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Just a Reminder: 2009/2010 Annual Fee's are due to be paid. You will need to pay at the May or June meeting **The \$15 per person fees must be paid by the 30th June 2009.** There will be no follow up phone calls chasing renewals

Another Reminder: A general meeting approved that 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

Hartwood Deposit: This year we had a number of non-attendance at Hartwood. Our trip list showed that there were supposed to be 28 vans in attendance and 17 actually turned up. Due to our saving spots for our total number we had some large gaps in our vans The organizers have agreed that in 2010 we will ask attendees to pay a \$5 deposit when they place their names on the Hartwood list.

Life may not be the party we hoped for but while we are here we might as well dance.

Taxation: As you are aware Raymond A Crocker & Co are the people who will conduct an audit of our clubs accounts ready for submission to The Department of Fair Trading. Should you or a member of your family have a need for an accountant or Tax agent we can recommend Mark Crocker. *Des & Alice*



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Caravan Fridge Gas Usage: We have been caravanning for about 15 years and we re-fill/replace our gas bottles only when they are empty. We have not needed to change too many over those years. This year on our way to Hartwood we measured the gas in our main operating bottle and placed a reference mark. After (7) seven days of operating the fridge/hot water on "Gas Only" we found we had used about 50mm level of LPG liquid. We did very little cooking etc using gas in the van. Have you ever checked? Mmmmmm

Meet & Greet Report:

We arrived Wednesday morning, and 5 vans had already settled in, I'm told one couple had hooked up the night before to get an early start. Over the six days we had a total of 31 vans, all enjoyed the same time away. Happy Hour on Wednesday Des said that he had a volunteer for the trip report, I thought "what a good person" and then he said it was me. Thursday a large group went to Harrigans Irish Pub at Pokolbin for lunch wonderful ambience and good tucker. Back to base for happy hour

we prepared dinner and everyone ate together in the dining room. A variety of dampers were cooked and supplied to eat with our meal (well done cooks!). Each night we also had a huge variety of cocktails and white and red wine supplied. Those who did not go to Tuncurry were able too sample them all. I want to know how long it took Rhonda & Ron to empty those bottles, and then fill them again with the cocktail ingredients. Friday was an organized walking tour of Mural paintings at Kurri Kurri starting at 10 30 am. Our volunteer guide was very knowledgeable and we saw some wonderful scenes such as the Rothbury Riots was about the miners uprising in 1917, and I also thought World War 1 depicting Gallipoli was very realistic .That night Clarrie kept us busy with an Australiana quiz. How many rabbits in Australia?? was one question. Saturday morning was piklets for morning tea and disc bowls. In the afternoon everyone was involved in decorating tables for our Italian Dinner and dressing up. What a great night!! We had Spaghetti Bol, and then hot custard and cake for sweets. The evening continued with line dancing and old time dances. It was truly a wonderful, colourful evening. Sunday was overcast early with a few showers through the night and about 9.00 am there was a row of men all with chamois wiping off their cars trying to have a polish like Allan's. It was a lazy morning but a few members played disc bowls. We had to leave about 11.30am and there was a BBQ for Sunday lunch. The greyhound dogs woke a few people by barking early some mornings. They also trained them some evenings; one lady owner had a very large white rabbit she was teasing her dog with. (Too early for Easter). WE had a continuing problem with toilet paper in the men's convenience the rolls were located on top of the cistern and kept falling into the bowl. I'm told John Holland and Des

had the job of rolling it out to dry, someone suggested putting a piece of elastic through the roll, and it would bounce back just like a bungee cord. . Two new members on their first outing with us, Claire and Doug Lewis from Gwandalan said what a friendly club we have and that everyone made them feel welcome. We are looking forward to seeing them again on the next trip. Our congratulations to Coral and all her helpers they did a great job. Everything was on time and top quality. It certainly lived up to the expression of MEET & EAT. See you next trip *Beryl & Allan Howard*

Inventories Update: Committee members are in the process of updating our Inventory Lists. In just three years we have gathered a surprising amount of assets. When completed the list will be on our Webpage and a copy will be posted on our club Notice Board

If you want your spouse to listen and pay strict attention to every word you say— talk in your sleep

Raffle Prize: The committee has held discussions regarding raffles in general and it was agreed that the standard monthly raffle would continue. However the committee will try to limit other raffles where we sell tickets. Hopefully we will continue to have free lucky door or attendance raffles as appropriate.

Future Direction: Committee members agreed that as they had not received any complaints the way the club had progressed that we continue on as present. In fact from time to time members had made suggestions that have caused us to arrive where we are. So it is full speed ahead just continue to attend meetings for

the friendships and use your caravans and have fun.

Apologies Book Entry: It was also agreed that when members write an apology in the Apologies Book that they mark "Away" or "Sick" beside it. This will help our Welfare Officer.

Grandparents Day: There was a suggestion that we hold our Grandparents Day at some different venue. The Committee has confirmed that it will remain at its current location at Canton Beach Park. Lyn Purcell has already booked Saturday 9th January 2010. Gee we plan a long way ahead.

