are leaving & if you do don't have one again 4 days later & if you do make sure there is a man in the cabin opposite with a quick start battery charger thingy

Don't hit a rock the first day on the road, or you too may hole your van water tank & not realize until you try to fill it up 2 weeks later. Plus you may muck up your TV wiring under the van

Make sure battery pack and fuses are working or you too may be swearing by the end of the 1st week

If your CB aerial is taken off at night for safety reasons don't forget to put it back on each morning otherwise you cannot talk to others in group

Don't take off fast from rest stops or you may lose a foot from bottom of legs (luckily Roy was behind and picked Chris' up)

If you have a pop top van, buy coloured biscuit containers, then hopefully you won't leave them on top of cupboards when trying to close pop top – oops! That wasn't Roy

Have a Telstra phone & computer, & put new battery in camera, otherwise like Chris you'll be frustrated (oh & have a good TV antennae she couldn't get TV reception either)

Don't let leveling foot dig into the ground when stopped or you may have to push van backwards, good fun!!!

Don't run over big dead roos, even when you wash them off the van and car the odour stays with you for a while afterwards

If your car is bubbling when you come to your evening stop, don't believe the 3 different mechanics in different towns (including Holden Dealer Mt Isa), who say everything is OK, or you too may come to a screaming stop 10k out of some outback town. Thank goodness for old time mechanics at funny little towns who belong to RACQ

If you are out for evening don't drive over cattle grid into owners private property when it has PRIVATE, NO ENTRANCE, on gate and then through someone else's site, even though their car and van is there - & if you do make sure everyone else at van park are not sitting round the fire laughing hysterically (not Roy this time)

Don't leave cover off pole carrier when leaving a park, & if you do make sure you don't have your fishing rod in it. Then if you do both, at your lunch stop don't snap at some poor man who innocently asks in passing 'how're you goin' mate?'

Don't leave any of your wheel chocks behind

Don't keep bumping your head on all open windows until you draw blood and if you have an eco tourer don't let the front window fall on your head

If you wear glasses put them on to have a look at your shampoo/conditioner so you don't keep

washing with conditioner and wonder why it doesn't lather (no names, but not the men, and not me or Chris) & if someone asks you whether you'd like a salada on a biscuit it would be polite to say yes, not to fall about laughing

Don't say 'hello' to the sculpture of a swaggie sitting on a bench in Blackall, well you could if you too wanted to look like a dill

Don't sit on the corner of table in aquatic centre in same town, a great chunk will probably break off

Don't lose the van park at Winton as it only has one street of shops, the park is the street after the hospital

If you think porta potty is leaking first check that lid has been screwed on correctly

If A/C not working well, first check that you haven't got it on heat

Don't put your can of coke in freezer in the evening and then go to bed – although you'll finish up with a very clean fridge

If using the screw top bucket for washing don't tip one of your socks down the drain when emptying water, 1 sock is only useful for 1 legged person

Make sure you know where van park is in Bundaberg, very scary 2 vans driving round & round in peak hour

Make sure you lock van windows each day – oops that wasn't Roy either

When all packed up and ready to go make sure you know where car keys are, or add another 15 minutes on to trip (not Roy or me that time)

Make sure you have amenities key in hand before leaving park, otherwise, if you have an eco tourer, you have to wind it up again to get the key

Finally if you like sweets take the Fletchers with you Owen is a dab hand at deserts, and even after a couple or 5 drinks makes a very tasty pork stir fry XX Laural

Ghost Tour of North Head
Quarantine Station on Friday 20th
November Cost \$44 and concession \$36. Please ring [Social Director Coral Kane](#) immediately to book 4333 9738 .

See newsletter for Xmas Party and Picnic/Grandparents Day update

FOR SALE

Hayman Reese – Full levelling Kit + Goose neck \$500 ono plus
Allen Bike Rack (holds three bikes) Fits on rear spare wheel 4x4 \$80 ono plus
One steel wheel with tyre – suitable for Nissan Patrol. Bridgestone Dueller H/T 689 265/70R16 112S \$200 ono
For three items ring Doug 0409 127 975

90 Ltr Fridge: Three (3) way just serviced \$300
Ring Laurie on 4390 3105

Table: Wood grain top folding aluminium table \$45.00 Contact **Noel Cannard on 43923375.**

Hayman Reese Tow Hitch complete with All Accessories \$350. Phone Les. 4363 1058

2 Club T Shirts: Size 3XL one with pocket and one without pocket Brand new never worn \$15 each. Phone Les 0416208663

TLC BIRTHDAYS
NOVEMBER

Freeman Bruce	1-Nov
Henry Mac	8-Nov
Spittal Maureen	9-Nov
Kane Peter	12-Nov
Brown Betty	14-Nov
Spath Heather	16-Nov
Gross David	16-Nov
Johnson Gary	16-Nov
Pollard Christine	17-Nov
Benger George	18-Nov
Cooper Ken	19-Nov
Dew Al	19-Nov
Banck Doreen	21-Nov
Tatham Terry	22-Nov
Thomas Laurence	23-Nov

