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Invitation to attend our 7th Year Dinner

In June 2013 we will celebrate our (7) year Birthday as a club. The Committee of Management have agreed to hold a celebratory dinner and subsidise the dinner by \$10 per member.

Date : Sunday 16th June 2013

Time :12.30pm to 3.30pm

Dinner: Three course Dinner in main hall

Cost per member \$17

Note; The General Meeting will commence at 11,30am and close by 12.30pm. Members wishing to attend the dinner should list their name on the attendance sheet and pay the Treasurer ASAP

SHOAL BAY Report: We had 12 Vans at Shoal Bay, the majority travelling down from Happy Hallidays. Pam and Clarrie arrived a few days later with a brand new refrigerator, still some remodelling to do inside the van. Laurie Thomas scraped his leg, a family member came up from the coast and delivered them home. Richard took his boat

out several times, but the fish were very evasive. Cindy had a very busy week baby-sitting their daughters two children, she was up there for the triathlon, mainly the running section. I have never seen so many fit people around, kayaking and bike riding. Allan and I paddled our kayaks around to Little Beach several mornings, good fun when the tide is flowing with you, hard work when against it. A group of us walked up to Tomaree Headland, a beautiful morning and the view was spectacular. The track is very well designed and maintained. We walked around to the gun emplacements from WW2. A big welcome to Robyn & Rod Hassell, their first trip with the club after they met Clarrie at Sandy Hollow. The park van site was a difficult one (a big tree on the edge of the slab) but they managed it very well. We all went to Diggers RSL Club for dinner, a very nice club and great meals, roasts and Fishermans Baskets were very popular. We all had a trip to Tea

Gardens, some drove and some went by Ferry and most had the cone of fish & chips. We visited Jimmy's Beach Park to check it out, quite a large group going up there in a few weeks time. Our only concern was that it is very open, no fences or gates, I would be very conscious of security. It's close to bay and ocean waters. Several vans left on the Thursday, Cheryl and Al Dew going onto Broke to try out the free camp, have you decided about Solar Panels yet Al?? We have booked Shoal Bay again for next year, we love the proximity to the clean, beautiful beach and the shops nearby. It was a good week, long happy hours and good company, thanks everyone, Beryl & Allan Howard.

Two New Trips: We have two new trips listed on the board check them out:
April 25-29th Boggabri Drivers Campfire
May 13 – 20th Jimmies Beach

July Meeting Date: _Due to a number of reasons the Committee has had to change the July meeting date. **The July meeting has been brought forward one week to the second Sunday 14th July.** A number of reminders will be sent out re the meeting date change.

2013 Annual Fee's: Due to the changes caused by the State Assoc. requiring final membership numbers for Public Liability Insurance on the 1st May TLC members need to pay their Annual Fee's by the 30th April.

So folks you have ONLY ONE month left to pay your annual fee's to the Treasurer

Beautiful Tasmania. Well worth the visit. We arrived in Devonport on the 2nd Dec at 6am after a smooth trip for a three month tour of Tassie, our third in the past 12 years in our motor home. We were in company with our very compatible friends Keith & Gloria who were doing their first Tas tour in their caravan. We drove 20 min to the lovely historic town of Latrobe for a couple of nights where there is a good freebie right behind the shops so we could stock up with fruit & vegies (can't bring any over from the mainland) We then headed for the east coast to spend some time in the most beautiful beachfront free camps before the school holidays started. Swim Cart Beach was our first camp for a week, just east of St Helens overlooking pure white sand and aqua water we thought we were in paradise. There are lots of beautiful campgrounds. I could go on for pages describing the magic camp spots beside rivers, lakes, Rainforest, beaches, in historic villages, but will mention a few.

Unaware of the devastating fires that were burning at the time we were south in the wilderness National Park area of Cockle Creek as far south as you can go by vehicle. We stopped here for a week almost right on a lovely beach, with magic views of mountains, bays & lots of great walks until our water ran out (we became good at conserving water, even washed up in salt water) Lots of crayfish and flathead were being caught by Tassie families who come here every year for their annual holidays. It was free camping for a month if you had a NP Pass. Keith & Gloria had kayaks so we did lots of paddling around the shoreline over the giant kelp gardens. This was the hottest weather we had while in Tas, 2 days 37 deg a record 41 in Hobart but unfortunately the water was too cold to swim in. Phil & I both fell in while kayaking near the shore and almost bounced out of the water it was so cold. We all voted this as one of our favourite areas, but it is hard to choose.

