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**July Meeting Date:** Remember we have changed the July meeting date from the third Sunday to the **second Sunday** due to our Xmas in July at Happy Hallidays

**Happy Hallidays:** We are holding a Xmas Dinner at Happy Hallidays. Members MUST have already paid their \$18 per person to attend the dinner..

**A Trip to be Rembered (or not):** It started out with thoughts of visiting friends that live in INVERELL and others on the coast. As the van hadn't moved for over eighteen months, we thought it would be prudent to have it serviced. With the service done, and the van packed, we set off on a loop to Halidays Point via Inverell, Grafton and Macksville.,

Whilst setting up for the first night at Tamworth, I thought that it would be a good idea to check the wheel nut and tyres. All

seemed to be ok, although the wheel rims felt a bit warm..

Next day off to Inverell. All was going well until we got near Bingara, I felt that the van was pushing a bit, so I adjusted the brake controller, "too little effect."

Going through Bingara the van brakes stopped working. To say the least when informed Jane was not happy. When I started checking around I found that the brakes had got so hot that one of the wheel trims had started to melt. It was time for coffee and a plan of action.

With the brakes cooled off out came the Jack and tools, with the brakes backed off and no obvious cause of the problem, we did a brake test in the in the side streets, all seemed to be ok, so we continued on to Inverell.

With suspicions about the brake controller, I called in an Auto Electrician who was

happy to come to the caravan park. An hour of testing and checking the controller the trailer plug and wiring, the cause of the problem was found to be a corroded wire joiner called a Scotch Lock

The Auto Electrician was surprised that we hadn't had trouble before, but it was something that was always going to happen. Scotch Locks removed and all joints soldered, a static test proved the brake controller and brakes to be working ok.

Now it was time to get out the tools, pull of the wheels and hubs and assess the damage. As suspected the new bearings fitted when the van was serviced, had started to turn blue and the brake linings burnt. So off into town to source new parts, you have to love country towns if someone can't help you, they know who can.

So with all parts sourced fitted and adjusted, it was time to catch up with friends, have a beer or two and relax for a few days. With friends visited we were getting ready to set off for Grafton, our next overnight stop. Being unfamiliar with Grafton I set up the Nav Man and plugged in the charger only to find it didn't work, so I tried another socket, it still wouldn't work, having a closer look at the charger I found that the contact tip had broken off, so in to town we go. Luckily for us Jaycar had just opened up and had one universal charger in stock.

A pleasant trip through the country and into Grafton, almost at our destination for the night Nav Man said turn right then left, I obeyed the right turn, "as you do" but could not do the left turn as someone had removed the railway bridge. So we made a u'turn and made our own way to the van park. Having heard a loud clunk going into the park I thought what now so after setting up for the night out with the jack and up went the van wheels, all was well only minor adjustments required.

After a good run down the Highway, and heading for the Nambucca River Tourist Park at Macksville, five kilometres outside Macksville a sign saying Nambucca Heads caught Nav Mans' eye, trusting Nav Man, and thinking that the caravan park must be closer to Nambucca than I thought. But alas we took the scenic route to Macksville. After going down Dead End Street I thought Nav Man might like to go for a swim.

A quick phone call had us back on track, and few minutes later we were in the caravan park. Whilst setting up I did my wheel nut and tyre check to my relief all was well. No Hot Rims.

Fed and watered, we set off to see Janes' girl friend. Heading back to our caravan that night in the rain, the car started to wobble as if it had an oval wheel? I could feel the tears start to well up in my eyes. I said to myself toughen up. It's only a caravan trip. You should be enjoying yourself.

In the morning with mixed feelings, muttering to myself I had a look around the car, and yes we had a deformed tyre, so out with the jack again. Tyre changed, I could hear Jane saying things like, and we should never have left home. Next stop Happy Halidays, and another friend to see. Setting up at Halidays I bravely checked the wheel nuts and tyres, but couldn't find anything wrong Hooked up and ready to leave Halidays. Jane was checking the van lights, she called out that one indicator light was not working off with the lens and fitted a new bulb, did it work, of course not. But cleaning the trailer plug fixed that.

