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Name Badges Please: Folks I know it's a pain to have to wear your Name Badge but spare a thought to us members who forget your name – it is very embarrassing. So please wear your name badge to meetings and trips.

Bribie Island Trip) Second stop Ballina, Lovely park and beautiful camp kitchen. Bongaree van park an old park, with old amenities, but clean. Bowling club right next door, so we went for dinner. We stopped at amenities, a man said that some young Frenchmen were in ladies showers??. Went to Glass House Mountains, Maleney Cheese Factory, Montville. We have never got lost so many times as on this trip. Chris drove to Bribie markets, took every left hand turn, but they were all dead ends or cul-de-sacs. Greta and I went off to the local shopping centre but still went wrong. Sunday markets opposite us turned out to be better. Then we went to Museum by the sea Ferry trip on Pumistone Passage. Yamba first stop on the way home, stopped at New Italy for lunch, lovely food and extremely interesting museum. Worth a look. Went to Bellingen

for a look. Chris, Wendy and Carole drove back. We left after them, but guess what? John took a wrong turn and finished up on the highway back to Coffs Harbour. Found out later Chris had done the same. We took the off ramp to Repton and Mylestom. Round the roundabout, wrong again, off to Mylestom, U-turn back to roundabout, then John decided to have a look at Mylestom anyway, so round the roundabout again Found Bellinger River Van Park, tiny park, but right on river, looked good, then a little further on to Mylestom little township very picturesque. Wouldn't be bad for a stop over. Urunga is a nice park too, with a great camp kitchen.

Some of our CB messages,

John H – don't follow me I've gone wrong way. Laurel – "I know, have a nice time at Tintinbar"

Wendy at Bangalow 'don't come down this street, it's a dead end'. Too late Chris had followed.

John at Bangalow 'I know the way to go'. Carole 'No John you're going the wrong way' John '****'

John - 'shouldn't we be on the Gateway Bridge' Wendy 'Yes, and we are'.

Some mishaps:-

Stopped at Bulahdelah for morning tea. Off I trotted to toilets, hello! The layout is different to the last time I was here... oops, no its not, - I'm just in the men's. . Pillows on both Roy's and my beds were wet at Kempsey. Dried them out in front of heater and packed around inside of windows with paper towel,. Dragged my mattress back, but beds wet again when we arrived at Ballina. Bought plastic and tape and weather fined up enough for Roy to tape both our windows closed. Dry now Stopped at Fredos for pies – as I was walking out Greta came up behind me and handed me my purse which I had dropped Charlie abused by a truckie, who said he would run him into guardrail . Richard nearly run off the road by another truckie. Scary for both men as neither had anywhere to go. Mac got up from table at New Italy and walked back to van, Greta behind him to hand him his wallet he had dropped. Lots of laughs,

happy hours, phase 10 cards etc. I don't know how everybody else felt, but we had a great trip, with great company. Thanks everyone Laurel and Roy xxxx

One Mile Beach: What a wonderful week we had at one Mile. By Wednesday all vans had arrived some 95 members in total. Mac Henry went for shower-came back -not watching ran into his bike rack on the rear of his van. Lots of blood from large gash- off to seek medical aid – 5 stiches. On Thursday we enjoyed the most delicious morning tea of cakes, scones and vanilla slices. Many thanks to all the cooks. The Craft and Beading sessions were well attended with lots of laughter heard coming from the Camp Kitchen. Lots of Santa's Angles and Bookmarks were made by very creative hands. Due to an awful tinny sound system the park had in the camp kitchen Des and Alice had to make a quick dash back home to Lake Haven to pick up our club sound system. The Park Management put on a BBQ and that night we enjoyed a band, singers and dancers it was great fun. Pa Kinnell was sick he ended up in Tomaree Hospital he had a few injection then was sent back so Ma could give him some TLC. A paint chip repair class was held by Barry and around 20-25 members attended and fixed the Coltmans car. It was wonderful to see George and Joy Brown at the weekend they rented a cabin for 2 nights. New members Kate/Steve Crocker also came up on their first club trip and stayed in a cabin for a few nights (they are waiting for their new van) Our Xmas in July night was a sea of red-white and green everyone

