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Not Rejoining: Folks if you are not rejoining would you give us a ring or send an email to say you are not rejoining. *Thanks Alice.*

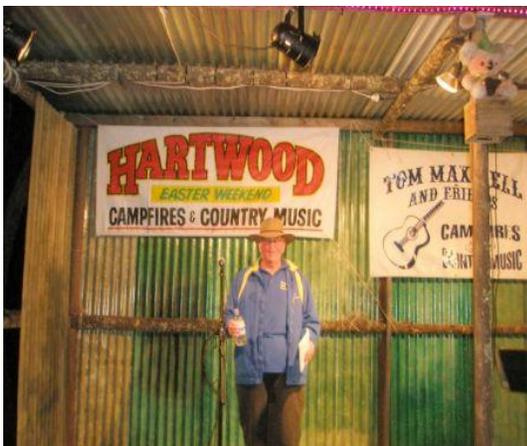
Man From Snowy River Trip. We had a really great time. The festival is mainly about horses or bush poetry. The horse events start as early as 6am. Saw Coral/Peter Kane at a horse event at 6.05am (keen a). The re-enactment saw about 5000 people and heaps of horses put on an exceptional show. The riders and the horses were brilliant- all small and wiry just exactly as Snowy Mountain horsemen should be. We loved it all. AC

Central Coast Caravans: Cameron Cole has offered to donate a major raffle prize for our club. The Committee are now in the process of deciding when and how we will conduct the raffle. We are also talking to Cameron about the prize. More details as they come to hand.

HARTWOOD CAMPFIRES & COUNTRY MUSIC Trip: Twenty 20 vans with 39 TLC members. Hartwood a 1600 acre property owned by Paul & Hele McCloud Thank you fellow members for such a wonderful time, we had a ball, the luxury of perfect weather and fantastic entertainment. Some members arrived at the gate of the Hartwood property which is 3kms off the main road the evening before to line up to enter the property with up to 30 vans ahead queued to enter early on the Monday morning caravaners so keen to set up not to miss anything. For those who have not yet experienced Hartwood T.L.C. have a permanent allocated area called Ironbark Haven. We have our own store shed, awning, Bush shower, (all built by TLC members with the approval of the owners), chain saw & axes, 2 x stainless steel hot water containers known as piddlers The campfire pit not only kept us warm an excellent spot to cook our meals & kept the hot water flowing and what about the rock cakes & dampers cooked in our camp ovens for each days morning tea, cooked in our camp ovens awesome, such a

wide variety of superb meals. We were participants in the biggest morning tea raising \$100 for Breast cancer research. Trip to Coolah---Wednesday all T.L.C. members travelled to Coolah we all inspected the local Vinnies shop many of us buying bargains, then to Coolah Hotel for an enjoyable lunch. It was somewhat embarrassing that the chef ran out of food when it came to serving the organisers Coral & Peter. When they were eventually served Coral said their meal was worth waiting for. We had the luxury of Pit & flushing toilets, extra porta loos spread over the property dump points for van canisters and tap water fed by spring water Some wood was supplied from the property but to the members who supplied the extra fire wood for the week we thank you sincerely Also to Bill Rigger thank you so much for your early morning rise to stoke up the fires for us to have the luxury of hot water for our hot showers & early morning teas. This year we had a flag raising ceremony The flag pole was made and supplied by Bruce Somerville. What a sight to see around 1500 vans & mobile homes spread

around the property so well organised. **ANZAC Day**----. T.L.C. members were honoured to be invited to march in our uniforms for the ANZAC Day service. David Jones led carrying the flag, Coral & Alice followed with the T.L.C.'s banner followed by members. The very moving service was conducted by Clarence Ormsby, a returned serviceman from New Zealand at the main stage by a campfire. **Entertainment**---- Country Music enjoyed by all by Paul McCloud, Tom Maxwell, Dianne Lindsay, & many others. Who can forget the incredible piano player Peter Horan captivating the audiences with every performance including ballroom dancing under the stars on the front lawn at the homestead on Thursday night. Last but not least our very own Des Cooper with his ever popular poetry, some of his own writings. Again a very big thank you to all members helpers for all your efforts to add to the success of the Hartwood experience. Susan/Graham 😊