Annexe Main Wall installation: Whilst at Wangie a club member showed us how easy it is to fit the main wall of your annexe even on your own. He has fitted a brass eyelet in the top left hand corner of the main canvas wall. He then attaches a small pulley onto the outer arm of the awning at the same height of the slide track then by attaching a hook and cord he simply pulls the canvas wall into the track. (*Sounds like a good idea will save me a lot of stress Ed*)

Annexe Wall Slide Track: Another club member also said he had been advised to brush a mixture of washing up detergent and water along the slide track where our front annexe wall fits (You only need to brush the mixture once). We tried it and it makes the installation simple with the canvas wall sliding in very easy. (*Now its getting easy Ed*)

More Meet & Eat: We just arrived home for 3 nights then off to Meet & Greet at Cessnock. How lucky are we to have the services of our fabulous Social and Catering committee. Coral & Peter Kane, Robyn & Bill Rigger and Joy & Norm

Moore who, with the assistance of Roy Curnow and Owen Fletcher kept us topped up with damper, spaghetti bolognaise, cake with custard, ice cream & cream and pikelets, not to mention the delicious slices for morning and afternoon teas. The outing certainly lived up to it's name of Eat & Eat. There were plenty of activities too. Highlights were, the visit to Kurri Kurri for the guided tour of the murals and the Italian night where tables and individuals were decorated for the occasion. Members also went to the Kurri Kurri 50s Festival, attended the chook auction on site, played golf and there was the inevitable shopping tour for the ladies. This all combined together to make the Cessnock Meet & Greet a memorable time away. *Clarrie & Pam Stevens*

2009 Hartwood: Well we have had another wonderful and successful trip to Hartwood Country Music Festival. In the days leading up to the entertainment we erected the club pergola – moved the colourbond shed, erected the posts and poured the cement slab for our shower-room which is our 2010 project. There was the traditional camp oven cooking of dampers, rock cakes, cakes etc. There was also a communal dinner where each van produced a meal for 2-3 which were then placed on the table and we helped ourselves and tasted some of each. It was a fun night with lots of laughter and a bit of wine etc. We also travelled to the “Top Pub in Coolah for lunch on the Wednesday. We had a great time with much laughter and light hearted banter. We were warmly welcomed in Coolah and after some supply shopping it was back to camp. After dinner we went up to the Homestead for “dancing under the stars” with Peter Horan. As usual the music over the weekend at the Homestead was just as expected. We enjoyed good weather with cool nights and

warm sunny days until the rain started on Saturday. It rained all night Sunday and Monday which made a mess of the road into the property but everybody got out OK. Special thanks to those (they know who they are) who gave their all to make the week a great success.
Ken/Rhonda Cooper



Message from the Tour Director: Last month I suggested a trip involving a ramble up the New England Highway to Glen Innes in October then proceed to meet up with other members at the Grafton Jacaranda Festival. I have done some preliminary work on the planning and it's looking pretty good. I think we will stop over in Sandy Hollow, Murrurundi, Tamworth, Armidale, Glen Innes and finish at Grafton on the 2nd^o October. More about this at the May meeting

SOCIAL CALENDAR

Let's play Barefoot Bowls at Ourimbah RSL on June 19th tea/coffee \$10. We have a lot of names already on the list it should prove a fun day

More news at the May Meeting

Social Director Coral Kane 4333 9738

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TLC BIRTHDAYS.

JUNE

McCorriston Doug	1-Jun
Patterson Bill	1-Jun
Thomas Rod	1-Jun
Thomas Jan	1-Jun
Charles Peter	2-Jun
Hughes Alena	2-Jun
Webb Rhonda	3-Jun
Cook Ron	9-Jun
Stevens Clarrie	9-Jun
Brown Len	10-Jun
McNamara Fred	18-Jun
Webb Philip	18-Jun
Capps Sue	23-Jun
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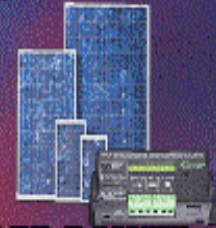


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May 8 -10	Weekend At Vineyard (02 9627 1847)	Pets/Y	Dep/\$30	Cards/Y	T/L - TBA	Ph
ATTENDING:	Lewis – Ryan (2)					
May 22 – 24	Weekend at Stockton (4928 1393)	Pets/No	Dep/Y	Cards/Y	T/L- J/RThomas	Ph 4392 1230
ATTENDING:	Thomas J/R –McNamara/Banck – HENDY (3)					
May 22- 24	Cessnock Country Music (Nil Phone)	Pets/Y	Dep/N	Cards/N	T/L - A/B Howard	Ph 43533700
ATTENDING:	Howard					
June 2 – 8	Shoal Bay –Country Music	<u>CLOSED</u>				
ATTENDING:	Hughes – Marsh _ Webb (3)					
July 23 – 29	Stockton Beach (49281393)	Pets/N	Dep/Y	Cards/Y	T/L - TBA	Ph.
ATTENDING:	Nil					
August:	Trip to Cape York (Nil.Ph)	Pets/N	Dep/N	Cards/N	T/L - D Gross	Ph 4325 0668
ATTENDING:	Gross – Sheehan/Ranse (2)					
Sept. 1 – 7	Blacksmiths Beach (4971 2858)	Pets/??	Dep/Y	Cards/Y	T/L - C of M	Ph C of M
ATTENDING:	Nil					
Oct 9 –Nov 1	New England Ramble (Nil,Ph)	Pets/N	Dep/N	Cards/?	T/L -TBA	Ph
ATTENDING:	Nil					
Nov 2 – 8	Jacaranda Festival Grafton (1800012019)	Pets/N	Dep/Y	Cards/Y	T/L. -TBA	Ph
ATTENDING:	Nil					

