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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.



How Many Trips: Experience shows that most club members will go on about 5 to 7 trips a year. Each of us will nearly always

select our favorite trips each year but also you should remember to surprise yourself by also going on something different each year.

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.

Justice of the Peace: If you are in need of the service of a JP then contact Lyn Purcell or Des Cooper. If any other club member is a JP please let me know so I can include you on the contact list.

Caravan Repairs/Service: Members have asked would we recommend anyone to carry out repairs on vans including

Insurance work. We have twice had work done on our van the first being an awning replaced and the second an air conditioner installed. All work was carried out by Raydon's Caravan Repair & Service 3/3 Boswell Close Tuggerah. We have no hesitation in recommending Cameron and his team.

Wheel Balance: Have you had your caravan's wheels balanced? This is something that a lot of us have never considered necessary as the caravan just follows along so why bother. Recently I purchased a van and a friend ask me had I had the wheels balanced and he explained the reason why it is essential to balance all wheels (even your box trailer). I took the van to Bob Jane and I was amazed at the amount of weights that they fitted to balance the wheels. When I ask what effect it would have on the van if I had not had the balance carried out the man said the tyres would have caused serious

vibration and placed a lot of stress on the van etc not to mention the tyres. The three wheel balance only cost \$16. So give it some thought.

Welfare Officer: Lyn Purcell spoke of her role as Welfare Officer and she requested members to let her know if they have sickness or know of a member who is not well so that she can contact and send cards as appropriate.

Three trips in one: It is possible for people to attend three trips in one outing for example if you attend a trip of one week to Nelsons Bay then you move on and link up for a few nights at say Forster with another trip then travel to Grafton and join a Jacaranda Festival trip then that is recorded as (3) three trips against your name.

Hunter Valley Wine Trip: Our Treasurer Mike & Hazel Wildman are currently half way around Australia and will not be back until early October. When they return I am sure they will put a trip on the board to the Hunter Valley and the Gardens. If you are into flowers or especially wine tasting put your name down as Mike has an excellent knowledge of wines and it is local and a great trip we will be there.

Insurance: The State Association has already explored the possibility of bulk group Insurance. The subject was raised and explored by the State Association about twelve months ago. The result are that companies the State Association approached said it couldn't be done because all caravans are of a different value. MHIA Insurance offered all

members who belong to a club a discount but that was 12months ago

You might not have known this, but a lot of non-living objects are actually either male or female.

FREEZER BAGS: They are male, because they hold everything in but you can see right through them.

PHOTOCOPIERS: These are female, because once turned off, it takes a while to warm them up again. They are an effective reproductive device if the right buttons are pushed, but can also wreak havoc if you push the wrong buttons.

TYRES: Tyres are male, because they go bald easily and are often over inflated.

HOT AIR BALLOONS: Also a male object, because to get them to go anywhere, you have to light a fire under their backsides.

.SPONGES: These are female, because they are soft, squeezable and retain water.

WEB PAGES: Female, because they're constantly being looked at and frequently getting hit on.

TRAINS: Definitely male, because they always use the same old lines for picking up people.

EGG TIMERS: Egg timers are female because, over time, all the weight shifts to the bottom.

HAMMERS: Male, because in the last 5000 years, they've hardly changed at all, and are occasionally handy to have around.

THE REMOTE CONTROL: Female. Ha! You probably thought it would be male,

but consider this: it easily gives a man pleasure, he'd be lost without it, and while he doesn't always know which buttons to push, he just keeps trying.

WANTED TO BUY/FOR SALE

If you have some item related to caravanning which you would like to buy/sell or swap please feel free to use this space in future newsletters. Editor

Raffle Gift List

Remember the club resolved that members would provide the prize for the Club Raffle. We agreed that the gift would be of a value between \$10 - \$15. and members were to supply the gift in alphabetical order. Accordingly the following will need to purchase a gift for the following month.

L. M. Banhidi	October
R. R. Beesley	November
R. C. Bickley	December

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 to fill in.

New Printer:

The August general meeting resolved that we purchase a new laser printer for \$200 to print our club newsletter. The printer has been purchased and the result has been a major improvement in quality and a great saver in time.

Narrabeen Rally: One of the most important events in our touring year will be

the Narrabeen Rally 20th to 27th November 06. This is our chance for all of us to meet for the first time. The committee will have a busy program of events for the week. Remember normal park fees are \$34 per night, but our club members only pay \$18 / night. If you are concerned about driving to Narabeen we will arrange for a van to lead you all the way to the venue Because we will have a large number of members attending this special event. Des has pencil booked a 30' x 40' marquee with lighting for the week So we will be well protected from the elements.

