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2009/2010 Annual Fee's: Our Treasurer is now ready to start collecting our yearly fees. The \$15 per person fees must be paid by the 30th June 2009. There will be no follow up phone calls chasing renewals

Bush Camping: With reference to the question submitted by a member on "What type of system should I purchase for bush camping". I would like to provide this comment on my experience with bush camping. A lot depends on the weather conditions so it is good to always have an alternate source of power. I have had quite a lot of success with Solar Panels but you must have GOOD battery storage (proper deep cycle batteries at least 200 AMP hrs), and if you want to run a TV then more storage would be required. Super Charge Battery sells good Deep Cycle Batteries. I use 6volt 220 AMP hrs with an 80 WATT solar panel. I replaced the gas fridge with an Engel upright and can run that with lights, radio and 12 volt pump. I do not use the TV when bush camping. I carry, for emergencies, an Engel Generator SHK2000 (it is a Honda with a name

change. I've never had to use it in normal camping conditions). The generator will run the split system air conditioner and microwave but not at the same time, plus lights etc. I use 2 X 220 AMP Hr Batteries, AMP Tech Deep Cycle GC2-6Volt and they weigh 30.2kls each with 12 months warranty. (Check the Web Super Charge Battery). *John Howey*

<u>LOOKING FOR</u>	<u>SEE ME</u>
Overtaking Signs:	Katie Patterson
Site Signs:	Clarrie Stevens
Caravan Stickers:	Clarrie Stevens
Change of Details:	Alice Cooper
Trips:	Clarrie Stevens/Roy Curnow
Discount Cards:	Clarrie Stevens
Name Badges:	Clarrie Stevens

Trip Briefings: Folks we need to get into a routine on all trips regarding briefings on what is on the program for the next day. We definitely need to take our "White Board" to write up the next days events but what is more important is that everyone get's use to a BRIEFING taking place at 5pm each day at the Happy Hour.

Trip Leaders: Just a reminder folks that trip leaders need to ensure they take the following on each trip. Sign on Sheet, Disc Bowls, White Board and a First Aid Box. The leader needs to ensure that some member on the trip picks up or carries the above items

Barefoot Bowls: Social Director Coral is planning for a big day at Ourimbah Bowling Club on 19th June. The program involves a games of "Barefoot Bowls" with an option of wearing socks/thongs if it's cold. Then we will have a lunch. *Sounds like a bit of a fun day*

Golf Day: Cameron Cole from Central Coast Caravans has offered to sponsor a Golf day for our club. We are now in the process of discussion and organizing the day. If any member is interested in helping to organize the event please contact Social Director Coral. We hope this day will be an ongoing yearly event so keep watching for further updates.

Trip to Gold Coast: If you are going North to Queensland this winter don't forget to have a look at the Outback Spectacular on the Gold Coast. It is one of the most professional shows you will see and the cost also includes a very nice meal. One of our members said if you book through the internet, produce a Seniors Card and are a member of NRMA the price drops to about \$65

Stockton in July: The Committee confirmed this will be a standard trip and a program will be developed at a later date. It should be a good close trip for all the people who still work. The park has a great area where we can have our Happy Hour etc.

More Trips Required: The Tour Director and Committee have agreed that our club needs at least two trips per month for members to choose from. So please give thought to putting up a trip on the board. It need only be a weekend trip or limited to say six/eight vans. There is no need to have a program drawn up just let it develop within from the people in attendance

Stockton in "MAY": At our March meeting the President spoke of the need for members to start listing trips. Jan Thomas contacted us two later and said she had booked sites at Stockton Caravan Park for a weekend trip and the dates are Friday 22nd, Saturday 23rd and late checkout on Sunday 24th May. This is an excellent start and a good local trip for members who are still working.

Cessnock in May: A new trip to a three (3) day Country Music Festival at Cessnock being held on 22nd to 24th May. See notice on Trip Board and email information.