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CURRENT TRIPS -with - DEPOSITS PAID

Nov 1 -7	Norah Head (Melb. Cup)	Pets/ YES	Dep/Y	Cards/Y	T/L K/R Cooper	Ph. 4397 2285
ATTENDING:	Clarke, Cooper R/K, Curnow, Grady, Holland, Lewis. Smith, Stewart, Wallace (Total 9)					
Nov 2 – 8	Grafton Jacaranda Festival (1800012019)	Pets/ No	Dep/\$50	Cards/Y	T/L. –Tour Director	Ph 4369 2759
ATTENDING:	Bickley, Broadhurst, Brown J/L, Coltman, Cooper D/A ,Field, Fisher, Fletcher, Hendy, Ketley, Murgatroyd, Payne, Ranse, Reynolds, Shawcross, Stevens, Thomas B/L, Williamson, Woolfe (Total 19)					
Nov 8 – 12	Split Solitary Coff's Harbour	Pets/ No	Dep/Y	Cards/Y	T/L T/J Bullock Browning	
ATTENDING:	Bullock/Browning, Cooper D/A, Howard, Lalor, McGowan, Stevens, Teesson (Total 7)					
Nov 23 – 30	Narrabeen Rally (DO NOT PHONE)	Pets/ No	Dep/\$15	Cards/Y	T/L C of M	Ph Tour Director
ATTENDING:	Beesley, Benger, Bickley, Broadhurst, Brown J/L, Burrows, Cannard, Chambers, Cooper D/A, Cooper R/K, Curnow, Dew, Ducker, Easter, Field, Fisher, Fletcher, Fuller, Grady, Hart/Hayes, Henry, Hogan, Holland, Holmes, Howard, Johnson G/L, Kane, Lanci, Lewis, Luthje, Lusted, Maclean, McDonald P/E, Moore, Morris, Murgatroyd, Patterson, Payne, Pollard, Purcell, Purnell/Filmer, Reynolds, Rigger, Shawcross, Smith, Steele, Stevens, Stewart, Thomas L/B, Thomas R/J, Wallace, Webb, Wildman, Williamson, Wood, Woolfe (Total 56)					
Jan 5 – 10	Elvis Festival - Parkes Showground	Pets/ YES	Dep/N	Cards/N	T/L R Webb	Phone: 4352 1403
ATTENDING:	Capps, Delaforce N/G, Delaforce R/S, Ducker, Grady, Howard, Payne, Webb (Total 8)					
Jan 16 – 26	Tamworth Country Music Fest.	Pets/ YES	(\$60 for 10 nights)		T/L L Purnell	Phone 4357 1022
ATTENDING:	Purnell/Filmer,					
Jan 27- Feb 6	Temora Air Show See tear off Sheet	Pets/ No	Dep/Y	Cards/Y	T/L	
ATTENDING:						
Feb 12 – 19	Tuncurry/Forster (6554 6440)	Pets/ No	Dep/\$30	Cards/Y	T/L Tour Director	Ph 4369 2759
ATTENDING:	Bickley, Bunnett, Clarke, Curnow, Davies, Dew Ducker, Easter, Fisher, Fletcher, Hayes/Hart, Howard, McNamara/Banck, Murgatroyd, Patterson, Reynolds, Stevens, L/B Thomas, Webster (Total 19)					
Feb 19 -26	Happy Halladays Point (1800 555 454)	Pets/ Yes	Dep/\$50	Cards/Y	T/L C of M	Ph C of M
ATTENDING:	Broadhurst/Hoye, Bunnett, T/S Capps, Cooper D/A, Curnow, Davies, Dew, Ducker, Easter ,Evans, Fletcher, Grady, Howard, Johnson G/L, Kane, Lee Sing, McDonald P/E, Moore, Rigger, Smith, Stevens, Stewart, L/B Thomas, Wallace, Woolfe (Total 25)					
Mar 12 – 14	State Rally-- Lennox Head	Pets/ No	Dep/\$20	Cards/N	T/L K. Patterson	Ph. 4390 5658
ATTENDING:	Patterson, Holland, Roberts (Total 3)					
Mar 29 –Apr 6	Hartwood	Pets/ YES	Dep/\$5	Cards/Cash	T/L D Cooper	Ph. 4393 3383
ATTENDING:	Kane P/C, Cooper D/A, (Total 2)					
Apr 28 -2 May	M & G Cessnock	Pets/ YES	Dep/\$15	Card/Cash	T/L C of M.	Ph.
ATTENDING:						