made a great effort with their outfits. Best hat Thelma Hennessy. Best dressed couple were Bob/Bev Shoobert (photos will be posted on website ASAP) The Dinner was excellent the food so tasty and so much not many members returned for seconds. With the food left over we had bubble an squeak plus bacon, eggs etc for breakfast one morning. The entertainment that night was so well organised with table singalongs and other entertainment. It was a fantastic night. On Monday 33 members went on a four wheel bus along Stockton Beach to Tin City. Another great night was the Soup (4choices), and sausage on a roll night Peter Flippence put on a comedy show with some very unexpected members volunteering to go on the stage. What a laught it was just so funny 10/10. Roland Davies spoke on behalf of the members and thanked all the cooks, organizers, helpers, entertainers, cleaners. We had 45 vans and two cabins on this very successful trip. Debbie Latham xxxx

One Mile Beach : On Monday Graham & Susan organized a 4WD tour to the sand dunes at Anna Bay at a great cost of \$30pp (normally \$45). The bus picked 33 thirty three of us up at the park gate. We drove through the shopping center and turned left into a spectacular site. All you could see was mounds of sand and beautiful crystal clear fresh water that seeps up through the ground from an underground water table. All that was missing was the palm trees and it would have looked like an oasis in the dessert. We then drove along Stockton Beach

and saw a beautiful Eagle swoop down into the water to catch his morning tea. Our guide Angus told us that aboriginals lived in the dunes 4500 years ago. The aborigines had plenty of fresh drinking water all around them. Also out their back door was the bush land with kangaroos to catch for dinner. Out their front door an abundance of sea life/fish for lunch We saw large piles of pippie shells which showed that they had once lived there. As we drove on we turned into the dunes to Tin City which was a cluster of fishing shacks made of corrugated iron. NO RATES NO ELECTRICITY BILLS just sand. Each to there own little bit of paradise. I was blown away (we just about were it was a cold and windy day) I have been to Anna Bay so many times and did not know this amazing place existed (a must see) Thank you all for a great week Love Ron/Rhonda xxxx

Christmas in July: This year was well and truly celebrated by the Club at One Mile Beach Holiday Park. The scene was such a blitz of festive red, white and green that one couple arrived to what they thought was a practice run for a South Sydney Grand Final victory dinner - Get A Life !!!! Bob and Bev Shoobert were judged to be "the best dressed" and Thelma Hennessy wore "the best hat" - an amazing creation (purchased at the local Reject Shop for 50 cents - marked down from \$1). Following the usual Happy Hour and a Half the meal was four meat and veg. then pavlova or Christmas pud. - all

very yummy. Then - quite replete - we enjoyed an entertainment treat.-
Clarie the Crooner with Mat and the band; Pete and his Groupies they lent a hand. Best part of the night was the company - of all the good people from the TLC. Many thanks to the organisers and volunteers. - Alan Angell

Last One to Leave: We stayed on a couple of days extra at One Mile my sister and brother in law met up with us. It sure is strange in a park when all the mob bug-out it's like a cemetery. Maybe it was for the good though because there was a busted water main in the park about 4pm Wednesday and we were without water until very late that nite. (I don't think the troops would have been very happy). New car went very well, best Christmas present I have ever had,. Can't wait till the next trip regards Karen and Gary xx

2012 Bromleys Trip North: Winter had already arrived when we left Wyee on the 1st May for our annual trip north, first stop Glen Innes for the Celtic festival which we enjoyed. Then on to the beautiful Macquarie Marshes which were full of water and millions of birds for the third year in a row, while touring the marshes we stopped at Corinda pub for lunch, we were with 6 friends and all ordered hamburgers, the cook caused a good laugh when seen running up the road to the corner store to buy buns for the burgers it could only happen in the outback. On to interesting White Cliffs where almost everyone lives underground then to Tibooburra for our