Newsletter Feedback: Had a real nice phone call from one of our members who said they were currently having difficulty attending trips and meetings

however they love the clubs Newsletter. They get great pleasure reading about all the events, things, problems and fun members get up to on trips. *Please keep them coming a lot of members enjoy them .*

Newsletter Trip Report Change: We have changed the trip layout in the Newsletter. We now show members actual attendance and those who have booked trips. Have you notified us of the trips you are attending ??? Please check the Newsletter Trip Sheet. Xx Ed

From the Williamsons: We left on the 18th Feb and have been travelling south down the Great Ocean Road then across the Fleur and Eyre peninsula's in south Australia.. We are currently in Esperance a beautiful port city with its white sands, aqua water and coloured magnificent beaches. We have had great sunny weather; in fact Perth has had 55 straight days of over 35 degrees temperatures. We will slowly poke along the coast popping into little towns and working our way up to Perth before heading through Kalgoorlie then home mid June. It's amazing how many New South Welshmen we meet on the road and of course everywhere is busy with the grey nomads. The Nullarbor was so green but we did not see one bloody animal all the way across other than signs telling the motorist to watch out for Camels, Wombats, Kangaroos etc. What we did see where lots of trees dressed in shoes, bras, undies etc. I reckon lots of sporting groups travelling in buses stop to add to the growing collection of weirdness. One tree even

had an old TV perched in an upper limb. We have not come across any club members to this point o time. Biggest cost on the road is fuel and across the Nullarbor petrol averaged \$1.85 per litre. Garry & Sandy

E10 Blended Petrol: On 1 July 2011 the supply of unleaded fuel in NSW will cease. The replacement for unleaded fuel in the majority of circumstances will be E10 fuel which is a mixture of 10% ethanol and petrol. While E10 fuel is suitable for most applications, it is unsuited for low use equipment where it is the practice to store fuel in the tank or in fuel containers. Ethanol blended fuels are hygroscopic and miscible. The terms hygroscopic and miscible refer to the material's affinity or attraction to absorb water. An ethanol-based fuel will attract moisture at a rate of 50 times that of non-ethanol petrol. The storage of E10 is therefore critical. If stored for longer than one month two things may occur:

- * Excessive moisture builds up
- * Phase separation – ethanol drops out of solution with the petrol.

Either of these two conditions will lead to maintenance and reliability issues with eg; generator equipment which may prevent the equipment from performing the task required. To avoid this situation all petrol fuels used for storage and fuelling of equipment should be 'non-ethanol blends'.

National Folk Festival Canberra: A great 12 days including Easter was had by TLC members Bromley's, Burrows and Haberfield's at the 45th annual Folk Festival in Canberra. We will put it on the calendar

for next year as I'm sure there would be others interested in attending. We arrived six days before Easter at the EPIC exhibition showground in Canberra and chose our sites. We had all registered over the internet to volunteer 20 hrs each and in return received free powered camping sites with amenities for the 12 days with subsidised meals on the days you work plus free tickets to the Festival for the whole of Easter. If you didn't volunteer it would cost around \$300 per person for the camping fees and the 5 day festival ticket so quite a saving. Our jobs varied from working in the volunteer canteen, driving a mini bus around the showground, manning the festival camping shop, helping set up before the start, a large assortment of jobs to choose from. 1300 volunteers are required to make it work. It was a first time for some of us and a wonderful experience both being involved in the festival and experiencing the wonderful Australian and International talent. We were entertained by all sorts of professional entertainers with music from all corners of the world, some of the instruments we have never seen before plus poets, dancing of all kinds, bands, amazing choir's, professional street entertainers, wonderful concerts lots of interesting stalls selling international foods, clothes, musical instruments & lots of other interesting stuff in a real carnival atmosphere. A very moving Anzac service was held at the festival with thousands attending featuring Eric Bogle, The Bushwackers, Andrew Clermont and many others. As most of you know there are lots of great free things to do and see in Canberra so free days were easily filled. Look for it on the board for next year. For those interested go to www.folkfestival.asn.au for more info. Lyn Bromley

Hartwood Anzac Day March: What a proud day for all our members.



