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Renewal of Membership: Well as at the 31st July we had 81 of our 97 members renew their subscriptions for 07/08. A number also phoned to say they were away or sick. Due to the floods and a lot of flu we will wait until the August meeting to confirm numbers. **So please renew your membership by the August meeting.** If you cannot make the meeting please ring the Secretary and make other arrangements

Club Membership: During July we had another four couples join our club. We also had 82 members in attendance at our July meeting with a total of 37 apologies plus 5 visitors. It is important that you also remember to sign the club attendance book. This is our official record.



Halekulani Bowling Club: Well we have certainly been made welcome by management and staff. The excellent venue allows us our privacy and the meal and price is also a winner. The cost to join the club is \$8 per year or \$18 for three years and you also receive a Birthday meal for free. But you do not have to join it's your choice.

Why did you join the club: We all have caravans which we use a couple of times a

year and we all wish we used them more often. So by joining a club you suddenly find yourself at a meeting, mixing with 100 to 150 new friends who are of similar age, and have a common interest of caravanning. As you hear the talk of wonderful trips and you see the list of trips on the notice board suddenly you find that you have put your name on a few trip lists. Already this year we have our names down for 9 trips.

One day a man came home and was greeted by his wife dressed in a very sexy nightie . "Tie me up," she purred, "and you can do anything you want." So, he tied her up and went fishing.

Planning of Trips: It was never the intent of the C of M that we plan for events 12 months or more away. This process has just developed but I suppose it helps all of us in the long run. A count of listed trips shows that we have a choice of about 25 trips so far this year. Well done

A Real Nice Recipe; I have had enough about wheel balancing, bearings, nuts and bolts it's about time to include some "good stuff" in the newsletter. One of our members has suggested you try this *Original and Authentic Date Scone Recipe. 3 Cups S/R four, Pinch of salt, 1 Jar thickened cream, ¾ cup lemonade 1 cup dates (soak in hot water) Cook at 230 deg. For 15mins (modify temp. for fan forced ovens)* **So what about that for a change ladies.**

Grandparents are a lady and a man who have no little children of their own. They like other people's.

Holiday North Report: Well the Lamberts have been North for another 3 week holiday. We found our block still there. We first went to Lauriton a very lovely spot then onto Yamba and then the Gold Coast and spent 2 days with the Coopers in another nice park. We talked and laughed a lot for 2 days we went to dinner at a local club. We then went to Maroochydore to visit my dad who is 93 and our family. Our friends took their van and we spent a week at Maroochydore. We returned to the Coopers at the Gold Coast and Barry and Des were yakking on about reverse parking of vans while Alice and I discussed wool and other good stuff. We went for a drive and had a fish lunch, we both had mullet (Alice hates mullet) Des

settled for whiting after lunch he said Alice won't let him eat mullet but next time he will despite what Alice says. We both left the Gold Coast on the same day we went to Yamba for two days then on to Forster, the Coopers went to Grafton. People say go North for the warmer weather but we still wore trackies and jumpers every day. We had a nice break away but now look forward to our next trip to Swansea with our club. It was really great catching up with Des and Alice but all of us agreed it was great to get home to our own warm house. *Betty Lambert*

State Representatives Report:

*The State Association has sent a letter to the Ombudsman regarding the problems many caravanners are having with gas regulators.

*The new club at Coffs Harbour has 67 vans already and they are growing quickly.

*The subject of Insurance cover for C of M members was raised and is being further investigated by the State body.

*Members should check out CIL Insurance when insurance is due. They have low excess, no commission and higher content cover.

Spare Parts: If you are looking for spare parts or new bits for your van then I suggest you go and talk to Cameron Cole at Central Coast Caravans. Cameron was the first person to take out an add in our newsletter. So I suggest you contact Cameron to compare prices. Cameron can get parts in within 3 days. They have moved across the road from their old location.

Power Leads for Mildura: Folks as you know 25 vans are going to Mildura and we will be sharing power at Buronga C/Park. Everyone who wants power will have access to power. The power will be limited to lights and fridge. IF you want to use your microwave/hairdryer you will need to talk to the other users on your line first. Each park power outlet will have a long lead terminating in a Power Board and 3 vans will connect to one Power Board. All people attending should speak to Des to clarify power usage and the need to have a 15amp to 10amp lead/plug.