Club Membership: It is just on 3 months since our first meeting and I am pleased to inform you we now have 64 vans registered as members. The growth has been unbelievable as we expected to have about 20 vans max.to start off with.

Club Van Stickers: Thanks to Clarrie Stevens and Roy Curnow we now have a number of van stickers to choose from. Des thinks we will give it a couple of months to see if any more members wish to prepare samples then we will have some fun settling on a design and color.

Grafton Jacaranda Festival: Our Tour Director has been very busy preparing an itinerary for our trip to Grafton. Max has

secured a 10% discount on the park fees. At this point of time we have 13 vans on the trip list. I am very confident that members who attend will be more than happy with the trip.

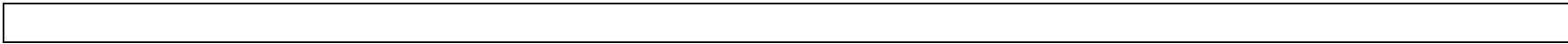
Subsidised Lunch: At the July meeting members resolved to use the raffle money raised on that day to subsidise their lunch. This means that if each person purchases \$2 worth of raffle tickets then they receive a “token” for \$2 which means their lunch will cost \$2.90 only. We trialed it at the August meeting and it was well received.

Club Elections: Our club elections will be held at our November meeting. A nomination form must be sent to all members so that any member who wishes to nominate can do so. The completed form must be in the hands of the Secretary 5 weeks prior to the November election.

Contact Details: Members are requested to look at the “Presidents Notice Board” and check their personal details. **IF** you do not want your details provided to all financial members delete any appropriate sections. Would you also check your van length size?

Swansea Garden Trip: *Letter from the Lamberts.* “ We would like to thank everyone for making the trip to Swansea so enjoyable as we all had a great time (27 vans in total). There was so much to do with our dinners at the golf, bowling and RSL clubs and our very special get-togethers in the camp kitchen. The pies and mushy peas were a hit and the work from all those involved was so very much appreciated, especially Joan Stacey who must have stayed up all night cooking peas and adding “lambrusko” to the gravy to keep us in fine spirits. The fishing trips, bus trips to Queens Wharf, the walks around the beautiful Lake Macquarie all added to the good times had by all. This was the Tuggerah Lakes “christening party” and Barry and I are so glad we joined to be part of this great group of people. We were all newcomers and I feel a lot of friendships have been made on the trip especially when playing disc bowls. On behalf of everyone we would like to thank the organizers and all those who threw in and helped make the trip so enjoyable. Our own special thanks also to Lyn & Max Purcell. If this is what the club is all about we are truly looking forward to the next trip which is to Grafton and many many more after that. **SIGNED Betty and Barry Lambert.**

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TRIPS ON THE BOARD

Date Venue Pets Cards Trip Leader

Oct 28-Nov 4 Grafton Jacaranda Fest. ??? Yes ???
Stevens,Curnow,Burrows,Fraser,Chambers,Maslem,Lusted,Purcell, Patterson, Lambert, Stewart, Cooper, Steele, Beesley (14).

November 20-27 Narrabeen No Yes Committee
Cooper,Beesley,Moore,Carr,Kane,Williams,Rigger,Holland,Curnow,Evans,Stacey,Burrows,
Burns,Wardrop,Stevens,Woods,Pidgeon,Steele,Howard,Thomas jnr,Thomas Teesson,McGowan,Cannard,Hennessy,Purcell,Patterson,
Field, Fraser, Jones, Dew, Bullock/Browning, Eastley, Moore, Lambert, Stewart. (36 vans).

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 (16)

April 2-9 2007 Hartwood Yes CASH Des Cooper
Cooper,Kane,Wardrop,Pfyeld,Howard,Woods, Beesley, Stewart.

The next meeting will be held at Halekulani Bowling Club at 1pm on Sunday 10th September 2006. Please arrive by 11.30am so that we can have a club lunch but please remember you do not have to attend the lunch.

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

Nomination for Office Bearers 2006/2007

The election for office bearers of our club will be held at our Annual General Meeting on 12th November 2006. Completed nomination forms must be in the hands of the Secretary five (5) weeks prior to the AGM. The Committee of Management encourages members to nominate for any position they feel comfortable to hold.

TUGGERAH LAKES CARAVANNERS Inc

NOMINATION FOR OFFICE BEARER 2006/07

Position to be filled; (Please circle position)

- PRESIDENT DEPUTY PRESIDENT SECRETARY
- TREASURER EDITOR TOUR DIRECTOR

I,Nominate.....
For the position as circled above

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Nominator Signature of Nominee