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No Trips May June: The Trip Sheet is very light on with no trips listed for May or June. Bev is doing sterling work but she needs your assistance in listing trips. Remember you can organise a trip to your favourite location for say four or five vans and close the trip off. The location your five vans go to may then cause others to follow a few weeks later. Help the club—list a trip please

Beef Curry Recipe Correction: In the recent Recipe Book Update Des submitted a Beef Curry recipe that only requires 2 tablespoons or 10ml of Ketchup Manis. Members can purchase Ketchup Manis from Coles/Woollies etc. or they can make their own by combining ¼ cup Soy Sauce plus ¼ cup Brown Sugar. The reason for this correction is that “Chefs” may mistakenly add too much sugar/soy sauce

Sandbar Report. We arrived on Thursday and after the usual meet and greet, we set up our camp site. Richard ABC informed us that the fish were biting which gave us hope of catching a good feed of fish. At Happy Hour Ma registered everybody and informed us of the fishing competition rules. Friday morning saw many up early to go to their favourite locations to catch the winning fish. Some purchased beach driving permits and we had a lot of fun driving over the sand dunes giving our cars a good workout. The lake was very low due to the entrance to the ocean being blocked off with sand. At the weigh INS, the fish were few and far between, but we all thought that this is only the first day and the fishing will improve. Saturday was much the same however there wasn't much to brag about at the weigh INS, but a few got lucky. Ma had arranged for the bus from Smiths Lake Bowling Club to pick us

up and take us to the club for dinner and I'm sure everyone had a good time. It was the closest some of us got to a fish dinner. On Sunday morning most of us had a sleep in after the Saturday night, I'm sure Barry Lathan didn't go to bed because he had left to go fishing before anybody mustered the energy to get up. The weigh INS again didn't provide much action but for those of us with permits we had a great time testing our cars again. The afternoon saw Ma and Pa return from their epic journey to Wollongong and they certainly had a tale to tell. Who said you can't drive up Bulli Pass twice without wanting to. On Monday we had a pancake morning tea arranged by Ma many thanks to those people who helped out with the cooking. The fish were elusive again and I'm sure they knew we were there. Ma certainly didn't get tired at the weigh ins. Bingo night and everyone

who attended had a fun night. I hope the winners enjoyed the chocolates and other goodies. Tuesday Ma arranged a BBQ dinner for us and we had 2 special guests join us. Adrian and Barbara from Happy Halliday's mixed with us and I'm sure they had a good time. There was plenty of food prepared and there was plenty left over with On Wednesday a few had to leave us and head home for various reasons and saying goodbye is always sad because we had a terrific week together. Thursday morning saw us doing our final packing and hooking up our vans for the trip home. We said our goodbyes. In summary, we had a fabulous week. We enjoyed each other's company, had terrific hosts in Ma and Pa and it wasn't all about catching fish. It was about being together living the dream and doing it with fabulous friends. I thank Roy Curnow's son and son-in-law for joining us for a few days and I'm sure they enjoyed themselves. We look forward to seeing them again next year. Congratulations to the winners of the competition, but don't get too comfortable, next year we will be out to take your title.

Kate Crocker

Hardwood 2014: Left Mudgee heading to Harwood Monday morning in the company of around 9 other vans from TLC. At Coolah most stopped to top up with provisions for the week, but myself and AJ headed on to the property. Driving in late morning a large number of vans and motor homes were already in and on finding the TLC camp site several of our club members' vans had already set up with the fire pit smoking away and peddlers on the boil plus an enormous pile of firewood ready to go. I think Peter Kane and Peter Rohwer had been very busy.

Most club members had turned up in the afternoon and a couple on Tuesday. By then we had 22 caravans and 1 motor home plus two new members John and Lorraine. Also after looking around the property the number of caravans and RV's had doubled.

The early morning fire stoking duties at around 6ish was taken on by Phillip and grandson Bailey, so that everybody could have a good sleep-in.

Wednesday morning was our Biggest Morning Tea for Cancer organised by Beryl, this was also attended by several people of the adjoining caravans from other clubs. Later on it was off to the campground for the start of entertainment "The Knight of the Piano" with Peter Horan, which was pretty good.

Next day Thursday was off to town (Coolah) for a club luncheon at the Top Pub, bit of shopping and checkout the Op shop with many a bargain had. When we returned to the property it appeared the total Caravans and RV's had doubled again. It was mentioned as being the biggest year yet with over 2,000 caravans and RV's attending, which was a lot but we seemed to have plenty of space and adequate toilets and running (most of the time) water. That night we had a sing along around the campfire, while some played the phase 10, (which I think happened every night) or to the campground for the walk up artists.

Friday we had a morning tea damper and rock cake cook up, most were great but some extra toasty!

Also someone who will remain nameless wondered why there washing machine wasn't working very well? Hadn't realised

they weren't in a caravan park with town water and had just emptied out their caravan water tanks. (Good one C)

Then off to Homestead stage for the Jim Reeves & Patsy Cline tribute concert.

