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Mildura Country Music 2007: Members were advised that we had “pencil booked” 20 sites at Burronga Holiday park for September 07 for 10 nights. **BUT** the problem is they only have six powered sites in the area so we need to “Piggy Back” water and power from van to van and we can accommodate the 20 vans. Now we have 22 vans wishing to attend Mildura and so the trip now changes into a trip of tolerance and co-operation. Des is in discussion with park management and they are talking about the park providing us with a large communal hot water urn also our own B-B-Q facilities. We may also need to look at running fridges on gas. We are on the edge of the un-powered area so may need to locate some vans in that area. **BUT** whatever! we will make it work. Just bring your smiles with you. PS Will keep you briefed.

What are State Rallies: There are 29 caravan clubs in NSW. Each year a

different club hosts a State Rally and about 15 clubs attend the two night 3 day event. Next year it will be held at Cataract Park Appin over 1st to 3rd March. The Patterson’s and Coopers are going and we would like about 15 vans to come with us for a “look see”. So friends please support us and support our club . As this will be our clubs first attendance at State Rally we would like to introduce our club with a positive attendance of members. *Its’ a good weekend*

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Trip Planning: The Murray River Trip is still twelve months away, but you need to start now, to plan your return home trip. Remember the trip finishes at the conclusion of the Festival in Mildura. Des and I will take 3 days to come home

because there is a club meeting the following Sunday. But you should consider teaming up with others and come home via Broken Hill or Melbourne or go on into SA etc.

Club Van Stickers: Clarrie Stevens and Roy Curnow have agreed to take charge of passing out the caravan stickers. Each van will be supplied two stickers and you will need to sign for them. Then it’s up to you to locate them in the best location.

FOR SALE

Four Bar Stabiliser Towing Unit and all the associated equipment --\$50 Ph. 43933383.

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Club Membership: After our November meeting we now have 75 van membership. We also had 100 in attendance at our November meeting. It is important that

you also remember to sign the club attendance book. This is our official record.



GRAFTON *What can I say? Thank you Max for a great week. I'm sure everyone enjoyed themselves. What a beautiful caravan park. We've firm'd some friendships and made new ones. What a great group of people. Roy and I are having the time of our lives. Those of us who went on the outing to Squatters Rest had a lovely day. Australiana museum, lunch, poetry and music. There was something for everyone that day and every day. Markets, art exhibitions, porcelain doll exhibits, dragon boats, river cruise to mention a few. Above all, the beautiful Jacarandas, which took everyone's breath away. Lots of laughs, (a few) drinks and plenty of disc bowls. We are all improving in leaps and bounds at this game. Some of us left the caravan park at 6am Monday to take photos under the Grafton Bridge of the river reflections. Unfortunately the water was a bit too ripply for good photos. However one hardy person got out of bed at 5.30am next day to try again and got some lovely photos. (Well I think so anyway). Fred, Dennice and Brett left a few days early and were farewelled by everyone.*

Clarrie, Pam, Roy and myself left Saturday and had a big send off. As Roy said, the last person to leave would feel very Lonely. Can't wait for the next trip.

Laurel and Roy



Picnic/Grand/Parents Day On Sunday 14th January 2007 we will hold our first Grand parents/Parents day and we have also decided to make it a Club Picnic Day. The committee has determined that for this year we should go to Canton Beach Toukley. The address is the Eastern end of Canton Beach The park has seating, shelter, tree's, swimming and an ice-cream shop close by. We intend to have a series of games for the kids and we will entertain them for a few hours away from computers. We intend to have a late Santa so you will need to bring a present say a something of under \$10.

Christmas Dinner at Halekulani: Please arrive by 10.30am so that we can have a few drinks and socialise before we have our very first (3) three course Christmas Dinner commencing 12.00 pm. We currently have (96) names down as attending. If you wish to attend please ring the Treasurer or Secretary to book in and pay your money.

Question: Why are retirees so slow to clean out the basement, attic or garage? **Answer:** They know that as soon as they do, one of their adult kids will want to store stuff there.

Booking In Process. We need to assist Caravan Parks with our booking in process. Currently a trip is placed on the notice board and members place their name on the list as intending to attend. The list is then published in the Newsletter. Members are then required to ring and book themselves into the park and pay a deposit if required. This is the key to your booking if you ring and book early you will be located close to the trip leader, if you wait till last to ring in then naturally you will be further away.