Happy that all was now ok, as Jane was about to get into the car, I asked her to check the left brake light as couldn't see a reflection on the front of the van. No, it's not working finding the spare bulb had broken I said get in and I'll fix it when we get home. The journey home was uneventful, and with the van safely back on

the driveway I thought to myself, **NOW THAT WAS A TRIP TO BE REMEMBERED.** "We can't wait for our next trip" Les Hunt & Jane Holly xx

**Happy Hallidays Card Making Class:** Any member wishing to attend the card making class at Hallidays needs to contact Cheryl and confirm their attendance so she can prepare the packages—ring Cheryl now please on 43333343. (PS The original list has been misplaced I think)

**Casino Beef Week Trip Report:** Once again an eventful start to trip. Saturday evening hooked up van ready for the morrow. No electric brakes, no left hand blinker, no stop lights. Our son came round and managed to get stop lights working.

Sunday morning everything working again, so off we went. Stopped overnight at Kempsey Showground (good), then Casino Monday 1pm. Susan had home made scones, nibbles and tea or coffee for all. Wonderful and most appreciated.

All the way along Carole kept calling over the CB to stop for pies, but nobody would,. That afternoon at happy hour out comes Cheryl with a plate of party pies, awww shucks!

The Kanes were having BBQ steak for dinner. Peter sprayed his pan, put steaks in, but they kept drying out, so he sprayed, then sprayed again, complaining all the time that the pan was dry. Coral looked at the spray oil, oops, fly spray. There were suggestions of "wash them off".'

Tuesday off to Nimbin. Interesting day, I'd never been there before so it was an experience, especially when I was offered 'special' cookies. We went to a candle making place and all of us bought something, they were so pretty.

Back at Casino for happy hour. Roy retired about 8.45pm, I was at the sink when I heard him sit up, I turned round as he was putting on his socks. I asked was he going somewhere, he asked the time and when I said 10pm, he lay down again and went back to noddy land. Mmmmm

Wednesday 7.30am (just daylight) off to the cattle sales – really interesting, but the Brahma bull didn't want to go the way his handler was herding him, discretion was the better part of valour so the guy jumped over the fence.



Started to rain later, so we spent the morning in the shops, Roy and Carole found free sausage sandwiches, some of us had coffee. Wendy went to Woolies, Chris said she'd drive down to get her, but turned right instead of left at roundabout, then back the way we'd come, then right again at next one, then 2 blocks back down to Woolies.

We haven't lost our touch at getting lost. A lot of the shop windows were decorated and some were really clever, the theme was Aussie Icons. Went to local museum and the art and photographic exhibition, missed the orchid show. Thursday off to the Poets Breakfast (Roy slept in). There were 3 men, poetry and funny stories, really enjoyable. Then off to the markets, but there were only 5 stalls, we gave it a miss.

Friday was breakfast with the butchers, free sausage or steak sandwiches and a free bottle of chocolate or strawberry milk. Very well organized.

#### **Roy looking for more free food**



A very busy day. Cow pat lotto, milking competition, craft display and craft markets. Afterwards on to Lismore, another lovely town. When we got back there had been a storm, so tied everything down, but nothing else eventuated, then ready for the club for dinner.

Nice dinner, then upstairs to listen to the band. Next thing in come a line of police and a police dog. Most of us used courtesy bus to get there, club now in lockdown, Peter R managed to leave with Peter K and Jan S, they picked up their cars, we stood around downstairs, but we had to wait outside as they couldn't come

back in. Never been in a raid before, so an interesting night.

