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2007 Election Results: Congratulations to all members who were successful at the September 2007 elections. A list of the election results has been attached to the rear of the newsletter. We will also make available a hard copy with names and phone contacts at the October meeting.

Committee of Management Positions:

The 2007AGM confirmed the following as Committee of Management positions: President; Secretary, Treasurer, Senior Vice President, Editor, Tour Director, Social Director, Welfare Officer and Halekulani Representative. The State Association representative automatically sits on the Committee

Joining and Annual Fees: The 2007 Annual General Meeting confirmed our 2007/2008 club fee's being.

Joining fee to remain at \$10 per year for a van/unit. Annual Fee to remain at \$10 per person per year.

Club Jackets: Well this just seems to have developed legs of its own. We went to Queensland for our six (6) week holiday and on our return we see a number of members wearing very nice jackets. It's a shame we did not "do a deal" on prices. But as they say that is that.

Club Uniform: In our early discussions we agreed that we are not a uniform club. That is we do not need to buy and wear a uniform to meetings. We agreed that the uniform is mainly for State and National Rallies and our own club trips and outings. I must comment on our choice of uniform they really look smart. I have had lots of comments from other clubs.

Flat Tyre; We had a flat tyre on our van and we had difficulty getting a jack under the vehicle because the flat was too low on the ground. So Des laid our spare wheel down in front of the flat tyre and pull the van up onto it. This raised the van high enough so we could get a little jack under it. *Just a thought.*

Name Badges: We have just returned from the Swansea Gardens trip and we had a most wonderful time. 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 "senior's moment" where we forget. *So friends please leave your name badge in your vehicle at all times.*

Forster/Tuncurry Trip: Tour Director Clarrie proposed that we program a one week trip to Forster in February 08. That we invite the new club from Coffs Harbour to attend as a joint gathering. It sounded like an excellent week but Clarrie was only able to book 18 sites so we may do our joint venture at a later date.

For Sale Page: Folks the “For Sale” page has been rather busy and we find it hard to keep up with the movements in adds. So to help us keep the page as accurate as possible would you mind assisting us by a double check. That is the **seller** notifying us of the sale and the **buyer** also letting us know. We think we might try leaving an add in for three months and if it hasn’t sold then remove the add. Any comments or suggestions?

Picnic Day: The first event next year is the Picnic Day. So folks if you are doing nothing on Sunday 13th January at 9.30am why not pick up a BBQ chicken a bit of salad, bring your own table and chairs plus couple beers/wine and come along and join your friends for the day. It will probably finish around 2pm. There will be games organized for the kids and it will be a fun day.

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 in. 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.

CHANGE OF MEETING DATES:
Just a reminder that from January 2008 we will meet on the 3rd Sunday of each month



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BREAD ROLLS, TEA & COFFEE AND
AFTER DINNER MINTS
ALL MEALS SERVED ALTERNATELY
INCLUDES XMAS STYLE TABLE
DECORATIONS

Christmas Dinner: Just a reminder to put your name on the list to attend the 2007 Christmas Dinner. Our dinner this year will be held on **Sunday 9th December**. Please arrive by 11am and wear your colourful Xmas hats, dresses, shirts, ties etc but just be colourful. Please bring your best smiles and let us really celebrate a wonderful year.

AT THE END OF YOUR LIFE, YOU WILL NEVER REGRET NOT HAVING PASSED ONE MORE TEST, NOR WINNING ONE MORE VERDICT OR NOT CLOSING ONE MORE DEAL. YOU WILL REGRET TIME NOT SPENT WITH A HUSBAND, A FRIEND, A CHILD OR PARENT. *Barbara Bush*

Trade Table: Members have suggested that we have another “Trading Table” at the November meeting. Members may bring any article that they wish to dispose of i.e. books, magazines and “other stuff” and place a price on it or them. Any money raised will go into the clubs coffers. So let’s try it again. As we have not formed a committee or group to look after the items it would be necessary **IF** an item is not sold that the provider takes it back home. *So just be in it if you can.*

Flag Pole: Lloyd Purnell has just shown Des a flag pole that he will supply for us to use at Hartwood to fly our club flag. I think by then we may also have a banner.

Gulgong Trip March 2008: A few people have been talking to Des about a possible trip to Gulgong/Mudgee following on from the Hartwood trip. Gulgong is a really lovely place and it has one of the most

amazing large museums that you will ever see. We will put this up as a trip.