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Ship-Shape Roof Top Camper with Annex. Used twice –as new \$3400. **Foam Queen Sized Mattress-150mm thick-Never used--\$50 ...Ph Allan Howard 43533700**

Advertising in our Newsletter: We currently have five business houses that are supporting our club by advertising in our Newspaper. We should, also support the advertisers if possible, but this does not mean you are obligated to accept their deal. But at least give them a chance to quote on any product that they may assist you with. **I understand Des has asked each of them to come along to a club meeting early next year and meet the members.**

Fuel stabilizers: I found this interesting bit of information in a publication produced by my old employer. Unleaded petrol lasts approximately six weeks in a sealed container before volatile components start to evaporate and deteriorate. The

Equipment Development Unit has investigated the effectiveness of using fuel stabilisers to extend the shelf life of stored unleaded petrol. It was found that fuel stabilisers did not replace the high-octane ingredients of unleaded petrol and their use can render motor warranties null and void.



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The Lambert Crocheted Rug: Well folks as you have seen this rug is beautifully made and we greatly appreciate the effort that Betty has put into its production. I tried to find out how long it took Betty to finish the rug but she said Oh! not too long I suppose. But I have it straight from the horse's mouth that Barry was cooking and washing up for eleven (11) days non stop. Once again thanks for your effort. Now folks another way we can say thanks to Betty is to buy say \$5 worth of raffle tickets. Remember the income is for the clubs use and ultimately for your benefit.

Name Badges: We have just returned from the Grafton Jacaranda trip and we had a most wonderful time until I developed a dreadful cold and had to come home early. But what became very clear is that we must wear our name badges at all club functions due to a number of reasons. The first being there is always a new member present and this will assist them also ,at times some of us have a "seniors moment" where we forget. Lastly Des drives me crazy checking names to make sure he remembers. So friends please leave your name badge in your vehicle at all times.

Club Shirts: Well Des came home very excited about the November meetings action regarding our club shirt. He said the meeting discussed many ideas and features of shirts until he was completely confused. That the members then moved that the C of M should make the final decision. He said all he has to do at the next meeting is stand up and say "this is it". *Thanks Folks.*

Van Site Signs: Clarrie Stevens has offered to produce our caravan site signs

for anyone who requires one. Clarrie can produce and plasticise a colored sign for \$5. So if you want one or have had trouble trying to follow the computer model give Clarrie a ring.

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Trip to Budgewoi: This trip is not on the board but I understand that a few people are talking about taking their vans to Budgewoi for the Christmas Dinner. They

will stay there Saturday and Sunday nights. A night out Saturday and the Xmas Party then a club bus back to the Park. *Sounds Good*

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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. C. Bickley **December**
T. G Bulloch/Browning **February**
B. M Burns **March**

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.

Thank you Friends: I have been a bit sick with a bad cold over the last few weeks. I would like to say thank you to all the people who telephoned and for all the get well cards. It appears I am at a standstill my Dr. said I have a deep seated summer virus and only time will cure it. But I am sure I will be at the Clubs Christmas Dinner. Thanks again. Alice

Murray River/Mildura Trip: We have just about confirmed the locations we will be staying and are progressing the bookings of parks. Currently we are negotiating with a number of parks Members are reminded that it's your choice if you go along the Murray River or decide to travel some other route to get to Mildura. What is most important is that if you have other plans let Max or Des in on the details

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Christmas Greetings; The Committee of Management wishes each and every one of you a very special Xmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you on trips in 2007 as we appear to have a very busy year of trips lining up.

Christmas Cards: Friends we are now in the process of getting ready for the National Rally which starts December

2007. We would like you to save all your Xmas Cards from this year and give them to Katie Patterson. We intend to make some crafty gifts to put in the State gift bag.

Inaugural TLC Rally Narrabeen: They said the Sydney Olympics were the best ever and they are the only words you use to describe our rally at Narrabeen. We would like to thank the committee and all members for making this trip so enjoyable. We had dinner at the Pittwater RSL on Monday (baked pork & fish). The next evening we had Port and Trivia night which was very entertaining. Mike & Bill did a grand job & we have christened Bill our official wine taster as I know he tried every bottle and was able to walk home better than most of us. On Wednesday we played the Ladies Singles Disc Bowls. It was a fun-day with Robyn Rigger the Ladies Champion after a well fought out game against Beryl Howard. The men's finals were played between Len Field and Max Purcell with Len securing the title of Mens Singles Champion. Thursday was a B-B-Q tea at the Coachhouse after a big day with the Pairs Disc Bowls. We had more men than women so it was decided by the Committee to let everyone play. The winners of the pairs in one of the best games you could have wished for were Roy Curnow & Peter Kane. The runners up were Laural Curnow & Bill Rigger. Congratulations to all winners and all players in a well fought out competition. Friday morning was piklets, jam & cream in the marquee. Park management put on a movie that evening called RV and anyone that didn't laugh wasn't in attendance. The park also supplied our Big Raffle prize of "A weekend for two adults plus 3 children