The Williamsons Report: Babyboomers have been fortunate to see many changes over the years including the evolution of the caravan park Garry and I had wonderful childhoods growing up in a world where we felt safe and free. As neighbours, living in a waterfront suburb of Sydney we were typical outdoor kids with parents who encouraged us to explore and grow. Our early years included the world of caravanning and camping, and left us with a legacy that we will probably never be able to emulate, you can't recreate your childhood, however, you have lasting memories and sometimes as Grey Nomads there are flashes of those memories. The caravan park world is very different from the one we experienced as children, now everything is regulated and many stringent rules apply. Parks are awarded stars (we often wonder do they award themselves their stars), depending on a variety of attractions or the position and condition of the park. Some are now called "Resorts" and appeal to families, with lots of entertainment for children including Jumping Castles, games rooms and swimming pools you might see at a 5 star hotel! There are

tarred roads, manicured lawns and some have gardens that leave you green with envy. Upon arrival you are presented with a map of the park and a list of rules and regulations, sometimes not a bad thing but most often over the top. Our current trip to Southern Western Australia has been everything we expected, spectacular scenery and beaches, interesting towns and caravan parks not much different to the East Coast, same structure, same rules and regulations. That is until we arrived at "Peaceful Bay". A non-rated caravan park near the beach around 50 kms from Denmark. There are no shops, just a small store in the park, surrounded by a few dirt roads with typical holiday shacks. There is TV reception and if you find the right spot, mobile phone and satellite reception for the laptop. However, that is where 2011 ends, it feels like we have stepped back in time! NO sheet of rules and regulations upon arrival, dirt driveways, many with huge swimming pool size puddles after rain, being enjoyed by the children who are on school holidays, jumping in and out some in their pyjamas. Small kids riding motor bikes and Quads around the park and others collecting firewood for their fires which are kept alight most of the day and night, adding to the atmosphere, there is nothing like the smell of burning gum trees. We do have power and water, so it isn't archaic, however, if you close your eyes and listen to our new neighbours we could be forgiven for thinking we have turned back the clock. They seem to be a really nice Aussie family, farmers, Mum and Dad, five boys and one girl ages ranging from around 18 down to 3, a mother and father dog and their litter of five puppies, an ancient caravan, a variety of tents and numerous cars. Upon their arrival I was reminded of the Beverly Hillbillies, it was fascinating watching organised chaos and listening to the dialogue that ensued

between Dad and the boys, occasionally Mum added a few orders in between catch up conversations with other campers who came to greet the new arrivals. We quickly realised they were regulars and this was their annual holiday. How well they fit this park, the kids keeping the fire going, in between fishing and swimming and catch up, playing with their old friends. I can't imagine them in a 5 star number with the manicured gardens and games rooms these seem to be Aussie kids of a long gone era, how refreshing, and how they and this park bring back memories of our childhoods. Attached is a photo of the only permanent in the park, again it seems to fit a long gone era.

Lightning Ridge Trip Report. On the way to Lightning Ridge we did a stopover at Narrabri so that we could visit Pilliga Pottery. It is so beautiful in the Pilliga, pity that we could not stay and do more. Our next stop was Burren Junction where we tried the thermal pool, we stayed at the hotel park \$10 per night, but could have stayed at the thermal pool (plenty of free parking) Our first stop at lightning Ridge was to the information centre to get as much info as we could about the area. We all arrived at different times but got together for happy hour to discuss what we were going to do the next day. We decided that we would do one of the car door tours, there are four of them. Quite a good idea, you follow the coloured car doors with a sheet of information to tell you what to look for, plus history of relevant items. There was a walk in a mine to visit, a castle built with locally found materials and of course lots of opal shops. The Easter Parade was a huge hit even though they could not have the usual goat races due to the RSPCA stopping them. That did not stop the locals from making "goat costumes" for people to race