TLC - A Social Club? The other day we were talking about our club trips and the entertainment activities that our members get involved in. We spoke about how on our dress up days/nights that nearly everyone gets involved. One of our members made the comment that we are a real "Social Group" of caravanners. As proof just look at or speak to any member that attended Tuncurry.

Tuncurry/Halladay Point: At the March meeting members were provided with photos and details of the Tuncurry Trip and that the Tour Director and members had visited Holladay's Point and received a good reception. The Tour Director advised he had already booked 40 sites at Holladay's Point. It was agreed that the Tuncurry Trip would remain in the 3rd last week of February and then members could proceed straight onto Holladay's Point for the last week.

Friends of TLC: The general meeting approved that we create a new membership position in the club. That is members who retire or sell their van may remain as a "Friend of TLC". This will allow them to attend meetings go on trips and stay in cabins etc. The only restriction being they have no voting rights. This position will also be offered to members who have previously resigned. The cost would be \$10 per/person/year

Checking of Electrical Leads: Laurie Luthje advised that testing of caravan electrical leads can be arranged for \$5 per lead. At this stage it is not mandatory to have your leads tested but it will eventually be a requirement. On the other hand it's not much money to ensure you are safe. This will be further explored at the April meeting.

Waiting List: The question was raised how many people are there on our Waiting List and the answer was Nil. If anyone knows of people wanting to join they should ring our Secretary and be placed on the List

Wildfires: At the March meeting the President spoke about wildfires and read a poem he had written. He proposes to give a 15 minute talk on Hi Rise Buildings in NSW and the Fire Safety features built within at the April meeting. He also proposes to invite guest speakers in the future.

Petty Cash. The Treasurer raised the point that we are writing a number of cheques for very small amounts. He was concerned that bank charges will have an impact on our account. The March general meeting approved that the Treasurer should commence a Petty Cash float with the amount of \$200

Tour Director: We have observed that a large number of members wish to talk to our Tour Director Clarrie immediately after each meeting To assist with this matter it was suggested that his Assistant Tour Director Roy Curnow should also be available to assist with questions/advice. So now you will have Clarrie and Roy who will be able to assist you with details.

Club Vacancies: At this point of time our membership is full with no one on the Waiting List. From past experience we can expect between 10 – 15 vans not to pay their fee's and rejoin in June.

Blackheath Trip: Once again we had a great trip. The Blue Mountains are well worth visiting. Most of us did separate things, other than our happy hours/disc bowls. Some also swam in the pools across the road in Blackheath Park, the

water was wonderful. We went to dinner at the golf club, and I think we all went to see the various lookouts in the area and into Katoomba to travel on the scenic railway/cableway etc. Roy and I found the pub on the corner had great pies. Christine and I found some good coffee shops. Pat and Alan Courts had her mother with them and she really enjoyed herself and loved the disc bowls. On behalf of everyone who took part in our Blackheath trip I would like to thank Kay and George Bengel for their hospitality. We had a lovely evening at their home and we appreciated all their efforts on our behalf. Two new members joined us, Cecily and Arthur Payne and we all thoroughly enjoyed their company and hope to see them on many more trips.

Laurel and Roy Curnow

Blackheath February 09: Well what a wonderful trip we had to a great little park in the Blue Mountains. The weather was very kind to our group. The day out visiting the Zig Zag railway was interesting in that the driver gave us a real rundown on the train and its history. We travelled on the skyway – railway and cable car also walked around to the original mine area it was a wonderful experience. A drive down into Megalong Valley was a trip back into the past. Special thanks to Kay and George Bengel for the BBQ at their home and the dinner they arranged on Wednesday at the Golf Club. There are just so many things to see and do on the mountains that one week is not sufficient time. *Rhonda/Ken Cooper*