Want to Go Off Road: A number of people have asked the question of when will we have an off road trip. The answer is as soon as some or one of you who likes off road travel puts a trip up on the board It's clear that we have a lot of members who like off road travel also bush/free camping. What we can do to start it off is put a list up on the board so that members who are interested can place their name on the list. Then we will have a BBQ and discuss some destination. *Des always likes to sleep with a K-mart and RSL Club shining in the window so that eliminates us from the off road stuff.*

Would you List a trip? We are now just over one year old and we have had a lot of trips in that period. Now may be the time for you to list your favorite trip and take a few of us along. Maybe four or five of you can get together and have a go at organizing a trip. It is really easy and if you need advice/assistance just talk to Tour Director Clarrie

Why Bother Balancing your Wheels:

We have just purchased a new Majestic van. Well the first thing Des did was to take it to Bob- Jane for a wheel balance. The tyre person working on the first wheel came in and spoke to the manager they both went out and worked on the wheel then they came and took Des out to see the result. The tyre was so out of balance that they needed to put 360 grams of weight to balance it (that's over 1/3 kg or over 2/3lb of weight). A balance usually takes around 45mins this one was over two hours because they had to loosen the tyre and balance the rim to the tyre first then balance the wheel. This is why it's so important you balance your wheels (*How about that ladies this balances our recipes*)

Lambert/Cooper Van Reversing Secret:

While we were at Tullabudgera on the Gold Coast Barry and Des invented a new way to reverse your van onto a slab site and end up with your van straight and your wheels two inches away from the concrete. Des will take a model to the next meeting and show you the secret. It consists of a cord with four pegs and you simply make a square alongside the slab and then reverse into the square. Des has even marked where the van wheels must stop so I am now redundant in reversing so no more risk to my hands. *Yippee*

Murray River/Mildura Trip; By the time you read this newsletter everyone attending this trip MUST have booked themselves into parks along the Murray. Everyone should also have received a final briefing paper from Des.

Floods/Black Out: What a dreadful few days for all coastal residents. Des and I went to the Halekulani club about 7.00am on the Sunday morning and saw flood water about 3 feet deep in front of the club. In fact water was up to the front steps. A few of us tried to contact everyone to say the meeting was cancelled but if we missed you we are sorry. Once the new committee of management is installed we will set up a system of communication so that everyone can be contacted.

Moree Trip Report: Five vans attended Moree and had a week of hot pools. The temperature of the three pools was 35, 36 and 39 degrees. But when you left the pool the cool air of June was noticeable. We went out to dinner at the local hotel and it was a lovely meal. We had drinks each night in the Webs annex and the days just rushed away. Some of us saw a caravan being pulled by four (4) camels. We also went to the local Beaura of Meteorology and received a very good explanation of weather stations. We saw a balloon being released that would rise 30 kilometers or 30000 meters sending back lots of information. It was good value. We all left for different return trips

Swansea Trip: It's pleasing to see that 37 vans have booked in for this trip and remember it's local, convenient and it is not to late to book in. This was a wonderful week last year in fact it was our inaugural club trip. Remember folks bring your disc bowls.

Beer Keg: We have our hot water (beer keg) system for Hartwood thanks to Lloyd Purnell and Ken Cooper. Now all we need

is Ron Stewart to put it together. This will provide a continuous supply of **very** hot water at all times.



Shed for Hartwood: Thanks to Peter Kane and Ron Stewart we now have a 6 x 6 colorbond shed for Hartwood in which we can store our *stuff*. It will be taken to Coolah and stored then it will be delivered to our camp site.

Sign Writer: Folks we need someone who can do sign writing. We have a plastic banner on which we need our club name printed. Also we need to have someone paint TLC on our shed for Hartwood. Des can do it but it would be *ruff*. Have you a suggestion or can you help.

September Elections: The meeting in September is very important for our club as this is the time we elect our officers for the next year So come early and support your club/new officers.

August Meeting: Des has invited representatives from Pro Disc to attend our August meeting. They will be introduced at 12.40pm. They may have some specials etc.

The next meeting will be held at Halekulani Bowling Club at 1pm on Sunday 12th August 2007.

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The TLC will hold it's next monthly meeting at Halekulani Bowling Club at 1pm on Sunday 12th August 2007. Please arrive by 11.30am so that we can have lunch but please remember you do not have to attend the lunch - just be at the meeting at 1.00pm. Look forward to seeing you there.

TLC Birthdays.

August

David Marsh	1 st
Dennice Burrows	4 th
Coral Kane	10 th
John Lusted	12 th
Lorraine Laney	12 th
David Evans	16 th
Gai Johnson	17 th
Bob Burns	19 th
Lynne Smithers	25 th
Coralie Klumpp	27 th
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The gift should be of a value up to \$20.
The listed members will need to purchase
a gift for the following month.

J E Carr August
L C Chambers September
N.L Clarke October

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



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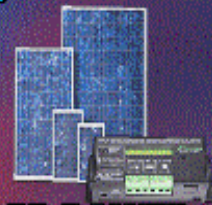
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TRIPS ON THE BOARD