Saturday and Sunday at the homestead stage was great entertainment with many talented artist, my stand outs were Tania Kernaghan singing all her hits, Laura Dowling had some great jokes, quick wit to follow up any replies and great singer, Tom Maxwell, Peter Horan, Rodney Vincent, Royden Donohue (Elvis), Paul McCloud had a couple and the rest all good.

No one told me but you do need 8 chairs at this event, you leave two at the Homestead stage, two at the Campground stage, two at our the TLC's own fire pit/carport and of course two at your caravan, so you can always count on a good seat where you and your better half may decide to go.

Monday turned up very quick, the week was thoroughly enjoyable with plenty BBQing and the clunking of camp ovens over hot coals plus a great campfire in action for hanging out at.

Half the crowd left Monday but we stayed another day to pack up in the morning or rather some waking up to Al Howards car CD flat out playing Livin' the Dream (Tania Kernaghan caravan song)! I think it was on repeat.

So it's Tuesday and everybody has to go, lots of the happy campers heading off in an orderly manner, didn't notice any traffic congestion on the way out. Might be different at Boggabri where I think most are heading! Regards AL & Cheryl (This is a true account as far as I can vaguely

remember; some of the names could have been changed to protect the innocent)

Do Not Overtake Signs: Would the member at the last meeting who took a long "don't over take" sign and a big square sign to see which one fitted. Please contact Cheryl Ducker on 4333 3343 0414 953 355.

Casino Beef Week: This event starts on the 28th May members wishing to attend should ring and book the park immediately. If you wish more information please ring Bev on 0427 902 277

MUD, MUD, MUD, It was nice to have the rain, but it certainly made our trip to Corryong a challenge. Our Music Festival at Nowra was very enjoyable, but the paddock where the vans were parked was churned up and several had to be towed out. Onto to Corryong and unfortunately the Re-enactment of the poem "The Man from Snowy River" was postponed then later cancelled. We watched the street Parade in the rain. Most of the other events went ahead, there was a big crowd and the ultimate winner of the "Horseman Challenge", Scott Bandy has won it five times, a record, and he announced his retirement (as well as his horse who was 17yrs old), he turned 40 this year and was very emotional, he said he will leave it to the younger men, it included buck-jumping and bull riding, great spectator sport, the crowd loved it.

About 12 vans continued onto Hartwood on Jim Holmes mystery tour, stopping at Carcoar Dam. Sofala, & Mudgee, good camping and great fires at night. On the way we had a blown tyre and vehicle break-down

which had to be towed into Bathurst, all good now. At Mudgee we heard that Rivers was closing down, so everyone went in and found some great bargains, heavy jackets for \$1 less 40%, very effective against the chill at night.

Hartwood was very well attended, biggest crowd I have ever seen, (been going about 10 years) some very good artists which kept everyone entertained. I think the favourite was Tania Kernaghan and her Dad. We all love her "Caravanning" song. Good sunny weather and we made use of the on-site water. A trip into Coolah saw everyone visit Vinnie's, with some more purchases, and lunch at the Top Pub for 43 people, lovely 2 course meal. A few stayed there on Monday night, and then travelled to Boggabri, stopping at Gunnedah for supplies. It was hard to find a parking spot; Caravans lined the street, many doing the same as us.

We met Kate at Boggabri showground. She had a great area for us with about 20 vans. The Drivers Campfire Festival was very well organised by the Lions Club with tours to a Cotton Gin, Coal Mine, Sheep Farm, local village etc. Lots of on-site entertainment, damper cooking, fresh scones with jam/cream, jumping dogs, heavy horses, craft stalls. We thoroughly enjoyed the time and have already paid a deposit for next year, hopefully we will have the same area, so if interested see Kate at the next meeting.

We came home from there, an easy trip, as we had a baby-sitting appointment with our 18mth old Grandson, another group went onto Lightning Ridge, hope they have good weather and enjoy the activities.

Thank you everyone for your company, hopefully we can do it all again next year. Beryl & Allan Howard.

BIRTHDAYS MAY

Payne Arthur	3-May
Marsland Peter	8-May
Lalor Bob	9-May
Bickley Carole	11-May
Lewis Patricia	13-May
McLachlan Elizabeth	13-May
Russell Meg	14-May
Smyth John	13-May
Laney Richard	14-May
Meatheringham Jhon	19-May
Field Gail	19-May
Field Len	20-May
Kingma Tim	20-May
Lusted Joy	21-May
Stevens Pam	22-May
McLachlan Denis	22-May
White Perc	23-May
Reilly Sue	24-May
Russell Ray	28-May
Jones Beverly	29-May
McDonald Elizabeth	29-May
Williamson Graham	30-May

The Meatheringhams; John and Dawn are in the process of selling their caravan and whilst at Boggabri they notified us that they will not be re-joining TLC. They both expressed their enjoyment of being members and the fun they have had on trips.