in. Some lucky visitors won some opals that they had to dig for. On Easter Sunday a friend of ours took us all out to his opal mine & camp to give us a first hand look at how the stones are mined. A few of us went down the min. Lloyd nearly had an incident with a brown snake that had got into the bucket that brings the mullock up from underground. He got quite a nasty scratch on his leg from jumping out of the way. After the mine we went to the Glengarry Hilton for lunch (very late lunch) one of the pubs in the scrub. Amazing food & reasonably priced considering where we were. The only draw back was the long drop toilets. On one of the door tours there was a lookout spot to watch the spectacular sunsets, we had a couple of happy hours out there because it was so good. We went for a drive to Hebel and saw first hand the flood waters coming down from the Queensland floods. It takes years for the water to evaporate, lots of wheat farms were under water plus some of the roads to Queensland. Of course being in opal country the ladies had to sample the wares, even Lloyd got into the act buying himself an opal belt buckle, quite stunning. Everybody had a great time doing tagalong tours around the area. The Vinnies store was hit a lot with most people getting bargains, everything was \$4.00. Plus we had a few visits to the Artesian Pool which was very hot, around 41%. The Roberts xx

FOR SALE
TLC Sound Equipment is for sale for \$1000 or ONO. If not sold by end of June it will be posted on Ebay. Phone Des. 0429 933 383 or Rhonda 4353 9069

SOCIAL DIRECTORS REPORT; Swansea Gardens Xmas in July. The 57 fifty seven seat bus is full. We have also organised a 22 seater which is nearly full. The Program for Xmas in July will be available at the June Meeting. **If you have not paid your money by June meeting then you will lose your booking.**
Next Luncheon Friday 1st June Wyong RSL Club arrive by 11.30am. Please ring Coral on 4333 9738 to book

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Remember to let me know if you buy or sell any item. **Alice xx**
Next ---General Meeting
Sunday 19th JUNE 2011
 Email:desmond.alicecooper@bigpond.com

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Flippence Dianne	10-Jun
Brown Len	10-Jun
Webb Philip	18-Jun
Dunn Jack	19-Jun
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ACTUAL ATTENDANCE LIST

2011- HARTWOOD COUNTRY MUSIC	ACTUAL ATTENDANCE	Apr 17 – 25
Brown L/J, Carr, Cooper D/A, Curnow, Eadie, Edwards/Williamson, Howard, Holmes, Jones, Kane, Kennedy, Lalor, McGowan, Pollard, Ranse, Rigger, Somerville, Steele, Woods, (TOTAL 19)		
2011- WANGIE WANGI	ACTUAL ATTENDANCE	May 3 -9
Cooper D/A, Jones D/B (TOTAL 2)		
2011 –NATIONAL FOLK FESTIVAL CANBERRA	ACTUAL ATTENDANCE	April 13 - 25
Bromley, Burrows, Haberfield, (TOTAL 3)		
2011 - LIGHTNING RIDGE GEMFEST:	ACTUAL ATTENDANCE	Apr 8 – 2 May.
Cannard, Coltman, Gordon, Linfoot, Purnell/Filmer, Roberts, (TOTAL 6)		