Date 2007/8	Venue	Phone	Pets	Dep	Cards	Trip Leader	Phone
August 21-27	Swansea Gardens	4971 2869	No	No	Yes	Committee	
<u>Attending:</u> Evans, Hennessy, Bank/McNamara, Wardop, West, Laney, Burrows, Carr, Curnow, Pollard, Stevens, Rigger, Lambert, Stewart, Kane, Roberts, Beesley, Chambers, Cannard, Ketley, Steele, Grady, Cooper, Johnson, Brown, Bickley, Purnell/Filmer, Cooper KR, Fraser, Teeson, Sutton, Maslem, Holland, McGowan, Wagner, Benger, Rothwell (Total 37)							
Sept 10 – 26	Murray River Trip	Des	No	Yes	Yes	Des Cooper	43933383
<u>Attending:</u> Cooper, McNamara/Banck, Beesley, Lusted, Hennessy, Laney (not Wodonga), Holland, Williamson, Curnow, Bulloch/Browning, McGowan, Woolfe, Pidgeon, Field, Carr, Steele, Spath, Jones, Howard, Gross, Roberts, Teesson., Kane, Lalor, Homer/Lapich (Total 25)							
Sep 26 - Oct 7	Mildura C/Music	Des	No	yes	yes	Des Cooper	43933383
<u>Attending:</u> Cooper, Beesley, Purnell/Filmer, Lusted, Hennessy, Laney, Holland, Williamson (Curnow (5 days) Bulloch/Browning, McGowan, Woolfe, Pidgeon, Field, Carr, Steele (5 days) Spath, Jones, Howard, Gross, Roberts, Woods, Teesson., Homer/Lapich (Total 24)							
Oct 15h –22nd	Bathurst		No	yes	Yes	Clarrie Stevens	43692759
<u>Attending:</u> Stevens, Fraser, Courts, Fletcher, Kane, Wardrop, Stewart, Burns, McGowan, Lalor, Wildman, Rigger, Maslem, Curnow, Dew (Total 15)							
Oct 22- 28	W /Bungle N/ P		No	?	Yes	Clarrie Stevens	
<u>Attending:</u> Wildman, Rigger, Stewart, Stevens Total (4)							
Oct 27- Nov-3	Grafton Jacaranda	1800 012 019	No	yes	Yes	Bill Patterson	
<u>Attending:</u> Evans, West, Howard, Burrows, Roberts, Woods, Kane, Patterson, Gordon, Courts, McCorrison, Johnson, Field, Brown, Hart, Webb (Total 16)							
Nov18 -25th	TLC/Narrabeen	DONOTPHONE	No		Yes	MGT Committee	
<u>Attending:</u> Evans, Cooper, West, Cannard, Burrows, Howard, Woods, Roberts, Bickley, Carr, Wardrop, Beesley, Curnow, Stevens, Dew, Holland, Lambert, Kane, Stewart, Patterson, Klumpp, Thomas Snr, Chambers, Morrison, Williams, Ketley, Woolfe, Grady, Wildman, Hennessy, Fraser, McAndrew, McNamara, Laney, Fletcher, Steele, Burns, Clarke, Gordon, N Moore, Thomas, Pidgeon, Holland, Bullock/Browning, Webb, Rigger, Hendy, McCorrison, Maslem, Hayes/Hart, McLean, Sutton, Cooper KR, Filmer/Purnell, Williamson, Purcell (Total 54)							
Dec 28- Jan 6	National Rally Forbes	4390 5658	?	yes	no	Katie Patterson	43905658
<u>Attending:</u> Cooper, Patterson, Lambert, Roberts, Beesley, McCorrison, Purnell/filmer (Total 7)							
Jan 20 - 08	TLC Picnic Day					Mgt Committee	

Date 2007/8	Venue	Phone	Pets	Dep	Cards	Trip Leader	Phone
<u>Attending:</u> Lambert, Kane, Stewart, Cooper, Chambers, Bickley, Woolfe, Grady, Burrows, McNamara/Banck, Woods, Jones, Curnow, Stevens McCoriston, Cooper KR, Sutton (Total 17)							
Jan 30 -27 Feb	Tasmania Trip	See Trevor	No	yes	Yes	Trevor/Sue Capps	43897202
<u>Attending:</u> Capps, Fletcher, Thomas, Gross (Total 4)							
Mar 17th - 24th	Hartwood C/ry Music	nil	Yes	no	No	B & B Lambert	43933383
<u>Attending:</u> Lambert, Wardrop, Beesley, Howard, Purnell/Filmer, Cooper, Gordon, Stewart, Kane, Burrows, Carr, Hennesy, Laney, Grady, Woods, Hayes/Hart, Roberts, Maslem, Cooper KR, Webb (Total 22) Hanley (Friend of Lamberts)							
Mar 24 – 30th	Moree / CPark	6752 2723	No	Yes	Yes	B & R Beesley	43933383
<u>Attending:</u> Burrows, Howard, Beesley, Bickley ,Gordon (Total 5)							
Mar 7 – 9	State Rally Narrabeen		?			Katie Patterson	
<u>Attending:</u> Curnow, Stevens, Patterson, Lambert (Total 4)							
Mar 20-26	Belmont Pines		?			Tour Director	
<u>Attending:</u> Ketley, Courts, Bickley, Steele, Chambers, Stevens, Lusted, Cooper KR, Curnow (Total 9)							
Apr 21 -30	Beechworth Vic.		?			Tour Director	
<u>Attending:</u> Carr, Curnow, Stevens, Lambert, Kane, Beesley, Cooper, Rigger, (Total 8)							

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