Saturday didn't leave 'til 10am – wow a sleep in. Saw junior whip cracking competition (started at under 7s), the wood chop, looked at all the stalls, lunched, coffeed, saw the display of cars, hot rods etc., then after cattle had been judged we sat on bales of hay to watch them being auctioned. All sold to butchers, Chris decided she would still eat meat, but not until we came home so it wouldn't be their little faces she'd be thinking of.

Then we moved our hay bales to the side and had a top spot to watch the street parade – lots of floats and other 'stuff'. Sunday the stalls and ute muster came to us – all set up in the van park. We also watched the aero display without moving as it was just over the fence. Vintage planes, ultra lights, joy rides and aerobatics. Great.

There was a rodeo one night, but we were too tired to go. A big thank you to the Kanes for a great week, lots to keep us busy and I'd recommend it as a trip. Laurel & Roy XX

**Wikicamps Australia:** As I mentioned at Sundays meeting members could be interested in a great App I found. It is called **Wikicamps Australia**. It details 8407 sites throughout the country, including free camps, caravan parks etc., along with pictures and a great deal of detail for each of the sites. Simply enter Wikicamps Australia into your Google Search Bar. You can get Android, PC and Apple versions. The App costs \$2.99

and it would be one of the best I have seen. You get a 14 day free trial, Sue

### **BIRTHDAYS**

#### **Ladies**

Thomas Betty	3-Jul
Dew Cheryl	12-Jul
Geale Wendy	14-Jul
Brew er Denise	15-Jul
Burrow s Ann	15-Jul
Kains Barbara	20-Jul
Fletcher Margaret	24-Jul
Hendy Jennie	26-Jul

#### **Men**

Trevithick Eric	5-Jul
McDonald Philip	13-Jul
Hassal Rod	23-Jul
Reid Peter	29-Jul

**Shoal Bay trip.** It was disappointing that only three vans went to Shoal Bay and not the five that were listed. Thelma was the first to arrive, followed by Bev and Bob and Ralph arrived much later in the day. With so few vans in the park we took advantage of being able to "drive through "onto our Sites. During the next few days the van park quickly filled up with families arriving for the "Blue Water Country Festival" scheduled for the long weekend.

Happy hour was rather late as we had all been busy setting up annexes etc. so it was early to bed and we awoke to light rain the next morning. The weather having cleared, we set off to Salamander Shopping centre (with a visit to "Vinnies" on the way) where we watched groups of "Line Dancers" of all ages, shapes and sizes, strutting their stuff in the Mall.

Bob, doing his good deed for the day, tipped up the roof of Thelma's outside blind to empty the rain which had puddled on it overnight, only to cop a drentching with a

very large quantity of cold water spilling over himself...brrr. Not learning a lesson from that " performance" Thelma finished off the job, and did the same thing to herself!! (two "drowned rats")

On Saturday we went to "West Diggers"Club for lunch to watch Line Dancing competitions. These were very entertaining as Groups wore a variety of uniforms which ranged from Military, to Western and even grass skirt outfits from Hawaii We listened to a bush poet who called himself "The Rhymer from Ryde" but we all agreed that our own "poet, Des" was heaps better as this chap was too loud and his poems went on forever and ever! (boring) We didn't like his reference to we caravanners as "geriatric gypsies"" either, so he didn't get a "tick" from us.

After wandering along on the foreshore of Nelson Bay, we expected to see more "buskers" but only two bands were performing, one being an older group which was good and another named "the Brothers3" who were excellent and only 17 yrs old with their Mum on drums. The atmosphere was really good as there were plenty of the usual food and market stalls available and lots of people. Apparently the better artists were in the Clubs and Hotels where one had to pay to see them perform.

We visited the Gan Gan Lookout and also the Lighthouse, Museum, and Search and Rescue station which was very interesting with history from WW2 detailing the RAN and US Navy operations in Port Stephens, during that period. Lunch that day was at the Fingel Bay Bowling

Club...good menu and lovely (non-fattening) cheese cakes!!