annual gold prospecting for a few weeks, adding a few more little nuggets to our collection. About to leave and we were shut in with total road closures for 4 days when it rained, giving Tibooburra a captive audience and 100% occupancy at all the accommodation in town plus good happy hours around the fire as well as at the Pub. Quite a few vans, cars, m/homes were towed in after being bogged when they didn't heed the signs. We have never seen so much mud. Roads open and we were off managing the 250 km of 80% dried out dirt road to Noccundra, at one place we had to hook our mighty Suzuki on to the m/home to help pull it out of a patch of soft sand. Usually it's the one being towed. We stopped off at quite a few favourite spots in Qld including Theresa creek dam, Lake Elphinstone. Stopping at Townsville for the m/home Dam Fine Rally (270 vehicles) at Ross Dam which was enjoyable. In Port Douglas where our daughter and family live, we prepared for a first time trip to Cape York in the Suzuki with our camping gear stacked on the roof rack. We did this fantastic 2 week trip with Phil's brother, sisters and partners, 8 of us in 4 vehicles. We will definitely go again it was beautiful as I'm sure many of you will know who have done this amazing trip. You don't need a 4wd if you stick to the development roads, there are some patches of corrugations which need slow driving. We will do another trip report for the Cape for another newsletter. Currently back in Port Douglas leaving mid Aug for a slow trip home by

September some time. Lyn & Phil Bromley 'LIFE AS GOOD AS IT GETS'

Comment from a New Member: As recent new members of the club my wife and I have had the great pleasure in meeting new friends. As we are in the process of taking delivery of our new larger van there were a lot of questions that needed answers and not being shy we asked these questions. We have never needed Caravan Load Equalisers before because of this I asked Barry Latham about these equalisers. Barry is a person that not only answered my questions but advised me on what type I needed and where to look for the best price. I got on the internet and the more I looked the more confused I became so I gave Barry a ring for clarification. Barry made some phone calls on my behalf and he rang me back to tell me the part number and where to get it. He also went to the trouble to meet me at ISP Islington to make sure I not only got the right product but at the right price. It is this type of kindness from Barry that makes TLC the club that it is. Barry did not have to go out of his way for me but did so willingly especially for a couple that he has known for such a short time. I thought you should be made aware of this act of kindness and it tells me why TLC is the biggest Caravan Club in NSW. Steve & Kate Crocker

Spending Survey at One Mile Beach: Whilst on this trip members were requested to save all dockets so we could see how much money we spend

in a week on trips. Philip has totaled up all dockets received and they averaged \$480. The Balfour Consulting Rest Area Research 2010 Survey shows an estimated average of \$572. Mmmmmm

Casino Village Resort: A new R.V. Park in Casino is prepared to give 15% discount to individuals and groups on presentation of their State Association Cards.

Charity Officer: The committee have agreed that our charity officer can sell items for Daffodil Day and promote Movember,. Members are urged to support Beryl in these charities. So fellows get ready to **Grow a Mo.**

26 Days to Go: Narrabeen Site Bookings \$20 payment: To book & confirm your site at Narrabeen you MUST PAY THE \$20 per person deposit to the Treasurer by the 16th September meeting. Sites will be allocated on Monday 17th. You only have the **September meeting left to pay. There will be no follow up phone calls**

TLC LUNCHEON WYONG RSL
Wednesday 3rd October 2012
Smorgasboard \$12
Ring Coral to Book 4333 9738

Great Offer from ISP Islington: ISP Islington would like to take this opportunity to offer the members of Tuggerah Lakes Caravanners Inc the opportunity to buy Towing ; Caravan and Automotive accessories at a true wholesale price. We have cut out the middle man and you will attain the

benefits. Your members will be given a unique customer code which they will present when purchasing items from the store to receive their wholesale price. ISP offer a delivery and courier service depending on the members locality. The store is located at 122-140 Maitland Road Islington NSW and the contact no is 02 4969 1722. The opening offer is Hayman Reece 600 and 800 lb hitch kits at the unbelievable price of \$539.00 including GST a saving of over \$300.00. These are the new style kits released by Hayman Reece which gives more ground clearance. ISP are an authorised Hayman Reece Distributor and can offer any advice on your towing requirements.