Boggabri Trip: A total of 15 vans arrived at Boggabri to a warm welcome and we were allocated our own camping area

away from the other 500 plus vans that were scattered throughout the show-ground. Kate and Dawn found a cut down 44 gallon drum that we used for a fire and many a drink was had around that fire, believe me.

From Wednesday, the entertainment was on in earnest, with a multitude of tours to various historical and interesting locations scattered throughout the Boggabri area. The morning tea tour to Mac Village, a miners accommodation complex about 10 minutes from the Boggabri Show-ground, was a real high light. The morning tea that was supplied by the staff was to die for. I haven't seen so many tasty cakes and pastries to choose from since I was last in a cake shop. The coffee was brewed and drank out of large mugs. The cost of the tour was only \$5.00 which also included an ice cream on departure and a return bus trip and it was the most sought after tour of them all. The nightly entertainment started on Wednesday night and continued through to Sunday night. On one particular night, Des Cooper got up on stage and did 2 brilliant Bush Poetry renditions that were appreciated by all in attendance. The skit show put on by the local families, volunteers and farmers on Saturday night was one of the best you would ever see with over 1000 people sitting around fire drums laughing and having a fantastic time.

We spoke about what stood out during our Boggabri trip and Bev and Bob Shoobert wrote this down and gave it to me.

The thing that I enjoyed most was" sitting under the stars each night being entertained with around a thousand others was fantastic. My highlife of the entertainment was the Saturday Night skits. The locals were all very friendly. A great time had. It was good to see

that most of the members have re booked for next year. Thanks Kate for organising a great trip and thanks also for all the running around that you did so that everyone got important information. We look forward to hosting this again next year. Steve Crocker.

Ed Comments: The Crockers organised a wonderful trip to Boggabri. They ensured that members were briefed on every item.

New Members Welcome to the following caravanners who joined TLC in the last month:

Bolcina John / Lorraine.
Mallie Sue/Jezz,
Zammit Charles/Helen

Eight Birthdays: Wow--- Eight years ago on the 11th June 2006 we held our inaugural meeting. The last eight year period would have to be the busiest and quickest time in our life. We certainly hope it slows down a bit

2015 Dates to Remember: Hartwood Country Music is on from around 1st to 7th April ALSO Boggabri Camp Fire will be held from 23rd to 27th April. A lot of members have already paid deposits on Boggabri

WINNERS of FREE LUNCH

*Bev Shoobert
Blue Ducker*

MONTHLY CLUB RAFFLE WINNERS

*\$50 Val Kinnell
\$30 Jenny Hendy
\$20 Lorraine Laney*

FOR SALE

Trail-a-mate hydraulic jack and jockey wheel
\$150 One pair of **Enzo magnetic mirrors** \$100
Ring Richard 0414 691 738 Mar 14

2008 Imperial Palace 17ft 3inch Pop-top caravan
\$24,500 or close offer, Hayman-Reese anti sway bars, 2 gas bottles (4.5 kgs) Microwave oven, Fire extinguisher and smoke alarm, Full Aussie-Traveller "Coolibah" annex, Island bed, L-shaped lounge including dinette. Plus heaps of other goodies. Ring Margaret on 4396 1151 Mar 14

Coleman Hot Water on Demand system.

Excellent condition. All accessories . Plus shower tent, 12v shower. Sold as package or separately.
\$150 Contact Rod Hassall 0418622348

Next ---General Meeting

Sunday 18th May 2014

Email: desmond.alicecooper@bigpond.com

Members Not Rejoining: To the members who did not renew their annual fee's. The TLC members thank you for being a part of TLC and sharing in our growth over the years. We wish you all the best in your travels and hope we meet again out there somewhere on the road – bye bye

2014 LIST OF TRIPS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TRIP</u>	<u>NAMES</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
May 28 –Jun 4	CASINO BEEF WEEK	Hennessy, Shoobert, Teesson	B/B Shoobert	4390 2277
Jul 23rd – 30th	XMAS IN JULY HAPPY HALLIDAYS	Angell,Baird,Bickley/ SteellC,Brewer,Brooks,Cooper,Curnow, Davies,Denny,Ducker,Hansell,Hennessy,Herod,Henry,Hoff, Howard,Insull,Jager,Jones,Kains,Kane,Kinzel,Latham,Laney, LeeSing,Lindsay,Moore,Oakes,Olesen,Rohwer,RussellMR, Shoobert,Smith,Stewart, Williams,White 36	C/P Kane	4333 9738
Aug 18 –Sept 10	EXPLORE THE MURRY/MURRUMBIDGE	Belshaw,Brady,Cannard,Channon,Coltman,Curnow,D’Adam, Devlin,Herod,Hoff,Holland,Kingma,Purcell,Sansom,Shoobert, Steell C,/Bickley C,Stevens,Svensson,Thomas B/L 19	B/B Shoobert	4390 2277

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