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Christmas Dinner at Halekulani: Please arrive by 11am so that we can have a few drinks and socialise before we have our (3) three course Christmas Dinner commencing 12.30 pm. We currently have (77) names down as attending. If you wish to attend please ring the Treasurer or Secretary to book in and pay your money..

Shirts and Caps: We spent a lot of time at the October meeting discussing shirts, styles, caps, logos and colors and prices. Members discussed iron on stickers plus embroidered signs and a number of different shapes. We agreed that as many members as possible should bring in samples of shirts they currently have. We will try to have a supplier attend the November meeting with samples. Our Committee will also try to obtain some samples but it appeared at the meeting that the majority of members preferred the blue shirt. It is important to remember that the shirts will be only required at State and National Rallies. It is the members choice

whether they purchase a shirt, cap or hat or nothing.

Late News.... Des has just returned with a couple of shirt samples he said "this is definately the one. Ah well lets wait and see.

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Trip Details At the September meeting members requested a brief description on certain trips.

HARTWOOD April 07. We will stay on Paul McLouds property about 90 klm from Gunnedah. There is excellent tap water available and flushing toilets About 8/900 vans will attend for the week. It costs about \$130 for the 8/9 days. We are allowed in on the Monday morning and must depart by the following Tuesday week. We just bush camp for the first 5

days with camp fires, dampers, jam, cream, pancakes, walks, drives to Coonabarabran and of course gathering and cutting wood. The country music starts Saturday 10am and finishes Sunday about 4pm. There is campfire entertainment of a night on the Thursday/Friday. But really the country music is secondary it's the bush camping and wood-smoke that makes it exciting. We will need to find a "spot" for our club to locate. We will need to decide whether to stay out on the flat grass area or in amongst the trees. So you only need to bring or arrange your own showering facilities. We have attended for the past (4) four years it is fun and very, very different to a NORMAL trip. We do not have a lot of bush camping off road stuff, but we have found you only need lights in your van for say 30 mins each night in fact you can survive with a couple of candles and a torch with a good battery. Des will arrange a full briefing to all

attendees sometime after Xmas. We have prepared a folder of photos and other information so anyone going to Hartwood MUST read the details. How's that?

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The Lambert Crocheted Rug: What a beautiful surprise when Betty Lambert arrived at the October meeting with that incredible crocheted rug. Last month Betty looked at the club sticker took a few notes and said I will make a rug in those colours

for the club to raffle. It was a lot of work but thank you Betty for doing this for the club. We hope Barry cooked and washed up whilst you prepared the rug. We will raffle the rug over the next two meetings and draw it at our Xmas lunch.

7th Street Caravans: Fred (Macca) and Doreen have just purchased a caravan from 7th Street Caravans Boolaroo. They are very happy with the attention and service they received. When management discovered that they were from our new club they offered TLC a Trailermate Jack as a gift to raffle at our Xmas Party. What a wonderful gesture on their part.. From the club members thank you Macca, Doreen and especially 7th Street Caravans. **I have just spoken to Maree at 7th Street Caravans and she has confirmed an add in our Newsletter. She also confirmed that they will attend our February 2007 meeting to meet the members and speak generally about caravans and answer questions from the floor.**

Justice of the Peace: We propose to provide a list of our members who are Justice of the Peace so that members will be aware of who is nearest and available. So if you are a JP please let me know so I can list you in our next newsletter.

Murray River/Mildura Trip: Wow! what a response to this trip. The trip was on the board for about one hour and it was filled. We had pencil booked 20 sites at Mildura but 26 members put their names on the sheet to attend. We are now in the process of trying to confirm sites at Mildura.. **All caravan park bookings for this trip along the river and at Mildura will be**

arranged by Des and Max. All you need to do is attend, be happy, and be ready for a very busy month. PS Bring a nice soft deck chair to sit on in the Mall—Ladies if you get sick of the music there are lots of shops close by. *Late news the park has agreed to take 27 vans but we will need to piggy back water and power.* We are in the process of preparing a folder of information that will definitely be essential reading before going on this trip. This will be our first touring trip and it is a large group so we can expect a few teething problems but as Des said if anything goes wrong Max and Lyn will fix it.