Please quote Acc. No 1920

LUNCH WINNERS FOR AUGUST
Every General Meeting day at 11.50am our Social Director draws two Halakulani lunch winners from the Members Sign in Book.
This month winners
* Roy Curnow
* Lynne Reid

MONTHLY CLUB RAFFLE WINNERS
Winners of the August monthly raffle were
\$50 Thelma Hennessy
\$30 Susan Edwards
\$20 Beverley Insull

Plastic Water filter: Barry Latham found you can buy the water filter/strainer as displayed at Sundays meeting from Pro Power at units 1/3, 75 Mitchell Rd, Cardiff and they are \$31.60 each. The product code is 1150020129-1. This unit fits onto the inlet of your van and prevents rust flakes and foreign objects getting into your water lines. Good stuff again- ah!!!

Sundays meeting: What a meeting – the final number was 113 members and 8 visitors a Total of 121. Four vans owners joined at the meeting

FOR SALE.

2008 Olympic 1000 13 x 7 Rear Door, 850kg, single beds, 3 way fridge, gas cook top micro, rear/side awnings, rear annex, new tyres had full service, nice van. \$17000 Ph 43621045 **6/12**

2003 Paramount Pop-top, Fully equipped front kitchen, double bed, awning, good cond. Shepherd hook stabilizers Reg 8/12 \$22000 Ring Don 43583040 **6/12**

Waeco CoolPro Portable Fridge TC 32FL 12/24/240V \$170,
Two (2) Mattresses 6'4" x 2'6" new \$150 Noel Cannard 4392 2171 **6/12**

2004 Driftaway Little Robin Mini Pop Top: Approx 8'x6.5', 6' Annex. Tunnel Boot Storage. Electric Frig, Gas stove , Microwave, Portable Electric Toast oven. Weighs 750kg. 2 gas bottles. Overriders. DB widthwise. Seating for 2. Table to single bed. Registration in Vic. \$ xxxx Phone 0407 536 740 **7/12**

Solar Panel for Sale: 180 watt size 1070 wide 1600 long Selling Price \$500 Ph. Peter 4333 9738 mob 0412605887 **7/12**

Aussie Wheel 12V Caravan Mover ideal for parking van in awkward corners. Plugs into battery on van and attaches to jockey-wheel bracket. OK for medium size vans to 1800kg. Cost \$1750 4 years ago. Sell for \$850. I will send photo by email to anyone interested. Or to inspect Ph Denis McCann - 0429 832 810 **7/12**

Regent Cruiser 19 ft with annex and many extras - good condition \$19,000. hydraulic jockey wheel with caravan jacking attached, Porti potty, Battery aux and charger-- Selling due to retiring from caravanning Ring Barry on 0409935252 **8/12**

Porta Potty-small-32Ltr NEW -\$70.
Hayman Reese W.D.Hitch Extended shank suit NT Pajero As New \$350.
Solar Panel 40Watt -\$150
Phone Ian on 0411 029 434 **8/12**

McHitch Trailer Coupling Heavy duty 3.5 tonne easy fit kit complete plus spare S/S tow pin \$225 Phone Rick 4975 4924 8/12