Being a lovely morning, we decided to take the ferry to Tea Gardens where we had the famous fish n chip "cones". Whilst there, the weather suddenly changed and at midday a strong squall and rain came through which earlier must have gone through the caravan park as the Manager rang Bev to say that their outside blind had come down as well as Ralph's . By the time we arrived back to Nelson Bay after a fairly rough ferry trip, sadly the damage to Bev's blind could be seen. This was particularly upsetting for them as it had just recently been replaced after having encountered storm damage a month ago whilst travelling around Tasmania. Thank you Bev and Bob for a nice week. Thelma H.xx

**10A -15A Power Board;** At Sundays meeting a member displayed the above power board with circuit breaker. They look a nice safe unit and are available from Jayco for \$72

#### **MONTHLY CLUB RAFFLE WINNERS**

*Winners of the monthly raffle*  
 \$50 Doug Kinnell  
 \$30 Peter Rohwer  
 \$20 June webster

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**Next ---General Meeting**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

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## 2013 LIST OF TRIPS

<b>Jul 15 – 22nd</b>	<b>XMAS in JULY @ HAPPY HALLIDAYS</b>	<b>1800 555 454</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Committee</b>
Angell, Bickley, Bromley, Brewer, Brown L/J, Burrows, Cooper, Channon, Curnow, Davies, Dennis, Dew, Dreyer, Ducker, Edwards/Williamson, Fabien, Fletcher, Flippence, Haberfield, Hansell, Hendy, Hennessy, Henry, Herod, Hoff, Howard, Hunt/Holly, Jagger, Johnson, Kane, Kains, Kingma, Kinnell, Kennedy, Latham, Laney, Lee-Sing, Maughan, Merritt, McDonald, McGillicuddy, McKenzie, Moore, Oaks, Olsen, Pollard, Reilly, Russell, Sharp, Steele K/L, Shawcross, Shoobert, Smith, Stewart, Svensson, Thomas, Williams.				
<b>Jul 22<sup>nd</sup>-17 Sep</b>	<b>Winter Escape Cairns, Atherton, Underra, Charters Towers, Carnarvon Gorge, Roma Ltd Numbers</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>L/R Curnow</b>	
Cannard, Curnow, Davidson, Pollard, Holland, Bickley/Geale, Fletcher, Kane, Moore, Merritt/Wright, Shawcross, Res				
<b>Sep 23 – Oct 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>NATIONAL RALLY ROCKHAMPTON QLD.</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>4353 9069</b>
Belshaw, Davidson, Edwards/Williamson, Meatheringham, Reid,				
<b>Sep 28 – Oct 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2013 FOSSICKERS WAY RAMBLE</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>C/P Stevens</b>	<b>4369 2759</b>
Belshaw, Brewer, Cannard, Clarke, Coltman, Fletcher, Majchrowski, Shoobert, Stevens, Thomas				
<b>Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>ROSEWOOD ROUNDUP MUSIC FESTIVAL</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>D/A Cooper</b>	<b>4393 3383</b>
Cooper,				
<b>Nov 1 – 7</b>	<b>NARRABEEN RALLY</b>	<b>DO NOT RING NARRABEEN</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Committee</b>

## 2014 LIST OF TRIPS

<b>Mar 6<sup>th</sup> -13</b>	<b>SANDBAR FISHING COMPETITION</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>V/D Kinnell</b>	<b>4390 8933</b>
<b>Mar 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>STATE RALLY</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>4353 9069</b>
<b>Apr 13 – 21st</b>	<b>HARTWOOD COUNTRY MUSIC/BUSH CAMPING</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>C/P Kane</b>	<b>4333 9738</b>
<b>Apr 25<sup>th</sup> – 27</b>	<b>BOGGABRI DROVERS CAMPFIRE WEEKEND (go straight rom Hartwood)</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>K/S Crocker</b>	<b>4923 1493</b>

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