Wheel Balancing: In general business John Lusted spoke about his experience with a wheel balance and retreads being fitted to his van and the treads lifting. So you drivers should make sure your wheels are balanced and check the tyres. {Ladies you should remind your husband to “do it now” and not wait till it's too late)

FOR SALE

Tent – Southern Cross 10' x 10' 12 oz canvas with 20 ft awning –A1 condition. Also 2 self- inflating mattresses. \$800 for the lot Ring B & M Ketley 43285412.

SHIP-SHAPE Roof Top Camper with full annex. Used twice. Excellent condition...\$3500.

Viscount caravan, 15ft -4 berth- good condition but unregistered. Suit On-site accommodation...\$2500.A. Howard 43533700

Advertising: I am very happy to report that we have made arrangements for three

advertisements in our Newsletter. It is important to remember that when you visit one of our advertisers that you let them know you are from TLC. But you are under no obligation to buy from them but at least give them a chance to quote on the work/article.

Raffle Gift List

The gift should be of a value between \$10 - \$15. The listed members will need to purchase a gift for the following month.

R. R. Beesley November

R. C. Bickley December

T J Bulloch/Browning February

Would you please supply the gift to Katie our Secretary. If you are unable to attend the meeting contact Katie so that she can arrange for the next names on the list to fill in.

Club Membership: Well we have done it - at the October meeting (3) more vans signed up making our membership a total of 70 vans. We also had 89 members and 8 visitors attend our October meeting. Will November take us over the 100 mark?

Meetings: Just a reminder that following the November meeting we will not meet again until February 07. We have our Christmas Dinner in Dec. and our Parents/Grandparents day in January 07.

Narrabeen Rally: We are five weeks off our main trip of the year so if you have not signed up please give consideration to attending for all or part of the week. Remember the Committee has booked 60 sites there is **NO** deposit required and you **DO NOT** have to ring and book in. Just

ring Max our Tour Director and put your name on the trip sheet. The Committee went to Narrabeen immediately following the October meeting and everything is organized. The only change is that the Committee regrets that due to paying for Insurance, club stickers etc we must now charge members a \$5 Marquee fee as discussed at the last meeting. So that means our \$112 saving on park fees will only be \$102. Members attending the Rally should pay the \$5 fee to Mike Wildman at our next meeting.

Program of Events at Narrabeen: The C of M has prepared a program of "things to do" whilst at Narrabeen. There will still be a lot of time for you to do your own thing. Remember you only need to participate in things that interest you. The Program will be sent out with this newsletter.

Disc Bowls Champion: It will be very interesting to see who becomes our inaugural club champions in this very important event. Max is very busy painting the disc's and we now have a couple of proper jacks to throw to. We will need to look at Trophies for the winners of this event. Have you any suggestions on a trophy or as someone close to me said "Got any idea's??"

Van Identification: Well this matter was resolved very quickly thanks to Clarrie and Roy. We agreed the sample that they produced at the meeting is the answer. The model will be emailed to all and each can then print, plastercise and fit to a wooden/metal marker or simply hang from the front of the van. For the people who are

not on the internet other arrangements will be made.

Club Van Stickers: So-- we have agreed on our club sticker. Each sticker costs \$2 and the meeting approved we order 200 stickers. It is a nice sticker and the Pelican is very cute don't you think?

Grafton Jacaranda Festival: Most of us will take two days to get to Grafton and it appears that some will stay overnight at Urunga.

Grandparents/Parents Day: At the September meeting we discussed a possible BBQ fun day for children/grandchildren somewhere in Yarralong valley. The C of M will investigate further and report back to November meeting.

Trade Table: We are going to have our first Trade Table at the November meeting. Members may bring any article that they wish to dispose of i.e. books, magazines and "other stuff" and place a price on it or them. Any money raised will go into the clubs coffers. So let's try it out by having our first trial at the November meeting. As we have not formed a committee or group to look after the items it will be necessary **IF** an item is not sold that the provider to take it back home. So folks bring all your stuff and let's see what happens. But we will need volunteers to staff the tables and collect the money.

Driving to Narrabeen: It's very easy to drive to Narrabeen. Just drive down the Freeway and take the left-hand Exit at the end of the Freeway towards the Sydney/Harbor Bridge. Travel down the

Highway 5.5Klm, but stay in the centre lane all the way. As you pass through Pymble you will see a large green sign saying Mona Vale Rd left 500 meters. Move into the left lane and turn into Mona Vale Rd follow it 20klm until the end then turn right towards Dee Why/Sydney follow this for 2klm and you will see a Shell Service station on your left well 100Mtr passed the station turn left into the Caravan park road. *Now you need not use a map.*

Bowlers/Golfers: We need to know if you are a bowler or golfer. At the November meeting we would like you to mark the appropriate sheet. If you cannot attend that meeting would you ring me on 43933383 and let me know.

