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The July meeting was well attended by 80 people and a further 12 vans joined our club making it a total of 54 vans at this stage. The new meeting venue at Halekulani has proved to be a wise move and the excellent lunch was a great start for the meeting. It was also very pleasing to see the friendly interaction between members. We just need to make the meeting room a bit soundproof.

Club Raffle: The general meeting discussed the monthly club raffle money and agreed with the C of M recommendation that the TLC subsidise the club luncheon by

the amount of raffle ticket purchases. That is if you purchase \$2 worth of

raffle tickets you will receive a token for \$2 which you present at the lunch counter and you only pay \$2.90 for your \$4.90 meal.

The Narrabeen Rally scheduled for late November 2006 will be a Special event for our club and we would like to see everyone attend if possible. In Secretary Katie Patterson

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following years we will program it for the first week in December.

Swansea Gardens: The Tour Director has arranged a block booking for \$18 a night at Swansea Gardens with the 7th **night free** but members attending should ring Swansea Gardens on 49712869 and confirm their attendance and van size. Little pets on a leash are OK. At this date the 24th July we have 25 vans booked for Swansea. (Is this the park)



Narrabeen Rally 06: Remember the Tour Director will book the Narrabeen Rally trip. He will keep a record of your trip attendances through the year. This is also for Insurance reasons and we must also notify the State Association.



For all other Trips a person who puts the trip up will be the Trip Leader or if the C of M put the trip on the board and say six vans are listed to attend then one of those vans will need to be the trip leader. Either the Tour Director or the Trip Leader must ring and pre-arrange the required number of sites then <u>each</u> van must ring to book pay their own deposit and cancel if necessary.

Van Measurement: It was also agreed that we would measure our vans from the tip of the coupling on the towbar to the back of the spare wheel (the total length overall). If you have a van that has a rear annexe then measure to the back of the annexe. We will record that length on our member's information sheet and advise c/parks as we book in.

Paying Deposits: Due to the difficulty in collecting paying and canceling deposits we agreed that after the Tour Director/Trip Leader pre-arranges a park and a deposit on each site is

required then members are to book themselves in and pay the deposit

Touring Sheet: The Tour Director has produced a new Touring Sheet that includes a yes/no about pets being allowed. No doubt Max will review the sheet as required.

Newsletter Delivery: The Newsletter will be emailed to those members who are on the internet and hard copies will be available for all other members at the next meeting. We will post copies out to members who do not attend the meeting. Following the August meeting the newsletter will only be forwarded to Financial members

Always remember you do not have to complete the full trip or full week you can join in or leave a trip at any time it is completely your choice.

Contact Details: The meeting agreed to provide <u>all financial members</u> with a copy of our spreadsheet with our contact details so that we may be able to contact each other direct. The spreadsheet will be placed on our notice board for the August and September meeting so that you can confirm that your details are correct. Some of us may also wish to remove some of our private information.

The Murry River Trip: A Murry River trip was discussed where we would start at Albury about 1st September 07 and take say 3 weeks visiting all the river towns to Mildura by 21st September playing bowls,

golfing, fishing and the other tourist thing staying 2/3 nights in each location. Some of us may then wish to stay on at Mildura for the 10 day Country Music Festival. We need to start planning early because we would need to book a caravan park at Mildura no later than say November this year.

Van Stickers: Don't forget we are looking for a few samples of van stickers so anyone who has an idea or who has the skills or knows someone who can produce a Sticker Emblem for our vans please go for it. We will pin the samples on the board and discuss them about October/November.

Rule Change: We made an important change to one of our rules and that is the one effecting attendances at meetings we agreed to remove the word "must" and replace it with "should if possible" attend 3 meetings each year. Remember to submit your apologies or/and if you have a valid reason through illness or injury you should also contact our Welfare Officer Lyn Purcell.

Possible Trips: The meeting requested that a copy of "Possible Trips" be circulated to members. This will be made available at the next meeting. If you have a trip suggestion please put it on the list or give me a ring It should not take us long to list most trips and then to settle on our favorites.

Part of a Trip: We also discussed attending only a part of a trip that is say 2 nights out of 7 also including other trips in the one trip.

Questions: Thanks for all the questions from the floor it is essential we all understand how our club operates.

Lunch: The club lunch was well received it all happened on schedule but we may start the lunch at 11.45 to decrease the waiting line a little bit.

Club Contacts: We have received 78 contacts re joining the TLC a number stated they could not attend the first few meetings due to travelling to Queensland for winter and/or overseas. Following the second meeting we

currently have 54 registered members. That means there is a possibility of another 24 vans joining.

Cup of Coffee: The bottomless cup of Cappuccino coffee for \$2 proved to be very popular. I think Des consumed about 4 cups but when we arrived home the last thing I wanted was coffee.

Cut Off Dates: Some trips will be limited by the number of sites available for example Wangie next March has only 20 sites available. At Narrabeen we will have unlimited sites available. The cut off date I think must be very flexible depending on the trip and time involved for example the discussed Murry River trip next September 07 we would need to plan and pre book van parks and that possibly would limit the number.

Van Insurance: The meeting was advised our \$3.50 per van cover through the State Associaton was for \$10 M third party cover. The question was raised would the C of M look into the possibility of a bulk comprehensive quote. This matter will be raised at the next State Meeting in Sydney by Bill & Katie Patterson.

Grafton Jacaranda Festival: Nine vans have already registered for the festival. We will book sites within the next week at the Big 4 on the Casino Rd Grafton. Anyone considering going should register by the August Meeting. Please note that this trip has been brought forward to commence on Sat.28th Oct 2006

TRIPS ON THE BOARD

August 22-29 Swansea Gardens

Yes Des Cooper

Cooper,Beesley,Browning/Bulloch,Hennessy,Carr,Kane,Rigger,Burns,Wardrop,Curnow, Pfyeld,Klumpp,Fraser,Thomas,Stacey,Hendy,Ketley,Purcell,Maslem,Lusted,Woods, Teesson., Patterson,McNamara-Banch

Sept 12-19 Port Stephens Special

No Yes

Browning/Bulloch.

Sept 27- Oct 3 Canberra Floriade

No Yes

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None to date

Oct 28-Nov 4 Blackheath Rhdndrns.

No Yes

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None to date

Oct 28-Nov 4 Grafton Jacaranda Fest.

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Stevens, Curnow, Burrows, Fraser, Carr, Chambers, Steele, Maslem, Lusted.

November 20-27 Narrabeen

No

Yes

Des Cooper

Cooper, Beesley, Moore, Carr, Kane, Williams, Rigger, Holland, Curnow, Evans, Stacey, Burrows, Burns, Wardrop, Stevens, Woods, Pidgeon, Steele, Howard, Thomas jnr, Thomas Teesson, McGowan, Cannard, Hennessy, Purcell.

March 20-27 2007 Wangi Wangi

No

Yes

Yes

Des Cooper

Cooper, Wildman, Purnell/Filmer, Curnow, Stevens, Pfyeld, Browning/Bulloch, Burns, Stacey, Steele, Chambers.

April 2-9 2007 Hartwood

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Cooper, Kane, Wardrop, Pfyeld, Howard, Woods.

The next meeting will be held at Halekulani Bowling Club at 1pm on Sunday 13th August 2006. Please arrive by 11.30am so that we can have a club lunch <u>but please remember</u> you do not have to attend the lunch.

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