Christmas Eve was a sausage sizzle with about 30 nomads at Hobart show ground under the grand stand. We had a delicious baked Xmas day lunch with our friends under our awning cooked on the BBQ. We attended the wonderful Cygnet Folk festival for a week. Were at the dock in Hobart to witness the first yacht arrive in from the Sydney to Hobart - Enjoyed several days at the Wooden Boat Festival with over 600 beautiful timber boats in the water in Hobart - Absolutely gorged ourselves on yummy cherries and berries of all kinds purchased at the farm gates for half the price of the mainland. Did an adventure boat trip down the east coast of South Bruny Island in the southern ocean

and another to Wine Glass Bay in Freycinet National Park where we saw seals, dolphins and thousands of sea birds. Stayed at our favourite historic town Evandale and enjoyed the Penny Farthing bike race country Fair weekend, almost everyone was in historic dress it was just magic. Just to name a few of the great times we had. We also enjoyed a cool summer which was very nice. We did 3,500km in Tassie, diesel cost \$1.45-\$1.55 lt, cost us \$840 for the return crossing on the Spirit (9mt motorhome) pension rate, shoulder season, recliner chair over and day sail back, our friends 14mt car+van cost \$1550 pension rate but had a cabin over - Purchased a 60 day Nat Park Pass \$64 well worth it. Only stayed 2 nights in a caravan park & 2 weeks at the Hobart showground (at \$21 pn power) the rest free camps or very low cost, \$400 altogether on accommodation costs. We spent about \$7000 altogether not counting our fridge which died so had to purchase a new one. Keith & Gloria had to renew their Land cruiser windscreen. We enjoyed 3 months & had all seasons including snow in the highlands & heat wave, had a wonderful time in our most beautiful state. Did I mention the Taswegian's are very friendlyWe will do it again.....Lyn & Phil Bromley

Camping Websites: Here are two camping websites that may be useful to members

www.caravancaravan.com.au

www.myparklist.com

Changes Coming for Diabetics: At Sundays general meeting a member advised he had recently attended a meeting conducted by Diabetic Council NSW. He then gave a heads up report on many proposed changes that are being discussed at Committee level that will impact all people with diabetes. Attached is a link that will permit downloading of PDF documents that relate to your responsibilities as a driver with diabetes

www.ndss.com.au/Resources/Brochures-Booklets1/

Once in the ndss site (Diabetes Brochures and Booklets) click on Diabetes and Driving This will take you to two PDF downloads;

1. Diabetes and Driving (Above 5 to Drive)
2. Driving and recent severe hypoglycemia

Caravan Tyres: A member spoke on the need for members when purchasing a new caravan to ensure that the correct rating tyres are fitted. It appears that the tyres fitted to his van were very underrated for the caravan weight. He refused to accept delivery until the correct rated tyres were fitted this added an extra hour to the pickup time but in the long run the safety factor could save many hours drama. His advice to all caravan owners old and new to check and make sure their tyres are correctly rated.

Boggabri Drivers Campfire Trip: This is a new trip the details are; site and entertainment fee costs per day unpowered \$10 Monday, \$15 Tuesday, and then \$20 Wednesday, Thu, Fri, Sat and then \$15 Sun. Toilets and Showers on site. Water tanks can be refilled. TLC members will be placed together. Plenty of day tours to various locations and events. Ring Steve or

Kate on 49762175 for further information. All details have been sent out by email. Last booking date 15th April

Jimmies Beach Rally: Sunday saw 10 vans arrive at Jimmies Beach under a cloudy sky. The gods smiled from then on and the days were just perfect. The men checked out the fishing and a quick sweep of the park was made to check out the facilities. Our tour leader - Peter F set 4.30 as the time for happy hour and this was then followed by our nightly BBQ in the camp kitchen. Steve C stayed a little too long with Mac & Vicki H and was much the worse for wear the next day.