Tour Directors Request: Max has requested we call for “expressions of interest” from members to go on two trips

Editor :

Alice Cooper

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The next meeting will be held at Halekulani Bowling Club at 1pm on Sunday 12^h November 2006. Please arrive by 11.30am so that we can have a club lunch but please remember you do not have to attend the lunch - just be at the meeting at 1.00pm. Hope to see you.

in early February one to Jindabyne including the Snowy Mountain area. The other trip to Gloucester Barrington Tops area including Forster Tuncurry. The trips will be pinned on the board at the November meeting ---so give it some thought.

Deposits Members please remember **IF** you are going on any trips or attending the Christmas Lunch then you will need to pay your deposits or the total amount at the November meeting at the latest. The members attending the Narrabeen Rally will also need to pay a \$5/person Marquee fee.

Van Measurements: Parks are now asking us for van sizes when we book in as a group. We are currently booking the Murray River Trip and its essential we

have your van lengths. So if you haven't already measured your van please do it and ring Des with the size. Measure from the tip of your tow point to the back of the spare tyre.

Wangie Trip March 07: The Park just contacted us and has advised that not all members attending have paid deposits. So if you wish to confirm your site I suggest you ring the Park and pay a deposit ASAP also have your van length ready in (feet and metric)

That's all folks see you at the meeting.

TRIPS ON THE BOARD

<u>Date</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Pets</u>	<u>Cards</u>	<u>Trip Leader</u>
<u>Oct 28-Nov 4</u>	<u>Grafton Jacaranda Fest.</u>	???	Yes	M Purnell
Stevens,Curnow,Burrows,Fraser,Chambers,Maslem,Lusted, Beesley, Purcell, Patterson, Lambert, Stewart, Cooper, Steele, McGowan, Easterly, Teesson, Bulloch/Browning, Hogan, Cannard		Total (20 vans).		
<u>November 4th – 17th</u>	<u>Darlington – Trial Bay</u>	No	Yes	S & T Capps
Capps.				
<u>November 20-27</u>	<u>Narrabeen</u>	No	Yes	Committee
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,Patterson, McAndrew, Lusted, Field, Fraser, Jones, Dew, Bullock/Browning, Eastley, Moore, Lambert, Ketley, Wildman, Maslem, Williamson		Total (41 vans).		
<u>March 1st – 3rd</u>	<u>State Rally -</u>	No	Yes	K & B Pattersons
Cooper, Beesley, Patterson, Wildman		Total (4vans)		
<u>March 20-27 2007</u>	<u>Wangi Wangi</u>	No	Yes	D Cooper
Cooper, Wildman, Purnell/Filmer, Curnow, Stevens, Pfyeld,Browning/Bulloch, Burns,Stacey, Steele, Chambers, Beesley, Hendy, McNamara/Banck, Jones, Stewart Purnell, Banhidi, McAndrew, Hennessy, Laney, Lusted, Evans, Teesson		Total(24 vans)		
<u>April 2-9 2007</u>	<u>Hartwood</u>	Yes	CASH	D Cooper
Cooper,Kane,Wardrop,Pfyeld,Howard,Woods, Beesley, Stewart, Carr, Hennessy, Wildman, Purnell/Filmer,Burrows.		Total (13 vans)		
<u>April 10th – 20th 2007</u>	<u>Shellharbour</u>	Yes (by arrangement)		Yes R & B Beesleys
Beesleys, Pidgeon		Total (2 vans)		
<u>Sept 10 - Oct 9 2007</u>	<u>Murray River to Mildura</u>	No Pets	Deposit Req'd	Des Cooper
Cooper, Eastly, McNamara/Banck, Beesley, Purnell/Filmer, Lusted, Hennessy, Laney, Holland, Lambert, Stacey, Purcell, Williamson, Curnow, Stevens, Burns, Hendy, Bulloch/Browning, McGowan, Woolfe, Pidgeon, Field, Carr, Maslem, Chambers, Steele, Patterson, Stewart		Total (28 vans)		
<u>Dec 28- Jan 6 2008</u>	<u>National Rally Forbes</u>	????	????	Katie Patterson
Cooper, Patterson		Total (2 vans)		