with an on-suite valued at \$145" This was won by John & Joy Lusted who were very excited about their win. The men spoiled the women on Saturday by cooking breakfast in the marquee. There were lots of activities enjoyed by all like trips to Manly, Quay to Parramatta & trips to Palm Beach. The girls enjoyed the shopping centres & swims down in the ocean baths. David Jones enjoyed fishing on the beach (caught his own bait in the lake) and a few men were able to fit in a game of golf & bowls. I think the farewell B-B-Q on Sunday was a sad event as it meant a week of good fun with friends was over. It was a shame Alice & Des were unable to be with us as they would have had a great time and Des would have been so proud of everyone and we certainly hope Alice is on the mend. I think we are very lucky with the TLC club as the caring & sharing that was shown at this Rally proves that we are a unique bunch of people that know how to have a good time. Thanks again to the hard working committee who did a great job and to all members who pitched in & helped. Looking forward to next year at Narrabeen. *Lyn and Max.*

. Disc Bowls National Rules: We have just received a copy of the national rules for disc bowls and this is the latest edition. I will send it out by email but a hard copy will be available for everyone to pick up at the Xmas Party. It is essential we always play to the correct rules.

Tour Director Report: Max has prepared a "booking in advice" sheet regarding a number of trips accordingly it will be included with this Newsletter for your information and action.

Editor:*Alice Cooper**Please contact me with comments on 43933383 or email thecoopers@tac.com.au*

The next meeting will be held at Halekulani Bowling Club at 1pm on Sunday 11th February 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. Hope to see you.

TRIPS ON THE BOARD

<u>Date</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Pets</u>	<u>Cards</u>	<u>Trip Leader</u>
Feb 4 - 11 2007	Jindabyne Snowline C.Park	No	Yes	Max
Purcell,Stacey,Bulloch/Browning,Eastley,Teesson,Thomas Snr,Woolfe,Wildman,Burns,Stewart.(10)				
Feb 16 - 18 2007	Valley Vineyard Tourist Park	No	Yes	Mike Wildman
Wildman,Curnow,Burrows,Stevens.(4)				
Feb 19 - 22 2007	Gloucester Holiday Park	Yes	Yes	Les
Kelly,Banhidi,Cannard,Pidgeon,Teesson,Hennessey,Courts,Howard. (8)				
March 1-3 2007	NSW State Assoc Rally	No	Yes	Des Cooper
Cooper,Beesley,Patterson,Wildman.(4)				
March 20-27 2007	Wangi Wangi	No	Yes	Des Cooper
Cooper,Wildman,Purnell/Filmer,Curnow,Stevens,Pfyeld,Browning/Bulloch,Burns,Stacey,Steele, Chambers,Beesley,Hendy,McNamara/Banck,Jones,Stewart,Purcell,Banhidi,McAndrew,Hennessey, Laney,Lusted,Evans,Teesson,Cannard.(25)				
April 2-9 2007	Hartwood	Yes	No cash only	Des Cooper
Cooper,Kane,Wardrop,Pfyeld,Howard,Woods,Beesley,Stewart,Carr,Hennessey,Wildman, Purnell/Filmer,Burrows,Maslem.(14)				
April 10-20 2007	Shellharbour	Yes (by arrange.)	Yes	Bob and Robyn Beesley
Beesley,Pidgeon,Chambers,Lambert,Fraser,Price.(6)				
Sep 10 - Oct 9 2007	Murray River to Mildura	No Pets	Deposit Req'd	Des Cooper
Cooper,Eastley,McNamara/Banck,Beesley,Purnell/Filmer,Lusted,Hennessey,Laney,Holland,Lambert,Stacey,Purcell,Williamson, Curnow, Burns,Bulloch/Browning,McGowan,Woolfe,Pidgeon, Field,Carr,Chambers,Steele,Patterson,Stewart,Pfyeld,Spath,Jones. (28)				
Dec 28- Jan 6 2008	National Rally Forbes	????	????	Katie Patterson
Cooper,Patterson (2)				