Meet and Greet Report: Last year (18) vans attended our M & G and this year we had (31) vans in attendance. As Social Director I would like to again thank all those people who assisted in the many jobs associated with our five days of

eating, talking, singing and having fun. It was certainly a busy five days that will be a talking point for a long time. We had lunch at Harrigans Pub, a wonderful walking tour with a guide of the Kurri Kurri Muriel's. We also had Line Dancing lessons plus Karaoke also cards on the go. There was a lot of food prepared and cooked by a lot of special people who I will not name and I was happy to see that no one was ever very hungry. In fact we had left-over's from our Italian Dinner and these were taken care of at our Sunday night dinner. I was very pleased to see that every member dressed up for the dinner and the table decoration were also really nice. I hope the photographs that were taken will be on the Webpage within a short time and also pinned on our Notice Board. It was wonderful how members were quick to volunteer to assist in the many jobs. This was just such a friendly, happy few days full of fun and laughter we were sorry it had to end. One member said she had brought away a lot of food to prepare but had used none -so the food had had a good holiday- and she was taking it home again.

Coral Kane Social Director

Gerroa Trip – March 2009: This trip started off with a bit of a hiccup, with the Gerroa Shores Holiday Park being unsuitable for our members, so after being able to change to Seven Mile Beach Holiday Park AND to get all of our money back, we ended up thoroughly enjoying our stay. It was in a better location for us too as it is right on the beach and very popular with weekend visitors. What a beautiful place that part of the South Coast is! There were 12 caravans from our club and one from another club where the owners joined us for activities. These people made friends with some of our members who were at the State Rally at Berry and they fitted in well with us. We all went to the

local Fisherman's Club, just a short distance up the hill from the park. The food was good and you could not complain about the size of the servings or the price. Most days our members did their own thing and met for Happy Hour later in the day. We all went to Minamurra Falls and walked up the boardwalk some to the top falls followed by a picnic lunch and a trip to Saddleback Mountain, Kiama, and then back to the park. The weather was magic! Several people went south to Nowra, Greenwell Point, Currarong, Culburra and Berry. All had a great time and lots of experiences to compare. Currarong had the most gorgeous natural rock pool where Robyn and George had a swim. Another trip was to Kangaroo Valley which is a beautiful little country town in the centre of lush farmland and picturesque mountains. Camberwell Mountain was great for a lovely lunch and a very nice drive back to Gerroa via Berry, another tourist town buzzing with visitors for the weekend. It was only a short walk to the beach where the waves were very gentle and great for beginner surfers. Classes are held there all the time.

The facilities at the park were great, a good pool (if a little cold) good shower/toilet block and a good recreation room/kitchen. I would certainly be happy to go there again. The weather was the best that you could ask for and I think everyone had a great time. *Kay Bengel*

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SOCIAL CALENDAR

Barefoot Bowls at Ourimbah RSL June 19th tea/coffee \$10

Social Director Coral Kane 4333 9738

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Current Trips - with paid deposits

Date	Venue	Phone	Pets	Deposit	Cards	Trip Leader	T/L Phone
April 20th - 24th	Gundagai	No		No	No	Not Sure	
ATTENDING:	Clarke, Evans (Total 2)						
April 24th - 30th	Beechworth	03 57 28 1421	Yes	\$50 with Rego	Yes	Des Cooper	43933383
ATTENDING	Clarke, Cooper D&A, Evans, Fisher, Holmes, Howard, Murgatroyd, Williamson (Total 8)						
May 8th - 10th	Weekend at Vineyards	9627 1847	Yes	\$30 with Rego	Yes	Stevens	43692759
Attending							
May 22nd - 24th	Weekend at Stockton	49281393		with Registration	Yes	J & R Thomas	
Attending							
May 22nd - 24th	Cessnock Country Music					Alan Howard	
ATTENDING:							
June 2nd - 8th	Blue Water Country Music Festival - Shoal Bay	1800 600 200	No	\$50 with Rego	Yes		
ATTENDING:	Curnow, Hughes, Marsh, Webb (Total 4)						
July 23rd - 29th	Stockton Beach	49281393		With Registration	Yes	Commitee	