Tyres: It is vital that your tyres are in good condition. Tyres can deteriorate just as much when a vehicle stands for long periods as when it is being used. As tyres age, the surface rubber can crack and rubber compounds can deteriorate. Manufacturers recommend that tyres be replaced after six years. Tyre pressure maintenance is very important, as properly inflated tyres will give you the best economy, safety and performance from your towing vehicle and caravan. Under inflated tyres can lead to the tyre walls becoming overheated and blowing out. Over inflation can cause severe vibration and stress to your caravan. *Extract from The National Caravan Towing Guide* (More good stuff for blokes)

Pole Carriers: Have you noticed that a lot of people fit pole carrying tubes to the front or rear of their caravans. This works well as long as you remember, when deciding where to install them, to take into consideration the weight distribution. A few years ago we had our tube located under the caravan just behind the wheels. It really looked good and worked well but for a little mishap in Nth Queensland. We had put four (4) Barra fishing rods (Ugly sticks worth \$600) in the tube to fish the Daly River NT. In western Queensland we hit a BIG roo who went straight under our Cruiser with a little bit of a bump. Needless to say when we stopped two hours later we found we only had about one meter of tube left rubbing on the road. *Oh Dearbugg...*

Story from S.M.H : Early this year Ma and I decided to join the easy life of the grey nomads. We gathered the maps made an itinerary farmed out the dog and I didn't tell the kids where we were going. However it was much harder than we imagined wandering around this big brown land.

Firstly we had to buy the most impressive behemoth we could afford before setting off. We understood caravans should be a minimum of 8 meters long and the tow vehicle should be the size of your standard US military assault vehicle.

We discovered unfortunately this combination is only just capable of 70K/hour on the road and consumes the same number of liters of fuel in that time. The fact that many of us were poor drivers before we attached the "gin palace" to the car did not deter us. Upon arrival at our chosen caravan park, there is more trauma caused by the need to reverse the contraption into a small space. Our grey memories must be so addled that we had forgotten the harrowing experience just trying to reverse out two meter long box trailer at the tip let alone a 13 meter long road train between two other vans and under trees.

And what is all this stupid waving as we pass each other? None of us have met before so why the hell are we waving? Maybe it's a carry over from the fly swatting done at every stopover while imbibing five o'clock drinkies – another mandatory requirement.

The final problem with our lifestyle change relates to an item called the "wee" bucket which is mostly utilised by caravanners with small bladders. It replaces the en-suite found in all monster sized caravans and the grey male must take responsibility to carry it to the ablutions for emptying each morning.

This is achieved by casually camouflaging the embarrassment under a towel draped over our arm much the same as a waiter about to pour an expensive wine. Then we hope like mad we don't trip along the way.

So if you want my advice about joining the grey nom.....What's that Ma You've got the Hummer hitched and we're ready to roll again. Got to get going – it's already five in the morning and we have to make 100 kilometers before dark or we'll be too late for evening drinks with all our new soon to be friends. *Story by Peter Bennett*

Car/Van Security: Whilst in Darlington Caravan Park someone tried to steal the "Trucky Mirrows" off our Cruiser. We lost a nice shirt in Tullabudgerra. Now most people are very honest but I suggest to assist them in being honest you remove all temptation. Please ensure you lock everything up out of sight e.g. don't leave fishing rods under your van also get hubby to watch your washing.

Pergolas Hartwood: We need to provide a bit more shade around the big tree at Hartwood. So if any of you have a pergola or a sunshade of any kind that you do not require would you mind donating it to the Heartwood Foundation. It will remain there locked up in our new u-beaut shed.

Update on Draft Guidelines (Rules): The August meeting was advised that currently we operate under the *Model Rules for Incorporated Associations* issued by the Department of Fair Trading. We are in the process of developing our own additional club guidelines. These guidelines will detail things that we have progressively developed i.e. where and when we meet, uniform/hat colors, raffles etc.

Soap: For lovely fresh smell in your caravan you could use the commercial scents or try leaving bars of soap (still in the wrapper) or a wee bit open in the clothes cupboard or drawers. It really works.

The next meeting will be held at Halekulani Bowling Club at 1pm on Sunday 14th October 2007.

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The TLC will hold its monthly meeting at Halekulani Bowling Club at 1pm on Sunday 14th October 2007. Please arrive by 11.30am so that we can have lunch but please remember you do not have to attend the lunch.

TLC Birthdays.

October 2007

Don Brown	2nd
Ken Duggan	2nd
Don Gordon	3 rd
Roger Hayes	3rd
Richard Bickley	4 th
Lynette Clarke	6th
Jane Holly	7th
Lyn Purcell	11th
Peter Kane	12 th
Chris Wagner	14th
Irene Woods	19th
Jean Browning	22nd
Shirley Welland	25 th
Mick Woods	27 th
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Alice Cooper	30 th



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CLUBS MONTHLY RAFFLE

The club have agreed to trial a new raffle during Sept. Oct. Nov consisting of \$20 from the member and \$30 from the club making a prize of \$50..

K.R.Cooper **November**
A.P Courts **January**
R.L. Curnow **February**

Would you please supply the \$20 to Katie Patterson. If you are unable to attend the meeting contact Katie so that she can arrange for the next names on the list.