TRIPS LISTED on BOARD

June 1 – 8th <u>Park Site Booked</u>	BURREN JUNCTION --HOT POOLS, FREECAMPING, SHOWERS-TOILETS Svensson,	Contact _____
June 8 - 14- <u>Park Site Booked</u>	BATEAU BAY C/PARK	Contact _____
Jul 21 - 28 <u>Park Site Booked:</u>	XMAS IN JULY- SWANSEA GARDENS Ph. 1800 626 438 Angell, Brown L/J, Cooper D/A, Flippence, Hendy, Hennessy, Johnson G/L, Jones, Kane, Kinnell, Latham, Laney, Lee-Sing, Majchrowski, Maughan, McDonald, Payne A/C, Shoobert, Smith, Stewart, (Total 21)	Contact Kanes/Coopers _____
Aug 3 - 9 <u>Park Site Booked</u>	WOLLOMBI BUSH CAMPING	
Aug 31 – Sept 7 <u>Park Site Booked</u>	ONE MILE BEACH CARAVAN PARK ANNA BAY 1800 650 035 Cooper D/A, Ducker, Kane, Johnson G/L, Mac Henry, (Total 5)	Contact G/L Johnson _____
Sept 7 – 13th <u>Park Site Booked:</u>	SANDBAR CARAVAN PARK Ph No. 6554 4095 Cooper, Ducker, Flippence, Herod, Johnson G/L, Kinnell, , Marsland, Reillys, Webster, (Total 9)	Contact Kinnells/Lathams/Cooper _____
Sept 20 – 27th <u>Park Site Booked</u>	BEDGEYABONG MUSIC CAMPOUT - FORBES Cooper D/A,	
Sep 28 –Oct 27 <u>Names on Trip Sheet:</u>	GREAT SOUTHWEST RAMBLE Coltman, Clarke, Curnow, Cannard, Hunt/Holly, Maughan, Pollard, Stevens (Total 8)	Contact Clarrie Stevens. (NOTE Max 10 vans)

<u>Sep 21 – Oct 5</u> <u>Park Site Booked</u>	DAMS TO NORTHERN TOWNS TRIP	
<u>Oct 19 – 23rd</u> <u>Park Site Booked</u>	ROSEWOOD ROUNDUP COUNTRY MUSIC TRIP	Near Tambarumba
<u>Oct 27- Nov 3</u> <u>Park Site Booked</u>	NARRABEEN TRIP	DO NOT RING THE PARK Contact Kanes/Coopers Angell, Bromley, Cooper, Flippence, Jones, Kane, Lee-Sing, Hennessy, Johnson G/L, Shawcross, Shoobert, Somerville, Stewart, (Total 13)

2012

<u>Jan 4 – 11</u> <u>Park Site Booked:</u>	ELVIS PRESLEY FESTIVAL TRIP	-PARKES	Contact
<u>Feb 1 – 9th</u> <u>Park Site Booked</u>	TUNCURRY TRIP	1800 227 275	Contact The Howards 4353 3700
<u>Feb 9 – 15th</u> <u>Park Site Booked</u>	HAPPY HALLIDAYS TRIP	1800 555 454	Contact The Kanes/cOOPERS
<u>Feb 20 -27</u> <u>Park Site Booked</u>	TAMWORTH FESTIVAL THE BALLADEERS HOMESTEAD		Contact
<u>Mar</u> <u>Park Site Booked</u>	PORT MACQUARIE SUNDOWNER C/PARK	1800 636 452	Contact
<u>Mar 2 – 4th</u> <u>Park Site Booked</u>	NSW STATE RALLY		Contact The
<u>Mar 29 – 1 Apr</u> <u>Park Site Booked</u>	SNOWY RIVER BUSH FESTIVAL CORRYONG	6076 1992	Contact The
<u>Mar – April</u> <u>Park Site Booked</u>	NATIONAL FOLK FESTIVAL----- CANBERRA		Contact The Bromleys
<u>Mar 29 –Apr 1</u> <u>Park Site Booked</u>	COOLAH MUSIC FESTIVAL TRIP (Weekend Before HARTWOOD)		Contact The Coopers
<u>Apr 2 – 9th</u> <u>Park Site Booked</u>	HARTWOOD COUNTRY MUSIC		Contact The Kanes/Coopers

<u>Apr 8 -15</u>	<u>LIGHTNING RIDGE</u>	<u>Contact</u>
<u>Park Site Booked</u>		
<u>Apr 9 – 14th</u>	<u>BOGGABRI CAMPGROUND WEEKEND</u>	<u>Contact</u>
<u>Park Site Booked</u>	Capps, Cooper D/A, Somerville	
<u>Apr 14 – 21</u>	<u>BURREN JUNCTION --HOT POOLS -FREE BUSH CAMPING -SHOWERS-TOILETS</u>	<u>Contact</u>
<u>Park Site Booked</u>	Cooper D/A	
<u>Sept 8 – 11</u>	<u>NANANGO COUNTRY MUSTER</u>	
<u>Park Site Booked</u>		