Monday fishing started in earnest with Peter R and Allan R up and off around 7.00 am; that was after getting all the local info from a fellow camper. The rest of the day was taken up with social intercourse and more BBQs. Tuesday Allan R landed the first fish, a 44cm flathead. Our leader suggested a local lunch was in order so we set off for fish and chips in a cone at the local hotel. Peter F was given 4 fish and with that he fed the masses! Mac H was elected to clean these fish and Rhonda S went shopping for more. We had great BBQ'd fish and salads for dinner. Peter F, Blu and Mac were in charge of the cooking with Dianne being the drink wench for the cooks. At dinner 2 kookaburras helped Mac & Blu eat fish right from their fingers. Val K and Kate C made some delicious desserts and another great was ending. However the goannas decided to visit Vicki - climbing a tree at the back of her annex. A few of the men stayed around for some more liquid refreshments with the mozzies. Steve C didn't participate in this one.

Wednesday was greeted by more sunshine after a good shower overnight. Off to lunch again today at the local Tea Gardens Country Club for a Chinese lunch. Very enjoyable! Thursday we all set off for the next junket at Sandbar where Richard ABC has been waiting for some company. We hope he hasn't caught all the fish already. Happy vaning, Sue R and Mac H

TLC Sandbar Trip 20 vans (37 members) journeyed to Sandbar Caravan Park for a very enjoyable, relaxing and sociable 7 nights. The park had 6 inches of rain during the weekend prior to our arrival and consequently the road was very rough. We were fortunate to have only light rain on a couple of occasions. The fishing competition organised by Ma and Pa created fierce competition. Some members took their boat to widen their fishing area. Each day the catches were carefully weighed & measured. The winners of the various categories to be awarded with valuable trophies at the next meeting. The wonderful camaraderie amongst club members was very evident in the sharing of their catches to ensure everyone enjoyed the fruits of the sea. The local golf course was used on several occasions by a couple of members. As has become the custom, an enjoyable social program was in place. Each day we gathered for morning tea. One morning we were treated to a variety of beaut pikelets. Another morning our fabulous cooks showed their talents with a turbo cooking display, the products of which were eagerly devoured. Happy

hour drew us all together again to share funny stories, nibbles & a few beverages. Smith's Lake Bowling Club provided a mini bus to transport us to & from dinner at the club. A community barbecue with lots of sausages and salads (enough for lunch the following day) was organised by Ma and Pa. A pantomime night brought to light some considerable acting, singing and dancing talents. A hat parade with a fishing theme was organised, and lots of creative head gear was displayed. The judges prize for the best hat was awarded to Leona Smith and the runner up prize went to Jan Svensson. Trevor/Leona Smith xx

Happy Aqua Larfs: When we arrived at the Club's recent Rally to Happy Hallidays, Coral asked Wendy if she would be prepared to take an Aqua Aerobics class (a new activity for TLC) in the Park's new indoor heated pool – and she agreed. At the designated time 34 "Old Swans", with heads covered with shower caps, entered the class and gracefully glided to their positions. Confronted by such a sight, poor "little" Wendy was overwhelmed so I entered the pool and assumed the role of "The Voice". Then the "class" began – splashing, kicking, jumping, pushing/shoving, lots of chatter and laughter – no drownings and no one was sent to the naughty corner – a fun time was had by all. A number of partners observing the event pool side had their own fun judging which one had the "biggest" water wings. To watch the action go to the Club's website – click on Entertainment – then 2013 - Splish Splash (Thanks John Fabien for the footage – Hope you haven't uploaded it to You Tube).

The Aqua Session on the Tuesday was divided into more manageable groups of 13 and 17 which resulted in more aerobics and less frivolity – but still good fun. - "The Voice"

Sandbar: Arrived at Sandbar to a beautiful bush setting. Sandbar had six (6) inches of rain the week prior and the two klm dirt road in was a bit rough but it soon smoothed out over the week. Firstly the events tent and fish weighing facilities was set up which included the club BBQ (this was regularly used during the week). TLC fishing rules and the weeks program were explained to all. Fishing started at midnight on the Thursday a lot of fish were caught and quite a few cooked on the BBQ. Cheryl again had a number of ladies heavily involved in Card Making, Our local Bowling Club dinner saw three (3) bus loads of people attend and the meal was so nice that two (2) bus loads returned on the following Wednesday where we celebrated Cheryl Duckers Birthday with a cake and sparklers. Cheryl sends out cards to all members all year so we thought it appropriate to look after her birthday) . The Turbo cooking morning saw some wonderful dishes served and there was cakes left over. The Entertainment Night was a great success with some (8) eight acts. Des poetry/jokes, Cheryl singing/dancing, Alice singing, Peter F poetry, Mac Henry guitar/singing including many one line jokes-well done Mac/Vicky. The Sandbar Can Can was a fun filled sight it was lead by Alice (to set the rythem) the dancers being Blue Ducker, Richard ABC, Will LeeSing and Des. Some of the blokes really threw

themselves into the part I can hardly wait until you see photos of the can can outfits. The final Act was a Shadow Show involving some crazy doctoring by Sue R, Cheryl D, Steve C and Ma. Our BBQ tea turned into a feast with food left over and some of our ladies arriving with a heap of the most incredible sweets. We had wonderful sunny days a few dingos howling at night great happy helpful company and a booking has already been made for 6th -13th March 2014 (Ma/Pa) Val/Doug Kinnell