Next ---General Meeting
 Sunday 16th SEPTEMBER 2012
2012--LIST of TRIPS

Email:desmond.alicecooper@bigpond.com

Aug 31 – Sept 3	DEL RIO WISEMANS FERRY Aylett, Clarke, Riley, Sheehan, Svensson, Luttrell, Teesson,	Contact Jan Svenson 4369 1226
Sept 5 – 12th	SANDBAR CARAVAN PARK 6554 4095 Fishing/Golf Trip) \$xxx / 7 nights Cooper, Curnow, Dauncey, Fletcher, Geale, Hansell, Kinnell, Latham, Majchrowski, McGowan, Pollard, Rigger, Smith, Teesson, Williams (12)	Contact D/V Kinnells 4390 8933 Belshaw,
Oct 9-16th	BEDGEYABONG MUSIC CAMPOUT (Water/Toilets on site – no power 02 6857 2139 Cooper D/A, Flippence, Galea, Geale, Howard, Kane, Lalor, Majchrowski, McGowan, Millicuddy, Ranse, Reilly, Rohwer, Riley, Steele, Smith, Woods, (17)	Contact Sue/Allan Reilly 4972 0170
Oct 18 – 22nd	OBERON - JENOLAN C/PARK (including Mayfield Gardens) 6336 0344 Cooper D/A, Flippence, Hansell, Lalor, Majchrowski, McGowan, Millicuddy, Olsen, Ranse, Reilly, Rhower, Riley, Steele, Smith, Svensson, White, Woods, (17) Galea, Geale	Contact Sue/Allan Reilly 4972 0170
Oct 22-28	ROSEWOOD ROUNDUP COUNTRY MUSIC (Act 24 to 28th) Near Tumbarumba Webb, McGillicuddy, Ranse, Galea,	Contact R/P Webb 4353 9069
Oct 2 – 25th	2012 WESTERN RAMBLE Belshaw, Cannard, Clarke, Coltman, Curnow, Davidson, Fletcher, Green, Johnson G/L, Maughan, Morris, Pollard, , Stevens, McDonald P/B () Limited Number-- TRIP FULL	Contact C/P Stevens 4369 2759
Nov 1 – 8	ONE MILE BEACH ANNA BAY Cannard, Clarke, Cooper K/R, Hennessy, Johnson G/L, Kingsma, Morris, Patterson, Svensson, Teesson, (10)	Contact G Johnson 4328 3743
Nov 1 – for (7) ntsl	2012 NARRABEEN RALLY DO NOT RING TO BOOK Belshaw, Bickley, Brown G/J, Cooper, Crocker, Curnow, Davidson, Davies, Dew, Ducker, Fletcher, Flippence, Geale, Haberfield, Henry, Holland, Howard, Insull, Kane, Kinnell, Latham, Laney, Lee-Sing, Luttrell, Majchrowski, Metheringham, McGillicuddy, Moore, Oakes, Pollard, Reid, Reilly, Reineker, Russell, Shoobert, Smith, Steel, Steele, Stewart, Thomas L/B, Wallace, Williamson, (??)	Contact Kanes/Coopers 4333 9738 4393 3383

2013 LIST OF TRIPS

Jan	PARKES ELVIS FESTIVAL	Contact
	TUNCURRY CARAVAN PARK 1800 227 275	Contact
Feb 3rd – 9th Inc	TUNCURRY CARAVAN PARK 1800 227 275	Contact
Feb 7th for (7) nts	HAPPY HALLIDAYS 1800 555 454	Contact P/C Kane 4333 9738 Cooper 43933383
Feb 14th for 7 nts	SHOAL BAY HOLIDAY PARK 1800600 200	Contact C/P Stevens 4369 2759
Mar 5th – for 7 nts	TERARA COUNTRY MUSIC CAMPOUT	Contact
Mar 7- for (7) nts	SANDBAR CARAVAN PARK 6554 4095 Fishing/Golf Trip) \$xxx / 7 nights	Contact D/V Kinnells 4390 8933
Mar ????	STATE RALLY	Contact K Patterson 4390 5658
Mar 24 – 31st inc	HARTWOOD COUNTRY MUSIC Come home Easter Monday	Contact P/C Kane 4333 9738
Apr 4 – 8 inc	BRIGADOON AT BUNDANOON 5 nights	Contact A/S Reilly 49720170
Mar 4 -7th Apr	SNOWY RIVER BUSH FESTIVAL CORRYONG 6076 1992	Contact
Jul ?	XMAS in JULY	
Sept 23 – Oct 2nd	NATIONAL RALLY ROCKHAMPTON QLD.	Contact K Patterson 4390 5658
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Edwards Susan	5-Sep
Williamson Sandy	9-Sep
Hennessy Thelma	9-Sep
Williamson Garry	12-Sep
Moore Norm	14-Sep
Patterson Kate	15-Sep
Carr Elaine	17-Sep
Purcell Max	17-Sep
Brown George	19-Sep
Coltman Lyn	22-Sep
Rigger Robyn	22-Sep
Dennis Trevor	22-Sep
Eadie Max	24-Sep
Bullock- Terry	25-Sep
Crocker Steve	25-Sep
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Oaks Margaret	30-Sep

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