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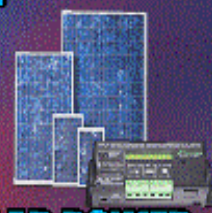
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TRIPS ON THE BOARD

Date 2007/8	Venue	Phone	Pets	Dep	Cards	Trip Leader	Phone
Oct 15th –22nd	BATHURST		No	yes	Yes	Clarrie Stevens	43692759
ATTENDING: Stevens, Fletcher, Wardrop, Stewart, , McGowan, Lalor, Rigger, Maslem ,Curnow, Dew, Bickley, Moore (Total 13)							
Oct 22- 28	W/BUNGLES	Nil	No	No	Yes	Clarrie Stevens	
ATTENDING: Stevens, Bullock-Browning, Easter,Gross, Linfoot, Moore Total (7)							
Oct 27- Nov-3	GRAFTON JACAR.	1800 012 019	No	yes	Yes	Bill Patterson	
ATTENDING Evans, West, Howard, Burrows, Roberts, Williams, Makay, Kane, Patterson, Gordon, Courts, McCorriston, Johnson, Brown, Hart, Webb, Davies, Hogan, Lanci (Total 19)							
Nov 2-9	NORAH HEAD	4396 3935	Yes	Yes	Yes	TBA	
ATTENDING: Lambert, Cooper, Stevens, Ketley, Purnell/Filmer, Cooper K&R, Bickley, Beesley (total 8)							
Nov18 -25th	TLC/NARRABEEN	DONOTPHONE	No	No	Yes	MGT Commitee	
ATTENDING: Evans, Cooper ,West,Cannard,Burrows,Howard,Woods,Roberts,Bickley,Carr,Wardrop,Beesley,Curnow, Stevens, Dew, Holland, Lambert, Kane, Stewart. Patterson, Klumpp, Thomas Snr, Chambers, Williams, Woolfe, Grady, Wildman, Fraser, McAndrew, McNamara, Fletcher, Steele, Burns, Clarke, Gordon, N Moore,Thomas, Pidgeon, Bullock/Browning, Webb, Rigger, Hendy, McCorrison, Maslem, Hayes/Hart, McLean, Sutton, Cooper KR, Filmer/Purnell, Williamson, Purcell, Bengier, Field, Hogan, Jones, Lanci, Lusted, McNamara, Pollard, Teesson, Wagner (Total 60)							
Dec 28- Jan 6	NAT/RALLY FORBES	4390 5658	?	yes	no	Katie Patterson	43905658
ATTENDING: Cooper, Patterson, Lambert, Roberts, Beesley, McCorriston, Purnell/Filmer (Total 7)							
Jan 20 - 08	TLC PICNIC DAY					Mgt Committee	
ATTENDING: Lambert, Kane, Stewart, Cooper, Chambers, Bickley, Woolfe, Grady, Burrows, McNamara/Banck, Woods, Jones, Curnow, Stevens Cooper KR, Sutton, Holland, Roberts, Patterson, Welland (Total 19)							
Jan 30 -27 Feb	TASMANIA TRIP	See Trevor	No	yes	Yes	Trevor/Sue Capps	43897202
ATTENDING: Capps, Fletcher, Gross (Total 3)							
Feb 22-28	TUNCURRY	1800 227 275	No	Yes	Yes	Tour Director	
ATTENDING: Stevens,Lambert,Curnow,Beesley, Mackay, Evans, Kane, McNamara, Stewart, LeeSing, Thomas, BicKley, Ketley, Rigger (Total 14)							
Mar 17th -24th	HARTWOOD C/MUSIC	nil	Yes	no	No	B & B Lambert	43933383
ATTENDING: Cooper, Lambert, Wardrop, Howard, Stewart, Beesley, Purnell/Filmer, Burrows, Gordon, Kane, Carr, Hennessy, Laney, Grady, Woods, Hayes/Hart, Roberts, Maslem, Cooper KR, Webb. Rigger, Teesson, Sutton, Jones (Total 25) Hanley (Friend of Lamberts)							
Mar 24 – 30th	MOREE	6752 2723	No	Yes	Yes	B & R Beesley	43933383
ATTENDING: Howard, Beesley, Bickley ,Gordon (Total 4)							
Mar 7 – 9	STATE RALLY NARR.	Ring Katie Patterson	No	Yes	Yes	Katie Patterson	
ATTENDING: Curnow, Stevens, Patterson, Lambert, Beesley (Total 5)							
Mar 20-26	BELMONT PINES		No	Yes	Yes	Tour Director	
Attending: Ketley, Courts, Bickley, Steele, Chambers, Stevens, Lusted, Curnow, Chambers, Farrell (Total 9)							
Apr 21 -30	BEECHWORTH VIC	03 5728 1421	No	Yes	Yes	Tour Director	
ATTENDING: Carr, Curnow, Stevens, Lambert, Kane, Beesley, Cooper, Rigger, Patterson, Smith, Bullock-Browning, Bickley, Davies, Howard, Thomas, Evans (Total 16)							
Sept 1-8 2008	BLACKSMITHS BEACH	4971 2858	Yes	Yes	Yes	TBA	
ATTENDING: Cooper, Stevens, Beesley, Lambert, Cooper K/R, Chambers, Ketley, Curnow (Total 8)							

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