LUNCH WINNERS

Halakulani lunch winners from the Members Sign in Book.

Peter Flippence

Jan Svensson

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**Next ---General Meeting
Sunday April 2013**

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2013 LIST OF TRIPS

Mar 24 – 31st inc	HARTWOOD COUNTRY MUSIC	Contact	P/C Kane 4333 9738
	Brewer, Bromley, Burrows, Cooper D/A, Curnow, Eadie, Geale, Hansell, Holmes, Howard, Kane, Latham, Luttrell, Olsen, Majchrowski, Meatheringham, Pollard, Reid, Shawcross,		
Apr 4 – 8 inc	BRIGADOON AT BUNDANOON	5 nights	Contact A/S Reilly 49720170
	Cannard, Cooper D/A, Dew, Ducker, Edwards/Williamson, Eadie, Flippence, Geale, Hansell, Holmes, Howard, Kane, Lewis, Marsland, Merritt, Majchrowski, Moore, Pollard, Reilly, Rohwer, Smith, Migillicuddy, Steele, <u>Teesson</u>		
Apr 4 -7th	SNOWY RIVER BUSH FESTIVAL CORRYONG	6076 1992	Contact Nil
Apr 25 -29th	BOGGABRI DROVERS CAMPFIRE	Contact	K/S Crocker 49762175
	Crocker, Majchrowski, Russell		
May 1st	BUSH CAMPING TRIP (Low Cost & Free- one month or part thereof)	Contact	M/E Maughan 4328 1411
	Maughan, Lindfoot,		
May 13 - 20th	JIMMIES BEACH	4976 3476	Contact A?S Reilly 0414670 923
	Cooper, Flippence, Henry, Hoff, Kains, Kingma, Latham, Reilly, Riley, Rohwer, Smith, Svensson, White, 13		
May 19 – 27	CASINO BEEF WEEK	Contact	P/C Kane 4333 9738
	Cooper, Kane, Moore, Curnow, Fletcher, Geale, Pollard, Howard, Rohwer, Ducker, Edwards/Williamson, Stewart, LeeSing		
Jul 15 – 22nd	XMAS in JULY	Contact	P/C Kane 4333 9738
	<u>Angell</u> , Bickley/Geale, Bromley, Brewer, Brown L/J, Cooper, Crocker, Channon, Curnow, Dennis, Ducker, Fletcher, Flippence, Haberfield, Hansell, Hendy, Hennessy, Henry, Herod, Hoff, Howard, Hunt/Holly, Kane, Kains, Kingma, Kinnell, Latham, Laney, Lee-Sing, Maughan, Merritt, McDonald, Moore, Oaks, Olsen, Pollard, Reilly, Russell, Steele, Shawcross, Shoobert, Smith, Stewart, Svensson, Thomas, Williams. 46		
Jul 22nd-17 Sep	Winter Escape Cairns, Atherton, Underra, Charters Towers, Carnarvon Gorge, Roma	Ltd Numbers Contact	L/R Curnow
	Cannard, Curnow, Pollard, Holland, Bickley/Geale, Fletcher, Kane, Merritt/Wright,		
Sep 23 – Oct 2nd	NATIONAL RALLY ROCKHAMPTON QLD.	Contact	Secretary
	<u>Belshaw</u> , Davidson, Edwards/Williamson, Meatheringham, Reid, Shoobert, Morris,		
Nov 1 – 7	NARRABEEN RALLY	DO NOT RING NARRABEEN	Contact P/C Kane 4333 9738
	Cooper, Kane		

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Smithers Alan	13-Apr
Green Barry	14-Apr
Wilson Lindsay	14-Apr
Herod Robert	14-Apr
Haberfield Mary	14-Apr
Wallace Doug	15-Apr
Russell Trevor	16-Apr
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